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The Wisconsin Light

Baldwin Wins Big Victory In Assembly Race

[Madison]- Dane County Supervisor Tammy Baldwin won a decisive victory in the September 8th Democratic primary for the Wisconsin State Assembly, 78th District. Baldwin becomes the first openly Lesbian or Gay candidate to win an election for a state-level office in Wisconsin.

If victorious in the November 3 general election, Baldwin will fill the seat vacated by long-term Rep. David Clarenbach, which includes downtown Madison and most of the east and south sides of the city. Clarenbach left the Assembly to run for Congress. Clarenbach was defeated in the Primary by Ada Deer who will now face the Republican incumbent in November.

Proclaiming "We made history tonight," Baldwin addressed a packed crowd of campaign volunteers, supporters and media at Cafe Europa on the Capitol Square Tuesday night.

In a speech interrupted often by applause and cheers, she repeated her message of putting people first. "It's time the Gay and Lesbian community has a proud voice in the State Legislature," she said. "As a woman and a Lesbian I will never be an insider, but I will be inside. And I will redefine what it means to have power and use it."

Baldwin's Victory, a Landslide

Baldwin's victory was even more impressive in light of the strength and popularity of her three opponents. As recently as the week before the election, former Alderman and long-time neighborhood leader, Billy Feitlinger, was seen as the favorite. But Baldwin topped him by more than 10 percentage points.

In her victory speech, she credited her success in part to "not watering down our message simply to gain votes. We said what we meant. I spoke out with pride about being the first openly Lesbian candidate for state office in Wisconsin, knowing full well that some in our district would never vote for me."

Baldwin also was outspoken in her opposition to a controversial convention center to be built on Lake Monona. Feitlinger waffled on the issue for as long as possible before stating his support for the costly and environmentally questionable project. The convention center is supported by the mayor and other powerful interests in Madison.

Baldwin's Support, Wide-Based

In her seven years as a Madison Alderwoman and Dane County Board member, Baldwin has been known for her intelligence, insight and hard work as a champion for those whose voices are not usually heard when government decisions are made. She serves on the County Finance and Personnel Committee, formerly chaired the Health and Human Services Board and founded and chaired the Dane County Task Force on AIDS.

Her campaign reflected these values and commitment. "I stressed the necessity to meet the needs and hear the voices of the most under-represented segments of our community," she explained, "realizing that as people long-ignored by the politicians they were also the least likely to vote. And we learned what the people expect of their leader."

Baldwin also stressed that her campaign has been "an amazing grass roots coalition effort. I believe we have brought together one of the largest and strongest grassroots efforts that has ever been mobilized for a State Assembly race."

Her wide-ranging support came not only from Gays and Lesbians, but from a broad base of the straight community, including people of color, environmentalists, people of disabilities, feminists, students and progressives of all ages.

Baldwin faces Republican Patricia Hevenor and Labor-Farm candidate Mary Kay Baum in the general election.

For more information or to volunteer on Tammy Baldwin's campaign, call her campaign office at (608) 249-0243.

United Way Will Fund Groups Which Discriminate Against Blacks & Gays



MAPFEST CELEBRITY—Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) (second from left) and his partner, former Milwaukeean Herb Goodman visited the Wisconsin Light game booth at Milwaukee's MAPfest on Sept. 6. Alan Eslinger, Terry Boughner, Light editor and Brendt Prebe are also pictured.

Primary Shows That Voters Want To See Change in Government

[Madison]- Democratic primary voters throughout the state sent a clear message on September 8th: they want to see a change in the face of their government.

U.S. Senatorial candidate Russ Feingold, Congressional candidate Ada Deer, and state assembly candidate Tammy Baldwin won resounding victories — despite the fact that many in the political establishment had earlier written off their candidacies as long shots.

Feingold Phenomenon

For years to come, political analysts will be studying the "Feingold phenomenon." Only a month ago, Feingold was a distant third in the polls, hovering around 10 percent while his two highly-financed opponents weighed in at about 40 percent each.

It was not only the fact of Feingold's victory, but his overwhelming margin that truly stunned the pundits. Feingold outdistanced both of his opponents combined by a margin of more than two to one statewide; in his native Dane County, the margin was closer to six to one.

Feingold's experience mirrors that of Illinois Democrat Carol Moseley Braun, who came from behind to beat out two established politicians with huge campaign war chests. Like Feingold's opponents, their financial advantage evaporated when voters became turned off by their mudslinging. (Braun is leading in the current polls and is likely to become the U.S.'s first African American woman in the Senate.)

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton phoned in his congratulations just before Feingold gave his acceptance speech to a jubilant crowd of supporters in a Middleton bowling alley. In keeping with the tongue-in-cheek style displayed in his TV ads, supporters played the theme from the "Underdog" cartoon as he arrived at the podium.

Deer: "Me, Nominee"

Native American activist Ada Deer's victory in the Second Congressional District, which includes Madison, was equally stunning. Deer won with over 68 percent of the vote in her race against long-time assemblyman David Clarenbach.

Deer, who spent her early years growing up on a northeastern Wisconsin Indian reservation, had two words for a cheering throng of supporters: "Me, nominee." Deer will face one-term incumbent and former TV anchorman Scott Klug in a tight race this Fall. Clarenbach, true to form, was extremely gracious in defeat and pledged his full support of Deer's candidacy.

Deer would be the first Native

American woman ever elected to the U.S. Congress. Along with Fond du Lac Democrat Peg Lautenschlager (whose candidacy is also being supported by many Lesbians and Gay men), she has the chance to be part of the first Wisconsin Congressional delegation to include women in the state's history.

Baldwin's Sweet Victory

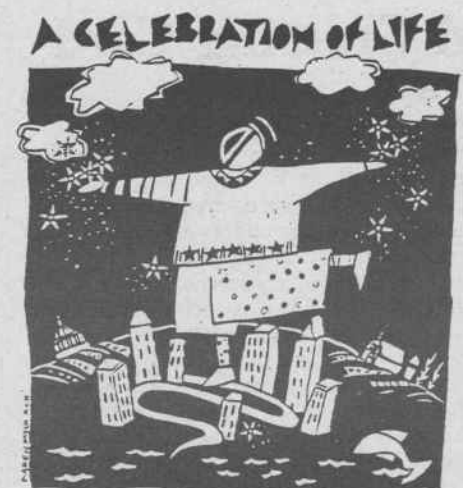
For Wisconsin's Lesbian and Gay community, however, the sweetest victory was that of openly Lesbian candidate for the state assembly Tammy Baldwin. In a highly competitive four-way race for the Democratic nomination, Baldwin pulled ahead of the pack, winning by a margin of 43 to 33 percent over her closest opponent.

A diverse crowd of supporters filled a packed Cafe Europa as Baldwin delivered an emotional and inspirational acceptance speech. Members of Madison's political establishment — all of them extremely impressed by the margin of her victory — passed through to offer her their congratulations.

Like Seattle council woman Sherry Harris, Baldwin transcended the notion that her openly Lesbian candidacy had a one-dimensional focus. Harris, the country's first openly Lesbian African American politician, told a Minnesota audience last month that the press had tried to stereotype her, but, as it turned out, the voters took a long look at her extensive record of community involvement and used that as a basis of their choice.

Baldwin, a four-term county supervisor and civil rights attorney, was able to project herself as a caring, qualified

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Wisconsin AIDS WalkSM
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[Milwaukee]- In a tape recorded, hour-long meeting held on September 10, 1992, between three members of Queer Scouts and six top officials of United Way of Greater Milwaukee, United Way defended its funding of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The press was excluded from the meeting.

United Way had neglected to inform Queer Scouts that United Way's Board had already voted to continue funding BSA on September 9, just one day earlier.

All participants at the meeting were fully aware, as the tape shows, that the meeting was being recorded. The meeting had been initiated by Queer Scouts and was held at United Way Milwaukee's headquarters.

A United Way spokesperson initiated the discussion by saying that United Way Milwaukee saw itself as "independent, progressive and thoughtful." Then, over and over again defended the BSA's discrimination against Gays as perfectly "legal" because the issue had not been decided by the courts and ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court.

United Way Would Support Anti-Black Rule

Dan Fons, a member of Queer Scouts, asked hypothetically whether the United Way would continue to fund the BSA if they adopted an identical ban against African Americans.

Bill Lawrence, Director of United Way's Private Industry Council, answered "Yes."

Lawrence quickly qualified his answer saying that discrimination vs. non-discrimination as may be practiced by a funded agency is "not a decision that this Board is empowered to make."

"We have traditionally tried to stay away from the issue of discussing the legal and moral issues of an agency," he said, "and dealt with its service to the community."

Lawrence added that he was a former Scout and believed personally that the BSA "is making a mistake" in discriminating against Gays. However, he added, the Board could not make a judgment on the matter.

"Does the BSA still provide quality service?" Lawrence asked. "We think the answer is yes. Would they be a better agency if they opened their doors to everyone? I think so. Others do not agree," he said.

Lawrence went on to say that he had lived in "8 places" and that Milwaukee was "a Neanderthal, racist, homophobic community compared to other places where I've lived."

Donor Choice

A United Way spokesperson cited United Way Milwaukee's Donor Choice program as evidence of their being on the "cutting edge."

"It is not anything like any other United Way in the country. We have attempted to open the doors, to be inclusive. It is the most open of donor choice programs. Donors can make choices on their own and money is flowing to Gay organizations (like the Cream City Foundation and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP))."

According to United Way, MAP is being considered as a United Way agency, meaning that MAP will receive regular funding from United Way.

Fons objected that the Donor Choice program seemed to be a way to "participate silently" without acknowledging that United Way was going to make a policy change "over time." However, he pointed out that in the very beginning of the discussion, United Way would not even acknowledge that this qualifies as discrimination. "I find that incredible," Fons said.

Fons demanded that United Way accept BSA's policy as one of discrimination.

Lawrence again maintained that that

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Boy Scouts Might Lose Funding

[Portland, ME]- The United Way of Greater Portland, Maine, will decide by December, 1992 whether to continue to give money to groups that restrict membership.

The issue came to the fore a year ago when the Boy Scout chapter representing Portland refused to allow a woman to become a Cub Scout den mother because she is a lesbian. The issue has prompted a committee of local United Way officials to examine the charity's policy on membership restrictions.

The Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts — which represents the Portland area — relies on United Way for \$82,000 of its \$1.5 million budget.

Jeffrey Stanley, finance and communications director of the Pine Tree Council said, "We would like to maintain the relationship (with United Way) if we can, but we have no desire to change our leadership standards."

Oregon Governor Blasts Alliance

[Eugene, OR]-Gov. Barbara Roberts has warned that Oregon's economy could be hurt and its image tarnished across the nation by an anti-Gay rights measure on the November ballot.

Roberts said that many businesses and tourists would shun Oregon if voters approved Measure 9, a proposal sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), to label homosexuality as abnormal.

Roberts noted further that adoption of Measure 9 would foster anti-homosexual witch hunts in a state that has a reputation for being progressive.

Roberts continued, saying that the state's growing popularity as a place to shoot movies would quickly fade. "This fall, Gus Van Sant, one of the most sought after directors in the country, begins filming in Portland. If Measure 9 passes, the city couldn't issue permits for his film because he is Gay."

OCA Chair, Lon Mabon, responded by saying that Roberts "has been bought and paid for" by Lesbian/Gay groups.

Good News From Colorado

[Denver]- A recent poll taken in Colorado showed that 54 percent of voters will likely vote against a statewide anti-Gay ballot initiative.

The Denver Post-News poll of 501 registered voters found that only 36 percent were ready to vote for the measure. Ten percent of those polled said they were undecided.

Sources in Denver told Light that they believed that the poll results are an indication of voter turn-off to "family values" rhetoric.

K-Mart Ads Include Gays

[Troy, MI]- K-Mart recently included a Gay couple in their on-going commercials that include diverse types of families. The extremely positive commercial features two men in business suits looking at a wood cutter and one remarks, "We should get that."

His companion responds, "Well, we don't have a fireplace." "But your father does. Let's get it," he replies, as he picks up the cutter. One of the men puts his arm around the other as the camera pans to a straight couple.

K-Mart can be encouraged to continue its inclusive advertising and to extend it by showing Lesbians as well, by writing to: Joseph Antonini, CEO, K-Mart, 3100 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084.

Hands Around the White House

[Washington, D.C.]- At noon on Monday, October 12, thousands of AIDS activists from around the country will link hands around the White House in a political demonstration to cap a weekend series of events expected to draw some 300,000 to 500,000 visitors to view the NAMES Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Billed as "a wake-up call to whomever will be occupying the White House in January," the non-violent demonstration will begin with a tolling of bells, alarm clocks, whistles and air horns.

The demonstration caps the first full display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in three years and will commemorate that by November 3, election day, some 160,000 Americans will have died of AIDS.

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.

Congressman Gerry Studds Wins Massachusetts Primary With 61%

[Washington, D.C.]- Openly Gay incumbent Congressman Gerry Studds won his party's nomination to run for another term in the U.S. House of Representatives, by defeating state senator Paul Harold on Tuesday, September 15. Studds won with 61 percent of the vote in a race characterized by high turnout among voters along Cape Cod, a Studds stronghold.

Studds is one of only two openly Gay Congressmen. The other is Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) Frank ran unopposed in his primary.

Studds still faces a strong challenge from two opponents in the November general election. One is a Republican supported by the governor, and the other is an unenrolled candidate who announced his challenge to Studds two

years ago.

Both men have been campaigning hard against Studds for most of the political season and especially since redistricting greatly altered Studds' 10th Congressional District.

Members of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund heavily supported Studds' race with more than \$23,000 in individual contributions.

William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Victory Fund said that the Fund would continue its support of Studds. "We cannot afford to lose one of only two openly Gay congressmen," Waybourn said.

Contributions should be made payable to: "Studds for Congress" and sent to the Victory Fund at 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 707, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Gay/Lesbian Themed Greeting Card Designs Being Solicited

[Minneapolis, MN]- Virago, a new Minneapolis-based graphics company which is owned and operated by Lesbians, is currently soliciting designs for a line of holiday cards to be marketed to Lesbians and Gay men. Artists, designers and people with an idea they can sketch on a napkin are invited to submit their two-dimensional designs for consideration of production.

Themes especially sought include Christmas, Hanukkah and Solstice. Interpretation may range from spiritual to humorous and are encouraged to be Gay or Lesbian oriented or non-specific.

Selected designs will be produced in

consultation with the artist. The originator of each design selected will receive a cash award, credit line on the back of the card, and two boxes of the produced cards.

All designs which are not selected will be returned if SASE is included. Be sure to include both a front and inside panel if there is to be art or type on the inside of the card. Also include special printing instructions on a separate overlay if necessary. Include name, address and telephone number on each design.

Please mail designs by October 1, 1992 to: Virago, P.O. Box 8070, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

4,000 Walkers Expected to Raise \$300,000 In September 20 AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee Brewers baseball player, Paul Molitor and his wife Linda will serve as honorary co-chairs for the 3rd Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk Sunday, September 20, 1992.

"As the AIDS crisis continues to touch more and more individuals and families," said Linda Molitor, "community support and education also needs to increase. Paul and I appreciate the opportunity to help meet that need by serving the Wisconsin AIDS Walk as honorary co-chairs."

Last year, the Molitors raised more money for the AIDS Walk than any other participating walkers.

Last year, approximately 3,000 walkers and 71 corporate and individual teams, backed by 30,000 pledgers, raised \$260,120 to support vital AIDS care and education programs throughout Wisconsin.

This year estimates are that the Walk, is expected to draw more than 4,000 participants and raise more than \$300,000.

Place and Times

The 10 K (6.2 miles) Walk begins and concludes at Urban Park, just north of the Summerfest grounds along the Lake Michigan shore in downtown Milwaukee. The route proceeds north along North Lincoln Memorial Drive, winds through Lake Park, back down the lake and returns to Urban Park.

Registration for the Walk begins in Urban Park at 10:30 a.m. There will be a warm-up at 11:40 a.m. with Bally's Vic Tanny. Opening ceremonies begin at noon with the Walk beginning at 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremonies will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Walk Sponsors

This year four agencies will sponsor the Walk and each will receive a portion of the Walk's net proceeds — The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project — Kenosha (SEWAP), Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project — Eau Claire (NOWAP), and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). In addition, ten more agencies throughout Wisconsin will also receive a share of the proceeds.

Among these agencies are: The Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., The Visiting Nurse Association, STD Specialties Clinic, Inc., The Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition and Center Project in the Fox Valley among others.

Leadership Breakfast

Preceding the Walk will be the AIDS Walk Leadership Breakfast to be held from 9:00-11:00 p.m. at Professional Marketing Services, 2071 N. Summit Ave. in Milwaukee. Paul and Judy Joseph, media chairpersons from WTMJ-TV will serve as Masters of Ceremonies.

The Breakfast will be hosted by the Molitors and co-hosted by 60 prominent community leaders from throughout Wisconsin.

Among the co-hosts are: U.S. Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI); State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison); Frederick Cullen, CEO Banc One; Paul Soglin, Mayor of Madison; John Schroeder, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Paul Vrakas, Mayor of Waukesha; Fr. Albert DiUlio, President, Marquette University; Donna Shalala, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin, Madison; State Rep. Timothy Carpenter (D-Milwaukee); Congressman Steve Gunderson (D-WI); Kitty Barber, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) among others.

Hundreds are expected to attend the breakfast this year. Participants offer a \$50 donation to attend the breakfast which augments the proceeds generated through the pledge Walk. A free shuttle service will be available to and from Professional Marketing Services and Urban Park. The shuttle service will be offered from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Leadership Breakfast should call MAP at (414) 273-1991. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Registration materials for the Walk are available at all statewide Kohl's Food Stores, Bally's Vic Tannys or by calling MAP at (414) 273-1991; MASN at (608) 238-6276; SEWAP at (414) 657-6644; or NOWAP at (715) 836-7710.

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'Forward In Pride' Selected As Milwaukee's '93 Pride Week Theme

[Milwaukee]- "Forward In Pride" is the theme for Milwaukee's Pride Week '93. The new theme was chosen at the annual general meeting of the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) on Thursday evening, September 10, 1992 in the upper room of the M&M Club. The new theme was chosen from a field of seven proposed. After a lively debate and numerous ballots, "Forward In Pride" was selected.

In other business brought to the floor, two new members of the MLGPC Steering Committee were elected. They are Tony Terry and Tim Grair.

Steering Committee Officers

At the end of the meeting, the Steering Committee, as provided in its by-laws, elected its officers for the coming year.

These are: President, Alan Stroik; Vice President, Tony Terry; Secretary, Regina Henry; Treasurer, Chuck Allen.

The co-chairs of Pridefest are Roberta Niggemeier and Bill Meunier. The Volunteer co-chair is Miriam Ben-Shalom. The Community Relations chair is Tim Grair.

A financial report for 1992 was to have been presented, but due to a computer crash, the full report was not available. However, it was reported that as of August 31, 1992, MLGPC had \$4,300 in hand. Considering outstanding debts, the

Committee ends up \$500 in the black.

Recommendations For Pride '93

As part of the business of the meeting, the Steering Committee members entertained recommendations and suggestions from the floor.

Included among these were: that there be a greater outreach to minorities; that MLGPC seek a volunteer press release writer. It was also suggested that the Committee name a "neutral spokesperson" and that the Committee increase its efforts to inform and educate the community as to its purpose and function.

Further suggestions were: that there be greater efforts at communication between members of MLGPC; that the art portion of the festival be increased considerably and that instead of large financial prizes, ribbons and smaller awards be considered.

Other recommendations included: that MLGPC set a standard day and time each month for its meetings; that the by-laws be clarified; that committee chair job descriptions be defined clearly and written down.

Many people attending the meeting praised the Committee members for a job well done at Pridefest '92. The hope was expressed that "Forward In Pride" '93 will be bigger and better than ever.

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Madison's United Seeks Volunteers; To Hold Sept. 25 Fundraiser

[Madison]- The United, Madison's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual agency for social change announces a fundraiser for Friday, September 25th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cardinal Bar at 418 E. Wilson in Madison. There is a \$5-\$10 suggested donation at the door. There will be a cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

The United offers support, outreach, library resources, a speaker's bureau, phone crisis lines, space, etc., free of charge to Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and allies in the Madison area. Proceeds of the fundraiser will help defray the costs of additional staffing and continuation of various support and services.

United Needs Volunteers

The United needs volunteers to staff its

phone lines. The agency currently handles about 900 contacts (phone calls and walk-ins) per month.

Phone line volunteers are trained to provide information, referrals, peer counseling, advocacy and support in crisis.

Currently the United's greatest need is for daytime volunteers (though evening shifts are also available).

If you are interested, call Jane at (608) 255-8582, or leave your name and number on the machine.

The first volunteer training for the 1992-93 year will be held October 7, 1992 at The United, 310 E. Wilson, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Call (608) 255-8582 for details.

Congressman Barney Frank Attends Hugely Successful MAPfest

[Milwaukee]- Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) and his partner, Herb Goodman, were only two of the estimated 2,500 people to attend the 7th Annual MAPfest on Sunday, September 6, 1992.

Frank and Goodman were in Milwaukee visiting Goodman's family. Frank is one of only two openly Gay Congressmen in the House of Representatives. The other is Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass).

Frank and Goodman were staying at the Wyndham Hotel just across the street and stopped by to make their contributions to the fight against AIDS. MAPfest is sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) as a special thanks for the support given MAP by Lesbian/Gay community.

According to MAP, MAPfest exceeded its \$29,000 goal by nearly \$6,000. A cherry tree game sponsored by Wisconsin Light raised over \$300 of the record breaking total according to MAP.

Although a morning rain threatened to disrupt the proceedings, the skies had cleared by early afternoon. People surged into the Performing Arts Center Peck Pavilion in downtown Milwaukee. One little 10 year-old boy who said his name was "Thomas," seemed intent on being the day's "big spender." According to family members, by the end of the day, Thomas had spent nearly \$300 on everything from hamburgers to a birdcage.

A Day Full Of Color

Part of the fun of MAPfest is always in watching the passing parade. "Miss Marks" was there selling her "wares" (raffling off baskets of cheer, what else?). Prize pooches walked past, each one blue ribbon material, while Jim Schleif, the MAPfest producer, and other MAP organizers were seen dashing about trying to keep track of everything. They needn't have worried. The whole thing went off without an apparent hitch.

The entertainment, as usual, was great. The applause and cheers after every act was deafening.

Proceeds from MAPfest will benefit the AIDS care and prevention programs at MAP, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, and the Northwest

Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire.

Schleif said that he wished to thank the members of the Steering Committee for all their work. These are: Ronnie Marks, Dan Larsen, Lisa Magnus, Rene Smaglick, Gary Steen, Tom Wayer, John Wagner and John Terhardt.

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EDITORIAL

Congressman Jim Moody Has Won the Thanks of Entire Gay Community

Jim Moody may have lost the Democratic Primary for the US Senate on September 8th, but he has won the thanks of the entire Lesbian and Gay community.

As we pointed out in our editorial endorsing him, without Moody we never would have passed A.B. 70 our Wisconsin Gay Lesbian Rights law. Moody was a consistent defender of our rights in Congress. He was the first Wisconsin Congressman to sponsor the Federal Lesbian Gay rights bill. He stood up to the bigots in the fight against NEA restrictions and the fight for AIDS funding.

Unlike his opponents Moody, put his political life on the line for us time after time. We regret his defeat. We hope that Russ Feingold, the victor in the primary will one day show less cuteness and humor and more of the courage exhibited by the man he beat.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Terry Boughner

One of the hardest things I had to face as a kid growing up was coming to terms with the fact that I was Gay. It was not some sudden thing. There wasn't any choice involved. I didn't even know the word. As I remember it now, the realization came upon me gradually. I fought it hard. I thought I could make it go away. Needless to say, that didn't work.

It was in Junior High School, as I recall, that I knew I had to become an actor. I had to hide behind the lines a boy was supposed to say and act them out as best I could. It was hard, agony sometimes, but it had to be done I thought. To be what I was, a homosexual, was evil. It was sick. That's what everyone said.

In Geneva College, a Reformed Presbyterian school, a little to the right of Pope Innocent III, Stanley Wood killed himself. This was after a sermon in chapel by Rev. Willard McMillian on how "sodomites" were all going to Hell. I had very good reason to know that Stanley was Gay. And I knew that he had taken the bridge to end what he could no longer fight.

It took me a long time to get over Stanley's death. Maybe I never really have. But I thought then as I think now that Stanley wasn't responsible for what he did, not completely anyhow. Both the college and the minister had some blame in that. The school's attitude and McMillian's words had brought him to that bridge and shoved him over the edge to be broken on the rocks below.

Rev. McMillian would have been horrified to think that he had any responsibility in Stanley's death at all. By his own lights, he was a good man, upholding the school's motto "For God and Country."

The school thought itself blameless too. Over and over it was said, the College did so many good things for so many people. But McMillian and all Geneva with him were to blame for teaching the self-hatred that had led to Stanley's death.

I thought back to Stanley, Rev.

LETTERS

'Gay Republicans'

TO THE EDITOR:

The term "Gay Republican" ought by now to be an oxymoron, and I thought maybe it almost was becoming one when one local, formerly Gay closet Republican Pooh Bah decided after many years that he was really straight after all and married a woman, but I guess there are always going to be morons more interested in battling for the best place in the cattle car than in the fact that the cattle car is hauling them off to camp.

— Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

No to United Way

TO THE EDITOR:

I read in the Wisconsin Light that Candy Walton of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee said that United Way "gave money" to the Cream City Foundation and Milwaukee AIDS Project. This is simply not true. Perhaps Ms. Walton is forgetting that individual donors are the people who gave the money.

It is true that United Way raises a tremendous amount of money and allocates it to its member agencies, but in the case of CCF, MAP, ACHOICE and other non-profits that aren't United Way agencies, it is donors that decide where their money goes.

The United Way's Community Donor Choice program allows many donors the opportunity to use the convenience of payroll deduction to direct charitable gifts, but there is another alternative.

ACHOICE is a small but growing federation of non-profits that focus on social change and advocacy. Our member agencies include Cream City Foundation, the ACLU, 9to5 and Citizens for a Better Environment. ACHOICE represents the interests of our members in workplace giving campaigns.

While primarily in the public sector, we are available to private sector employees as well and a growing number are allowing ACHOICE to participate in their employee giving

McMillian and Geneva when I listened to the tapes of Queer Scouts' meeting with United Way officials. The Boy Scouts do a lot of good for a lot of kids, so they say. I have no doubt at all that that's true.

But the Scouts are also teaching bigotry. Gays, they say, aren't "morally straight." I wonder if they can possibly realize, do they ever think, what these words can do to a vulnerable kid?

The Scouts say it's okay to be Gay and a Scout — as long as you hide. But that's no good. For one thing, that's dishonest (the Scouts claim to encourage honesty). And, for another, it's a hell of a life to try and live.

The United Way reps said in effect "Oh, no. Not us. Don't blame us for the pain. We can't make moral decisions. It all has to be up to the courts. We're not responsible." It sounds to me like they're taking Pilate's way out; Rev. McMillian's way too.

As always, the situation is mostly gray. United Way does do good. The Boy Scouts have helped young people. But is not all this good tarnished badly by the pain they both have and are causing?

I must admit to listening askance to the tapes. There's a cynicism in the United Way leaders' tones of voice, especially when one talks about Milwaukee as "neanderthal, racist and homophobic." There also seems to be a self-satisfied smugness, a sort of button-down collar patronizing tone of people who seem to think the Gay issue is simply a minor distraction on their road to big bucks and all the important work they do.

I feel anger about the pain Gays and Lesbians suffer which the Boy Scouts and United Way seem to ignore. I was angry too at Rev. McMillian and Geneva College. It is all this which leads me to suggest that you give to charity, but not through United Way. Give directly, as Queer Scouts suggest. Or give to ACHOICE. I do that every year, a few pennies as I am able, and always in memory of Stanley.

campaigns.

It is understandable that people in the Gay and Lesbian community would not want any of their money to go to an organization that funds the Boy Scouts. But we can't stop giving. I would only ask that you remember that most non-profits don't discriminate, don't pay outrageous salaries, do good work and depend on individual contributions.

Please support the charity of your choice directly or talk to us about exercising the ACHOICE option at your workplace.

— Bill Hart
Executive Director, ACHOICE

An Open Letter to The Gay/Lesbian Community

After twenty years in the public arena, I wish to thank this wonderful community for the unique opportunity to serve.

And to the thousands who participated in my recent campaign for Congress, let me express my appreciation for your enthusiasm, your dedication, and the trust that you placed in me.

We can be proud of our effort, and proud that we presented our campaign in a positive, constructive way.

The next few years will provide an exciting opportunity to put our country back on the right track. I'm only disappointed that I won't be a part of that as a member of Congress.

Twenty years ago, as an 18 year-old kid on the outside, looking in, I began a career in public service. Many of you have shared with me the struggles of these past two decades, and we have much to show for it.

And you know that each of the great victories we have enjoyed — the nation's first Gay/Lesbian Civil Rights law, hate crimes protections, a Bill of Rights for people with AIDS/HIV, and all the rest — has only been achieved after we overcame difficult setbacks along the way.

Thank you again for helping to make this campaign, like my career, the rich and rewarding experience it has been. I am forever grateful.

— David Clarenbach
State Representative, Madison

Gay Star Trek

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Summer, Gene Roddenberry, (now deceased) creator of two Star Trek television series, released a statement to *The Advocate* confirming that viewers would see "Gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances" on the 1991/1992 season of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Mr. Roddenberry's statement would appear to have been the result of a letter writing campaign begun by Franklin Hummel of the Gay/Lesbian Network, an international umbrella organization of Gay/Lesbian science fiction clubs.

While the Spring episode "The Outcast" was an interesting sexual/gender parable, it did not end the invisibility of Gays/Lesbians in the Star Trek universe, as Mr. Roddenberry had stated.

I hope that Wisconsin Light will follow up this matter with Star Trek co-producers Michael Piller and Rick Berman. I encourage Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians to write Messrs. Piller and Berman (and a copy to Paramount Pictures chair Brandon Tartikoff) all three at 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038 requesting that Star Trek include Gays and Lesbians.

— Jay DeSort, Jr.
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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Keep Hope Alive: Work Like Mad To Elect Bill Clinton and Al Gore

By Jamakaya

I don't generally get very involved in political campaigns, but after witnessing what *Newsweek* called "the feast of hate and fear" at the Republican convention last month, I immediately decided to volunteer at Clinton-Gore headquarters.

The GOP convention — and all the rhetoric surrounding the Bush-Quayle campaign — was a hell of a motivator.



GOVERNOR CLINTON AND SENATOR GORE

This year, more than ever, the choice is very clear, and, with Clinton-Gore holding their lead in the polls, it looks like we have a real chance to end the Reagan-Bush nightmare.

The homophobic diatribes, the arrogant appeals to God, the fearmongering and the overall "us- them" mentality that dominated the GOP convention have been widely reported. The rhetoric infuriated me but not before its sinister implications chilled me to the bone.

It's common today to talk about the backlash against feminism and Gay rights. But the seeds of the backlash were already in evidence as early as the late 1970's with the Stop ERA campaign, the emergence of Anita Bryant and the "Moral" Majority, the growth of fundamentalism, and the victory of Ronald Reagan in 1980. Those of us who were feminist and Gay activists recognized the threat at that time but were unable to do much to stave it off.

Feminists and Gay people have been the primary targets of the New Right for almost fifteen years now. Their call for "traditional family values" is a desperate attempt by frightened people to impose order on a rapidly changing, increasingly diverse society. And we, of course, are the sacrificial lambs.

What was particularly demoralizing to me as I watched the Republican convention was how the forces of the backlash (personified most dramatically by the preening Jerry Falwell and Phyllis Schlafly who were in attendance) have become entrenched within the GOP and among a large segment of the American public. The Big Lies have paid off. I felt like an old wounded war veteran who realizes the enemy is still at the gates. Hell, they're no longer at the gates, they're the gatekeepers!

In contrast to the lies, hypocrisy, divisiveness and fearmongering that dominated the GOP convention, the Democratic convention seemed an idyll of compassion and inclusiveness, with women and people of all colors well represented. There were 110 openly Gay delegates (as opposed to 2 alternates at the GOP confab) and homophobia and AIDS-phobia along with racism and sexism were repeatedly denounced from the podium.

I found the speeches of Jesse Jackson ("Keep hope alive!"), Mario Cuomo and Al Gore most moving, stressing as they did the traditional Democratic values of hope, community and respect for diversity. I was reminded once again of a simple but profound difference between the parties that dates back at least to the New Deal administrations of Franklin Delano Roosevelt: the Democrats do not view government as the enemy but as a vehicle to enhance and advance the from" rather than "a part of" the

common interests of the people. Refreshing thought, hey?

I was also impressed with Gore's comments about the environment, in which he said that the way we have treated the environment is a paradigm for the way we have treated each other. He condemned the exploitation of both environmental and human resources and the attitude that we are somehow "apart

natural world around us. Gore's book, *Earth in the Balance*, incorporates many of the principles first articulated in Native American spirituality and by modern day eco-feminists. I am really impressed by his intellect and insight.

Bill Clinton is a less inspired speaker than Gore, but the central points of his campaign speeches, that change is necessary, that people look to the future and that they vote "for their hopes, not their fears" are striking a responsive chord. I'm impressed with Bill Clinton's dignity (under incredible pressure), his sincerity and his reasonableness. I appreciate his good judgment in choosing Al Gore as his running mate and Hillary, a strong, intelligent woman who will be a helluva First "Lady," as his wife.

George Bush has challenged voters to ask themselves: "Who do you trust?"

Bill Clinton and Al Gore, hands down.
The Republicans may claim that God is on their side, but it strikes me that in 1992, the Democrats are leading the true moral crusade — a crusade against the greed, self-interest, hypocrisy and divisiveness of the Reagan-Bush era, which has brought us record poverty, illiteracy, homelessness, violence, drug use, disease and despair.

I am not so naive as to believe that a Clinton-Gore victory will immediately bring about improved conditions for everyone. But I do know there will be a dramatic shift in the tenor of the dialog and the style of leadership. There will be an end to name-calling, finger-pointing and fearmongering and the beginning of constructive proposals for change. With the help of a Democratic Congress (made more progressive by all the wonderful women who will be gaining seats!) a real recovery can commence.

I want to encourage all of you reading this to call your local Clinton-Gore headquarters and volunteer some time over the next few weeks. (Information will give you the number in your area.) Ditto, the Feingold Senate campaign. Those who can, should donate money. It's not too melodramatic to say that, this year, our lives and our futures truly depend upon it. And this time, we've really got a chance to turn things around.

Please, get involved. And keep hope alive! Keep hope alive!

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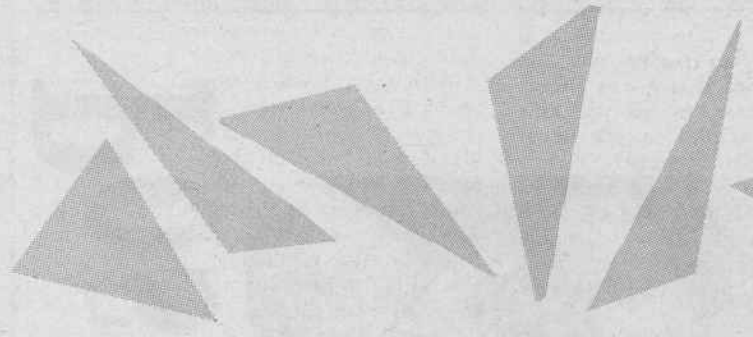
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The Light LIVELY ARTS

Mayor Norquist and Schwartz Books Condemn Banning of Books

[Milwaukee]- The Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops proudly celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week — Saturday, September 26 through Saturday, October 3 — with a signed proclamation from Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are unconditionally guaranteed by The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Banned Books Week is co-sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Association of College Stores and is endorsed by the Center for the Book of the Library of Congress.

Old Sins in New Worlds

In solidarity with the American Booksellers Association's denunciation of this year of "Old Sins in New Worlds," ("new worlds" refers to the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to America, to the new freedoms enjoyed by many countries in the last several years — referred to by President Bush as part of a "New World Order" — and to the growing accessibility of electronic communications), the Schwartz Bookshops respectfully repeat, for emphasis, the following observation by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas:

"One has the right to freedom of speech whether he talks to one person or to 1,000."

The Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops will feature displays highlighting the targets, tactics and magnitude of the ongoing assault on our freedom to read and to write.

Purged Books in '92

Books successfully purged from American classrooms, libraries, and/or stores in 1991-'92 include Farley Mowat's *Woman in the Mists*; *The Story*

of *Dian Fossey & the Mountain Gorillas of Africa*, Wardell B. Pomeroy's *Boys and Sex and Girls and Sex*, Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, and Judy Blume's *Blubber*.

Still More Books Banned

According to the Mayor's proclamation, other books challenged recently are: *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Giving Tree*, *Hamlet*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Catch-22*, *Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The American Heritage Dictionary*.

Novelist Calhoun Visits Menasha

[Green Bay, WI]- Northeastern Wisconsin fans of critically acclaimed author Jackie Calhoun won't have to travel far this Fall to meet the novelist, whose books feature Midwest settings and Lesbian characters.

Calhoun will make an October appearance at an in-home reception in Menasha where she'll read from her third novel, chat with fans and sign her books which will be available for sale.

This wine-and-cheese reception is being sponsored by Northern Womyn Inc. and the Fox Valley Womyn's Potluck.

Calhoun will read from her third novel, *Sticks and Stones*, at the Saturday, October 10th reception in Menasha, 721 Keyes St. The event begins at 7:00 p.m.

Calhoun, who also is the author of *Lifestyles* and *Second Chance*, makes her home in Wisconsin's Fox River Valley and spends as much time as possible at her lake cottage near Wild Rose. Her fourth book, *Friend and Lovers*, will be published in 1993 by Naiad Press, and she is currently working on her fourth novel.

For information or directions, call Kathy at (414) 469-9077.

Gay/Lesbian Variety Show 'In the Life' to be Aired on Milwaukee T.V.

[Milwaukee]- WMVS, the PBS affiliate in Milwaukee, will broadcast the pilot episode of the Gay/Lesbian variety show, *In the Life*, at 11 p.m. Monday night, September 21.

Lesbian comic Kate Clinton hosts the one hour program, which also features performances by the New York City Gay Men's Chorus, the Lavender Light Gospel Choir, the reggae duo Casselberry-Dupree, dancer Amy Pivar and Five Lesbian Brothers.

The pilot episode was telecast by many PBS stations in June to coincide with Gay/Lesbian Pride month. At the time, Channel 10 officials said they were unfamiliar with the program. The season premiere of *In the Life*, which is expected to be a regular monthly series, will be shown by many PBS stations on October 15. Channel 10 has not decided whether to pick the program up on a permanent basis.

USA Today reported that Lily Tomlin will appear on the season opener. She will play her "Mrs. Beasley" character, who is now the leader of Concerned Heterosexuals of Calumet City. Word has it that Bette Midler and Joan Rivers may appear on future episodes.

WMVS needs an individual and/or corporate sponsor to help underwrite *In the Life* if it is picked up for the full season. The station also needs encouragement to present more Gay-oriented material. Contact General Manager Bryce Combs or Manager of Program Operations Thomas Dvorak at

(414) 271-1036 with comments or suggestions. The address is: Channels 10/36, 700 W. State Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

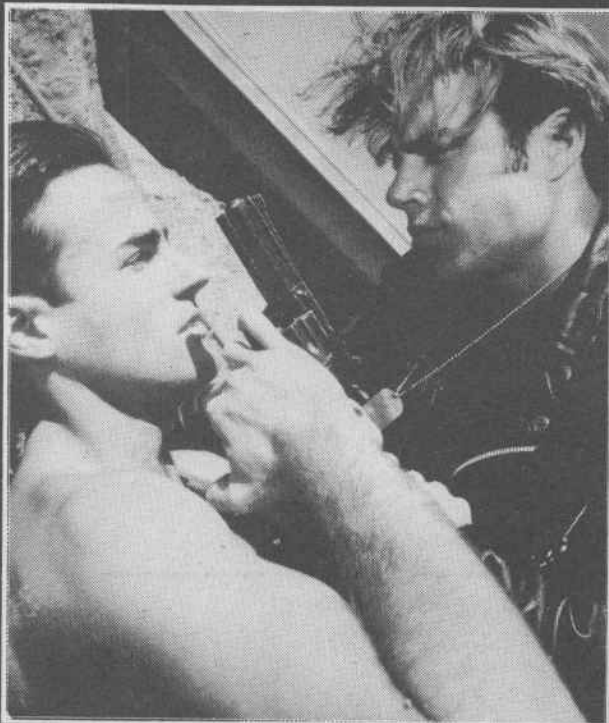
Election Themed Art Needed For Window Display

[Madison]- All are being invited to be a part of the democratic process by contributing artwork about a broad range of election-related concerns for inclusion in the evolving window art installation at Pyxis Gallery, 2086 Atwood Ave., Madison, WI (just west of the Barrymore Theatre). Participants can rant and rave about the candidates, express concerns about lives and communities, critique the electoral process and challenge the media!

Individuals may fax, mail or deliver artwork including pictures, mail-art, sculpture, video, writing, information and more. Deliver artwork to Pyxis Gallery on Saturday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fax or mail artwork anytime between now and November 5 (the last day of the exhibit) to "Picture Your Vote," P.O. Box 9124, Madison, WI 53715-0142. For more information, call (608) 249-0554.

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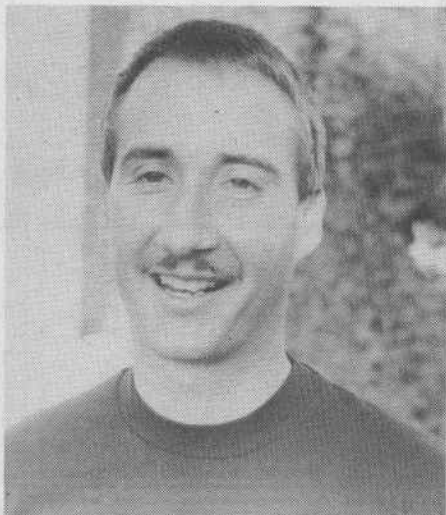
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Leon Rouse Details How The State's Gay Rights Bill Was Passed

Editor's Note: The following is from a taped interview with Leon made during a recent visit to Milwaukee. The interview was made at Leon's request in order to respond to the series recently run in the Light relating to the history of Wisconsin's Gay Rights Bill, A.B. 70. He has since returned to Hawai'i, wherein he resides.

By Leon Rouse

AB 70, the Gay rights bill, was officially drafted with the permission of Jim Moody. He was in the State Senate at the time. The Consenting Adults bill, sponsored by David Clarenbach, had just failed in the Assembly. It was then that I decided that I would like to see if I could get a Gay rights bill passed. The way to do that, I thought, was instead of going back to the Assembly where the Consenting Adults bill had just failed, I thought I would go to the Senate where we had more support.



Jerry Johnson

LEON ROUSE

Anita Bryant, Mother of Wisconsin's Gay Rights Bill

What motivated you to do this?

There was a speech I heard in 1977 by this woman, this infamous woman, speaking out against the Gay rights bill that had just failed in Dane County. Her name was Anita Bryant and she was pounding the podium and talking about victory. That's what got it started. That's how I got into politics.

I'd been out since 1974 and had gotten the faculty senate at UW-Milwaukee to pass a non-discrimination policy.

Anyway, Moody agreed to have the rights bill drafted. Now, legislators don't draft bills. Ninety percent of them don't know what the hell they're doing when it comes to drafting a bill. Attorneys, each one specific in their fields, do it.

Catherine Curran was assigned to draft the bill with me. The drafting attorney and I did all the work. I wanted the state national guard in the bill and insisted she put it in and she did.

So then I brought it back to Moody and he said to get Sen. Carl Thompson from Dane County to introduce the bill into the judiciary committee.

Moody said he didn't want to sponsor the bill. He was backing away. His reason was that a committee bill would have more clout. He wanted the committee to sponsor it as a whole. Sen. Thompson agreed.

Sen. Dave Berger from Milwaukee and Moody decided that since Clarenbach had lost the vote in the Assembly on Consenting Adults, they were going to introduce it in the Senate. Then, the committee backed off from the civil rights bill. That ended the civil rights bill for that session.

Round II

I was angry and got Rep. Steve Leopold of Milwaukee to introduce our bill that year.

Since Dismas Becker was the chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, I wanted him to be the new main author. Of the other committees where it might go, the Judiciary Committee was too conservative and Criminal Justice and Public Safety had always dealt with Consenting Adults. I did not want the media or anyone to confuse the two bills.

Consenting Adults vs. AB70

Dismas agreed to act right away. That was important because I knew that as soon as Clarenbach heard about it he would be upset. He wanted to have the civil rights bill go through the Senate first, the easy house. The hard house was the Assembly. Passing the Senate, Clarenbach said, would give the bill momentum.

My position was that it was a non-election year and if you couldn't get it

through the Assembly then, it would never get through. Clarenbach and I fought constantly on that.

Becker was listed as the main author because he was the committee chair. He went to Clarenbach last, right before it was introduced. Clarenbach demanded that Consenting Adults come first because he contended, anti-discrimination is useless if homosexual acts are still illegal.

My contention was that the mainstream churches can support non-discrimination, but they can't support sexual activity in private among unmarried people. Support from the churches will not come on Consenting Adults.

Clarenbach insisted on having the Consenting Adults bill go first.

At that point, Becker asked Clarenbach where his bill was? Clarenbach replied that he hadn't had it drafted yet. Then Becker said, "Well, that's too bad, 'cause this one's goin'."

Clarenbach then said that if AB 70 was going to go first, he wanted to be the main author. Dismas said, "I don't care, but it's going to be introduced today."

So, if you look at the actual bill, Becker's name is last because he erased his name as main author and put Clarenbach's in its place.

Contrary to our original intent, the bill ended up in the Judiciary Committee where it would have died. I believed it was Clarenbach who put it in that committee.

What do you think Clarenbach's motivation in all this was?

It became very clear. It took us two weeks to get the bill out of the Judiciary Committee. By that time, Clarenbach had

his Consenting Adults bill drafted. He had it introduced and into committee. It was a delaying tactic so that he could get his bill up first. I think that it was always his baby. He wanted to go with his strategy first. It was his sincere belief that his bill stood a better chance.

Dismas called me back and said that Clarenbach had his bill coming up for a hearing, the same week as the civil rights bill. It was then that I said, "Let's back off. Let David's bill go first and then go with ours."

Clarenbach's Consenting Adult's bill came through and it failed.

Religious Support for AB70

In the meantime, I began to contact the churches. I formed the Committee for Fundamental Judeo-Christian Rights, all nuns, ministers, priests and rabbis except myself.

Was this committee from all over the state?

No. All our big guns were here in Milwaukee, but we had connections all over the state.

How long did it take you to form this committee?

Quite a few months. You see, when Moody backed off from the bill and it wasn't introduced that session, we came to Milwaukee and essentially cut our political teeth getting a Gay rights bill passed here in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier and Gay Rights

What was Mayor Maier's position in all this?

He didn't say a word, but Archbishop Rembert Weakland came out with a letter that he published in the Catholic paper supporting Gay rights. I made sure Mayor Maier got a copy the same day and he signed the ordinance. When somebody asked him his opinion about the

Milwaukee Gay rights ordinance, he said, "My signature speaks for itself." He didn't have to say anything more.

With the religious support, AB 70 got through the committee.

After that, there was a lot of intense lobbying. I knew all the representatives' records and how they had voted and contacted every one. I knew where all the votes were coming from. I could always count on the religious members of my committee to help out with members who were sitting on the fence.

When it came close to final passage, Clarenbach had still not done a head count. I was amazed. I was just amazed. I was on top of those things. I think he was just too busy doing all his other things to do the extra work. He just kind of takes things for granted and this wasn't his bill in the first place. He had no in-put into this bill, nothing. He was a johnny-come-lately.

Anyway, the nuns and clerics continued to put pressure on the assembly members. They did great work.

It was a real roller coaster ride, but in the end, the vote was 45-49 with one abstention, one absence and one empty seat.

Then it went to the Senate. Clarenbach did almost zero lobbying in the Senate, almost zero.

Governor Dreyfus had already said he was going to sign it. Clarenbach did not want me up with the Governor when he signed the bill. It was Dreyfus who summoned me to stand there. When the picture was taken, Clarenbach cropped the picture to cut me out. I was never mentioned in his press releases later. Clarenbach also sent all the people who had worked on the bill thank you letters. None of them understood why. It wasn't David's bill.

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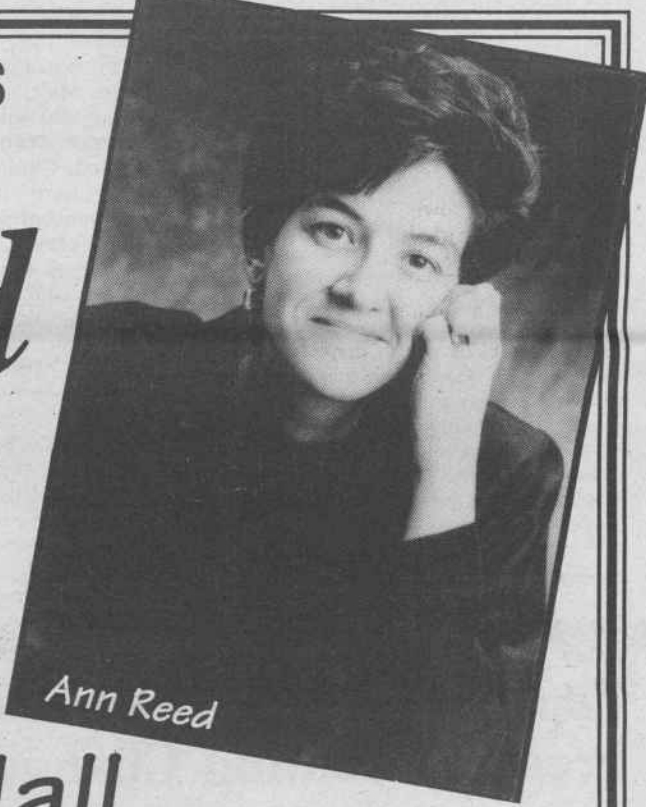
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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Sept. 8 Primary Proved How Volatile This Years Electorate Is

By Bill Meunier

Tuesday September 8th, proved how volatile this year's electorate is. Two Congressional races the pollsters saw as tight affairs turned out to be runaways. So did the Democratic primary for US Senate. While the primary answered some questions, it raised others.

The most surprising results were in the Fifth Congressional District. Polls taken the week before the election showed Fred Kessler and Tom Barrett tied for the lead. On election day, Barrett swamped Kessler.

The stats show that Barrett was helped by a large Republican crossover vote. He also had a better organized get out the vote effort. Kessler enjoyed solid support from the Lesbian and Gay community.

Many of Kessler's Lesbian and Gay volunteers were in attendance at his Victory party. When he addressed his supporters on Election night the first words Kessler said were to thank the Gay and Lesbian community for its help.

Barrett is a heavy favorite to win the seat in November. His opponent is Republican Donald Anne Hammersmith.

In the Second Congressional District State Representative David Clarenbach was overwhelmed by activist Ada Deer. Deer won with 60% of the vote.

Allegations that Clarenbach had sold out to special interests hurt him. Some voters also thought Clarenbach was doing too much political posturing. Like Kessler, Clarenbach had strong support from Gays and Lesbians, and like Kessler he saw the margin of defeat ballooned by Republican crossover votes.

In the primary Deer showed an ability to beat big money. She will need it in general election. Deer is opposed by Scott Klug, an incumbent targeted for help by the National Republican party. This one could be a nail biter.

Russ Feingold's victory in the Senate primary became obvious in the last few days before the election. After one of his opponents, Joe Checota, virtually endorsed him, the only remaining question was the margin of a Feingold victory.

Feingold won because Moody and Checota attacked each other. Jim Moody knew that he was taking a big risk when he began attacking Checota. He knew it meant he probably wouldn't win. He told me that it was a matter of principle. Close associates say he is comfortable with his decision to go on the attack because he kept Checota from winning.

Some Lesbian and Gay activists were upset by Gay and Lesbian desertions to Feingold. I agree with the Lesbian who told me, "Feingold might be a good senator, but he represented a progressive

district. He never had to risk anything to be for us. Moody put his career on the line for us. He deserved more than he got from us tonight."

The race between Feingold and Sen. Bob Kasten will be interesting. Feingold is way ahead for now, but this contest will get much closer. Over 50% of Feingold's supporters in the primary said they didn't know much about him. Kasten has a huge war chest. He can use it to define Feingold as a radical liberal.

Kasten is known for his dirty campaigning. Unlike the primary, this is a two way race. In a two way race with no real alternative to turn to, negative attacks can be devastating. Expect Kasten to pick out every liberal vote Feingold has cast in the State Senate and use them as a club.

Feingold's main advantage is the momentum he picked up from his primary win. His current lead in the polls will help him pick up money from liberal PACs. Whether that will be enough for him to withstand Kasten's attacks remains to be seen. Kasten has been in trouble before, but he always managed to pull it out in the end. No one should underestimate him.

For Lesbians and Gays the agenda for November must include Kasten's defeat. He has consistently supported Jesse Helms and his attacks on us. He supported Clarence Thomas for the Supreme Court. Kasten is no friend of ours.

Meanwhile Wisconsin is being termed a swing state by both the Clinton and Bush camps. Some experts say its the only one of the ten states Dukakis carried in 1988 where Bush has a chance to win in 1992.

Bush has been here twice and plans two more visits. Quayle has also been here twice and will be back before November. Several cabinet members have also visited. Clinton has fallen from a 23 point lead here to a seven point margin. Momentum in Wisconsin seems to be in Bush's favor.

The upshot of all of this is that we have to get our act in gear. The preliminaries are over. Its time for some of us to come out of our comfort zones, pitch in and get moving. Deer, Feingold and Clinton will need our help.

Their election will not solve all of our problems. You can't legislate people's attitudes. What we can do is get rid of the institutionalized homophobia that makes homophobic attitudes seem acceptable. Electing Clinton, Feingold and Deer would be a start on accomplishing that. The question is not just whether or not they will prevail, its whether or not we care enough to help.

Top Experts In Gay Issues to Present Creating Change Conference

[Washington, D.C.] Some of the nation's top experts in Gay/Lesbian issues will present workshops at the 5th Annual Creating Change Conference, November 13-15, in Los Angeles. Creating Change, presented annually by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), is the pre-eminent skills-building conference and gathering of Gay and Lesbian activists in the movement.

Plenary Speakers are John Preston, Margaret Cerullo, Phill Wilson, Odilia Mendez, Valli Kanuha, and Angukcuag

(Richard La Fortune) and Paul Monette.

A gala "Stand Up for Your Rights, II" fundraiser will be held Saturday, November 14. The gala is an annual showcase of the finest stand-up comedy and performance art in the community. Artists will include Karen Williams, Michael Kearns and Kate Clinton. The event is being produced by Robin Tyler.

Creating Change will be held at the L.A. Airport Hilton. For registration and other information, contact Catherine Carter at NGLTF, (202) 332-6483.

Health Is Topic On Upcoming Queer Television Cable Program

[Milwaukee]- The September and early October Queer Television (QTV) programs focus on health. In September's first program (the eleventh QTV), host Michael Lisowski talks with Dr. Jeffrey Kelly of the Medical College of Wisconsin about the Gay 90's Program for Gay men, HIV/AIDS and safer sex. Cablecast dates are September 17, 20, 24, and 27 on public access Channel 14 (MATA) at 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

The second program (# 12) deals with Lesbian health issues. There will be a panel discussion. Participants include: Barbara Coyle, BSRN; Deborah Reed, RNC, OGNP; Linda Stone, RNP; Margaret Snow, M.D.; and Sharon Devitt of Dykes Against Minority Erotic Expression (DAMES). Cablecast dates for this program will be: October 1, 4, 8,

11 on public access Channel 14 (MATA) at 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

All programs are produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and are cablecast Thursday and Sunday evenings. The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation. For more information, or if you have ideas for future shows or want to be featured, contact QTV at P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee 53201, (414) 277-7671, (414) 271-7812, (414) 265-8500.

First Ladies Contest Benefits Pridefest '93

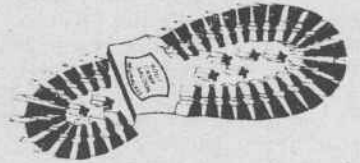
[Milwaukee, WI]- In an effort to increase awareness of this year's elections, and kick off fund raising for Pridefest 93, Milwaukee's Club 219, is sponsoring a First Ladies Contest. The Contest is open to both men and women. Anyone wishing to be considered for this high office should get a declaration their candidacy form at the bar. The application deadline is Sunday October 25th.

The First Ladies Election will benefit Milwaukee's Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. The winner will be an "Honorary Grand Marshal" in the 1993 Lesbian Gay Pride Parade.

The Electioneering begins at 10:00 p.m., Wednesday October 28th. According to Election Commissioner BJ Daniels, "All of the candidates will be given five minutes to convince the audience to vote for them. Speeches and routines can be humorous or serious. All speeches and routines must relate to what the candidate would do if he or she was elected."

The winner will be chosen in a secret ballot. All those in attendance will be allowed to cast a vote. All of the money taken in at the door will be donated to the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. MLGPC will be selling merchandise and conducting raffles during the event.

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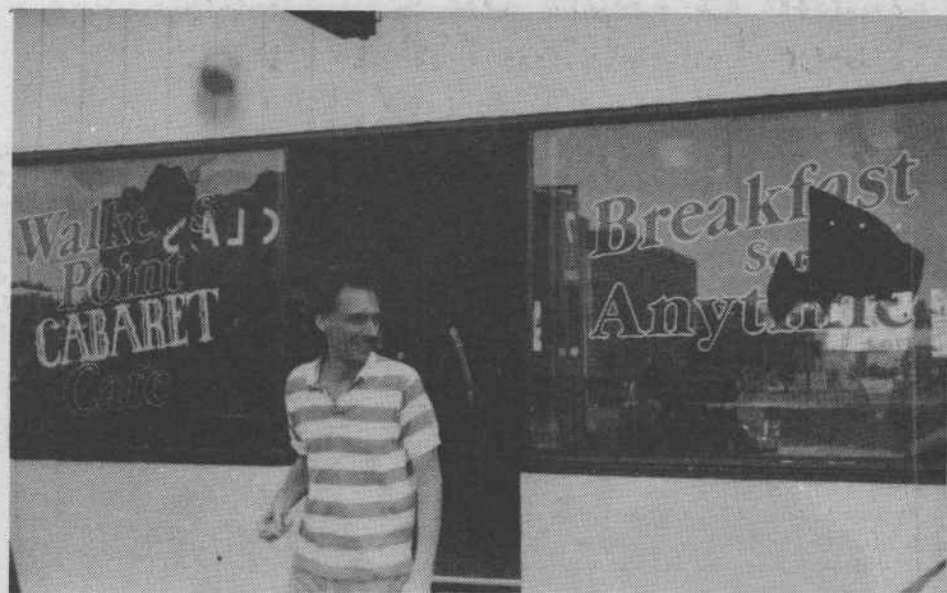
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Jerry Johnson

THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS— Drive-by vandals smashed picture windows in over a dozen buildings during the early morning hours of September 4 in Milwaukee. Several Gay owned businesses suffered damage including the Walker's Point Cafe (pictured above with co-owner Michael "Miss M" Roberts), the M&M Club, In Step Magazine and the Wreck Room. Other businesses damaged included the Marshall Field's Department Store, Timers and Smugglers bars and the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Police have arrested two men for the offenses.

UNITED WAY
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was not United Way's role. He admitted that if the courts decide that BSA's policy is discriminatory, then United Way would obey. "You're ahead of the curve," he told the Queer Scouts.

Fons countered by saying that Queer Scouts was appalled at United Way's attempt to hide behind what he called a "legalistic argument" in dealing with such a human issue. Fons told the press that United Way would not even acknowledge that BSA's policy banning homosexuals from all membership and leadership positions, whether volunteer or paid, was a discriminatory policy.

Gay Rights Law

Queer Scouts repeatedly reminded the United Way representatives of Wisconsin's Gay rights law which bans discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment.

A member of Queer Scouts said that Rep. David Clarenbach's (D-Madison) office in Madison had been contacted for an interpretation of the Gay rights law Clarenbach authored. A spokesperson in Clarenbach's office said that there was no loop hole for the BSA.

Lawrence, informed of what had been said by Clarenbach's office, called the interpretation "a bunch of shit because they are not empowered to do that (make the interpretation). "David Clarenbach is wrong."

United Way Has No Plans to Change

Fons said that United Way has made it clear that they intend to take no action until they are legally forced to do so.

"For an agency like United Way that purports to be progressive, this argument is reprehensible," Fons said.

United Way representatives were asked if they had made any effort at all to express concern to the BSA about their discriminatory policy or to encourage them to repeal the policy. Lundeen admitted that United Way had done nothing in this regard and had no plans to do so in the future.

Fons said that United Way has made it clear that blatant discrimination by its fundee organizations is "perfectly acceptable."

Why should anyone channel their charitable contributions through an organization like United Way that will not guarantee their money won't end up in the hands of "bigots and homophobes?" Fons asked.

Gay Teen Suicides

At the meeting Queer Scouts provided United Way representatives with information about the human impact that the BSA policy has on Gay youth. Queer Scouts cited the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recent Report on Youth Suicide which estimated that one-third of teen suicides are attempted by Lesbian or Gay youth.

According to the Report, "Help for these adolescents needs to derive from all levels of a society that stigmatizes and discriminates against Gays and Lesbians. For example, mental health and youth service agencies can provide acceptance and support for young homosexuals, train their personnel on Gay issues and provide appropriate Gay adult role models."

Queer Scouts pointed out to United Way representatives that United Way was supporting the exact opposite. Fons reported that the United Way representatives "smiled a lot" and said that United Way supported a wide variety of groups.

Queer Scouts also provided United Way with a full list of personal, religious and societal obstacles that Gay youth face and pointed out that when a youth finally

gains the self-esteem necessary to overcome these obstacles, BSA "kicks their asses out of the Scouts."

As part of BSA's policy, only those Gays who admit to their orientation are expelled.

Queer Scout Demands

At the September meeting, at the very beginning of the meeting, Queer Scouts formally presented their demands to United Way. These are:

1) Defund BSA or force BSA to sign a binding agreement not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in membership, selection of volunteers and hiring, and;

2) Institute an on-going policy of not funding organizations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Despite a number of phone calls on the issue, United Way had heretofore claimed that it had no knowledge of Queer Scout's demands. Now they do.

Queer Scouts asked United Way representatives what regulations were in place concerning anti-discrimination in funded agencies.

United Way provided Queer Scouts with a copy of their eligibility requirements. One of these says that there must be a "Non-discrimination policy (Reflecting Board, Staff and Clients)."

When Queer Scouts asked for more details, Joe Schlangen, Director of Planning and Allocations, stated that they used the state's "boilerplate" non-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation.

A boilerplate is a suggested minimum, barebones for such a policy.

When Queer Scouts asked if that boilerplate included discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, Schlangen said that it did.

At the meeting Queer Scouts presented Lundeen with over 100 letters from people pledging not to give to United Way until the agency meets Queer Scout's demands. Among those signing letters were a number of former Eagle Scouts.

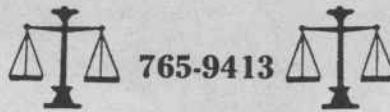
Fons reported that Lundeen seemed surprised by the letters.

Lawrence indicated to Queer Scouts that civil rights is an evolutionary process, suggesting, according to Fons, that Gays and Lesbians are supposed to "shut up and wait for someone to mysteriously grant them equal rights."

Other observers likened Lawrence's stand to the "go slow" stance taken by South Carolina and Mississippi and other Southern Senators during the African

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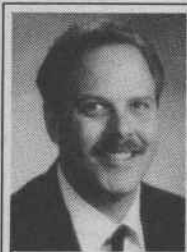
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At the end of the meeting Queer Scouts made it clear that they would not slow down their campaign. In fact, they pledged to continue and expand the boycott against United Way.

Future Action

Queer Scouts is inviting any interested persons to join in this campaign. Future

actions will include demonstrating at United Way functions, contacting United Way Board members and corporate sponsors, and collecting endorsements from individuals and groups interested in ending the BSA policy.

Queer Scouts continues to urge people not to contribute to United Way, but to give directly to the charity of their choice.

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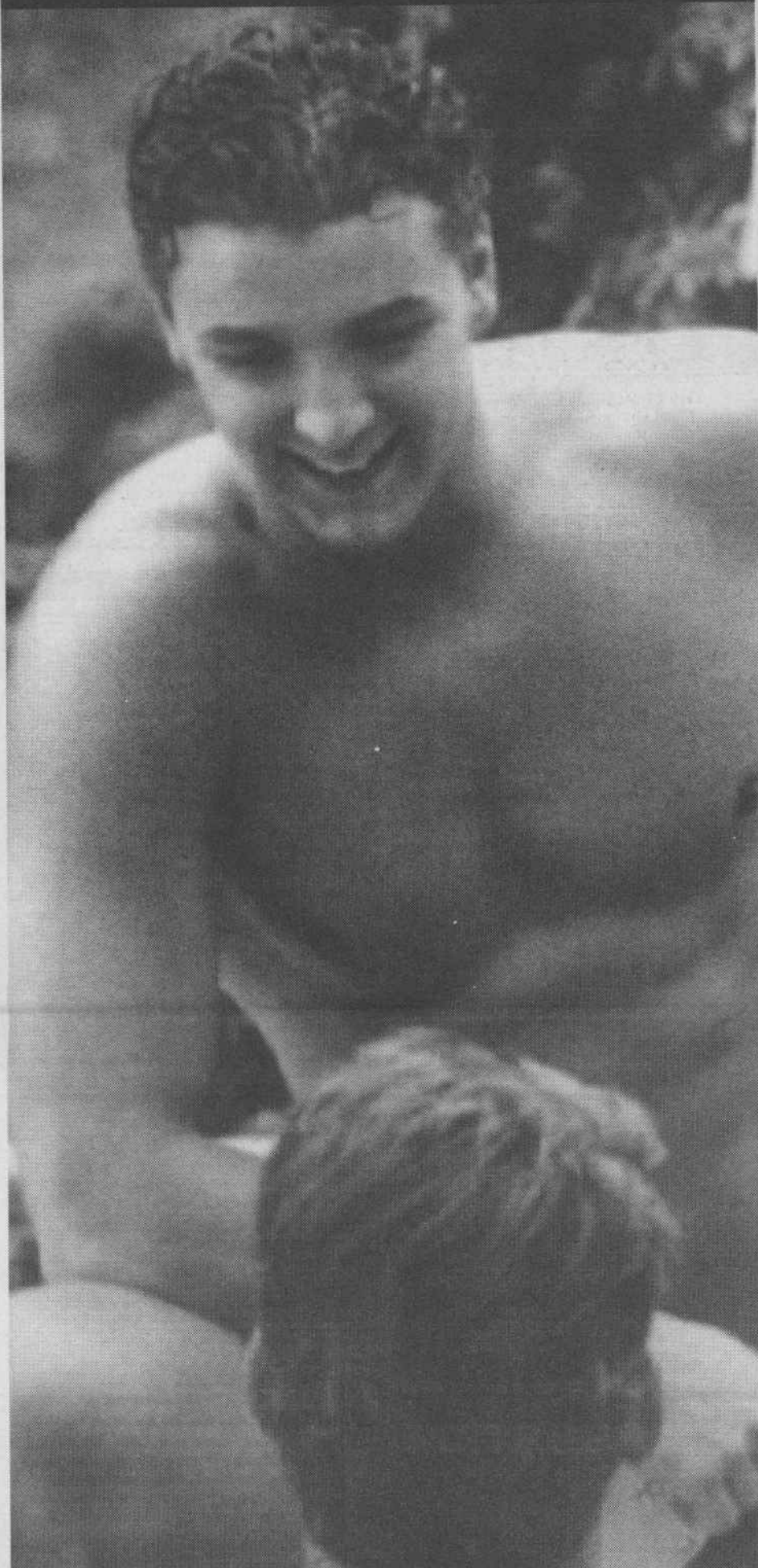


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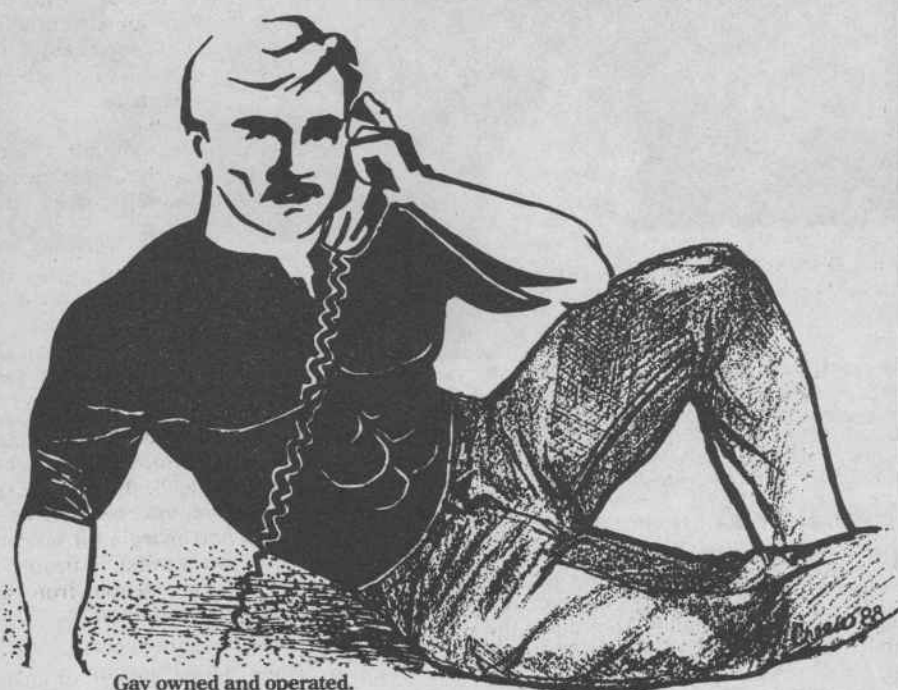
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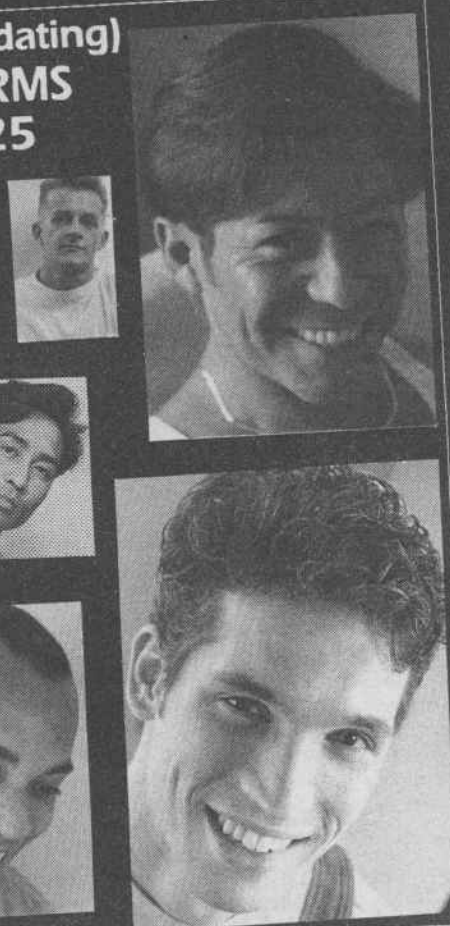
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Wisconsin Wolf Weekend Oct. 10, 11 at Minocqua

[Minocqua, WI]- Former Milwaukeean, Sue Cook, has a new project and she is urging everyone to participate. It's called "Wisconsin Wolf Weekend" and will take place in Winter Park, Minocqua, Wisconsin, on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. The time is 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Winter Park is 265 miles from Milwaukee and is located 11 miles west of Minocqua. Go west for six miles on Hwy. 70. Turn left on Squirrel Lake Road. Go six miles to Scotchman's Lake Road and turn left to Winter Park. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. each day. Admission is \$2 a carload.

The Wisconsin Wolf Weekend, a first-time event for the state, will bring wolf enthusiasts of all kinds together for two days of programs, activities and special events. The weekend kicks off the 1992 Wolf Awareness Week which has been designated for October 11 through 17.

Wisconsin Wolf Weekend is cohosted by the Environmentally Concerned Citizens of the Lakeland Area and the Timber Wolf Alliance (TWA). TWA was formed to increase public awareness and acceptance of the wolf in its native habitat and appreciation of its ecological role. TWA is dedicated to the wolf recovery program in the Great Lakes area and addresses the educational needs of the project.

For further information contact: TWA, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute, Northland College, Ashland, WI 54806; (715) 682-1490.

West Side Dykes To Meet On October 4

[Milwaukee]- The next meeting of the West Side Dykes will be held Sunday, October 4th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Julie K.'s home. Women attending will trade information about upcoming (and past) events in the community and put together a skills and needs exchange. All Lesbians living west of Lake Michigan and east of Madison are welcome. For more information, call (414) 778-1269.

Media Relations Consultant Sought

[Milwaukee, WI]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee is looking for a Media Relations Consultant.

The person filling this position will develop an overall media relations strategy for this year's Pride Celebration. The Media Relations Co-ordinator will also help with press releases, media contacts, press conferences and the media booth at PrideFest 93.

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Applications must be submitted no later than October 1st. They must be mailed to MLGPC, PO Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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candidate. Her history-making run as an openly Lesbian candidate clearly galvanized many in the Lesbian and Gay community in an unprecedented way. However, clearly her margin of victory (she won all but two wards) indicates a depth of support among people from all walks of life throughout her district.

Hard Work Brought Success

In a year when women, people of color, and Gays and Lesbians are clearly the beneficiary of voters who want to see a change in the face of their government, it's easy to oversimplify what's happened. The notion that this is all a fluke — a transient voter backlash — hides a deeper reality.

Each of these candidates won as the result of a solid political strategy and a lot of hard work. Feingold's solid '72 county organization and savvy political ads, Deer's amazing fundraising successes and broad base of grassroots support, and Baldwin's solid organization and dynamic campaign style brought them each success.

As Gays and Lesbians, it's easy to abandon a political system that has offered us little hope. However, when we don't vote, the political reactionaries become that much more powerful.

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Gays In Maine Face Right-Wing 'Christian' Assault

[Portland, ME]- On May 12, 1992, the City Council of Portland, Maine passed the first civil rights legislation in the state's history to prohibit discrimination in housing, credit, employment and public accommodation based on sexual orientation. A number of specific exclusions were incorporated into the ordinance. Religious organizations and fraternal associations are exempt.

An overwhelming 7-1 vote capped a 6-hour public hearing at which a number of courageous Lesbians and Gay men gave eloquent testimony as to the very real discrimination and abuse they suffer.

"When I was 16, because I was Gay, I was thrown out of the house," said Shawn Toth. "At school I was thrown against lockers and people screamed 'Faggot' at me. Nobody stood up for me."

Speaking of the shooting death of her friend Rebecca White while hiking in the Maine woods, Janet Robinson said, "He admitted he shot her because she was a Lesbian." Robinson went on to say that endorsing discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men "translates into broken bones, smashed teeth and dead people."

Christian Right's Response

Just hours after its passage, a group calling itself the "Concerned Portland Citizens" (CPC) announced a petition drive to force a referendum to repeal the new civil rights ordinance. It took CPC ten days to get the necessary 1604 signatures to place the issue on November's ballot.

In their remarks to the press, members of CPC have cited dire consequences and disturbing fears concerning the ordinance.

Stephanie Koljenezka voiced her concern that since "AIDS is an airborne disease," the new civil rights measure would lead to "more homosexuality and more deaths from AIDS."

Deane Stevens, co-founder of the CPC, claims that "homosexuals sexually harass more people. Sex, sex, sex — they're obsessed with it."

James Duran, another CPC co-founder, and admitted "born-again Christian," said that he believed that "the word of God outlaws homosexuality."

Attacks against the ordinance have come also from Linda Bean, the Republican candidate for southern Maine's seat in Congress and heiress to

the L.L. Bean fortune. Her fight against Gay civil rights is the centerpiece of her campaign.

Equal Protection Response

A group of socially conscious Portlanders calling themselves "Equal Protection-Portland" (EPP), have begun a campaign to let the general public know about the discrimination and violence against Lesbians and Gay men that takes place in Portland and why legal protections are so urgently needed. EPP has near unanimous support from city officials.

Portland Mayor Charles Harlow, a member of EPP's Advisory Board, explained, "The responsibility of government is to establish community, not division. To discourage anybody's rights, whether they be homosexual, heterosexual or Bisexual, would be to cause division — which I'm not interested in at all."

Portland Police Chief, Michael Chitwood another member of EPP's Advisory Board, said, "We have seen an escalation in the instances of violence against Gays in this community. We can't combat these bias crimes unless Gays are free to report them to us without fear of discrimination for coming forward."

EPP has spent the Summer months furiously organizing for the Fall campaign. EPP members have been going door-to-door to inform and educate Portland residents about the ordinance. Print, radio and TV campaigns will follow.

EPP is asking for support nation-wide in their fight for equality. According to David Garrity, a co-chair of EPP, "Funding is too tight to mention." Send what you can to: Equal Protection-Portland, 232 St. John Street, Portland, Maine 04102; (207) 761-8480.

Square Dance Lessons Offered At 3 B's Bar

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Squares is hosting square dance lessons on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. at the 3B's Bar, 1753 South Kinnickinnic Avenue. The last day to enroll is Wednesday, September 23. For more information, call (414) 963-1436.

Money Urgently Needed to Fight Colorado Anti-Gay Amendment

[Denver, CO]- "...If once in America, our forefathers enforced God's Law on homosexuality...then we, today, can and should have God's Law concerning homosexuality (and its judgment of the death penalty). After all, the Bible says not only is the homosexual worthy of the death penalty, but also those who give approval of it."

The above is a quote from **Death Penalty For Homosexuals Is Prescribed in the Bible**, a pamphlet written by Pastor Pete Peters of Fort Collins, Colorado. Peters is the head of Scriptures For America (SFA), one of the major groups that, according to The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLADD/Denver) is campaigning hard for voters' approval of Initiative #2 in the November election.

Initiative #2, if approved, would be an amendment to the Colorado constitution banning anti-discrimination protection for Lesbians and Gays by the state or any local government in Colorado.

Colorado for Family Values (CFV), a Fundamentalist organization based in Colorado Springs, is behind the state-wide initiative which would also retroactively void existing protections in the cities of Aspen, Boulder and Denver. Both SFA and CFV are very well funded.

On-Going Battle

"The Colorado Lesbian and Gay community has battled Fundamentalist attacks on local ordinances for the past


five years and our community resources are severely depleted," said GLAAD/Denver Executive Director Tom Watson. "We just don't have the money to educate the outlying areas as we need to in order to meet this threat," Watson said.

Watson continued, noting that, "We're seeing the tip of the Fundamentalist iceberg and you can be sure that Fundamentalist groups all over the country are watching to see what happens in Colorado and Oregon. CFV is networked to national Fundamentalist organizations and their agenda is clear — if it isn't stopped here, it will spread to your state and your community."

As in Oregon, so in Colorado, Watson said. Since the start of the Christian right-wing push, Watson reports that the incidence of hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians is up "drastically."

GLAAD/Denver has prepared a visibility and educational media campaign for October which utilizes newspaper ads, billboards, bus placards and handbills, yet has raised only one-third of the \$10,000 budget necessary to canvass the state. Donations of any amount are urgently needed.

Watson asks to send what you can to: GLAAD/Denver, P.O. Box 100552, Denver, CO 80250.



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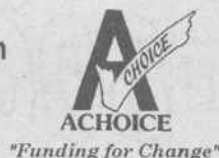
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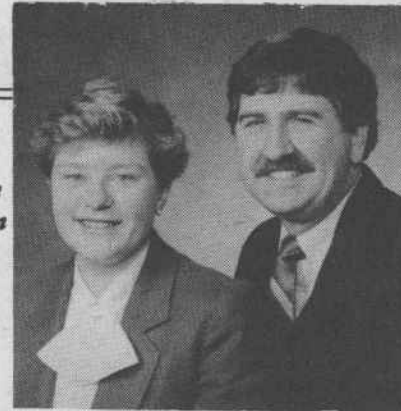
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