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Lawmakers Claim AIDS Definition Ignores Women

[Madison]- The Bush Administration is reviewing a proposal by Wisconsin legislators to change the definition of AIDS as it relates to women, who now make up the fastest-growing population of people with AIDS.

Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison) and seventeen other lawmakers have sent President Bush a letter pointing out that women are not accurately represented in national statistics on AIDS. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) definition of AIDS does not include infections that are specifically related to women.

Among those who signed the letter are: Speaker of the Assembly Walter Kunicki, Health Committee Chair Rep. Tim Carpenter, Health Committee Vice Chair Rep. Peter Bock, Rep. Marcia Coggs and Rep. Barbara Notestein.

"The CDC definition continues to be centered in how AIDS is manifested in men and ignores the anatomical differences between men and women," the letter states. "Women's first HIV-related symptoms are often gynecological; thus a different disease profile occurs for women than for men."

Clarenbach said it is often more difficult for women than for men to qualify for HIV assistance, since government policies are based on a CDC definition that does not include gynecological manifestations of HIV disease.

The letter calls on the CDC to revise its definition of AIDS, and to institute a system to regularly revise its surveillance definition to include newly discovered or developing opportunistic diseases in all affected people.

In response, the White House said the Department of Health and Human Services would review the request.

"The President shares your concern over the tragic toll that AIDS has taken on women," wrote Mary McClure, a special assistant to the President.

Clarenbach called for a quick response by the Bush Administration.

"Women are the fastest-growing population of people with AIDS," Clarenbach said. "Once diagnosed, they become sicker faster and die sooner than men with AIDS."

"The government's failure to come to grips with this reality adds another tragic dimension to the AIDS epidemic — doubly tragic, since this is something that could easily be corrected," Clarenbach said.

Wisconsin Supreme Court Denies Visitation Rights To Lesbian

[Madison, WI] - In a 5-2 decision rendered on June 26, the Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that a lesbian could be denied visitation rights to a child adopted by her former partner.

The court said that Wendy L. Sporleder, of Appleton, lacked proper legal standing to gain visitation rights to the boy who was adopted by Janice A. Hermes in 1988.

Hermes had adopted the boy after Sporleder's attempts at artificial insemination were unsuccessful. The women were together for seven years before their break-up, after which Hermes prohibited Sporleder from seeing the child.

Just before their relationship ended, both women signed a three page agreement declaring that the adoption was a joint decision and that they would share custody of the child. But the court ruled that contract unenforceable.

"The rights to custody and visitation are controlled by statutory and case law, and cannot be determined by contract," the decision read.

"There is no allegation that Hermes is either unfit or unable to care for [the boy], and Sporleder has not established that

Rep. Steve Gunderson Is Target Of "Outing" By Activists

Clarenbach Wins Endorsement From The Human Rights Campaign Fund

[Madison]- State Representative David Clarenbach has won a major, early endorsement for the Democratic nomination for Congress in Wisconsin's Second District.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has announced its endorsement of Clarenbach (D-Madison) in the September, 1992 Democratic Congressional primary.

"I am delighted to accept this vote of confidence," Clarenbach said. "The Human Rights Campaign Fund's endorsement is another of the many encouraging signs that there is broad support for me to seek the Democratic Congressional nomination." The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a leading national political organization active in the fight against AIDS and against discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also advocates public health legislation such as universal health insurance, family and medical leave, and reproductive freedom of choice.

In making the endorsement, HRCF officials stressed Clarenbach's legislative skill, experience and political foresight.

"David became an advocate for Gay

and Lesbian civil rights during the early 1970's, when even mild support for the cause was difficult to come by," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF's Executive Director.

"Not only was he an early advocate, but he has been a remarkable effective one. Consider Wisconsin's landmark Gay and Lesbian civil rights law, its ban on discrimination against people with AIDS, its law against hate crimes. Passing any one of these laws would be a major accomplishment. For David to have authored them all, and much more, testifies to his rare legislative talent," McFeeley said.

The HRCF endorsement includes a \$5,000 contribution toward Clarenbach's primary campaign.

Clarenbach, the Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly, is expected to seek the House seat held until last January by Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Sun Prairie).

A veteran of nearly 20 years in elective office, Clarenbach, 37, has been elected to the Assembly since 1974. He chairs the Special Committee on Reform of Health Insurance, and the Subcommittee on the Future of Family Farming.

Milwaukee Bar Owners Join Fight To Protect Patrons From Bashings

[Milwaukee]- According to a La Cage customer survey, 100% of 200 respondents so far feel safe inside the bar. But 90% think they are unsafe nearby the club.

The survey is being taken by George Prentice, owner of La Cage. While the survey is not complete — Prentice hopes for 700-1,000 respondents — the preliminary results have taken him aback as he told those attending a meeting on July 8, sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network and Queer Nation.

The meeting, attended by 11 people, was held in the Milwaukee Public Library first floor conference room and was chaired by Scott Gunkel. Among those there were the owners of La Cage, Partners and the 3 B's.

compelling reasons exist for awarding custody," wrote Justice William Callow.

Before the decision came down, Shelley Gaylord, Sporleder's attorney, said: "My priority is to get parental and parental-like relationships recognized regardless of sexual orientation."

Attorney Dan Cross, who represented Hermes, argued that nothing in state law or previous Supreme Court rulings suggested that "taking on parental responsibility gives the rights of parents." He called it "a classic example of where it is not appropriate for the state to intervene."

The case drew nationwide attention from Gay rights groups who hoped it might create a precedent. The National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a joint brief supporting Sporleder's position.

The Wisconsin decision joins similar rulings in New York and California which also denied custody and/or visitation rights to the lesbian partners of biological mothers.

Hermes currently resides in Combined Locks in Outagamie County, where she lives with another woman who is again co-parenting her child.

Alderson Mary Ann McNulty was expected to attend, but was not there. She did not attend the two previous meetings.

Gunkel reported that Mayor John Norquist's office is "very interested" and has been very cooperative.

The meeting was the third of three convened to discuss ways to counteract the incidents of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence.

Prentice said he thought the "perception of danger was greater than the reality." Still, he said, the perception was there, it was real and something had to be done to correct it.

Discussion was given to the future establishment of patrols in the area. However, Prentice and Jim Balistreri of Partners pointed out the problems involved with such patrols, including liability. Untrained people patrolling the streets, Prentice maintained, "could become part of the problem."

Instead, Prentice opted for the idea of the bars in the area of La Cage (2nd and National) cooperating in hiring professional security people. Uniformed security, he said, was "prevention," adding that police tend to pay more attention when called by security people.

That idea is currently being acted upon. Prentice said later that the security people would be in place "in a week" and, as of press time, he had already begun to contact the other bar owners in the area.

Other steps to beef up the security of bar patrons and prevent vandalism are being taken as well.

The Boot Camp already has security persons in its parking lot on weekends.

An "aggressive awareness program" is being established. This will include posters, articles in the Gay press, announcements in the bars and other measures to help customers maintain their safety.

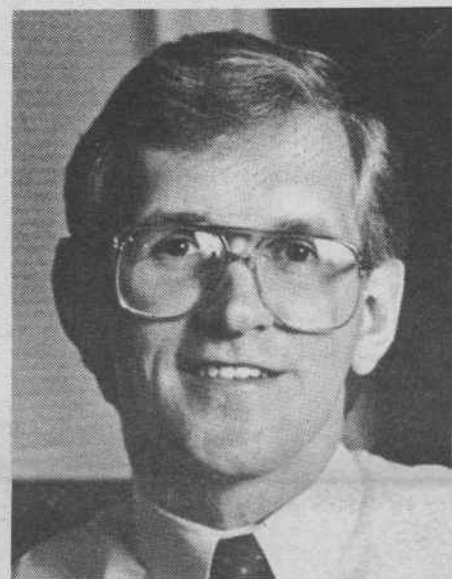
Pat Prudlow of the 3 B's said that he and another bartender regularly walk customers to their cars.

In addition, there is free coffee at Partners — "365 days a year" according to Jim Balistreri, for anyone who asks for it. The same is true for La Cage, the

[Washington, D.C.] - Steve Gunderson (R-WI, 3rd Dist.) was the target of heavy "outing" over the July 4th weekend.

The 3rd District includes much of western Wisconsin including the cities of Eau Claire, La Crosse, Platteville and Prairie du Chien.

According to the *Milwaukee Journal*, On the evening of June 30, 1991, Gunderson was in a restaurant/bar in Alexandria, VA at 808 King St. The bar is known as The French Quarter and according to the owner, Murray Greenberg, is a Gay bar with 50 percent of the dinner crowd being straight. According to Gunderson's press attache, Jennifer Koberstein, Gunderson was



REP. STEVE GUNDERSON

having dinner. He was accosted by a man later identified as Michael Petrelis.

Petrelis is a member of Queer Nation/D.C., publishes a sporadic newsletter called *Piss And Vinegar*, his primary outing vehicle and is a long-time proponent of outing.

Petrelis said he had received word that Gunderson was at the French Quarter. Petrelis had previously named Gunderson as a closeted Gay Congressman who was not a sponsor of the Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Gunderson's voting record on issues important to Lesbians and Gays and AIDS legislation is 94 percent favorable in the last Congress.

According to Petrelis, he found Gunderson in the bar area on the second floor of the French Quarter. Petrelis says he introduced himself and began a conversation about coming out and supporting Gay rights legislation.

At one point, Gunderson allegedly responded to Petrelis, "I am out! I'm in a Gay bar, aren't I?" Koberstein denied that Gunderson had made those remarks.

Petrelis says he began chanting "Come Out, Gunderson, Come Out!" and threw a drink on his chest. Other reports say it was thrown in the Congressman's face. Koberstein told *Light* that Gunderson said that Petrelis was "practically hysterical." Koberstein said that Gunderson then turned and walked away, refusing to respond to the attack.

The manager and bartender called the police. Petrelis was not arrested and no police report was filed. Neither the manager nor the bartender was able to positively confirm that it was Gunderson who was the object of the attack. They were not sure what Gunderson looks like.

On July 4, Tim Campbell, a Gay activist and editor of the Minneapolis-based *GLC Voice* went to La Crosse, Wisconsin. According to Campbell, he went to confront Gunderson who was in the western Wisconsin city to be an honoree and featured speaker at a "Welcome Home the Troops Parade" and ceremony. Campbell had prepared 2,000 hot pink

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

ACT UP, WHAM Appeal To U.N.

[New York, NY] - ACT UP/New York and the Women's Health Action Mobilization (WHAM) have appealed to the United Nations for financial and humanitarian assistance for the people of New York following drastic budget cuts which have slashed the city's health and welfare services.

The appeal was submitted to the U.N.'s Disaster Relief Organization and the World Health Organization.

In their appeal, ACT UP and WHAM claim that the U.S., the state of New York and the city of New York are in flagrant violation of Article 25 of the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights. That article guarantees health care, housing and social services to all people in need.

"AIDS is one of this century's most devastating natural disasters," said Tony Marriaras. "And our government's unwillingness to fund adequate health care and social services for citizens affected by this disaster is nothing short of criminal."

Gay Man Wins \$5.3 Million Suit

[Oakland, CA] - A California judge has ordered Shell Oil to pay \$5.3 million in damages to a Gay man fired by the company solely because of his sexual orientation. The **San Francisco Sentinel** reports that the judgment is the largest ever awarded in a Gay-related discrimination suit.

Dr. Jeffery Collins, 47, was fired from his \$115,000 a year job with Triton Biosciences, a subsidiary of Shell, after a memo about a safe sex club he inadvertently left on an office printer was discovered by a secretary. The secretary, "hoping to get the boss's job," sent the memo to Shell headquarters.

Despite 19 years of "outstanding" job performance reviews and nine promotions during his time with Shell, Collins was summarily dismissed.

Judge Jacqueline Taber found that Shell fired Collins "solely because he was a sexually active homosexual" and "purposely inflicted distress on him."

She ruled that Shell had intentionally falsified documents by re-writing evaluations of Collins that contradicted his excellent performance reviews in an attempt to justify his firing.

Judge Taber also found that after terminating Collins, Shell refused to give him unemployment benefits and went to great lengths to block Collins from finding employment elsewhere.

CIA Reconsiders Lesbian Applicant

[San Francisco, CA] - The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has agreed to settle a discrimination lawsuit and reconsider a Lesbian's application for a security clearance without regard to her sexual orientation, according to the **San Francisco Daily Journal**.

In 1981, Julie Dubbs, a technical illustrator with the CIA, was denied the security clearance necessary for a job with a military contractor. Dubbs filed suit when it became clear that the denial was based solely on her acknowledged sexual orientation. She argued continually that, as an "out" Lesbian, she was not susceptible to the blackmail which her superiors seemed to fear.

The settlement does not include an admission of wrongdoing by the CIA. But in reconsidering Dubbs for the top level clearance, the agency said that Dubbs' "homosexual conduct and associations will be considered in the same manner as heterosexual conduct and associations." It also provides \$10,000 for Dubbs' legal expenses.

Richard Gayer, Dubbs' attorney, said: "This is the first clear statement we have from the CIA as to how they are going to treat Gay people. We have a good non-discrimination statement."

Bashing Victim Seeks \$20 Million

[San Jose, CA] - William Kiley, 44, the Gay man who recently videotaped a teenage neighbor shouting anti-Gay slurs and kicking and beating him, has sued the youth and his parents for \$20 million in damages. Kiley's injuries included a broken nose, two black eyes and cuts and bruises on his head and chest.

Kiley's civil suit comes on top of three felony charges filed against the 17-year-old assailant. Charges include: battery causing serious bodily injury; assault with a deadly weapon (the assailant's feet); and violation of Kiley's civil rights, classified as a hate crime.

The videotape of the unprovoked attack aired extensively on local and national television, garnering new attention to violence against Gays. Paul Wotman, Kiley's attorney, successfully argued the case of Dr. Jeffery Collins, the scientist who just won \$5.3 million from Shell.

U.S. Customs Releases Lesbian Book

[Boston, MA] - On June 14, the U.S. Customs Service released more than 1,000 copies of a book of Lesbian photos being imported into the country by Alyson Publications, the Gay-owned book company. Earlier in June the Customs Service had confiscated the books, called **Love Sites**, and declared them "obscene."

Publisher Sasha Alyson denied that the book was "obscene," charged that the Customs Service wanted to "make Lesbian lives invisible" and threatened to fight the case in court.

After extensive publicity in the media and within the publishing industry (including intervention by **Publisher's Weekly**), the U.S. Attorney's Office abruptly announced that it would drop the case and return the books to Alyson.

Alyson compared the latest attempt at censorship to the controversy over Robert Mapplethorpe's photos, though **Love Bites** is much less explicit than Mapplethorpe's work. "In both cases, people who were bothered by the Gay content tried to hide their homophobia behind the obscenity laws." Like many other books that have faced censorship, Alyson anticipates brisk sales.

ACLU Appeals Boy Scout Ruling

[Los Angeles, CA] - The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will challenge a judge's recent decision allowing the Boy Scouts of America to exclude a Gay man from becoming a scoutmaster.

Superior Court Judge Sally Disco ruled last month that the Boy Scouts have a constitutional right to exclude Gays because inclusion would undermine the group's belief that homosexuality is wrong.

"The decision is very dangerous because the reasoning basically allows any community organization...to exclude those they believe deserve to be discriminated against," ACLU attorney Jon Davidson said.

The suit against the Scouts was originally filed in 1980 after Timothy Curran, a highly honored Eagle Scout, was rejected as a scoutmaster because of his homosexuality. Curran, 29, is now a freelance journalist in Los Angeles.

Gay Marcher Loses Teaching Job

[New York, NY] - Brendan Fay, who taught religious studies for three years at a Catholic high school in Queens, is being fired from his job after marching with the Irish Gay and Lesbian organization in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. The school will not renew his contract for the Fall.

Fay, 32, is an Irish citizen whose immigration status will be jeopardized without proof of employment. To remain in the U.S., he needs to find an additional sponsor by the end of August.

The case is currently under review by the New York City Human Rights Commission. In the St. Patrick's Day parade, Mayor David Dinkins accompanied the Irish Gays to show his solidarity with them and his opposition to Irish leaders who tried to block their participation in the event.

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Several members of the Fest City Singers entertained an appreciative crowd at an Independence Day garden party. Allan Eslinger hosted the festive event at his country home. Honored guests included the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee.

Madison Resource Center Plans July 21 Brunch, Concert, Raffle

[Madison]- On Sunday, July 21, 1991, Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) will be presenting a Brunch and Concert to raise funds for the basic services of MG/LRC. In conjunction with the Brunch and Concert, MG/LRC will be holding a raffle.

The current services of MG/LRC include: management of a lending library of over 1400 Gay/Lesbian oriented books, magazines, news letters and educational videotapes; production and distribution of a monthly calendar of Lesbian/Gay events of interest to the Madison community; sponsorship of a social activities group for 18-21 year-old Lesbians, Gays, bisexuals and their friends; production of workshops of interest to the Lesbian/Gay community; production and distribution of **The Directory**, a 64 page guide to the

organizations serving Madison's Gay/Lesbian community.

The Brunch and Concert will take place at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer St., Madison from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 21. Prices are \$8 for full Sunday brunch, \$5 for continental breakfast and \$3 for children under 12. The Concert will feature Womansong and a number of local pianists, singers and poetry readers. The event is wheelchair accessible and smoke-free.

The raffle drawing will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Brunch and Concert. Over 35 prizes, donated by area businesses, worth over \$700, are included. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased from MG/LRC members or at the Brunch and Concert.

ILGA Meets In Acapulco; Plans For Latin American Network Outlined

[Acapulco, Mexico - GLINN]- Overcoming extremist threats, the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) held its 13th International Conference in Acapulco, Mexico from June 30 to July 6, and proclaimed it a "major success." Following threats from the Mayor of Guadalajara, the original host city, the ILGA was at first forced to cancel its annual convention shortly before it was to begin.

The last minute move of the conference to Acapulco was made possible by the support of the President of Mexico, a donation of hotel space, and a donation of \$7,500 by the **Advocate**. The move of the conference and poor communications limited attendance to one hundred and fifty delegates, but significant progress on a number of issues was made. Discussions included the development of the Lesbian and Gay movement in Latin America and internationally, AIDS policies and Amnesty International.

The conference called for action against discrimination of Lesbians and Gay men and their organizations in Japan, the United States, Mexico and other countries. In Mexico protests were held against the cancellation of the original conference in Guadalajara, and the discrimination of Lesbian and Gay couples in housing laws. Letters were sent to the Tokyo Board of Education protesting its refusal to allow Lesbian and Gay organizations the use of youth centers and calling upon the U.S. Secretary of Health Louis Sullivan to withdraw the immigration ban for people living with HIV or AIDS. Further actions were prepared in anticipation of Amnesty International's decision in September whether or not to accept Lesbians and Gay men in its mandate.

It was reported to the conference that ILGA has been granted Observer Status with the World Health Organization (WHO), a major agency of the United Nations. This is considered a major breakthrough. Progress made by ILGA in working with various international bodies including the European Community was greeted with enthusiasm by the delegates.

"This conference has seen the arrival of Latin American groups in the international Lesbian and Gay movement," said ILGA Lesbian Secretary General Lisa Power, "this is a significant breakthrough both for ILGA and for Latin America."

"The conference, held with the active support of the National Human Rights Commission, has had a major impact on Mexican society," said Guadalupe Lopez of the Organizing Committee, "the public attention has been enormous. Finally it has become possible to discuss Lesbianism and homosexuality in a more objective and constructive way. This is a great victory for Human Rights in Mexico, Latin America and world wide."

Citing varying degrees of repression in different countries, the growth of a strong Lesbian and Gay movement has been limited to Mexico and Brazil. In other parts of South America, organizing has hardly been possible. To ensure change the Latin American ILGA members have decided to appoint a committee which will prepare the starting up of a Latin American Lesbian and Gay Network. The committee will contact all Lesbian and Gay organizations in this continent and will organize a conference to set up the network. An additional support network for movements in Asia was also organized.

Jorge Romero of the Organizing Committee said: "We now have organized both the first Latin American Regional ILGA Conference and the 13th ILGA Annual Conference. We will not allow the visibility this has given us to be taken away again. In theory our Human Rights are guaranteed by most constitutions in Latin America. However, the concrete situation shows continual violation of the right of assembly, the freedom of expression and other rights."

The 14th Annual Conference will be held in Paris, France in 1992. For more information contact Micha Ramakers at the Information Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium at (+322) 502 24 71.

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MAP's Food Pantry Expands To Meet Huge Increase In Demand

[Milwaukee]— The Milwaukee AIDS Project has projected a 185 percent increase in demand for food service by December, 1991, which means more than 500 persons will be signed up to use the pantry and more than 7,600 lbs. of food and personal care items will be distributed.

To give you a better idea of what this means, the average single person using the pantry receives three to four bags of groceries each month and families receive six to eight bags per month. This allows people, already suffering and with resources stretched to the limit and beyond, to divert scarce funds to purchase goods and services that they badly need and otherwise would have to do without.

The pantry and MAP's efforts are deeply appreciated. One MAP client who has asked to remain anonymous, told of a MAP case manager coming from the pantry on last Christmas Eve, his arms

loaded down with bags of good things to eat. It not only saved the holiday, the person said, but allowed scant funds to go other places they were needed.

Because of this growing need, MAP is currently expanding its food pantry and nutritional services program. Construction is to begin soon on a new 1,200 sq. ft. facility to replace the pantry's current 150 sq. ft. space.

This expansion will provide much needed additional storage for food, personal care supplies and cleaning supplies as the demand for these items continues to increase. The expansion will also provide for food packing space, greater refrigeration and frozen food capacity and office space for planning and recording inventory and pantry usage.

Individuals who would like to help by donating items to the pantry, contact Christina Kotlowski, case manager at MAP. (414) 273-1991.

MAP Receives State Grant For Improvements On Milwaukee House

[Milwaukee]— A \$29,500 grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) will fund improvements to Milwaukee House, a home for people with AIDS and HIV infection.

A variety of internal and external improvements to the house, which is owned and operated by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), are now possible.

According to Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, the grant will "bring the house fully up to code, enhance its beauty and provide a pleasant living environment for its six residents."

Planned improvements include repairing and painting the exterior walls of the house and garage, replacing the back porch with a new patio, installing a new roof, adding new energy-efficient

windows throughout the house and installing air conditioning units.

The Milwaukee House was purchased in 1987 with the help of a \$40,000 grant from WHEDA and additional funding from Miller Brewing Company. The house has maintained full occupancy since August, 1989.

"The Milwaukee House is a vital part of MAP's Housing Program," said Nelson. The Housing Program also includes a new rental assistance service, funded by a \$200,000 grant from the State Division of Housing.

"We are grateful to the state for its continuing support of the Milwaukee House and for the residential housing opportunities it provides for people living with HIV disease in our community," Nelson added.

Community Input Needed For Anonymous Sexual Behavior Survey

[Milwaukee]— The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is looking for individuals to complete an anonymous sexual behavior survey. The survey is designed to provide information that will be used in developing HIV risk reduction and prevention education programming to the Gay/Lesbian community.

The purpose of the survey is to determine the sexual behaviors of the Gay/Lesbian community. It will also be used to determine the frequency of those behaviors, the belief of risk of those behaviors and the amount of protection used when engaging in those behaviors. In addition, the survey will provide information to MAP on specific risk behaviors and other factors associated with risk behaviors in the Milwaukee area.

To receive a survey in the mail, contact Michael Lisowski, community educator at MAP at (414) 273-1991. Although names and addresses will be needed to mail out the surveys, they can be completed anonymously and returned in a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Separate surveys for Gay men, Lesbians, heterosexual men and heterosexual women are available. Please specify which survey is appropriate.

Surveys may also be completed at the MAP office, 315 W. Court St., in Milwaukee. Individuals will also be asked to complete surveys at various organizational meetings and social gatherings.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a survey, call Michael Lisowski at MAP at (414) 273-1991.

New Harvest Foundation Holds All-Day Symposium on Future Needs

[Madison]— The work of the New Harvest Foundation has just begun! So declared the leaders of community organizations at an all-day Strategic Planning Conference sponsored by the Foundation in June. The symposium brought together 29 leaders from 22 different groups.

A wide range of programs and services were set forth covering such areas as AIDS prevention and care, support for sexually troubled youths, domestic violence and abuse, artistic and religious expression and legal and legislative needs of Gays and Lesbians. The Foundation was also urged to broaden its service area beyond Dane County and also to support programs that will aid people of color and senior citizens.

Among those attending were John Neess of the United, Chad La Flash and Tom Neal of the Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, GALVANize, Gay and Lesbian Educational Employees, Tim Tillotson representing the Rodney Scheel House, ACT UP, the Gay Men's Chorale and the Lesbian Choir and others.

Commenting on the findings of the symposium, New Harvest co-chair Harriet Forman said, "If we ever wondered for a moment that our Foundation funding is urgently required, the symposium's... expressions of unanswered needs have certainly stilled any such question. Clearly the New Harvest Foundation has an enormous job before it."

Boot Camp Saloon Raises \$1,558 For AIDS Care

[Milwaukee]— The Boot Camp Saloon is proud to announce that during their annual fundraiser for AIDS, held this year in March, a total of \$1,558.70 was raised. The Boot Camp would like to thank all those who donated items and made a contribution. Without you, the Boot Camp's proud tradition of raising money to benefit those suffering with HIV/AIDS would not have been possible. Heartiest thanks to everyone.



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Garden Party Fundraiser For Clarenbach Set For August 15

Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light and Ron Geiman of Wisconsin In Step, will be hosting a fundraiser and garden party for State Rep. David Clarenbach on Thursday, August 15, 1991 at 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet Rep. Clarenbach.

The party will be in the backyard at 1843 N. Palmer. There will be snacks, beverages and the general makings of a good time. The fundraiser begins at 5:00 p.m.

Rep. Clarenbach is running for Congress and needs our help and support. He has given so much, time and time again, to this community. He has fought as well for those suffering with HIV/AIDS and for all those seeking basic human rights. Never once has he failed to place himself with those who need him.

While it is true that here in Milwaukee, we can't vote for him, we can be sure that in Congress he will continue the struggle for liberation and freedom that benefits us all no matter where we live.

Come to the party. Any donation is

welcome. Checks should be made out to: The Clarenbach Committee. If you are unable to attend and wish to contribute, you can mail your check, made out to The Clarenbach Committee, to 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

GALVANize Plans July 13 Dance At Apple Island

[Madison]— On Saturday, July 13, there will be a benefit dance at Madison's new women's cultural and event space. Apple Island is located at 849 E. Washington Ave and is an accessible and chem free space. Lois Stauber, owner and operator, says that Apple Island is also intended as a place of healing, a space to honor and celebrate the activities of women.

The benefit dance begins at 8:00 p.m. For more info, call (608) 258-9777 or call GALVANize at (608)-255-8061.

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EDITORIAL

Community Support Essential To Sustain Gay/Lesbian Publications

We view with sorrow the demise of first **Heartland** and, shortly thereafter, **OutWeek**. These publications were two important weapons in our struggle for liberation and they will be sadly missed. (See story on page seven.)

In pure matter of fact, there is no Lesbian/Gay publication that is not important, vitally important in the on-going fight. Each and every one of them has its role to play as one of the most important weapons that we have in raising self-awareness, enhancing pride, providing information and education and, in general, bringing us together in dialogue and understanding.

The saddest thing of all is that **Heartland** and **OutWeek** needn't have died; in fact, would not have died had the community been willing to support them.

In this, no Lesbian/Gay publication in America is any different. We all need that support. We all struggle to get it. We all depend on the advertising dollar to survive — and that, most certainly includes **In Step** and **Light**.

To be blunt about it, were it not for those phone ads, half the Gay papers in this country would be on vastly reduced budgets and scale — and the other half wouldn't exist at all.

The truth is that many Lesbian/Gay businesses, groups and agencies as well as those who join us in the cause of civil rights, give their financial support — and give it without stint. Sadly, many do not.

Advertising in Gay/Lesbian publications definitely has economic advantages. That's been proven.

But Lesbian/Gay and supportive businesses also have an obligation to advertise that transcends the economic.

There is a moral obligation to support the press through advertising. **Heartland** and **OutWeek** are gone. Our cause is weakened proportionately.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Terry Boughner

As I have said at least once before on these pages, I stand firmly against outing. The reasons are thus:

Certainly one is that I do not think that being Gay or Lesbian should be used in an accusatory fashion.

But secondly and, in my mind, more importantly, to "out" someone goes to the very heart of the right of privacy. In the same way that I strongly support a woman's right to choice; to have control of her reproductive functions, so, in the same manner, I strongly support someone else's right to control their own lives — what they reveal about their private lives and what they do not.

I agree with Marcus Kunian in believing that outing is a form of fascism. But further, it is a version of the totalitarian belief that the group or the

community always and ever comes before the rights of the individual. This is a pernicious and dangerous idea which I utterly deplore and despise.

Yet another problem that I have with outing is that it seems to me that it is a form of blackmail. "Either you do what we want or we'll tell on you," kind of thing. I find this disgusting beyond words.

I am fully aware that my opinion in this matter is not shared by everyone. So be it. But for myself and speaking only for myself, I think that outing can seldom, if ever, serve any useful purpose; none at all except to cause pain.

There is enough pain in this world. Is it needful that we, Lesbians and Gays who have certainly experienced enough of it, cause more?

LETTERS

'Tongues Untied'

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Tom Dvorak, Station Manager at WMVS, Channel 10, from Marlon T. Riggs, creator of "Tongues Untied."

As you may know, I am the maker of the experimental documentary "Tongues Untied," which is part of the summer series POV. My work was motivated by a singular imperative: to challenge this nation's brutalizing silence around matters of sexual and racial difference. I created "Tongues Untied" to help shatter our society's most deeply entrenched myths of what it means to be Black, to be Gay and, not least, to be human.

Since the premier of my work in 1989 at the American Film Institute, "Tongues Untied" has garnered substantial international acclaim. Most recently, "Tongues Untied" was selected by an international jury from among hundreds of entries to represent the best, most innovative work from the United States in this year's International Public Television Festival in Dublin.

I am appalled to learn that your station has decided not to broadcast this work. When I first received news in January that POV had accepted "Tongues Untied," I applauded POV, and by extension, public television, for displaying rare leadership — even courage — in addressing the very real complexity of America's diversity.

Public television had finally developed sufficient maturity, it seemed, to become a vital forum for cultural and communal expression that was not diluted, drained and sugar-coated for mainstream consumption. Finally, public television was beginning to live up to its moral and legislative mandate to be a true alternative, not a genteel, upscale imitator, of commercial TV.

The action of your station, however, has provided yet another sad example of public television's knee-jerk avoidance of controversial programming. It is disturbingly ironic that while "Tongues Untied" now screens at this year's "Input" as an exemplary model of innovation in U.S. public television, your station opts to boycott the national broadcast. Even the BBC — what entity better symbolizes institutional broadcasting than this! — has acquired the program for airing this fall.

Your station has, in effect, chosen to operate as a gatekeeper — a censor — silencing not just my voice, but the voices and visions of diverse nationwide communities. Not just African American, and not just Gay and Lesbian, but any cultural group which has struggled to create an affirming identity in a society that routinely negates your entire existence. Your station, by refusing to air "Tongues Untied," has become an accomplice in this form of repression.

I strongly urge you to act not as gatekeeper, but as a facilitator for frank, enlightened political and cultural discussion about one of

America's greatest taboos: Black sexuality.

I am necessarily sending copies of this letter to members of your community and local press who believe that silence cannot be the solution to dealing with racial/sexual difference in our society. I am also sending this letter to those who comprehend, all too well, the high price in human suffering your silence exacts: continued anti-Gay, anti-Black violence, internalized self-hatred, family dysfunction, political persecution, and not least, AIDS.

Public television has a responsibility to address and represent the true complexity of the "American family." That family includes African Americans; and it includes as well, Gay men. I urge you to follow POV's leadership and help Americans transcend our myriad parochial bigotries about "human nature" and "family" and "community standards" so that we might one day deal with the most fundamental challenge in life: what it means to be human? "Tongues Untied" could be a pivotal step in this direction. It's not too late to take it.

—Marlon T. Riggs
Berkeley, CA

Editor's Note: Mr. Riggs can be contacted at: 2600 10th St., Suite 106, Berkeley, CA 94701 or call (415) 548-3884.

Gay Youth

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to address the issue of the young (under 21) Gay community in Milwaukee. As a 19 year-old college student who has pretty thoroughly done his homework on the situation, I have come to the conclusion that there virtually is none. Since I was 10, I have known that I was Gay and have dreamed of living openly as I felt, having a boyfriend, Gay/Lesbian friends who I could talk with and relate to. But it never happened. There was never a place in Milwaukee I could turn to for help when I needed it.

While in high school, I called the Gay People's Hotline for advice and a man told me to sit in a cafe and read a book — a pretty weak suggestion for lack of a better one. When I started college, I went to its "Gay Society," ecstatic that I finally found a place I could go to for support, so I thought. When I went in the office, I was devastated by a cold, insolent young man. He was hardly willing to answer any of my questions or offer support when I explained my situation. It turned out because of my class schedule, I couldn't make the once-a-month (if even that) meetings and my friend behind the desk didn't seem to care. Well, after that incident, neither did I.

I have also tried, several times, to get into every bar with a Gay reputation in this city. After being carded every time, I was refused admittance. Last Summer, I was fortunate enough to spend a month in San Francisco, and there I had the time of my life. It was a completely different world from Milwaukee. I met people like myself everywhere I went and made new friends each day. There were so many support groups for under-agers, I didn't have time to attend all of them. There were also

many nightclubs that set aside certain nights for people under 21. And just about any bar was a breeze to get into (without bartenders fear of redneck cops raiding).

When I returned to Milwaukee, I realized how different it is. It's Eastern European heritage and working class mentality really reflect every facet of its existence. From its razor's edge segregation to invisible young Gay community to microscopic adult Gay community, it made me sick. I vowed that when I finish school here, I will leave it and never return. I can only live in a place where I can feel completely whole as a human being, like a San Francisco, or possibly a Sydney, Australia. Not a Milwaukee.

So here I sit on a Friday night, an attractive, well-built, intelligent young man (and you can ask the girls who come on to me all the time) who has never had sex in Milwaukee with another Gay male, or even a decent conversation, and doesn't plan on ever experiencing those things here, either. And when I turn 21, if I still live here, I will probably be too disgusted to even go into Milwaukee's "Gay" bars.

I believe that Milwaukee's older, business-oriented Gay community with social and economic power, has a moral obligation to take care of its younger population, in the form of support groups, clubs, nightclubs, juice bars, recreational facilities, churches, etc. If it doesn't, it can pay the price of having an even smaller community. I believe the young Gay situation in Milwaukee can partially answer the oft asked questions, "Why do Gays stay in the closet?" (What is there to come out for?) and "Why do some Gay men grow up to work for Jesse Helms?" (They learn self-hate from very early on).

—Name Withheld
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: I have never responded to a Letter to the Editor before, but this may be a good time. The bars in Milwaukee were completely right in carding the writer. He had nothing to gain but a good time. They had everything to lose by letting him "breeze" in.

Secondly, if the writer believes that sex is all there is to being a happy, fulfilled Gay person, he has another thing coming. It may sound sloppy and overdone, but there's the building of friendships, love — an' all that stuff — which you don't have to go to a bar to find.

But finally, the writer brings up a good point. There is an urgent need for places where young Gays and Lesbians can go to socialize, to find mutual support and have fun — without booze and risk.

Give Milwaukee a chance. I've been all over this blessed world and lived in a lot of them and I can tell you, Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community and its opportunities — well, just ain't none better.

No Dope

TO THE EDITOR:

Very recently, in a column for the **Light** that I did about medical marijuana, I accused our government of being out of touch with reality. Now it seems that our capitalist overlords are also out of touch with basic human decency. The Food and Drug Administration is canceling the Compassionate Investigational New Drug program for marijuana.

They are presumably doing this to curb "drug use." This is yet another instance of bureaucratic dogmatism prevailing over compassion and common sense.

It is imperative that these would-be Leonid Brezhnevs in our government be shown that they will be taken to task for their evil deeds. I urge **Light** readers to call their Congresspeople at the Capitol switchboard, (202) 224-3121, or Herbert Kleber, Ph.D., the assistant director of the National Drug Control Office at (202) 467-9600.

—Thomas J. Roney
Minneapolis

Plenty of Pride

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a letter in response to the gentleman who was upset by the lack of the words "Lesbian" and "Gay" in this year's Milwaukee Pride merchandise.

As the artist who designed the logo, I felt that the amount of symbolism within the artwork was enough to distinguish it as being part of the Gay and Lesbian community. I did not feel it was necessary to further add the words "Gay" or "Lesbian" to the logo or to anything related to the logo design.

All told, there were 3 identifiable "Gay" symbols: the pink triangle, the rainbow flag, and the lambdas — most people involved within the Gay and Lesbian community would recognize these symbols and the obvious connection would be made. My intent was not to hide, as the writer suggests, but rather to create a design which would appeal to all people, whether they are Gay or straight.

Let's face it, there are a number of supportive straight people who donate time, energy and money within the Gay community. If, by my choosing to omit certain words, they feel more comfortable purchasing merchandise (or wearing T-shirts and sweatshirts), great! I would much rather the merchandise appeal to all members of the greater Milwaukee area, than just a select group. And it's not as though we are unable to still claim it as our own...

So, in closing, it is my suggestion that the gentleman who was so upset with the visual presentation of the Milwaukee Pride merchandise, next year become involved within the decision-making process. Join the Milwaukee Pride Committee. Submit a logo design for consideration. Anything but sit back after the fact and whine about two missing words.

—Cindi Lampman
Racine

SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

More Quotes Of A Decidedly Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

The word "queer" has certainly gained legitimacy when even the *New York Times* has taken notice. An article April 6 noted: "'Queer,' a word long bandied in schoolyards and bars as a taunt, has acquired a new meaning: it has been adopted, proudly and defiantly, by a new generation of young militants..."

"The word's shock value gives it political potency. Like the movement that embraced it, 'queer' is confrontational." You bet your ass, *New York Times*!

Dolly Parton, sounding more like Whitney ("I am not Gay!") Houston every day, told *Vanity Fair*: "Oh, I get hit on all the time by Gay women. I'm flattered that they like me and that the Gay men like me, too. But I am not Gay. I have a Gay following because I love and understand Gay people. My dearest friends are Gay people."

Michael Jackson on why he doesn't date girls, as reported in *Dare*: "I'm too busy for dating any girls right now... I'd like to try, maybe."

Why bother, Michael?

Take note of this advice from *USA Today*'s "Tips for Staying Hip" in the 1990's: "If you're a man and thinking of getting an earring, you're too late. When straight men started piercing, the trend had already ended. As a rule of thumb: watch hip Gays. Straights are rarely the first to be in."

My favorite Lesbian chauvinist quote of recent times comes from Ann Northrup, an AIDS and Queer Nation activist who appeared on New York City's Channel 13 during Pride events last year and declared to millions of viewers: "Lesbians have always run everything."

Another laudatory Lezzie assessment comes from radical Lesbian Julia Penelope, quoted in the *Southern Voice*: "Lesbians are happy, even if we're poor and don't have a pot to piss in, because we're Lesbians. We are who we are. And integrity is the basis of happiness."

A press release from the Third Annual Conference on Women and AIDS held last April stated: "If the 'band played on' for Gay men, as Randy Shilts states in his book documenting the government's neglect of the AIDS epidemic, then the conductor has yet to lift his baton for HIV-infected women."

The *Advocate* asked Madonna: "Why do Lesbians adore you?" "I don't know," Madonna replied testily, "Why don't you go and ask them?"

The interviewer was persistent: "It's very rare for there to be a star like you who equally turns on Gay men and Gay women."

Quoth Madonna: "Well, I'm an attractive girl... I think Gay women would want to claim me as their own because I am a really strong woman. I am assertive in a way that a lot of Gay women are..."

And what about Gay men?

"For some reason that's who I have the most camaraderie with. I don't really know why. I think, on the one hand, I feel their persecution. They are looked at as outsiders, so I relate to that. On the other hand, I feel that most Gay men are so much more in touch with a certain kind of sensitivity that heterosexual men aren't allowed to be in touch with, their feminine side. To me, they're whole human beings, more so than most of the straight men that I know."

Little Richard, known to some affectionately as the 'Queen' of rock 'n' roll, squealed his approval of the actor who is playing Buddy Holly in the new Broadway show *Buddy*: "Oh Lord, he looked so good, he could make me scream like a white lady!" His queer quote appeared in *Outweek*.

Meanwhile, actor Griffin Dunne seems to be suffering gender confusion of queer proportions. When asked about the ideal woman, Dunne told *US* magazine: "A woman with Terence Trent D'Arby's lips, Michael Jordan's dunk and Wayne Gretzky's slapshot."

Rocker Chris Isaak seems equally confused. He was quoted in *Dare*: "The animal I feel most affinity with is the mighty jungle python. Probably not a night goes by that I don't dream about snakes. I don't know what that means."

On the other hand, writer Audre Lorde, in an interview with *BLK* magazine, was very clear about what attracts her to a woman. "It's usually the way she moves and the way she conducts herself. Then it's her voice and her hands and her mouth and her eyes and her body and her



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heart. Her stuff."

Oooh, that's the ticket!

The *Advocate* recently interviewed actress Susan Sarandon, a queer favorite for her roles in *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, *The Hunger* and now, *Thelma and Louise*. Sarandon is very politically active ("Hollywood's leftist answer to Charleton Heston") and serves as the chairperson for the Anti-Violence Project, which is producing public service ads against Gay bashing.

Sarandon was asked the inevitable question about her love scene with Catherine Deneuve in *The Hunger*.

"It's so funny, because when we were doing it, [my character] was supposed to be very, very drunk. I said, 'Why does she have to be very, very drunk? I mean, if you're ever going to bed with a woman and she looks like Catherine Deneuve and she's as charming as Catherine Deneuve, why make [my character] drunk? It would be much more interesting if she were not.' So we changed it... Catherine and I got along really great; she's a wonderful woman."

We know. You're not too bad yourself, Susan.

And, out of the mouths of babes! Sarandon, on her young daughter: "My daughter wants to marry her best friend Katie... I told her that it was unusual but sometimes did happen... My daughter just turned six and has very short hair, and she likes to wear pants most of the time. For her fifth birthday she wore a white tuxedo completely on her own. She's a pretty unusual child. When she was younger, kids made fun of her because of her short hair. I asked, 'What did you say to them?' She said, 'I just told them if they didn't know the difference between a boy and a girl, they should talk to their mother.'"

This last one is a queer quote that got lots of press. It's worth repeating because it unquestionably belongs in the Queer Quotations Hall of Fame.

International Express reported Dean Semier's reply when Queen Elizabeth asked the cinematographer what he did on *Dances With Wolves*: "I said I was director of photography, to which she replied, 'Oh, how terribly interesting. Actually, I have a brother-in-law who is a photographer.' I replied, 'Oh, how terribly coincidental. I have a brother-in-law who's a queen.' She moved on without saying another word."

Queer Liberation Front Offers Activist Tips

[Madison]- As did Queer Nation/Milwaukee, the Queer Liberation Front (QLF) of Madison is passing out marital rights petitions, seeking to collect as many signatures as possible. The signed petitions will be presented to the authorities in the Fall "in a suitably flamboyant manner." The Queer Liberation Front is also taking volunteers for a wedding ceremony.

QLF is currently discussing going to "Noah's Ark" in the Wisconsin Dells or Great America/Six Flags together with QN/Milwaukee and other groups in August.

QLF is urging all Queers to let the people at "Focus on the Family" know what you think about the "homosexual agenda." While waiting for a bus or a date, call 1-800-A-FAMILY and tell them.

QLF also urges everyone, every time you see an obituary of a person who died of AIDS or related causes, to mail it to President George Bush or to Mrs. George Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500. If the obit does not mention AIDS explicitly, write a note of explanation.

Tips To Protect Yourself, Prevent Harassment When Going Out Alone

While no one is immune from crime, a few tips on self-awareness will help — no matter where you are.

If at all possible, do NOT park in poorly lit locations.

If you are at a bar and plan to go home with someone, tell a friend or the bartender that you are going and with whom.

DO NOT take short cuts through poorly lit or unlit areas.

If you are going from one bar to another, ask for a ride or ask someone to go with you — the more, the safer. Bashers often wait for the lone walker.

If you see an incident of violence, DO NOT GET INVOLVED YOURSELF. Blow a whistle, scream, cry FIRE!!!, call 911.

Be observant at all times. Watch for

stores or other places you can duck into if the need arises.

Get license plate numbers of vehicles with suspicious occupants or those who call out anti-Gay slurs. Then report it to the police.

If you are a victim of violence, REPORT IT TO THE POLICE.

If you are called names, ignore it. Do not get out of your car. Do not try and fight.

Lesbians should be especially aware of men in Lesbian bars who say they are Gay and invite you home for "a party." The best advice is not to go.

Bar closing times can be especially hazardous. Do not hesitate to ask someone, security or a friend, to walk with you to your car.

State AIDS Consortium Seeks More People With AIDS/HIV For Research

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium for AIDS (WCRC) is seeking more persons with the AIDS/HIV who will register to be part of its research project. The goal of the project is to conduct clinical trials that will produce quality data so as to accelerate AIDS research and provide increased access to promising experimental therapies.

Persons who qualify are urged to contact their physicians and request that

they be registered to be part of the project. Physicians who do not have registration materials are asked to call the WCRC office, Clifford Steele, Administrator, at (414) 273-1991 and the correct forms will be sent to them.

"To date we have over 400 persons registered," said Steele. "While it is a good start, an increased number can only improve the opportunities for physicians to gain access to new and innovative drugs. Time is at a premium."

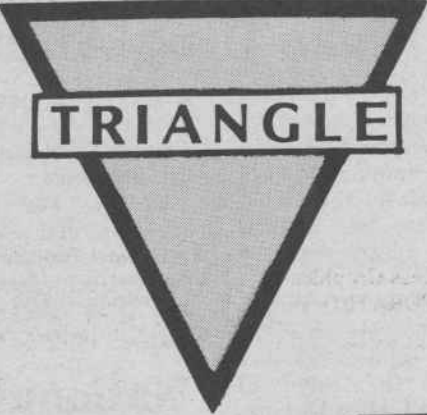
Allen Naparella Promotes Fitness In Video, Visit To Milwaukee

Allen Naparella, a fitness instructor for over five years, has released a new exercise video, "Butts & Gutts". The one-hour tape is designed to help those those who want to shape, tone and strengthen the problem areas of the body.

Naparalla, Mr. Windy City-1990, is a Wisconsin native, growing up in Princeton and attending the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Naparella, with his partner, Stephanie Koo Randall, recently opened a new health facility, "Naparalla's Fitness."


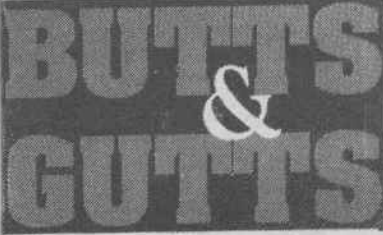
Copies of the video and posters are currently available in Madison at Four Star Fiction and Video and at Door Step Video. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Rodney Sheel PWA Fund.

Naparalla will be in Milwaukee on Saturday, July 27 at The Triangle from 11:00 p.m. to midnight signing posters and copies of his video. A portion of the proceeds from all sales in the Milwaukee area will go to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project.



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The video will be available for purchase and a portion of the video sales will be donated to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

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Columnist Finds New Tolerance Over Her Dinner With Andre

By Maytee Aspuro

I am the youngest of three children. I have two older brothers, each separated in age by a mere year and a half. Gil is the oldest. Andre is the middle child. Those who know anything about who I am and have heard me speak of my brothers express a surprise at our differences.

Almost to the date, Andre and I had not seen each other for almost eleven years when he called me to let me know he was in town for a friend's wedding.

Within the past eleven years our communications have consisted of no more than an occasional birthday or Christmas card. I kept track of Andre's life through my parents, as he did mine.

Our childhood had been very difficult and painful and all three kids went off in their own direction to seek some kind of foothold on our respective lives.

Andre is a born again Christian and I have an attitude about 'such people'. I didn't want to be saved, either because of my Lesbian identity or my failure to embrace Christ as my savior.

Andre once wrote years ago in such a "saving" vein and I returned a note tersely stating that he was not qualified to judge me or my life. At the time I felt little reason to continue any connection with him.

So, I was more than a little surprised to hear from him. We agreed to have dinner together. I offered him a choice of where to meet. The first would have him meet my lover of almost six years. The other would not. I was impressed when he chose the former.

I felt a level of anticipation woven with curiosity as well as caution. I knew I would stand my ground if he once again chose a "saving" stance, but given his choice to meet and thus recognize the existence of my lover, I had a hopeful outlook to our reunion.

Upon first sight I saw a handsome, gentle man with a smile that could melt a glacier. We embraced and laughed as we noted how much our appearances had changed and yet remained the same.

After introductions we spent a comfortable hour with my lover, just getting reacquainted. It was then time for Andre and I to go off for a private dinner.

We spoke of our careers, our relationships, our family and our beliefs.

I knew we were going to be just fine when Andre told me, in all due honesty, that he didn't believe homosexuality was a sin but that he did believe that acting on the desire was. He followed this statement by admitting he wasn't perfect; gave me an example of how he struggles with his own beliefs and his own desires and actions and finally admitted that the last time he walked on water it was ice.

How can I embrace a man who believes that I, in acting out my very nature am in sin? Easy. From day one of my identification as a Lesbian I have wanted only one thing, to be accepted for who I am. I do not and have never expected others to agree with me but to just let me live my life without the imposition of their own political or theological agendas. Andre seemed prepared to accept me on those terms. Equally important I must be willing to reciprocate the tolerance I demand. The key is that, in our eyes, neither one of us is intentionally hurting another by who we are and what we believe.

I am truly grateful that Andre took the risk of contacting me and renewing our connection as brother and sister. It was a courageous act of love that has won my respect and admiration.

His recent visit has heartened me, renewing my belief that humankind has the power to compromise and to accept one another without sacrificing the individual identities that it embodies.

Andre's visit also renewed my belief that although we need world wide changes in our social-political structures, such change will come about only in the process of reaching individuals with our message.

I had removed Andre from my active memory because the loss of him was too painful to bear. His return and all the memories that have resurfaced with his return, complete one more piece of the puzzle of how and why I became the woman that I am today. It is welcomed. On the lighter side, my lover and I now have someone to visit in California and that's not too bad either.

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Non-Profit Project Pentamidine Works To Make Drug Affordable

[Mill Valley, CA]- Project Pentamidine is a non-profit service highly praised by doctors, institutions, and patients, that assists in the legal importation of Pentamidine Isethionate, the most effective drug available for treating pneumonia caused by pneumocystis in AIDS patients.

Jack Erdmann, Director of Project Pentamidine, said that the purpose of the Project was: 1) to bring political pressure on those who keep the price of pentamidine so high that it often becomes an overwhelming burden on the individual; 2) to make the drug available at an affordable price. (The price of pentamidine through the Project is \$59 per 300 ML vial, substantially cheaper than the \$100 to \$128 charged by the US manufacturer.)

Low-cost pentamidine can be obtained with guaranteed weekly delivery. It is completely legal due to the FDA Guidelines for importation of "...articles for the treatment of serious and life-threatening conditions like AIDS..." The requirements are:

1) You can import up to a three month

supply per person; 2) A doctor's prescription must accompany the delivery; 3) It must be for the individual use of patients.

Doctors and individuals can take advantage of this service.

Contact Project Pentamidine by writing the Project, Jack Erdmann, 60 Lovell Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941 or call (415) 388-2105 or FAX (415) 381-2084.

National Gay 900 Phone Line Established

[Madison]- According to Frontiers newsletter of Madison, a new Gay/Lesbian informational phone line is being established to go into operation on August 1, 1991. By calling 1-900-446-GAY one can attain information about Gay and Lesbian bars, hotels and bookstores anywhere in the USA, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico. The line answers 24 hours a day. Calls are billed at \$1.95/min.

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Milw. Foundation Awards \$42,200 In AIDS Grants

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Foundation recently awarded a total of \$42,200 in grants from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund for support of programs directed at prevention of AIDS and care and treatment services for persons with AIDS. This brings the total amount of grants from the Fund, since it was established in 1988, to almost \$160,000.

Among the most recent round of grants were the following:

Milwaukee AIDS Project, \$15,000 for the Street Outreach Program which seeks to educate high-risk populations about the dangers of AIDS/HIV in order to prevent or reduce the spread of the disease; \$9,000 for development of a quality assurance program; \$5,000 for nutritional services to children infected with HIV.

Center Project, Green Bay, \$1,000 for start-up costs of a new testing program and case management service in Manitowoc County.

Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, \$1,000 for development of the Wisconsin Women's Outreach Network to provide support and information to help women with the issues of living with hemophilia and HIV.

Madison AIDS Support Network, \$5,000 for creation of a case management and counseling position to serve persons with AIDS and HIV infection in Jefferson and Rock Counties.

The Wisconsin AIDS Fund was established in the Milwaukee Foundation in June, 1988. Since that time, it has raised over \$200,000 from hundreds of individual donors as well as concerned corporations and foundations. The Fund is managed by the Milwaukee Foundation, a community trust established in 1915.

Triangle & Partners Triumph In Softball

[Milwaukee]- The July 4th weekend saw Milwaukee well represented on the Soft Ball circuit.

Teams sponsored by four Milwaukee bars, participated in the Minneapolis North Star Classic held July 5-6. These were M&M Club, C'est la Vie, Ball Game and the Triangle.

The Bistro-Too from Chicago took first place. The Saloon Devils from Minneapolis took second. The Triangle Trojans, came in third. The Trojans were managed by Mark Meyerhoffer and coached by Craig Sponholtz.

The Triangle also fielded a team at the St. Louis Gateway Classic Tournament (Annex Division), held July 5-6. The team, known as The Bad Boys, was composed of members from Partners as well as the Triangle. It was managed by Ralph Eaton and coached by Shane DeWitt.

First place was taken by the Nashville Numbers with second place going to the combined Partners/Triangle team.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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I'M GONNA PUT THE PEAS HERE. COULD YOU PICK THE ROCKS OUT?

JEEZ, HARRIET! I CAN'T STAND GETTING DIRT UNDER MY FINGERNAILS. DO WE HAVE ANY GLOVES?

"NICE" IS NOT THE WORD I'D CHOOSE. GLORIOUS CHAOS IS MORE LIKE IT. CAN YOU IMAGINE 3,000 LESBIANS FROM NEARLY EVERY WAY OF LIFE HOLDING PLEASURY SESSIONS IN THE CIVIC CENTER WHILE MERCURY IS IN RETROGRADE?

UM... NO. FRANKLY, I CAN'T.

IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE? OF COURSE, THE NETWORKING WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART.

TONI AND CLARICE ARE STARTING FROM SCRATCH!

C'MON, HONEY, WAKE UP! IT'S TIME TO TAKE MY TEMPERATURE! IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE DO THIS TOGETHER!

HUH? OH, RIGHT. OKAY, WHAT DO I DO?

YOU WRITE IT DOWN ON THIS CHART WHEN I'M DONE.

OKAY. ZNNNK!

CLAR-EECE!

OUTWEEK and HEARTLAND Fold After Two Years of News and Views

[New York, NY] - **Outweek** magazine and **Heartland** newspaper, two widely read Gay and Lesbian publications, folded at the end of June. A combination of factors caused their demise, with financial shortfalls and lack of support by the Gay/Lesbian community prominent among them.

Outweek, the weekly magazine of news and features based in New York City, was begun just two years ago and reached a circulation of about 40,000. Its influence was felt far beyond that modest figure, however.

Outweek became infamous as the leading proponent of "outing," forcing influential Gays and Lesbians out of the closet. Its expose of the secret Gay life of billionaire Malcolm Forbes and its detailed investigation of Father Bruce Ritter, founder of Covenant House, made headlines nationwide.

Editor-in-Chief Gabriel Rotello and writer Michaelangelo Signorile went on the talk show circuit to defend and encourage more of their type of aggressive reportage. A national debate on "outing" ensued. Young, urban Gays loved the newly militant posture, while politicians and celebrities expressed their moral outrage.

Signorile credited **Time** magazine with coining the word "outing." In one column, he wrote: "We've decided we like better the term 'in- ing,' as in bringing people out of the closet and 'into' the community."

Outweek also championed the new militancy among younger Gays and Lesbians, covering and encouraging the development of ACT UP and Queer Nation. It served as a forum for many provocative essays that stirred heated debate and rarely minced words, for instance, "I Hate Straights" and, in response to Gay bashing, "Should Queers Shoot Back?"

The paper was shut down by co-publisher Kendall Morrison at the end of June when its weekly financial losses could not be stemmed.

A spokesman for Rivendell Marketing, which represents many Gay newspapers, said that **Outweek's** financial shortfalls were linked to its radical image. A less militant stance may have attracted more subscribers and ad revenue. Still other reports cited in-fighting among staff members as contributing to the paper's end.

Safari Weekend Planned In North Wisconsin

[Rhineland, WI]- The Northern Wisconsin Lambda Society is holding a "Snype Safari" on September 20-22, 1991 in the northern part of the state. Everyone is invited to attend.

The weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. The camp is secluded and has such features to enjoy hiking, fishing, boating, canoeing, swimming and just about anything you might want to do to relax.

The camp fronts on five lakes, two of which are private. The Lambda Society is planning some light programs that will interest everyone. The cost is \$30 per person to join them "north of the tension line."

Friday, there will be a social hour from 6:00 p.m. to ? Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:30, a program from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. followed by free time till noon. There will be lunch with the afternoon free, dinner at 6:00, a program at 7:30 and then a "Snype Safari" to ? and a social hour to ?. Sunday's brunch is at 10:30 with farewell at noon.

Reservations will be accepted until August 15, 1991 and must be accompanied by the registration fee of \$30. There is a limit of 50 persons so register early. **There will be no refunds** after Sept. 10. Checks should be made payable to "Northern Wisconsin Lambda Society."

You will need to bring your own bedding or sleeping bags. Lambda requests that no alcohol or drugs be brought to the grounds. Since the Lambda Society is small, it will need everyone's help in some small way during the safari weekend. Provisions will be made for those who are vegetarians, but please notify the Society in advance.

For further information, please write to: Northern Wisconsin Lambda Society, c/o Dennis L. Waid, 134 Hillside Rd., Rhineland, WI 54501 or call (715) 362-4242.

Heartland, the Midwestern monthly, ceased publication after its annual Pride issue in June, bringing to an end two years of service to the Gay/Lesbian community.

The paper was headquartered in Indianapolis and distributed throughout eight states in the Midwest.

According to Jonathan Mitchell in the paper's lead story, the primary reason for **Heartland's** failure was an estimated \$103,000 shortfall in revenue. Despite stringent cost-cutting measures, projected losses would have exceeded \$150,000 by the end of this year.

Publisher Joseph Miller expressed deep regret over the paper's demise, but added: "if the community cannot afford to support the press which serves it, the press can scarcely afford to continue its struggle to survive."

Miller cited several reasons for the lack of revenue: the reluctance of major Gay bars and nightclubs "who feel their customer base is secure" to advertise; the unwillingness of mainstream advertisers to use the Gay press; and the unwillingness of Gay-owned businesses to advertise on a long-term basis.

Editor James Jackson commented that the 900-number phone ads enabled **Heartland** to survive as long as it did. Calling them a "necessary evil," he noted that the ads did bring in "desperately needed revenue" to both major and minor Gay/Lesbian publications across the U.S.

Jackson pointed out that there are many Gay/Lesbian publications that wouldn't be publishing at all without the phone sex ads.



"Wisconsin Light" editor, Terry Boughner (right) spoke with former Milwaukee Mayor, Henry Maier and Dr. Karen Lamb prior to the start of the City of Festivals parade.

"Entertainers Against AIDS" Set For Sunday, July 28 at Fannies

[Milwaukee]- For the third year in a row, Fannie's will be sponsor a benefit for those with AIDS. The show, "Entertainers Against AIDS," will be held on Sunday, July 28, 1991 at Fannie's, either on the street or in the parking lot to the east of the bar. For this special day, Fannie's will open at 12:00 noon with the show beginning at 2:00 p.m.

According to Sharon, the show will sparkle with stars. Emcees will include TV-Channel 12's Marty Burns Wolfe. She will be joined by Ginger Spice, Diana Jones along with Vanessa and Liz from La Cage.

As of press time, entertainers will include Mrs. Fun from Cafe Melange, the

comedy team of Schuman and Schwartz along with a host of other acts including the 219 Girls. The backdrop is being done by professional artist Gary Wolfe, Marty Burn's Wolfe's husband.

In addition, there will be games, food and all the paraphernalia of a wonderful good time with all proceeds going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project's direct patient care.

Sharon said that she hopes to raise \$5,000 this year.

The show will last approximately 6 hours. There will be a \$5 cover with tickets available only at the gate.

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Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis are best friends in "Thelma and Louise."

"Thelma & Louise:" Women's Cult Classic Drives Sexist Men Crazy

By Jamakaya

Since its release in May, *Thelma & Louise* has rapidly become a women's cult classic. Geena Davis as Thelma and Susan Sarandon as Louise have captivated audiences with their outlaw antics and their desperate cross-country trek.

Many critics have recognized the film's overall quality, but some (seemingly the loudest ones) have railed against its implausibility, its alleged "male bashing" and its nihilistic conclusion.

Give me a break! When was the last time critics chided Arnold Schwarzenegger for the implausibility of his movies' plots?

And why all the sudden hypocritical concern about "male bashing" from an industry that routinely restricts women to one dimensional madonna-whore stereotypes and regularly dices, slices, flays, beats, rapes, tortures and kills women on screen — all for "entertainment" and profit!

In an industry so thoroughly misogynistic and racist, labeling *Thelma & Louise* "male bashing" has about as much validity as the charge that Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* is racist. That women and Blacks have dared to name and depict their own experiences is clearly a threat to the prevailing Straight White Boy ideology of Hollywood.

The end of *Thelma & Louise*, in which the women choose to plunge into the Grand Canyon rather than surrender to the male "justice" system, has been attacked as fantastic, nihilistic, downbeat, anti-feminist and, my favorite, "a bad example." Butch and Sundance are heroes, but Thelma and Louise are just bad girls? The double standard boggles the mind.

Since *Thelma and Louise* is, on so many levels, a myth-making movie, for me, any other ending would have been trite. Considering the limited and unpleasant options faced by Thelma and Louise, many women viewers find their final choice more liberating than depressing. As in many cult movies (as well as most classical literature), their deaths transcend reality and establish their mythic stature.

If you don't buy that, how about Geena Davis' own interpretation? Davis offered this simple assessment to *People* magazine: "It's saying, 'I love you.'" The enduring value of this film is that it elicits so many different emotions and interpretations.

Thelma & Louise was a good story, made even better by Callie Khouri's incisive script. One of its most remarkable elements is how skillfully it integrates comic antics with its dramatic undercurrent.

And it's so beautifully written! The befuddled Thelma has perhaps the best (and most understated) lines. As a fugitive desperately fleeing the law, she observes: "I always wanted to travel. I just never got the opportunity." Or, while disarming a cop and locking him in his car trunk, she advises him to be good to his wife: "My husband wasn't sweet to me and look how I turned out."

Louise's insistence that they drive

around Texas on their run to the Mexican border draws this reaction from Thelma: "Well gee Louise, we're runnin' for our lives, don't you think you could make an exception just this one time?" Louise replies (paraphrased): "Thelma, believe me, when you've shot a man with his pants down, Texas is **not** the place you want to be!"

Khouri has created two of the most memorable women characters in film history, and Davis and Sarandon deliver truly great performances. Their star statuses could have eclipsed their roles, but do not. The richness and consistency of their characterizations, their humor and pathos, make Thelma and Louise two of the most fully realized women characters ever to grace the screen.

That's largely why women viewers have responded so favorably. We are desperate to see depictions of our lives that reach beyond the tiresome (and inaccurate) madonna-whore dichotomy dictated by Hollywood.

Thelma and Louise also strikes a responsive chord because it is one of the few films that graphically portrays (and implicitly condemns) the constant verbal and sexual harassment women are forced to endure. No wonder women stand up and cheer when the dynamic duo blows up the rig of a particularly sexist trucker!

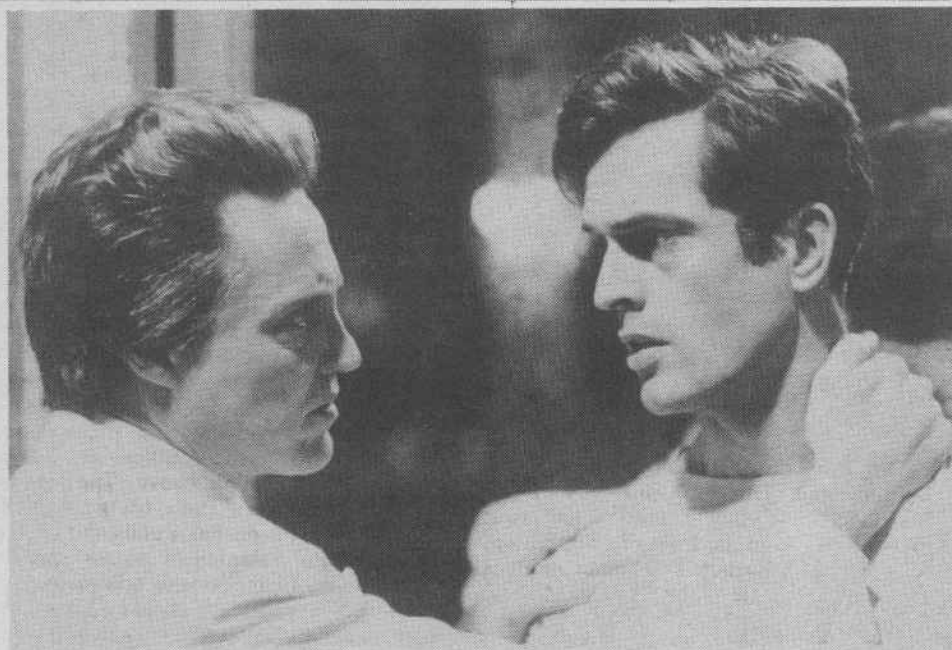
That Thelma and Louise are armed and use their weapons against obnoxious men is what scares the shit out of male viewers and critics! They are uncomfortable seeing men as the objects of humor and disdain. Many men don't get the humor in the film at all.

All the media's attention to the film's "gender-bending" ignores its equal significance in genre-bending. While it is undeniably a watershed for women in film, *Thelma & Louise* also breathes new life into Hollywood's traditional 'buddy' pictures, outlaw adventures and road movies.

There is so much more to recommend this film. Adrian Biddle's cinematography, particularly of the southwestern landscapes, is absolutely breathtaking. The country-western flavored soundtrack is perfectly pitched. All the supporting performances are excellent, especially Christopher McDonald as Thelma's boorish husband and Brad Pitt as the sexy but larcenous hitchhiker. I also found its depiction of working class people and their lives to be realistic, if not always pleasant.

Lest I be accused of male bashing (Who, me?), here's a final note of praise for director Ridley Scott who shepherded this wonderfully woman-oriented project into existence. Scott directed *Alen* (1979) and showed extraordinary good judgement at that time by casting Sigourney Weaver in the heroic role of Ripley, a part originally written for a man.

Like Ellen Ripley, Thelma and Louise now join the small but growing panoply of larger than life women screen heroes. To encourage that trend, women and supportive men need to support these films financially. So, when you're finished with the *Light*, go out and see *Thelma & Louise* again!



Venetian aristocrat Robert (Christopher Walken), left, prepares to share the reason he and his wife have stalked Colin (Rupert Everett), right, in "The Comfort of Strangers." The Paul Schrader film is now playing at Madison's historic Majestic Theatre through July 18.

Milwaukee's Pride Committee To Sponsor The Flirtations Sept. 19

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is proud to announce that the *Flirtations* will be, at last, coming to Milwaukee on September 19, 1991.

For those of you not familiar with the group, they are, without a doubt, the best Gay a cappella performers in the country today. They are exuberant, joyful, highly sophisticated, full of hope and Gay/Lesbian indomitability.

In their singing, they express and express with delicious wit and wry humor, what our people are all about. They are melancholy and funny by turns — "a howling delight" one critic has called them. They are full of angst and not too subtle irony as well. There's an innocence in their singing that shows vulnerability,

scarred by many battles with homophobia and AIDS that we have all had to face and will face again. In short, they say in song what we'd all like to say if we had the power to say it. That's what poets do and these young men are truly the stuff of which poets are made.

The group will be appearing at Plankinton Hall. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. with tickets at \$15.00 per person. There will be a limited number of front row seats available for \$25.

This group is not to be missed, not at all, no way! Give yourself a treat, run — do not walk — run — and get yourself a ticket. Do not miss this performance. There are those in Madison who did and wish now that they had not.

Cream City Chorus Reconvenes, Plans Numerous Summer Events

[Milwaukee]- By now, the "rumor mill" is overflowing with talk that the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (WCCC) is disbanding — well, it just ain't so! Through their musical director, Scott Stewart, has relinquished his position due to increased responsibilities with Milwaukee's Florentine Opera Company, WCCC is alive and well and actively seeking a new director. In the interim, Mr. Joe Appleman will temporarily take over the baton for rehearsals beginning July 17 when the Chorus reconvenes after their summer break. Joe was one of the original 14 people who formed WCCC and through the years has worked off and on, as production coordinator and has also arranged performance pieces for the group. Mr. Appleman currently performs with the Florentine.

Here are some upcoming WCCC events to mark on your calendar:

WCCC and HIT will hold the Annual Pie Toss on Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 p.m. on the patio at Partner's (813 S. First). This is your opportunity to toss a pie on the face of some of Milwaukee's favorite personalities and, at the same time, support these two great organizations.

The WCCC has been invited to perform at this year's Third Ward Block Party on August 2 in the afternoon. Hope to see you there!

We'll be roasting Scott Stewart on either August 16th or the 23rd. It'll be a hot time in the ol' town that night. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

September 28th, 1991, will mark the WCCC's First Annual "Fall Ball." More details to follow. This promises to be on of the community's major social galas.

Saturday, December 7 at 3:00 p.m., WCCC will perform their annual Christmas Concert in their NEW performance space — Vogel Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

In July of 1992 WCCC will be

representing the City of Milwaukee at the National Convention of Gay and Lesbian Choruses in Denver. July of this year (1991), marks the kick-off for a fund-raising campaign called "Do-Re-Me...To Denver!" Please watch for events with this phrase which designates that all proceeds will go toward sending your ambassadors to Denver in '92.

So you see there many changes going on with the WCCC — positive, healthy changes that will make a difference in the chorus and the community.



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July 19 — Pre-Grand Opening Party 9-Close with free stepping and live dancing lessons from NSGRA

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July 21 — Post-Grand Opening With Weekend Specials

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BOOKS

Prestigious Lammy Awards Bestowed On Top Writers At New York Gala

By Jamakaya

The Third Annual Lambda Literary Awards — the Lammys, which honor the best in Gay and Lesbian literature, were presented at a gala banquet in New York City's Grand Hyatt Hotel on May 31.

The cream of the Gay and Lesbian literati — writers, editors, publishers and booksellers — donned formalwear, hobnobbed over the \$75-a-plate dinner and exchanged kudos and condolences with the appropriate winners and losers.

The Lammys are sponsored by the **Lambda Book Report**, a Washington, D.C. based literary review. Readers submit their own nominations and a panel of experts chooses the winners. The awards ceremony coincides with the annual convention of the American Booksellers Association.

The following is a list of this year's Lammy award winners. The winners and the pool of nominees from which they were drawn testify to the profusion of quality Gay literature being published today.

The Body and Its Dangers by Allen Barnett and **Out of Time** by Paula Martinac won the Lammys for Best Fiction. To gauge the level of competition, consider that Barnett's fellow nominees were Paul Monette, John Gilgun, Michael Cunningham and David Leavitt!

Anthologies: **Women on Women**, edited by Joan Nestle and Naomi Holoch and **Men on Men 3**, edited by George Stambolian.

The single award for Lesbian and Gay Humor was presented to writer/cartoonist Alison Bechdel for **New, Improved Dykes to Watch Out For. The Way We Live Now**, edited by Elizabeth Osbourne, won the Lammy for Best Writing on AIDS.

Honors for Best Small Press Books went to **Daddy's Roommate** by Michael Willhoite (Alyson) and **Different Mothers**, edited by Louise Rafkin (Cleis Press).

The James White Review, a bi-monthly forum for Gay men's fiction, poetry and criticism, was given the Publisher's Service Award. **The Encyclopedia of Homosexuality** (all 1,484 pages!), edited by Wayne Dynes, received the Editor's Choice Award and was recognized as "one of the most important books on homosexuality ever written."

Finally, the Bill Whitehead Award for Lifetime Achievement was presented to James Purdy, the author of **Narrow Rooms**, **In a Shallow Grave**, **The Nephew and Garments the Living Wear**. Altogether, Purdy has published thirteen novels, four volumes of poetry and five collections of short stories and plays.

To keep up to date on the Gay literary scene and to be eligible to nominate next year's Lammys, subscribe to the **Lambda Book Report**. One year (6 issues) costs only \$15. Write to: **Lambda Book Report**, 1625 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.



The Lammys for Best Non-Fiction went to Bonnie Zimmerman for her analysis of recent Lesbian literature, **The Safe Sea of Women**, and to Allan Berube for his groundbreaking study **Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two**.

Howtown by Michael Nava, along with **Gaudi Afternoon** by Barbara Wilson and **Ninth Life** by Lauren Wright Douglas (a tie!), won Lammys for Best Mystery.

Another tie occurred in Gay Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy. **Secret Matter** by Toby Johnson and **Magic's Price** by Mercedes Lackey shared the honor. The Lesbian Sci-Fi Lammy went to Gael Baudino for **Gossamer Axe**.

The Gay Men's Poetry Award went to Michael Lassell for **Decade Dance**, while the Lesbian Poetry award was given to Marilyn Hacker for **Going Back to the River**. Hacker's sister nominees included SDiane Bogus, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Yvonne Zipter and Irena Klepfisz — pretty distinguished company.

This year's Lammys for Lesbian and Gay Debut went to Cherry Muhanji for the novel **Her** and to Lev Raphael for **Dancing on Tisha B'av**.

Two titles in a special series published by Plume won for Best Lesbian and Gay

International Gay Penpals Seeks Writers

[North Hollywood, CA]- International Gay Penpals (IGP) is about to publish its Summer newsletter. The forthcoming newsletter will carry informative material on more than 330 Gay men and women from England, France, Japan, Sweden, USSR, Denmark, Australia, Ghana, Malta, Guyana, Germany, Thailand, South Africa, Hong Kong, Canada and the US.

This is a unique way to start international correspondence for a hobby, a forthcoming vacation, to practice another language or to establish a friendship or a romance.

Those interested should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: IGP, Ste. 320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, CA 91603.

Alyson Wonderland Offers New Books For Children Of Gays

FAMILIES: A COLORING BOOK

By Michael Willhoite
Alyson Wonderland, \$2.95

GLORIA GOES TO GAY PRIDE

By Leslea Newman
Alyson Wonderland, \$7.95

By Jamakaya

Alyson Wonderland, the new division of Gay-owned Alyson Publications, has just released two more titles aimed specifically at the children of Gay and Lesbian parents.

Families: A Coloring Book contains excellent line drawings by award-winning Washington Blade artist Michael Willhoite. Willhoite's illustrations, along with the minimal text, convey the many varieties of families that exist today in words and images children can easily grasp.

For instance, kids will learn that there are big and small families, short and tall families, families with a mother and father, families with only one parent and, sometimes, families with two moms and two dads.

If it all sounds rather elementary, it's supposed to be. It's a great primer on modern family relations that all children can benefit from.

Leslea Newman, who wrote the earlier Alyson Wonderland release **Heather Has Two Mommies**, has now written **Gloria Goes to Gay Pride**. It is illustrated with pencil and charcoal sketches by Russell Crocker.

In the story, Gay Pride Day is a holiday similar to Halloween or Mother's Day. Little Gloria helps her Mama Rose and Mama Grace make signs to carry in the



parade, and her dog Butterscotch gets to wear a purple bandanna.

At the parade, Gloria plays a tambourine alongside a band. She sees her music teacher, the mail carrier and even some anti-Gay pickets that Mama Rose takes the time to explain to her. At the rally, Gloria gets to sing, dance and eat ice cream. When it's over, she can't wait for next year's Gay Pride Day.

The text and illustrations are wonderful. My only quibble is that the charcoal sketches hardly do justice to such colorful prose as: "I see a thousand balloons in the sky! Red and orange and yellow and green and purple and blue balloons, just like a rainbow!" Color illustrations would have enhanced the book substantially.

Other titles from Alyson Wonderland include **Daddy's Roommate** by Michael Willhoite (\$14.95), **How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?** by Ann Heron and Meredith Maran (\$9.95) and the aforementioned **Heather Has Two Mommies** (\$7.95).

Alyson deserves praise and support for its unique children's series. Ask your bookstore to carry these titles, or contact Alyson through its toll-free order line: 1-800-825-9766.

Gaylaxian Confab Meets July 19-21 In Massachusetts

[Lowell, MA]- The Gaylaxian Science Fiction Society will hold its third annual convention, Gaylaxian '91, on the weekend of July 19-21. It will be held in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

The writer guest of honor will be Samuel R. Delany, winner of the Hugo and Nebula Awards, and writer of such sci-fi classics as **Dhalgren**, **Triton**, **Nora** and **The Einstein Intersection**. Hannah M.G. Shapero will attend as artist guest of honor. She has illustrated many book covers, including those of **Sharra's Exile**, **Sword of Chaos** and **Hawkmistress**.

For more information, write to: Gaylaxian '91, P.O. Box 1052, Lowell, MA 01854.

Reader's Guide To Literature Excludes Gay/Lesbian Periodicals

[New York, NY] - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that the **Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature**, the most widely used periodical index in American libraries, refuses to include Gay and Lesbian publications.

Ignoring repeated requests by the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the American Library Association, the **Readers' Guide**, which lists articles from a wide variety of publications, does not cite any Lesbian or Gay periodicals — despite the profusion of such publications in the last two decades and the fact that many smaller, competing indexes do cite city Gay publications.

GLAAD believes that students and researchers need access to this kind of information. The mainstream press generally does a poor job of addressing Gay and Lesbian lives. AIDS issues alone, which are covered far more extensively in the Gay press than elsewhere, would justify inclusion of Gay publications in the **Readers' Guide** (which cites an article in **Vogue** as a source of AIDS information!).

Last winter, the **Readers' Guide** added 20 new titles — none of them were Gay or Lesbian publications.

Defamation includes making and keeping Gays and Lesbians invisible. If you agree, GLAAD urges you to tell the publishers of **Readers' Guide** to stop their biased omission of Gay and Lesbian periodicals.

Recommend that they change their policy by including the **Advocate**, **Out/Look**, the **Washington Blade** or any of a number of other quality Gay publications that are distributed nationally.

Write to: Leo Weins, President, H.W. Wilson Company, 950 University Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452. You can also call to lodge your complaint and suggestions: (212) 588-8400.

Venus Press Seeks Cartoons For Anthology

[Guttenberg, NJ]- Venus Press is seeking single-panel cartoons, strips and cartoon stories for **New Dyke**, a book anthology of cartoons by, for and about Lesbians. Cartoons can be fantasy, soap opera, humor, sci fi, feminist satire/politics, explicit sex, stories about growing up, coming out, romance, aging, etc. Deadline is December 1, 1991. Send submissions and SASE to Venus Press, 7100 Blvd. East, Guttenberg, NJ 07093.

BEST SELLERS OF THE MONTH

GAY

- Cures: A Gay Man's Odyssey** — Martin Duberman, Dutton.....\$19.95
- Halfway Home** — Paul Monette, Random House.....20.00
- Men on Men 3** — George Stambolian, Ed., Plume.....10.95
- Simple Suburban Murder** — Mark Richard Zubro, St. Martin's.....8.95
- The Boy Who Was Buried This Morning** — Joseph Hansen, Plume.....5.95
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Gay Firm Challenges University Of Chicago Over Benefits For Partners

[Chicago]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, on June 25, filed the first case in Chicago claiming that unmarried partners are entitled by law to receive the same benefits as married partners. Lambda's complaint, filed with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, against the University of Chicago, challenges the University's policy that prohibits unmarried domestic partners of registered students from having access to university libraries and recreational facilities. The policy allows only legal spouses of students, faculty and staff access to such benefits. The Chicago human rights law bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and marital status.

Lambda represents a Gay U of C grad student who asked that his partner, a grad student from a foreign university, be allowed use of the library and athletic facilities during the portion of the year in which they live in Chicago.

In response to Lambda's written demands that the University allow domestic partners the same access to benefits given so routinely to spouses, the University stood by its discriminatory policy, claiming that "given the substantial costs and heavy usage of the libraries and athletic facilities by employees and students themselves, we believe the current policies are justified by circumstances and consistent with our legal obligations."

"It's ironic and outrageous that an esteemed academic institution like the University of Chicago would deny a fellow academic access to its libraries because he is not married to his partner," stated Paula L. Eitelbrick, Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense. "Yet they allow free use of all facilities for spouses and any patron who can pay for it."

The grad student whom Lambda represents met his partner in 1987 in Cambridge, England, where they were both studying on academic fellowships. Until one or both finishes his degree, they are forced to commute by spending part of the year in Chicago and part in Germany, where his partner is a grad student. The two men have asked to remain anonymous for the time being due to the recent barrage of harassment, including death threats, against Gay students on the University of Chicago campus.

Steven Penn, Lambda's Chicago-based Cooperating Attorney, pointed out that the University's own policy also bans discrimination against Lesbian and Gay students, faculty and staff.

According to Eitelbrick, this case is part of a national effort to establish

Gay Republicans Meet In Chicago August 2-3

[Chicago]- Gay and Lesbian Republicans will be meeting in Chicago on August 2-3 for their national convention.

The last convention, held in Tampa, FL, oversaw the creation of the National Log Cabin Federation, the new national umbrella organization for Gay and Lesbian Republican groups across the country.

Foster Marshall, President of Chicago's Gay Republican Organization (CARGO) vows a rowdy convention. "After we finish our administrative business, we are going to get down and dirty about our lobbying and legislative priorities. Our community lost the fight for a Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill here in Illinois in May. But next year, we're going to start early and win it."

The 1991 Chicago convention also aims at continuing to build the grass roots foundation of Gay/Lesbian Republican groups that has been set in the last decade. Marshall says there are 35+ Gay Republican groups in all parts of the country.

Rich Tafel, President of the National Log Cabin Federation, plans an organizing effort to exact recognition for Gay/Lesbian Republicans from the national Republican Party hierarchy. Efforts are being made to ensure that openly Gay men and Lesbians attend the 1992 Republican Nominating Convention.

Tafel expressed the desire to increase the participation of Midwestern Gays and Lesbians and cited that as one of the reasons for holding the convention in Chicago.

For information on attending, please contact Foster Marshall, c/o CARGO, P.O. Box 148692, Chicago, IL 60614 or phone: (312) 281-6133.

equality for unmarried domestic partners and, in particular, for Lesbian and Gay couples, who are not allowed to marry. Cities like San Francisco, California, Madison, Wisconsin and Ithaca, New York have begun to address this discrepancy by passing laws which allow unmarried partners to register as domestic partners, providing some governmental recognition of their relationships.

Other cities like Seattle, Washington, Berkeley, California and New York City provide some benefits for domestic partners of city employees, such as bereavement leave in the event of a partner's death, family sick leave to care for a partner, or health insurance benefits.

Milwaukee Pride Merchandise Still Available

If you weren't able to get Pride '91 souvenirs, T-shirts, mugs, etc., before, or if you can't get enough of it, the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee (MLGPC) is happy to say that we still have more available. Prices are the same as listed before, and things will be on sale beginning in July. Call 32-PRIDE for further info or to place your order (Gay Bucks can still be used for merchandise as well as any MLGPC event).

MAP Receives \$5,000 Grant To Meet Children's Nutritional Needs

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund to be used to provide nutritional services for children with HIV infection.

The grant, which was made in memory of Bernie Schutten and Nancy Coffey, will allow MAP to provide intensified formula for infants, baby diapers, thermometers and hygiene products for infants, baby food, over-the-counter cold medications

and clothing.

According to Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, "These items are not funded through federal or state public assistance programs." Nelson added that funding such as this is needed to supplement donated food items from the community and augment the agency's supply of items needed for infants and children.

MAP Gives Nutritional Workshop, "Buy Better, Eat Better" July 18

[Milwaukee]- On Thursday, July 18, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will offer a program entitled "Buy Better, Eat Better," part of its continuing nutritional workshops. The program will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the MAP offices at 315 W. Court St. Pre-registration is not required.

Presented by Jocelyn Kempfer, R.D., nutritionist with the City of Milwaukee Health Department and Maureen

Johnson, coupon expert, this program will help participants to discover how to eat nutritiously on a limited budget.

Participants will also learn to prepare low cost, high protein meals and learn ways to find good food buys at the grocery store.

For more information, contact Christina Kotlowski, case manager and food service coordinator at MAP, (414) 273-1991.

Next GALVANize Meeting Set For July 26 At UW Memorial Union

[Madison]- On Friday, July 26, there will be a general meeting to discuss plans for the October 5, 1991 March and Celebration being held in Madison. The meeting will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. before the Ten Percent Society dance at the UW Memorial Union, (Check "Today in the Union" for room).

Many volunteers are needed to make the October 5 celebration a success.

Childcare will be provided. For more info call GALVANize at (608) 255-8061 or write: P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53710-1403.

GALVANize will also have an information table at the Sat., July 20 MAGIC Picnic and will be selling the beautiful new T-shirt designed for the Oct. 5 March/Celebration.

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Johns Hopkins Holds Competition For New Technologies For Disabled

By John Zeh

[Baltimore]- With implementation of the Americans With Disabilities Act only a year away, the need for a new adaptive technology to assist challenged citizens is economically, as well as morally, imperative.

That is one key cornerstone of a national search for innovative and affordable computer-based designs, programs, or products designed to help people with a wide variety of disabilities, AIDS, learning or mobility impairments, and other limiting ailments.

Amateurs, students, teachers and professional specialists can enter a high-stakes computer-based competition to help improve the lives of disabled people.

The Johns Hopkins University offers a

OBITUARIES

Steven Grossman

Singer and songwriter Steven Grossman, whose record "Caravan Tonight" was the first openly Gay album released by a major label, died Sunday, June 23, 1991 in his San Francisco home, of complications due to AIDS.

"Caravan Tonight," released by Mercury Records in 1974, was hailed by Stephen Holden for *Rolling Stone* as "one of the most auspicious singer/songwriter debuts of the seventies." In *Gay Magazine*, Vito Russo described the disk as "A godsend! He is going to be the one to bridge the gap between straight and Gay audiences."

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Steven moved to San Francisco in 1975, where he continued to write and occasionally perform. For the past decade he worked as an accountant, retiring from his post at the University of California-San Francisco in July, 1990. Two months before his death his lifelong friend Judith Casselberry, of the group

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Triangle and the Boot Camp which offer free coffee and/or coke.

Gunkel said that he had been making a survey of the streets near bars from the Wreck Room to the Allan Bradley Clock area, checking lighting needs. He had also made contact with Phillip Morris, Inc., seeking a grant for the purchase of security equipment.

In the end, there seemed general agreement that beefed up security plus an on-going program of self-awareness would be the most effective tools to help ensure customer safety.

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flyers which called on Gunderson to "Come Out For Gay Rights" and to "Join the sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian rights bill in Congress." The flyers also warned Gunderson, "No Votie! No Nookie!" indicating, Campbell said in a press release, that Gunderson should be "ashamed to show his face in Gay bars if he doesn't support Gay rights."

The only member of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation who is a co-sponsor of the bill is Jim Moody (D-5th).

Campbell gave several hundred of the flyers to parade participants in the staging area and then, Campbell said, began walking down Main Street where spectators lined the curbs waiting for the parade, headed by Gunderson, to come by.

Asked about the crowds reaction to the flyers, Campbell indicated that they were greeted with general equanimity. People didn't seem surprised by the information, Campbell said.

In the 2000 block of Main Street, Campbell was approached by La Crosse Police Sgt. R.L. Bott and, according to Campbell, he was told he had to have a permit to pass out flyers at a La Crosse parade. Campbell said he laughed at the Sergeant and told him that he "doubted that such an ordinance existed and that even if it did, it was a violation of constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech and press."

Campbell said he continued handing flyers to spectators with the sergeant tailing him. He was shortly arrested and handcuffed. He said he dropped "one flyer" and was charged with littering. He was taken in a squad car to the county jail where he was given two tickets, one for littering and one for putting flyers on

\$10,000 top prize, hundreds of other awards, satisfaction of helping others and a potentially lucrative professional future.

Deadline for entries is August 23, 1991.

Entries will be judged in separate categories to avoid making amateurs compete directly with pros. Winning entries will be shown in science museums around the U.S. Top winners will be displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

Entry forms may be obtained from Johns Hopkins National Search, P.O. Box 1200, Laurel, MD 20723.

Editor's Note: After a legal challenge, correspondent John Zeh was issued Washington, D.C.'s first handicapped motorcycle license.

"Casselberry-Dupree," produced vocal tracks for 14 new compositions. The release date for this CD project is Spring, 1992.

Sumner Elliott

Sumner Locke Elliott, the Australian born actor, playwright and novelist, died of cancer at his Manhattan home on June 24. He was 73.

Elliott was born in Sydney and began his career as an actor in Australia. He came to the U.S. where, in the 1950's, he wrote 30 original plays and scores of adaptations for television during its "Golden Age" of live dramas.

In the last two decades, Elliott wrote many bestselling novels. His first, *Careful, He Might Hear You*, was largely autobiographical, recounting a custody battle over an orphaned boy.

Elliott also wrote *Edens Lost*, *Rusty Bugles*, *The Man Who Got Away*, and *Water Under the Bridge*. *Fairyland*, one of his last books, described his experiences growing up as a Gay man in Australia.

Gay Supporter Elected Member Of Congress

[Boston, MA]- Lesbian and Gay rights supporter John Olver was elected to Congress in the June 4, 1991 special election to fill the seat of the late Representative Silvio Conte (R-MA).

In what the Human Rights Campaign Fund described as a "particularly close race" against a strong opponent of Gay/Lesbian rights, Olver received support from the major state and national Lesbian and Gay civil rights organizations and groups.

cars. The tickets were for \$61 each. Campbell denies he put flyers on cars and says there were no cars parked on the parade route. He was released "about a half hour later." 300 of the flyers were confiscated.

Campbell said he returned to the parade route. Gunderson was just passing in an open car. Campbell handed him a flyer. Campbell says Gunderson took it, read it and then let it fall to the floor of the car.

Campbell's first court appearance will be on July 17.

At 1:00, July 16, Campbell said he would appear on a La Crosse TV talkshow, "Friend to Friend" to discuss what happened in La Crosse.

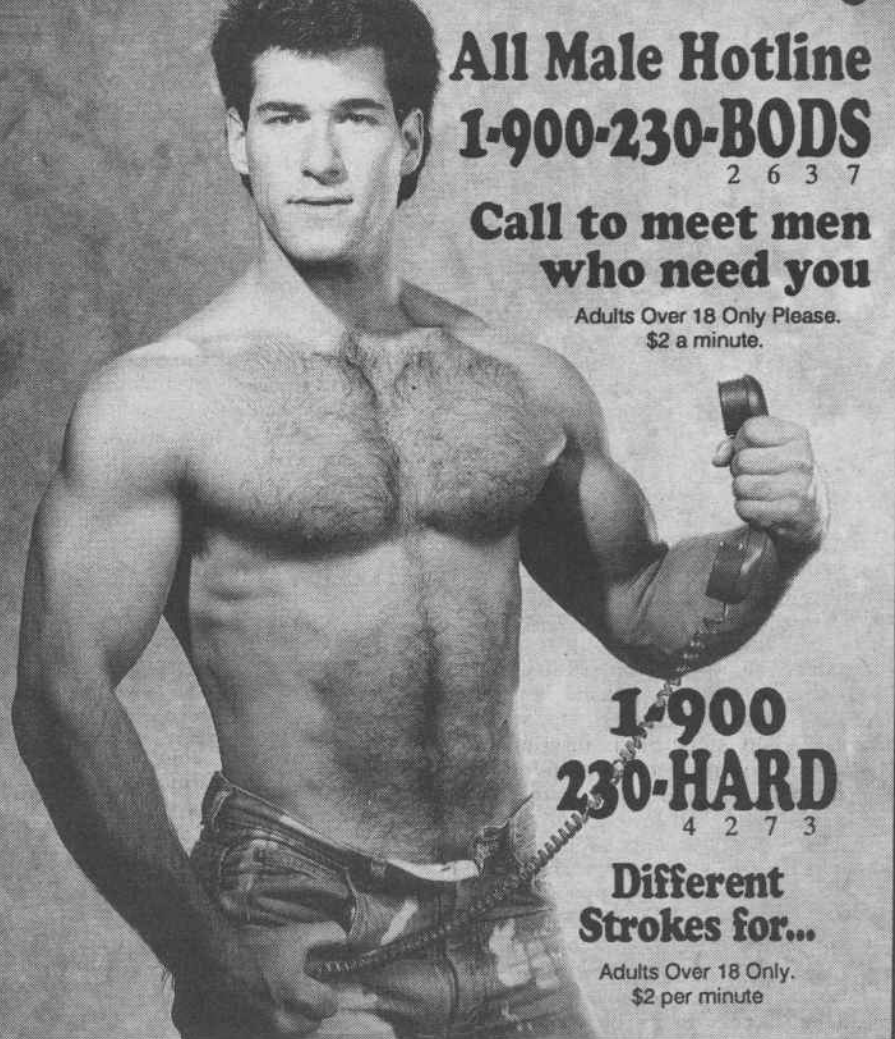
Petrelis, in defense of his action at the French Quarter and his support, over all, of outing, argues that going to public places like Gay bars is not a part of one's right to privacy.

Campbell says, "Does being in a Gay bar prove someone's Gay? No!" but then points out that "When a legislator is not a sponsor of Gay rights, he can hardly claim his reason for being in a Gay bar is to be among friends and gather votes."

Marcus Kunian, press attache for Congressman Jim Moody (D-WI-5th) called the whole situation surrounding Gunderson "extremely unfortunate and unpleasant." He expressed strong disapproval of outing, condemning it as an "invasion of privacy." "It is deplorable," he said and called the practice "close to fascism." "It is sad," Kunian said, "to see this (outing) in Wisconsin, a state with proud progressive tradition."

To contact Congressman Gunderson, phone (WI) (715) 284-7431 or (Washington) (202) 225-5506 or write: House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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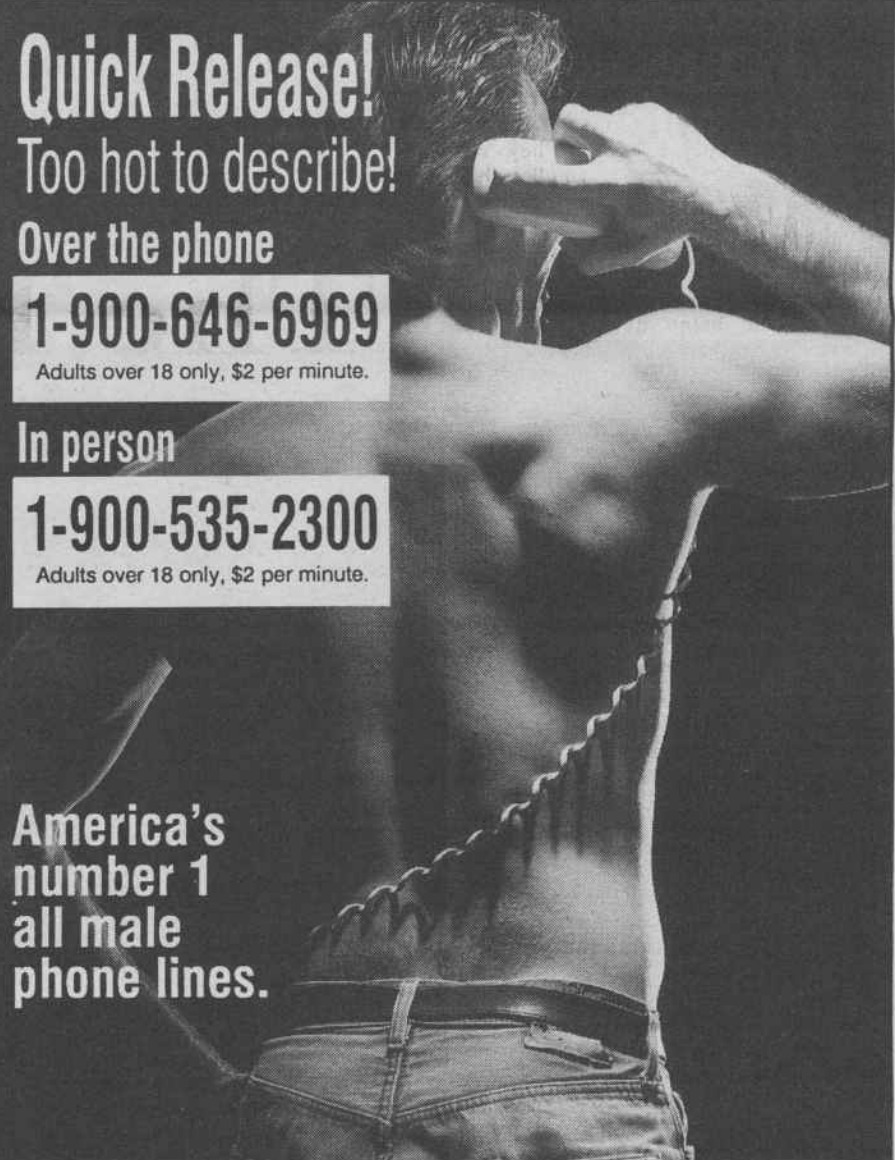
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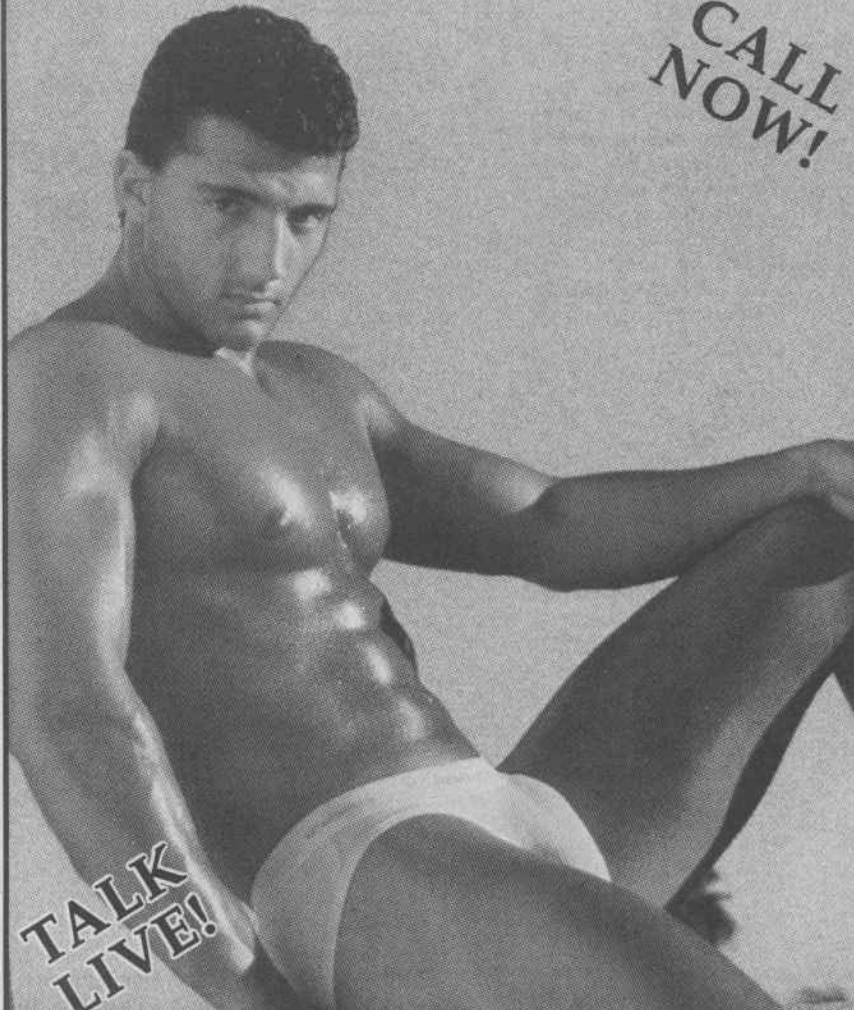
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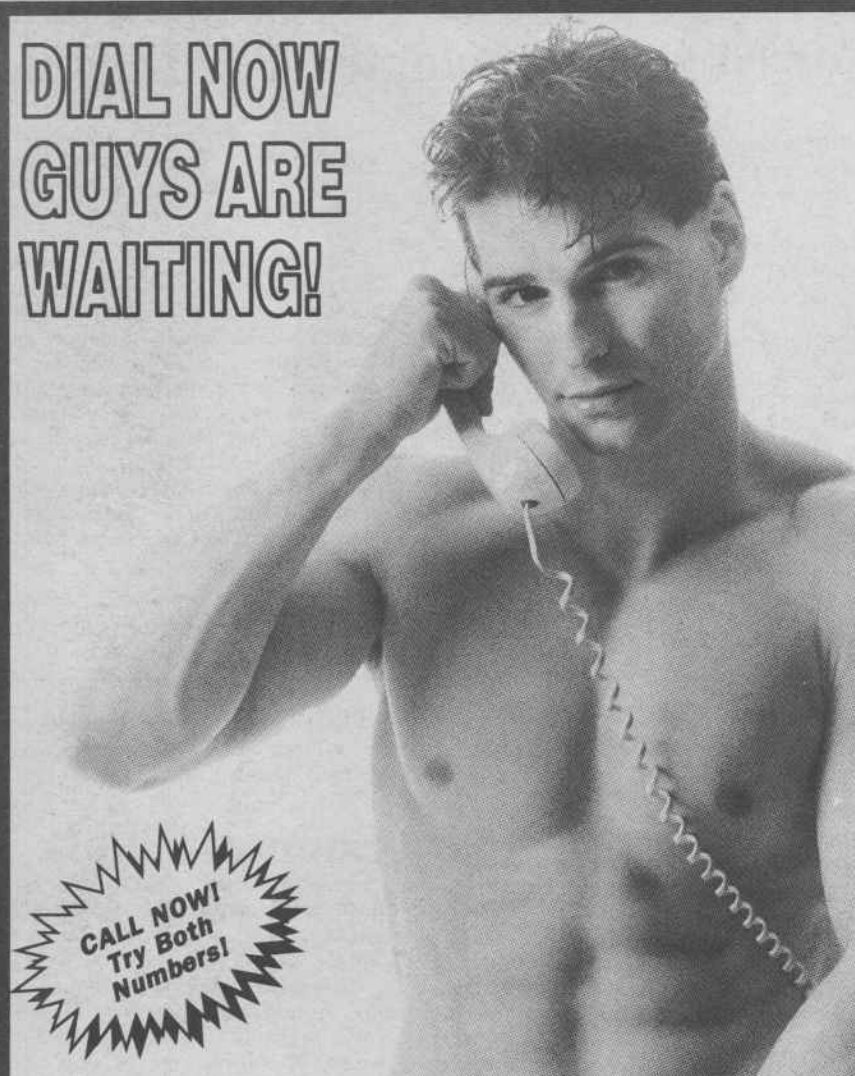
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OPINION: Recovery From Abusive Relationship Requires Time, Therapy

By D.W.B.

It is often difficult to fully understand why a particular relationship simply does not work. But one thing is certain, the relationship cannot work; there can be no intimacy, compassion, honesty or any of the tender things one expects from a partnership, if one partner is constantly battering another as happened to me.

The relationship with my abusive partner lasted nearly four years. It didn't start out that way, but after the first seven months, there was a radical change in my partner's behavior. For nearly three and a half years, our relationship was characterized by physical, emotional and sexual abuse.

Physical abuse included everything from having things thrown at me in the presence of company to being abandoned while traveling.

Emotionally, I was subjected to constant criticism and threats. I was publically humiliated. He was rude to my friends.

Sexual contact and affection were withheld as "punishment" or forced upon me when I was ill. Once I was raped. My own feelings were minimized while my partner demonstrated sexual interest toward other men, both in our home and elsewhere — all while I watched.

At one point, my partner suggested that I seek professional help since, according to him, it was I who was responsible for the difficulties in our relationship. I was in therapy for the remainder of the relationship.

For awhile, we attended couples therapy, but that only lasted for two sessions. After that, my partner refused to return.

I continued to attend therapy sessions and was brought to realized that I was a worthwhile and important person. I did

not deserve to be treated as I was being treated, not if he loved me.

Finally, I decided that my own survival demanded that I break off the relationship. I chose to end the abuse on March 1, 1991.

With the help of a therapist, sensitive to alternative lifestyles, I am now in recovery.

I am writing because we, those of us who may be in similar situations, need to hear each other. If you are in such a relationship or, as I am, recovering from one, then please write to the address below. We need to hear your story and it will be held in strictest confidence. Future projects include a men's support group for guidance and direction.

Please write to: The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, c/o D.W.B.

Monogamy Tops Among Gay and Lesbian Couples

[Seattle, WA]- According to *Partners* a newsletter for Gay and Lesbian couples, Gay and Lesbian relationships may seem revolutionary by some standards, but most organize their sex lives on the traditional principal of monogamy. In a national survey of 1,266 same-sex couples conducted by the publication, 91 percent of female couples were found to be monogamous, as were 63 percent of male couples.

Of the female couples who were not monogamous, seven percent were "monogamous with agreed exceptions" and three percent were non-monogamous. Male couples were less inclined to monogamy: 26 percent permitted "agreed exceptions" and 11 percent were non-monogamous.

Many partners whose agreements allowed outside sex were sexually exclusive in practice. Outside sex was reported by less than three percent of female partners and 26 percent of male partners. Only 12 percent of all male partners had outside sex more often than monthly.

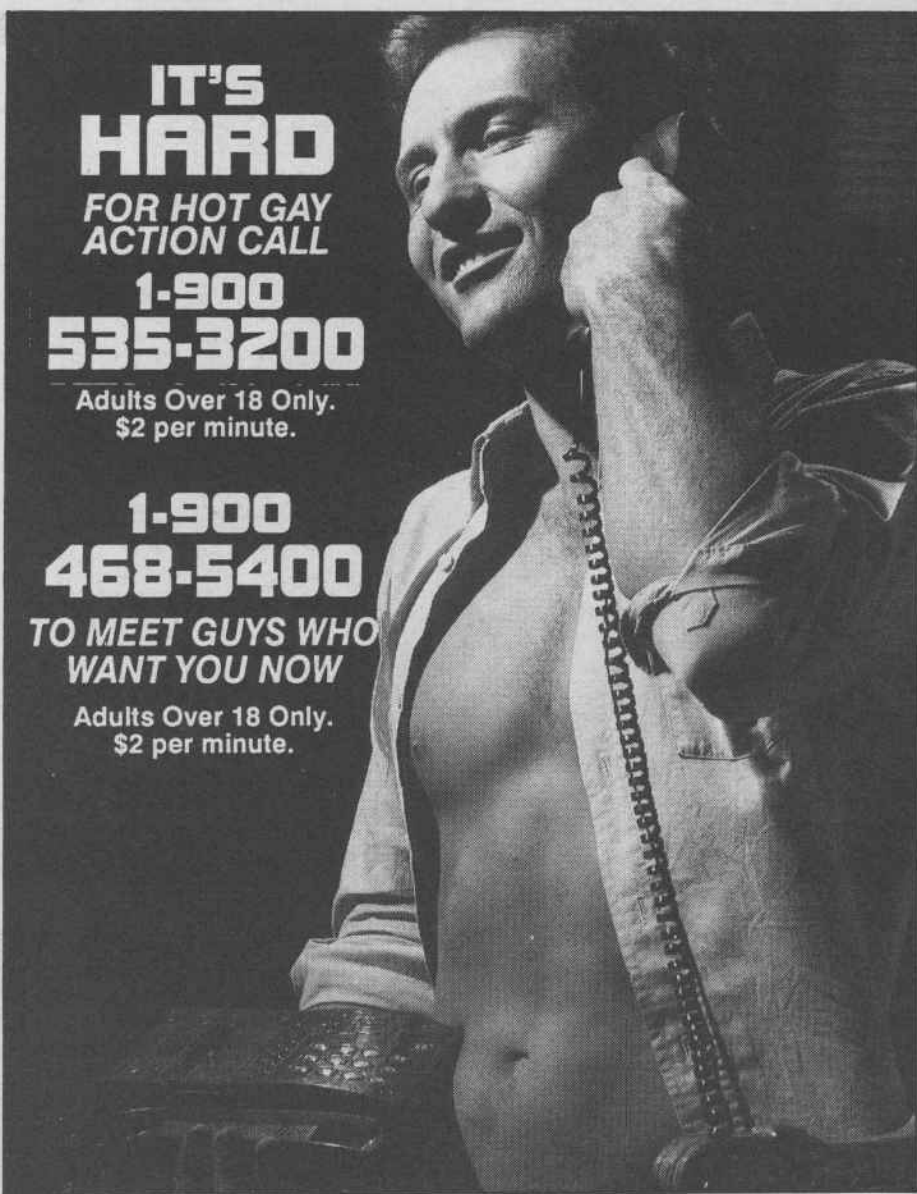
Interestingly, men reporting outside sex also had more frequent sex with their partners. In addition, the longer male couples had been together, the more likely they were to report outside sex. Neither of these patterns was observed among women.

Radical Faeries To Gather In Minnesota

[Chicago]- A radical faerie gathering is set for Kawashaway Sanctuary in Northeast Minnesota from Friday, August 2 to Sunday, August 12, 1991.

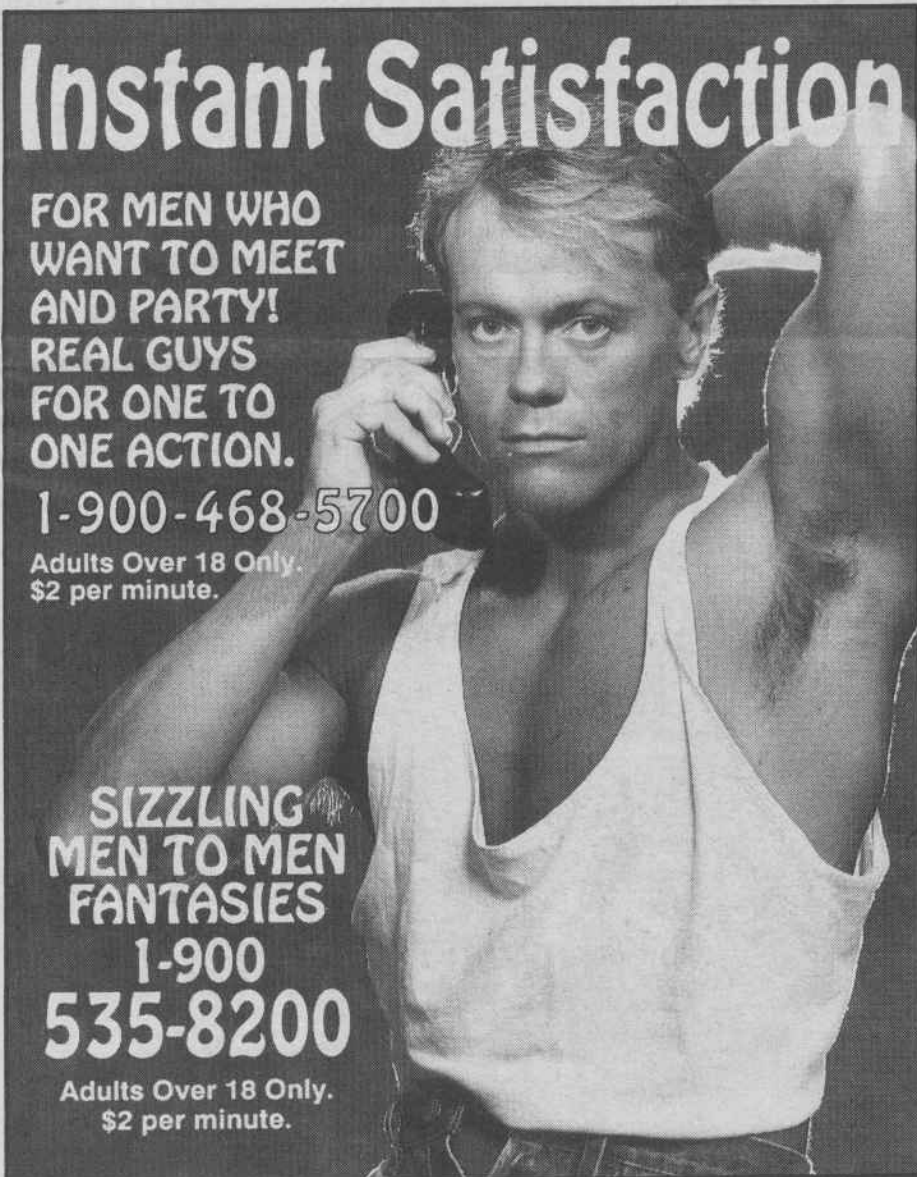
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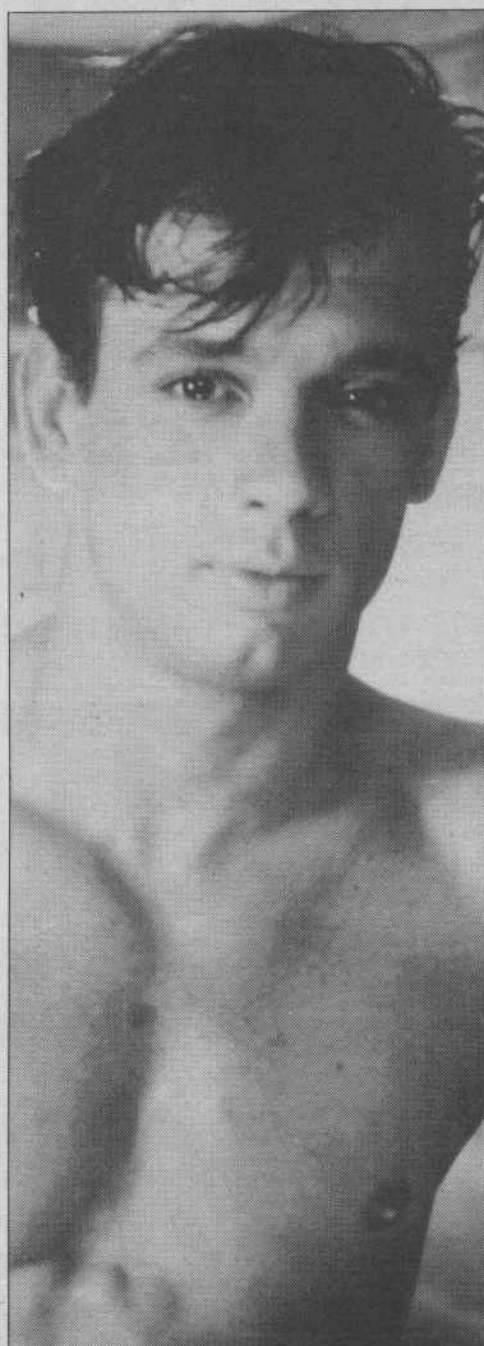


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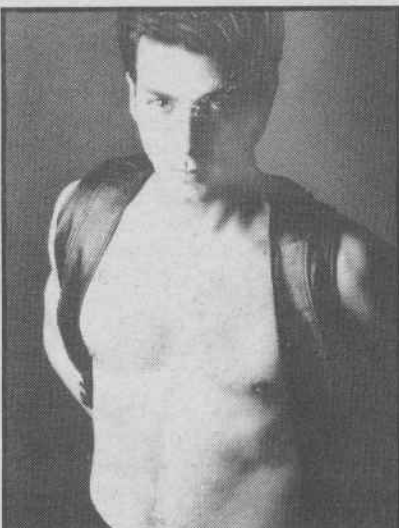
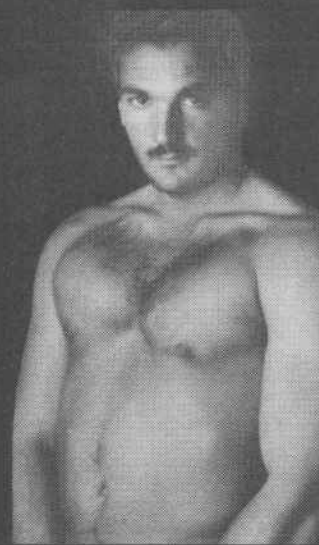
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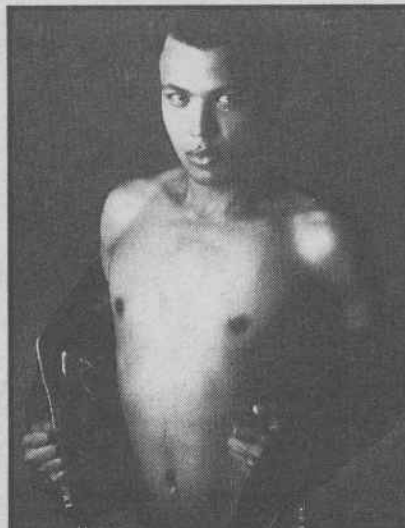
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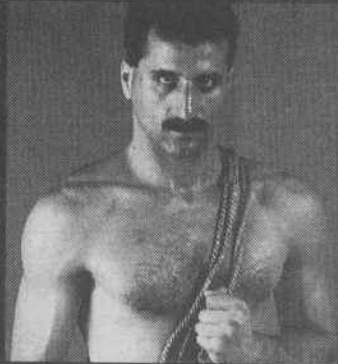
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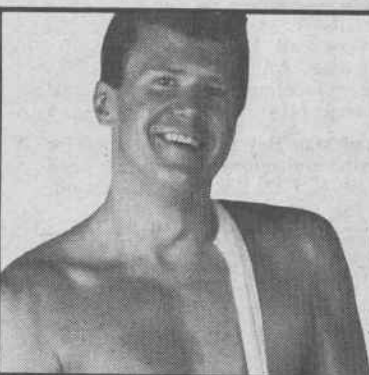
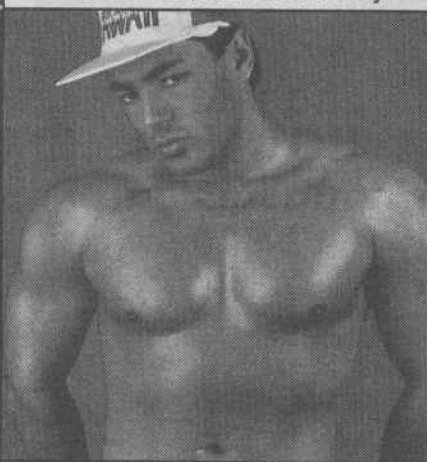
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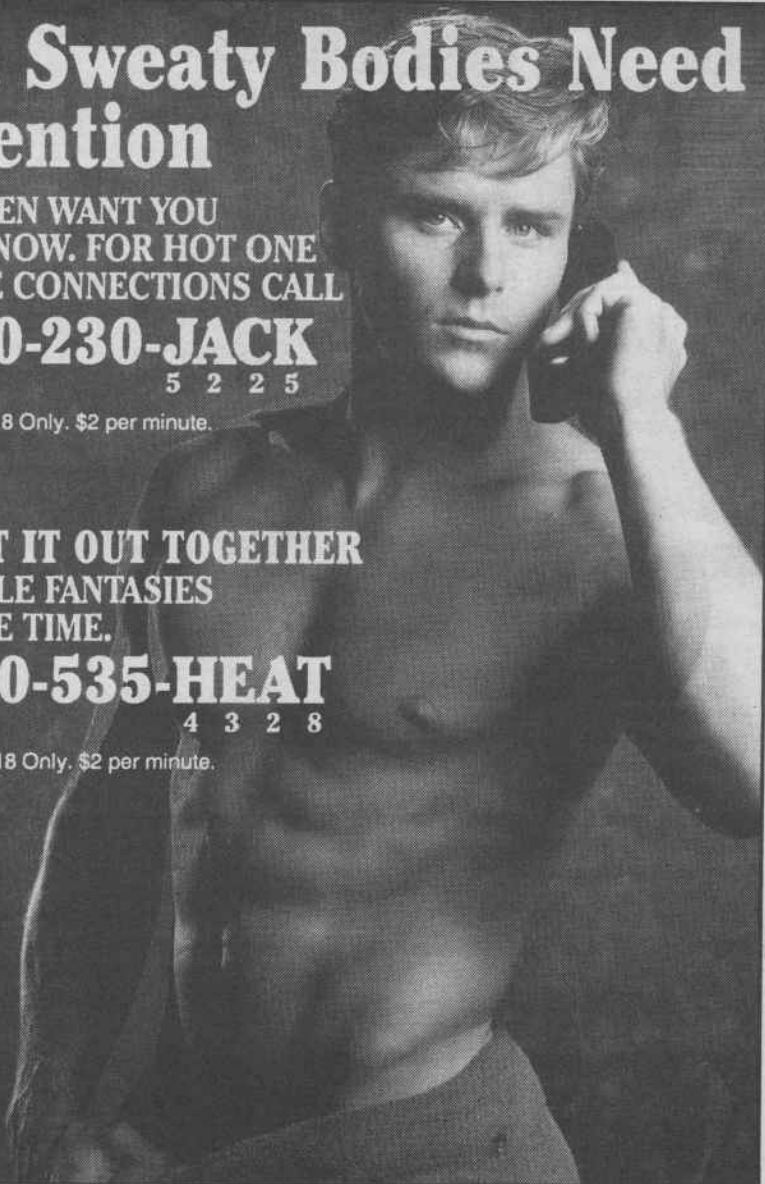
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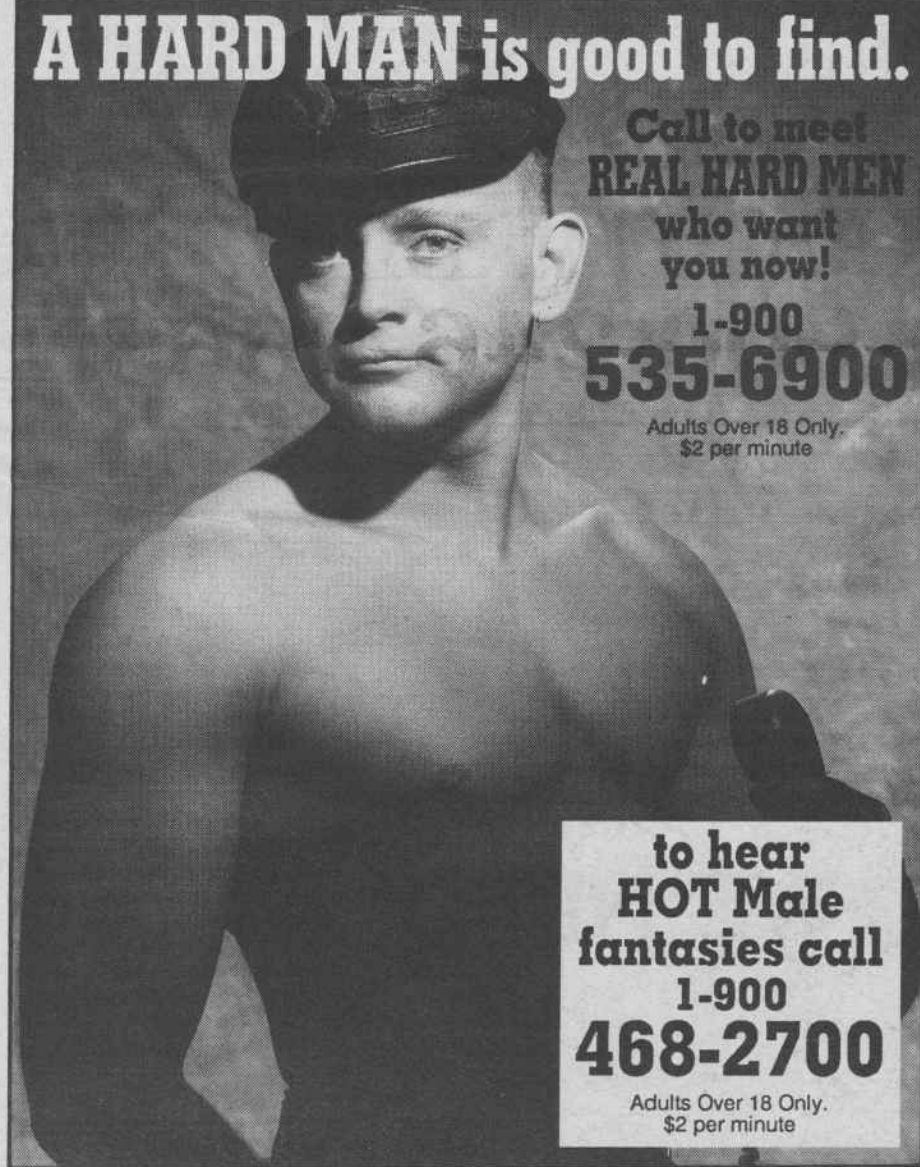


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“Beverly Hills, 90210” Introduces Gay Character in July 25 Episode

By Thomas J. Roney

[Minneapolis, MN]- More good news in the entertainment department. A relatively new television series called “Beverly Hills, 90210” will become the third prime-time series, along with “Roseanne” and “LA Law,” to introduce a Gay character this season. This episode will air on the Fox Network at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25.

“Beverly Hills, 90210” made its debut last October. Though the production values are a total seventies throwback, “90210” takes on the kinds of issues that the Moral Majority and company scared television producers out of dealing with throughout the eighties. But the main reason I started watching it is because the primary male character, Brandon (Jason Priestley), is an eleven on a scale of one to ten.

Gay Program Airs July 29 On State Public TV

[Milwaukee]- “Sexual Orientation: Reading Between the Labels,” will be broadcast statewide on Wisconsin Public Television on July 29 at 10:30 p.m. and on Friday, Sept. 6 at 3:00 p.m.

The 30 minute program is designed to help teachers and students as well as views in the community address issues related to homosexuality in teens. As viewers listen to Gay and Lesbian youth talk about themselves, those who are Gay or Lesbian will, hopefully, find a way of accepting themselves and others see ways of accepting them.

The program is funded by the Cream City Foundation, Inc., and the Chicago Resource Center. It is produced by Northeastern Wisconsin In-School Telecommunications, Cooperative Educational Service Agency No. 7.

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I have a copy of the script for this episode; the Gay character, Kyle, is only introduced in this episode and his character is sketchily outlined at best. This is most likely because it's up in the air whether or not Kyle will return to future episodes of “90210.” Since the rockhead-right wing will very likely write their letters, it's very important that Fox Broadcasting receives plenty of positive letters from us. You don't have to write “War and Peace,” just send some words of approval to: Fox Broadcasting, 10201 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

MADISON Writers Wanted

Wisconsin Light is seeking one or more volunteer writers to help cover Madison. This person(s) would write “people” profiles, attend events and write reviews, cover organization activities and general non-political news according to their interest and time constraints. For further information write: Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212 or call (414) 372-2773.

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Wisconsin's Senatorial Hopefuls Discuss Issues With The LIGHT

By Bill Meunier

Wisconsin will be the focus of a lot of attention in 1992. The Badger state is one of 10 states carried by the national Democratic ticket in the last Presidential election and its senior Senator Bob Kasten (R) is up for re-election.

Kasten was first elected in the Reagan landslide of 1980, eking out a narrow victory over Democratic incumbent Gaylord Nelson. He was re-elected by a very small margin in 1986 after running what many called a vicious campaign of slander directed at his opponent, Ed Garvey. (After the election Kasten settled a libel suit filed by Garvey by admitting that he lied about him during the campaign.)

Needless to say a large number of Democrats think that Kasten is ripe for defeat next year. The potential candidates are Congressman James Moody, (D-Milwaukee), State Senator Russell Feingold (D- Middleton) and wealthy Milwaukee businessman Joseph Checota. While being interviewed by **Wisconsin Light** during the Wisconsin Democratic Convention, Moody and Feingold expressed support for Gay and Lesbian rights. Checota refused to comment.

Moody is Wisconsin's only co-sponsor of the federal Gay and Lesbian Rights Act. He has achieved a 100% approval rating from the Human Rights Campaign Fund and while he was in the Wisconsin State Senate, he was the floor manager for AB 70, Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian rights law. In 1991, Gay People's Union gave Moody its prestigious Alyn Hess award.

As he has in past campaigns, Moody is openly bidding for Gay and Lesbian support. When asked why Lesbians and Gays should back him, he stated, "I am a strong supporter of human rights...I believe that people should have the right to determine their own lifestyles and destinies, that's what being an American is all about. I have already worked hard in the house to get increased funding for AIDS. If we are ever to going to find a

treatment or cure, we have to put a lot of money into research. I have supported the rights of Gays and Lesbians to serve in the Military. I have taken up the rights of Miriam Ben Shalom in her fight and I recently signed onto a letter that demanded the Defense Department rescind its discriminatory policies."

Contrasted with Moody's answers were Checota's non answers. When asked if he would co-sponsor the Federal Lesbian and Gay Rights Act, Checota said: "I am not ducking your question but we have made a decision not to take any positions on the issues until after we have decided whether or not to run. There is no reason for me to say anything until then."

Feingold said: "I am the main author of Senate Bill 1, the first bill introduced this session, a civil rights bill to protect people from harassment on the job. It includes Gay and Lesbian protections. If it's passed it will be one of the strongest bills in the country. It will allow the person to go to State court and get compensatory damages and punitive damages and a trial by jury. I started that bill because I know people are discriminated against on the basis of their sexual preference. No other candidate has played that kind of lead role on that issue."

Feingold's pitch to the Gay and Lesbian community is that he will be a leader on our issues. Doubt about Feingold's leadership on Lesbian and Gay issues was raised when Walter Kunicki, Speaker of the House in the Wisconsin Legislature told **Light** that he was unaware of Feingold's bill.

Feingold does have Lesbians and Gays as paid members of his staff.

Most observers expect the race to come down to Moody and Checota.

Who the people in Wisconsin prefer to run against Kasten will be determined in September, 1992. Who they prefer to represent them in the Senate will be decided then two months later.

Protests Grow Over Government's Restrictive HIV Immigration Policy

[New York, NY]- The wave of protest against the federal government's policy of refusing to admit persons with HIV/AIDS continues to grow.

In New York, The Federation of Gay Games has sent a strongly worded letter to President Bush asking that he take the leadership role in "making sure HIV is removed from the Immigration and Naturalization Service's list of exclusionary diseases."

Continuation of this policy, the Federation warns, will mean that "hundreds — if not thousands — of athletes from around the world will not be able to participate in the largest athletic event in the world in 1994."

Gay Games IV will be held in New York City in 1994.

The Federation told the President that more than 10,000 athletes are expected to come to New York and participate. "Of these, an estimated 3,000...will be visiting from other countries. Undoubtedly, some of these athletes will be infected with HIV."

Joining the Federation in its condemnation of the exclusionary policy is the Human Rights Campaign Fund

(HRCF). In a statement, HRCF similarly called for an end to the policy, denouncing it as "without basis in scientific fact."

MAGIC Picnic Set for July 20 In Madison Park

[Madison]- Once again it's that time of year; July and MAGIC Picnic time in Madison, an event which annually attracts thousands from Madison and from all over Wisconsin and the surrounding area.

This year's extravaganza will be on Saturday, July 20, 1991 beginning to noon and lasting until 7:00 p.m. The location is Brittingham Park in Madison.

Proceeds from the picnic will benefit the Women's Transit Authority, the 10% Society, MASN, ACT UP/Madison, GALVANize, Womonsong, The Madison Volleyball Group, Queer Nation, the Rodney Scheel House for PWA's, Inc., the United, Blue Bus Clinic, Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, GLPAIG and Nothing to Hide.

For more info, call (608) 256-3302.

"Getting To Know Us" Is Topic Set For July 18 LAMM Meeting

[Milwaukee]- "Getting to Know Us" is the topic of the July 18 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). It will serve as an introduction to the Lesbian Alliance and will offer an opportunity for all Lesbians, prospective members or old-timers, to find out who we are and what we are doing.

For those who are already members, it will provide an opportunity to offer more input and participation. If you've been dying to join a committee, air your ideas,

improve on what has been happening, or just meet new (and cute) women in a non-bar atmosphere, this could be your chance.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a potluck at 6:00 p.m. A business meeting follows the program. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. Secure, lit parking is available. All Lesbians are welcome. For more info, call LAMM at 264-2600.

HIT and CCC Sponsor Pie Toss

[Milwaukee]- The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) and the Cream City Chorus have set the date for the annual Pie Toss. The cream takes to the air on Sunday, July 28, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. on the patio of Partner's.

The Pie Toss originated with HIT five years ago. However, this year marks the first time that the event is to be held as a joint fundraiser between these two prominent Milwaukee organizations.

The fundraiser involves bidding on the chance to throw whipped-cream pies into the faces of some of Milwaukee's favorite personalities.

Proceeds from this event will be split equally between the Cream City Chorus and HIT. Have some messy fun and help support these two organizations on July 28, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. at Partner's by LETTING THE CREAM FLY at some of your favorite people!

Women Sought For Milwaukee Pride Committee

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) will be holding its annual meeting and election of new members in September. This meeting is open to the public.

Due to the fact that all seats held by men are filled, the vacant seats can be held only by women. This is in accordance with MLGPC bylaws which strive for gender parity.

However, if the positions are not filled within sixty days of the September elections, posts are then open to anyone interested in serving.

If you are interested in seeking election, please send a resume listing prior positions with any public or private organizations — or send a letter of interest to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203 no later than September 1, 1991.



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