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The Wisconsin Light

United Way's Boy Scout Funding Subject of Board Meeting Protest

[Milwaukee]- In an update to last issue's lead story on Queer Scouts' protest against United Way Milwaukee's funding of the local Boy Scout chapter, the full United Way Board of Directors will vote on October 13 whether or not to allocate funds to the Boy Scouts for the up-coming year.

On September 9, United Way's Executive Committee recommended that funding of the Boy Scouts be continued. However, the final decision is in the hands of the full board.

Spokespeople for Queer Scouts have announced that will be present to greet board members before the meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. at 225 W. Vine Street in the Brewers Hill section of Milwaukee. Queer Scouts invites anyone interested to join them at United Way's parking lot gate at 7:00 a.m.

Queer Scouts say that the gathering will be a peaceful attempt to persuade United Way board members to vote against funding the Boy Scouts.

Prior to the meeting, Queer Scouts will be contacting all of the board members. Board members will receive an informational packet. This will be followed up with a phone call.

Among other things, the packet will include a full explanation of the issues surrounding the current boycott of United Way and statistics on Gay teen suicide.

"We intend to make sure that before the vote, each board member is well-informed," said Dan Fons, a Queer Scouts spokesperson. "We want them all to understand the very real human consequences of a decision to continue funding the Boy Scouts," Fons said.

The chair of the United Way board is Dean Treptow, (414) 359-3040. Among 35 other board members is Howard Fuller, Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools, (414) 475-8001; Mary Alice Tierney, of WTMJ (Channel 4), (414) 332-9611.

Helms Brings Boycott to Senate Floor

As a sign of the growing impact of the debate over the Boy Scouts, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), introduced an amendment that would have prevented any organization that discourages the Boy Scout ban on homosexuals from receiving money from federal employees. The amendment was defeated on a 49-49 vote. Sen. Robert Kasten voted for the amendment. Sen. Herb Kohl voted against the Helms amendment.

Queer Scouts need your support and can be reached at (414) 964-8423 or (414) 643-5833.

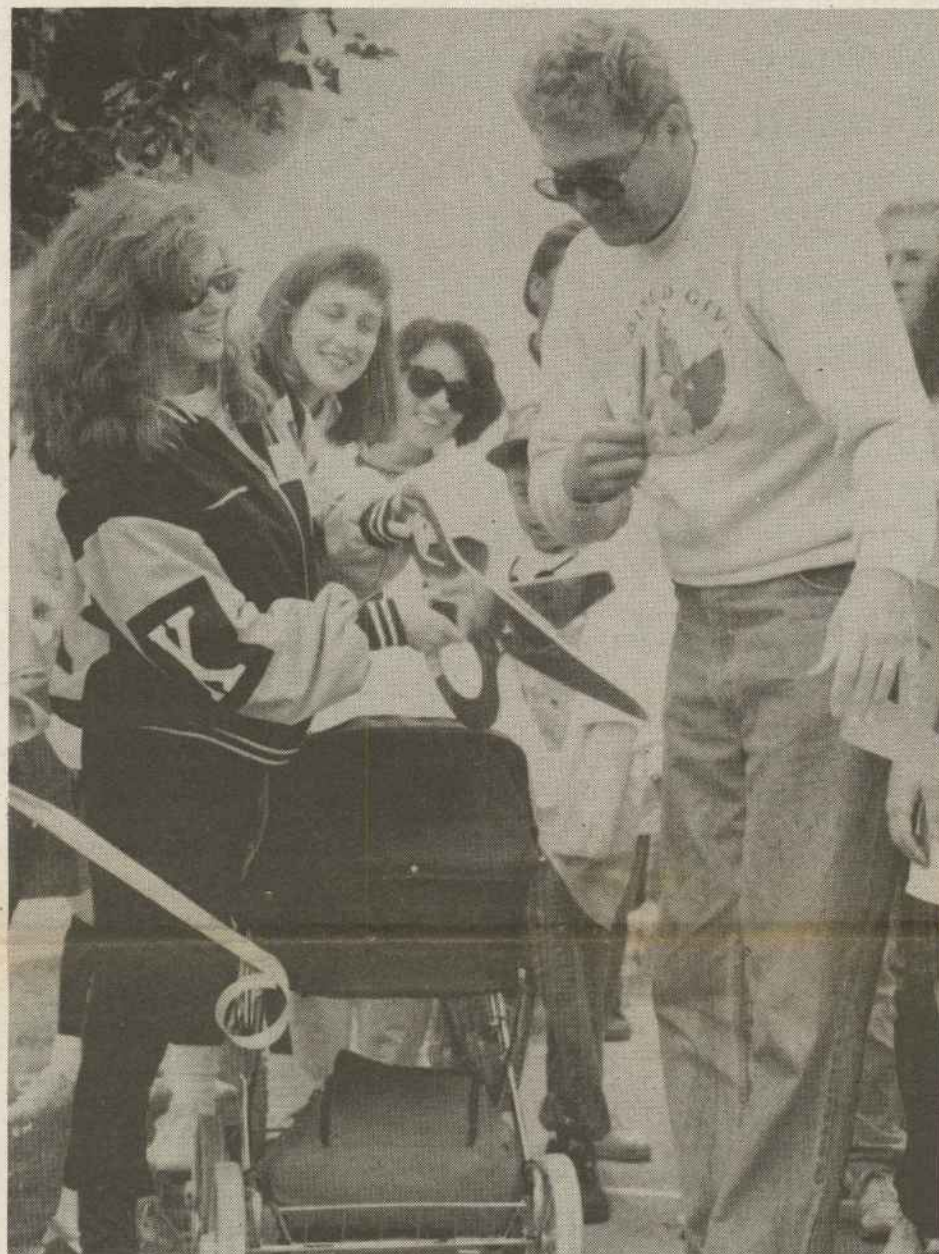
'Gays in the Political Process' Is Topic at Oct. 8 Community Forum

[Milwaukee]- On Thursday, October 8, the Lambda Rights Network (LRN), will present a community forum on the subject: Lesbians and Gays in the Political Process: Is There a Home for Us in the Mainstream? The forum will take place in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Wisconsin, 720 N. Third Street. There will be a social period beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Panelists will be: Gail Davy, Democratic activist and campaign strategist; Scott Evertz, Chair of the Milwaukee East Side Unit of the Republican Party of Wisconsin; Jim McFarland, former Madison Common Council member, and Wisconsin contact for the Log Cabin Society, a Republican club for Lesbians and Gay men; and Judy Selle, home secretary for Congressman Jim Moody. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Gary Hollander.

Everyone is invited to attend.

California Governor Signs Bill To Prevent Job Discrimination for Gays



4,500 WALKERS WAIT— Linda Molitor and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist cut the ribbon at the start of the Sept. 20 Wisconsin AIDS Walk as Susan Mudd watched with the Mayor's and Ms. Mudd's son, Benjamin waiting patiently in the carriage. (See page three for a related story).

Primary Opponents Endorse Baldwin in State Assembly Race

[Madison]- Tammy Baldwin who swept to victory in the Democratic Primary on September 8 has been enthusiastically endorsed by her three Democratic opponents in the race. Billy Feitlinger, Dave Cieslewicz and Ken Strasma, on

care and civil rights, they went on to laud her for running as an open Lesbian.

"She would make history," the letter said, "as the first openly Gay or Lesbian member of the Legislature in Wisconsin. The courage she has shown in running honestly on this issue is notable in a time when Gays and Lesbians are being physically, verbally and politically assaulted around this issue."

The three former candidates went on to say that now Baldwin has a tough race before her. They asked that supporters show the "same generosity" toward her now as had been done before.

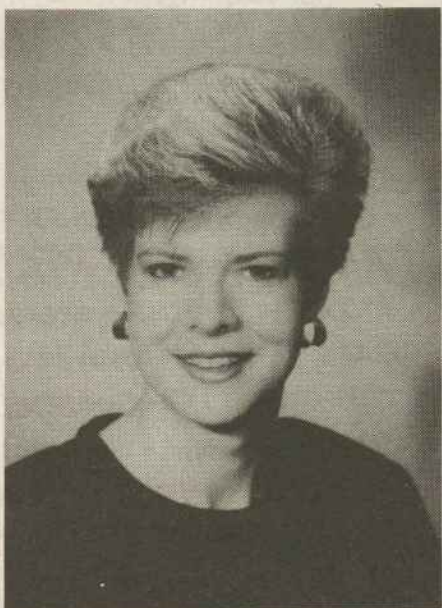
Milwaukee's Contribution

Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay community came strongly to Baldwin's aid in the primary. In a fundraiser held in Milwaukee this Summer hosted by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and many other supporters, donors gave nearly \$4,500 according to Baldwin campaign headquarters.

Baldwin supporters in Madison say that, with the race heating up, your support for Tammy Baldwin must not slacken and is needed now. Feitlinger, Cieslewicz and Strasma noted that the November 3 general election is less than 40 days away. "Please join us in supporting Tammy now!" they wrote.

Checks should be made out to: **Baldwin Committee** and mailed to P.O. Box 696, Madison, WI 53701-0696.

Editor's Note: The chance has finally come to elect "one of our own" to office. We should not, we must not let this opportunity slip by. Please be as generous as possible.



TAMMY BALDWIN

September 25, signed a letter endorsing her in the race for the 78th Assembly District.

Feitlinger, Cieslewicz and Strasma cited Baldwin for her "personal and leadership qualities" that she brings to the race.

After praising Baldwin for her stands on reproductive freedom, universal health

[San Francisco]- In what many viewed as a surprise move, California Governor Pete Wilson signed a bill into law on September 25 that protects Lesbians and Gays against job discrimination. The measure, AB 2601, bans job-related discrimination based on sexual orientation for virtually all state and private workers.

Wilson's action makes California the seventh state to protect Gays and Lesbians against job discrimination. The others are Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Hawai'i, Connecticut, Vermont and New Jersey.

Like the original bill, AB 2601 exempts businesses with fewer than five employees, churches and other not-for-profit religious organizations. There is some confusion whether teachers and other educational employees are covered or whether the state educational code already protects them.

Wilson, under pressure for Right-wing Christian and political groups, had vetoed a similar bill last year. In addition, Gay-bashing at the recent GOP national convention along with right-wing drives against Lesbian/Gay rights in Oregon, Colorado and Portland, Maine, seemed to have created a poisoned atmosphere. Also, on September 24, the House of Representatives in Washington had gutted a law that would have allowed city workers to obtain health benefits for their partners of whatever sex.

Bill Geiger, Managing Editor of *Frontiers* magazine in Los Angeles, told *Wisconsin Light* that people were "completely surprised" by the Governor's action. "We're shocked," he said.

There had been no indication, Geiger said, that Wilson would sign the bill and, in fact, sources had informed Lesbian/Gay leaders that it would be vetoed.

As a result, Geiger said, there had been state-wide planning for demonstrations as had happened last year over the Governor's veto.

Asked why Wilson had signed the bill, Geiger said he thought it was an attempt on Wilson's part to "become more moderate." Other observers agreed that the signing was part of a balancing act between the moderate and Right-wing elements in the GOP.

Adverse Reaction

As might be expected, Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition blasted the Governor's action. Sheldon was quoted in the *New York Times* as saying that the bill would "protect sex with animals and the rape of children as forms of political expression."

J. Craig Fong, Director of the West Coast Regional Office of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said that Lambda was pleased with Wilson's action, but expressed displeasure at the Governor's veto on September 26 of the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1992 (AB 3825) which Fong called "a more comprehensive" act.

AB 3825 would have banned job and housing discrimination against not only Gays and Lesbians, but to most, if not all, other victims of discrimination as well.

Fong called AB 3825 "a far more sensible approach to rectifying the civil rights laws of this state."

The signing of one law for Gays and the veto of the broader measure, would, Fong said, "force us to establish an inefficient two-tiered system; one for the majority of California workers and a second for Gays and Lesbians." He went on to call the veto of the Restoration Act "just an example of Republican politics of division, hoping to set group against group by granting protections to some but not to others."

Fong said the passage of the Gay anti-discrimination law on September 25 and the veto of the wider AB 3825 the following day "would have California believe that our communities are claiming so-called special rights."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Sodomy Law Held Unconstitutional

[Frankfort, KY]- On September 25, 1992, the Kentucky Supreme Court struck down the state's anti-sodomy law, ruling that privacy rights should apply to homosexuals.

In a 4-3 ruling, the court said the law violated the state's constitutional right to privacy and the right to equal treatment under the law.

"We need not sympathize, agree with or even understand the sexual preference of homosexuals in order to recognize their right to equal treatment before the bar of criminal justice," the court said in an opinion written by Justice Charles Leibson.

Kentucky was one of eight states that had sodomy laws prohibiting sexual acts between persons of the same sex. Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have sodomy laws applying to people of different sexes.

Thompson/Kowalski Need Our Help

[Clearwater, MN]- For Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, the completion of their legal battle means the start of a more private campaign. Legal fees to bring Kowalski home have totaled more than \$220,000, while therapeutic and disability equipment cost another \$41,000. In addition, there is the attendant care that Kowalski will take even more money.

Contributions to help cover these costs may be directed to the Karen Thompson Legal Fund, 3070 Fulton Circle, Clearwater, MN 55320; (612) 558-6766.

When asked about the future of their relationship, Kowalski typed out "Love."

Domestic Partners Benefit Passed

[Cambridge, MA]- Cambridge, Massachusetts became the first municipality in the Commonwealth to extend benefits to the partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees. By a narrow vote, the City Council approved the plan which will be implemented by the end of 1992.

Cambridge, home of Harvard University, joins 18 other municipalities nationwide in supporting domestic partnership benefits for city employees.

Lesbian Billboards Campaign Set

[San Francisco]- In an effort to increase public awareness of Lesbian relationships, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) will launch an unprecedented billboard campaign challenging the traditional definition of family. The campaign, due to blanket the state of California beginning in late October, highlights a Lesbian couple, one pregnant, with the tag line "Another Traditional Family."

While debate on family values rages, recent research by Overlooked Opinions of Chicago, shows that over 70 percent of Lesbians are in relationships and 52 percent of Lesbians live with their partners.

By comparison, recent studies in American Demographics show that only 26 percent of Americans actually fit into the standard nuclear family. This reflects a decline from the 44 percent measured in 1960.

More Gay Protections Adopted

[Washington, D.C.]- The Washington Blade reports that Cincinnati, Ohio and Stamford, Connecticut have joined the growing list of US cities that outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Cincinnati law, passed by an 8 to 1 vote, covers city employees and services but also prohibits discrimination based on HIV infection, marital status and Appalachian origin.

The Stamford law, passed by a 27 to 9 vote, also covers municipal employees and services.

Military Ban on Lesbians Challenged

A decorated Minnesota Army National Guard captain has told guard officials that she is a Lesbian, saying she wants to challenge the policy that prohibits homosexuals from serving in the U.S. military.

Capt. Pamela Mindt, 33, a 15-year veteran of the reserves, has received 11 commendation medals during her career. Mindt, who serves with the 204th Medical Battalion headquartered in Cottage Grove, said she decided to challenge the military policy after Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, the decorated chief nurse of the National Guard, was dismissed in June because she is a Lesbian.

"Something broke inside, and I said, 'I've had it,'" Mindt said. She decided to become the first such test case in Minnesota.

White House Protesters Arrested

[Washington, D.C.]- Two staff members of the Human Rights Campaign Fund were among the women arrested at the White House during a non-violent civil disobedience on August 26th protesting the Bush Administration and the Republican Party's assault on women's reproductive rights.

The demonstration, highlighting the support of women of color for abortion rights, came on the 72nd anniversary of the Constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

The activists were arrested for demonstrating without a permit and were detained for several hours.

Among those arrested were Ginny Montes, National Secretary for the National Organization for Women; Jeannette Foret, Young Feminist Activist; and Christine Rice, a Native American Activist. The demonstration was organized by the National Organization for Women, with assistance from the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

A Letter from Pat Robertson

[Virginia Beach, VA]- In a letter written to about 5,000 Iowa members of the Christian Coalition, religious broadcaster Pat Robertson urged them to oppose adopting an equal rights amendment to the Iowa constitution.

Robertson blamed the amendment on "Radical feminists" who, he said, intend to use the amendment to further their "secret agenda" which is "pro-abortion, anti-family, and pro-homosexual rights."

"The feminist agenda," wrote Robertson, "is about a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become Lesbians."

The letter ended with a plea for money.

Advocate Launches New Magazine

[Los Angeles]- The Advocate, the nation's largest and oldest Gay and Lesbian news magazine, has announced that it will begin publishing The Advocate Classifieds, a sexually-oriented editorial and advertising magazine on September 22, 1992.

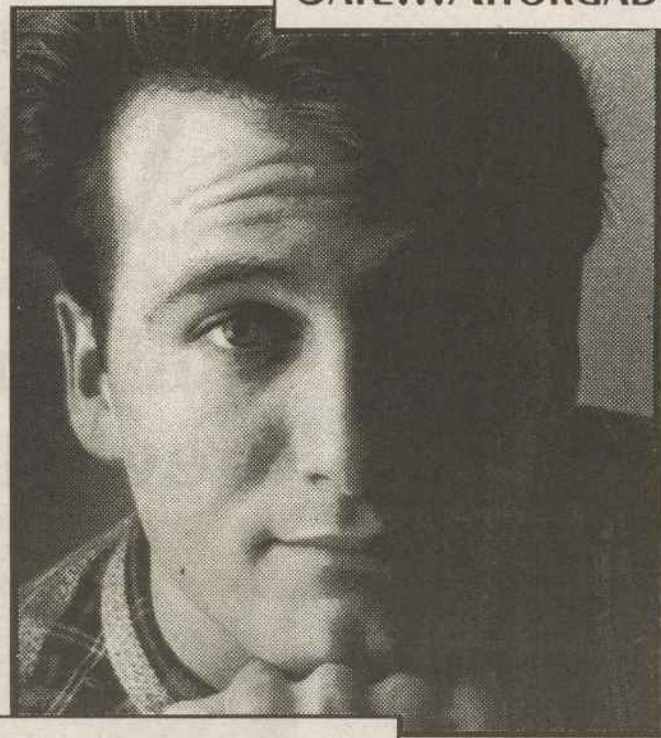
The Advocate Classifieds will be a noticeably larger and more colorful publication. It will include porn-star gossip, full-frontal nudes, fiction and horoscopes, said J.B. Morris, the magazine's editor.

The Advocate news magazine has fulfilled its mission of becoming the world's largest and most respected Gay and Lesbian news publication, after garnering several publishing awards and increasing its circulation by up to 5,000 copies per issue due to a glossy, perfect-bound format change.

Advocate President, John Knoebel said, "Our Lesbian readers have made us aware that the presence of The Classifieds was less and less appropriate to the mission of a Gay and Lesbian news magazine."

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Senate Candidate Feingold Strongly Supports Rights for Gays

Editor's Note: The following is the transcript of a phone interview with State Senator Russ Feingold who is running for the Senate on the Democratic ticket.

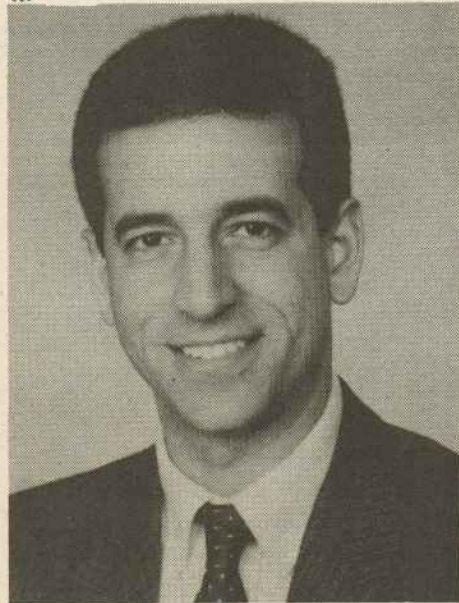
Special to Wisconsin Light

[Milwaukee]- Wisconsin Light: Senator Feingold, congratulations on your victory. Would you, if elected, hire a person for your staff who, all things considered, is openly Lesbian or Gay?

Russ Feingold: I would have no hesitation about that. I already have people on my campaign staff who are openly Gay. That would not be something that would concern me. That would be irrelevant.

WL: If elected, would you consider co-sponsoring the federal Gay rights bill in the Senate?

RF: I suspect that I would co-sponsor it.



RUSS FEINGOLD

WL: Recently, Massachusetts state employees were granted benefits for same-sex partners. What would be your stand on Domestic Partnership?

RF: Very positive. I think we should adopt that kind of progressive legislation in the national and state level.

WL: In regards to AIDS funding, would you work for greater AIDS funding?

RF: We've issued a position paper stating our support for additional AIDS funding.

WL: What is your opinion of Magic Johnson's recent resignation from the AIDS Commission?

RF: I think it's good. I think it sends a message to the Commission that popular sports figures and others cannot really do something about the AIDS problem seriously decreasing funding. It's good that he had the courage to do that.

WL: Would you support rescinding the ban against open Lesbians, open Gays serving in the military?

RF: I would support rescinding the ban. I think it's wrong.

WL: Would you also support, again all things being equal, someone who was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court who was openly Lesbian or Gay?

RF: That would not be in any way a negative factor or factor in my decision. A person's sexual preference has nothing to do with a Supreme Court position. It should be based on their qualifications for the job.

WL: What would your stand be on maintaining funding for Public Broadcasting System considering those who would like to cut or abolish such moneys?

RF: I vigorously oppose that (cutting funding). I think PBS is a very important means of communication for the country and that's (opposition to PBS) fueled by the right-wing Senators who I oppose one hundred percent.

WL: I assume your position would be the same on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?

RF: Absolutely. I don't think that any interference or any loyalty oath or any intrusion of government in the arts is warranted.

WL: What is your stand on the North American Free Trade Agreement?

RF: I cannot support the agreement in its present form. It threatens taking Midwestern jobs to Mexico. It also threatens the environment. It would have to be re-negotiated.

WL: What is your stand on Universal Health Care?

RF: I strongly favor universal health care. In the State Senate, I was the author of a universal health care proposal for Wisconsin which David Clarenbach started in the Assembly. I do believe it should be comprehensive, cover all

Americans, cover the wide scope of concerns, cover long-term care for the elderly and the disabled and of course, people living with AIDS.

WL: Would you support increased federal support for Amtrak, particularly for the Milwaukee-Green Bay and Milwaukee-Madison corridors?

RF: I would love to see greater access to rail transport in Wisconsin. It's really as shame that the country does not have an adequate rail system. I would be willing to see that as part of our efforts to rebuild the country.

WL: What ambitions may you have beyond the Senate?

RF: This is enough hard work and enough intrusion on a person's personal life that if I am able to become a senator, I have no idea whether I would want to run a second time. My top priority is to do a good job for six years. That'll be enough to think about.

WL: What will be your top priorities in the Senate?

RF: A serious plan to eliminate the federal deficit and the enactment of a national health care system.

WL: Could you be specific about elimination of the deficit?

RF: We have an 82 point plan which would eliminate the deficit in five years. It includes about 200 billion of defense cuts, weapons and personnel; about a 100 billion dollars in domestic programs that are wasteful or unnecessary but does not touch social security, 300 billion dollars of higher taxes on very high income people.

We have a very clear plan that does not rely on a balanced budget amendment that would take years to pass or may never get through.

WL: If you are elected and were invited to speak at either the Milwaukee or Madison Gay Pride rallies, would you accept?

RF: Of course.

WL: As Senator, you would accept?

RF: I don't know, why not? Every group in society should have access to their senator.

WL: Is there anything that you would like to say to the Lesbian/Gay community?

RF: I admire the courage of the community in fighting discrimination that is constantly heaped upon it. In particular, I admire the strength and the efforts in the fight against AIDS, fighting the attitude about AIDS. I encourage the community to have even greater enthusiasm for its efforts because it's the only way to defeat discrimination.

Editor's Note: Numerous efforts to contact Sen Robert Kasten for an interview produced no results.

If you would like to get involved with the Feingold campaign, please call (414) 281-2100 and ask for Jason Janssen.

New Hope Church Makes Changes

[Milwaukee]- New Hope Metropolitan Community Church has celebrated their annual homecoming service on Sunday, September 20th in a new space and at a new time.

The new space is located in the Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood in the first floor parlor. The new time will be Sunday evenings at 4:30 p.m.

Previously the congregation worshipped in the upper chapel of the church on Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

It has been difficult for physically challenged participants to mount the three flights of stairs that lead to the upper chapel and for persons living with AIDS and other debilitating illnesses, it has been especially challenging.

The new worship time will provide the congregation with the opportunity to participate in community events that are often scheduled Sunday evenings after 6:00 p.m.

According to Pastor Chris, it will also be a better time for parents who bring their children to church and are concerned about getting them home at a reasonable hour in order to prepare for the upcoming school week.

Move Means Inclusion

This move is also a response to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church's mandate requiring all chartered and commissioned churches to worship in a space that is accessible to more people, particularly the physically challenged. The Church has a history of being inclusive of all and this move will further that mission.

For further information, call Pastor Chris at (414) 332-9995.

Records Shattered as the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Raises Over \$400,000

[Milwaukee]- Almost 4,500 people raised more than \$400,000 at the 3rd Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk held Sunday, September 20th, along Milwaukee's lakefront. The goal for the benefit to assist vital AIDS care and education service agencies throughout the state was \$300,000.

Of the contributions pledged, 96 percent had been turned in by the Walk's conclusion. The 'Scream Team' led by Linda Molitor was the Walk's top money raiser. For the second consecutive year, Molitor raised the most money of any walker with over \$5,000 pledged. R. Parrish was also honored for \$3,500 in pledges raised.

Leadership Breakfast

Festivities began at 9:00 a.m. with the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Leadership Breakfast at Professional Marketing Services on the East Side. Paul and Judy Joseph from Walk sponsor WTMJ-TV acted as Masters of Ceremony.

"AIDS touches all of our lives," Paul Molitor, a star player for the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team, said in his speech. "More than 12,000 people throughout Wisconsin have been infected with HIV. And each year, many more men, women and children witness the first-hand devastation of AIDS."

Molitor spoke of the continuing need for agencies like Madison's AIDS Support Network (MASN) and the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "We must continue to build support services for people living with HIV disease," he said.

The Walk

The rain held off and at noon, with a chill wind blowing off the lake, thousands of marchers gathered at Urban Park for the opening ceremonies.

Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist thanked the advocates for people with AIDS "for the courage they've shown in reminding public officials, for example the President of the United States, George Bush, that he has a responsibility to be concerned with AIDS as well as all the members of Congress."

At 12:30, Linda Molitor and assisted by Mayor Norquist cut the ribbon. Molitor praised the marchers and called on their "continuing commitment to battle this

terrible disease."

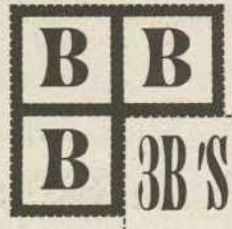
People stretched along the walkway as far as the eye could see. Many wore white Walk T-shirts. Other T-shirts had names of people to be remembered. Many carried balloons on which were written the names of people who have died of AIDS and the date of their deaths.

One yellow balloon read, "Gary, Fly with the Angels. My love until we meet again. I love you." It was signed, "Dad."

Banners proclaimed Marchers from Madison, Beloit, La Crosse, Eau Claire, Green Bay and across the state. Groups included Planned Parenthood, the First Unitarian Society, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LMM), Northern Womyn, Lutherans Concerned-Milwaukee among others.

In the Meantime, Michael's Deli dispensed food. The beer sold after the Walk was donated by Miller Brewery.

A tired but enthusiastic crowd gathered for closing ceremonies at 4:00 p.m.



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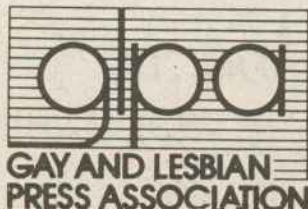
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Terry Boughner

There are times when the gods seem to
be in an impish mood — or at least have a
delicious sense of irony. So it is now,
when Phyllis Schlafly's son, John, has
confirmed that he is Gay.

As you probably know, Phyllis is the
head of the Eagle Forum, one of those
right-wing guardians of the public morals
that we all could do without. She's been
campaigning for years for "family
values" even before the Republicans
invented the term.

There she was at the GOP Convention,
sitting with the likes of Jerry Falwell (who
resembles a malignant buddah), listening
to Pat Buchanan pour vitriol on Lesbians
and Gays. Yammer, yammer, screech,
screech. Phyllis sat there and took it all
in, endorsing with her presence all the
bigotry and the hatred and the lies.

If Phyllis is wise, she'll learn from this.
If she loves her son as she says she does,
she'll let that love lead her to understand
that Lesbians and Gay men are not much
different from anyone else. We seek love,
we date, we form families. Sometimes we
make our lives work, sometimes not, but

National Coming Out Day Is Celebrated October 11

Editor's Note: October 11 is National
Coming Out Day, a time set aside across
the country to urge all who are closeted to
"come out." We run this article by
Demian in celebration of that day.

By Demian

You have found the person with whom
you want to spend the rest of your life.
This person is your best friend, your
partner in life, your lover, your spouse. A
small voice inside tells you, "For pity's
sake, now just shut up and don't let
anybody know about it." So you stay shut
up in the closet.

But, by staying there, what really gets
shut up is your honesty and what you lose
is your self-respect. Hiding your sexual
orientation guarantees a life of lying. That
destroys relationships as easily as it
undermines individual lives.

Easing Into Outness

Sometimes the act of coming out is so
small and natural you hardly think about
it, such as the number of times you shop
for groceries together. Eventually, the
clerks see you as a couple. But you can
come out more strongly as well.

For example, you can come out when
you jointly apply for memberships,
particularly "family" memberships. You
can come out when you buy a home
together. Note this: unless you say you're
a couple, real estate people may show you
places that don't suit your needs.

Coming out is critical at times of
emergencies. Should your partner be
incapacitated by illness or accident, only
next of kin would be allowed near. You
would have no voice in your partner's
medical treatment unless you have

LETTERS

Please Vote

TO THE EDITOR:

It is with pleasure that we see Wisconsin
Light distributed in San Francisco. May I say a
few things to your readers in Wisconsin which
probably have been repeated a dozen times
before?

In this presidential election year, there are
three options for voting for President. The first
obvious choice is to vote for Bill Clinton. The
second is a vote for Ross Perot as a protest.
The third is to vote, but not vote for anyone for
President. Leave the Presidential slot empty.
To vote for George Bush is unthinkable.

We have seen an increase in these last 12
years of murders, beatings, robberies and
harassment of Gay persons because of the
sanctioning of Gay bashing by the religious
right and political leaders. This violence will
accelerate if George Bush is re-elected on a
platform advocating duplicitous, political
premises that seek abolition and control of
homosexual rights along with other Republican
anti-human-rights positions.

Masquerading behind an angelic buzzword
of "family values," a political "cultural
warfare" theme that catapulted Hitler to power
in 1933 was revived and acclaimed by Pat
Buchanan at the Republican Convention. This
was followed by unrepenting, unrelenting
maliciousness and cruelty that dominated the
Republican Party Platform. It did the same
with the pro-Bush speeches delivered by
smiling, made-up, hair-sprayed, "Fourth
Reich" puppets.

Most true Republicans were eliminated from
the program. When a life-long honest
Republican, Mary Fisher, spoke of her battle
with AIDS, the orchestrated audience cheering
stopped and the scowling, disapproving faces
of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, were clearly
seen on national television.

This time, let us not wait for wholesale
murder like the specter of pink triangles on

we try just like everyone else. Phyllis
needs to learn, I think, that Pat Buchanan
aside, what the "Gay lifestyle" most
often comes down to is who's going to do
the dishes and which one will take out the
garbage.

The gods have delt Phyllis a wonderful
hand — if she's willing to see it. If she's
willing to take the opportunity, she can
fledge from the narrow confines of the
eagle's nest and go soaring into new and
beautiful places. She can discover for
herself a broad land where all people are
equal. Well, at least, she can join the rest
of us, Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Straight
in the search and hope for it.

Do I think that'll happen? No, I guess
not. Since when does knowledge or
experience necessarily change behavior
or belief?

Still, isn't that what National Coming
Out Day is all about? Isn't it about
escaping from the confines of closetry to
face life honestly, in all its variety and
infinite uncertainty?

Happy Coming Out Day, Phyllis. I
mean that quite seriously and sincerely.

assigned powers of attorney and are
willing to be out to medical workers.

If your relationship is made clear to
relatives long before your death, they are
less likely to tell a court, "Our child must
have been demented to will the house to a
mere roommate."

The Big Bucks

Another reward for being out is
financial. Over 20 municipalities and
some private businesses now offer
domestic partnership benefits. If you're
out, your partner could be eligible for
medical insurance or other benefits. Such
employment benefits can amount to more
than \$50,000 during the course of a
career.

Legalized marriage for same-sex
partners would offer yet more. Out, vocal
partners make it impossible for
lawmakers to claim their district has no
Lesbians or Gay men. We can't expect
support for our rights if we're invisible.

Most Lesbians and Gay men have
found that the longer families of origin are
aware of your orientation and know your
partner, the more likely they will become
accepting and supportive. Because this is
uncharted territory in American culture, it
is up to us to suggest to our friends,
co-workers and relatives exactly how they
should treat our relationship — the same
as they treat opposite-sex relationships.
If you're not out to your parents and
friends, you miss the chance for their
support.

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men being marched to the death camps. Wake
up! Stop the philosophical Gay bashing that
justifies atrocities. It can happen again! Silence
can mean death.

George Bush is the Anita Bryant of American
politics.

— W.E. Beardemph
San Francisco

Bookstore Boycott

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Eppe, from the University Bookstore in
Madison, recently fired Ms. Lois Corcoran, a
capable, long-term employee, because he
"wanted a new image" for the store (Isthmus,
6/10/92). Lois happens to be a Lesbian, and
she is the third Lesbian worker who has filed a
complaint with the Madison Equal
Opportunities Commission charging the
University Bookstore with anti-Gay bias.

When he fired Lois and caused her to file an
EOC complaint, it was the most recent in a long
series of anti-Gay discriminatory practices at
the University Bookstore. Other Gays,
Bisexuals, or Lesbians among the Bookstores
150 employees feel under pressure to be
closeted and hide their orientation. At least two
have been suddenly fired without warning or
adequate explanation.

This deplorable situation suggests to us that

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the University Bookstore discriminates against
homosexuals and Bisexuals and that we are not
welcome to shop in that store. These actions
are particularly indefensible because of the
implicit link between the University Bookstore
and the University of Wisconsin.

Although the Bookstore is a private business
separate from the UW, its name, location and
advertising presents the image of a direct link.
Thus, the University Bookstore has a strong
responsibility to uphold the University's
anti-discriminatory policies and philosophy. Its
recent acquisition of Brown's Bookstore makes
this situation even worse.

Our group supports Ms. Corcoran in her
efforts to seek justice. We have informed our
members about the situation, and in protest,
we will not purchase books or supplies from the
University Bookstore, nor will we stock our
lending library with books from that store.

We are a group of over 130 Bisexuals who
range from professionals to students. Our
members who are professors and academic
staff are looking for alternative means to
distribute textbooks; our members who are UW
students have asked their professors to make
textbooks available at other venues; and our
members who are not part of the University
community are spreading the word.

We have participated in a registration-week
picket of the University Bookstore and will
continue that effort.

When Ms. Corcoran has achieved a solution
acceptable to her and when the University
Bookstore no longer exhibits homophobic
behavior, we will notify our community that the
situation has improved. At that time, we can, in
good conscience, resume business with that
bookstore. We hope others will demonstrate
their opposition to this discriminatory behavior
by joining us in their boycotting the University
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— Paula Sanders
Madison

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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Coming Out Voluntarily and Otherwise

By Jamakaya

National Coming Out Day is October 11 and I hope you're all planning an appropriate celebration.

I've decided to spare you yet another of my own coming out stories (I've got a million). Instead, I'll review the recent forced of Republicans by the Gay press and, more importantly, share the inspiring words of more courageous people who have voluntarily come out.

Surely, all of you have had your yuks by now over the revelation that Phyllis Schlafly's oldest son, John, is Gay. Mother Schlafly, an anti-Red McCarthyite in the 1950s, has since led campaigns against the Equal Rights Amendment, day care, abortion rights, Gay rights, and sex and AIDS education — all in the name of family values, of course. And now the whole world knows she has a homo in her family! My, my.

Phyllis Junior, a 40 year old tax attorney who lives with his mom in her Alton, Illinois mansion, has been financial advisor to mom's anti-everything group, Eagle Forum. In the QW article that outed him, he denied involvement in the group's policies but then defended his mother's homophobia with the spurious excuse that "it's possible to distinguish between the way one feels about individuals and the way one feels about a group." Hmmm. Here's hoping both Schlaflys stew in their traditional family values.

Other recent "outees" have been Ray Price, 62, the Republican speechwriter who penned George Bush's acceptance speech in Houston, and Congressman Jim McCrery, 42, of Louisiana.

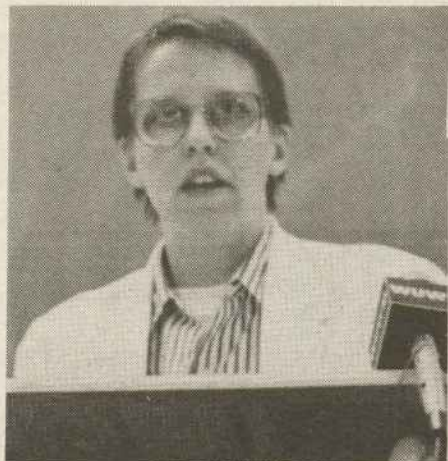
The Advocate titled its September 22 expose on McCrery "The Outing of a Family Values Congressman." It contrasted evidence of McCrery's past Gay relationships with his shameful record of opposition to AIDS education and research and his support of the military's ban on homosexuals. Publisher Niles Merton called McCrery: "A liar. A hypocrite. An opportunistic exponent of what the Republican Party dares to call 'family values.'" That pretty much says it all.

Meanwhile, prominent celebrities who have voluntarily come out in the last few years express satisfaction with their new, more truthful identities and encourage others to come out as well.

Singer k.d. lang told Arsenio Hall: "I felt that it was time, in terms of just the public consciousness, to talk about it openly, and I feel a responsibility to the Gay community as well as to myself. But ultimately, it was to relieve all the pressure that's been on me. You know, as a public image, there's always been this undercurrent of speculation."

lang told USA Today that reaction to her coming out has been "Wonderful. It's a non-issue. I feel emancipated and a real intimacy with the audiences now."

Actor Dick Sargent, who played the second Darrin Stevens on Bewitched, came out last year on Coming Out Day. "It's changed my life in so many ways," Sargent told Gay reporter Brent Hartinger. "I'm relieved for one thing. For the first time in my life I feel like I'm being honest with everyone. I'm not afraid to take my lover to parties. And I've become a full time activist, I guess. Since I went public about my sexuality, I've decided to do everything I can. The



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more awareness we can get about how Gays and Lesbians are just people, the better. It can change people's thinking."

Sargent, who was joined by former co-star Elizabeth Montgomery as Grand Marshalls at this year's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade in Los Angeles, also said: "One of the happiest things about coming out was that I've had no negative comments. Not one person has said anything negative. I was on a call-in show a couple of months ago and they wanted the controversy. But the people who called in were supportive, talking about their own coming out or whatever. There have been no negatives."

Sir Ian McKellen, the British actor/director knighted last year for his contributions to the theatre, has become increasingly vocal about Gay rights since he came out himself a few years back. In a recent issue of Christopher Street, McKellen offered this advice to those thinking about coming out:

"Do it. But do it knowing that your life will change, and it might initially change in ways that you wouldn't want it to change. You might find you lose friends... But I can only be certain that they will be replaced by relationships which have much more meaning because they are more honest. And in the end you will get what you deserve. If you stay in the closet, you don't get what you deserve. You get the raw deal."

Marvin Leibman, conservative activist and longtime friend of William F. Buckley, Jr., came out on October 11, 1990. Today, at 69, he's just published his autobiography, Coming Out Conservative. He has told the press: "The main thing I want to do within the Gay community is to help people come out — to not go through all I did for 60 years. And I just want them to know that it's not that bad, it's good. It takes such a load off you; you just feel really released."

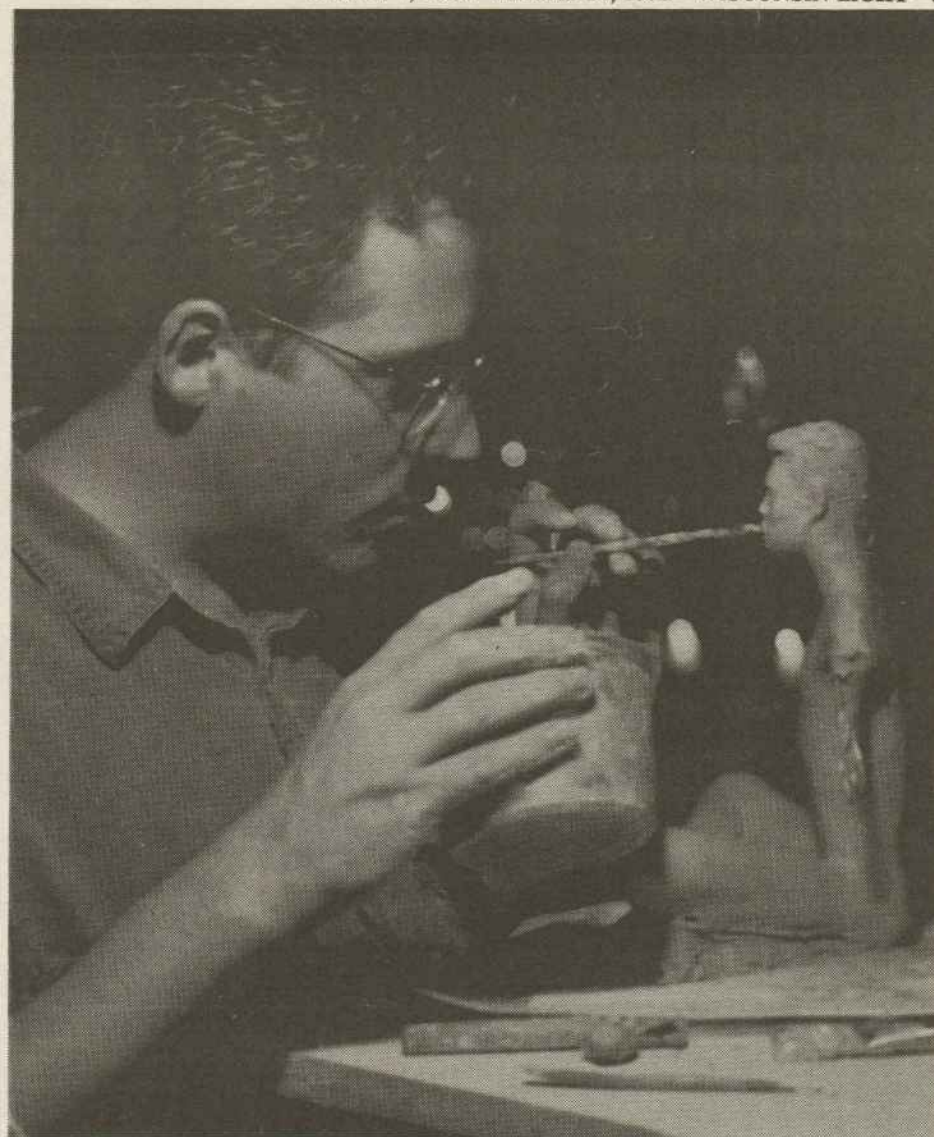
"Show it to the world and enjoy it," says Leibman, "There's nothing to be ashamed of. Make the Gay and Lesbian movement your family... Come out and be public. It's a great feeling!"

A final thought. National Coming Out Day has special significance this year because October 11 is also the birthday of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884).

Blanche Weisen Cook's new biography about the great humanitarian has caused controversy because the author discusses the significant impact several Lesbian couples had on Eleanor. The second volume is expected to carry more information on Eleanor's 30 year love affair with Lorena Hickok.

So on October 11, I'll be sure to sing a few stanzas of the dyke classic "Gimme That Ol' Lesbianism" (to the tune of "Old Time Religion"), singing happily, as I have for years, but with more confidence than ever: "If it was good enough for Eleanor — it's good enough for me..."

Doreen Riley



Kevin Kreger working on this sculpture.

Sculpture Honoring Victims Of Dahmer to Be Unveiled October 9

[Milwaukee]- In October, Gallery 218 in Milwaukee, is presenting artists Marlon Banks, David Garner and Kevin Kreger in a combined show of painting, photography and sculpture (resp.). The show will run Friday, October 9 (with an opening reception from 7:00-10:00 p.m.) through November 1st. A special gallery night reception with live Jazz and Blues, will be held on Friday, October 16 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

All three artists share a common vision of representing themselves through work which relies on individual aesthetics, skill and content.

Sculptor Kevin S. Kreger specializes in

bronze sculpture. The nude male figures which Kreger produces are both beautiful and provocative. His sculptures also include many sensitive and thoughtful portraits of African American men.

Kreger will be unveiling his first major work on Gallery Night, a Memorial for the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. This uncommissioned bronze work, entitled Plea of the Innocent, is part of the artist's call for unity and healing in the wake of the killings.

The Gallery 218 is located directly across the street from Club 219. For more information, please contact Gallery 218 at (414) 277-7800.

Everyone Invited to UW-Milwaukee Hallowe'en Dance on October 24

[Milwaukee]- The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community (GLBC) at UW-Milwaukee will be sponsoring a Hallowe'en video dance on Saturday, October 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The event will take place at the UWM Union in the Wisconsin West room and lounge on the second floor.

Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to wear a costume as prizes will be awarded. Cover charge is \$3 which includes non-alcoholic beverages.

Although GLBC is a UW-Milwaukee organization, the dance is not limited to UWM students. People of all ages and from all areas are welcome to attend. GLBC is expecting students from campuses such as UW-Parkside, UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, Marquette, MSOE and MATC as well as many non-students.

For more information on this and other

activities, contact GLBC at (414) 229-6555 or write: GLBC, UW-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Union Box 251, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

More From GLBC

GLBC has announced its new and up-coming programs for 1992-1993. These include personal issues discussion groups for men and women. The objective of these groups is to provide an environment where people will feel comfortable discussing sensitive issues and personal concerns. There will be separate groups for men and women. A facilitator will lead the discussions on various topics. These will be held twice a month beginning in the third week in October. Contact the GLBC office for times and locations. Those interested may call GLBC at (414) 229-6555 or stop by the Union, room E368.

Dykes To Watch Out For



AN UNUSUAL NEW CONTRACT PROVISION HAS JUST BEEN IMPLEMENTED AT THIS COMIC STRIP. BY THREATENING A WALKOUT, THE RANK AND FILE HAVE GAINED COMPLETE CONTROL OF OUR STORY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION!



LET'S SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING...



OKAY, TONI'S PREGO, AND MO & HARRIET ARE HISTORY. NOW WHAT'S THE SKINNY ON YOU & MALIKA, GINGER? WE HAVEN'T HEARD A THING SINCE SHE CAME TO VISIT.

SOME OF US HAVE SEEN PLenty, THOUGH! THAT WAS QUITE A LITTLE SHOW MALIKA TAPED OF YOU TWO IN BED!

HERE'S AN IDEA! HOW ABOUT IF I TAKE THEIR VIDEO WITH-OUT GINGER'S KNOWLEDGE, AND SUBMIT IT TO AN AMATEUR LESBIAN PORNO CONTEST WHERE IT WINS FIRST PRIZE!

I LIKE IT! THEN ME AND SOME OF GINGER'S OTHER STUDENTS COULD SEE IT AT A PARTY AND THREATEN TO SHOW THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT UNLESS WE ALL GET A'S!

OH, PUN-LEASE! WHAT ARE WE WRITING HERE, A TV MOVIE? THAT'S SHEER BATHOS! I DON'T THINK YOSHI SHOULD CONTRIBUTE UNTIL SHE PASSES MY FRESH-MAN COMPOSITION CLASS!

LET'S REMEMBER TO KEEP OUR COMMENTS POSITIVE GINGER. NOW, WHAT ABOUT YOU AND MALIKA?

WE'RE TOTALLY IN LOVE! JUST LOOK AT THESE PHONE BILLS. UH... I GET REIMBURSED FOR THIS, RIGHT? I MEAN, IT IS A BUSINESS EXPENSE!



HEY, IF SHE GETS HER PHONE BILLS PAID, THEN I OUGHTA GET HALF MY RENT PAID! I'M TOTALLY BROKE, AND IT WASN'T MY IDEA FOR HARRIET TO MOVE OUT!



HEY, HARRIET! WE'VE BEEN DYING TO KNOW... ARE YOU SLEEPING WITH THAT WOMAN WE SAW YOU WITH AT THE PRO-CHOICE RALLY?



WELL, NO... BUT IT MIGHT BE AN INTERESTING PLOT DEVELOPMENT IF I DID HAVE AN AFFAIR WITH ELLEN. I THINK IT WOULD HELP FLESH OUT MY CHARACTER, SHOW US WHAT REALLY MAKES HARRIET TICK.

WHAT BULLSHIT! I THINK IT WOULD BE AN INTERESTING PLOT DEVELOPMENT IF ELLEN TURNED OUT TO BE A PRE-OP TRANSEXUAL!

HEY, I LIKE IT! IT'S TIMELY, HIP, PLENTY OF HUMAN INTEREST!

WOULD WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STRIP? YOU KNOW, TO 'DYKES AND TRANSGENDERAL PERSONS TO WATCH OUT FOR'?

COULD WE PLEASE STICK TO THE AGENDA? I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT NO NEW CHARACTERS BE INTRODUCED UNTIL I GET PROPERLY ESTABLISHED HERE!

I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GET TO BE A WHOLE, 2-DIMENSIONAL CHARACTER LIKE THE REST OF YOU! BUT NOOO. I JUST SHOW UP ON MY CRUTCHES EVERY TENTH EPISODE, LIKE A GODDAMN POSTER CHILD!

YOU THINK YOU HAVE IT BAD? TRY BEING A JEW IN THIS GOYISHER CARTOON! I GOT USED ONCE IN A PASSOVER STRIP 5 YEARS AGO, THEN BUBKES!

EXCUSE ME, BUT BEFORE WE GET INTO ALL THIS... WHAT ABOUT MY RENT CHECK?

HAVE THEY BITTEN OFF MORE THAN THEY CAN CHEW? STAY TUNED!

The Light LIVELY ARTS

FILM

Acting is Superb in Woody Allen's 'Husband and Wives' Masterpiece

By Woodrow Thalberg

Woody Allen's new film, **Husbands and Wives** is yet another masterpiece in the tradition of his last work. I had hoped to keep this review separate from the much publicized Woody and Mia Farrow break-up, but that's impossible since indeed it's the subject of the film.

Woody plays a novelist and professor married to Mia who works for a publisher. Their best friends, another upscale Manhattan couple, brilliantly played by Sydney Pollack and Judy Davis, announce they are getting a divorce.

Allen and Farrow are shocked and are forced to question their own commitment. Mia becomes attracted to an editor at work, Irish actor Liam Neeson, while Woody falls for one of his own students, Juliette Lewis, who writes a paper "Oral Sex in the Age of Deconstruction." To tell much more would ruin an elaborate and brilliantly constructed plot.

Brilliant Acting

The acting is superb. Sydney Pollack, probably best remembered as Dustin Hoffman's agent in **Tootsie**, and Australian actress Judy Davis both deserve Oscars.

Davis, who may well be the world's best cinematic actress, plays a beautiful, strong, intelligent, sophisticated woman with such vitality and sensitivity that she matches any of Katherine Hepburn's great performances.

Since this will almost certainly be Mia Farrow's last Woody film, I had hoped this would be her chance for a long-denied Oscar. Although she is excellent, she is overshadowed by Davis who has the more dynamic role.

A Doctoral Dissertation

There is so much going on in this film, it no doubt will be the subject of more than one doctoral dissertation. This picture is just as confessional as **Annie Hall**. At one point Mia says, "Your manuscript is so autobiographical." Woody replies, "What else am I going to write about?"

Woody's wider task is to examine the

state of long-term romantic partnership in contemporary society. Although his subjects are, as usual, white, middle-class, Manhattan heterosexuals, the issue covered are so universal almost anyone under 50 can enjoy this film.

Keep Your Expectations Low in the '90's

Woody comes to many conclusions about romantic partnership. He believes one should keep expectations low and remember that joining is based on companionship rather than physical attraction which will ultimately fade. Much more daringly, he proposes that masochism, emotional rather than physical, is a common element in relationships. Placed in context, that isn't necessarily fatal since, for many, a certain amount of abuse seems to be as genuine a need as a certain amount of love. The older half of the audience I saw the picture with was repelled by this notion.

A Pseudo-Documentary Style

The film is done in a pseudo-documentary style with hand held cameras, clumsy editing and character interviews. At first, this is somewhat annoying, but it suits Woody's purposes well. In the last scene, Woody looks into the camera and tries to explain how he could become involved with a college student and break up with Mia. He comes to the conclusion that he has a deeply rooted self-destruct impulse that will never allow him to be happy in any relationship and it prevails over any amount of therapy.

The dialogue is so funny and realistic in this picture one often wonders if Woody lifted lines directly from his own romantic involvements.

Even if after reading the tabloids, one thinks Woody is a monster — I for one do not believe some of the accusations — he is nonetheless one of the most important artists of our time. Like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton before him, the revelation that he is a troubled soul should come as no surprise.

Ann Reed's Knock-Out Voice Makes Audience Feel Right at Home

By Barb Coyle

[Milwaukee]—Vogel Hall was filled with folks relaxing in red velvet chairs Saturday night, September 26, entertained by Ann Reed. Reed was in Milwaukee for a concert produced by Hurricane Productions.

Opening for Ann was Barb Ryman, a new acoustic performer with a husky delivery similar to Tracy Chapman's. Barb has gone from being a speech therapist to performing her original music.

Barb's songs ran the gamut from being the over-therapized "Victim of Low Self-Esteem," to the political arena. There she sang of the dignity and courageous honesty of Anita Hill. Barb has an album due out in the near future produced by Ann Reed.

Reed is a polished singer who has been performing for over ten years. Her singing gave us that warm, comfortable feeling of being guests in her home. Her alto voice is a knock-out, played against a fine 12 string guitar. She is full of songs that paint pictures and tell stories that make you want to snuggle up with a warm cup of brew and a friend.

From folksy songs about menopausal elevators, she went to polka melodies with words composed by the public at the Minnesota State Fair. It was great! Maybe the next time she comes to Milwaukee, we can get her working on a City of Milwaukee ditty with a marching band kind of beat.

Ann has many albums out. Her latest

is expected in November. And by the way, she likes to get letters. Mail a note to: Ann Reed, P.O. Box 13251, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Maybe we can start sending her lyrics for that Milwaukee marching band ditty. Look for her performance on Garrison Kieller's American Radio Company of the Air on November 14. Don't say I didn't tell you.

Honey in the Rock To Perform Oct. 10 In Madison

[Madison]—After 17 years together, Sweet Honey in the Rock, a brilliant and unique female acappella vocal group, have developed their sound into an original choral style rooted in traditional African American congregational music, gospel, blues and jazz.

Sweet Honey in the Rock is coming to Madison, Saturday, October 10, 1992. They will be performing at the Madison Civic Center. The show begins at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Madison Civic Center box office and all Ticketmaster locations or charge-by-phone: (608) 266-9055. All seats are reserved and priced at \$18.75 and \$16.75. For more information, call Karen at (206) 464-0820.

Scott Stewart Is Chosen to Return As Cream City Chorus Director

[Milwaukee]—By an overwhelming vote, Scott Stephen Stewart was chosen as principal Musical Director of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. (CCC), on September 2, 1992. Stewart had resigned his position as Musical Director of the Chorus to pursue work with Milwaukee's Florentine Opera Company after five successful seasons with the group.

Stewart succeeds Chuck Ellingson, who has moved into the role of Associate Director, sharing that responsibility with Kim Hah.

"Chuck is to be commended for his hard work in the past nine months," commented Bill Schumacher, President of CCC. "He led the Chorus through a very difficult transition period, and took the Chorus to a successful Spring concert and a wonderful performance at the GALA IV Choral Festival in Denver last July."

Stewart, Happy to be Back

Says Stewart of his decision to return to the Chorus, "I missed my association with the Chorus in providing a community service to the Lesbian and Gay community. My schedule at the Florentine Opera opened up, allowing me to return to the Chorus at a time when they were struggling and in need of direction."

Stewart continued, "It was becoming apparent that the organization was suffering, both to myself and to members. I was also motivated by the election of Bill Schumacher as President, who I feel has the dedication and vision necessary to

take the Chorus on a forward course, and who approached me on behalf of the membership to return."

New Members Needed

The Chorus is currently looking for non-singing members to assist in a number of positions, including financial and public relations assistance.

"Our non-singing members are truly the unsung heroes of this organization," said Schumacher. "They grab the reins on many duties and tasks that the singing membership cannot due to time constraints. Whether it be running our fund raisers, making costumes and props, selling tickets, or just cheering on the singers, they are among our most important assets."

The Christmas Concert

The Cream City Chorus will present its Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6, 1992, in Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The Chorus is a member of the Tenant Development Program at the PAC, which entitles them to a number of "perks," including reduced costs for the hall rental.

"Our ticket prices will reflect the savings we enjoy as tenants, and make our concerts more affordable, especially during the holiday season," said Schumacher.

The Chorus is always ready to welcome new singers as well. For information on rehearsal time and place, or to obtain more information about the Chorus, call the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC.

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William Parker to Sing in 'AIDS Quilt Songbook' MASN Benefit

[Madison]- Noted American baritone William Parker will be featured in a benefit concert for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) on Thursday, October 22, at 8:00 p.m. in Mills Concert Hall. Presented in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music, the performance is a 90-minute songcycle for baritone voice composed to poetry by or about people with AIDS.

This past June in New York's Alice Tully Hall, the songcycle consists of eighteen songs written by some of America's most renowned composers and poets. Meet the Composer, a national composer service organization, assisted with the development of the cycle. The **AIDS Quilt Songbook** is dated "1992" so that in future years more musical settings to the poetry of people with HIV/AIDS will be composed until a day when this dreaded disease is arrested.

Parker: A Champion of Contemporary Music

William Parker has long been a champion of contemporary music for voice, and many of the composers who contributed works to the **Songbook** are those whose works have been premiered by Parker.

He began his operatic career at Volksoper, in Vienna, and has since appeared in major roles with the New York City Opera, and the opera companies of Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and Santa Fe. He has appeared as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Among his many international prizes and awards, he was the first vocalist to win the American International Music Competition. Parker's many recordings include *Melodies* — Francis Poulenc for EMI, *Songs of Brahms and Copland* for Centaur, and most recently, Handel's *Susanna* and *Messiah* for Harmonia Mundi.

Parker last appeared in Madison in July of 1981 for a recital at the UW-Madison School of Music.

Reserved tickets for the benefit concert are \$20 for the general public and \$10 for students. A \$50 patron ticket is available, with preferred seating and admission to an after-concert reception.

The after concert reception will be hosted by UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala at the University Club, 803 State

Williams' 'Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur' To Open

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble will return in October for its seventh season when it presents Tennessee Williams' comedy about women's friendships, *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur*.

The Ensemble will present the production, its first of the 1992-'93 season, Thursdays to Sundays, October 15 to November 8, at The Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. The Ensemble has scheduled a preview of the production for Wednesday, October 14. Tickets for Thursday and Sunday performances are \$9. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$10. All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. To reserve tickets, call (414) 672-6019.

Susan Fete, who has appeared in numerous productions for the Ensemble, will direct an all-female cast in the production.

The cast members are Raeleen McMillion, Trina Frazee, Nancy Brown and Elaine Thorton.

For more information on *Creve Coeur* or other Ensemble activities, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's General Director, at (414) 672-6019.

MAP Benefit

Beginning with *Creve Coeur*, and continuing throughout the season, the Ensemble will present one-hour benefits after selected Saturday performances. All money collected at the door will go to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

The Ensemble will present the first of these benefits, *The Women of Tennessee Williams*, October 17, October 24 and November 7 at 11:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.

The Women of Tennessee Williams has been adapted and edited by Joe Haseleu, who will also direct. The production includes scenes from Williams' plays featuring his famous female characters, as well as a brief biography of the playwright. The cast is to be announced.



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Tickets are available by calling MASN at (608) 238-6276 or by mail: 303 Lathrop St., Madison, WI 53705.

MASN is a non-profit community-based organizations dedicated to providing support services, public education and advocacy in response to the AIDS epidemic.

Mills Concert Hall is located in the Humanities Building, 455 N. Park Street (corner of Park Street and University Avenue), on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus.

Ujima Group Adds Book-of-the-Month Feature for African Americans

[Milwaukee]- Ujima, a support and social group dedicated to addressing the educational, social and political needs of African American Gay men and Lesbians, has begun a book-of-the-month club which features some of America's best known and unknown African American writers.

October's selection features James Baldwin and his controversial 1950's novel *Giovanni's Room*, one of the first books of its kind to openly address the topic of homosexuality during that era.

For further information about meeting times and places, please call Eric at (414) 277-7671.

'I Hate Hamlet' Given Midwest Premiere In Waukesha

[Waukesha, WI]- American Inside Theatre is staging the midwest premier of the 1991 Broadway smash comedy, *I Hate Hamlet*. The production which began on September 23 will run until October 11 at the Otteson Theatre in Waukesha.

I Hate Hamlet is an action-packed comedy about the clash between pop culture and fine art. It has been widely acclaimed by critics as a "must see."

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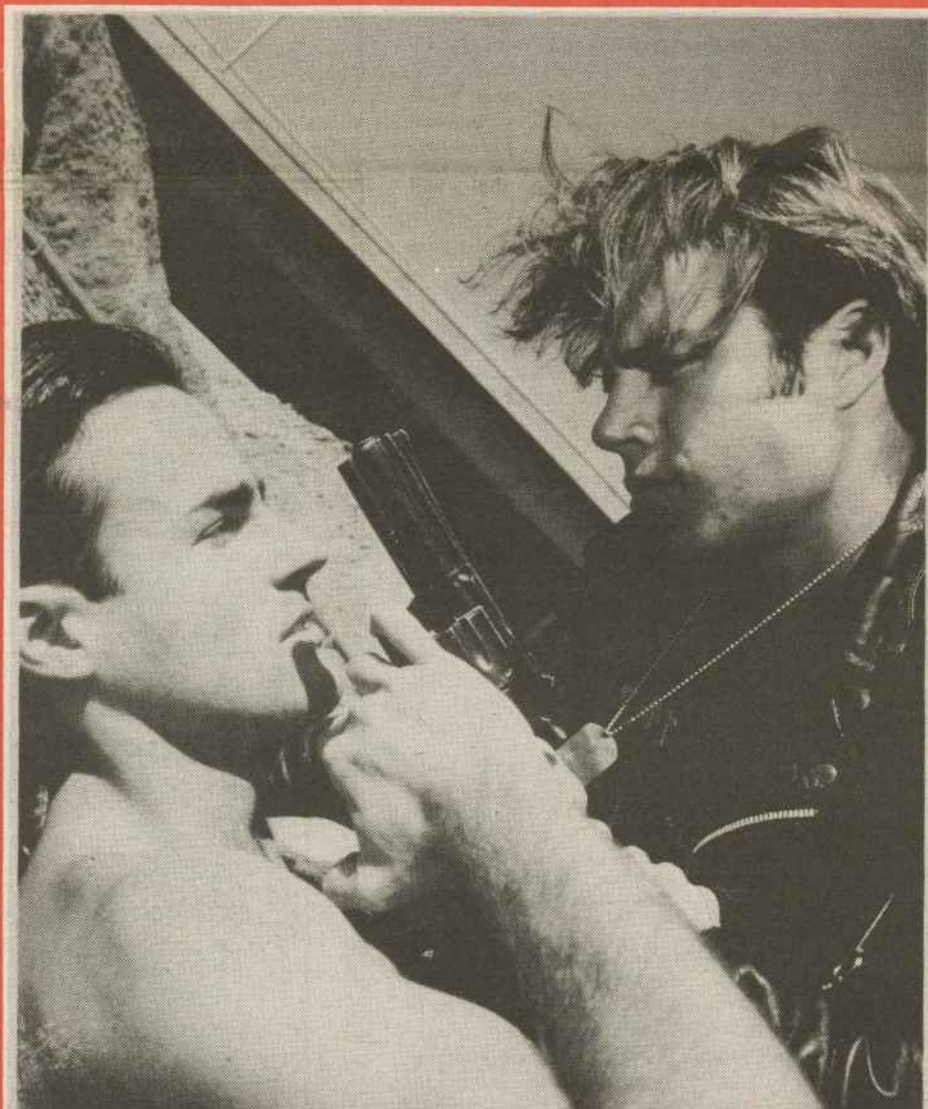
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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

It is of Paramount Importance That Each of Us Vote on Nov. 8

By Bill Menieur

In less than five weeks, this country will elect a President. It will happen. It will happen whether you choose to participate or not. The question is are YOU going to let other people decide your future for you.

YOUR future is on the line in more ways than you may realize. The Bush campaign has made this election into a referendum on Gays and Lesbians.

There are those in our community who say that they will not "vote with their penis," and will support Bush. They say that there are other more important issues.

These people have never fully accepted

Cow Girl's Plan Benefit Concert Oct. 23

[Madison]- On Friday, October 23, the Cowgirl Sweethearts will perform a benefit concert for the Lesbian Parents Network. The place is Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue, Madison with the doors opening at 7:00 p.m. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at Room of One's Own Bookstore and at the door for \$10.

The Lesbian Parents Network is an all-volunteer support and advocacy group serving over 300 women and children in southern Wisconsin. Unable to attend the benefit? Donations can be mailed to: LPN Network, P.O. Box 572, Madison, WI 53701-0572. For further information, please call JoAnn at (608) 251-3184.

DAMES to Hold First Play Party Nov. 7 in Chicago

[Milwaukee]- The Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression (DAMES), will hold its first play party of the Dungeons Arousing Mental Energy and Sex series. The party will take place in a large, fully equipped dungeon in Chicago on Saturday, November 7, 1992.

The primary purpose is to bring SM/Leather and differently pleased women together for safe, slutty sex. Other goals include educating players about safe dungeon play, courtesy and etiquette and advanced sex techniques.

Admission is by invitation only. If you (or someone you know) are interested in attending this or future dungeon parties, please write: DAMES, P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1272 for more information.

\$300 Raised for Best Clinic at 3B's, Wreckroom

[Milwaukee]- BestD Clinic was the recipient of over \$200 resulting from the proceeds of a benefit show at Three B's September 19. The Country Girls Drag show was well attended and a really fun time was had by all attendees. BestD Clinic wishes to thank Three B's and the show girls on behalf of the Clinic. BestD does free HIV testing by appointment on Monday and Wednesday nights and has a walk-in clinic for other sexually transmitted diseases on Tuesday nights between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

BestD Clinic also received \$90 from Tony Terry from the fund-raiser he held for the Clinic at the Wreck Room on June 12. Thanks much to all of you.

what and who they are. For them, voting against Bush would be a measure of acceptance of their homosexuality. Rather than vote against a President who has utterly rejected them, they will vote against themselves.

They want to believe that they are better than the rest of us. They smugly assure themselves that there are other issues more important than the Gay and Lesbian agenda.

We are Lesbians and Gays. No matter how much we may try to deny it, being Gay or Lesbian is deeply woven in the fabric of our being. Refusing to vote, or voting for our oppressors is more than an act of stupidity, it is an act of self-hatred.

Some say they won't vote because they don't trust Bill Clinton. That's like saying that if you were being bashed, you wouldn't ask a passer-by for help because they might hit you even harder.

Bush's record on Gay and Lesbian issues is clear. It is a sorry record. He has continued the policies of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military, publicly denounced Lesbian and Gay parents, openly admitted that he hasn't done enough in the fight against AIDS, and repeatedly stated his opposition to Gay and Lesbian rights legislation.

Worst of all are the Bush attempts to stir up hatred against us so that he can get re-elected. During the Republican convention, Pat Buchanan took the podium and told a national television audience that "there is no room in the Republican Party for Gays and Lesbians."

Don't operate under the illusion that Buchanan didn't speak for the Republicans. The GOP convention was so tightly controlled that even the home made signs carried into the hall had to be approved. Every word of every speech was gone over and okayed. When Buchanan called for a "war" against us, he spoke for George Bush.

It's time to give Mr. Bush his war. We've never had a better chance to make significant gains. We can't afford to blow it.

Would Clinton make a difference? Yes, he would. Clinton's election would mean things to many people. But undeniably it would mean that the days of building an election victory on a platform of homophobia are over. That alone would make a difference.

Furthermore Clinton has publicly promised an immediate end to discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military. He has publicly promised to implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on AIDS. He is on the record in favor of Gay and Lesbian rights legislation. At the Democratic convention Clinton became the first Presidential nominee of either major party to call for an end to discrimination against us.

Clinton's election won't eliminate homophobic attitudes, but it would help eliminate the institutionalized homophobia that make those attitudes seem acceptable.

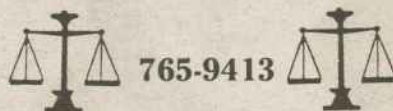
Contrast that with four years of excuses, inaction and outright hostility from the White House. We have endured four years of stonewalling on AIDS, four years of witch hunts in the military, four years of official policies that discriminate against us.

In three states, Colorado, Alabama and Oregon, the electorate will vote on referendums which would mandate discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Passage of the referendum in Alabama is a forgone conclusion. In Oregon the polls show those in favor and those opposed are in a dead heat.

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legislation which outlaws homophobic discrimination, its quite another to mandate that discrimination. If the far right lunatics succeed in this effort, we will see referendums in other states as well. And if a progressive state like Oregon is close to approving mandated discrimination, Wisconsin could too.

Just as in the 1960's the federal government stepped in to put an end to state laws which discriminated against blacks, it must step in and overrule state

laws that discriminate against us.

The choice before us is as stark as it could be. Stay home or vote for Bush and help our enemies continue to put us down, verbally bash us, imply and outright state that we are less than full citizens. Or walk into the voting booth and stand up for yourself. No matter how hard you try, you can not avoid making one choice or the other.

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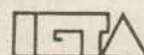
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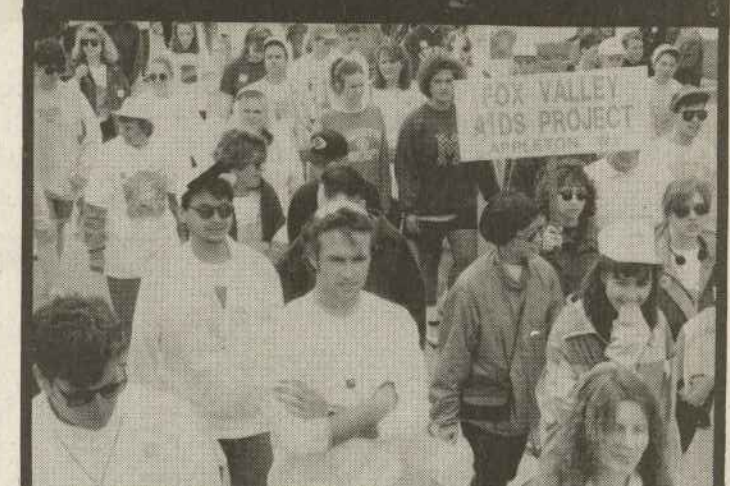
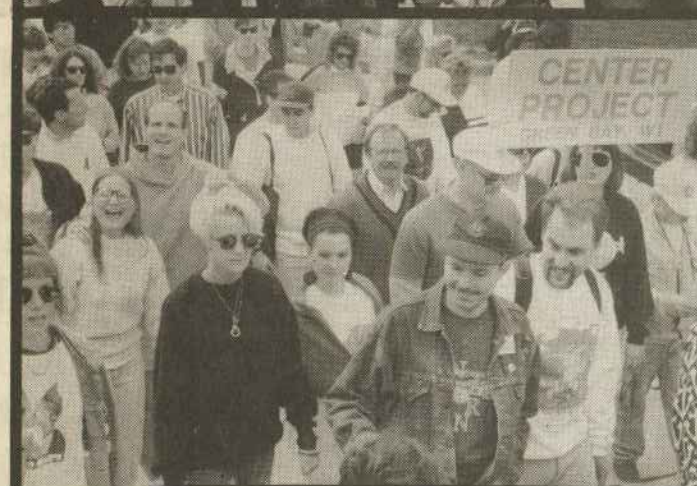
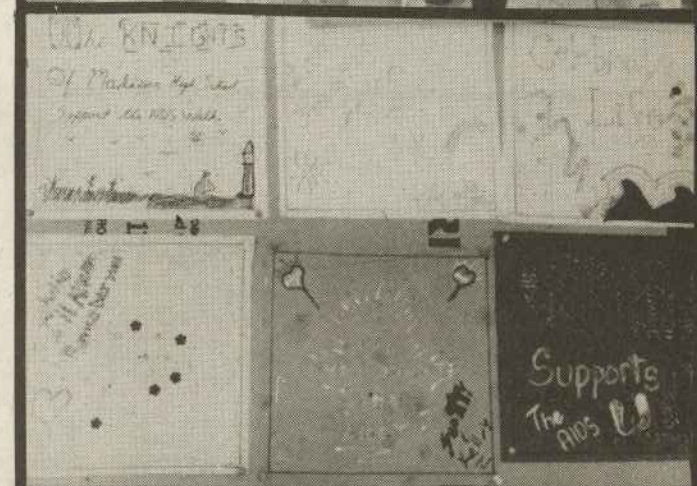
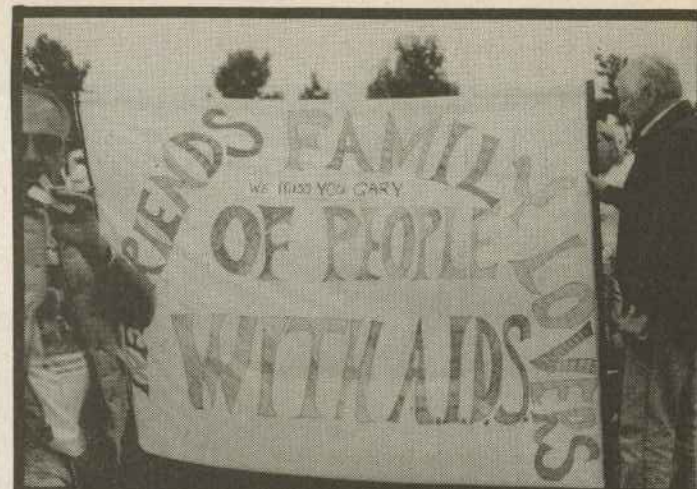
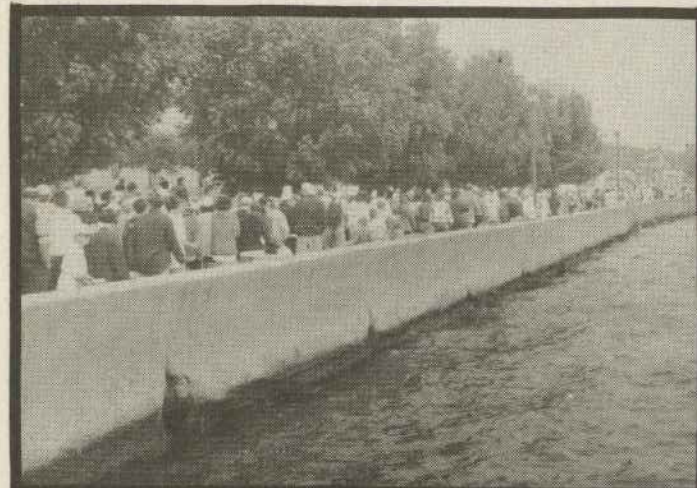
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Oberon's Raise Money for Children w/AIDS

[Milwaukee]- The Christmas Club for Children with AIDS beer bust, held on Saturday, September 12 and sponsored by the Oberons, raised \$158. The Oberons wish to thank Bill Kindt of the Wreck Room for donating the beer.

The next beer bust for the Christmas Club will be held at the Wreck Room, 266 E. Erie in Milwaukee on October 10, 1992. There will be a \$5 door charge for the kids with AIDS.

Lesbian Partners of Incest Survivors Peer Support Group Meets

[Madison]-Lesbian Partners of Incest (LPI) Survivors Peer Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. at the United, 310 E. Wilson Street in Madison. LPI is a group of Lesbians whose lover has a history of emotional or sexual incest or sexual abuse. This is not a 12 step group. The group is free. For further information and placement in the group, please call (608) 244-3903.

Washington Hotel Complex Begins \$750,000 Addition and Remodeling

[Madison]- Rod's Bar in Madison is undergoing an extensive remodeling and renovation project at a cost of approximately \$750,000.

On the inside, the space now occupied by the pool tables will revert back to Barber's Closet which once used the space. In turn, Rod's will be expanded into a portion of the new basement area.

A new, all-purpose room will be added which will have French-style glass doors that will look out onto the patio. The room will be available for public rentals and for special events.

Elevators are to be installed (there are none now). These will connect all areas of the complex including Rod's, the New

Bar, Cafe Palms, Barber's Closet and the rooms in the Hotel Washington.

The hotel rooms are to be renovated. Instead of rooms sharing common baths as is the case now, each room will have its own bathroom. There will be 22 hotel rooms when the job is done.

Outside, the old patio will be gone. In its place will be a smaller one, about one-third the former size. It will be three stories with a basement addition. Patio demolition began on September 17, 1992.

All work is expected to be completed by the end of this December.

Sixteen Step Recovery Group Being Formed in Madison

[Madison]- A 16 Step Group is now being formed based on Charlotte Kasl's book, *Many Roads, One Journey: Moving Beyond the 12 Steps*. This is an empowerment group with the goal of a new understanding of recovery based on feminist principals. For more information, please call, (608) 244-3903.

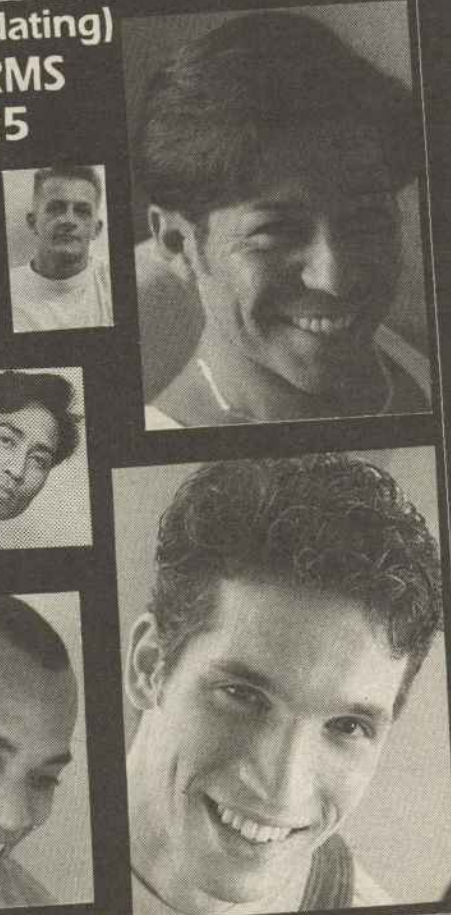
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Colorado Gays Continue Battle To Protect Their Basic Rights

By Sam Gallegos
Special To Wisconsin Light

[Denver, CO]—In an election year when words like "family" and "values" are losing their luster to words like "economy," the people of Colorado are having to consider whether or not they want to exclude people with differing sexual orientation from the list of persons in need of recognition as victims of discrimination.

Proponents of this effort, known as "Amendment #2," argue that Lesbians and Gays should not be allowed "special rights" because "they don't need it." They point to a host of questionable data on Gay wealth to make their point.

Amendment #2 will appear on the November ballot for a state-wide referendum.

The Stakes Are High

Should the amendment pass, Colorado will be the first state, pending the vote in Oregon, to have an amendment to its constitution that would, according to many legal scholars, plainly deny rights to people based on their sexual orientation.

Should the amendment fail, Colorado would be poised to enact a statewide effort to ensure that Lesbians and Gays are not discriminated against.

Colorado For Family Values and Wisconsin

Taking up the crusade for the amendment is Colorado For Family Values (CFV), whose members take their name directly from what the Republican Party hoped would be the winning theme of the 1992 election.

CFV is part of the Christian Coalition, a California-based, nation-wide, right wing Christian organization which is orchestrating campaigns against Gay and Lesbian rights in Oregon and Portland, Maine. If successful, sources in Portland, Oregon say, they intend to make a nation-wide effort, concentrating on 17 states. Wisconsin is among those targeted.

Will Perkins, one of CFV's leaders wrote in a letter to Colorado clergy that "half of all child molestations are committed by homosexuals." In the same letter intended as material for sermons, Perkins says that Lesbians and Gays are "sick, dangerous people who do not deserve equal rights." Perkins goes on to say that "a large percentage of male and female homosexuals use gerbils in sexual activity."

CFV: The Dark Side

Judy Harrington, a lead organizer for Equal Protection Of Colorado (EPOC) which is campaigning against #2, sees CFV as a money making venture for the Christian right wing.

"I think at the core of this (CFV)," Harrington said, "are shrewd right-wing businessmen in California figuring out a way to make a bunch of money for themselves. Verbal Gay-basing — working politically against Gays — is a perfect fund raiser for the right wing."

Harrington continued, "In the past, it

has been anti-abortion and anti-choice, and now in every national poll you see, the pro-choice attitude is the majority. The Right is losing ground — direct mail doesn't get them as much money — and it is very emotional and very appealing to raise money to stop the 'homosexuals.'"

EPOC has its strong supporters such as Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, Colorado Governor Roy Romer, tennis star Martina Navratilova along with Apple Computer and the Denver Housing Authority. Still, as of the end of September, polling results are unclear.

Amendment #2 will either lose by 18 percentage points or pass by two. The mixed results could be because voters throughout the state are less predictable than voters in Denver, who regularly vote favorably on issues that are Lesbian and Gay related, as evidenced by the probable re-election of U.S. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder for her 11th term.

A Scary Campaign

CFV boasts former U.S. Senator Bill Armstrong and University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney as honorary chairs of their campaign. Recently, Denver Bronco linebacker, Karl Mecklenberg, donated \$500 to the cause.

"It's very scary to be attacked like this," notes EPOC Assistant Campaign Manager Joseph Marchione. Marchione says he is "painfully" aware that the campaign faces pressure from both "people who would like to see Lesbians and Gays dead" and critics who are themselves Lesbian or Gay. Crucial to the success of the campaign, Marchione says, is to keep Lesbians and Gays both interested and involved.

Down To The Wire

To some, EPOC may be pushing the odds by hoping that the last ten days of the campaign will prove to be what makes or breaks them. But, already, a 30-second TV spot is running, showing a mother and father talking about family values and their Gay son.

EPOC's Bobbie McCallum admits the print and electronic media have not covered the issue well. "They (the media) seem to get it," she said, "but they have no sense of urgency." While acknowledging that the media is friendly and generally supportive, she gets the sense that they don't see how much of a threat amendment backers pose.

Adding to the disinterest, McCallum said, is the crowded November ballot. Colorado voters will face ballot measures on gambling, schools and other issues as well as the one on Gay/Lesbian rights.

Part of EPOC's strategy, McCallum said, "is to point out specific examples that illustrate CFV's extremism." She cites, CFV's Perkins' charge that if #2 is not passed, employers will have to hire homosexuals "regardless of their shortened life expectancy due to AIDS."

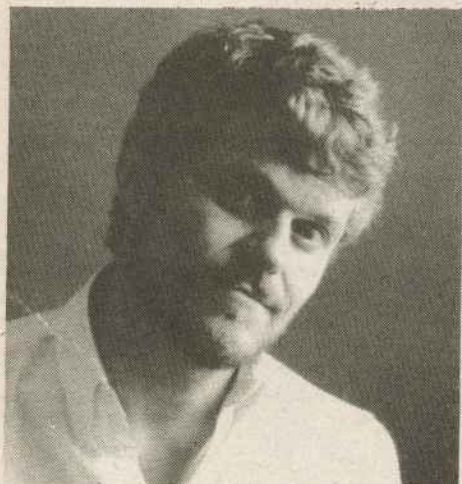
"A lot of politics is luck and timing," notes McCallum. No doubt, opponents of Amendment #2 hope the time for Lesbian/Gay rights is now.

music, playing guitar, dulcimer, sitar, and the Irish harp. His talents led him to perform at Renaissance festivals in Wisconsin, Illinois and Texas.

In addition to his music which was his first and abiding love, Jim was very interested in history, mythology, and all aspects of Celtic culture. He was also a painter, working in the '70's. He returned to a beautiful and original style during the last year of his life, producing several wonderful works for family and friends.

Jim is survived by his companion, Dan Evans of Washington, D.C., his mother, Mary Boulet of Milwaukee, and family and friends from Seattle, Houston, Milwaukee, Madison and D.C.

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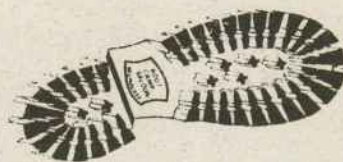


Jim Boulet

Many Milwaukee friends joined together for a memorial service on September 25 to remember the life of Jim "Bullet" Boulet. Jim, who was also known in Milwaukee as Matthew Peregrine, died in his home in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 1992 of complications due to AIDS.

Jim lived with his companion, Dan Evans, and had worked as a bartender in the D.C. area. He was 41.

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Line-Dancing Cowgirls Perform In Green Bay

[Green Bay, WI]—The country-western dance sensation that's sweeping the nation is coming to Northeastern Wisconsin Saturday, October 17.

Northern Womyn, Inc., is presenting Carolyn and Jaye, two cute line-dancing cowgirls from Minneapolis, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Green Bay YWCA, 230 S. Madison Street.

The duo will perform and teach country-western line dances throughout the evening, with plenty of opportunity for you to join them. You don't need a partner for the dancing; just come and join the fun.

Carolyn and Jaye are experienced members of the Townhouse Country Bar Cloggers, a Minneapolis dance group that performed this Summer at the Minneapolis Pride Fest, the Gay Rodeo Convention in Minneapolis as well as at the recent Equal Time Dance of the Decade in the Twin Cities area.

For those of you who'd rather dance to hip-hop, rock or soul, the October 17 event also will feature an area disc jockey spinning tunes between the line-dancing sessions. Prizes will be given away throughout the evening and refreshments will be available.

Donations will be requested on a sliding-scale basis at the door. Please bring soft-soled shoes to protect the Y's floor.

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