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The Wisconsin Light

Gay-Bashing Occurs in Affluent City Neighborhood

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- On Friday night, July 31, 1992, Robert Keirsey, 43, was walking home from a birthday party at This Is It somewhere between 11:30 and midnight. He was on E. Juneau Avenue in front of the Astor Hotel. It is a quiet, relatively affluent neighborhood that, he said, he ordinarily considers safe. But with frightening suddenness, all that changed.

He was in front of the Nantucket Shores restaurant that is in the Astor Hotel when two young Black men accosted him and demanded his wallet.

He gave them his wallet, his briefcase and \$75 in cash. Then the terror began.

They called him a "pretty boy," Keirsey said and used words such as "rich, white boy" and "faggot" and called him a "queer." One of them said, "We're gonna fix your face so nobody'll want you, man or woman." Then they grabbed him and shoved him, face first, right through a small window of the restaurant. After that, they ran off.

Keirsey said he doesn't remember much after that. But somehow, he got to a friend's apartment. There he discovered he was "drenched in blood."

The Aftermath

The paramedics were called. He was cleaned up and taken to St. Mary's Hospital where he received 7 stitches above the right cheek bone. There were also lacerations all about his head and on his fingers, the latter from when his assailants shoved him to the sidewalk.

Keirsey, who works in room service at the Marc Plaza Hotel, has lost five and a half days of work and may lose more because, as he said, he has to look good for his job.

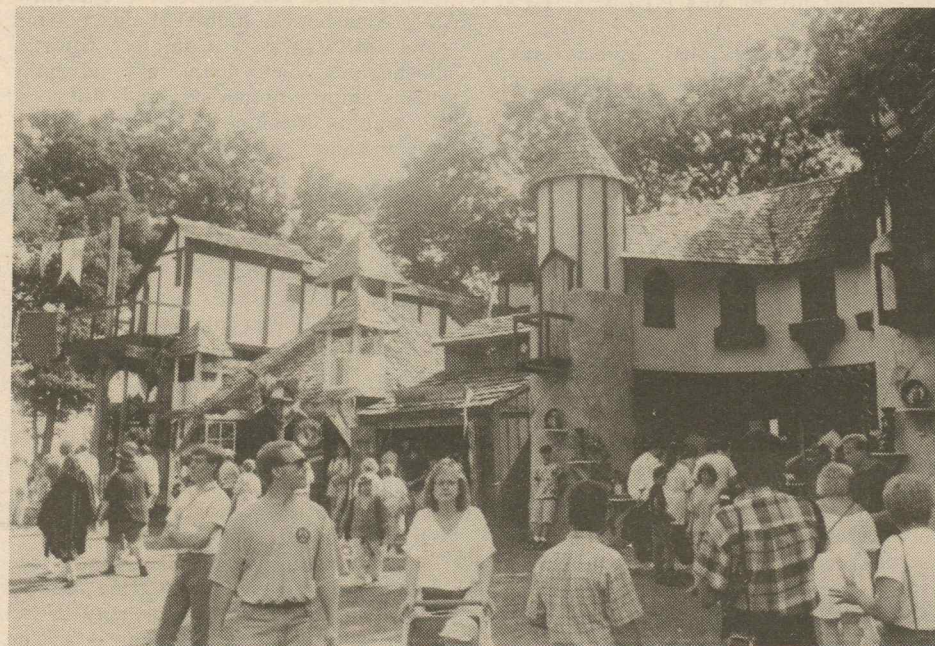
Unlike many other Gay victims of a Gay-bashing, Keirsey reported the incident to the police. He has nothing but praise for their performance. "The cops," he said, "were very nice to me. Everyone was nice, the paramedics, everyone." No suspects have yet been apprehended.

Keirsey said he called the Gay Hot Line and was not satisfied with the results he got from the woman who he said answered the phone. "I am surprised," he said, "that someone who was the founding president of the Cream City Business Association, Ralph Navarro, can't get it together any better than this. The people need a hot line and they need it today, not tomorrow." However, Keirsey did say that Navarro who had not answered the phone on the night of the incident, had since called and taken the details of the case.

Keirsey has praise also for "the good samaritan" who returned his briefcase and wallet to the front desk of the Astor from where he retrieved them.

However, he adds, "I would like the Gay community to know that they are not safe, even on the exclusive East Side" of Milwaukee.

UWM Turns Blind Eye Towards Entrapment Arrest Techniques



LONG LIVE THE QUEEN — Gays and Lesbians from Wisconsin and Illinois converged on Bristol's Renaissance Faire on July 25, 1992 which was Tri-City "Gay Day." A portion of ticket proceeds went to several AIDS organizations.

MAP's Nelson Elected to Powerful National AIDS Action Council Board

[Milwaukee]- Wisconsin's progressive response to the AIDS epidemic has received national recognition with the election of Doug Nelson, one of the state's leading AIDS advocates, to the Board of Directors of the AIDS Action Council, a powerful AIDS lobby dedicated to influencing federal AIDS policy.

Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW), and a long-time leader of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), become the only member of the national board from the midwest.

In announcing Nelson's appointment, Fred Miller, Chair of the Board of the Washington, D.C.-based AIDS Action Council, called Nelson "a bright, dedicated AIDS activist with impressive skills and experience who will help enhance the power of the national AIDS lobby."

"My election is an acknowledgment by the national AIDS leaders that the HIV epidemic is ravaging America's heartland. I will work to assure that our issues are included on the national AIDS agenda," Nelson said. Top priorities for Nelson will be increased federal funding for AIDS care, an aggressive national prevention campaign that boldly addresses risk behaviors, and a strong federal investment in community-based AIDS research.

Nelson Praises State

Nelson attributed his election to the unique support that state government has

given the AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin and to the strength and success of the AIDS service agencies that he directs.

"Governor Thompson and the legislature have risked investment of state resources in unique initiatives that support people who live with HIV disease," Nelson said. "The state's financial investment in private sector AIDS service organizations like MAP has enabled us to build a strong system of support for people with AIDS that is a national model."

Because of increasing state support, Nelson said that the ARCW has become the largest private, non-profit AIDS service organization in the midwest. "There is no other single AIDS service agency in the midwest that delivers the comprehensive support and HIV prevention services that we do," Nelson explained.

ARCW operates on a \$3.1 million annual budget and delivers services through three AIDS service organizations: MAP, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project — Kenosha, and Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project — Eau Claire. The agency also manages the operations of the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, a state-wide HIV experimental drug trial program.

Series Begins to Explain How's, Whys of Milwaukee AIDS Project

By Terry Boughner

A month or so back, I suggested to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), that perhaps there were fewer people than was thought who understood what MAP was all about. He agreed. I further suggested that what was needed to change that situation was for some one (me, I offered) to come and spend a day at MAP and report what I saw and learned. To my pleasure and somewhat surprise, he agreed to that as well.

What ensued was not a day as I had thought, but days of taping interviews and learning as much as I could about the agency. What I found was an agency of such complexity, carrying on such a multitude of tasks that my original concept of "A Day In The Life of MAP" had to be discarded. At one point, someone asked me how it was going? I replied that the volume of information was causing "brain overload." That was only the truth.

As a result, what I began by thinking would be one neat little article, quickly

[Milwaukee]- On Wednesday, August 5, 1992, Shane Reister, Co-President of the Gay/Lesbian Community at UW-Milwaukee met with University Chancellor John Schroeder; Eleanor Miller, Assistant Chancellor for Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity; Assistant Chancellor John Melkus; UWM Police Chief Philip Clark and a campus police officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss recent campus police procedures for dealing with sexual activity in the men's rooms at UWM.

Reister presented a list of alternative ways of dealing with the problem other than the current method of having officers in the men's room stalls.

Among these ways were: to have floor-length dividers. The purpose of these would be so that people could not reach underneath the dividers as they are now doing. Therefore, the need to be stationed in the stalls would be eliminated. In this case, officers would need only to enter the men's room to see activity in the stalls.

Also, it was suggested that all graffiti and etchings in the stalls be removed daily.

It was further suggested that there be dividers between the urinals and that all "glory holes" be plugged up.

It was also asked that there be an end to plainclothes operations used to arrest people for sex play in the rest rooms in order to alleviate the possibility of the use of tactics which unjustly elicits such behavior.

Finally, it was asked that individuals found to be in violation would be given the alternative of going to a trained counselor instead being charged with disorderly conduct and fined \$93.

Administration's Response

Reister reported that he was less than encouraged by the Administration's response. "We tried to provide the Administration with an alternative to having police officers stationed in the toilet stalls because it left too much room for the possibility of entrapment." He said that the Administration responded that the techniques that they are currently using are legal and that they have been effective.

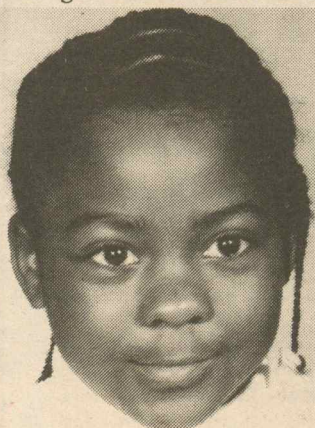
Further Reister said, the Administrators maintained that unless these techniques are found to be illegal, they will continue to use them and will also try other methods of stopping the behavior in the rest rooms.

Administrators said that someone needs to come forward and file a

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Have You Seen This Missing Girl?

[Milwaukee]- Have you seen Monique Valencia Hodgson? She's a little 6-year-old girl with a sweet smile and



MONIQUE HODGSON

great big, angelic eyes, who has been missing since about 5:15 p.m., August 4th, 1992.

Monique was on the way home from the Palmer School playground just across the street from her grandparents' home, and two houses up the street from the home of Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner who publish and edit *The Wisconsin Light*, when witnesses saw her get into a yellow pickup truck on the passenger side with an unknown black male who may be in his 60's. They drove off. She has not been seen since.

Monique is 3'8" tall and weighs 50 lbs. She has brown hair and brown eyes. She has a front tooth missing and a second front tooth grown in halfway. She was last seen wearing a green pants suit with yellow and purple flowers.

The Brewer's Hill Neighborhood Association is offering a reward of \$1,000 for her safe return.

If you see her or have any information, please call the 5th District Police Department at (414) 935-7252.

had to be expanded to envision a series of articles of which this is the first. They will continue in each issue of the paper, going into September and the AIDS Walk. Let this article serve as an introduction.

Methodology

Let me say right at the outset that MAP opened its doors wide. I received the utmost in cooperation from everyone. Any graphs, charts, figures or any other kind of information that I asked for was made immediately available, no questions asked. No one, at any level, tried to preview or hinder what I was doing in any way. Help was there if I needed it, but nothing more. All interviews were done in complete privacy. No one has heard my tapes except me.

Besides this introduction, the series will be divided into five parts. They will begin by describing the Life Care Services. This involves Case Management, Housing Assistance, Legal Assistance, Support Services, Client reception, Financial help and the Food Pantry.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Texas Republicans Go Right Wing

[Houston, TX]- In June, the convention of the Washington State Republican Party was overtaken by right-wing Christian Fundamentalists who crafted a party platform which condemned Gays and Lesbians in the strongest language most people had ever seen in a party platform. On June 20th, the Texas Republican party adopted a platform nearly as radical.

The Texas Republicans equated homosexuality with "necrophilia, pedophilia, bestiality, or incest," and described homosexuality as a "perversion of natural law... biologically, morally, and medically unsound."

Paul von Wupperfeid, President of the Log Cabin Club of Texas, a Gay Republican group called the platform evidence of "capitulation to a mob of religious fanatics."

Colorado Conference Draws Protests

[Denver, CO]- On Saturday, July 25 250 Gay protesters gathered outside the University of Colorado to demonstrate against the opening of the Promise Keepers' National Christian Men's Conference. The conference, attracting men from across the country, had 25,000 in attendance. The protesters took aim at CU football coach Bill McCartney and Colorado for Family Values (CFV) for their attempt to "eliminate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual rights in Colorado."

CFV is behind a state ballot issue that would ban ordinances that protect Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals from discrimination. McCartney had referred to homosexuality as "an abomination before almighty god." He did not state which god he was speaking about.

The Rev. Fred Voltmer of Loma Community Church in Loma, Colorado said of the protesters: "They say they have family values, but you can't have a family if you're queer. Homosexuality is an abomination. Look what it does to their bodies."

California Bill in Trouble Again

[Sacramento, CA]- Reports are surfacing of the impending demise of one of the two California Assembly bills that would protect Gays in employment. AB 3825 appears doomed for a veto if it gets to Republican Governor Pete Wilson's desk. Wilson vetoed a similar measure last Fall when he claimed he was protecting the business community. The California Gay community is gearing up for a fight.

Anti-Gay Forces Lose Battle

[Washington, D.C.]- On July 1, the U.S. House effectively blocked anti-Gay forces from coming forward with a proposal to penalize two companies for joining in the national boycott of the Boy Scouts of America over its refusal to allow openly Gay persons to serve as scouts or counselors.

The vote came during debate on a treasury department bill when the House voted 222-180 on a procedural motion. The vote had the effect of barring Rep. Clyde Holloway (R-LA) from introducing his Boy Scouts Amendment.

Had the motion been defeated, Holloway would have introduced an amendment which would have effectively frozen funds in the Federal Reserve System belonging to Wells Fargo and the Bank of America until the companies pulled out of the Boy Scouts boycott. It also would have curtailed the United Way's local branches' use of the U.S. Postal System until they again began doing business with the Scouts.

Ouster in the Ozarks?

[Fayetteville, AK]- A Gay Pride proclamation has spurred a call by local Fundamentalists for the possible ouster of the Fayetteville Mayor Fred Vosanger and a city alderman Dan Coody. The movement is being spearheaded by Jay Cole, a local Southern Baptist minister.

"I feel strongly that Gays should be treated like any other group of citizens," Vosanger said.

Coody supported the Mayor saying, "The Jesus Christ I grew up with taught me tolerance... and to get along with people even if I don't understand them."

None of this sat well with Cole who took issue with Coody's stand on toleration. "I don't know what Jesus Coody was talking about," Cole said. "but it's not the Jesus of the bible."

Researchers Find Second Difference In Brains of Gay Men

[Los Angeles, CA]- Researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles have found a second anatomical difference in the brain structure of Gay men and straight males, a discovery that supports the theory that sexual orientation is set by nature.

They found the anterior commissure of Gay men was an average of 18% larger than that of straight women and 34% larger than that of straight men. The study, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, follows a report a year ago that a brain structure called interstitial nucleus of the anterior hypothalamus was smaller on average in Gay men than in straights.

Taken together, scientists say, the findings add to the evidence that homosexuality is inborn rather than chosen behavior.

Suit Naming Eliason Dismissed

[Milwaukee]- Circuit Judge John E. McCormick has dismissed a lawsuit filed by Julie Brienza, a Lesbian, against Milwaukee religious Fundamentalist broadcaster, Vic Eliason. Eliason has admitted to being a Christian.

McCormick ruled that Brienza's suit against the broadcaster could not be heard here because she already has a similar lawsuit pending against Eliason in Federal Court in Washington, D.C.

As has been reported in *Light*, Brienza, a reporter for United Press International (UPI) and a freelancer for the *Washington Blade*, has charged Eliason with causing her to be fired from UPI in 1990.

As reported in the *Milwaukee Journal*, Eliason repeatedly attacked Brienza on the air, including his radio station, WVCY and his TV station WVCY-TV, and on a nationally syndicated radio show.

Eliason maintains that he was merely exercising his First Amendment rights in his commentaries.

ACLU Issues New Handbook On Lesbian and Gay Rights

[New York, NY]- From freedom of speech to family questions, a new American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) handbook provides a careful and concise survey of the rights of Lesbians and Gay men under current laws around the country.

The new handbook, *The Rights of Lesbian and Gay Men: The Basic ACLU Guide to a Gay Person's Rights*, is a completely revised and up-to-date version of one of the ACLU's most popular rights handbook. The ACLU has more lawyers working on Gay rights issues than any other organization in the country, according to William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights.

The new handbook costs \$7.95, plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Checks can be made payable to the ACLU and sent to: ACLU Department L, P.O. Box 794, Medford, NY 11763.

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.

Two Entertainment Stages, Raffle, Marketplace to Highlight MAPfest

[Milwaukee]- The 2,500-plus persons expected to attend MAPfest September 6 at the Performing Arts Center Grounds Peck Pavilion will discover a delightful array of entertainment, food and unique attractions. MAPfest is a fun, often outrageous, fundraiser produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) to benefit AIDS care and education services. Festival organizers expect to raise more than \$30,000 at this, the Seventh Annual event.

Two stages of entertainment will feature La Chazz, Milwaukee's premiere 9-piece Latin/salsa band, and the Hipwaders, a young trio from Milwaukee lending the best in Americana sounds.

MAPfest will also feature the Great Big Atom Smasher, a high-beat dance band from Milwaukee; Comedy Sportz, Milwaukee's own team of nationally famous improv-humorists; and Rufus & The Singing Machine & Company doing early modern rock with a bevy of back-ups.

Top off the entertainment with excerpts from *Gypsy* performed by Milwaukee's finest female impersonists, strolling accordionists, improv dancers, stilt walkers, musicians, magicians and much more and you have a gala time.

Marketplace

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 30 merchant and information booths assisting fair-goers in the 1992 MAPfest Marketplace.

A hit among fest participants, the MAPfest Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction offers participants the opportunity to bid on the dreamiest guys and girls at the benefit. This year's highest bidder will win a set of four crystal wine glasses, courtesy of George Watts & Son, Inc., and a bottle of champagne.

The bachelor or bachelorette raising the most money will also win a dozen roses, courtesy of T.T. Tulip Floral.

Another popular event featured at MAPfest each year is the Dog Show. Judges choose winners in categories such as most flamboyant ensemble, most tricks and daintiest pedicure. Prizes will be awarded to all category winners.

More Prizes

The Mapfest raffle, an annual staple in raising funds for AIDS services, will again offer outstanding prizes.

The grand prize is a trip for two to the NAMES Quilt in Washington, D.C., October 8-12, 1992, including roundtrip airfare and four nights' hotel accommodations courtesy of Bottom Line Travel.

Other prizes include a Trek Mountain bike, courtesy of Trek USA, a city-wide shopping spree valued at \$300, and a hot air balloon ride over the Ozaukee County countryside. Also, baskets of wine and liquor will be raffled off on the grounds throughout the festival.

Tickets for MAPfest are \$3.00 for adults, and \$2.00 for children under 13. Bring three non-perishable food items for the MAP food pantry and receive \$1.00 off admission. To register for the Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction, Dog Show, or Marketplace, or to purchase raffle tickets, call ARCW's Special Events Department at (414) 273-1991.

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Ahmuty Appointed to Head State's American Civil Liberties Union

[Milwaukee]- On July 24, 1992, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (ACLU/WI) announced the appointment of Christopher Ahmuty as its new Executive Director. Ahmuty replaces Eunice Edgar, who is retiring after serving as Executive Director since 1976.

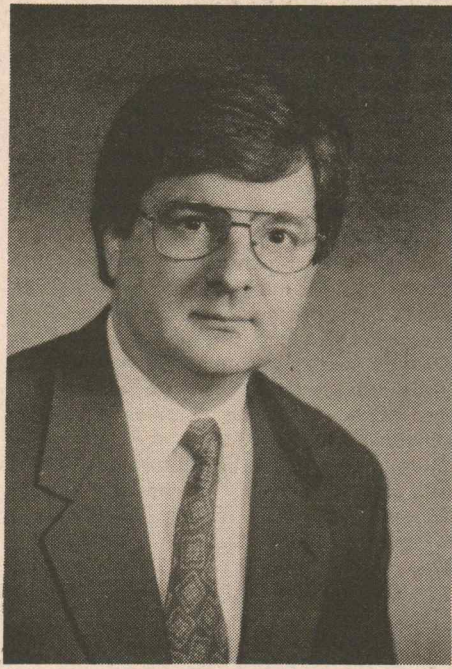
Edgar was one of three judges at the this year's Lesbian/Gay Pride parade. She was also the recipient of this year's Alyn Hess Award, given annually by the Gay Peoples Union to the non-Gay/Lesbian person who has contributed most to the community.

Ahmuty was chosen to succeed Edgar after an extensive national search by the Board of Directors of ACLU/WI. He has been employed by ACLU/WI for over ten years, most recently as Associate Director.

ACLU/WI Board President, Madison attorney Gordon McQuillen said of the appointment, "We anticipate a smooth transition given Mr. Ahmuty's knowledge of the organization and experience working with our allies in the fight for civil rights and civil liberties."

Ahmuty, like most ACLU members, is not a lawyer, but sees the protection of legal rights as a means of affirming American values. Constitutional rights embody the freedoms that apply to all Americans regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic status.

In commenting on his appointment, Ahmuty said, "The theme really is inclusion in two different ways. One is another demonstration of the ACLU's commitment to affirmative action that



CHRISTOPHER AHMUTY

includes sexual orientation. Secondly, this means that in terms of our program that the ACLU will continue to provide support for the civil liberties of Lesbians and Gay men."

The ACLU of Wisconsin is the state affiliate of the ACLU, the nation's leading citizen group dedicated to promoting constitutional rights. There are over 4,000 members of the ACLU in Wisconsin.

Charges Dropped Against Fons And Flaherty In Mayoral Dispute

[Milwaukee]- In an update to a January, 1992 store in *Light*, the case against Dan Fons and Patrick Flaherty, members of Queer Nation Milwaukee (QN), has been dismissed by Milwaukee Municipal Judge James A. Gramling for lack of a prosecutor.

Fons and Flaherty had been charged in January with disorderly conduct after challenging Mayor John Norquist on his veto of the Gay Pride funds. The charge carries a \$109 fine.

Fons and Flaherty appeared at the Mayor's State of the City Address. Following the Mayor's statement that Milwaukee was inclusive of all regardless of sexual orientation, among other things, the two QN members stood up. They

protested the Mayor's "abandonment of thousands of Gays and Lesbians" in the city. The protest received wide coverage on the local TV news broadcasts. In April, 1992, Fons and Flaherty pled "not guilty" to the charge.

On July 27, when the case was called, there was no prosecutor available. Judge Gramling gave the city a half hour to come up with one. According to Fons, the Gramling said the city had had plenty of opportunity. When none showed up, the judge dismissed the case.

Asked to comment, Fons said: "The Mayor has not improved his record on Gay/Lesbian issues at all since those protests."

Fojtik to Speak at 'From Anger to Action' NOW Program August 10

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is sponsoring a program called "From Anger to Action," featuring Melissa Fojtik, the President of the Racine-Kenosha 9to5 chapter. It will take place from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, at the East Library, 1910 E. North Avenue in Milwaukee.

Fojtik spoke out about an episode that allegedly involved sexual harassment by a candidate in the recent Milwaukee mayoral election. She will relate her decision to come forward to the decision of hundreds of pro-choice supporters to defend Milwaukee's clinics against anti-abortion groups.

"For many of us, there comes a time when simply voicing our support for women's rights isn't enough," said NOW-Milwaukee President Joan Zeiger. "So we take our anger and do something positive that will effect change in our society."

At this NOW meeting, Fojtik will talk about how she made the transition from anger to action. At the end of the meeting, NOW will tell attendees how they can take the next step and become involved in the political process to ensure that the government won't succeed in doing what anti-abortion groups have failed to do — close the clinics.

Milwaukee Home for People With HIV, In Need of Supplies, Furniture

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee House, a transitional living facility owned and operated by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), is in need of a wide variety of household supplies, furniture and kitchen items.

Furniture such as beds, dressers, comfortable chairs and lamps are needed for the home's six bedrooms. Kitchen supplies such as tables and chairs, pots and pans, toasters, silverware, microwave oven, coffee pots and utensils are needed.

"We try to make the Milwaukee House as home-like as possible for people living with HIV disease," said Steve Steinhauer, manager of housing and financial services. "Through donations, we are able to furnish bedding, hand and bath towels, tissues and personal hygiene items for all residents."

Residents of the home are responsible for its maintenance. Donations of mops,

brooms and cleaning supplies are needed.

The Milwaukee House has remained at full capacity since August, 1989. In 1992, the home, which can accommodate six people, was converted from a long-term housing facility to a transitional living environment. People are placed in the residence until longer-term housing is secured or during the application process for financial entitlement programs such as Social Security benefits and public assistance.

MAP is committed to ensuring that no one with HIV disease is without safe, adequate housing. Each month, approximately 50 individuals in Metropolitan Milwaukee benefit from the agency's rent assistance and roommate referral services.

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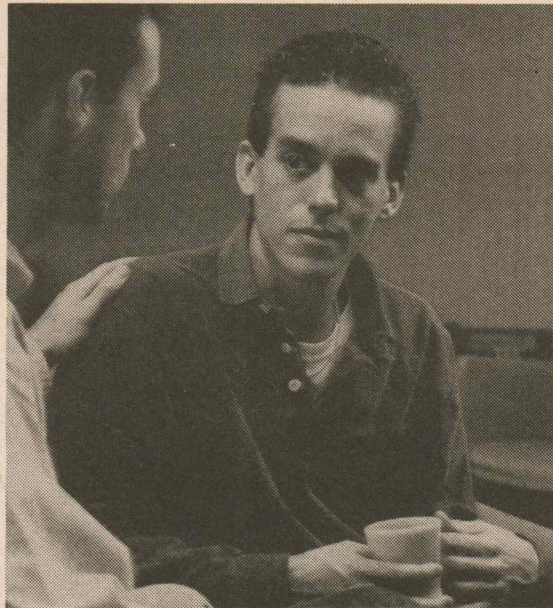
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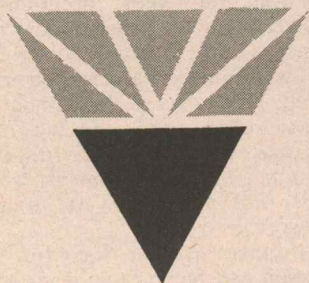
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Religiously Based Fascism Attacking Civil Rights of Minority Groups

By Terry Boughner

In Oregon and Colorado, the push is on to deny by referendum all civil rights of Lesbians and Gays. In California, the governor is set to once again veto a Gay rights bill. In Vermont, legislators who supported the state-wide anti-discrimination law in April have been targeted for defeat at the polls. A spokeswoman there says, "I've been surprised at the vehemence" of the attacks.

In Vandalia, Illinois, in front of a former statehouse where Abraham Lincoln once served, anti-Choice crowds attending a Clinton/Gore speech yell at ACT UP members, "You Gays deserve AIDS!" Frank Smithson, an ACT UP member got punched.

Meanwhile, in Texas and Washington State, the religious right has taken over the Republican Party and issued the most stridently anti-Gay platform in memory.

These are only a few of the many examples culled from articles, press releases and letters that cross my desk almost daily. They could go on and on.

A New Fascism

There is a new and pernicious kind of fascism (I use the word "fascism" precisely) abroad in the land. One that is causing increased violence against Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and AIDS activists in the states mentioned and elsewhere across the country. It is well-funded, highly organized and especially insidious because it is religiously based.

It is fed by sources as diverse as Dan Quayle's "family values" rhetoric and the Roman Curia's recent position paper calling upon Catholic bishops to "get involved in the political process" by standing against civil rights for Gay persons. (The question in this regard, I would think, is what relevance does an absolute monarchy have among democratic institutions and in a democratic society?)

In one way, what I call the "new fascism" is as old as history. Like all such movements of the kind, this "Christian-based" variety maintains that there is only one truth and only one route to reach it. Everything else — and everyone who opposes them — must be swept from the earth. Theirs is the typical authoritarian solution that the Nazis, the Italian Fascists, the Soviet Communists and others of their kind knew quite well.

Milwaukee Needs Agency To Help Bond Community Together

Commentary By Jim English

Two more weeks have passed since my return to Milwaukee. My primary concerns are still focused on getting Brad and me settled in our new home, and finding work. The first seems to be going very well, the second not so well. Anyone know of someone who needs a human resource person with nearly twenty years of military experience? If so, please feel free to call me (414) 562-4191.

But on to other matters. One of my primary concerns since returning is where I will be able to fit into the scheme of things within Milwaukee's Gay community. After several conversations with other leaders within the community, several hours of deep consideration, and many more hours reading various texts, I feel I have seen another set of problems that I do not know how to approach as a single individual.

The problem for me seems to lie in that word "community." The book that I have spent the most amount of time with is M. Scott Peck's *The Different Drum*, *Community Making and Peace*. I agree

Gay/Lesbian Scapegoats

What this means in practice is that this year's election campaign is going to be especially brutal. The Republicans with a host of troubles — including the most visionless, lack-luster president in U.S. history at their head and an on-going recession all around them — need an emotional issue to fire the troops. They need a scapegoat, a minority that it's acceptable to persecute, on whom they can blame all their troubles and Gay people are it.

It's a way that they have in common with all authoritarian, right-wing groups at any time of feeling good about themselves. They can say, in effect, that they're not in favor of discrimination, violence, bigotry and hate. What they're doing is protecting cherished American values.

An Alarm In The Night

Urvashi Vaid, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has sounded the alarm and it should be heard. She points out that the religious right has "tons of money" and they're "much more organized on the grass-roots level than we are."

Her further point is that civil rights groups of all kinds, need to understand that the religious right is attacking us all, not just Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals. They are out after people of color, women, everyone.

Vaid is right. Prejudice cannot be focused on one group alone. It is a single attitude, an all-encompassing emotion. A person who hates African Americans and who wants to keep women "in their place," is one who despises people living with AIDS (in the mind of the right, AIDS is a Gay disease regardless of the reality), Lesbians, Gays, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and anyone else who is different.

That is what "Family Values" is, at heart, all about; the detestation and fear of difference in this society along with the desire to eliminate it. What they want in this country is a homogeneous population made up of people "just like them." It is the traditional totalitarian solution to a society's ills.

Vaid and others who are crying out in warning may be in the unhappy position of being cassettes, sounding the alarm to unbelieving ears. Let us hope not. Let us pray not. The religious right wants nothing more than our destruction. We must act before it is too late.

with him in that we do not seem to truly know a good definition of "community." The source of the problem in community is individuality. People do not seem to know who they are and where they want to go. Oh sure, there are a lot of goals being established, but are the leaders, currently in power, able to get beyond their inner selves to lead others to the goals they have established?

It seems frequently that individual personality stands in the way of overall accomplishment. It is not that the people leading or that their goals are bad, it is simply that a lot of subconscious activity is driving many people to behavior that is more egocentric than productive.

Need For New Directions

There are many valuable projects currently going on for our community. Sometimes it seems that there is so much going on that we can't see the forest for the trees. That is why I feel that a new perspective needs to be looked at and a new direction aimed for.

In recent issues of *Light* and *In Step*, there were articles about an evaluation

done by New Era Institute. I am in total agreement with their findings. I feel that the need for an agency here in Milwaukee like the United in Madison, that can bond our community into a whole society is urgently needed.

It is my hope to see this organization become a place where all persons can come to find the resources to work on their inner beings, build their individual identifications, and become strong assets to all the community. A community center staffed by people who have done work toward their own issues, could be a powerful step in helping make that next step in life so much easier.

I feel it's time for all of us to take a look at what the individual definition of "community" means to each and every one of us and begin to work toward the survival of civilization within each of us.

We can start that process in Milwaukee and watch it grow into one strong bond of humanity, filled with all the different kinds of beautiful things known as each one of us individually.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is being written to alert the community about the negligent indifference of a major health care provider — Group Health Cooperative of Madison (GHC) — to the pandemic known as HIV.

I recently called my doctor to have her order an HIV test. She had already left for the day and I was turned over to a nurse. After telling the nurse what I desired, I was told: "You ought to change your behavior."

Taken aback, I explained that it was time for me to be tested and this nurse responded, "Some doctors do not believe it is useful to be tested as frequently as once a year."

After getting the nurse to affirm she would pass on my request for an HIV test, I ended the conversation. I had no previous contact with this nurse and all she knew about me was that I desired an HIV test.

I subsequently filed a complaint. If I had been positive and had listened to this nurse's advice, I could have become another Typhoid Mary or I could have been denied very necessary time to enhance my immune system. GHC does not have a complaint system in place.

I was forced to complain verbally. GHC claims to have set the offending nurse down and talked to her and this incident would be used as an example in a future nurses' meeting of treating "diverse populations" with respect. After pressing them on my desire to file a written grievance, they told me to write a letter and mail it in. I did so and received a four sentence response assuring me that the problem was taken care of, but the nurses' privacy rights precluded them from informing me of any actions taken.

After contacting the United, I was put in contact with a public law firm and a letter was sent attempting to force GHC to state their policy regarding HIV testing and counseling and what education efforts were in place for their staff.

GHC responded with an expanded form of their original four sentence response. Apparently, GHC believe that individual doctors ordering tests as they deem necessary constitutes a policy regarding HIV testing. No education for their staff on an on-going basis apparently exists. No effort at preventative medicine designed to slow the spread of HIV exists. No staff sensitivity training for handling testing requests exists. They still have not acknowledged any more pressing problem exists than a staff member was rude to me.

As things currently stand, I am attempting to arrange a meeting between myself, the Clinic Operations Director of GHC, the Madison AIDS Support Network, the United, and the Center for Public Representation. While I am going to deal with the nurse via the Department of Regulation and Licensing, it is more important that GHC adopts a realistic, concrete policy regarding testing, counseling, and preventative medicine than the individual nurse be punished. Until this occurs, all GHC members risk facing the same abusive and bigoted response my simple HIV test request gained me.

— James E. Wall
Madison

Editor's Note: As we go to press, Wall has informed us that Cathy Remo, GHC Clinic Operations Director has refused a meeting with the United, the Center for Public Representation and Wall himself. She has agreed, however to a meeting with MASN at a date yet to be determined.

PrideFest Theme Ideas Needed

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC), after the most successful Pride Festival ever, has already begun planning for the 1993 PrideFest.

The first phase of planning involves choosing a theme for the festival. Past themes have been: "The Power of Pride; The Gay 90's, A Generation of Pride; and Together In Pride. Now MLGPC is asking for suggestions for the 1993 theme.

All entrants should include a brief statement in 50 words or less explaining why you have picked the theme you submit. All entrants will become the property of MLGPC.

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120 Openly Gay/Lesbian Delegates Attended Democratic Convention

By Virginia Smiley

This year's Democratic Gay/Lesbian Caucus consisting of over 120 open Lesbian and Gay delegates representing 22 states, proved to be one of the most important places to be seen at the convention.

The caucus met daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. "Gay and Lesbian Rights Now" posters were widely distributed as were red ribbons made by caucus members and handed out to the delegates, press and convention speakers.

Tom Chorlton, a Missouri delegate, presented the caucus with a three-point program for Gays and Lesbians to become visible in the up-coming campaign. This included the establishment of an Executive Committee and the setting up of "Message" a grass roots organizing group to develop literature. The literature will go, not only to supporters, but to the Clinton/Gore campaign as well, to clarify our issues and inform them of what we expect from them vis a vis Gay rights and support for people living with AIDS.

Chorlton's proposal was accepted by mid-week and all delegates were urged to attend the 8th International Conference of Lesbian and Gay Officials to be held in Chapel Hill, NC, November 20-22, 1992.

Party Stars Attend Caucus

Paul Tsongas met with the caucus to thank Gays and Lesbians for the part we played in his campaign. Ted Kennedy appeared to encourage us to continue to fight for affordable health care. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) came to urge party unity, telling us that "The convention has shown that there is considerably less public support for homophobia than a lot of people think there is. Similar messages were delivered by Eleanor Holmes Norton and Diane Feinstein.

Women in Office

Democrats came to the four-day party that cost the Party an estimated \$55 million with divided loyalties. A full third of the delegates preferred either Paul Tsongas or Jerry Brown to Bill Clinton. However, by Thursday, the Party had united behind a candidate and platform that speaks to the desperate longing for change.

Change was symbolized by the great presence of women at the convention. Over 25 women running for Senate and House seats took the stage. These women, Black, white, young and old, represent the Party's hope for the future.

While Women are more than 50% of the population, we comprise less than 6% of the U.S. Congress. Women hold only 18% of the seats in the state legislatures.

Yet statistics show that women make a profound difference in elective office.

In 1991, a handful of women legislators introduced the Economic Equality Act into Congress, the Women's Health Equity Act, as well as legislation concerning family policy, child care, child support, civil rights protection, job training, pensions, and small business ownership laws.

Women state legislators are more likely than men to work for legislation concerning pay equity and a host of other social welfare programs. Women are more likely to vote across party lines on environmental programs and issues of war and peace.

AIDS And The Convention

For the first time at either political convention, two people who have been diagnosed with AIDS spoke to the Democratic delegates and to the nation on

prime time TV. Both Bob Hattoy and Elizabeth Glazer expressed the need for changing government policy on the funding of and treatment for people living with AIDS.

Hattoy, an openly Gay man and current environmental advisor to the Clinton campaign, spoke out strongly against both Reagan and Bush for ignoring the fact that "their American family has AIDS."

Glazer who contracted AIDS in a blood transfusion while giving birth, spoke movingly of the importance of affordable health care and strongly urged the government to take a more active role in exploring problems concerning pediatric AIDS.

As the two of them spoke, there was hardly a dry eye to be seen.

On Tuesday, July 14, over 20,000 people took to the streets of New York City for a United For AIDS Action march. Among the marchers were, women, children, people of color and delegates from all over the country, walking in 93 degree weather that included a blazing sun.

Following the march, a rally was held in Times Square. The Rev. Jesse Jackson and Broadway stars, Gregory Hines and Jessica Lange were among the speakers.

Using lines from Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Lange said, "All of those deaths, the long parade to the graveyard..." Then she went on to demand in the words of Authur Miller's character, Willy Loman, "Attention must be paid." The crowd screamed in agreement.

Other speakers at the rally underscored the message that AIDS effects everyone. Caitlin Fullwood spoke of being a woman with AIDS. Manny Maldonado told of being a recovering addict who has tested positive for HIV.

But the most moving were the simple words of Joey DiPaolo who stepped up to the mike, pale and slender, he stood in the scorching sun and said, "I'm 13 and I have AIDS."

Netherlands Seeks U.S. Gay Tourists

[Amsterdam] -The Tourism Bureau of the Netherlands is embarking on a campaign to encourage more Gay Americans to visit the country.

As rationale for the campaign, officials cite studies which indicate that Gay men in the U.S. have more expendable income than other American tourists and that they are more likely to travel overseas.

To appeal to Gay visitors, the Tourist Bureau, along with a Netherlands airline and car rental company, are placing ads in at least nine American Gay publications in the next few months.

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What Is It Like To Be HIV Positive in Israel?

By Barry Cherin

Nimrod is one of the approximately 500 Israelis who have tested HIV positive.

He is 22, but looks older because he is very gaunt and his dark hair is thinning. He says he is not symptomatic; he has always been thin. His eyes are large, dark and haunting.

I have tried long and hard to track down a Gay man with HIV in Israel who will consent to be interviewed. When I find Nimrod, I am warned to tread lightly in my first conversation with him because in Israel, the stigma attached to the disease is still strong. To publicly proclaim that one is HIV positive is unheard of.

Nimrod says that on the day he got the news his life changed forever. "I've become more introspective," he says. "I think that's why I seem more like 32 than 22. Since that day, I have lived my life with intensity and a sense of purpose that I did not have before."

"As for who might have given this to me," he says, "I don't want to think about it. There is nothing to gain by being bitter or blaming someone. I don't want to know."

When Nimrod tested positive, he was serving his compulsory tour of duty in the Israeli army. He decided to see an army psychologist who he took into his confidence. She violated his trust, told her superiors and Nimrod was dismissed from the military.

In order to get a decent job in Israel, one has to have a card saying that the subject has done his military service. The card was denied Nimrod who supports himself by working as a waiter and a ticket taker at a movie theatre.

He told his friends about his condition and most were supportive. His parents' reaction was a bit more dramatic.

"I had just come out to my parents about 6 months before the HIV test. My mother screamed, ranted and raved. My father said little and turned into himself. He just tuned me out."

But when I told them about my test, their reactions were totally different. My mother didn't want to know. She didn't want to discuss it. My father now talks to me all the time about my situation. He is very concerned. My sisters have been very supportive through it all."

Jews, Arabs Get Along

Nimrod has joined a support group of

from 5 to 12 people which has brought about a curious phenomenon.

"As an Israeli Jew, I've always had little to do with Arabs. But in the HIV support group, I've encountered Arab Muslims and Arab Christians and there are no problems in communication. This thing we share eliminates the boundaries of religion and claims over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Isn't it amazing that it takes a catastrophe like AIDS to bring Jews and Arabs together?"

Israeli AIDS Education

What is the Israeli government doing to educate the population about AIDS?

"I think we are now further along than the US," Nimrod responds. "We not only have AIDS commercials on TV, but we have ads in our newspapers which actually use words like 'cock.' The ads are earthy, powerful and sometimes inject a little humor."

I hug Nimrod good-bye, aware of his bony frame and leave, thinking of the physically healthy people I know who could learn something from this optimistic man with haunting eyes.

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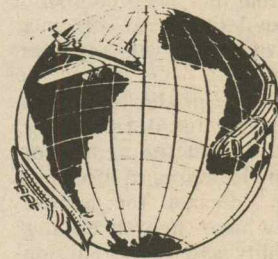
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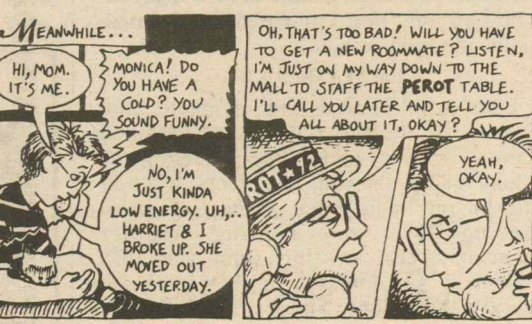
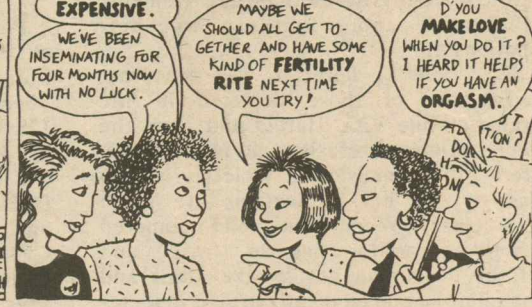
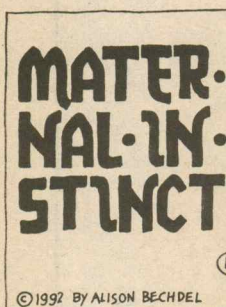
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The Light LIVELY ARTS

'Portrait of a Marriage' Explored The Complexities of Love and Sex

By Jamakaya

Love, sex, passion and commitment were just a few of the profound issues explored in the recent **Masterpiece Theatre** series **Portrait of a Marriage**, produced by the BBC and presented on PBS.

"Agonizingly candid" are the words Alistair Cooke used to describe Vita Sackville-West's memoir of her three year affair with Violet Trefusis. "Hellishly complicated" were the words Harold Nicholson used to describe the affair and his unconventional 50 year marriage with Vita. You see, both Vita and Harold were Gay.

The 34 minutes edited out of the drama for its American telecast left some unfortunate gaps in the story, but what survived was a powerful and provocative account of the complexities of intimate relationships.

How refreshing to see an adult drama featuring noble but flawed characters desperately trying to sort out their sexual, emotional and intellectual needs. Complicating matters even more for Vita and Violet and Harold were the rigid social conventions of post World War I Britain and the still proscribed and misunderstood nature of homosexuality.

Vita, Harold and Violet

Vita was deeply conflicted about what she called her "dual nature." She wished she had been born a man, not just for the approval that would have accorded her love for women, but for the overall privileges enjoyed by men. She constantly raged at the limitations placed on her as a woman (she was unable to inherit her father's estate because of her sex) and longed for the independence to do as she pleased. She was never ashamed of the passion she felt for women but was guilt-ridden when reminded of her responsibilities to her children and to Harold, who was her dearest and steadiest friend, her "anchor."

Harold, for his part, engaged in his own sexual escapades throughout their marriage. It was on the occasion of his contracting venereal disease that he was first compelled to reveal his homosexuality to Vita. He assured her at that time that the sexual contacts were just "diversions" that in no way diminished his love for her. He had, in fact, an abiding love for his home life with Vita and their children and honored that commitment above all else. His extra-marital affairs were excused by friends and family members alike who praised him for being "discreet."

Vita, on the other hand, was anything but discreet. She pursued the objects of her desire with passionate abandon, oblivious to public scandal. She was demanding, possessive, even brutal with her lovers. (Yes, there were others after Violet.) The scene in which she kidnaps and rapes Violet on Violet's wedding night was a real shocker. Violet referred to Vita as a "beautiful barbarian" and was apparently aroused by the elements of danger and illicitness in their relationship.

But Violet's character was the least satisfactory of those depicted in the drama. While Vita, Harold and even the hapless Denys Trefusis, who marries her, are multi-dimensional, Violet is largely passive and her motivations are much less clear. When the mild-mannered Harold excoriates her as "evil" and "filthy," blaming her for the affair and the toll it has taken on all parties, it seems a bit extreme. Perhaps Violet fared better in the unedited version.

What We Didn't See

Gays who viewed the complete film report that the missing footage included scenes of Vita and Violet meeting as school girls, showing the roots of their attachment, and later scenes of them making love and sharing happier moments. Also missing from the PBS version is any mention of their common literary aspirations. Shorn of this context,

the relationship is reduced to an unending series of lusty embraces (brief because of editing) followed by lengthy bouts of guilt and hand-wringing. Vita was indeed wracked by guilt, but why are we denied a view of the sublime pleasures she also experienced from the relationship? GLAAD has rightfully condemned the selective editing of the program as Lesbophobic.

The film also lacks perspective on how the affair influenced the women's subsequent writing. Violet went on to become a popular novelist (Viking has just reissued **Don't Look Around**). Vita wrote several novels (**All Passion Spent** and **The Edwardians** among the best) as well as award-winning poetry, gardening books and a slew of literary criticism. She became a close friend (and possible lover) of Virginia Woolf, whose witty critique of sex roles, **Orlando**, was a tribute to the gender-bending Vita.

In a review of **Violet to Vita**, a collection of Violet's letters, Charlotte Innis wrote: "[T]he same themes that dominate the letters — doomed or incomplete love, hypocrisy, alienation and loneliness — were put to creative use in both women's fictional works. It's clear that their love affair, though brief, was one of the most significant influences on their long, separate, yet enormously productive lives."

The Nature of True Love

It may be unfair to expect a film that is, after all, a **Portrait of a Marriage** to cover all these bases. I must admit, my Lesbian heart, deprived of its history, was anxious to see more about these fascinating women. But it's Harold and Vita's battered relationship that is center stage and ultimately triumphs in the end. Despite their divergent sexual orientations and their extra-marital affairs, their unstinting devotion to each other sustained, however odd it may seem, a model of companionate marriage. Mitchell Owens, writing in **Out**, suggests that Harold in particular understood the profound truth that "sexual preference and true love often have nothing to do with each other."

Portrait of a Marriage contains many such provocative ideas about the nature of love, sex, passion and commitment. It is rare to see such intimate matters probed with such raw honesty and intellectual depth. The emotional crises experienced by the characters were often painful to watch — just like real life. Their conflicts, passions and anxieties had to strike a chord in the heart of anyone who has ever loved, and loved deeply.

Kudos to the BBC for producing such a daring and cerebral exploration of intimacy. "Bravo!" to all the actors for bringing these rich characters to life. And a special ovation, please, for actress Janet McTeer, whose heartbreaking blend of vulnerability and fierce passion make her Vita one of the sexiest women to grace the screen in years!

Please send your views on the editing of **Portrait of a Marriage** to: Rebecca Eaton, Executive Producer, **Masterpiece Theatre**, WGBH Educational Foundation, 125 Western Avenue, Boston, MA 02134; to Jennifer Lawson, Vice-President of National Programming, PBS, 1320 Braddock PLace, Alexandria, VA 22314; and to Donald E. Ledwig, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 901 E Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004. Send a copy to your local PBS affiliate as well.

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WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED. LOVE? — The passionate affair between Vita Sackville-West (Janet McTeer, left) and Violet Trefusis (Cathryn Harrison) threatens Vita's marriage to Harold Nicholson in the provocative BBC/PBS series **Portrait of a Marriage**.

Madison's August/September 'Nothing to Hide' WYOU Schedule

[Madison]—The following is a list of the programs scheduled for **Nothing to Hide** on Madison's WYOU TV for the months of August and September, 1992.

August 12 — 5th Annual Gathering of Openly Gay/Lesbian Government Elected/Appointed Officials held in the Wisconsin State Capitol, November 17-18, 1989. "Wisconsin's Gay/Lesbian Rights law and Chicago's Gay/Lesbian rights ordinance."

August 19 — 5th Annual Gathering of Openly Gay/Lesbian Elected/Appointed Officials held in the Wisconsin State Capitol, November 17-18, 1989. "How the Census Will Change Our Electoral Districts: Tim Carpenter, Jim Yeadon and Eric Rosenthal."

August 26 — GALVANize Weekend, early October, 1991: Friday entertainment at Great Hall and portions of the parade the next day.

September

September 2 — Understanding and Meeting the Needs of Gay, Lesbian and

Bisexual Students. A national satellited transmission to colleges and universities.

September 9 — The 7th Annual International Gathering of Elected/Appointed Openly Gay/Lesbian Government Officials held in November, 1991, Houston, TX (part 2).

September 16 — The October 23, 1991 Gay/Lesbian Demonstration in Los Angeles in Response to Governor Pete Wilson Going Back on His Promise to Sign the Gay/Lesbian State Legislation Protecting Against Discrimination in the Work Place.

September 23 — The October 26, 1991, Gay/Lesbian Demonstration at UCLA's Law School's 40 year dedication. Protesting against Gov. Pete Wilson who went back on his promise to sign a California law protecting Gays and Lesbians in the Work Place.

September 30 Madison's GALVANize Demonstration on State Capitol steps, October 1991 (one of 3 of John Quinlin's video archives).

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New Books Explores Historical Documents and Sexual Advice

By Geno

Gay American History, A Documentary History by Jonathan Ned Katz, A Meridian Book, 1992, 702pp

The Sexpert: Columns from "Advocate Men" Pat Califia ed., A BadBoy Book, 1992, 224 pp

Gay American History is a different kind of history book, one which provides the actual documents which make a major contribution for retrieving the story of Gays and Lesbians in the United States beginning in the 16th Century and coming up to the present day.

There were, of course, homosexuals among the Native Americans, the Spanish Conquistadors and the early colonists, and early documentation is largely concerned with the oppressive measures used to punish and try to exterminate those who were sexually "different."

Rabid homophobic decrees condemned Gays to death by choking, burning and drowning, among others. The first section of this investigative study is appropriately titled "Trouble, 1566-1966," and the tone of these first 400 years is one of vengeful homophobia.

Native Americans In Drag

The next section chronicles the variety of medical and psychological treatments practiced upon homosexuals including castration, hormone medication, electroshock and aversion and psychiatric therapies.

Happily, another section preserves the history of Gay Native Americans. Early explorers and their priests and ministers were shocked to observe "special friendships" and Berdaches, men who dressed as women, but the natives saw nothing unusual in such behavior. Today's Early Americans go back to their early traditions.

The Lesbian Voice

The Lesbian voice is heard extensively in this history and one entire section is devoted to women who lived and passed as men. Women also figure prominently in the section of the book concerned with "Resistance," resistance to outdated beliefs, practices and laws. A sense of hope and idealism characterizes the final, lengthy section of this book describing numerous examples of altruistic same-sex love throughout American History.

This is a book that should be in every

Los Angeles to Host Softball World Series

[Pittsburgh, PA]- The 1992 Gay Softball World Series will take place from August 18-22, 1992 in Los Angeles, CA. The games are held under the auspices of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) and hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Sports Association of NAGAAA. The host hotel is the Airtel Plaza.

According to Nancy Pribich, NAGAAA Publicity Chair, prior to the start of the series, a NAGAAA delegates' meeting will be held. The purpose of the sessions set for August 16 and 17 is to set the rules for the series, to form a committee to run the games, and to hear bids for the location of the 1994 World Series. The 1993 event will be held in Philadelphia.

The LA Series will begin with opening ceremonies on Tuesday, August 18, and the games will start immediately thereafter. There will be two sites for all games, Hjelti and Balboa Fields. The championship games will be played on Saturday, August 22. A closing banquet will follow for all participants at which trophies will be presented.

In the Women's Division, the format adopted in 1991 will be used again. The games begin with round robin play leading to a double elimination tournament to determine the Division champion. Women's Division teams use an 11 inch softball in their games.

The Open Division (primarily men's teams, but can also include women's teams or mixed teams) will have a new format this year made up of three subdivisions. The first sub-group will consist of the championship team from each league; the second, any league team (other than the champion) with a .500 or better record; and the third, any league team with a record under .500. This group is a special effort to recognize and include purely recreational teams in the World Series. Open division teams use a 12 inch softball in their games.

public library as a reference tool. If your library doesn't have a copy, have them order it. In one's private collection of books it provides a fascinating look into a history that has long been suppressed.

The Sexpert

The Sexpert, edited by Pat Califia, might well be subtitled "Everything you always wanted to know about male-male sex, but never dared to ask!" This paperback is made up of a choice of columns from **Advocate Men** where **The Sexpert** was a regular feature for years.

Subjects taken up in the book include "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are," a well-balanced chapter of advice; "Bangin' on My Drum," and "A Walk on the Wild Side" dealing with safe kink plus another section on safe sex techniques. Two especially well thought out chapters deal with "Health and the Male Body" and relationship problems.

The Sexpert responds to real concerns with up-to-the-minute information that, on the whole, is sensible and caring. You may not agree with all of her advice, but at least her responses have made you think.

This is the first non-fiction BadBoy Book which otherwise specializes in "Hot Erotic Novels," all priced like this book at \$4.95. More inexpensive non-fiction informational books like this would be a welcome addition to the series

Louisville's 'Yer Girlfriend!' to Perform at Milwaukee Dance Aug. 21

[Milwaukee]- Put on your dancing caps and your thinking shoes, here comes **Yer Girlfriend!** **Yer Girlfriend** is five Louisville women committed to creating and performing music that challenges, provokes, inspires, and communicates a message of political empowerment for women and minorities.

This group's music spans a broad spectrum of styles, including rock, blues and folk. Like other female performers who find their political voices in the art form of music with broad appeal, **Yer Girlfriend** gets toes tapping to get a foot in the door in order to state their case — and in a constructive manner, one that opens up dialogue by breaking down walls of homophobic prejudice and smashing

traditional stereotypes about women.

As women, as feminists, as Lesbians, and as political outsiders, **Yer Girlfriend** believes that it is imperative to create music that not only advocates social change, but is also technically accomplished. They have two albums to their credit; **We Won't Be Silent**, and **L-Word Spoken Here**.

Yer Girlfriend will return to Milwaukee on Friday, August 21, 1992. The Womyn's dance will be at Lake Park Pavilion, at the corner of Lake Drive and Newberry Blvd. Tickets are \$8 at the door. The doors will open at 8:00 p.m. and the band will begin at 8:30 p.m. Don't miss an evening of dancing!

'Passage to India' To Open Gutzman's Theatre Season Aug. 20

[Milwaukee]- Actor-director-producer and writer, Dale Gutzman, begins his first season of personally produced shows at the Stiemke Theater beginning August 20 with an adaptation of E.M. Forster's **Passage to India**. The cast will be led by Gutzman, Barbara Kerr and Diane Sotski. The play will run from August 20- 22 at the Stiemke.

Other productions on Gutzman's agenda for this up-coming season will be

Shakespeare's **Julius Caesar**, October 8-11, **Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris**, December 3-6 and the ever-popular **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**, February 18-21, 1993. Season ticket holders can see the four shows for the price of three.

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[Milwaukee]-Three-four weeks ago, a little cat made a nest in our neighbor's backyard. As those things go, she had some kittens, five of them to be precise. When they got older, they began to explore. They didn't know there was a dog in the vicinity.

Rex is a decent sort, but after all, he is a dog and, as such, he wasn't about to have some cats living right there in his space. The kittens had to be moved.

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Butchness In Women Topic of Anthology

[Berkeley, CA]- Roxxie, from *Girljock* and *Taste of Latex* editor, Lily Braindrop are seeking butchness for literary bonding in *Dagger* projected anthology dedicated to celebrating butch women. The anthology will contain butch-positive fiction, non-fiction, graphics and photos and will be published by Cleis Press to come out in the Fall of 1993.

Writers and artists are being sought to contribute to the work. You need not be a Lesbian or even a female to submit.

Interested writers and photographers should send a SASE to *Dagger*, P.O. Box 2587, Berkeley, CA 94702. Deadline for submissions is October 15, 1992.

First Gay/Lesbian Group Has Been Discreetly Formed in Ghana

[Brussels]-According to the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), the organization has received an application for membership from the Afro Lesbian and Gay Club of Ghana.

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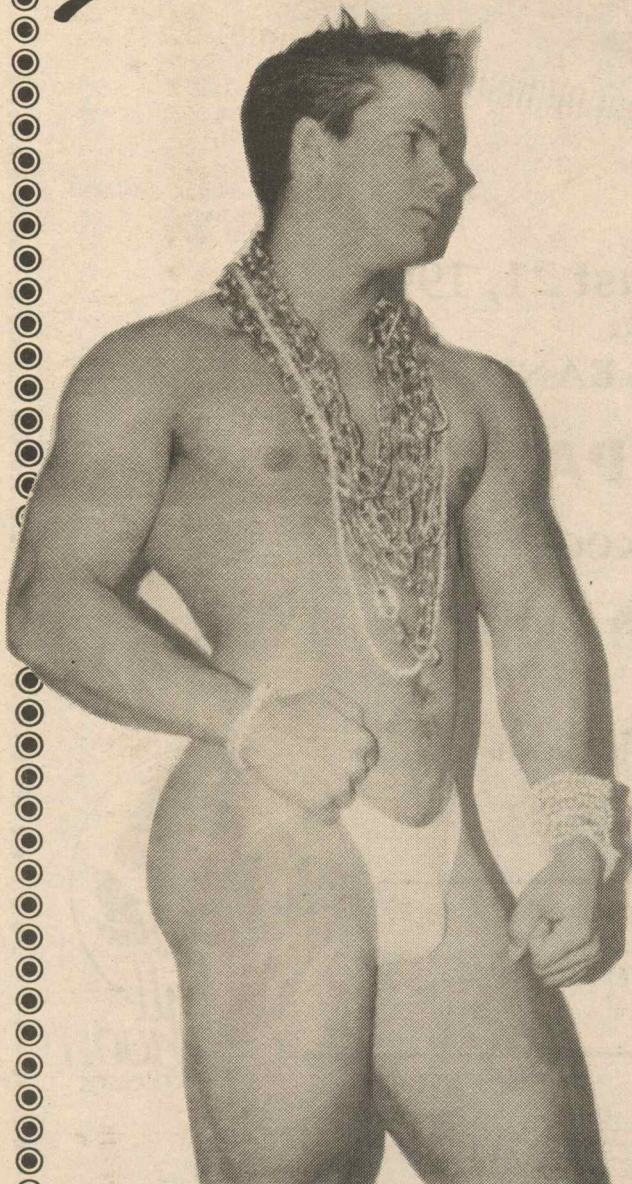
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State Historical Society Collecting Materials On Gay Rights Movement

[Madison]- The Wisconsin State Historical Society has begun collecting materials that document the Gay rights movement in Wisconsin, according to a policy adopted by its board of directors. The materials will become part of the Historical Society's Social Action Manuscripts Collection, one of the best and largest collections of its kind in the country.

This is the first time since the Historical Society began collecting materials in the 1960's from the civil rights movement, the labor movement and numerous other social movements, it has adopted an explicit statement of priorities and directions for its collection efforts.

Clarenbach (D-Madison), a Historical Society board member, the new policy will ensure that the history of the struggle for Gay rights in Wisconsin will be preserved.

"By including Gay rights as a priority in its manuscript collection policy, the State Historical Society is saying the Gay rights movement in our state is a significant piece of history. I could not agree more," Clarenbach said.

"Lesbians and Gay men and all those who have engaged in the struggle for Gay and Lesbian rights have a rich history to share," he added. "As the author of the Gay rights law 10 years ago, I am pleased to now be a part of the Historical Society's decision to preserve all that went into that fight."

Along with Gay rights, the Society's collection efforts in Wisconsin will focus on abortion, peace activism, environmentalism, civil rights, civil liberties, tax payers' revolt, women's rights, anti-nuclear power activism and animal rights. Nationally, the Society collects manuscripts on abortion organizing and student activism.

The Social Action Collection is housed in the State Historical Society in Madison and is available to the public for free.

Suicide Is Leading Cause of Death For Gay Teen-agers

[Los Angeles, CA]- Suicide is the leading cause of death among Gay male, Lesbian and Bisexual youth, according to the 1989 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Report on Youth Suicide." They are "two to three times" more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual teenagers.

In addition, the report goes on to say that "ten percent" of our nation's students are Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual and that "one out of three" of these youth will develop drug and/or alcohol addiction.

To try and meet the needs of these students in the Los Angeles area, an organization called "Students Honestly Opening Up Together" (SHOUT) was founded in 1990. A project of UCLA's Community Service Commission, SHOUT offers peer mentoring to high school students who identify themselves as Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual.

SHOUT provides positive intervention at a stage when these teenagers are especially vulnerable to homophobic abuse, which often results in self-destructive behaviors. SHOUT volunteers stress retention, matriculation and eventual admission to higher education.

Believing in the desperate need of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual young people, SHOUT is currently establishing its model program at other university and college campuses in the United States.

For more information, please contact SHOUT at 308 Westwood Plaza, 500 Kerckhoff Hall, Los Angeles, CA 90024 or call (310) 825- 8053.

Anyone wishing to donate documents from the Gay rights movement in Wisconsin to the State Historical Society should contact Rep. David Clarenbach at Room 4 West, State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702 or call (608) 266- 8570.

UWM

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complaint before they will change their methods.

Reister responded that due to apprehension over the detrimental effect of coming forward and the over-all fears of guilt by association, people were not likely to come forward.

Reister said that it was his feeling from the tenor of the Administration's remarks that their tactic of stake-out in stalls will not be changed until such techniques are proven to be illegal. Legal Counsel has made the Gay/Lesbian Community at UWM aware of the difficulty of proving the illegality of the Administration's methods.

In response to graffiti removal, the Administration said it would be done "timely." They complained of being too under staffed to do it daily, Reister said. When Reister asked for a definition of "timely," they said they would have to get back to him on that.

Reister noted with a smile that "getting back to us" was "just about their response to many of our requests."

The Administration out-right refused to end plain clothes surveillance. The option of counseling, they said, was outside their jurisdiction. Only the District Attorney could provide counseling as an alternative to a fine. However, Reister noted, Clark promised to help the Gay/Lesbian organization to get in contact with proper authority in this regard.

Reister commented that "that was a good start."

Reister said, "I don't feel that they delt with the strong possibility that entrapment techniques could be used with their current methods. They were receptive to trying some of our ideas out, yet they did not really address the issue of entrapment," he said. "They definitely have not been sensitive to the concerns of entrapment of the Gay/Lesbian community," Reister said. "They continue to be neglectful of the underlying causes of this activity."

Reister said that for progress to take place toward the alleviation of entrapment, it will be necessary for someone to make a formal complaint with Dr. Miller. Reister indicated that the Gay/Lesbian Community would continue in its efforts to improve the current situation.

In this regard, Reister said the Gay/Lesbian Community will develop an educational outreach program.

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Second will be an article dealing with HIV/AIDS Education, Prevention and Outreach. There are a number of new developments and directions here.

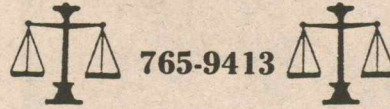
The third article will discuss fundraising and the final article will deal with the administration of the agency.

A Mequon Matron At MAP

There is one story that I can't resist telling now, primarily because I'm not sure where else it fits. I was taking a break one day, having a cigarette in the smoking room (with the exception of that

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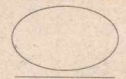
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room. MAP is a smoke-free environment). There was a woman there of middle years stuffing envelopes and we fell to talking as you do in such situations without exchanging names.

She described herself as a "Mequon Matron" who had become involved with MAP because of her desire to help people with AIDS.

When she said she was straight, I commented that she must be getting to know the Gay/Lesbian community. She chuckled softly, replying that that was indeed the case.

As an example, she said that at the last Make A Promise Dinner (a prime MAP fundraiser), she had been seated at a table with the Beer Town Badgers who were dressed in full leather. She admitted to being apprehensive at first, but, she added, "They're real pussycats."

After the dinner, they asked if she'd like to go to the Boot Camp. She answered, "Why not?" and went. "The Badgers were so good to me," she said.

"They were so protective. I had a wonderful time."

Then, she said, they asked her if she'd like to go to Fannie's? She told me that she had no idea what Fannie's was, but "since the Badgers were so sweet," she agreed to go.

"All the women were so friendly there," she said. "It's such a wonderful place." She went on to tell me that she'd never met any Gay people before, but since the Make A Promise Dinner and after, she'd found Gay people to be "such a friendly group."

As I say, I'm not sure where this story fits, but it's one too good, I think, not to write about.

I heard many anecdotes like that in my days at MAP, some amusing, many sad. I'll try and tell them as I go along. By doing so, hopefully, by the time I'm done, you'll understand not only how MAP functions, but come to know some of the people who work there.

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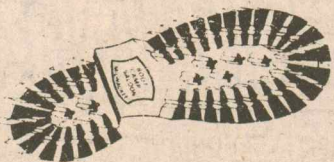
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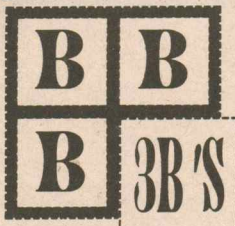


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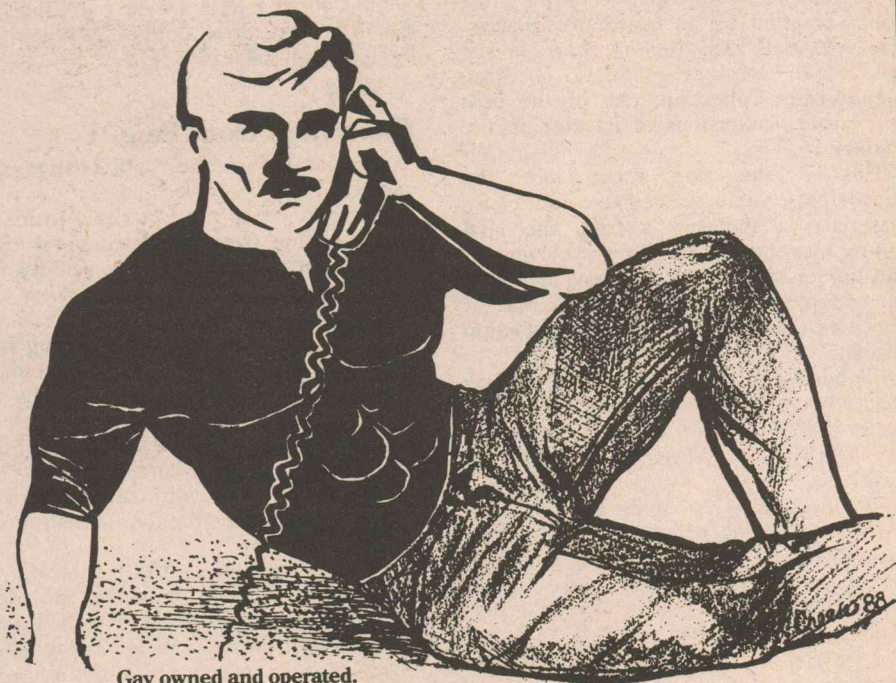
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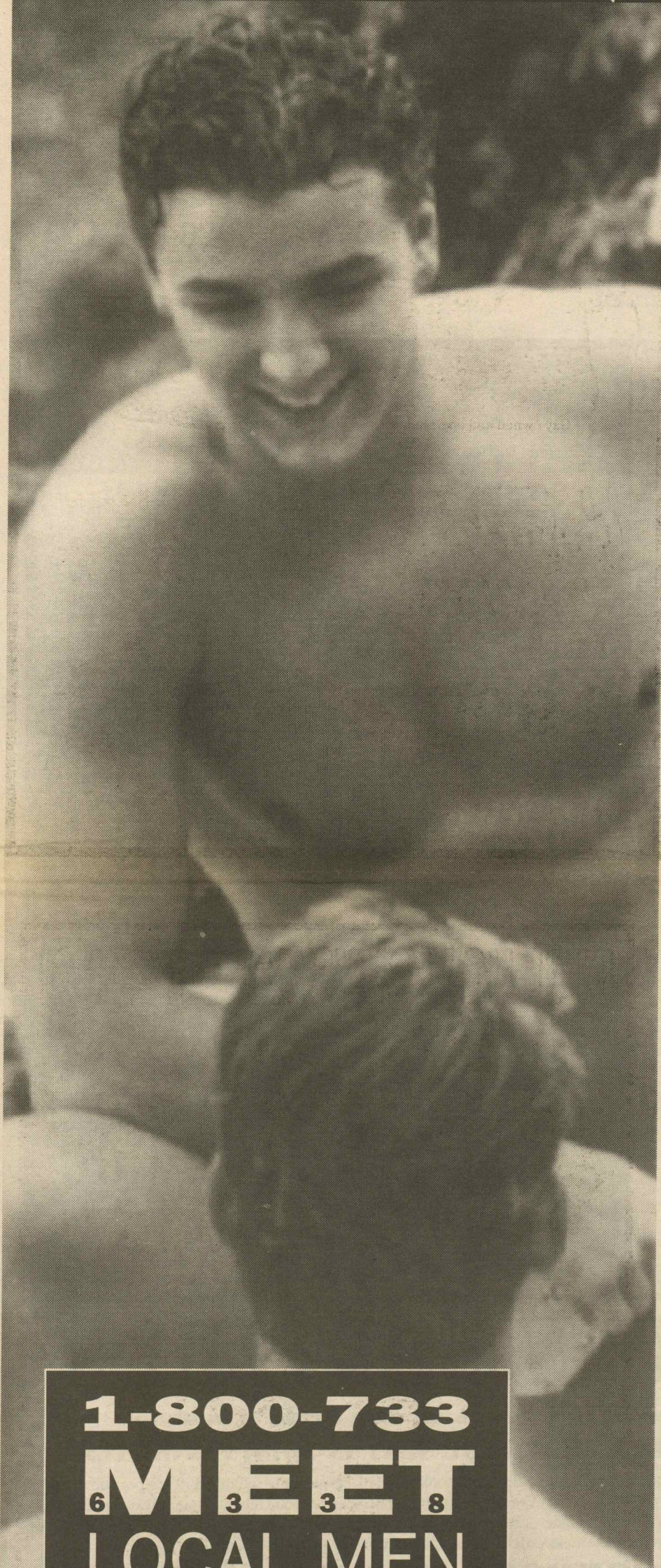
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The Gap, which also owns Banana Republic Stores, is a nationwide chain that cultivates a hip, contemporary image. Gays and Lesbians helped make The Gap the huge success it is today. But while the chain profits from Gay dollars, it treats the Gay press like a pariah.

GLAAD/NY suggests that letters be sent to: Donald Fisher, Chairman and CEO, The Gap, Inc., P.O. Box 60, San Bruno, CA 94066.

Calvin Klein has cultivated Gay customers with homoerotic ads, all the time denying that the near-naked men in seductive poses are meant to attract Gay men!

According to GLAAD/NY, whether you feel these ads are a step forward (including Gay imagery in mainstream advertising) or not, Calvin Klein's refusal to advertise in Gay publications means he exploits Gays for gain while refusing to support financially strapped Gay publications.

Write to Calvin Klein, President, and

Barry Schwartz, Chairman, Calvin Klein, Inc., 205 W. 39th Street, New York, NY 10018.

GLAAD/NY also has some good news on the advertising front. Shearson-Lehman Brothers ran a full page ad in the autumn/winter 1991 issue of *MetroSource*, an upscale Gay guide. It marked the company's first foray into Gay media and caused enough of a stir to warrant a news item in *Advertising Age*.

Shearson-Lehman, the nationwide financial services giant, deserves a show of support and encouragement to advertise again in Gay and Lesbian publications.

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TEARS OF GRIEF — 150 people attended the first anniversary memorial of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer on July 23, 1992 in Milwaukee. The vigil was sponsored by the Career Youth Development Love and Action Support Group for Homicide. A sister of one of the victims, Tony Hughes, is pictured above sharing her grief with another relative.

State's Gay Rights Law Becomes Civil Rights, Not Moral Issue

By Barbara J. Zierten

Part Three: A Civil Rights Issue, Not a Moral Issue.

Marshaling the support of the churches for Rep. David Clarenbach's Gay rights legislation in 1981 was particularly important in heading off opposition based on so-called "moral" grounds. Anyone who took a moral position opposing the bill because of the ostensible immorality of homosexuality came into direct conflict with their own churches which supported the bill on other grounds.

Clarenbach argued that AB 70 did not present a moral issue saying: "The bill is not a question of morality. It's a question of civil rights. It is not a moral issue. It is not a religious issue."

This, however, was not literally true. Clarenbach by his use of church support had fashioned his own moral issue. By directing the focus away from homosexuality as immoral, towards discrimination as the real immorality issue, he had tightly drawn the parameters of morality to his own ends. Anyone who belonged to one of the mainstream churches and overtly opposed AB 70 was directly in opposition to the moral teaching of his or her own church, an untenable position for many people.

Arguments Deflected

Clarenbach's own press release shows how he drew together in a deceptively simple and logical manner arguments for passage of AB 70 that parried almost all possible objections to the bill. First, he addressed his strongest argument.

Why Should AB 70 Be Enacted? The right of private sexual preference among adults should be considered inherent. As long as someone does not impose this sexual preference on others, they should be guaranteed the basic human right to live without harassment or discrimination. The point is not whether homosexuality is admirable, but whether discrimination should be tolerable.

Next, he anticipated the objections to be raised by the opposition and disposed of all of them in a few short sentences. "Those who would deny homosexuals equal protection under the law, promote fears that homosexuals may try to convert the young in our classrooms; molest other citizens; disrupt the peace and stability of neighborhood or office, or even threaten the foundations of American family life."

"These fears seem excessive and irrational. There are, after all, laws, regulations and rules that cover sexual misconduct by all persons — sanctions to deal with molesters; with teachers who preach sexual views when they should teach; with employees who let their private lifestyles interfere with their work. And for a society that regards marriage and family as a cornerstone, there is no valid evidence that homosexuality is contagious."

Archbishop Weakland

Finally, Clarenbach pulled out his big guns and quoted the Catholic Archbishop of Milwaukee.

"...Homosexuals should not be deprived of their basic human rights. For this reason I feel that support of this bill (AB 70) would indeed be proper and consistent with previous positions that the Church has taken."

Success for AB 70 appeared to be

assured. The bill went through the legislative committee easily in May, 1981. At the hearing only one opponent appeared to testify. He was the Rev. Richard Pritchard, a Fundamentalist minister from Madison. Not surprisingly, Clarenbach had received no supporting letters from the Fundamentalist churches.

Pritchard testified that the bill was "chipping away at the community's moral structure" and preserving "the homosexual practice and making it legal in every way."

But along with Pritchard, 15 other members of the clergy appeared at the hearing. Contrary to Pritchard's testimony, they all voiced their strong support of AB 70 and lauded it as an "anti-bigotry" bill.

When the committee voted, there was only one dissenting voice. That came from Rep. John Shabaz, the Republican minority leader from New Berlin. Shabaz had been the most vociferous critic of the bill in the legislature. Because Clarenbach had so cleverly met any possible so-called moral objection to AB 70, the most Shabaz could say in protest was that the bill "goes much further than we ever intended."

Since the bill's protections for Gays went no farther than the existing civil rights law, Shabaz's opposition did not create any new groundswell of opposition on the committee or in the legislature.

On October 23, 1981, the bill passed the Assembly on a preliminary voice vote with a comfortable margin of 55-41. Clarenbach's strategy had worked.

Success in the Senate appeared to be assured and Republican Governor Lee Dreyfus had already agreed to sign AB 70 once it had passed both houses.

Next: The Final Hurdle

Marry Malin

New African American Support Group Forms

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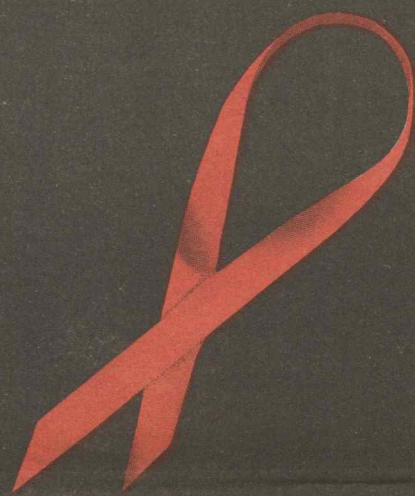
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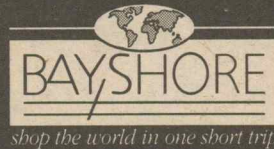


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