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Kenosha Cracker Barrel Protest Set For June 21

[Milwaukee]— "The infamously homophobic Cracker Barrel restaurant chain has brought their traditional bigotry values to Wisconsin," said Queer Nation (QN) Milwaukee. And QN intends to do something about it.

QN points out that both Barbara Walters and Oprah Winfrey have pledged not to eat at Cracker Barrel restaurants due to the chain's policy of firing Lesbian and Gay employees. QN adds that not only is Cracker Barrel's employment policy immoral, but in Wisconsin it's illegal as well.

QN asks you to bring your family, traditional or not, to the new Cracker Barrel restaurant at I-94 and Hwy. 50 and join QN Milwaukee in a Father's Day (June 21) demonstration against the "erosion of values" represented by Cracker Barrel.

There will be group transportation available from Juneau Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. The caravan will leave at 10:00 a.m.

For more information call (414) 643-5833 or (414) 384-3911 or talk to a representative of QN Milwaukee at the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Celebration on June 14.

Madison Activist Strasma, to Run For Assembly

[Madison]— Longtime community activist, Ken Strasma, formally announced his candidacy for David Clarenbach's Assembly seat on Monday, June 1, 1992, at 12:30 p.m. at Olin Terrace in Madison.

He was joined in his announcement by State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison). Clarenbach, famous for his battles for civil rights, is giving up his seat after 18 years in the Legislature to run for Congress in the 2nd District.

Strasma is Vice-Chair of the Capitol chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and serves on the Boards of Directors of the Marquette Neighborhood Association, Community Shares of Wisconsin, Community CHIP, and Commonwealth Development. Strasma served three terms as Chair of the Dane County Democratic Party and was appointed by Governor Earl to the Wisconsin Equal Rights Council.

"We need someone who will fight for universal health care, meaningful



KEN STRASMA

property tax relief; who will defend abortion rights, and stand up for civil rights and civil liberties," Strasma said, adding that he will actively oppose any attempt to bring back capital punishment in Wisconsin.

In his speech, Strasma noted that he hoped that Clarenbach was elected to Congress, but "I'm afraid that the nation's gain will be our loss." He went on to characterize Clarenbach as "one of the State Assembly's strongest leaders both for the City of Madison and for the progressive cause."

"The people of David Clarenbach's district expect and deserve a State Representative who is progressive, innovative and experienced enough to effectively carry on Clarenbach's fight in the next legislature," Strasma said.

Bill Introduced in Congress to End Military Discrimination



KISSING ALL WEEK— Stacie Neldaughter and Ginny Lyons of Madison were joined in a commitment ceremony in Dubuque, Iowa's Washington Square on May 30. They are shown while Womonsong sang "Alla, that's Alright." They especially like the line "Someone come and carry me into a seven day kiss..."

Lisowski Selected To Be Grand Marshall in Milwaukee Pride Parade

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee has announced its choice of Michael S. Lisowski as the Grand Marshall for this year's Pride Parade.

Currently working as a Community Health Educator for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Michael has a long history of involvement in Milwaukee's Lesbian Gay Community.

Perhaps his best known involvement is as the co-host of Tri Cable Tonight and Q-TV, but Mike Lisowski has done much more to serve our community.

Recognizing the need for a source of information and counseling, Mike took over the Gay People's Union Hotline in 1981 and still serves as its Director. Seeing the need to help troubled Lesbian and Gay teens, he became Director of Gay Youth Milwaukee in 1980 and a position he has held to this day.

In addition Mike has been very involved in Black White Men Together. He served as its Milwaukee Chapter President from 1985 to 1988. He is currently the Corresponding Secretary for its National Board of Directors. Mike received the National Association of Black White Men Together Special Achievement Award in 1984 and 1988 in recognition of his work with Lesbian and Gay Youth.

Typically Mike wants to make certain that we don't forget our Gay and Lesbian Youth. He has requested that members of Gay Youth Milwaukee be allowed to ride with him in the Parade and share in his special moment.

Mike's other involvements include his

Coalition Formed to Fight Anti-Choice Demonstrations in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]— In response to the targeting of Milwaukee women's health clinics for six weeks of illegal blockades by some of the most fanatic anti-choice groups in America (groups which are not supported by the Wisconsin Right To Life), a number of pro-choice individuals and groups have formed the Milwaukee Clinic Protection Coalition (MCPC).

Among the groups included in MCPC are: the Milwaukee Jewish Council, the National Abortion Rights Action League, Wisconsin (NARAL), the National Council of Jewish Women- Milwaukee Section, NOW, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin and others. It is sponsored by the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee.

The Coalition hopes to prevent the terrible chaos that occurred in Wichita, Kansas from happening here in Milwaukee.

Without the support of the Milwaukee

volunteer work with MAP, his work with the Milwaukee Public Schools Task Force Regarding Gay and Lesbian Teens and many other groups, projects and organizations too numerous to name.

Lisowski has received a number of



MICHAEL S. LISOWSKI

honors including the Community Service Award from the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, and the Lambda Rights Network Pace Setter Award. In 1987 Mike was installed as a member of the Cream City Business Association Wall of Fame.

community, patients will be physically unable to enter clinics and, along with the clinic staff, will be harassed and threatened by these anti-choice groups. Anonymous death threats have been received by some clinic personnel.

The Coalition will continue to train hundreds of volunteer to maintain safe, protected access to these clinics using legal methods. Training for clinic protectors will also be provided at clinics every morning beginning June 15, 1992, the first week of the announced blockading.

Those interested in helping may call the Coalition's Hotline at (414) 669-9000.

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[Washington, D.C.]— On May 19, 1992, Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-CO) introduced a Gay-initiated bill into the House of Representatives that would prohibit discrimination in the military on the basis of sexual orientation.

Schroeder is a member of the House Armed Services Committee. The bill is titled "The Military Freedom Act of 1992" (HR 5208). It is the first legislation ever proposed to end the military's exclusion of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. As of press time, the bill has 53 co-sponsors.

According to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, none of the co-sponsors is from Wisconsin.

On the May 19th broadcast of the ABC television program *Nightline*, Schroeder admitted, "I'm a little nervous about whether the bill can get passed this year."

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the likely Democratic candidate for president, has spoken in favor of the bill. President Bush has repeatedly supported the military's ban on Gays.

Both U.S. Defense Secretary Richard Cheney and General Colin Powell, have also voiced their support for the exclusionary policy.

Cheney, who earlier had called the anti-Gay policy an "old chestnut," on May 22, speaking at a press conference told a reporter that "a Gay lifestyle is incompatible with military service."

Powell had earlier stated that putting Gay soldiers in "close proximity" with other service members would cause problems during everyday activities "such as showering or using the latrine."

In a letter to Schroeder, Powell repeated his concerns about the incompatibility of Gays and "privacy rights."

Freedom Act Draws Wide Support

Outside the Administration, the Freedom Act has drawn wide support. Openly Gay Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) said, "the question is not whether Gay men and women will serve in the armed forces. They always have, they do now at every rank and level — both military and civilian — and they always will. The question is whether they can do so openly, with dignity and with pride, or whether they will be compelled to live a lie."

Studds further maintained that the military's argument against Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, was "the same argument used decades ago to justify racial segregation of the armed forces. Such a policy, he said, "has no place in a free country."

Urvashi Vaid, whose National Gay and Lesbian Task Force initiated the Military Freedom Project four years ago, expressed pride in the new "stage of our coalition's campaign to dismantle" the Pentagon's archaic policy.

Added Rosemary Dempsey, openly Lesbian vice president of the National Organization for Women, "Women are three times more likely to be discharged based on allegations of homosexuality." She called the policy not only homophobic, but "inherently sexist."

Still under House consideration is a resolution proposed by Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) that seeks an Executive Order from President Bush to abolish the military's anti-Gay ban. Both Boxer and Schroeder serve on the Armed Services Committee.

Oppression Continues

On May 19, Lieutenant j.g. Tracy Thorne, 25, a Navy aviator based at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, appeared with Schroeder on *Nightline*. He became the first active-duty military officer to publicly disclose his being Gay before facing official charges.

Earlier in the day, on ABC TV's *World News Tonight*, Petty Officer 1st Class Keith Meinhold, 30, also announced he is

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Clinton Gets HRCF Endorsement

[Washington, D.C.]—The Human Rights Campaign Fund announced on June 1, that it had endorsed Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton for President of the United States. It is the first time in the eleven year history of the group that it has chosen to endorse a candidate for President.

"Governor Clinton has made it clear that he will fight to end discrimination against Lesbian and Gay Americans and will push to secure funding for our health care concerns," noted Laura Altschul, Co-Chair of the Campaign Fund's Board of Directors. "After twelve years of ignorance, inaction and indifference, the choice in 1992 is too important for our community to stand on the sidelines. Every Lesbian and Gay American has an important stake in removing George Bush from office and putting Bill Clinton into the White House."

Congressional AIDS Forum in June

[Washington, D.C.]—House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, will give the keynote address at an unprecedented congressional forum on Capitol Hill later in June that will examine the international economic, social and foreign policy impacts of the explosive spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Slated for June 23-25, the "Congressional Forum on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic" is sponsored by the Congressional Task Force on International HIV/AIDS, co-chaired by Rep. Jim McDermott, (D-WA) and the Human Rights Project, Inc.

The World Health Organization (WHO) predicts that by the year 2000, there will be 10 million people with AIDS in the world and an additional 40 million HIV positive people worldwide," said Rep. McDermott.

Gay Magazines Hit Mainstream

[New York, NY]—New Lesbian/Gay magazines are "beginning to draw unprecedented attention." This, according to the June 1 issue of *Newsweek* The magazine cites *Out*, *Genre*, *QW* and *The Advocate* as examples.

The Advocate, for example, has added glossy advertising and stronger features. It claims 75,000 paid circulation, the largest in the country for a Gay publication.

The key to the success of these and other such publications, says *Newsweek*, is increased advertising. "No one doubts college-educated Gays and Lesbians with no children have money to spend — even in the recession."

A 1988 Simons Market Research Bureau survey of readers of eight Gay newspapers revealed an average household income of \$55,430, compared with the \$32,144 national average.

Openly Lesbian/Gay Candidates Win

[Portland, OR]—Oregon State Representative Gail Shibley, the first and only openly Lesbian member of the legislature, won the Democratic Party nomination for Congress with an overwhelming 87 percent margin over two primary opponents. Targeted by the anti-Gay Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA). OCA is a right-wing group seeking to deny Lesbians and Gays all civil rights in the state.

Shibley credited the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's member with helping her raise more than \$12,000 for her campaign and help educate voters on the issues.

Another Victory Fund recommended candidate from Oregon is Jerry Keene who ran unopposed for the Republican nomination for Oregon's 11th Legislative District. Keene's Democratic opponent has already raised the issue of sexual orientation in attempts to hamper Keene's fundraising.

Psychoanalysts Expand Protections

[New York, NY]—In response to a letter sent by the American Civil Liberties' national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, the American Psychoanalytic Association has expanded its anti-discrimination protections to insure that candidates for positions as training and supervising analysts are not discriminated against based on their sexual orientation.

"The change is significant because it will help Lesbians and Gay men who choose to be psychoanalysts advance in their professional pursuits," said William B. Rubenstein, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "This decision recognizes that a person's sexual orientation is not related to his or her ability to train or supervise psychoanalysts."

Rapid AIDS Test Licensed by FDA

[Washington, D.C.]—A press release from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces that the FDA has licensed a 10-minute diagnostic test kit which can be used by health professionals to detect the presence of HIV Type-1 — the virus that causes AIDS.

This new HIV-1 diagnostic kit will quickly and reliably detect antibodies to HIV-1. It can be used in doctors' offices, clinics, emergency rooms, small hospitals, labs or other health care settings where traditional HIV diagnostic test kits are impractical or unavailable.

Churches Seek Observer Status

[Los Angeles]—The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) is requesting official observer status from the National Council of Churches (NCC).

The request was made in a May 26 letter to the NCC from Rev. Troy Perry, founder and moderator of the 27,000 member Christian denomination.

"Our ultimate goal is full membership in the NCC, but we are requesting observer status in order to acknowledge the limits imposed on our relationship by their homophobia," said Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, UFMCC Chief Ecumenical Officer.

Presidential Convention Events

[Washington, D.C.]—Dozens of Gay/Lesbian and AIDS-related events are scheduled to take place during and around the Democratic and Republican National Conventions this Summer.

Some tentatively scheduled events: United for AIDS Action, a coalition of more than 70 organizations, will sponsor a massive AIDS march and rally on July 14 during the Democratic convention (call (212) 337-1227 for details); ACT UP/Republican National Convention Working Group will sponsor an AIDS rally and march to the Astrodome in Houston on August 17 (call (816) 753-5930); and Queer Nation/Houston will hold a "Marry-In" in Houston on August 19 (call (713) 527-8674 for details).

Hawai'i Court Will Hear Appeal

[Honolulu]—The state Supreme Court says it will hear an appeal of a decision preventing Gay couples from legally marrying. This, according to Daniel Foley, the lawyer representing the three Gay couples that filed the lawsuit.

The suit was thrown out by Circuit Judge Robert Klein — now on the Supreme Court — in September, 1991. Klein said Gay marriages aren't a fundamental right under the state Constitution.

Foley said there were other parts of the judge's ruling that were inappropriate, including what he called the judge's use of excerpts from a newspaper column by ultra-conservative Cal Thomas.

The lawsuit also contends the state Health Department violated the couples' right to privacy, equal protection and due process. **Colorado Initiative Now On Ballot**

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REVEREND JANE ADAMS SPAHR

Rev. Jane Adams Spahr Preaches Message of Hope to Presbyterians

[Milwaukee]— "We have no fear of labels; we have no fear of roles," sang the congregation of some 300 at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 7. The overflow crowd had gathered to worship and hear openly Lesbian Rev. Jane Adams Spahr preach a sermon of hope, resurrection and renewal on the occasion of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Milwaukee.

Rev. Spahr has been called to minister to the Downtown Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York. Her assumption of the pastorate there is being contested because she is a Lesbian.

In a day when bigotry and homophobia is wide-spread in the Christian church, Rev. Spahr, using Amos 5:21-24 as her text, spoke to Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals of having the light of God within us.

"We are going to change the church," she said, adding, "We are the church with you. We don't want you to miss us."

She spoke of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals being gathered by God in all our diversity. "By gathering one another

out of isolation, we can change the system," she said. "There will be no secrets."

Rev. Spahr called the Presbyterian Church to "know justice" and spoke of "families redefined; families expanded" and of God being in relationships.

"You've got to let go of the God of fear," she told the congregation and the church-at-large. "If there is no justice, if there is oppression, none of us is free."

Dahmer Comic Book Protest Planned

[Milwaukee]—A community group will protest the publication of a comic book about serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer. Career Youth Development Center plans to meet at 8:00 a.m. Saturday at 2601 N. King Dr., and then members will drive to Champaign, IL, to picket in front of Hart D. Fischer's home and his publishing house. Fischer is the writer and publisher of the comic book. For more information, call Art Murchison at (414) 264-6888.

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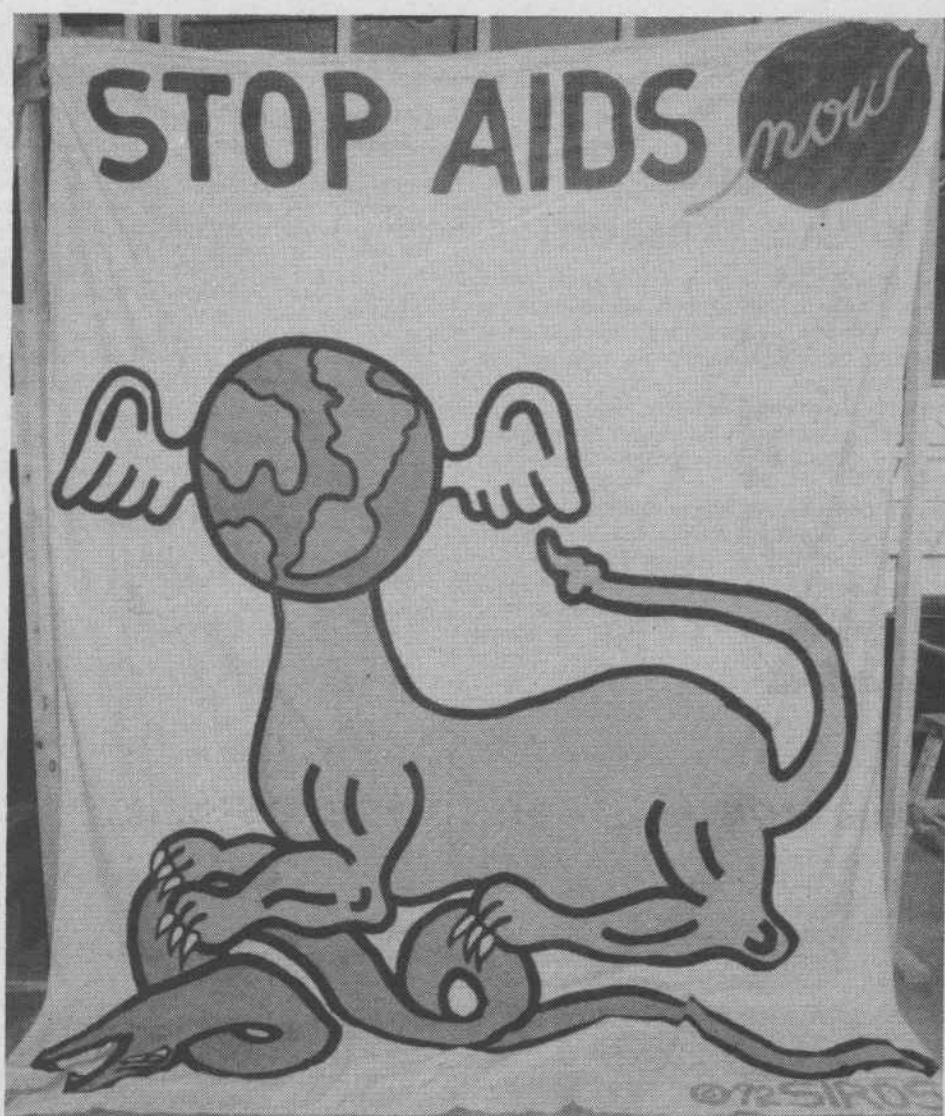
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NO 'LION' AROUND—Siros painted this mural on June 4 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Former Milwaukee Artist Siros Paints Cartoon-Like Mural for MAP

[Milwaukee]—A big Mercedes drives up to a large house in Dallas's central city. It is called Bryan's House after the first kid who died of AIDS in Big D. There is a 12' fence about the place to protect it from the neighbors. A teenage boy comes out and gets into the car. The Mercedes drives off, heading for a posh area of the city.

It happens everyday like this, according to Siros; to untold numbers of kids, in Dallas and cities across the U.S. The boy has AIDS. His wealthy family doesn't know how to handle it. And they don't want him. So, they leave him in an AIDS home all day, every day.

It is situations like this — and the death of a good friend from the disease that have brought the world-famous artist and Milwaukee native to dedicate his life and his art to kids with AIDS.

Siros was in Milwaukee on June 4, 1992, to paint a mural for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). It is a beautiful thing. Some call it New Age art or Pop Art. Siros himself says it's like a cartoon. But his work, vibrant with color, more closely reflects his Iranian heritage.

WCLU Director, Eunice Edgar, to Receive Alyn Hess Award June 14

Gay People's Union has selected Eunice Edgar as the recipient of this year's Alyn Hess Award which will be presented by GPU President Bill Meunier at this year's PrideFest.

The Alyn Hess Award is named after the late Alyn Hess. Hess was a co-founder of GPU and one of the original leaders of the Lesbian Gay movement in Wisconsin. In recognition of Alyn's belief in building coalitions with the straight community, the award is given to a non-Gay Lesbian individual who has supported the cause of Lesbian Gay rights.

Past winners of this prestigious award include former Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziarnik, County Supervisor Beth Coggs Jones, and State Representatives Marcia Coggs and Spencer Coggs and Congressman James Moody.

Edgar is the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, a position she has held since 1976. During her tenure the WCLU has seen a dramatic growth in membership and activity. She has recently announced her retirement.

Eunice is a founding member of the Wisconsin Women's Network and the Milwaukee Women's Political Caucus, the original Chairwoman of the Board for the Women's Crisis Line, a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Division for the Milwaukee Jewish Federation and a member of the National Council of Jewish Women - Milwaukee Chapter.

In 1985, Edgar received the "Woman of the Year Award" from the Milwaukee Chapter of the National Organization for Women and in 1986 she was honored with the Hannah Solomon Award from the

Siros has been called "the new Warhol." His work can be found in the private collections of such luminaries as Pia Zadora, George C. Scott, Stephanie Powers, Rich Little and His Majesty Reza Pahlavi II, the son of the late Shah of Iran.

Siros travels about the world, painting and giving the money to help kids with AIDS. This time, he's on a 14 city tour to help these kids. It will end only in December. That means being without his lover, Dana, his chief inspiration, for all that time, but Dana, he says, understands. "He never stops what I have to do."

Siros will be returning to Milwaukee in July for an appearance at La Cage for a MAP benefit. It will be an underwear party, what Siros calls "A White Knight Out" with Siros. He will be there to sign underwear — and more.

He says he will sign T-shirts, asses and cocks as well. By his own account, he has signed 6,500 ass cheeks and 1,700 cocks.

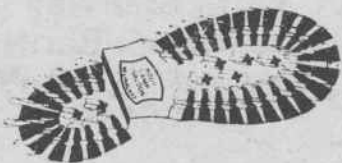
The actual date isn't set yet, but watch for it. It'll be a good time for a good cause.

Milwaukee Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

"Eunice has done more than increase the membership of the WCLU," said Meunier. "She has increased the general awareness of civil liberty issues. Eunice has been there when we needed her. Thanks to Eunice Edgar Lesbians and Gays have a somewhere to turn to when they face discrimination and need sound legal advice."

Meunier added that it is fitting this award be given to Eunice since she is a woman whom Alyn Hess very much admired.

The award will be presented at the end of the Post Parade rally. Ms Edgar will speak after the presentation. GPU hopes that those in attendance at PrideFest will be on hand to properly thank Eunice Edgar for her work on behalf of our Lesbian Gay community and the civil liberties of all people.



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BESTD Clinic Plans To Remodel Building, Offer More Services

[Milwaukee]—In two major areas, the Board of Directors of the BESTD Clinic has provided direction in looking to the future and providing more services in a modernized facility.

Robert J. Ambelang of Milwaukee was selected from a field of excellent candidates to become the Clinic Director and HIV Manager effective May 1st. Ambelang will assume general responsibilities for the on-going operations of the Clinic in addition to supervising the on-site and out-reach HIV counseling and testing programs.

According to Ross Walker, President of the Board, Ambelang has made a commitment to make the BESTD Clinic his primary focus and responsibility. He is also involved and knowledgeable within the Gay/Lesbian community in addition to being sensitive to the needs of the greater Milwaukee area.

Clinic To Be Refurbished

The Board of the Brady East STD Clinic has also begun a process of assessing the physical needs of the community in future years. The present facility at 1240 East Brady Street on Milwaukee's East Side is owned by BESTD. Through the generous gift of Dr. Roger Gremminger, one of the Clinic's physicians and pioneers, the building is owned debt-free.

The Board is presently assessing plans and costs for totally refurbishing the Clinic facility. The first phase would include a new roof, windows and siding in

keeping with the building's location within a historical preservation district.

Phase two involves a complete renovation of the interior to provide modern and comfortable medical/counseling areas for the delivery of health care services.

In order to prepare an overall comprehensive plan, the Clinic is looking for professional architectural/design expertise. The Board invites those within the community who could help in these areas to volunteer their services. Those interested should call Building Chair Erv Uecker at (414) 353-3798.

20 Years of Service

The Brady East Clinic has been serving the Greater Milwaukee area of almost 20 years at several locations. Although it serves without discrimination and welcomes all requesting services, it has been and continues to be especially sensitive to the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Plans for the future are based on that emphasis.

Present services of the BESTD Clinic include anonymous HIV antibody counseling and testing both at the clinic and at the traveling clinics around the community; STD diagnosis, testing and treatment; an alternative women's clinic operated by women for women and a Gay men's HIV positive support group. For more information on the Clinic's services and schedule, call (414) 272-2144.

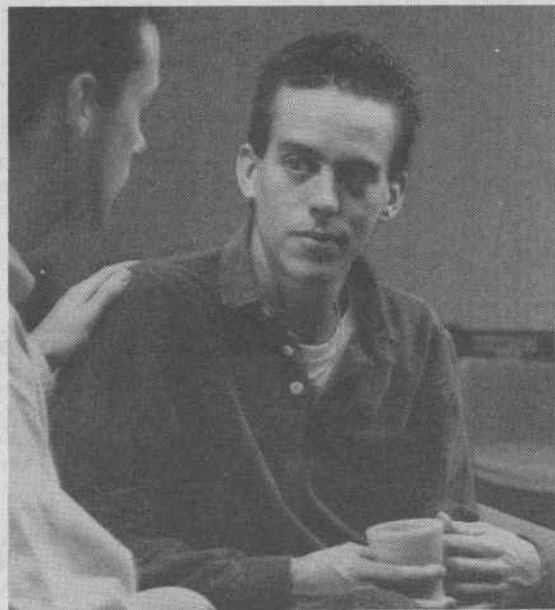


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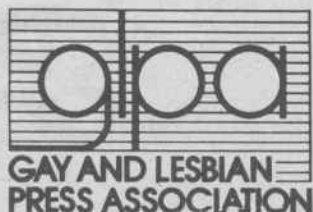
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Eleanor Roosevelt Was Right; This Time, 'It's Up to the Women!'

In this crazy election year of 1992, when President George Bush appears as impotent and politically bankrupt as we have always known he is, when upstart billionaire Ross Perot callously pledges not to appoint any Gays or Lesbians to cabinet positions and when poor Bill Clinton, who looks positively Lincolnesque in comparison, can't even get the media to pay attention to him, there is much to despair about.

But there is one dazzling beacon of light on the horizon which can give hope to us all. Even the mainstream media has been forced to recognize and comment on the exciting phenomenon: unprecedented numbers of women — many of them progressive — are advancing into the higher ranks of political office.

In June, both Rep. Barbara Boxer and former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein won the Democratic nominations for California's two Senate seats. Iowa State Senator Jean Lloyd-Jones also won the Democratic nod and will face off against a conservative Republican for a seat in the Senate. Earlier, in Pennsylvania, feminist activist Lynn Yeakel, motivated by the ill-treatment of Anita Hill at last year's Clarence Thomas hearings, was nominated and will run against chief Hill antagonist Sen. Arlen Specter in the November run-off.

Most exciting, in Illinois, the dynamic Carol Moseley-Braun upset the Democratic establishment and defeated Sen. Alan Dixon for the Democratic nomination for Senator. In a recent interview with the *Advocate*, Moseley-Braun, an African-American, declared: "How could I not champion women, minorities, and Gays and Lesbians? That's as natural as breathing to me." (The *Advocate* also reported that Moseley-Braun spent most of her time at a fundraiser for an Illinois Gay group dancing like mad with Playboy executive Christie Hefner!)

In New York, Geraldine Ferraro is expected to win the Democratic nomination for Senate and run against the corrupt Republican Alfonse D'Amato. In Washington, Colorado and New Hampshire, women also have good chances of winning Senate seats. And the women's caucus in the House of Representatives may increase from its current 28 members to as many as 50.

Encouraging results of exit polls taken in the recent California races indicate that even more and more men are consciously choosing to vote for women, who are perceived as agents of change. Many of the women with the greatest chances of winning are liberal Democrats, almost all pro-choice and pro-Gay. We at *Wisconsin Light* believe there is much to rejoice about in this trend. And one thing is for sure, whoever wins the White House in November will have a very different Congress to tangle with!

Many years ago, the great humanitarian and activist Eleanor Roosevelt, surveying the chicanery and false priorities of the American political system, declared: "It's up to the women!" We heartily and happily agree. With progressive women leading the way, we believe our country will ultimately rediscover its true values, those of compassion and justice and equality for all. Nineteen ninety-two is clearly a turning point.

LETTERS

La Crosse

TO THE EDITOR:

Bill and I resigned our positions with the La Crosse Lesbian and Gay Association (LLGA) on Tuesday, May 12, and we want to reflect to the local Gay press our rationale for doing so.

The LLGA, now four months old, was not meeting our needs and expectations — this is, albeit, a very personal issue with us — but, suffice it to say, the ideology presented in LLGA meetings followed Bill and I home, and hence, caused much turmoil in our domestic partnership.

Secondly, our co-founding and involvement with LLGA adversely affected our relationships with the Gay professional community in La Crosse. We value our friendships and associations with the La Crosse Gay professional community, and we now are free to focus our energies on networking with our friends and associates.

We wish the La Crosse Lesbian and Gay Association well and hope that they may be an active voice for change and critical thinking in La Crosse. As for Bill and I, personally, our partnership and our desire for meaningful and rewarding friendships necessitates our immediate departure from LLGA.

—Darren J. Foster
Bill Steffenhagen
La Crosse

Cookie Jar Fund

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cookie Jar Fund was established in Madison, Wisconsin in November, 1986 with a gala benefit at Cheri's Back East hosted by Larry Baumann. It was a period when a mysterious new illness first began to make a major impact in our region. The fund was established to provide financial support to those persons affected by HIV who were in emergency situations or to help in situations not covered by conventional resources.

In addition to Larry, the original organizers of the fund included Jeanne Theisen, Rodney Scheel and myself. Since then, Earl Bricker and Tim Holthaus have also provided leadership for the account.

Over the years, there have been many generous gifts and I believe that the fund has been an important and successful part of our community's support system. I would especially like to thank the management and staff of the Washington Hotel Complex, Cheri Becker and her staff, J.J. O'Connell and the folks at Shamrock/Phase II, the Exclusive Company, Integrity/Dignity of Madison, Bret and The New Leaf, and many anonymous individuals for their continued support.

It has been the philosophy of the fund managers to make the total amount of each gift available for direct support. Over the years, volunteers have absorbed all administrative costs.

Now that professional systems have been developed and funds such as the Mil-Maids Emergency Fund and Ryan White Fund have been established, the administrative committee of the Cookie Jar Fund has determined that this effort has served its purpose, and that it is time to close the account and transfer its fund balance to a more appropriate agency.

Therefore, as of June 30, 1992, the Cookie Jar Fund Account will be closed and the assets of the fund will be administered by the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

Please remember that a real need for this

type of service still exists and will continue indefinitely. Your continuing donations can be sent to MASN. Indicate that your gift is solely for client services.

The Cookie Jar Committee, the staff of MASN, persons who benefited and those who will benefit in the future, greatly appreciate your support.

—Ken Chrace, Cookie Jar Fund Coordinator
Madison

'Possum Queen'

TO THE EDITOR:

Some time ago, a lengthy fundraising contest for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) came to a startling conclusion, one that might well jeopardize all future fundraising events.

It seems that the "Possum Queen" Contest (an excellent idea that raised more than \$4,000 this year) ended in disappointment for many because of a last minute ruling in a contest in which there were to be no rules.

As I understand it, every contestant received one vote for every dollar collected. The contestant with the greatest number of votes would have the honor of becoming this year's "Possum Queen."

On the day of accounting, a last minute rule was precipitated allowing one contestant to give their total votes to another, nullifying any propriety to the contest's intent.

Some people will try to justify their views by pointing to the fact that all the money went to MAP anyway. My reason asks me how many contestants will participate in a contest they cannot win; how many disappointed donors?

Have we damaged a good fundraising idea through questionable administration?

I would hope that those responsible for the contest, those who donated and MAP are concerned enough to make things right. Waiting until next year may already be too late.

—R.B.
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: According to a MAP spokesperson, the Possum Queen Contest raised \$4,316.00 for MAP making the fundraiser the largest bar fundraiser to date.



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Many Thanks!

—ACT UP
Milwaukee

Legal Sanctioning Is Basic Right For Everyone

By Rev. Christine Pasinski

Marriage is an ancient institution that in some form is evident in every community. History teaches us that the primary function of this rite of passage was to identify the "change or exchange" or even "transfer of property."

When a man took a wife she became his property and the children born in this marriage were also his property. Therefore, marriage was to designate property.

Often fidelity or faithfulness were promoted and strong taboos were instituted to establish a community's commitment to honoring a neighbor's property. In Judeo-Christian tradition, fidelity and marriage has evolved into having an added spiritual significance.

Perhaps the word "covenant" more clearly denotes this spiritual bond. This word comes from the Hebrew noun "berith," the verbal root can be translated "to eat with." What a powerful metaphor to signify our relationships, i.e. Susan's the one I eat with.

Our spiritual understanding of our relationships are more than contractual agreements. We speak of our being knitted together and we express the breadth of human experience by proclaiming words like "in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, for better or for worse."

The legal sanctioning of Lesbian and Gay marriages will be a public witness and affirmation of the ever-evident commitment that has been expressed in our community since the beginning of time. Legal sanctioning is a basic human right and Lesbians and Gays should not be denied this basic right.

Tony Hughes Family To March In Pride Parade

[Milwaukee]- Shirley Hughes told *Light* that she and her family plan to march in Sunday's Lesbian Gay Pride parade. They will do this in memory of Tony who was one of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer.

Eau Claire Bar Raises Funds for AIDS Project

[Eau Claire, WI]- The Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (NOWAP), a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), was the grateful recipient May 24 of proceeds raised in an AIDS benefit sponsored by the Eau Claire Gay bar, "Scruples." With the cooperation of Scruples owner Clay Crowley, almost \$300 was raised from a drag show and ribbon sale for imperative AIDS care and education services provided through NOWAP.

Karin Kopisch, NOWAP director praised Crowley for his assistance. "It was really exciting to see that we have this kind of support within the community, and particularly the Gay community," she said.

Condoms, safe sex literature, HIV information and other NOWAP materials were distributed to those attending the event.

NOWAP was established in 1992 by ARCW. The agency currently provides comprehensive services in a 13 county region of Northwest Wisconsin.

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k.d. lang

k.d. lang Finally Comes Out In Interview with The ADVOCATE

[Los Angeles, CA]- "It's like, I want to be out. I want to be out! Man, if I didn't worry about my mother, I'd be the biggest parader in the whole world."

That was popular singer k.d. lang, who spoke more forthrightly than ever before about her androgynous image and her conflicts over whether to "come out" as a lesbian, in an interview published in the June 16 *Advocate*.

lang admitted that discussing her sexuality was "a really hard thing to talk about. I don't want to be out like Phranc is out."

"Why not?" that's not the thing to me. I don't feel political about my preference. I just don't. I'm sorry. I'm sorry to disappoint you hard-cores," said lang, "but I don't!"

"I think as a human being we all feel discrimination at some time; we all feel oppression...I think there should be people fighting for our rights. But I don't feel like it's my passion..."

"I think everyone knows," said lang of her lesbianism. "The people who like me, like me for my music. And that's the way I want to keep it."

"I have to say something else," lang continued. "I don't want to say the wrong things to the Gay culture. Because there are so many different opinions on how to gain acceptance and how to just live normal lives. And we're fighting amongst ourselves. I struggle too with all the answers and all the questions. And I don't want to hurt my mother by coming out in the press. But at the same time I don't want to hurt my culture, and it's like — what do you do?"

lang came out to her mother 13 years ago, so the fact that she is Gay would not surprise her mother. But the singer expressed concern that coming out

publicly might hurt their relationship and make life uncomfortable for her mother, who lives in the small town of Consort, Alberta (pop. 650).

lang is particularly sensitive to public perceptions after causing controversy a few years back with her anti-beef comments and her ads for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Some country stations refused to play her music after that.

lang told the *Advocate* she knew the issue of her sexuality would arise again with the release of her film *Salmonberries*, in which she plays an Eskimo woman in love with another woman. lang is not fully satisfied with the movie though, saying "I would have explored the relationship more." Directed by Percy Adlon, who did the offbeat *Baghdad Cafe*, *Salmonberries* has played in Canada and Europe but does not yet have an American distributor.

In the interview, lang admitted that her earliest crushes were on women teachers, usually independent women who had lived and traveled beyond the her tiny hometown of Consort.

And about her androgynous looks, lang said something many Lesbians can relate to: "It's just my natural response to how I fit in society — how I feel comfortable, how I feel confident. If I had to wear high heels and a dress, I would be a mental case."

In the wide-ranging interview, lang also discusses her changing music, other singers, her women fans, her spirituality, her ideal partner, and much more. The June 16 lang cover, is on newsstands now.

A year's subscription to the *Advocate* is \$45. Write to: P.O. Box 4371, Los Angeles, CA 90078.

LAMM To Have An 'Isle of Lesbos' Tent at PrideFest

[Milwaukee]- An "Isle of Lesbos" will be beckoning the Gay women who attend this year's PrideFest on June 14. The "Isle," sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), can be identified by its 30-foot round tent, under which will transpire a variety of Lesbian activities.

This will include free soda for all "card-carrying Lesbians," (i.e. all LAMM members). New members can sign up at an information table staffed by some of LAMM's most enticing outreach personnel. Lavender T-shirts featuring the stylish Lesbian Alliance logo will be on sale.

Tables and chairs will be set up for relaxation and conversation with other Lesbians. All Lesbians are invited to network, schmooze and consort.

LAMM Monthly Meeting

"Financial Empowerment: Money Makes the World Go 'Round" is the topic of LAMM's next meeting on Thursday, June 18.

This meeting will focus on providing some useful information on money management and using what one has to get where one wants to be. By using some simple exercises, members will learn how to evaluate their current and future assets, and will learn some simple and fundamental techniques to maximize financial resources.

Local women will talk about a variety of financial strategies ranging from tips on how to reduce car insurance to small business start-ups to real estate investments. Members are encouraged to bring and share their own tips, strategies and insights into the world of finance.

There is a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m., at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street. Secure, lit parking is available.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month and are open to all Lesbians. For more information call (414) 264-2600.

'Able Amazon' Firm To Continue Despite Fire

[Milwaukee]- A fire on June 7 caused major damage to the home of the owner of Able Amazon Handywork. Mary Thoreson, her partner and their son were not harmed in the blaze.

Thoreson and her family are living in temporary lodgings until their home can be repaired, but Able Amazon is back in business. Thoreson urges both old customers and new ones to call her at (414) 352-0070, Suite 622.

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England's Gay King Edward II Featured in Up-Coming Film

Editor's Note: With the upcoming movie *Edward II*, we thought a little history of the English king would be appropriate.

One of the most well-known Gay monarchs was Edward II of England (1264-1327), although his fame results largely from his gruesome death. Edward's story is very much a love story, and his devotion to his lovers led to his destruction.

Edward was tall and handsome, with red hair, fine features, and a muscular body. His first love was Piers Gaveston, a Frenchman whose dark good looks complemented Edward's fair complexion. Piers was sensitive, gentle, and had a great sense of fun.

They met when Edward, then Prince of Wales, was fourteen and Piers was sixteen. The young Frenchman was brought to England by Edward's father to serve as a companion for Edward and to train him in weaponry. Instead, they fell in love.

Neither of the young men showed much prudence. They were extravagant and made no efforts to be discreet about their relationship. They made fun of the realm's great lords and barons, many of whom were as powerful as the king himself.

Edward's father sent Piers back to Gascony and arranged for his wayward son to be married to Princess Isabelle of France. But before the marriage took place, the king died, and Edward II became king in 1307.

Edward's first act was to bring Piers back to England, although he did marry Isabelle for reasons of diplomacy. The princess was only thirteen, and so was no immediate threat to Edward's relationship with Piers. Shortly after the wedding, Piers was seen wearing Isabelle's jewelry, and he carried Edward's crown at the coronation.

Edward ignored his new bride, causing her to complain to her father that she was "the most wretched of wives. The king is an entire stranger to my bed."

The French king took action, supplying the English barons with funds for a rebellion. In 1311, Edward was forced to exile Piers, who went to Ireland to serve as the king's representative.

Although Piers was gone, the king still refused to have anything to do with his wife, and Piers returned to England a year later. When the barons again objected, Edward agreed to the formation of a committee to administer the kingdom—a group of 21 nobles to be known as the Lords Ordainers.

This idea might have worked, if it had not been for Queen Isabelle. She now nursed a great hatred for her husband and had some popular support in England. She also took the barons' leader, Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, as her lover.

The influence of Isabelle and her lover led the nation into civil war, and Edward and Piers fled London. As they were making plans to leave the country, Piers was captured and beheaded by the Earl of Lancaster in June, 1312. Edward collapsed in grief and rage. He took Piers' body, and buried it at the place where they first met.

With his lover gone, Edward returned to the throne, but did not rule. For awhile he had relations with Isabelle, and they had a son, the future Edward III. The queen, however, could not compete even with Piers' memory, and she knew it.

After Edward's defeat, the barons named Hugh le Despencer, son of one of their leaders, as Court Chamberlain to watch the king. Hugh was tall and dark, resembling Piers in many ways. While he watched the king, Hugh fell in love with him. Hugh's attention helped Edward overcome his grief over Piers' death, and soon the two were involved in a relationship.

When the barons learned of this, the positions of both Hugh and his father were threatened, and they asked the king for his assistance. Again Edward and the barons went to war, but this time the king



PLAYTIME— Gaveston (Andrew Tierman) is on the throne in the film "Edward II."

won, and he avenged the murder of Piers Gaveston by beheading the Earl of Lancaster in 1322.

With the king now back in control, the queen felt compelled to take stronger action. With Roger de Mortimer, the barons' new leader and her new lover, she went to France to arrange support from her family. They returned on September 24, 1326 at the head of an army. With considerable popular support, their campaign was successful, and on November 16, they captured the king and his lover.

By the queen's order, the young Hugh le Despencer was publicly executed. He was stripped and tied to a tall ladder. The executioner first cut off his genitals and then cut out his bowels. Finally, he was thrown into a raging fire. The queen observed the entire spectacle.

Edward, no longer king, was moved from castle to castle, finally ending up at Berkeley, home of Roger de Mortimer. His clothing was of coarse wool, and his cell was over the charnel house. His jailers tormented him freely.

One night three men arrived in Edward's cell to end his life. He was stripped and tied to a heavy wooden table. His legs were drawn back until his thighs touched his chest and belly, and a red-hot poker was thrust into his rectum. He died during this parody of homosexual sex, and his screams could be heard beyond the castle walls in the town below.

Editor's Note The above account is taken from the book, *Out Of All Time*, by Terry Boughner, published by Alyson of Boston.

Northern Lights Music Festival Set for Sept. 12

[Duluth, MN]—The 3rd Annual Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival will be held Saturday, September 12, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Festival will be held on 80 acres of northern Minnesota wilderness. Over 800 women are expected to attend.

Musicians, comedienne, craftswomyn and artists and all those wishing to perform, are invited to send a short audition tape, a short biography and fee requirements. Crafters and women-centered organizations wishing to reserve booth space should also call or write for specific information. Also needed are festival volunteers in all areas.

For information or submissions contact: Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival, c/o Aurora; A Northland Lesbian Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Duluth, MN 55802; (218) 722-4903

Christopher Marlowe Wrote Gay Love Story in 'Edward II' Play

Editor's Note: The up-coming film, *Edward II*, is based on a play by Christopher Marlowe. The following is an account of Marlowe's life.

Playwright Christopher Marlowe was born on February 26, 1564 in Canterbury, England. As the seat of the English Church, Canterbury was an important and cosmopolitan city. Marlowe's experiences growing up there had a real strong influence on his plays, most of which were set in cities.

Marlowe was only about two years older than William Shakespeare, the other great Elizabethan playwright. The two were acquainted with each other, and Shakespeare wrote that Marlowe had "a mightier pen" than he.

Marlowe left Canterbury to attend Cambridge University, where he was exposed to the ancient world's greatest literature, just recently discovered by Europeans. The sensuality of these ancient writers stimulated Marlowe.

Marlowe was determined to express his own sexuality in his writing. In one of his early writings, *Dido, Queen of Carthage*,

Gay TV Series To Air in Madison, Other Cities

[New York, NY]—WNYC-TV will broadcast a sneak preview of *In the Life* on Thursday, June 25 at 9:00 p.m., in honor of Gay/Lesbian Pride Week. The hour-long magazine/variety program will touch on many aspects of contemporary life in the Gay and Lesbian community.

The innovative special is produced by Emmy Award-winning producer John Scagliotti and hosted by stand-up comedienne Kate Clinton.

According to Scagliotti, "*In the Life*" breaks down the stereotypes and captures the meaning, excitement and contributions of the emerging Gay and Lesbian culture." Taped in front of a live audience, the show covers the arts, politics, health and entertainment. Following the sneak preview in New York, the series will be available to all public broadcasting stations.

Wisconsin Public Television in Madison will air *In the Life* in August.

Milwaukee's Channels 10/36 Manager of Programming, Thomas Dvorak told *Light* that he was not familiar with the series and would have to "look at it." However, a spokesperson for WNYC-TV said that information had been faxed to 10/36, not once but several times and that "somebody there had to have seen it."

Please call Thomas Dvorak at 10/36 and urge that *In the Life* be aired. The number is (414) 271-1036.

Jupiter is portrayed as being enamored of his beautiful cupbearer, Ganymede.

Come gentle Ganymede, and play with me.

I love thee well, say Juno what she will.

In *Dido*, heterosexual love is at the center of the action, but the audience gets the distinct impression that Marlowe's feelings are expressed by the queen, rather than the male lead, Aeneas.

In 1587 Marlowe moved to London and shared a room with Thomas Kyd, another playwright. They spent long hours writing together and, according to Kyd, they were lovers.

In Kyd's portrait of his friend, Marlowe appears as an Elizabethan rebel who enjoyed ale, tobacco and barroom brawls. Kyd quoted Marlowe as saying, "All they that love not tobacco and boys are fools."

Marlowe's play, *Edward II*, is not generally considered to be his best work. There's a lot of second-rate poetry in it. But it is a Gay love story by the hand of a world-class writer.

In 1592, the Black Death broke out in London and along with a lot of other people, Marlowe left. He went to the country estate of the Earl of Southampton, a young and very attractive man. Marlowe wrote many poems in praise of his beauty.

When the plague lifted, Marlowe returned to London, but was killed in a barroom fight in 1593. He was 29.

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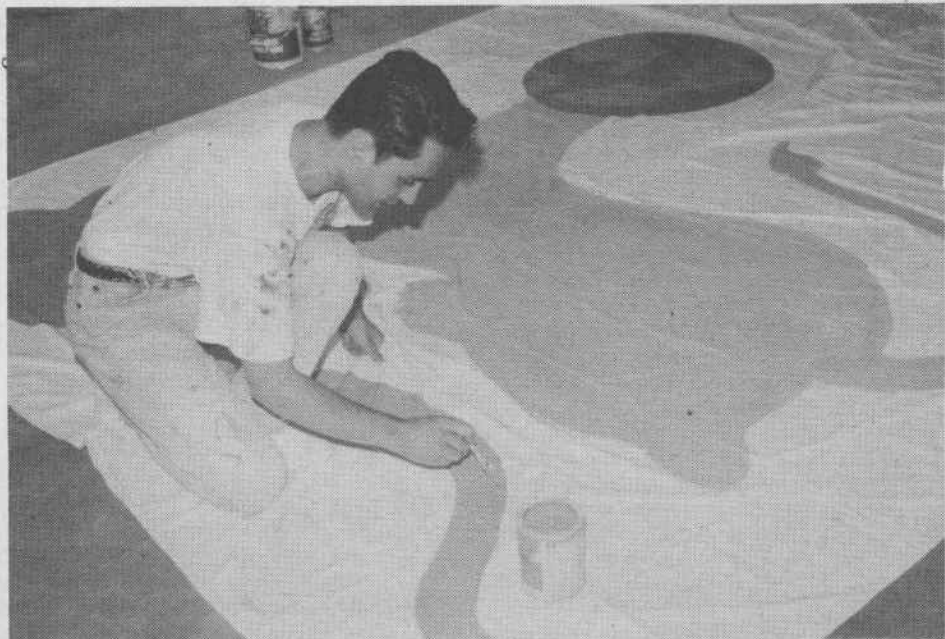
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CARTOON TIME— Former Milwaukeean and world famous artist, Siros, painted a mural at the MAP offices on June 4. (A related story and photo appear on page 3).

Walt Whitman's Life and Poetry Provide Proud Chapter in History

By Antler

In 1984 Jeff and I took the Spartan car ferry across Lake Michigan to give a poetry reading in Frankfort. In a small drugstore there I discovered among the books in a single standing bookrack, *Killer Clown*, the story of John Wayne Gacy who brutally tortured and killed 33 young men and boys in Illinois. I thought how any boy could buy this book about a man who killed boys, but there was no book on that rack about a man who loved boys — or about boys who loved each other.

Now, in the midst of the AIDS epidemic, and the Dahmer horrors, it seems more than ever time to encourage and invoke the realization of the noblest and most benevolent same-sex affection.

This year that marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Walt Whitman should rekindle for so many of us the joy and thankfulness that Whitman's life and poetry provide us one of the proudest chapters in the history of Gay Pride.

I remember myself as a boy of 17, hopelessly in love with a high school mate. I finally attempted suicide due to the pain of unrequited love. I recall being in the Renaissance Bookstore and finding a beat-up, used copy of Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. There, for the first time, I read the lines: "The boy's longings, the glow and pressure as he confides to me what he was dreaming."

At that instant my life was forever changed. I bought the book for 25 cents, walked to a secluded spot on Lake Michigan and began to read.

Suddenly, my teenage self had found a friend greater than any I could have dreamed about. At last I felt I had been given the courage to live.

When I was 19 and a student at UW-Milwaukee, I took a poetry writing class. There, I happened to sit next to a black-haired, green-eyed slender youth named Jeff Poniewaz. During the course of the semester, I discovered that Whitman was his bestfriend and had rescued him, too.

We could hardly believe we'd met, Jeff and I. Overnight we became bestfriends, each glorying in the actual living friend we'd both dreamed of for so long and which Whitman had promised us someday we'd find.

Together we walked through parks and along the Lake reading to each other poems we loved from *Leaves of Grass*. We decided to live together as camerados and devote our lives to poetry. Twenty-six years later we're still together, writing poems, traveling around America, sharing them and trying to live up to Whitman's invocation of the poet as "itinerant gladness scatterer."

Although *Leaves of Grass* is not specifically a book of Gay poetry, it does contain some of the most moving poems of same-sex love. Divided into different sections of poems, three of the major sections are: "Song of Myself" which explores self-love; "Children of Adam" which celebrates heterosexual love; and "Calamus" which champions and ennobles love between men and between men and youths.

Whitman called the group of 39 poems "Calamus," which he defines as "a very large and aromatic grass or rush, growing about water-ponds in the valleys, spears about three feet high." Also, the flower stalk resembles an erect penis. Whitman envisioned youths giving each other stalks of calamus as a gift of deep, true friendship.

Writing at a time when the words "homosexual" and "Gay" didn't exist

to describe physical love between men, Whitman used the word "adhesiveness." This is a phrenological term meaning "a mental faculty manifested in lasting friendship." He also invented and used the word "camerado" for one's closest pal.

In his 1871 revolutionary essay, *Democratic Vistas*, Whitman wrote that America would live up to its promise only if the Calamus Friendship Spirit prevailed. "Intense and loving comradeship, the personal and passionate attachment of man to man... underlies the lessons and ideals of the profound saviors of every land and age and seems to promise when thoroughly develop'd, cultivated and recognized in manners and literature, the most substantial hope and safety of the future of these States."

That spirit, he wrote, would "balance and offset" the "materialistic vulgar American democracy."

"Many will say it is a dream, and will not follow my inferences; but I confidently expect a time when there will be seen, running like a half-hid warp through all the myriad audible and visible worldly

TURN TO WALT WHITMAN, PAGE 11

Recorders Ages Hence

By Walt Whitman

Recorders Ages Hence.
Come, I will tell you what to say of me.
Publish my name and hang up my
picture as that of the tenderest lover,
Who was not proud of his songs, but of
the measureless ocean of love within
him, and freely pour'd it forth,
Who often walk'd lonesome walks
thinking of his dear friends, his lovers,
Who pensive away from one he lov'd
often lay sleepless and dissatisfied
at night,
Who knew too well the sick, sick dread
lest the one he lov'd might secretly be
indifferent to him,
Whose happiest days were far away
through fields, in woods, on hills, he
and another wandering hand in hand,
they twain apart from other men,
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Gay Side of Liberace's Personality Handled with Uncertainty in Opera

By Geno

Liberace: The Magic of Believing, an opera by composer Michael Vitale and librettists Wesley Savick and Pamela Woodruff, appropriately had its premiere in Milwaukee, Lee's hometown. This recent first venture into operatic performance by Theatre X, also appropriately, was presented at the Pabst Theatre where Liberace once made his debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The opening scene reveals John Starmer and Tom Galbraith suspended upside down by their heels portraying the Liberace twins in their mother's womb singing a trio with Mama Liberace played by Leslie Fitzwater. The effect is theatrically stunning.

Incidentally, Wladziu Valentino Liberace was born weighing 13 pounds while his twin was an emaciated stillborn — a portent, perhaps of the star's pushiness in the entertainment world.

Another imaginative scene has Ian Bourg as the famous Polish pianist and composer Ignace Paderewski meeting the 7-year-old Wladziu, offering lukewarm words of praise and summing up his advice to the lad with "Use just one name!" In years to come, Florence Liberace, in her maternal way, blows the interview up into a veritable accolade for her son's genius.

Throughout the opera, Leslie Fitzwater sings and portrays the role of the aggressive, doting mother in a strong performance which neatly complements Richard Brunner as Liberace, a role in which he delivers the flamboyant charm, the heartlessness and ultimately the tormented end of the pop music icon. Both singers have impressive voices and stage presence.

Theatre X is to be commended for putting together a fascinating production on a relatively small budget (comparatively a very big one for them), yet costume designer, Ellen Kozak, for instance, has succeeded in suggesting the glitz and glamor of the Liberace performances and lifestyle using lavish amounts of sequins and substitutes for ermine and real pearls. Similarly, a small cast and chorus often play multiple roles and give their energetic all.

The opera is episodic and sometimes the scenes don't flow into one another easily; technically, quicker scene changes would help considerably here. But admittedly, this production was in the nature of a tryout which attracted representatives of opera companies from

both coasts. The latest word is that another production will be mounted in Chicago.

The writers seem uncertain how to present the Gay side of Liberace's personality. They include one episode with librettist Pamela Woodruff in a "pants" role as Scott, the young man who eventually sued the star he claimed had seduced him. The gender switch in roles is intriguing and is part of a long tradition of having females play male operatic roles, but does it also suggest an uneasiness about showing Liberace and a young man cuddling in a grand piano shaped bed?

In a full scale opera production, one can envisage an entourage of young hunks surrounding the dimpled celebrity with at least five or six poodles yapping at his heels. But one telling scene has J. Michael Brennan as Merv Griffin interviewing Mr. Showmanship, and though they dwell sentimentally on the death of Lee's mother, ironically, the Gay lawsuit against Merv hovers in the background.

Recognizing that this was a first showing of what composer, librettists, director and a devoted cast can accomplish, full houses were generous with their applause and were rewarded with an evening of imaginative opera experiment — the magic of believing.

Apple Island Is One Year Old

[Madison]— Apple Island, one of Madison's main venues for women's music and culture will be one year old in July. For this special event, the Apple Island Production Company is hosting a celebration combining Apple Island's birthday along with the independence of women's music and culture, on July 4.

The evening begins at 9:00 p.m. with games, music, and dancing. Crave, a local women's rock band, will take the stage at 10:00 p.m. for more music and dancing. There will be games throughout the evening with prizes awarded to the winners.

Local Madison businesses have donated many fantastic prizes to be given out during the evening. The grand prize is free admittance to all events produced by Apple Island Productions for one year. All winners must be present to win.

All women are welcome to join us in this celebration (and eat some birthday cake!). There is a cover charge of \$5 at the door that includes your entry for prizes.

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Milwaukee poets Jeff Poniewaz and Antler have been bestfriends since they met at age 19 in a poetry class at UWM 26 years ago. Their love of the poetry of Walt Whitman was one of the common bonds that brought them together as friends.

This is the 100th anniversary year of the death of Walt Whitman in 1892. Jeff and Antler have prepared this special performance of Whitman's poetry to honor the great American bard on this special anniversary occasion. The focus will be Walt's best poems that celebrate "the body electric" and samesex "tender comradeship."

All proceeds from these performances will go to benefit the AIDS relief and other humanitarian work of the Cream City Foundation. These performances are co-sponsored by the Cream City Foundation, the UWM Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Community, and the UWM Department of English and Comparative Literature.



LEATHER AGAINST FLESH—Lenny Broberg (center), Mr. San Francisco Leather led a field of 53 contestants to capture the 1992 International Mr. Leather title over the Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. Second place went to Erik Witmeyer (right) of Los Angeles and third place was captured by Mr. Boston Leather, A.J. Steigenberger, 2000 people filled the historic Aragon Ballroom to watch the competition.

Madison To Host Mr. and Ms. Leather Contest at Rod's Bar Aug. 1

[Madison]—Ms. Midwest Leather, Pam Meyer, and Rod's of Madison are proud to announce the 2nd Annual Mr. & Ms. Leather Madison Contest and Mr. Rod Contest.

The Mr. & Ms. Leather Madison Contest will take place on Saturday, August 1st, 1992 at the Hotel Washington — Rod's — at 9:30 p.m. This year's contest and show will include: Woody Bebout, International Mr. Drummer 1992; Bryan Smith, Mr. Midwest Leather 1992; Bret Schuhart, Mr. Wisconsin Drummer 1992; Kevin Stiel, Mr. Gay Chicago 1991; PJ Knight, Ms. Minnesota Leather 1990; Red Heibling from Minneapolis; Tony Terry from Milwaukee; John Olin, President of Leather United Chicago, plus Madison's own Ms. Midwest Leather 1992 and 1st Runner up at the International Ms. Leather 1992, Pam

Meyer.

On Sunday, August 2nd, the Annual Mr. Rod Contest will take place at Rod's at 9:00 p.m. Many special guests are on the bill for this event which promises to be a night of "chain reaction."

In addition, the Leather Weekend will include: a beer bust on Friday, July 31 to welcome all contestants, judges and leatherfolk from around the Midwest.

On Saturday, August 1st, there will be a workshop on "Leather Men and Women — Working Together In Our Communities."

On Sunday, August 2nd, there will be a BBQ and Beer Bust. Proceeds from these events will go to benefit MASN and the Rodney Scheel PWA House.

For more information, please contact: Pam Meyer, P.O. Box 3112, Madison, WI 53704 or call Rod's at (608) 255-0609.

Ten Percent Society of UW-Stevens Point Wins Top Organization Award

By Meredith Medland

[Stevens Point, WI]—Often, when one attends an awards ceremony for "Student Organization of the Year," they expect to see a large, popular, non-controversial group named for this prestigious award. That was not the case on the evening of Saturday, May 9, at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP).

This time, the Student Organization of the Year Award went to the UWSP Ten Percent Society for their "outstanding service to the community and student body, originality of activity programming, effort to provide unique programming that developed strength and unity for members, well organized planning and promotion for activities, and fulfillment of their goals."

In this, a pride issue of *Light*, it is important to recognize the reasons for the Award.

Throughout the year, members put forth effort to work with administrators and communicate effectively rather than protesting, fueling anger, or trampling on others' feet. Members of the group opened up their doors to show university students and faculty that, yes, needs of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals need to be met.

How Needs Were Met

The group worked hard to create a strong core group to reestablish the organization on campus. The beginning of the year started off with weekly meetings on Thursdays, which grew larger every week.

In November, the group helped organize an eight-day social issues forum entitled "Are You Ready For The 10%?" This program allowed our members to educate the university community about homosexual/bisexual issues.

In December, "out" members were asked repeatedly to speak in university classes, at local high schools, and on several panels.

Soon a phone line was hooked up to aid in effective communication. Then came a desk in the Campus Activities Complex, a mailbox, and tons of office supplies.

Second Semester

During the second semester, active members spent long hours in preparation for the first Gay Pride Week in over three years at the university. The week started out with a professional speaker, followed by a coffee chat with the Society, an open

meeting, and a picnic in Iverson Park.

Our goals for next year include: working with the Women's Resource Center on campus; networking with other organizations in the state; creating a solid bond between members; educating community and university students; and continually reminding people that "they're never alone."

Unfortunately, for the Summer, meetings aren't on a regular schedule. However, our weekly Thursday meetings at 9:00 p.m. will continue this Fall.

For more information contact: UWSP Ten Percent Society, UWSP Campus Activities Box 68, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or call (715) 346-4366.

MLGPC Meeting to Address Alleged Conflict Of Interest

Alan Stroik, President of the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee announced that the group would be holding an emergency closed meeting to deal with allegations of conflict of interest made against committee member, Dennis Bunch.

It has been alleged that Bunch who entered the MLGPC Logo Contest voted for his own design in that contest. Bunch's design was the winning logo. MLGPC members were allowed to submit logo designs but were asked to abstain from voting if they did so.

Bunch's design was chosen in a blind vote taken on February 29th. To avoid even an appearance of conflict of interest, committee members were not told the identity of any of the artists submitting designs and they were asked to abstain from voting if they could match an artist with a logo. MLGPC members say that they became aware of Bunch's vote within the last week.

Bunch when questioned by *Wisconsin Light*, admitted he had voted on his own art work. When asked if he saw any ethical problem with that, Bunch replied "At the time, it was not on my mind. It was a mistake for me to have voted in the Art Contest. Most of the Committee members, who can recall the vote say it wouldn't have affected the vote one way or the other. There are no minutes available. I hope my error does not in any way affect the Pride Celebration."

Calchina and Boughner To Discuss Lesbian/Gay History at PrideFest

PrideFest 92 will have great entertainment, games, art and other things of interest, but it will also have an opportunity for those in attendance to learn about THEIR history/herstory.

Beginning at 4:00p.m., the Exhibition Stage will feature two renowned historians, Pat Calchina, women's historian and an intinerent Lesbian Herstory teacher and Dr. Terry Boughner, a published Gay Historian.

Pat Calchina is a woman with a mission. Her mission is to do whatever she can to insure that our community especially its Lesbian component is aware of its roots.

As part of her presentation Pat will be sharing the voices of Lesbians from the 18th Century through the 1950's.

As Pat puts it "Without the knowledge of our roots the creation of a viable movement is much more difficult. After all, she said, if you don't know where you come from it's pretty hard to know where you might be able to go."

Pat teaches Lesbian Herstory in informal settings. Her Public presentations are open to all but because of limits on time and space her one night a week nine week classes are open only to

Lesbians and sympathetic straight women. Pat explains that in the future she may be able to open these classes to Gay men but at this point, "Lesbians need to have a safe space to learn their herstory and share their stories."

That only makes sense since for far too long the Gay Lesbian movement has been identified only through men. "Lesbians have a continual struggle for visibility. When you look at Lesbian Herstory its obvious that this was a struggle from the beginning."

Pat's Herstories are something that Gay men wanting to understand more about the Lesbian experience should not miss, and they are an important way to begin to understand the mammoth and generally unrecognized contribution that Lesbians have made to our overall movement.

Dr. Terry Boughner will follow Ms. Calchina on the Exhibition Stage. Boughner is the Editor of *Wisconsin Light* and the author of the popular "Out of All Time," a book about Gays and Lesbians throughout history.

Boughner's style of story telling is very engrossing and entertaining. Like Pat Calchina, he should not be missed.

Women Against Racism Set Summer Meetings

[Milwaukee]—Topics for the Women Against Racism discussion group which meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee have been announced for the summer months.

On Sunday, June 14, "Racism in Haiti" will be discussed. On Sunday, July 12, "Women Writing About Racism: The Works of Maya Angelou and Alice Walker" will be the focus. "Racism in the Political Campaigns" is the subject set for Sunday, August 9.

The Women Against Racism discussion group is open to women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds who want to work together against racism and its effects. The meetings each Sunday run from 2-4 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. A donation of \$2 is requested.

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Ben-Shalom To Be Running Mate With Presidential Candidate Black

By Tim Grair

Election years come and go and they are always the same. A seemingly endless slew of political commercials pop up on television — all featuring nearly identical straight white males lying about what they will do (raise taxes), what they won't do (national health care anyone?) and more or less telling the truth about their opponents (mud). This year is different.

This year Joan Jett Black discovered that she was too fabulous for Chicago to contain her and the Queer Nation Party. Ms. Black tossed her wig into the ring and announced her candidacy for the office of President of the United States.

Her first campaign promise is to fire everyone in sight. "Every single soul a president can fire, I'm gonna fire. That means all of you have jobs in Washington," says Ms. Black.

Joan Jett Black is a Queer, Black, Radical Faerie with a campaign for Mayor of Chicago under her belt and she will be one of the featured speakers at this year's Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Fest. I had the pleasure of interviewing the gracious and lively Ms. Black on a recent afternoon.

Wisconsin Light: Why are you running for President?

Joan Jett Black: We in the Queer Nation Party feel that the United States needs more glamour and less clamor.

WL: With the upcoming demonstrations, abortion is one of the hottest issues in Milwaukee right now. What is your position?

JJB: Whose body is it? How dare any man have an opinion on abortion! Once I get elected, the government will get out of women's bodies so it's really not an issue for me. I went to an Operation Rescue demonstration two or three weeks ago and carried a sign that read: "I know the phone numbers of a few good lions." Of course the "Christians" were calling me a faggot and a faerie."

WL: As if that's an insult?

JJB: Right. The problem with most of these people is they can't get beyond the obvious.

WL: I know you want to implement a

national health care program, but how do you plan on paying for it?

JJB: I will legalize marijuana and tax it instead of food and the marijuana tax will pay for national health care.

(Wisconsin doesn't tax food, but many other states do.)

WL: Do you plan any other economic shakeups?

JJB: Yes. I will erase all student loans and credit debts. If Charles Keating can walk the streets, if George Bush's son can get away with looting millions from Savings and Loans, then everyone else deserves a break as well.

WL: I hear you just tapped a Milwaukeean for your running mate.

JJB: Yes. Miriam Ben-Shalom.

WL: Why did you choose Ben-Shalom? The two of you would seem to be politically incompatible.

JJB: I like Miriam and she is sort of a reverse mirror image of myself. Together we can cross all bridges and climb every mountain.

WL: But what about military issues? Ben-Shalom is the founder and national co-chair of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America.

JJB: There's no problem. I've always planned to replace the current defense system with dykes on bikes. Who would want to fight us then?

WL: Let's try another issue. What about Lesbian and Gay rights?

JJB: That's an issue? I thought it was a GIVEN.

WL: Do you have any plans for eliminating anti-Gay legislation like that in Springfield, Oregon?

JJB: As soon as I'm elected, a lot of bigots are going to leave town — they'll fix the Space Shuttle and leave the planet. They'll know a change is coming.

WL: But some of them are very persistent...

JJB: They learn from us and our tactics.

WL: One last Queery, do you have any fashion advice for us?

JJB: The element of surprise, that's my advice. Also, I'm the only one who can successfully mix Coco Chanel and Fredrick's of Hollywood.

Milwaukee June 14 Pride Parade And Festival Schedule

The following is the Pride Fest schedule, first for the Main Stage, then for the Exhibition Stage:

MAIN STAGE

10:30 INTERFAITH SERVICE: Sponsored by the Interfaith Committee, the hour long service will be held in Juneau Park this year.

11:30 THE IBERIAN DANCERS: The Iberian Dancers are a Milwaukee group that performs Hispanic dances and specializes in Flamenco Dancing. It's sure to be a real treat for the eyes and the ears.

11:30 FOOD, BEVERAGE AND BANNER BOOTHS OPEN: Sample great food and drink prepared and served with Pride by MLGPC volunteers. Be part of history! Autograph the "POWER OF PRIDE" Banner.

12:00 THE JOHN SCHNEIDER ORCHESTRA: This class act, recently praised by the Milwaukee Journal for its smooth sounds, regularly packs 'em in at Cafe Melange.

12:15 PRE-PARADE RALLY/ OPENING CEREMONIES:

Speakers at the rally include Dane County Supervisor Tammy Baldwin, Regina Henry, Kaye Hallinger, a representative of Gay Youth Milwaukee and Joan Jett Black, the "Mayor of Queer Chicago." The rally will include a presentation of the Parade Colors accompanied by the premiere of a special verse of the National Anthem written for the occasion and Singational, leading the crowd in singing "Never Turning Back."

1:00 PRIDE PARADE: Join in the annual Pride Parade! This year's parade features more floats than ever before and even includes a mounted horse unit, a dance troupe and more.

1:45 to 2:00 Post-Parade Rally: Speakers include Gary Hollander, Kitty Barber, and Ben Johnson. The Allyn Hess Award will also be presented.

2:00 TO BE ANNOUNCED

2:15 SINGATIONAL PRODUCTIONS: Lesbian and Gay Milwaukee's newest singing group — their talents are attracting lots of attention. They are sensational!

2:45 FEST CITY SINGERS: The Fest City Singers will perform some of the best musical comedy you will see anywhere.

3:15 THE VISITATION: A performance art piece wonderfully produced by Debra Davis, Deana Aronson and Leona Harod. Davis has been awarded a fellowship for her outstanding work.

3:30 THE CREAM CITY CHORUS: Find out why so many people call this group one of the finest Gay and Lesbian choral groups in the country!

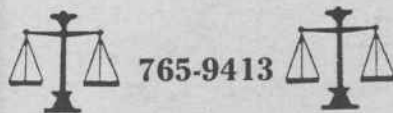
4:00 JILL CLARK: With powerful and rich voice, Jill sings a variety of music.

4:30 THE COWGIRL SWEETHEARTS: Direct from Madison, this talented Country Western style Lesbian Band will have you kicking up your heels!

5:00 MASS WEDDING: Sponsored by Queer Nation, the Mass Wedding is a ceremony for couples wishing to publicly state their commitment. One of last year's most popular events!

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5:30 THE PRIDE WEEK PLAYERS: A rollicking review of stories you won't hear anywhere else.

6:00 THE BJ DANIELS REVUE: A spectacular drag show featuring titleholders and other performers from around the state put together as only BJ Daniels can.

EXHIBITION STAGE

2:15 CREAM CITY SQUARES: The Cream City Squares are one of Milwaukee's finest Square Dance groups.

2:30 COUNTRY PRIDE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS: You too can learn the

Self-Defense Expert to Give Demonstration at June 14 PrideFest

If you've ever been afraid to go some place then you should be at the PrideFest 92 Exhibition stage at 5:00 to learn what you can do to avoid being bashed or assaulted.

Self-Defense Expert Juana Sabitino-Smith will be giving a one hour class on Physical/Mental Self Protection.

You will learn new skills in personal confidence and personal protection. You will begin to learn how you can confront your fear response and face danger successfully by practicing the techniques of "action without thought."

As Juana says, "Fear is a human response to any perceived danger. We chose our reactions to fear based on what we learn about the source of danger."

"Action Without Thought" is a Chinese technique called Mu Shin.

"When anything is practiced enough your body and mind develop an auto response," said Juana, "Using Mu Shin will eliminate the fear of the unknown."

Many attackers like those in the animal kingdom will attack anything (or anyone) that exhibits fear."

Crime experts say that most attackers follow predictable patterns. Verbal assertiveness may not always deter an attacker; and physical self defense may not always be necessary. Juana says "The appropriate response to any situation can be learned through education and training."

Juana's class will teach:

The facts and myths surrounding assault and harassment.

The three stages of an assault and how to recognize them.

Active versus passive resistance — identifying your own reactions.

Who is most likely to be victimized and how to avoid projecting "a victim profile."

For more information on this very important session call Juana at 265-1339.

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1991 Pride Week Logo Artist Files Grievance Against MLGPC

[Milwaukee]—Cindi Lampman, 1991 logo artist for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC), has charged that the '91 committee members of MLGPC ignored through action and inaction numerous verbal and written requests to members of the Committee to return her original artwork.

Over an eight month time period Dawn Roethler, MLGPC Merchandise Chair, requested of the committee the return of the original artwork. On Roethler's advice, when verbal requests were ignored, Lampman formally submitted a letter dated February 19, 1992 with a deadline for return of the artwork of May 31, 1992.

The MLGPC was never notified that the written request had been submitted to MLGPC Secretary Don Clabots and Lampman herself, in a private conversation with MLGPC President Alan Stroik in May, 1992, brought it to his attention for the first time.

In lieu of the artwork being found and returned, Lampman has requested that 1991 merchandise currently held in inventory bearing her logo be turned over to her, as a waiver of the ownership rights to the design was never signed nor transferred to the committee.

Lampman said that the Committee

chose not to inform her what their decision would be regarding how they would handle the issue, citing possible legal ramifications.

Stroik said that they did not respond to Lampman's request for a written explanation until they could consult with an attorney.

Lampman herself does not wish to take ownership of the remaining 1991 merchandise, preferring instead to simply have the artwork returned so that she may incorporate it into the design of the plaque that the committee paid for and gave her permission to produce.

Stroik said that once Lampman had informed him that she wanted her artwork returned and had set a deadline, MLGPC did make a serious effort to locate the artwork. Stroik went on to say that MLGPC asked if Lampman would accept a cash settlement and Lampman refused.

Lampman said that even though she is "angry" and even though she feels MLGPC has "kicked her in the teeth," she is willing to seek other alternatives to alleviate the problems that exist.

Stroik said that MLGPC is still making an effort at finding the artwork and barring that, wants to come to a mutually agreeable settlement of this issue.

Patron Dies In Robbery Attempt At Loose Ends

[Milwaukee]—Early Saturday morning, June 6, 1992, a robbery attempt took place at Loose Ends bar, 4322 W. Fond du Lac Ave. While no money was taken, two patrons, Chucky and Bill Edwards, were shot. Edwards died of his wounds.

According to Karen, one of the bar's owners, at approximately 1:20 a.m. a man entered the bar. He was shortly followed by two others wearing nylon mesh masks. They were carrying guns and demanded money. Loren, the second bar owner who was tending bar at the time started to comply. Approximately six people were in the bar at the time.

One of the robbers grabbed Chucky around the neck and dragged him from his stool. Chucky, a short, slender young man, is disabled and walks, at times, with the help of crutches.

Edwards jumped up to defend Chucky. Edwards was shot twice. Chucky fell to the floor and flattened himself, but he, too, was shot.

Two of the robbers fled. The other, who apparently hadn't counted on shooting, waited for police.

Karen said the police were there within "two minutes." She said they were and have been "good, very nice. They know I have Gay customers."

Neither Karen nor Loren believe the robbery to have been a Gay bashing. No epithets or slurs were called out they said.

The incident has effected everyone at the bar, owners and customers alike, deeply. The bar closed for Edwards' funeral and all who knew him were there. "He was a good man," Loren said. "Everybody liked him. He was the most friendly guy in the world."

Today, above the bar a sign scrolls by reading "We miss you Bill." Bill's picture sits behind the bar, looking out at the place he loved so well.

Karen and Loren and the staff of Loose Ends wish to express thanks for the comfort and support by Mike and the staff of Wizard's Pub.

Walt Whitman Queer T.V. Topic

[Milwaukee]—Host Michael Lisowski interviews Gay poets Antler and Jeff Poniewaz who also commemorate the 100th anniversary of Walt Whitman's death through his poetry in this 2 part program of Queer Television (QTV), a production of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network. All programs are cablecast on Milwaukee Warner Cable's public access Channel 14 (MATA), Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30-11:00 p.m.

QTV For June, July — First Part

Cablecast dates are: 6/11, 6/14, 6/18, 6/21, 7/9

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6/25, 6/28, 7/2, 7/12

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Rev. Cherry To Speak at MCC Service June 28

[Milwaukee]—The New Hope branch of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will join in the celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride by welcoming Reverend Kittredge Cherry to their regular worship service at 6:30 p.m. on June 28, 1992.

Rev. Cherry is an internationally acclaimed author, activist and public speaker. She is in the forefront of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) a denomination of more than 250 churches in 17 countries with a primary ministry to the Lesbian/Gay community.

Rev. Cherry will be signing copies of her new book, *Hide & Speak: How to Free Ourselves from Out Secrets* following the regular service.

New Hope MCC worships every Sunday in the upper chapel of Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood. For more information, call (414) 332-9995.

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a Gay man on active duty in the Navy. Meinhold is a member of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, headed by Milwaukee's Miriam Ben Shalom.

Within a half hour of the May 19 news broadcast, Meinhold was called and told not to report to the class he was to have taught the following morning. On May 20, discharge proceedings were initiated against him.

On Thursdays, June 11, 1992, Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, the head nurse of the Washington State Army National Guard, is scheduled to be discharged because she is a Lesbian. She served with distinction for 30 years and earned the Bronze Star in Vietnam.

In 1991, 926 individuals were discharged from the military for being either Lesbian or Gay. They included 534 Navy personnel, 199 Army personnel, 148 Air Force personnel and 45 Marines.

WALT WHITMAN

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interests of America, threads of manly friendship, fond and loving, pure and sweet, strong and life-long carried to degrees hitherto unknown."

In his Preface to the 1876 edition of *Leaves of Grass*, Whitman writes: "The special meaning of the Calamus cluster mainly resides in its political significance. In my opinion, it is by a fervent, accepted development of Comradeship, the beautiful and sane affection of man for man, latent in all young fellows...that the United States of the future are to be most effectively welded together...into a Living Union."

Until recently, many couldn't accept such a visionary man-to-man love manifesto. But with the historical manifestation of the Gay liberation movement, we now appreciate more than ever the compassionate gift and prophecy of our dear spiritual father, Walt Whitman.

Editor's Note: Antler is the recipient of the 1985 Walt Whitman Prize awarded annually by the Whitman Association of Camden, New Jersey to an author "whose contribution best reveals the continuing presence of Walt Whitman in American poetry."

Antler and his camerado, Jett Poniewaz, will present *Walt Whitman, Camerado*, their special performance of Whitman's poetry, on Saturdays, June 20 and 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the UWM Fine Arts Building (in the southeast corner of the Music Building).

All proceeds will go to benefit AIDS relief and other humanitarian work of the Cream City Foundation. These performances are co-sponsored by the Cream City Foundation, the UWM Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community, and the UWM Department of English and Comparative Literature.

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