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# V The Wisconsin Light

## UWM Police Charged With Entrapment

[Milwaukee]- Over approximately the past 2 months, some 80 men have been arrested by UW-Mllwaukee police for having sex in the men's rooms of UWM's Mitchell Hall. This, according to Shane Riester, Chair of the Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM.

According to a Queer Nation (QN) Milwaukee press release, those arrested have reported that they witnessed the undercover officer involved, masturbating in the bathroom stall before he made any arrests. Some men, QN said, noticed the officers "obscene behavior" because of the holes in the stall walls and were arrested.

A QN spokeman said that the University's rational for this was to protect children during the summer months. The QN spokesperson condemned this reasoning as "playing on the worst steriotypes of Gay men." QN knows of no incidents of harassment of children, he said.

Both Riester and QN have said that they have received only third person accounts of the alleged entrapment. There are no first person accounts, Riester said.

Riester added UWM Police Chief Philip Clark "has been open with us." Riester said he and others are working with Dr. Eleanor Miller, Assistant Chancellor for Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, who he said was "being cooperative" in the matter. "We're working well with her," he said. But, he added, "effectiveness is limited without first person accounts. Riester said he understood people's reluctance to speak, but "it doesn't help if they won't come forward."

QN said that it has attempted to contact UWM Chancellor John Schroeder regarding the issue, but has received no response. A QN spokesman said that, if that continues, they will "come to Schroeder wherever he may be and discuss the issue."

In a strongly worded statement, QN said that it intends "to hold Schroeder responsible for the actions of these officers." QN also charges that the alleged entrapment is in itself criminal behavior.

#### QN's Demands

QN has issued the following set of demands: 1) Immediately stop the use of undercover officers in the UW restrooms; 2) Conduct an investigation into the entrapment methods employed by the UWM Police Department which lead to these arrests; 3) Work with the Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM to develop alternative methods of deterring sexual behavior in its restrooms.

Riester said that avenues of dealing with the situation are being explored. A press release, he said, would be issued as things develop.

QN urges anyone involved in the situation to please come forward. Call either QN at (414) 964- 8423 or the Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM.

# Therapeutic Vaccine Testing To Begin For HIV Infected Persons



Milwaukee artist. Cass Magnuski is shown with one of her earlier paintings. (See Story on Page 6.)

## Police Arrest Four in La Crosse Bar Raid for 'Pornographic' Act

By Darren J. Foster

[La Crosse, WI]- In response to an anonymous La Crosse Crime Stoppers tip, La Crosse police arrested on July 19, 1992, three male dancers and the owner of Memories, a La Crosse Gay bar, for what police termed "a pornographic performance."

At 11:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, two undercover officers who had been in the bar since 10:30 p.m. observing the evening's performance, arrested dancers Jesse "Lance" Lewison of Appleton, John "Buck" Seidl of Two Rivers, and Marty "The Tazzmanian Devil" Harper of Booneville, IN, for "offenses endangering public morals and decency."

In addition to the three dancers who, according to La Crosse Police reports, stripped down to "G- strings," city police also arrested David G. Groom, the owner of Memories bar, under the same ordinance that makes it unlawful "to advertise, produce or perform in any performance... that portrays sexual conduct... in any public place within the City."

All four were arrested without incident and shortly afterwards, were released.

#### Informants Known

Groom, 39, who has been in the bar business for 18 years — five of them at Memories — said, "We do know who the persons are who tipped the police. They are two bitchy dykes, and they will be barred from the bar since we've had trouble with them before." Groom

## Firing of Employee Prompts Boycott Against UW Bookstore

[Madison]- The Ten Percent Society, UW-Madison's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual student group, is organizing a boycott of the University Bookstore in response to a perceived policy of discrimination against Gay and Lesbian employees.

On May 29, 1992, Lois Corcoran was fired from her 4-year 8-month position as Executive Secretary, as was reported in the Isthmus. The firing was allegedly over the fact that she is an open Lesbian. Corcoran was told only that "the University Bookstore is trying to change its image." She was only four months away from vesting in the pension plan. Her case is being actively pursued with the help of the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission.

The University Bookstore has failed to cooperate in the investigation of their employment practices towards Gays and Lesbians. The Isthmus also reported that there has been a history of Gay and Lesbian employees being dismissed without explanation. Employment discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in Wisconsin.

The proposed boycott is aimed at changing the store's policy and practices and encouraging the enforcement of state law by urging alternate sources to offer textbooks and supplies.

Charles Squires, acting President of the Ten Percent Society, said, "If they (the University Bookstore) think they can discriminate against us, they're doing business in the wrong town."

Attempts to get comment from the University Bookstore were unsuccessful.

The support of other student, faculty, and community organizations, is currently being sought.

declined to name the two individuals.

Groom maintains that the three dancers were not wearing G-strings, but were, in fact, wearing thongs. "We did nothing different than the straight bars down the street do when they have dancers. They (La Crosse Police) are just picking on us because we are a Gay bar," he said.

Groom continued, raising the possibility of an entrapment defense. "We did know that they (the police) were coming because we were tipped off ahead of time. And when they were asked if they were police, at the door, they said, 'no.' Isn't there a law that says that they must identify themselves as police if they are asked?" the bar owner wondered.

Groom vows to fight his \$265 fine without an attorney. The three dancers will be returning to La Crosse to contest the charges that carry a penalty of \$200-\$1,000 fine. A court date has been scheduled for August 12 before La Crosse Municipal Court Judge Edmund Nix.

## Women With AIDS Face Discrimination

[Amsterdam]- In his phone report on the International AIDS from Amsterdam, Doug Nelson noted that delegates have been told that the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "continues to have a definition of AIDS that does not take into account the manifestation of AIDS in women.

Nelson reported that there were many more women at the conference than ever. Women, he said, are making a "powerful statement" that they have been ignored by the CDC in "ways that are extremely harmful."

As an example, Nelson cited the fact that the CDC does not recognize pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) and it does not recognize cervical cancer as clinical manifestations of HIV.

As a result, women are being undercounted in the disease total. Further, they are not getting access to financial and other government benefits.

Nelson said, "What is clear is that women are dieing from HIV without having been diagnosed with AIDS."

He went on to say that "The CDC continues to stall in changing its definition." He called this "unconscionable" and added, "I believe that this is a further example of the politicizing of the CDC by the Bush Administration."

[Amsterdam]- "It is the most promising news yet on what has been a very bleak decade for AIDS," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). At the same time, Nelson warned, "This is not a time to celebrate, but it is a time to raise our hopes."

Nelson was speaking by phone from Amsterdam where he and Paul Milakovich, MAP's Deputy Director, are attending the International AIDS Conference. The Conference is being attended by over 11,000 people from over 100 countries.

"The promising news is of a therapeutic vaccine for people who are HIV infected," Nelson said.

News of the vaccine, Nelson said, was reported to the conference on Tuesday, July 21, 1992 by scientists from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and the New York University Medical School. The reports were based on studies involving eight different therapeutic vaccines. The report showed that the new vaccine "does stimulate an immune system response which increases the neutralizing antibodies to HIV and decreases the HIV viral load," Nelson said.

Nelson went on to explain that trials show that for individuals with a T-cell count of 400 or more, after six months of being on the vaccine, the T- cell counts increased by 30%

After 18 months of taking the vaccine, Nelson said, T-cell counts increased by 19%

The therapeutic vaccine has completed Phase I and Phase II trials that are done to ascertain safety and non-toxicity. Now, the vaccine will move rapidly into Phase III testing for efficacy

III, testing for efficacy.

Nelson said that these tests will be done in the U.S. in trails all around the country.

"They will need thousands of volunteers," he said. He noted that the location of the sites has not yet been established, but Wisconsin will be among them. "There will be rapid development of Phase III trials and they look promising," he said.

#### **Prevention Vaccine**

The second type of vaccine that has been reported to the conference, Nelson said, is a vaccine aimed at preventing people from catching HIV. There have been 12 candidate prevention vaccines, he said, that have been in Phase I trials over the past years. The initial findings reported to the conference are from Phase I.

According to the report, Nelson said, the prevention vaccine is "well-tolerated" by the volunteers. There are, he said, some "typical mild side effects," but "it is safe."

Phase I tests show that the prevention vaccine does produce neutralizing antibodies to HIV. However, he cautioned, a prevention vaccine is "more complicated. It's got to be 100 percent sure. It's got to be fail-safe in blocking infection." He predicted that "It will be a much longer process to develop the (prevention) vaccine.

Nelson further warned that conference attendees are being told that the first vaccine, when it comes, will not be perfect. "For some it will work, others not. One prevention vaccine will not be enough," he said. Eventually, there will be more than one.

However, he said, scientists who are conducting the Phase I trials on the prevention vaccine, are strongly urging a "rapid movement into Phase III. "It will take two to three years," he said, "to run the Phase III trials. They will need between two and five thousand volunteers who are not infected with HIV at multiple sites around the U.S.

Nelson was emphatic in his warning that though there is reason for optimism,

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Johnson Threatens to Leave Post

[Washington, D.C.]-Correspondent John Zeh reports that exactly six months after he joined the National Commission on AIDS, retired basketball great Magic Johnson renewed his criticism of how the Bush Administration is handling the escalating HIV epidemic and reiterated his threat to resign from the panel.

Johnson blasted President Bush and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Louis H. Sullivan, for failing to fight AIDS more energetically. "They're the key to educating people, and they haven't," Johnson said.

## ACT UP Trails Clinton On Campaign

[New York, NY]- ACT UP activists from both coasts will confront Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton and vice presidential candidate Sen. Al Gore on their refusal to discuss AIDS issues. The two Democratic candidates are making a campaign swing through the Northeast and Midwest.

"At every stop, in every interview, at every town meeting, they have to talk about AIDS. They must educate the American people about this disease that has killed over 140,000 people in this nation alone. We cannot afford to lose any more points of light,"

said Steve Michael of Seattle ACT UP.

## Gay Acceptance in Military Grows

[Washington, D.C.]- In a recent press release, Massachusetts Democratic Congressman Gerry Studds said "the momentum is clearly moving toward long overdue acceptance of Gay men and Lesbians in the military." Studds pointed to the 64 co-sponsors signed on to a bill that would eliminate military discriminatory practices towards Gays and Lesbians. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO)

## 'New Republic' Runs Pro-Gay Ad

[Washington, D.C.]-The New Republic, one of the nation's most influential political magazines, ran a full-page pro-Gay and Lesbian ad in its July 13th issue. The ad, prepared by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, urges readers to join the work of the Campaign Fund by fighting anti-Lesbian and Gay bigoty.

Directly countering the anti-Gay rhetoric of Vice President Dan Quayle, the ad is

headlined: "Tolerance is a Traditional Value."

'We wanted to make sure that the readers of a widely read journal of political opinion know that Lesbian and Gay Americans are not going to remain silent in the face of attacks from Dan Quayle, Lou Sheldon and others on the far right," noted Tim McFeeley, the Campaign Fund's Executive Director.

## Concerns Raised Over Senator Gore

[New York, NY]-The AIDS and Gay rights activist group ACT UP/Presidential Project, on July 10, expressed concern over Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Al Gore. The activists note that Gore is not a co-sponsor of the federal Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. Gore also voted for an amendment that restricted public schools from using materials that "promote homosexuality or state that homosexuality is normal, natural or healthy."

ACT UP is also apprehensive about the political activities of Gore's wife, Tipper. "She is a member in good standing of the traditional family values movement that opposes civil rights for Gays and Lesbians and blunt AIDS prevention measures," said the group.

## **HRCF Praises Gore Selection**

[Washington, D.C.]- Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has issued a statement strongly endorsing Sen. Al Gore as the Democratic

McFeeley said, "During the 101st Congress, Senator Gore received a 90 percent score from HRCF on votes he cast on issues of importance to the Lesbian and Gay community, earning him one of the highest scores in the Senate. During the first session of the current Congress, we have given him a 100 percent score.

McFeeley went on to say that, "Senator Gore has voted for increased funding for AIDS research, prevention and care, and for a greater federal role in combating hate crimes against Lesbian and Gay Americans. He has opposed efforts by Sen. Jesse Helms (D-NC) to undermine the efforts of Lesbian and Gay Americans to live as equal members of our

## Vatican Condemned For Letter

[Houston, TX]- Reacting strongly to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's latest pastoral letter urging bishops of its American churches to oppose public acceptance of homosexual conduct and fight legislation that would end discrimination against Americans of homosexual orientation, American Gay and Lesbian Atheists (AGLA), strongly condemned the Church.

"The modern-day Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith which issued the political directive against an entire class of Americans, is perhaps better known under its old name, The Holy Roman Inquisition, said Don Sanders, AGLA national director. "In well over 1,200 years, the Church has failed to alter its basic foundation of hatred against Gays and Lesbians, and continues to this day to reign terror upon us," noted Sanders.

## It's All or Nothing In Oregon

[Portland, OR]- According to the Washington Blade, a pro-Gay group in Portland, OR, has adopted a novel way of countering a religious group's attempt to add anti-Gay restrictions to the state constitution. The pro-Gay group, the "Special Righteousness Committee," has started a campaign to place certain biblical passages from the Book of Leviticus into state law.

The initiative would ask voters to amend the state constitution to forbid the consumption of shellfish, the wearing of clothing made from more than one kind of material, and adultery and the cursing of parents without the punishment of death.

## Phoenix Avoids Gay Ballot Issue

[Phoenix, AZ]- According to Equal Time of Minneapolis, Phoenix, Arizona voters won't be asked to decide the fate of a controversial Gay rights ordinance after all.

The City Council voted July 8 to reverse an earlier decision to refer the anti-discrimination measure to the ballot and passed a compromise ordinance instead. Mayor Paul Johnson brought the ordinance back before the council in hopes of avoiding a campaign that he said he feared would tear the city apart.

Former U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater was among those urging the council to reconsider. "If you put this thing on the ballot," Goldwater said, "all hell is going to break loose. I've lived here for a long time and I know how excited people can get about nothing.

The compromise prohibits employers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation. But it applies only to companies that do business with the city and have 35 or more employees. The 6-3 vote was cheered by Gay rights advocates, who called it an important first step.

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

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## Sept. 6 MAPfest To Be Held On **Performing Arts Center Grounds**

[Milwaukee]- MAPfest, one of the four annual fundraising events produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) to benefit comprehensive AIDS care and education services, will be held, Sunday, September 6, 1992 at the Performing Arts Center Grounds, Peck Pavilion. Festival organizers expect to raise \$30,000 and attract more than 2,500 people for this Seventh Annual MAPfest.

This year's MAPfest, according to Louise Searing, special events manager at MAP, will be even bigger, better, and more exciting than in the past. "People are responding tremendously to the increase in services that we require to keep pace with the AIDS epidemic," she said. "This community response is directly reflected in the increased attendance at all of our special events. We greatly appreciate it.'

Tickets to MAPfest are \$3 for adults, and \$2 for children under 13. Bring three non-perishable food items for MAP's food pantry and receive \$1 off admission. The festival will feature a wide variety of entertainment, the popular market place, bachelor/bachelorette auction, games, food and MAPfest raffle.

Two stages of entertainment will feature La Chazz, Milwaukee's premiere 9-piece Latin/salsa band, and the Hipwaders, a young country/western trio from Milwaukee. MAPfest will also offer The Great Big Atom Smasher, Comedy Sportz, exciting top female impersonators, excerpts from Gypsy, strolling accordionists, improv dancers, stilt walkers, musicians, magicians and much more.

#### Market Place and Raffle

The MAPfest Market Place, a providing booths collection of information, merchandise, and food, has expanded in 1992. Goldi's, Victor/ Victoria, Nouveau Ritz, Spangles, Metropolis, Pride of Milwaukee, Claro Que Si, and Tie Me Up-Tie Me Down, will be among the more than thirty merchants and information booth participants.

The MAPfest raffle offers the chance to win fabulous prizes while assisting support programs for AIDS care and education.

The raffle's grand prize, courtesy of Bottom Line Travel, features a vacation for two to the NAMES quilt in Washington, D.C., October 8-12, 1992. The trip includes round-trip airfare and four nights hotel accommodations. Other prizes include a city-wide shopping spree valued at \$300, baskets of donated merchandise and much more.

MAPfest, in association with the MAKE A PROMISE dinner in March, the Art For AIDS auction in June and the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, September 20, 1992, are imperative annual fundraising

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events produced to ensure a continuum of AIDS-related services for individuals and families throughout Wisconsin. The comprehensive fundraising goal for 1992 is approximately \$500,000. For more information, call (414) 273- 1991.

#### **MAP Fundraisers**

In other news from MAP, recent fundraisers have been highly successful.

The fourth annual Challenging Party, held at the Posner Gallery on May 29, 1992, raised in excess of \$23,000 for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), MAP's parent agency. For the first year, people attending the party could choose to support ARCW or the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

In June, Imagine, an interpretive fashion theatre, raised \$11,344 for MAP at a benefit at the Italian Community Center. The benefit was held June 10, 1992 and was attended by more than 250 people

Two benefits were held during the past six weeks, raising nearly \$750 to support AIDS care and prevention programs offered by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP).

JoDee's International featured the stand-up comedy of Brian James and generated \$150 and the Helens produced "Drag-A-Rama II" at Club 94 raising

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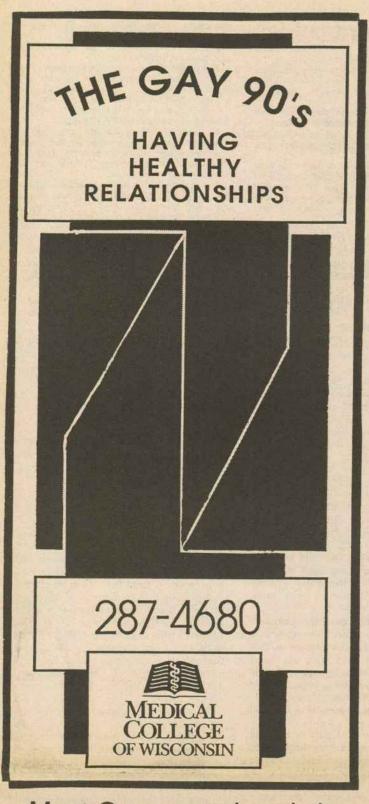


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## **LETTERS**

## Madison's United

TO THE EDITOR:

The July 9, 1992 front page article, "Central Agency Needed in Madison" either mistakenly substituted "Madison" for "Milwaukee" in the next to last paragraph or was based on bad information. The United is a central agency serving the needs of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community in Madison. Its director, Jane VanderBoshch, is experienced with agency administration, political advocacy, and the workings of the social service agencies in Dane County. Dane County.

Since becoming director, she has expanded the accessibility of The United's telephone information and referral service; been a ready source of accurate information about Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals to the media, individuals, and organizations; increased the size, frequency of publication and circulation of The United's newsletter Unity; and has brought together representatives of the various

Gay-identified organizations to communicate about ways they can work together.

The United shares office space with the all-volunteer Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center. Together these complementary organizations provide, on a shoestring, an amazing amount of central services to our community. The two things they need to enhance and expand services are more enhance and expand services are more financial and volunteer contributions from Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals and their allies.

— Sylvia Brown Madison

Editor's Note: The press release from New Era, the source for the article, was poorly written and unclear as to whether Madison or Milwaukee was meant. The mistake was later rectified, but only after we were in print.

## **Artist's Rights**

TO THE EDITOR:

The addition of Sen. Gore to the Democratic ticket should be deeply disturbing to anyone who believes freedom of expression is something valuable.

As a senator, Al Gore used his office to

provide a forum for Tipper Gore's campaign to suppress the First Amendment rights of performing artists. We have no assurance that Sen. Gore will not abuse higher office in a similar way.

There ought to be a label on the 1992
Democratic ticket: WARNING — MAY
CONTAIN OBJECTIONABLE RESTRICTIONS
ON HUMAN LIBERTIES.

Of course, no principled person could vote for Bush or Perot, I am going fishing on election day. I invite Light readers to do the

— Lars Eighner Austin, Texas

## **UW Whitewater**

TO THE EDITOR:

I wanted to thank you for the exceptional article you published concerning the "bashing" that happened on UW-Whitewater's campus ["Homophobic Backlash Envelopes Students at UW-Whitewater," Wisconsin Light, December 12, 1991-January 8, 1992]. Since then much has happened

happened.

Besides the landslide of support from Besides the landslide of support from hundreds of people, the Gay and Lesbian Student Union (GLSU) made some concrete plans and requests which we took to the Chancellor. He promptly pushed them to the Dean of Students, who has been very helpful and supportive. He helped us file a Financial Discrimination Form stating that our budget had been cut more than half from last year's and that we demanded \$200 in additional funds. and that we demanded \$200 in additional funds in order for our organization to function. Talk about a long, fierce battle. Well, we won! The Dean of Students has also agreed to

print a brochure boasting the University's policy on diversity with a "Gay" layout and

From our list of requests, a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Issues Task Force is being set up this fall semester to review our demands from last semester. The panel includes members from the GLSU as well as from the Deans, Faculty Senate and Residence

In addition to all this productive news, at the UW-W Student Organization Council Awards, the GLSU President (myself) and Vice-President, Kim Kraus, received Campus Leader Awards, and GLSU won the Outstanding Educational Award for our Issues and Information seminars (for the second year

Don't get me wrong, we don't all have roses growing out of our ears, but perhaps we've removed a little manure so we can begin to

In strength and unity,

— Shelby Mallonen Mukwonago

## **Keep Streets Safe**

On May 20th, 1992, I met and took home to my apartment two friends. One went by the street name of Kelly and the other went by the name of Charles. I have known Kelly for two years. Charles was supposedly a friend of Kelly's that I had met just a few days before. Both of them are hustlers that frequent the Phoenix Bar. They asked me if I wanted them to come over and I told them only if there were no money exchanged. They both agreed.

Before long, I was overwhelmed by them in my apartment, choked, threatened with a knife and tied up. Kelly and Charles proceeded to and tied up. Kelly and Charles proceeded to steal several things from my apartment including my car. I managed to get out of the cord they tied me up with and to call the Greenfield police just after they left my Both inside and outside the Phoenix, I have been not only hustled but hassled. I know of many patrons whose lives have been threatened by the dangerous element of ex-cons and low life that hang around that bar. Since the bar itself cannot seem to control this element, I think someone needs to speak out

There is enough problems facing the Gay community. They should not have to fear for their lives just because they want to go to a bar and socialize with other people of their own

In my case, two of these criminals are now behind bars. I sincerely hope that others who have found themselves in similar circumstances are also able to speak out against this too common of an occurrence that threatens all of our lives.

- James W. Berlowski

apartment. Both Kelly and Charles were

caught.

My car was totaled in the chase and my

My car was totaled in the chase and my possessions all damaged.

Kelly and Charles were apprehended and after six weeks of incarceration, pleaded guilty to armed robbery. On July 15, Charles received a sentence of 54 months and Kelly was given 92. (Kelly's real name is Kenneth McAdoo and Charles's name is Robert Wallace.)

1, first of all, want to commend the Greenfield Police Department for the courtesy and care they gave me considering that I and the defendants were Gay. I could not have received better treatment.

received better treatment.

My concern is that Kelly... himself told me to be careful of hustlers. The reason was that they all talked freely about how they mug and rob the johns they find down there on the street. It has become a dangerous place for any Gay to

## After Being Kicked Out of the Army, **English Adjusts to His New Life**

Commentary By Jim English

Upon my return to Milwaukee, I am filled with mixed emotions, but most importantly, I feel as though I have returned to a safe haven. Some of you may remember me. In 1989 and 1990 I was on the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. At that time, I was also with the U.S. Army. Now, I am here just as a quiet citizen, no longer a member of either of those organizations.

But what I am here with, predominantly, is my peace of mind. My lover, Brad, gave me one of his pins that I now wear: "If I have nothing to hide, I have nothing to lose." That has become my living creed. The Army took from me 18 years of service, with just two years left to retirement. What they did not take from me is my heart, my soul and my ability to rationally see the world without the blindfolds placed on me by a naive autocracy.

What I have learned over the past few years is that there is an inner being within all of us, a being I have been taught to call my "Inner Child." That soul has been with each of us throughout our entire being, and continues to operate in whatever way we are trained, or in ways that we rationally teach ourselves to avoid the harshness of life.

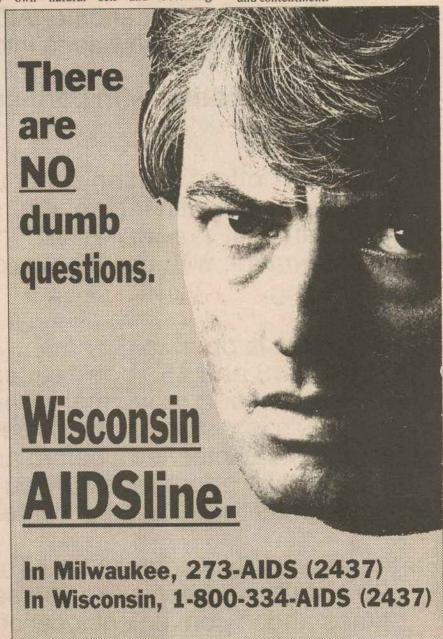
I have spent the better part of the last five years stripping away the complexities of the inner mind that has kept me from being the whole person which I now know I could always have been. In the course of this cleansing, I feel I have done some pretty exciting things, such as accepting my own natural self and becoming someone who will stand up for my rights as a simple human being who does not deserve to be placed in anyone's discriminatory pigeon-hole for the sake of their comfort.

The course for human kind to get above and beyond the pettiness of society's whims is incredible. It is my hope that I can help show people how I have scraped away the varnish that may be covering the shining light of their inner child. If we could find the way to let the sun shine in on that soul, maybe we could find the way to unite together, just as human beings all trying to survive the current insanity of

With the blessing of Jerry and Terry at The Light, and those who enjoy their fine newspaper, I hope to write more in future issues of some of the ideas that I have been able to formulate over the last few years from a combination of: living life under a discriminatory tyranny; working with my fellow members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual community; attending sessions of intense therapy and learning through the wonderful world of higher education where all our thoughts are allowed to run rampant, hopefully, toward greater insight.

Whether I have gained that or not, I will let you decide. For me, even with all that I have faced in the past few months, life has never seemed better. And every day in which I am a free person to form and create my own ideas of what is good in life is a joyous day.

Until later then, I bid you all a happy life and may your inner child grow in strength and contentment.



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## **More Quotes** Of A Decidely **Queer Nature**

By Jamakaya

Queer quotes are being tossed about with abandon these days. Here are more to amuse and amaze you.

In a recent interview with Montel Williams, convicted serial killer Aileen Wuornos momentarily shed her icy demeanor when she recalled her first woman lover: "I got into hooking with her so I could take her out to fancy restaurants and stay in nice motels and everything. I was really in love with her. I mean, for the first time in the Lesbian field, it's a different experience, and you can really get lost in love..." We know,

Earlier this year in her nationally syndicated column, Anna Quindlen wrote: "Only 25 years ago... it was a crime for a black woman to marry a white man. Perhaps 25 years from now we will find it just as incredible that two people of the same sex were not entitled to legally commit themselves to one another. Love and commitment are rare enough; it seems absurd to thwart them in any

Among the more than 75,000 responses Ann Landers received after asking her readers "Are you glad you are Gay or would you rather be straight?" were these queer quotables.

From Yonkers: "I'm a straight female who wishes she were a Lesbian. Why? Because women are much more intelligent, caring, sensitive, generous, honest and decent than men. My girlfriends are fabulous. The men I know are vain, exploitive, painfully self-absorbed and boring." From Chicago: "We have four

children. One of our sons is gay. He is the brightest and most sensitive, caring and thoughtful of the four. We often wondered if being Gay made the difference and have concluded that it did.'

By a ratio of 30:1, readers declared that "Yes, I'm glad to be Gay." Landers' conclusion: "It is my firm conviction that homosexuality is not learned behavior; it is genetic. It can be suppressed, but not

Lori Petty gave Premiere this assessment of A League of Their Own co-star Tom Hanks: "Tom was like one of the girls. He was! You just want to hug him and say, 'Can I sit in your lap for an hour?" Hmmmm. Read that one again.

Hanks, not to be outdone, supplied Premiere with a quote of a heterosexual nature: "Look, the whole reason I did this movie was because it was going to be a blast. Come on — play baseball all summer with a bunch of girls? Please! Help me. And get paid to do it? Fine, I'm there. When do we start?'

Janet McTeer, playing Vita Sackville-West on the BBC/PBS series Portrait of a Marriage, is as disgusted as we are about the 34 minutes edited out of the film for its American telecast. The censored material contained explicit love scenes between Vita and her lover, Violet.

McTeer told Entertainment Weekly: "If Americans are not grown up enough to be able to understand the program as we made it, then fuck 'em, quite frankly." Vita would no doubt concur.

Dyke heartthrob Mary Stuart Masterson (Idgie in Fried Green Tomatoes) got very political in an interview with the Chicago Tribune and sounded like the woman-identified woman we all hoped she'd be: "I don't understand this myth that so called women's movies don't interest people. How can family stories or intimate dramas not be interesting? Or have no appeal?"

'Dirty Dancing, Pretty Woman, Steel Magnolias, Thelma & Louise. All these movies were labeled 'women's movies.' It's too narrow, too ridiculous. Whoever uninteresting?" said that women, real women with real

She continued: "The industry executives say that the majority of the movie-going audience is women from their teens to 30 or so. And these executives claim that these women want to see men with big biceps, sweating and holding guns. That's not the main focus in the lives of any women I know.

Well, I should hope not, Mary Stuart! "Lesbianism is the best damn thing that happens to a southern girl," Dorothy Allison told the Gay & Lesbian Times, "Otherwise, lord help you."

Allison's first novel, Bastard Out of Carolina, is currently wowing the literary



DOROTHY ALLISON

world. The New York Times Book Review was uncharacteristically effusive, calling the book "simply stunning, about as close to flawless as any reader could ask for and any writer, at any age or stage, could hope for and aspire to ... Please reserve a seat of honor at the high table of the art of fiction for Dorothy Allison.

Congratulations, Dorothy! (Her earlier collection of short stories, Trash, published by Firebrand, is equally

Another book making big waves among historians and the literati is Blanche Wiesen Cook's Eleanor Roosevelt: Vol. 1, 1884-1933. Cook, for the first time ever, discusses the many Lesbians whose friendship and politics influenced Eleanor as well as Eleanor's long-term relationship with journalist Lorena

Cook uses the famous passage from one of Hickok's letters to Eleanor in which Hick expresses the desire to feel "that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips" to cement her case that the women were indeed lovers.

I just love this passage from the book:

"E.R. and Hick were not involved in a schoolgirl 'smash.' They did not meet in a nineteenth century storybook... They were neither saints nor adolescents. Nor were they virgins or mermaids. They were two adult women in the prime of their lives, committed to working out a relationship under very circumstances. They had already lived several other lives. They knew the score. they appreciated the risks and dangers. They had both experienced pain in loving. They never thought it would be easy or smooth. They gave each other pleasure and comfort, trust and love. They touched each other deeply, loved profoundly... They sought to avoid gossip. And for the most part, they succeeded. They wrote to each other exactly what they meant to write. Sigmund Freud notwithstanding, 'A cigar may not always be a cigar,' but the 'northeast... corner of your mouth against my lips' is always the northeast

## Triathlon For **Women To Take** Place August 9

[Minneapolis]- The 6th Annual Wilderness Way Women's Triathlon will take place on Sunday, August 9, 1992. The Triathlon is designed to accommodate both novice and experienced participants. It will take place at the Wilderness Way Resort in northern Wisconsin. Competing divisions will be determined by these age parameters: 18-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49;

The course limits participants to 100 individuals plus 10 relay teams. The registration fee is \$30 per person and \$60 per relay team.

For registration, rules, course description and lodging information, contact: Anita Long, Coordinator, 732 E. 16th St., #24, Minneapolis, MN 55404; (612) 338-4711.

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## Gay Life in Israel Is Open And **Accepted By Family Members**

By Barry Cherin

Whether the young King David and Prince Jonathan, King Saul's son, were really lovers is still a matter of conjecture. However there is no question that David, 45, and Jonathan, 46, are committed lovers in Israel.

David, an accountant, is cute, preppie-looking, short, wears glasses and has salt and pepper hair. Jonathan, an airline steward, is tall, lanky, tan, dark-haired and is blessed with heavy-lidded sexy eyes. They live in a very well-decorated modern condo in a fashionable district of Tel Aviv just a few blocks from the beach.

They met in 1979 at the World Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews. Six months later, they were living together and have now been a couple for more than

An American Gay might think that David and Jonathan's relationship would be a deep dark secret from their mutual families in a Hebraic patriarchal society, but that is not the case at all.

David's father is dead, but his mother fully accepts Jonathan and is fond of her "son-in-law." Jonathan's father is dead as well, but his mother feels the same about David as David's mother feels about Jonathan. Both men are included in all family gatherings. The family integration is total and loving.

#### America vs. Israel

What is the reason for this total family acceptance as opposed to the average American Gay lifestyle which includes keeping one's sexual orientation and lover away from one's family?

"One reason could be a simple matter of distance," says David. "In America, children move away from their parents. You can have a family with parents living in Miami, a daughter living in New York and a son living in California and they see each other infrequently.

"Here, in Israel, we are very close to our families and the country is very small. The family unit is very, very strong and while there might be some emotional discomfort in first disclosing to one's parents that one is Gay, the family structure eventually reverts back to a close, loving and protective unit. Our

families are also happy that we have each other because of AIDS. They feel our relationship protects us.

#### Israeli Gay Life

So what is the "lover situation" like in Israel?

David and Jonathan agree that it's probably the same as in America for several reasons. Half of their friends are singles and half are couples. The singles are on an eternal search for "Mr. Right" and are always asking to be fixed up.

'It can be easier finding a lover here than it is in the U.S.A.," says Jonathan. "We only have one Gay bar, one sauna in Tel Aviv and lots of guys meet in the park, but that's just a start. Not only does our Gay paper carry contact ads, but you can find Gay contact ads in regular consumer publications — The Jerusalem Post (English language) and at least 70 in every issue of a weekly newspaper, The City (in Hebrew).

## **Delegates Turn** Backs On U.S. **Health Secretary**

By John Zeh

[Washington, D.C.]- Over 100 delegates to an international convention of social workers turned their backs on U.S. Health and Human Services head Louis W. Sullivan here July 21 because they feel he has failed Gay and Lesbian

Supporters stood during Sullivan's entire speech, facing the back of the hall and their onlooking colleagues.

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Artist Cass Magnuski posing with one of her paintings.

## Magnuski's 'Belly Art' Speaks Volumes in Splashes of Color

By Terry Boughner

What first meets the eye are splashes of color, bright yellows, fiery reds and oranges and cool blues. Then, as you look again, you see that, as with the Impressionists, the colors form into a picture. What looks, at first, like dabs of pigment, become paths for they eye leading into the personality of the person

Cass Magnuski whose work this is, calls her painting "belly art." She says of a portrait or landscape, "I know when it's finished in my belly. I actually feel it She likens it to being physically." sexually stimulated. Toulouse-Lautrec who Magnuski says was one of her greatest influences, described his feelings in the same way.

The Chicago-born Magnuski has worked at her art since high school where she received encouragement and inspiration from a respected art teacher. After coming to Milwaukee, she did street portraits at Summerfest and elsewhere, working at finding a style that could express what she wanted to say.

In the meantime, she moved to Little Rock, Arkansas and gave her energies to the fight for Lesbian/Gay civil rights. She organized the Gay Pride marches, served as a DJ, produced radio documentaries and taught Tae Kwon Do for five years and did a whole lot else. There was little time or room in her schedule for her art.

In 1986, she returned to Milwaukee. Four years later, after what she describes as 'a profoundly painful emotional experience." she returned to her

As painful as it was, the experience was ground for her creativity. Anger took over, she said. "I no longer cared what anyone thought about me or about what I did. The effect of that attitude has been the unlayering of naked creativity." And that, she added, "was good."

From that outlook, an honest purity seemed to emerge, bringing with it a raw beauty that focuses on the individual as opposed to landscapes, still lifes or buildings. The personalities and inner characters on the faces of her subjects (several of whom I know) comes out clearly. One has laughing eyes. In the eyes of another I see ghosts and yet, in a third, (someone I do not know) there is

But no matter who they are or what the artist has let me see in their faces, one thing they all have in common. That is a certain smoldering sensuality that is as intense as the colors - or the artist

Of her portraits, Magnuski says, "I try to make the people breath. Sometimes they seem to bleed.

She prefers to work in acrylics because they dry quickly. "If I had more patience, I'd work in oils," she says. She works at night, the quiet, lonely time, when she is most by herself. "Maybe I'm trying to make light," she said, shrugging as if it made little difference.

Since last Summer she has exhibited at the A. Houberbachen Gallery, at two Gay Pride Art shows and at the M&M Club, all in Milwaukee. She has also received eight commissions. "Most artists," she says, 'aren't so lucky.

Like all artists, she has a wish for more commissions. She wants also to have a gallery show and, she adds with a wink, to be surrounded by brilliant people.'

In the meantime, she sings with the Cream City Chorus (her 4th year), plays the guitar and is currently editing a novel. She also plays a damn good game of

But her heart is in her painting, her soul too, for that matter. While others can write words, Cass Magnuski speaks volumes in color.

## **Broadway Show Tunes Salute** 3B's August 1 MAP Benefit

By Bobby Cole

[Milwaukee]- It started about five years ago at Christmas time. Bill Meyer and myself discussed doing a fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). Our idea was that it would be great to start out with stars hanging above the bar. People could write different messages or memorials on them and attach a donation to the star. We decided to call it "Stars For AIDS." It would go from December and we would finish off with a show in January. That first show took in \$65.

After that, we did a "Hearts For AIDS" collection and show. A lot more money was received for MAP. Also, the performers were supportive and giving to

As I said, that all began five years ago. Now, my friend Bill is gone. He was taken from us on May 17, 1992 at the age of 31.

Bill Wood is also gone. He was a friend of the 3 B's bar. He won the honor of naming the back bar in a contest when we opened last year. We will miss both Bills very much.

On August 1, 1992, at 10:30 p.m., Barbra Jean and her Country Cabaret Girls will be doing a memorial show dedicated to both Bills. Co-hosting the show with Barbra Jean will be the famous and lovely, Miss Goldie Adams.

The show will be a salute to Broadway and will feature all Broadway show tunes, kind of a switch from the country music for which Barbar and her girls are known. Everyone is invited to attend.

This is Barbra Jean's second MAP benefit at the 3 B's. In May, she and her girls raised \$482 for MAP.

## Stunningly Enthusiastic Reception Greets Fest City Singers in Denver

[Milwaukee]-Speaking in a press release, members of Milwaukee's Fest City Singers (FCS) say they are still glowing after a stunningly enthusiastic reception at the international convention of Gay and Lesbian Choruses held in Denver, Colorado, June 28-July 5, 1992.

"We received four standing ovations," said an FCS spokesperson. "Of 70 choral performances, ours was one of the best received." He thought that FCS's popularity may have been due to the fact that, of the choruses attending the convention, FCS was the only group that performed staged pieces.

And FCS won applause from its audiences when the announcer explained that the chorus was made up of men and women, Gay, Lesbian and straight. Most of the choruses there were composed of Gay men; a few were Lesbian groups.

None of FCS's female members were able to go to the convention, but that didn't interfere with the chorus's popular repertoire. The audience went wild when a singer announced that, lacking women, they'd have to perform the next song in "Milwaukee drag," then put on babushkas!

**FCS Sings for Thousands** 

Each chorus attending the convention presented two 20-minute performances in two different theatres. FCS performed first in the Boettcher Theatre (capacity 2600) to a full house. An hour later, they performed to a capacity crowd in the Buell Theatre (capacity 1,000), and many of those who had seen their first

performance followed them to see it repeated.

Many asked about the origin of some of the FCS songs. Particularly popular with the audiences were those written by Chicago writer/composer Kristin Lems.

Seeing The Mile High City

Despite the many hours spent in rehearsal prior to their performances, FCS members had plenty of time to explore Denver. Chorus members had nothing but praise for the Mile High City as Denver is known. One chorus member who attended the convention with his partner was elated that, for the first time ever, he felt he could hold hands with his partner on the street without "feeling different.

When they weren't rehearsing, some chorus members attended the Gay Rodeo which was also held in Denver that week. Most sampled the cuisine and the nightlife, especially the cowboy bars.

At the end of the convention, all 70 sang together choruses commissioned numbers for which they'd rehearsed all week long. All agreed that this experience was especially moving.

The Fest City Singers will perform their new show, Movin' On, at the Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 E. Wells, on Friday, August 28; Saturday, August 29; and Sunday, August 30. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling the Festline at (414) 263- SING.

## **Cuts Distort History of Real-Life** Story In 'Portrait of a Marriage'

[Los Angeles]- Anyone who has been watching the British TV series, Portrait of a Marriage on Milwaukee's Channel 10, might be interested to know that cuts have been made by the WGBH Foundation in Boston, the series' American co-sponsor, in preparing it for broadcast on PBS's Masterpiece Theatre

Sources closely connected with the original series told the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/Los Angeles (GLAAD) that the cuts distort the history of the real-life Lesbian relationship between the famous British writers, Vita Sackville-West and Violet

The 34 minutes of cuts apparently transform Portrait of a Marriage into something quite different from the original drama made by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in London. This is contrary to WGBH's statement that the series was cut for reasons of pacing alone.

GLAAD/LA was told that the WGBH cuts follow a subtle line: scenes that suggest the two women's Lesbianism is inherent, and scenes showing the relationship as joyful and loving were removed. Also cut was a childhood sequence which highlighted the beginning of their affection for each other.

## Queer Jeopardy and PrideFest Footage Highlight QTV Programs

[Milwaukee]- Queer TV's host Michael Lisowski plays game show host on Milwaukee's first attempt at Queer Jeopardy. The previously taped show comes complete with flashing lights and queer questions. Contestants Edna, Steve Byers, and John Sherman were teased by leatherman Bill Wren who played "Miss Vanna," Mike's able game board assistant. Who won the grand prize of a date with Bill? Tune in and find out.

The cablecast date is Sunday, July 26, at 10:30 on Channel 14.

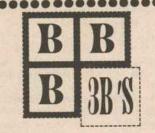
**QTV Shows Gay Pride** 

Another episode of Queer TV highlights June's Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Celebration. Footage from the parade and samples from several performances are featured along with a colorful abundance of T-shirts and people telling why they "came out" to the

The program will be cablecast on Thursday, July 30, Sunday, August 2, Thursday, August 6 and Sunday, August 9. All cablecast times are at 10:30 p.m. on Warner Cable's public access Channel

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation. For more information or to get involved, write QTV, P.O. Box 239,

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## Flamboyance and Fortitude; Reassessing Butch-Femme Culture

Ed. Note: The following is an excerpt from the introduction to a new book titled The Persistent Desire: A Femme Butch Reader, edited by Joan Nestle and published by Alyson.

By Joan Nestle

For more than a hundred years, the butch-femme couple has been the private and public face of Lesbianism in America, yet we still understand little about this form of Lesbian erotic identity. Everyone has taken a turn at denigrating the butch-femme couple — from the sexologist at the turn of the century who spoke about the predatory female masculine invert, to the early homophile activists of the fifties who pleaded with these "obvious" women to tone down their style of self-presentation, to the

Lesbian-feminists of the seventies who

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cried "traitor" into the faces of the few butch-femme couples. Yet this form of expression has persisted. In small towns and big cities, butch-femme couples created lives of minor miracles. Coping with daily ostracism, they took care of each other, and as the years passed, they spilled out of their homes into the bars and clubs that would herald the politicized Lesbian world of the seventies.

At the crux of the modern discussion about butch-femme identity is the question of its autonomy: does the longevity of butch-femme self-expression reflect the pernicious strength of heterosexual gender polarization — or is it, as I would argue, a Lesbian-specific way of deconstructing gender that radically reclaims women's erotic energy? Are femmes and butches dupes of heterosexuality, or are they gender pioneers with a knack for alchemy?

Many of the women who speak in The Persistent Desire believe in the originality of their choices. Others report on what they have seen. What moved me the most as I read the submissions was the inherent eroticism of this subject. Never have I been so wooed, so played with, so enticed as I have been by the butch women who wrote to me. Even the discussions around editing the pieces were filled with erotic play; this playfulness became even more precious after reading what many of these women had to say about their struggle with gender rigidity and bigotry.

#### Lesbian Codes and Rituals

Some modern Lesbian philosophers, such as Marilyn Frye, have lamented the lack of a Lesbian sexual language and the paucity of Lesbian sexual codes and rituals. I have always been struck by the ahistorical quality of this yearning, since Lesbian life in America from at least the thirties through the sixties was organized around a highly developed sense of sexual ceremony and dialogue. Indeed, because of the surrounding oppression, ritual and code were often all we had to make public erotic connections Dress, stance, gestures, even jewelry and hairstyles had to carry the weight of sexual communications. The pinky ring flashing in a subway car, the DA haircut combed more severely in front of a mirror always made me catch my breath, symbolizing as they did a butch woman announcing her erotic competence. The butch contributors to this anthology bring this world alive again while having the courage to show the wounds behind the stance.

Femme correspondents connected with me in a different way. Many were grateful for my past work and for the opportunity to announce their identities in their own voices. Their statements reflected one bitter irony: if, in the straight world, butches bear the brunt of the physical and verbal abuse for their difference, in the Lesbian-feminist world, femmes have had to endure a deeper attack on their sense of self-worth. Leather and denim, flannels

and vests — butch women could easily adapt these prevailing signs of feminist gender resistance into superficial passports to acceptance, but the femme woman, in her lace and silk, high heels and lipstick, had no place to hide. Many learned to pass as a "dyke" in public while in their homes and in their beds, they flew their flags of color and sensuality.

The femme voice is underrepresented in historical records, though markings of her presence abound. Often, she is the security behind the butch display. Lady Una Troubridge's words to Radclyffe Hall, while spoken by a white, upper-class, Christian woman, capture some of the enduring aspects of femme power: "I told her to write what was in her heart, that so far as any effect upon myself was concerned, I was sick to death of ambiguities..." Yet to others, the femme woman has been the most ambiguous figure in Lesbian history; she is often described as the non-Lesbian Lesbian, the duped wife of the passing woman. Because I am a femme myself, I know the complexity of our identity; I also know how important it is for all women to hear our voices. The femme puts together her own special ingredients for what it is to be a "woman," an identity with which she can live and love.

#### **New Categories of Gender**

Both butch women and femme women raise difficult issues that we as a community often avoid or deny. Many butch women write about their battle with gender, their feelings of discrepancy from their womanly appearance. These are not the voices of Havelock Ellis, Sigmund Freud or Karen Horney; these are our own women expressing their need to create another category of women's gender to explain their view of their bodies and their way of loving, their search for erotic dignity and pleasure. Here, butch women claim their "cocks" and their cunts.

The femme contributors challenge us with their discussions of their womanness, some rejecting traditional femininity while celebrating their femme flamboyance. In addition, their narratives often show a different relation to sexuality, to their experience of lust and vulnerability. Some powerfully express their desire to be the slut, the whore, for their women, in practice and in self-image. Some femmes, both historically and in the present, use the word wife to define themselves, exemplifying Jewelle Gomez's assertion that a "femme often inhabits a stereotypic place in a nonstereotypic way." The femme wife, like the stone butch, became a movement anathema in the seventies and eighties, and because these women were exiled so completely, we lost a chance to understand how

## Green Bay to Host August 8 Church Confab

[Green Bay]- Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Green Bay will host the West Area Conference of the Great Lakes District of the United Fellowship of MCC on Saturday, August 8, 1992 at the Best Western Downtowner Motor Inn in Green Bay. Representatives from MCC churches in Illinois and Wisconsin will attend.

The one- day conference will feature a special presentation of "Cotton Patch Gospel" and will include a business meeting and worship service.

Registration is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The public is invited. For more information contact Angel of Hope at P.O. Box 672, Green Bay, WI 54305 or call (414) 496-8688.



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BUTCH-FEMME IN THE 1950'S — Doris "Big Daddy" King, Stacey "Stormy" Lawrence and Doris Lunden in the French Quarter of New Orleans during spring 1954.

complex gender subversion and erotic need are. Now, these women can stand before us again.

I wanted to do this book because, as a Lesbian, I never want to hear again in my lifetime the defensive disclaimers I grew up with: not all Lesbians are truck drivers; not all Lesbians dress like men; not all Lesbians play at being husband and wife. I am tired of the cruelty of these disavowals.

#### **Tired of Devaluation**

And I wanted to edit this book because I am a femme woman, tired of devaluation by myself and others, tired of past and present attacks on the integrity of our desire. I understand the possibility for surface confusions, but we deserve more careful thinking and feeling. As feminists, we continue to fight back with a femme proclamation of independence. I subtitled this anthology A Femme-Butch Reader to herald this new voice in identity politics and to break the traditional rhythms of the phrase and image. Femmes are the Lavender Lace Menace within our community. For my femme sisters - the queerest of the queer, as one contributor says - this book is only the beginning.

The sex wars and the raging debates that followed showed us what we as a movement had left undone, unexplored. We thought we had put gender in its place in the early seventies by taking a political stance, but we were only postponing the Lesbian-specific discussion we needed for a larger cause — changing women's history. But a women's history that has no place for femme-butch women will find itself impoverished. The stone butch and the femme wife are as much acts of the imagination as they are of the flesh. Contrary to what they seem, they are refusals to accept imposed boundaries.

The Persistent Desire is not meant to convince any woman that femme-butch is

the right way to love; neither is it an apology or an explanation of our desires. The women who speak in these pages have been aching to tell how it was, how it is when the want is too large to stay in its place. They offer you their stories in the hope that some pains will never come again, and that some joys will never be extinguished.

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## Madison's United Offers Diverse Services As Umbrella Agency

By Terry Boughner

[Madison]- Madison's United began in 1978 as a small group of dedicated volunteers out to fight against the repeal of a Madison ordinance banning discrimination against Lesbians and Gays. They won that case, but now 14 years later, little else has changed. The United is still a dedicated band of volunteers devoted to the cause of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual and Transgender liberation.

"the only Jane Vanderbosch, professional staff, period," speaks with pride at what the agency has done, is doing and what it hopes to do in the future. All this while still on a shoestring budget of under \$40,000 a year. The money comes from the New Harvest Foundation, Community Shares of Wisconsin and private donations. But, as Vanderbosch says, "What we accomplish on that shoestring is "What we remarkable.

When asked what The United does, she responds with a chuckle and says, "We're a jill of all trades. To only mention a few things. The United has a lending library of 1,600 books, 300 added last year, on topics of interest to Lesbians/Gays, Bisexuals and their friends. The books come mainly from donations. "We're always looking for more books," Vanderbosch says.

The agency serves as a resource and information center. "We do peer counseling and have support groups," says Vanderbosch. In line with with its mission to educate, the United has a speaker bureau of 50 speakers. Vanderbosch says that in 130 speaking engagements, some 4,500 people have been reached. This does not include TV or

The United has 30 phone line volunteers who handle crisis calls, advocacy calls and a great deal else. They hope soon to be starting an 800 line that will cover the state. A grant for this purpose has been written to the Chicago Resource Center. The line will be used to develop more sophisticated rural outreach to people in isolated areas of Wisconsin who have no one to call.

The agency wants to expand its newsletter from six to eight pages. It now goes out to 1,500 people and to anyone who wants to receive it.

The United is currently working on developing a questionnaire to send to candidates who are in the primaries. It is a collaborative effort between The United and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). It will be non-partisan, asking questions about stands on hate crime laws, AIDS education and funding, domestic partner legislation among other things.

#### **A Community Center**

The United, which serves as an umbrella agency, Vanderbosch says, to the 75 active Gay/Lesbian groups in Madison, is the 'beginning of a community center.' As such, The United is looking for funding to expand its all-free services even more and into other areas. But for this, more funds are needed. For this, they must go to the community they serve.

'We can't ask the city for money," Vanderbosch says, "if we can't ask our own community for money." She adds, That way, we're also accountable to our community.

Part of this is already being done. There have been phonathons and now, a first-ever fundraising letter has been sent

There are so many uses for the money.



JANE VANDERBOSCH

Part of it will be for a new Lesbian phone ine (for which a grant from the Astraea Foundation, the only Lesbian foundation, nas been sought). Part of it will go for a new home in Madison.

Vanderbosch has a dream. That is of a 12-room Victorian house with lounge space, a meditation space among other "It will be a safe place," things. "It will be a safe place," she says. "It will be just for us, a place where people can connect with each other.'

"I would like to see us buy a building," she says, "and have a home." To help accomplish that, there is an 18 month fundraising plan to make the new home happen. There will be a capital fundraising campaign after that.

#### The Future

As much as The United is doing and as effective as it is, Vanderbosch is looking to the future. "Everything we're doing now," she says, "we need to do more of.
The needs of the community are
enormous and are not being met." She adds, "It's pretty frustrating knowing who we're not reaching.'

As examples, she cites the need for sensitivity sessions in the schools. "We've done this for senior citizens," she says. "We need to do it in the schools. We need to talk about Gay/Lesbian positive curriculum. We need to talk about Gay/Lesbian

parents."
"We've started doing anti-racism training. We need to do more. We need to take that out into the community." She pauses and says with a sigh, "There's so much stuff to do.

With all the work, Vanderbosch is heartened by the number of people coming out of the closet. "More people are feeling safe to work through their issues, relationship issues and the like," she says. "Our community is beginning

Still, she notes that the road ahead isn't easy. "We have to develop a tolerance for ambiguities in our lives," she says. "The easy answers aren't going to work anymore."

## Demonstration **Planned Against Nursing Home**

[Milwaukee]- A peaceful, non-violent demonstration is planned to take place Sunday, August 2, 1992 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the River Hills South Care Center located at 2730 W. Ramsey Avenue in Milwaukee.

The purpose of the demonstration is to protest the failure of the Center to resolve a 1-year issue of anti-Gay discrimination. Allegedly, a male staff member was terminated after being called "a wimp and a faggot." No further information is available at this time.

## **New State Business and Professional Association Grows to Fifty Members**

By Mike Somers

We don't have a name - yet - but we're growing!

The effort to form a business and professional association advanced another step on June 25th when interested persons from Appleton, De Pere, Green Bay, Kaukauna, and Stevens Point met at the Grand American Restaurant in Kimberly. In over an hour of wide-ranging discussion, the following points were covered:

We cannot afford to discriminate against persons who are friends of our communities on the basis of sexual orientation or job title; if a person is interested in furthering the goals of the association, they qualify for membership;

We will compile a membership directory to be circulated among the association's

Sample by-laws, publicity, newsletters, etc., will be obtained from other, similar groups with whom we are in contact;

Concepts for fundraisers, network and referral, outreach support, and political influence will continue to be worked on;

PM Productions will continue to serve as facilitator, at least until such time as we approve by-laws and elect officers.

We're still in need of brilliant ideas for a name for our group.

#### Socializing and Contacts

Members in attendance at the June 25 meeting recognized that our group can have real value in terms of socializing and broadening our business contacts.

We also want to be of service to the Lesbian and Gay communities. For that reason we are also looking into educational fundraisers, informational efforts, and other ways of enhancing favorable public reaction to our communities in this part of the state.

As of July 1, we have about 50 people from Egg Harbor to Oshkosh and Francis Creek to Stevens Point - who are actively interested in the association's development. There is always room for more members!

With encouragement and advice from similar groups in Boston, Minneapolis and New York City, we've got a solid base

on which to continue building.

Anyone interested in the association may contact Perry Herrmann or Mike Somers at PM Productions, 1004 Olde Oneida #10, Appleton, WI 54915, or phone (414) 739-1109 or (800) 586-1109, in the NE Wisconsin LATA.

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Greg W. Graupman

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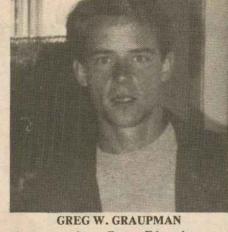
Greg was born January 5, 1962, in Appleton, Wisconsin, but moved to Green Bay at an early age. In 1988, he moved to Milwaukee and was a popular bartender at the C'est La Vie bar.

In 1989, Greg became a resident of Chicago and worked for The Lucky Horseshoe Lounge. He was instrumental in organizing and introducing a new dance troupe, "Trouble, The Boys Next Door," who frequently appeared at Clark's on Clark Street.

Retiring from dancing in 1992, he worked with R.C. Smith & Associates before joining the staff of Gentry of

Greg will be remembered by many for his thoughtful and caring personality and his obsession with the Divine Miss M.

Greg is survived by his chosen parents, Joseph and Ann Delwiche, their dog Iris,



his companion, Dave Edwards, many friends and loved ones, his three sisters and adoptive parents William and Nancy Graupman.

Contributions may be made in his name to Open Hand. Open Hand is an AIDS service organization. The address is: 4753 N. Broadway, Suite 1200, Chicago,

A memorial will be held at Ann Sather's restaurant in Chicago, 929 W. Belmont on July 26, 1992 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

## People Still Needed to Demonstrate **Against Anti-Choice Picket Lines**

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Queer Nation (QN) wishes to thank everyone who has come out to defend women's health clinics from the "anti-choice fanatics." Unfortunately, QN members say, the fight is far from over.

The anti- choice factions are getting more and more people to the clinics with each passing week, QN said. And even though the anti-choice demonstrators are getting less and less press attention and Milwaukeeans in general, are getting fed up with their continued presence, the danger of the clinics actually being shut down is becoming greater, QN said.

QN wishes to remind Pro-Choice advocates that if the clinics are closed, there is no law or court that can guarantee a women's right to control her own body in a safe and legal manner.

The threat to women's choice, QN members said, will be particularly strong on Saturday, August 8, when the anti-choice people are promising to bring in 10,000 people to shut down the clinics. It is very important that everyone who believes in free choice be at one of the

clinics that day to insure that the clinics

QN said that help is also still needed every day that the anti-choice people threaten to attack between now and the middle of August.

For more detailed information, call the Milwaukee Clinic Defense Coalition for a daily updated message or call Queer Nation Milwaukee at (414) 643-5833

#### **Petitions Circulated**

In further news from QN Milwaukee, the group said that simply because H. Ross Perot has dropped out of the presidential race, people should not think there is not a third party candidate.

The Queer Nation Party has nominated Joan Jett Blakk for President of the United States and will be circulating petitions in the month of August to place her on the November ballot.

Watch for Queer Nationals with clip boards or call QN Milwaukee at (414) 384-3911 or (414) 643-5833 to sign the petition or to find out how to help circulate the petition.

## 1981 Gay Rights Bill Received Near **Unanimous Support from Churches**

By Barbara J. Zierten

Part Two: Keeping Government Out of the Bedroom

The language of Representative David Clarenbach's 1981 Gay rights bill, AB 70, was simple. It would extend existing civil rights laws already in place by adding the words "sexual orientation." The only substantial new language was a definition of sexual orientation.

To the casual observer, it might appear that Clarenbach had taken on an impossible task. If he could not pass a consenting adults bill, how did he think he could pass an even more controversial Gay rights bill? But Clarenbach had thought out his strategy.

His political sophistication had grown during his four years in the state assembly. He had learned to manipulate the political process. While introducing and reintroducing the consenting adults bill, he was continuously working behind

## Oberon's M.C. **Hold BestD** Clinic Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- The Brady Street Clinic was the recipient, at the Wreck Room, of checks totaling \$300 from a fundraiser held by the Oberon's M.C. Oberon's President Tom Rollo and Treasurer Harry (Chip) Metger presented BestD Clinic Director Bob Ambelang with the checks Friday, July 17, 1992 at the Wreck Room.

The Oberon's have a long history of holding events that raise money for important causes in the Gay community. BestD Clinic is a volunteer-run organization which does free HIV testing as well as testing and treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases. BestD operates only on donations which have kept the Clinic running for over 20 years.

BestD and its staff wish to thank both the Wreck Room and the Oberon's for their concern and commitment to the Gay community.

the scenes to try to "change the political environment.'

#### **Gaining Religious Support**

During that four-year period, he spent a significant amount of time attempting to garner support for his legislation from the mainstream religious community. He sent copies of his proposed legislation to them, solicited their comments and held meetings with the clergy.

Initially, he was unsuccessful. But Clarenbach persisted and eventually received almost unanimous endorsement for AB 70 from the mainstream churches of Wisconsin. By precisely framing the issue as one of civil rights, he was able to downplay the homosexuality angle and emphasize his legislation as primarily an anti- discrimination measure which encompassed a fundamental right to

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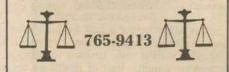
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Clarenbach believes that the crucial reason he received political and church support for AB 70 was the way in which he posed the question regarding the bill's moral and ethical underpinnings. The question, according to Clarenbach, was not whether homosexuality was good or bad, but whether discrimination and bigotry were wrong.

Through his behind-the-scenes efforts,

he eventually received support from eleven churches and church groups in the state, groups whose membership accounted for a large segment of the state's population.

#### Right To Privacy

Clarenbach not only emphasized the bill's purpose of outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation, but spoke to the inherent belief in the right to privacy as the foundation on which AB 70 was based. The rights the bill would guarantee were served up to the general public as a means by which to "keep the government out of the bedroom." This proved to be an effective soundbite that people could relate to in a personal way.

Their thoughts were directed to a logical process that may be framed as follows: they did not want government to inquire into their intimate lives and so they needed to give this right to homosexuals to retain their own privacy. The law, therefore, was a good thing.

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apply just to government, but covered discrimination by employers, landlords, innkeepers and the like. If people had thought too long and hard about the ramifications of the bill, they may not have wanted to give up the ability to exclude homosexuals from their own daily lives as was allowed under then current law. As it was, the privacy issue in conjunction with the moral issue of combating discrimination, was a winning combination.

Clarenbach in his public statements also emphasized that AB 70 did not in any way decriminalize any sexual act or endorse homosexuality as a way of life. In this way, he was able to allay any fears about sexual assault by homosexuals, at the same time focusing on the notion of one's personal right to privacy.

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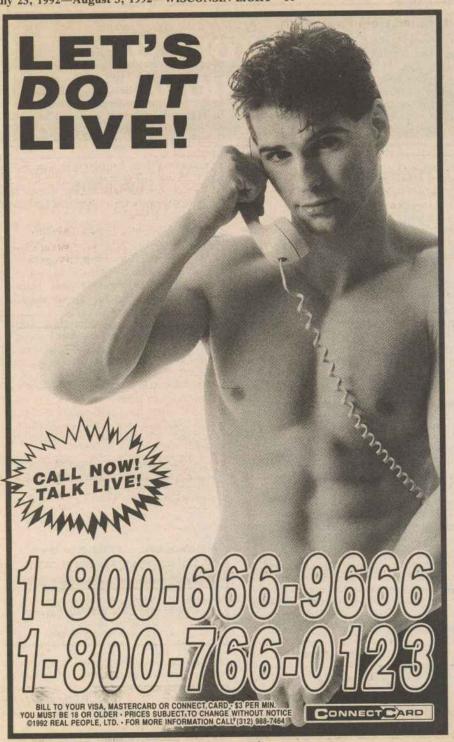
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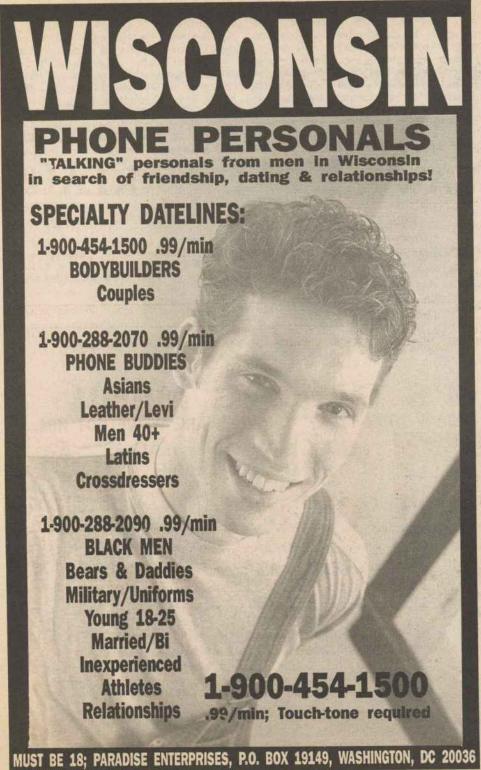
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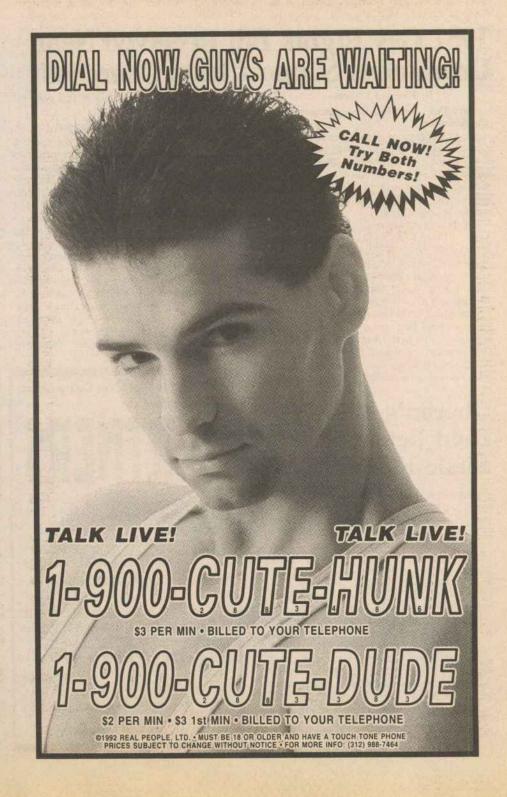
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## A Vote for Clinton is a Vote For the Heart and Soul of America

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Bill Clinton and the Democrats have sent a clear message to America. During the Democratic convention, America was told in unmistakable terms that its time to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, its time to put up a real fight against AIDS, its time to include us in the American family.

A number of speakers spoke out on our behalf. Among them were Paul Tsongas who drew loud cheers when he spoke about the pain of Lesbian and Gay teens who are discovering themselves and realizing that their government thinks they are inferior and Senator Harkin of Iowa who called for an end to homophobia.

Bill Clinton let America know that he will include Lesbians and Gays in his administration by sending one of his openly Gay staff people to the podium to proudly announce that he was "Gay and proud." Then he became the first major party nominee to use the "G" word in his acceptance speech while calling for an end to discrimination against us.

Clinton threw down the gauntlet of war. He bluntly accused Bush of setting society against us. Anyone who saw the look of utter contempt in his face as he spoke about how the Republicans have divided us, knows Bill Clinton meant what he said.

The lines that have been drawn couldn't be any sharper. Contrast Clinton's concern and willingness to include us with what has gone on under George Bush.

In the past four years we have seen thousands die from AIDS. Yet George Bush won't even meet with, let alone listen to his own AIDS commission.

We have seen a litany of bigotry and falsehoods coming from Bush and his henchmen in Congress: Newt Gingrich Robert Dornan and of course Jesse

We heard plenty of rhetoric about cutting back on spending while the Bush administration wasted millions trying to purge the military of Lesbians and Gays.

We learned of government memos ordering discharge hearings aimed at us stopped during the Gulf crisis. Then we watched in horror as those who risked their lives for their country were thrown out of the military after the crisis had passed.

They have even tried to censor our art, films, pictures, plays, television shows and photos.

While Clinton made sure we were included in a number of speeches and as speakers, the Republican Platform

Committee wouldn't even let our representatives in the same room with them when they met. While Clinton called for end to discrimination against us, Republican strategists openly bragged about how they would use Clinton's support of Lesbian and Gay rights against

This is literally a battle for the heart and soul of America. It is a battle between the forces of exclusion and the forces of inclusion. It is between those who use us as straw dogs to scare people into voting for them and those who would allow us to help rebuild our country.

Bush knows that with the economy in a shambles, declining middle class income, rising crime rates and decaying cities, he is in trouble. The only way for him to win is to run the dirtiest and meanest campaign he can. He will use scare tactics to distract voters from his miserable record. In many parts of the country, Clinton's inclusion of Gays and Lesbians will be viewed as pretty scary.

Bill Clinton has made his position clear. George Bush's record is equally clear.

We must heed Clinton's call to join in the fight. If you were being bashed and someone came to help you and was in turn attacked, would you turn on that person and help your attackers beat him/her, would you stand there and do nothing? We have been bashed for the last twelve years, now its time to help those who are trying to help us.

This fight is OUR fight as much as it is anyone's fight. There is not a single Gay or Lesbian who can honestly say this election won't make any difference. If we don't stand up for ourselves now, then when will we?

If every Lesbian and Gay person gave just \$5.00 to the campaign Clinton could outspend Bush. If every Gay and Lesbian gave just a few hours to his campaign, Clinton could send Bush down to defeat with an army of volunteers.

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If we hold back now, we will never forgive ourselves. We may never get a

chance like this again. The battle is joined, lets join the battle.

"This is NOT the silver bullet that all of us have dreamed about for ten years.

He added, "The WORST thing the Gay and Lesbian community could do with this glimmer of hope is to declare the HIV pandemic at an end. That would be a terrible mistake," he said, "because we have many, many difficult years that lie ahead with our community being at high risk for HIV. This absolutely requires out diligence and our dedication to achieving the behavior changes that are necessary to protect one another from AIDS.

Nelson went on to say that "Our expectations have been lifted, but we must keep them in the proper perspective that HIV continues to be an enormous threat to our community.

#### U.S. Is AWOL In War On AIDS

Nelson reported that, in the war against HIV/AIDS, the U.S. image "has fallen terribly in the past 2-3 years.

Speaker after speaker conference, he said, has roundly criticized America for its slack efforts until "It's an embarrassment to be an American at this conference.

Nelson cited four major reasons for the criticism. One, he said, is the "grossly discrimination" by the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC) against women. (See sidebar to this story).

Secondly, the American pharmaceutical industry has come under "heavy attack"

for its "outrageous pricing of HIV drugs. As an example of this, he cited

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The third point of criticism is the U.S. discriminatory immigration policy against people with HIV/AIDS.

"Everyone," he said, "is painfully aware that the conference was sponsored by Harvard University and was supposed to meet in Boston. Because of U.S. discrimination, it was moved to Amsterdam.

Nelson said a British delegate noted that if Magic Johnson were on the English Olympic basketball team and the Olympics were held in the U.S., Johnson could not take part.

#### U.S. Prevention Efforts, a Failure

Finally, Nelson said, prevention efforts in the U.S. are "universally recognized as being a failure." Nelson voiced the urgent need to "frankly and boldly" educate everyone about sexual behavior that puts them at risk.

"Our timidity in addressing sexual activity is our failure," he said strongly. He condemned the "American propensity" to discriminate against marginal populations.

"It is this historic pattern of discrimination," he said, "that prevents the U.S. from being a leader and from being effective in AIDS prevention.' That lead, he said, is being taken by Europe

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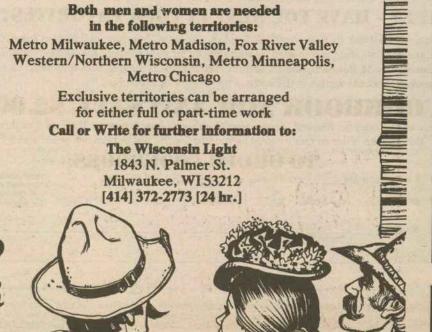
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Kessler is in a tight race for the Democratic nomination in Wisconsin's Fifth Congressional District. He is the only candidate known to be receiving organized support from the Gay and Lesbian community.

Kessler was introduced by Wisconsin Light Political columnist, Bill Meunier. Meunier called him "someone we can trust and believe in, someone who has spent his entire career fighting for human

Kessler railed against the anti-Gay and Lesbian policies of the Bush administration. He singled out continued discrimination in the military, NEA censorship, and the lack of federal protection from discrimination. Kessler told the group "There is no excuse for any government policy that denies equal treatment to members of the Lesbian and Gay community."

Kessler promised to fight for Lesbian and Gay rights if elected saying, "We can not solve our problems as a nation if we are going to discriminate against anyone. Jesse Helms, Robert Dornan and Newt Gingrich need to learn a lesson. Their tactic of attaching legislative amendments that promote discrimination can be used against them. I will work to fight fire with fire and introduce amendments that promote equality for Gays and Lesbians."

On AIDS, Kessler called for adoption of the recommendations put forth by the Presidential Commission on AIDS. He added, "I am totally disgusted by the Bush administration's refusal to allow Gays, Lesbians and HIV+'s to even visit this country. It's outrageous that we can not host an international AIDS conference because many of those who need to be there wouldn't be allowed in the

Kessler also answered questions on a number of other issues not directly related to Gay and Lesbian issues.

On Defense, he said "We need to have a strong military force capable of defending our nation and handling crises abroad, but we don't need as large a force as we have now."

Kessler singled out the 140 military bases the U.S. maintains in Japan, and the continued presence of 140,000 U.S. troops in Germany. He maintained that Japan can afford to pay for its own defense and added that with the demise of the Soviet threat to Western Europe "there is no strategic reason to keep such a large number of military personnel in Germany."

The candidate said the savings from

# Law Not Broken In Madison Roommate Case

[Madison]- In an update to a story in Light in 1989, Associated Press sources say that the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) has decided that two women did not break a city anti-discrimination ordinance when they rejected a Lesbian as a roommate in 1989.

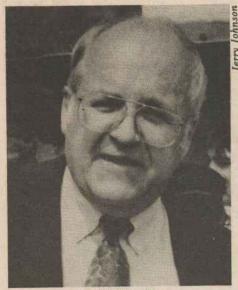
At that time, as reported in **Light**, Anne Hacklander Ready and Maureen Rowe had been ordered by the EOC to pay more than \$3,000 in damages to Caryl Sprague. Now, by a vote of 7-1, that decision has been reversed.

In 1989, Sprague had answered an ad placed by Ready and Rowe, seeking a roommate. Sprague told Light that she had been open about her sexual orientation and that the two women had no problem with it. They had accepted her security deposit. Later, the two women changed their minds. Sprague, who now lives in Minnesota, brought suit before the Madison EOC, charging that Ready and Rowe had broken a city law barring discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. After the decision was reached, Rowe and Ready appealed.

On June 25, 1992, the EOC ruled that the Madison Common Council did not intend for the anti-discrimination ordinance to include people who were

seeking roommates.

The Madison Common Council has since changed the law to exempt people seeking roommates.



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defense cuts should go for job retraining programs, education and to reduce the budget deficit.

On the issue of abortion, Kessler pointed to his 'long record of defending a woman's right to choose.' That record includes his active involvement in groups opposed to restricting abortions, and testifying against anti-abortion rights bills in Madison. A beaming Judge Kessler said 'One of my proudest moments as a Father came when my daughter said that she wanted to testify

Kessler also spoke about the need to change policies that promote the export of American jobs. He cited the Mia Doro act

Under that act, American owned plants in Mexico are exempt from taxes and import duties if they are located within 12 miles of the US border. According to Kessler there are over 2,000 Mia Doro plants. They employ over 500,000 workers and pay an average wage of 38 cents an hour. "Think of what 500,000 jobs could do for the unemployed of America's cities." said Kessler, "How are American workers supposed to compete with 38 cents an hour?"

Lesbian and Gay activists have scheduled a fund raiser for Kessler. It will be held on from 5:00 to 9:00 on Thursday July 30th, at 1843 N Palmer, the home of Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner, the editor and publisher of Wisconsin Light. All are welcome to attend. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

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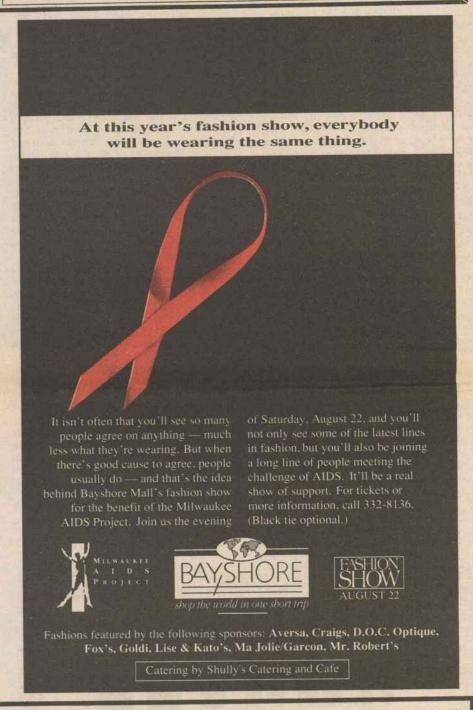
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