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# The Wisconsin Light

## Ada Deer Would Push for Freedom, Justice, Equality in Congress

[Madison]- Editor's Note: Ada Deer is running for Congress in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. **Light** conducted a tape interview with her in her office. It was a metallic Autumn day, full of color and sunshine. Busy as she was, she gave the impression of having all the time in the world.

**Wisconsin Light** All things being equal, would you hire someone for your staff who was an open Lesbian or Gay man?

**Ada Deer** Of course. I'm a social worker. My profession is working for social justice. I want a world free of discrimination and prejudice. One has to have a vision and that's my vision. Freedom, justice, equality for everybody. I am an activist, active in working on the problems of racism, poverty and people of color issues.

I certainly want to have a representative staff by gender, race. I certainly would make no distinction in terms of sexual orientation.

**WL** If elected, would you consider co-sponsoring the federal Gay Rights bill?

**A.D.** Yes.



ADA DEER

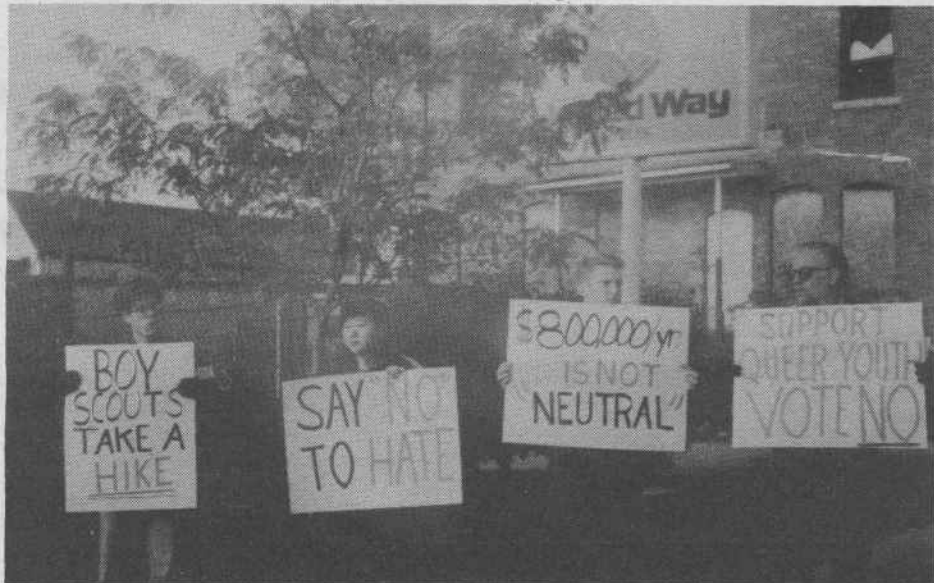
**WL** What would be your stand on the military ban against Lesbians and Gays serving in the armed forces?

**A.D.** There are many Gays, Lesbians and Bisexual military personnel. They're forced to hide their sexual orientation or be discharged from duty. People in the military should be there according to their talent, according to their ability, and I want (that ban) rescinded.

**WL** Would you support increased funding for AIDS research and prevention?

**A.D.** Of course. I will work for a single national health care program that will

## United Way Board Rejects Neutral Stance on Boy Scout Funding



Jerry Johnson

**FUNDING OBJECTIONS**—Several protesters demonstrated outside the Milwaukee United Way offices on Oct. 13 prior to a board meeting to discuss Boy Scout funding. (See lead story on this page.)

cover everyone and reduces costs. I will push for increased federal involvement in the war against AIDS.

**WL** What do you see as your top priority as a member of Congress?

**A.D.** Jobs, health care, the economy and the environment. Then, of course, the whole area of women. We need the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment). Without the ERA, millions of women are subjected to legal and economic discrimination and inequality.

**What is your stand on universal health care?**

**A.D.** I want a universal health care system. That's what we need. It'll be hard because we have millions of dollars from the health care PACs that want to maintain the status quo. That's one of the reasons we don't have health care for everyone. You've got the insurance PACs, the hospital PACs, all in there preserving their share of profit pie. Health care is a right, not a privilege.

**WL** What do you see as the main difference between yourself and Rep. Klug?

**A.D.** Oh! (laughter) I'm a Democrat, he's a Republican, right? And it goes from there. He has voted with Bush 68% of the time. My philosophy is one of inclusion and empowerment and promotion of respect and understanding among all people.

I would point out that he was a featured speaker at the Republican National Convention where there was a real religious war declared by Pat Buchanan, Pat Robertson and other people from the religious right.

I would be a strong protector of the environment. I will be a strong sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act. He says he's for freedom of choice, but he's not a

sponsor of the act.

He waffles on all kinds of issues. People in this district really need to understand that.

Many people say, "Oh, he's such a nice guy." Well, he may be a nice guy personally, but his policies do not bring about healing and hope. They continue the policies of the Republicans which are basically alienation and short-term profits at the expense of the environment.

We cannot ignore the needs of the people. We have 10 million who are unemployed. We have 35 million without health care. We have 31 million who are working poor, 36 million who are officially poor. It's unconscionable to have so many millions of people hurting among us. All

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## Runyon Resigns from Whitewater AIDS Task Force

[Madison]- In a sharply worded letter, David Runyon resigned his position as a representative to the Chancellor's Task Force on AIDS from the Center of the Arts at UW-Whitewater.

"AIDS has been with us for a decade," Runyon wrote, "and what have we done on this campus?"

The letter, dated September 25, was sent to Gordon Hedahl, Acting Dean of the College of Arts. Runyon is a teacher at UW-Whitewater and producer of "Nothing To Hide," a cable TV program originating in Madison.

Among his reasons for resignation, Runyon noted that the Task Force, as of October 2, would not have met for six months. "I was under the impression," Runyon wrote, "that its concerns were both timely and serious."

Runyon noted that in the notification for the next Task Force meeting "the most endangered communities within our population" were not invited to attend. The motion to invite them had been passed six months ago, he said.

Among those communities Runyon listed were Gays, Lesbians, African Americans, Women and the Hispanic communities.

Runyon faulted the Task Force for not including among its members people who have had first hand experience with people who have AIDS. This too had been passed earlier.

"It seems reasonable that a committee composed of University people would want to be informed by first-hand information," he wrote. He pointed out that "This is not an unreasonable goal."

Runyon urged Hedahl to make the Task Force a "credible instrument in our common fight against AIDS." He suggested that to partly accomplish this, a Chair might be appointed who is in the medical profession.

[Milwaukee]- The full Board of United Way of Greater Milwaukee decided on October 13 to reject the neutral stance proposed by the Board's Executive Committee on funding for the Boy Scouts.

While United Way will continue to provide a total of \$800,000 to Milwaukee area Boy Scout councils, it will also investigate restrictions against Gays and has laid the groundwork for potentially withdrawing funds from the Scouts if the Scouts do not meet United Way's non-discrimination policy.

Dan Fons, a member of Queer Scouts, the group formed to protest the Boy Scout discriminatory policy against Gays, said, "While we acknowledge that the Board's rejection of a proposed neutral stance on this issue is a positive step, we have every intention of continuing and expanding our boycott of United Way until the charity agrees to de-fund the Scouts. United Way's continued funding of the Boy Scouts is still a full endorsement of their queer-bashing policies."

### Demonstration

On Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m., Queer Scout members gathered at United Way headquarters on Vine Street in the Brewers' Hill section of Milwaukee. They were there to encourage a "No" vote on the position statement which had been issued and recommended by the Executive Committee of the United Way at its September 9th meeting.

That proposal stated that United Way had no role in resolving the conflict between Gays and the Scouts. It attempted to give all responsibility in this matter to the courts to decide.

Such was the disagreement on the full Board over the position statement that at Tuesday's meeting the statement was set aside. No vote was taken.

Instead, the Board decided that it will conduct an investigation into the Boy Scouts' restrictions against Gays. A meeting will be held in November between United Way and representatives of the three Boy Scout councils that receive money from United Way of Greater Milwaukee.

At that time, a determination will be made as to whether the Boy Scouts policy against Gays violates United Way's non-discrimination policy.

It was decided at the Board meeting that funds would be withdrawn if the Boy Scouts are found to be in violation of that policy.

Fons said that although Queer Scouts saw no reason for an investigation, "We hope that openly Lesbians and/or Gays are included in every step of that process."

Fons continued, "To do otherwise would be like asking an all-white jury to render a verdict in the case of the lynching of an African American."

Martin Stein, a Board member, was quoted in the **Milwaukee Journal** as saying "I don't understand the statement (of the Executive Committee) and discrimination bothers me generally."

Stein went on to urge the Board to examine their anti-discrimination policy so that a similar situation can be avoided in the future. The Board agreed to do this.

One Board member, an Executive Committee member who cannot be named, said that while he had voted for the neutral stance approach in September, he would not be able to do so again.

Queer Scouts lobbied every Board member during the two weeks prior to the October meeting. Each member received an informational packet which was followed up by a phone call.

"We really stressed the alarming rate of Gay teen suicide in this country," Fons said. "Government figures indicate that suicide is the leading cause of death among Lesbian and Gay youth." Fons called this "an alarming statistic" and one that "United Way obviously needs to be addressing."



**TIED IN A RED RIBBON**—Over 5,000 people participated in "Hands Around the White House" in Washington, D.C. over the weekend to memorialize those who have died of AIDS. Holding a red ribbon that encircles the White House, the group which was often two deep filled the air with such chants as "Shame, Shame, Shame — Four More Weeks, Four More Weeks." and "We're Here, We're Queer and we Can Spell Potato." President Bush was shown being led by chains in this photo.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Lawsuit Against Eliason On-Going

[Washington, D.C.]— Though the Judge has recused himself due to "acrimony" between the parties, discovery is proceeding in full force in the \$12 million lawsuit filed by Julie Brienza, a former Supreme Court reporter for United Press International (UPI), against UPI and Milwaukee-based religious broadcaster Vic Eliason for unlawful job termination based on her sexual orientation. A new judge has been appointed according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Discovery has revealed that after Eliason, a right-wing homophobe, learned that Brienza is a Lesbian who was writing a freelance article for the *Washington Blade*, a Gay newspaper, he contacted other anti-Gay notables and enlisted their help and that of his radio listeners in organizing a campaign to have Brienza terminated. UPI fired Brienza, supposedly for minor professional infractions.

### 'No Gay Marines' Since When?

[San Francisco]— The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has announced new placements of an ad which is raising the ire of the Marine Corps. The ad, entitled "Sex Is Good," is being used to kick-off October's AIDS Awareness Month.

The ad encourages responsible behavior of sexually active persons. The Marines are up in arms because one of the male models has a tattoo of the Marine Corps emblem clearly visible on his superbly muscled arm.

In a strongly worded letter to the Foundation that the ad be stopped because it "could be viewed as tacit approval of homosexuality by the Marine Corps." There are no Gays in the Marine Corps, the letter said.

Pat Christen, the Foundation's Director, called the Marine's claim "pathetic and silly." There is no intention to stop running the ad, he said.

### Media Increases Gay News Coverage

[New York, NY]— The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that ABC-TV's "World News Tonight" (WNT), *USA Today* and *Time* magazine have all increased their coverage and fair reporting of Lesbian/Gay issues.

WNT, says GLAAD, has the best TV reporting on Gay issues in the presidential campaign (including a Gay response to Pat Buchanan's convention speech).

*Time* has reported extensively on Lesbian/Gay issues and looked at the homophobia in the "family values" rhetoric.

*USA Today* has been running openly Lesbian columnist Deb Price, including her August 4th piece "Coming Out at the High School Reunion."

### 92.2% of Gays Support Clinton

[Chicago]— Overlooked Opinions, an independent research group, says that their nation-wide surveys indicate that Bill Clinton is the "overwhelming" favorite of Lesbian and Gay voters. Clinton is preferred by 92.2% of those registered and intending to vote in November, compared to 3.2% for George Bush, 1.1% for Ross Perot, 2.5% for other candidates, and 1.0% undecided.

A large turnout of Lesbian and Gay voters is expected in November: the poll shows that 95.3% of Gay and Lesbian citizens 18 and above are registered and intend to vote, representing approximately 17 million votes.

The poll results are based on a national sample of 3,000 Lesbian and Gay persons.

### Quayle Denies Discrimination

[Washington, D.C.]— In the October 8 taping of the "Faith Daniels Show," an NBC weekly talk show, Marilyn Quayle was asked "Do you have any openly Gay or Lesbian friends and if so, how do you feel that they can be discriminated against... because of their orientation?"

Quayle responded that "yes," she did have Gay friends. She then went on to say that she saw no need for a federal Gay rights bill because "discrimination based on sexual orientation is already banned."

### Bush AIDS Record 'Legacy of Lies'

[Washington, D.C.]— Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) charged that the Bush Administration's response to AIDS has been "a legacy of lies."

"Many members of Congress, along with the American people believe George Bush when he claims that the government is spending \$4.3 billion on research and prevention," McFeeley said. "In fact, only \$841 million is budgeted for AIDS research this year, less than half that spent on cancer research. Only \$480 million is spent on AIDS prevention."

McFeeley explained that the Bush Administration's claim of billions of dollars in AIDS expenditures is created by "including the funding levels for entitlement spending on AIDS care, spending for programs such as Veteran's benefits, Medicare and Medicaid. This funding is not included in the totals for any other disease."

### NGLTF 1993 Budget Up 29%

[Washington, D.C.]— The Boards of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the NGLTF Policy Institute have approved a combined budget of \$1.67 million for 1993, representing a projected 29% growth over the 1992 budget.

Under the 1993 budget, NGLTF will have a paid staff of 15, a volunteer staff of two professionals, and a volunteer pool of more than one hundred.

In addition, NGLTF has budgeted resources and staff time to organizing against and defeating anti-Gay initiatives, including a "Fight the Right" campaign next Summer.

This year, NGLTF committed considerable staff time and resources to fighting homophobic measures in Oregon and Colorado.

### Julia Child Institute Suit Settled

[San Francisco, CA]— A settlement has been reached in a suit brought by a Gay man, who charged Julia Child's American Institute for Wine and Food with discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the Institute settled with Daniel Coulter for an undisclosed sum. Coulter, who had brought suit for \$3 million was described by his lawyer as being "very satisfied" by the settlement. Attorney Ray Wheeler told the *Chronicle* that the Institute acknowledged no guilt in the settlement. "It was a settlement that from the Institute's standpoint was more attractive than litigation," Wheeler said.

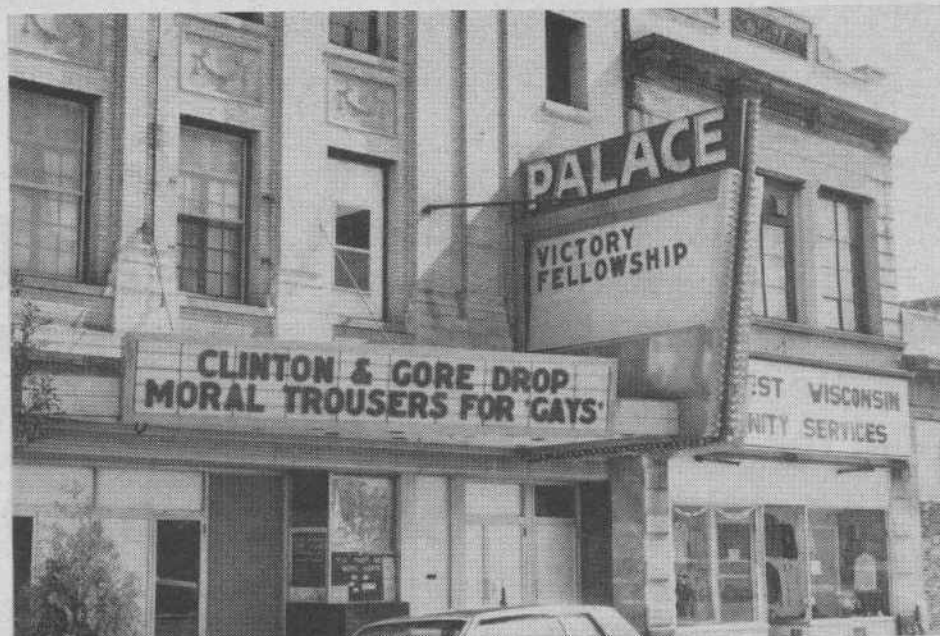
### Gay Wedding Announcements Start

[Austin, TX]— The *Austin American-Statesman* has received both praise and criticism for its decision to publish a wedding announcement for a Lesbian couple in its July 12 issue.

According to Houston's *The New Voice*, the *Statesman's* executives run wedding announcements as paid advertisements, and therefore leave it up to the advertiser as to what will run. Last year the executives decided not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the ads after Gays began to request such ads.

"By and large, there was more support than there was opposition," said Roger Kintzel, Publisher of the *Statesman*. He said that six of every 10 calls, and more than 7 of every 10 letters, has been in favor of same-sex ads. Kintzel said that the Gay marriage ads will continue.

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.



UNBECFITTING A PALACE— In Superior, WI the historic Palace Theatre buildings marquee shows how low some Americans will stop — perhaps to pick up their own pants? We can only wonder how much "fellowship" takes place these days in this once grand movie palace.

### Hallowe'en Fundraiser Set for Tammy Baldwin at Cafe Europa


[Madison]— A Hallowe'en fundraiser for Tammy Baldwin, Democratic candidate for the State Assembly in the 78th District (central Madison) will be held Thursday, October 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cafe Europa on the Capitol Square.

The event is sponsored by Hannah Rosenthal, co-chair of the Madison Clinton-Gore campaign.

Baldwin, a Dane County Board

Supervisor, long respected for her courageous support of people and causes not usually represented in government, will make history if elected November 3 as Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian or Gay legislator.

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## 'Forward in Pride' Festival Logo Designs Sought in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is proud to announce the 1993 logo competition. Anyone who is interested may submit artwork for consideration.

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The deadline for consideration is Thursday, December 3, 1992. All entries must be received by MLGPC by that date. Artwork should be of reasonable size and can be mailed to: Forward In Pride Logo Contest, MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

All entries received become the property of the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee. The winning entry will

be copyrighted property of MLGPC.

For more information, write to the above address or call Tim Grair at (414) 384-3911.

### Pride Date Set

At their last regular meeting, MLGPC set the weekend of June 12-13, 1993 as the date for the next Lesbian Gay Pride Celebration.

In other business, MLGPC restructured their committee chair positions as follows:

Festival Committee — Roberta Niggemeier, Bill Meunier; Parade Committee — Peter Thomas; Volunteer Committee — Miriam Ben-Shalom; Fundraising Committee — Tony Terry; Community Relations Committee — Chris Lubus; Public Relations Committee — Tim Grair

## Gays Have A Place in Political Parties and Should Get Involved

[Milwaukee]- "I know there are Democrats, both volunteers and professionals, who disperse homosexuality, but I am proud of the platform and the legislation proposed by the Democratic Party that includes Gay men and Lesbians in the full enjoyment of American life," said Judy Selle, home secretary for Congressman Jim Moody (D-Mil).

Selle was speaking at the Speak Out Forum sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) held October 8, 1992 in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Wisconsin. The subject was "Lesbians and Gays in the Political Process: Is There a Home for Us in the Mainstream?"

Selle was one of two Democrats on the panel. The other was Gail Davy,

Democratic activist and campaign strategist.

The two Republicans were Scott Evertz and Jim McFarland. The panel was moderated by Dr. Gary Hollander.

Evertz noted his fear that Gays and Lesbians were becoming "monolithic" in their allegiance to the Democrats. He looked forward to the day, he said, when both parties could field candidates who "would be respectful of our civil rights."

McFarland pointed out that both parties were diverse. It was this diversity, he said, which provided a place for Gays and Lesbians in both parties.

In the end, the panelists agreed that not only was there a place in the parties for Lesbians and Gays, it was imperative that Gays and Lesbians get involved in the political process.

## April 25, 1993 March on Washington Planning Continues

[New Brighton, MN]- The most recent meeting of the National Steering Committee (NSC) for the 1993 March on Washington (MOW) was held the weekend of October 3-4, 1992, in Denver, Colorado. Between 175-200 representatives from across the U.S. were in attendance. A fundraiser/dance was held Friday night, October 2, at the Executive Tower Inn (where the NSC meeting was held) at which Wellington Web, Denver's mayor, addressed the group.

Saturday morning's session began with introductions and a roll call of regional representatives. Of the 17 regions, only Region 5 (which includes Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada) was without representation.

Wisconsin is included in Region 12 along with North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

One highlight of the morning came when Mike Primrose, from Sydney, Australia, announced that in support of the 1993 MOW, Gay activist groups would organize a demonstration at the American consulate in Sydney demanding equal rights for America's sexual minorities.

Several delegates gave impassioned speeches addressing their concern and disappointment that the word "transgender" had been omitted from MOW's title and demands.

Billy Hileman, one of the EC's four co-chairs presented the MOW's financial

report.

Only four regions have met the requested financial contribution. The EC had asked that each region submit \$1,000 by the Denver meeting.

Hileman commented that the Human Rights Campaign Fund had already been "extremely generous — both in its cash donations and in its willingness to let the MOW staff use office equipment and supplies."

Thus far, the MOW balance sheet shows \$22,672.80 in total income/loans and \$24,703.57 in total expenses/accounts payable.

Hileman estimated that costs for construction of the stage in Washington would be between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Just to place enough porta-potties on the Mall will cost approximately \$60,000-\$80,000.

On Sunday, the group selected February 6-7, 1993 as the next and final NSC meeting date. The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C.

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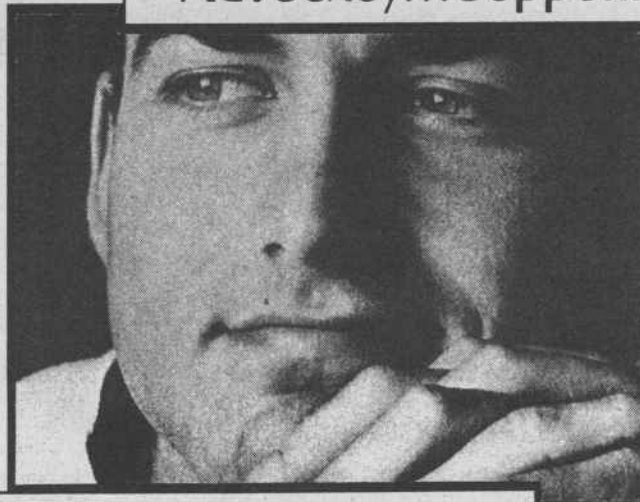
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## EDITORIAL

# Clinton, Feingold, Deer, Baldwin Deserve Our Votes November 3

While we have one more issue coming out before election day, November 3, it will be on October 29, only four days before. Hence, we list the candidates now who we believe deserve your support.

## Bill Clinton

At the Lambda Rights Network's recent Speak Out Forum, LAMM's Gail Davy made the point that there was no perfect candidate. Her point's well taken. If we had our "best of all possible worlds," we would want the foreign policy expertise of George Bush, the feisty, can-do spirit of Ross Perot and the compassion and ability of Bill Clinton.

This is not the best of all possible worlds, not even close to it. When it comes to Lesbian/Gay issues, AIDS issues, environmental issues, the economy, and just about everything else in this country you can think of, we think George Bush has been sadly lacking. We do not trust his give-me-four-more-years-and-I'll-do-better plea.

And, though Bush himself may be a decent man, we are scared silly of the people around him.

For his part, Ross Perot has an authoritarian streak which frightens us. Neither is he a politician. Though "politician" is a dirty word these days, the presidency is a political office. History shows that only those skilled in politics (i.e. politicians) have made the office work.

As was pointed out at the Speak Out Forum, Bill Clinton is the only candidate who has promised support for Gay/Lesbian issues.

Bill Clinton is the only presidential candidate who has actively sought Lesbian/Gay support.

Bill Clinton is the only presidential candidate who offers this country a change from the mean-spirited Reagan-Bush years.

A Clinton presidency will preserve a woman's choice and prevent the Supreme Court from falling even further to the right.

Finally, a Clinton presidency would not shackle us with the horror of contemplating the possibility of Dan Quayle in the White House.

## Russ Feingold

Wisconsin voters will have the opportunity on November 3 to vote for someone we believe is one of the finest candidates for the U.S. Senate to come along in awhile. Russ Feingold, as we believe our interview (last issue) shows, would fight for Lesbian/Gay and minority rights continuing a tradition he established as a State Senator. He has and, we believe, will continue to support increased funding for AIDS research and prevention.

Russ Feingold is a strong advocate for Universal Health Care.

He is the only senatorial candidate with a plan for solving the federal deficit and he is the only senatorial candidate with a Women's Advisory Council. It is chaired by Linda Balisle.

In nearly 12 years in office, and now during the campaign, Feingold's opponent has shown no interest or concern for any of these issues.

In almost 12 years in office, Sen. Kasten has spent a total number of days equaling only two years in Wisconsin (according to the *Milwaukee Journal*), one "year" each term.

Sen. Kasten has voted consistently with Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) on bills that concern our community.

Sen. Kasten has given ample evidence of being of the old Reagan-Bush school of things. The time, we think has come for a change. We heartily and strongly recommend Russ Feingold for the U.S. Senate.

## Ada Deer

Voters in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District will have an opportunity to elect one of the finest and strongest people it has been our good fortune to meet.

As our interview with her (this issue) shows, Ada Deer would co-sponsor the federal Gay Rights Bill. She would support increased funding for AIDS research and prevention. She would fight for the environment and for minority rights. Her opponent has done none of these things. He has most consistently voted with GOP conservatives and has given no indication that he plans to change. His speech at the Republican National Convention is proof of that.

But there is more to Ada Deer than just her stand on the issues. Meeting with her, talking to her, you get the unmistakable impression of a person of great compassion. She is a person who seems to genuinely care about people, care about us individually, not just en masse.

We believe that Ada Deer is the candidate who will bring badly needed change. We enthusiastically endorse her candidacy for Congress.

## Tammy Baldwin

Madison voters will have an opportunity to make history on November 3 by electing Tammy Baldwin to the State Assembly. If elected, Baldwin will become the first openly Gay or Lesbian member of the Wisconsin legislature.

Throughout her career, Baldwin has shown extraordinary courage, not only as an open Lesbian, but as a dedicated and effective leader and representative of those who often don't have a voice in government policy.

We have followed her career since her first election to the Dane County Board in 1986. From the start, Baldwin made a difference. In her first term on the Board, she created the Dane County Task Force on AIDS. She secured funding for in-home support to PWAs, revised policies to bar discrimination and initiated AIDS education for public employees.

Baldwin demonstrated this courage and dedication again in the Democratic primary election. An underdog in the hard-fought race, she won, in part, because of her outspoken stand against a costly and environmentally risky convention center on Lake Monona.

Wisconsin Light heartily endorses Tammy Baldwin for election to the State Assembly.

### At The Crossroads

We believe strongly that this election finds America at a crossroads. Will we opt for change and movement forward? Will we again be concerned with human rights issues and economic recovery, or will we go lock-step even further to the right?

The choice is up to us and it is crucial that we vote. We, at *Light*, believe that the strongest and best candidates for forward looking change are **Tammy Baldwin, Ada Deer, Russ Feingold and Bill Clinton.**

We also believe and urge strongly that you **VOTE!!** This year, more than ever, it's the right thing to do.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Terry Boughner

In the most recent example of Gay-bashing, Peter Grace showed up here in Milwaukee, at Ambrosia Chocolate (one of the companies he owns) to dedicate the new plant. Apropos of nothing, he made the following "humorous" remarks on October 6.

The New York millionaire referred to Governor Mario Cuomo as "Cuomo the homo" (Grace was praising Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson at the time) and New York City Mayor David Dinkins as "Dinkins the pinkins."

Grace later issued an apology to Governor Cuomo, Mayor Dinkins and added "I formally apologize to the Lesbian and Gay community."

Meanwhile, I learned from a reliable source that top management at Ambrosia Chocolate had huddled together so that ACT UP wouldn't picket them.

The thing is, Grace aside, there was on the platform with him two of the top government officials in our state: Governor Thompson and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist.

As soon as Grace made his remarks,

Norquist turned to some one and said "with disgust" that what Grace had said was "entirely uncalled for and inappropriate." The Mayor later issued a formal statement to that effect. I applaud that.

Thompson, however, is another matter. The TV cameras clearly showed him smiling as Grace made his slurs. Later, the Governor said Grace's apology was "correct."

Sorry, Mr. Governor, but I don't think that's enough. What Thompson should have done was, like the Mayor, issued a statement condemning Grace's remarks. He didn't do that.

Incidentally, I think everyone there should have gotten up and left. But that's the ideal world where there would be no "jokes" at others' expense; a world where everyone would be sensitive to moral outrages and react accordingly.

It was said too that the audience "hooted and laughed." Some of them did, but not all. One observer said that about two-thirds of the audience sat in silence.

The whole affair was a sorry mess, best over, but not forgotten. It is only an example of the long fight we still have ahead of us.

## LETTERS

## Read in China

### TO THE EDITOR:

You may be surprised why I have your newspaper's address. Well, a friend of mine picked *Wisconsin Light* up in Washington and brought it here to me. After I read it, I thought of having my name put in it so that I may have some friends from your part of the world.

My name is Junmar Morales. I am 21 years-old, a student and good looking. My height is 5'6" tall, brown complexion. I am looking for a friend (any age) who is good, honest, loving and sincere. My hobbies include swimming, reading and some sports.

My address is Blk-5, Paglaum Village, Bacolod City 6100, Philippines.

Perhaps you would like to know that when I finished reading your paper, I sent it to someone I know who lives in China. He wrote back and said he has used it to help him learn English. So you see, Wisconsin gets around.

— Junmar Morales  
Philippines

## It's a Dirty Job...

### TO THE EDITOR:

It's a dirty job, but I suspect someone needs to answer the diatribe, "Politically Speaking" by Bill Meunier in your last issue. In the first place, although I have long been an "out" Gay man, I certainly don't think that "being Gay" is the most important part of my persona. To me as an American, the economic health of the country and its standing in world affairs, is far more important than "voting with my penis" as Mr. Meunier so inarticulately puts it.

Meunier calls George Bush "a president who has utterly rejected" us. What a distorted memory Meunier has! For instance, does "utterly reject" include inviting Gay and Lesbian leadership to the White House for the signing of the "Hate Crimes Bill?" What a distorted memory! Doesn't Mr. Meunier remember who started the deregulation of the Food and Drug Administration that has helped provide aid to AIDS patients?

There is no question that the rhetoric on Gay issues from Pat Buchanan and others at the Republican Convention should make every Gay and Lesbian do some serious thinking before voting for Bush; however, I ask them, "after losing thirty-one primaries, do you really think Buchanan represents the mainstream of the Republican Party?" Painting "Bush" with a brush named "Buchanan" is quite similar to the scare tactics associated with a late Wisconsin Senator.

On the other hand, Bill Clinton's promises sound wonderful to Mr. Meunier and his "politically correct" allies. Can Mr. Meunier explain why the Arkansas state police still arrest "sodomites?" I certainly don't blame Clinton for the inaction of the Arkansas legislature to de-criminalize homosexual behavior; but, my friends, Clinton hasn't even introduced consenting adult legislation in a state in which he has considerable clout.

Is Clinton truly on "our side" — or has he already written off the "Southern Baptist" vote and decided that "inclusive" rhetoric is necessary for his quest of the White House? Some indication of where Clinton really stands recently became obvious with his promise of a "Breeder Bonus!" Yes, he has promised a middle-income tax cut to those (heterosexual) couples with children. That's a wonderful "pro-Gay" proposal, isn't it Mr. Meunier? Lesbians (and others interested in the political "Year of the Woman") should really be excited with Bill Clinton's behavior. He has changed Hillary from an independent, forceful professional with her own agenda — to a submissive "baker of cookies." Is that what you want in the White House?

It seems to me that those Gays and Lesbians in the military, those who identify themselves primarily by their sexual orientation, and those who believe political promises, probably have a good point in voting for Clinton. Those of us who have served in the military, those of us who can look at the whole range of issues facing our country, those of us past the naivete of believing promises and into believing performance — can and should vote for George Bush.

— Bob Moore  
Milwaukee

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## More Quotes Of a Very Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

Election time queer quotes!

Bill Clinton, responding to Republican attacks on Hillary, said of George Bush: "You'd think he was running for First Lady."

More gender confusion from Ross Perot, commenting on aggressive women reporters: "They're trying to prove their manhood."

Tipper Gore on the GOP's family values rhetoric: "It sounds like their idea of family values is bashing everyone else's families."

Lesbian Dee Mossbacher, whose father is Bush's chief fundraiser and whose brother runs the Bush campaign in Texas: "I think they really don't know — I hope they don't — that this affects people in the street, that people can get beat up, people can get killed, teen-agers can commit suicide. That's not family values. That's fatal values."

And from the Bushmeister himself: "I can't accept as normal lifestyle, people of the same sex being parents."

Country crooner Garth Brooks disagrees. He told *Newsweek*: "The way I remember it, traditional family values was encouraging children to be the best they can be. If your parents are black and white, if your parents are the same sex, that's still traditional family values to me."

Brooks, whose dyke sister plays in his band, sings "We Shall Be Free" on his new album. Part of the chorus goes: "When we're free to love anyone we choose, then we shall be free." No word yet on whether the Country Music Association will withdraw its Entertainer of the Year award.

Support is coming from even more unexpected quarters. Back in July, former Sen. Barry Goldwater, a Republican right-winger, said: "Under our Constitution, we literally have the right to do anything we may want to do as long as the performing of those acts does not cause damage or hurt to anybody else. I can't see any way in the world that being Gay can cause damage to somebody else."

Reliable ally Elizabeth Taylor has been singing our praises. She told Whoopi Goldberg that "Without homosexuals, there wouldn't be a Hollywood."

Regarding AIDS, Liz told *Frontiers*: "We must not forget those in the Gay community who have struggled in the trenches, in an isolated effort, for so many years. We must honor them. Their loyalty and resilience and efforts are what has fueled this movement for the past ten years."

From the sublime to the ridiculous. Former L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates told *60 Minutes* that he isn't prejudiced against Gays and, in fact, harbors great admiration for the upper body strength of Lesbian cops: "They have and bring with them that upper body strength. They have apparently developed that in their childhood and growing up and they are further advanced in that regard." Kinda makes you go, "Hmmm."

Cher, in the *National Enquirer*, discussing her son's reaction to his sister's Lesbianism: "Elijah thinks Chastity is a weirdo. I've tried to explain to him that love between two women can be just as meaningful as love between a man and a woman."

Cher could teach Annie Lennox a little about understanding. Lennox made this homophobic outburst when the *Advocate* asked her if she's ever been in love with a woman: "No, never. [Bends to speak into the tape recorder] No, and I haven't been to bed with one either, for the record. And I don't particularly care to." When the interviewer noted her defensiveness, she made rather clear that she's horrified at the idea she's perceived as a Lesbian.

Madonna, speaking to *Vanity Fair*, was not at all threatened by the same question: "I have a lot of sexual fantasies about women, but I'm mostly fulfilled by being with a man."

His current success in *The Last of the Mohicans* has generated press speculation about Daniel Day-Lewis' sexuality. He's been paired with Isabelle Adjani and Winona Ryder (who has herself been linked all year with Jodie Foster!). Methinks the media is missing the boat on Daniel.

In an interview two years back, Day-Lewis skillfully evaded the *Advocate's* questions about his sexuality.



ANNIE "I am not Gay" LENNOX

But he did offer this comment about working with Gay directors James Ivory and John Schlesinger: "I think if there's an advantage most Gay directors have, it's that they're not openly competitive with you, the actor. I never felt any hostility from either man — perhaps because they love men." Perhaps, Daniel.

What did Oscar winner Debra Chasoff's mother say when she learned her dyke daughter was nominated for an Academy Award? What any Lesbian's mom might say: "Oh Deb, you're going to wear an evening gown!"

Helen Eisenbach's short review of PBS's *Portrait of a Marriage* in *QW* was a lark. Calling it a "three-part nude Lesbo lovefest," she noted with particular relish that Vita Sackville-West "looks quite womanly getting her toes sucked by 'good friend' Violet Trefusis." (Yes, that was edited out of the version seen in

Milwaukee — damn!)

"Heavy breathing! Lesbians rolling around together in and out of costume! Men told shamelessly to run along! Nipples! Not since *Brideshead Revisited* has there been such a perversely rollicking display of highbrow homosexuality" on TV, wrote Eisenbach. "This fascinatingly overheated *Portrait* is one you'll have to see to believe."

Eisenbach also interviewed Roseanne Arnold and coaxed this "hilariously homo-friendly" quote from TV's prime time queen: "I do that joke in my act about parents in denial of their Lesbian daughters. One time, my sister and her lover, who'd been together since they were 12 — they're in their 30's now — were sitting on the couch and my sister's lover had her head in my sister's lap, and my sister was stroking her hair, and my parents were sitting there asking them when either of them were ever going to be married, meaning to a man. So fucking stupid."

Roseanne continued: "I thought that was the funniest thing in the whole world and that's why I wrote that bit [for her stand-up act]. 'You know Evelyn, she's still driving that school bus, she's such an outdoorsy gal, and she never wears any makeup, she's just a natural beauty, she was recently elected the president of the k.d. lang fan club, I don't know why she's still single. Of course, that roommate of hers is pretty weird, seems like a Lesbian or something.'"

Finally, Actress Lone Skye, about her role on TV's historical drama *Covington Cross*: "I'm having a great time. How many times does a female character get to kill people with a crossbow?"

Not nearly enough, lone...

## MLGPC Raffle Tickets to Be Drawn Nov. 12

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will be hosting the long-awaited conclusion of the Pride Raffle on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m. The drawing will be the first item of business at the regular monthly meeting of the Steering Committee to be held at The Mail Room, 4701 W. Lisbon.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. Due to an oversight, the Raffle drawing was not completed at the Pride Festival. However, all prizes will be drawn for and winners will be notified. You need not be present to win.

For more information, please contact the new Pride Line number: (414) 342-2330.

## Military Ban Strictly Followed

[Milwaukee]- The Associated Press reports that the U.S. Supreme Court has left intact an Airman Scott P. Fagg's, 18, conviction in military court of having oral sex with his girlfriend in private.

The Court, without comment, rejected Airman Fagg's argument that his conduct was protected by his constitutional right to privacy. The unnamed girlfriend had reported Fagg to the police after he left her for another relationship with a 14-year-old girl.

In his appeal, Fagg stated that unlike homosexual oral sex, "heterosexual oral sex is inextricably intertwined with interests involving marriage, family and procreation. Fagg's appeal was rejected.

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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## FILM

### Sensual 'Mohicans,' Witty 'Hero' Put Hollywood On The Right Track

By Jamakaya

I've just returned from a second viewing of *The Last of the Mohicans* and, like its beautiful heroine, find that its adventure and passion have stirred my blood. I can't recall the last time I've seen such a sweeping, satisfying historical epic.

As luck would have it, just days earlier, I saw *Hero*, the Capra-esque comedy with Dustin Hoffman, Andy Garcia and Geena Davis. To my delight, I found it witty, engaging and thoroughly enjoyable.

My goodness, could this be a trend? Hollywood studios making movies with great entertainment values? After a summer season of world class bombs like *Alien 3* and *Batman Returns* and mediocrities like *Lethal Retread 3*, the fall releases have come like manna from heaven. And not a moment too soon. Although neither *Mohicans* nor *Hero* are flawless, each deserves an "A" for effort.

*Mohicans*, directed by Michael Mann, is by far the more compelling film. Its heroic themes, its lush photography, its breakneck pacing, period recreation and sheer scale are awesome. The forests, rivers and majestic mountains in which the story unfolds are breathtaking to behold (it was shot in the old growth forests of North Carolina) and the soaring musical score intensifies the action.

#### Frontier Heroics

Daniel Day-Lewis as the noble Hawkeye is just tremendous (though he is idiotically referred to throughout as Nathaniel or Mr. Poel). The adopted son of the Mohican Chingachgook (played by Indian activist Russell Means), Hawkeye is a man of action and few words who deftly wends his way through forest, waterfalls and pitched battles between the English, French and Indians on the early American frontier. His lithe body and physical prowess give Day-Lewis a commanding presence. His Hawkeye is a riveting hero guaranteed to stir anyone's blood.

The blood he stirs most though is that of the English colonel's daughter, Cora Munro (Madeleine Stowe), adrift with her younger sister in the wilderness after an attack by the Hurons. Cora is a tad more than just an object of desire here. She speaks sedition to her father, responds stoically to the violent, primitive conditions and, without anyone's prompting, packs a pistol that comes in mighty handy.

Stowe and Day-Lewis are an almost unbearably gorgeous couple. Call me a sap, but I was completely taken in by their passion. There's one flirtatious gaze between the two that the camera holds for a very long time in which you can see and feel the proverbial sparks fly. Their chemistry and eroticism is dynamic!

The principal Indian characters are played by Native Americans. Russell Means brings a quiet dignity to Chingachgook and Wes Studi is chilling as the brooding, vengeful Magua. But the complexities of intertribal relations and the tragedy inherent in the title *Last of the Mohicans* are barely explored.

It's not just the Indians who get short shrift. The film as a whole lacks exposition. There is little character development and minimal dialogue. And what meager dialogue there is often obscured by the booming soundtrack.

#### A Feast for the Senses

Ultimately, none of this matters. It's not a cerebral film, it's a visceral adventure with hair-raising escapes and scenes of intense violence. Though its tone is never comic, it's closer to Indiana Jones than James Fenimore Cooper. It's meant to be felt, not analyzed.

I was drawn back a second time (hoping to catch more dialogue) and was rewarded with a greater appreciation of its visual and aural beauty. The contours of the

mountain vistas, the texture of the forests, the sounds of the rushing river and the ear-splitting cannons at Fort Henry, the fierce passions of all the principals, and the overwrought musical score that sweeps everything before it, are all quite exhilarating.

Leave your thinking caps at home. *The Last of the Mohicans* is a feast for the senses.

#### Modern Day Heroics

In *Hero*, Scuzzy lowlife Bernie LaPlante (Hoffman) blunders into an airplane crash and, grumbling all the way, unwillingly helps victims escape the fiery wreck. He then disappears, prompting star reporter Gale Gayley (Davis), whose life he saved, to mount a media campaign to identify the "Angel of Flight 104."

A modest, handsome war veteran, John Bubber (Garcia) steps forward to accept the credit and the \$1 million reward and is lionized for his courage while Bernie, in and out of jail, has a hell of a time convincing anyone he's the real hero.

There's some great ensemble acting and the media is satirized mercilessly throughout, but ultimately, the only lesson seems to be the squishy truth that any of us, given the right circumstances, is capable of heroic action. Well, they don't call it Capra-corn for nothing.

I guess I was hoping for something deeper or with more bite or edge, especially from director Stephen Frears, whose films *The Grifters* and *Dangerous Liaisons* focused so unflinchingly on amoral characters. *Hero* is superficial in comparison, but it's also a completely different kind of film.

#### Media Excess Spoofed

Despite its weak spine, there's a lot to enjoy in *Hero*. The media spoofing is hysterical. The arrogance, exploitation and crass competitiveness that rule the profession are in sharp focus. Check out the tacky graphic, replete with descending aircraft, Channel 4 uses to promote its crash coverage. My favorite line? As the injured reporter Gale Gayley is placed in an ambulance, she sees other news crews arriving to cover the crash. "It's my story! I did the research!" she protests as she's hauled away.

The performances are wonderful. Davis, who classes up any movie she's in, has a great flair for light comedy. Hoffman has been panned for reprising his Ratso/Rainman persona, but I think he has some inspired moments; a few of his scenes just last too long. Garcia is appealing too as the guilt-stricken phony hero. The usually obnoxious Chevy Chase, along with Tom Arnold and Joan Cusack (where are they hiding this woman?) round out an excellent supporting cast.

Movie buffs will enjoy the many film allusions. From the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" which begin (and end) *Hero*, you know you're in Frank Capra country. I spied aspects of many Capra films, plus *His Girl Friday*, *My Man Godfrey* and many other classics.

The moral of *Hero* may be trite but the witty dialogue and the winning performances make it an enjoyable ride.

*Hero* and *Mohicans*, despite some flaws, are thoroughly entertaining. Here's hoping Hollywood is finally back on the right track.



**FRONTIER HEROICS**—Daniel Day-Lewis, as the classic American hero Hawkeye, charges to the rescue in a battle scene from *The Last of the Mohicans*. Our reviewer found the movie epic "a feast for the senses."

### 'Brief Lives' To be Staged Oct. 20 As MAP Benefit By Next Act

[Milwaukee]—Next Act Theatre, one of Milwaukee's top professional companies, will perform Patrick Garland's *Brief Lives* to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

All proceeds after cost from the Wednesday, October 28 production of *Brief Lives* will benefit MAP and the Arts Action Committee.

The Arts Action Committee is a coalition of artists and performance groups dedicated to raising money for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and raising AIDS awareness in the community.

The October 28 benefit will take place at

### 'It's a Wonderful Live' To Have World Premiere on Stage Nov. 25

[Genesee Depot, WI]—Tickets are now available for American Inside Theatre's (AIT) world stage premiere (non-musical) of *It's a Wonderful Life* November 25 through December 27 at the Otteson Theatre, Waukesha. Several performances are already sold out so people are encouraged to reserve tickets soon to secure desired dates and seats.

Through a grant from the Milwaukee Foundation, American Inside Theatre adapted the film script over the Summer of 1992. The beloved story was originally a short story and then became the film that is now a Holiday tradition for so many families. Until now, it has never been a play.

This ground-breaking project exemplifies AIT's mission. AIT is dedicated to the production of American classics and the creation of new American plays. This project is an incredibly powerful combination of these two aspects of AIT's mission.

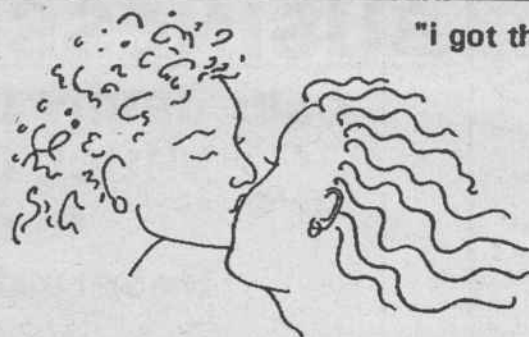
7:30 p.m. at the Todd Wehr Theatre at the PAC. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Next Act Theatre by calling (414) 278-7780 during regular business hours.

*Brief Lives*, starring Stephen Hemming, is a delightful evening spent with John Aubrey, a 17th Century "gossip columnist" with a mischievous penchant for the scandalous. Aubrey regales the audience with dozens of racy stories about England's most famous saints and sinners: Shakespeare, the Puritans, Sir Walter Raleigh, Queen Elizabeth and many more.

Free baby-sitting will be provided by Kinder-Care each Sunday during the entire run. Two Wednesdays, December 2nd and 9th, will be "Pay-What-You-Can" nights. Ticket prices for these show are supplemented by Target Stores. Sign language interpretation will be provided Thursday, December 3rd. Discounted tickets will be available for all people who bring a toy (\$10 value) to benefit the Channel 4 "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for Friday and Saturday; \$13, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. The Otteson Theatre is located 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee, 2 miles off I-94. For tickets and other information, call the AIT box office at 1-968-4555.



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## Cabaret, Art Show, Poetry Reading, Show Planned by Kissing Girls

[Madison]- Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is proud to present the Annual Lesbian Variety Show, now in its seventh year. Over the years, the Show has grown from one evening to a weekend's worth of events — all celebrating our pride in our Lesbian communities and our Lesbian selves.

This year KGP will offer **one** presentation **only** of the Variety Show which will take place on Saturday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Avenue in Madison.

The weekend will also include a Cabaret Night of "Love and Lust Songs: Torch by Local Lesbians" — two shows — on separate tickets from the other weekend activities; the annual Art Show which will run Saturday through Sunday; and the annual Poetry Showcase on Sunday.

Cabaret tickets are \$6. Variety Show/Art Show/Poetry Showcase combined tickets are on a sliding scale of \$10-\$12-\$15. Tickets go on sale October 31 at A Room Of One's Own, Whole Earth, Green Earth, and the Barrymore Theatre. All 1992 recipients of KGP Culture and Creativity Grants will be participating in some facet of the weekend's activities. All women are welcome.

### Cabaret Night

The all new Cabaret Night, "Love and Lust Songs," will set things off steamily on Friday, November 20. Two shows will offer twice the opportunity to catch some of the community's finest crooners at their amorous best.

Cabaret Night will take place at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison. The first show runs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The second show runs from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. with doors open at 9:15 p.m. Apple Island is wheelchair accessible. The 7:00 p.m. show will be ASL interpreted.

These shows will have **separate tickets** from the Variety Show/Poetry/Art Show events.

### The Variety Show

Saturday, November 21, will feature the 7th Annual Lesbian Variety Show with lots of surprises in store. Dancing, singing, acting and frolicking dykes from our very own communities will strut their stuff across the stage at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Avenue.

The Show will start at 7:00 p.m. and will run until about 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Variety Show will be ASL interpreted.

Earlier in the day, stop by the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin Street, for the opening of the Art Show. It runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and features the works of talented, versatile Lesbians from our local communities. The

Senior Center is wheelchair accessible.

### Art Show Reception

On Sunday, November 22, join us for the Art Show reception from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center. Stroll through the exhibits and take the opportunity to meet the artists.

Then, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. listen to the talents of our local Lesbian poets as we present the annual Poetry Showcase. The Poetry Showcase will be ASL interpreted. The Art Show will continue to 3:00 p.m.

Remember, the ticket for the Variety Show/Art Show/Poetry Showcase is separate from the ticket for the Friday Night Cabaret. There is a separate charge for that event.

Also, be sure to bring your ticket (or, after the Variety Show, your ticket stub) to the Art Show or Poetry Showcase. Without it, there is a \$2 charge for these events.

Out of town mail order tickets will be available October 28 through November 4. Mail a check payable to KGP to P. O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Ticket purchases are limited to six per request, either through the mail or at the ticket outlets. Get your tickets early — they sell out fast!

### Volunteers Needed

If you would be interested in volunteering your time to help make this year's Variety Show happen, please let KGP know. There is also work exchange available for women with need. Please call KGP at (608) 241-5685.



**A STAR OF STARS**— Liza Minnelli read the last names of those who have died of AIDS and remembered in the Quilt in Washington, D.C. last weekend. She led the candlelight vigil/march which drew over 90,000 people to the Lincoln Memorial.

## Postcards From Around The Country Make Up Traveling Art Exhibit

[Madison]- The public is invited to attend an art exhibit opening for "Woman: Your Voice, Your Vote" on Sunday, October 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison. This traveling exhibit will be shown through November 15. It is being sponsored locally by the Central Wisconsin Women's Caucus for Art (WCA) with help from the National Women's Political Caucus — Dane County. Donations to the WCA will be accepted at the opening.

"Women: Your Voice, Your Vote" is an emotionally charged exhibit consisting of hundreds of postcards from women across the country expressing their concerns about the 1992 elections. The exhibit was organized by the San Antonio Women's Caucus for Art and the San Antonio League of Women Voters.

Materials will be available at the opening for viewers to make a postcard to express their concerns and respond to the exhibit.

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## POLITICALLY SPEAKING

### Believe It or Not, the Daily Press Missed Some Stories!

By Bill Menieur

Over the last few weeks a number of stories about the campaign have appeared on the news wires. Unfortunately, the mainstream press appears to be reluctant to pick up on them. Therefore as a public service I am presenting some of stories about this year's election you won't see in your daily newspaper. Believe them or don't.

**Madison, WI** The Governor's office announced that Governor Tommy Thompson had appealed to salt companies to rush an emergency shipment of salt to Wisconsin.

Apparently, every grain of the stuff has been brought by voters who have had their fill of Senator Bob Kasten's commercials.

Kasten's 1986 re-election campaign resulted in a libel suit, which he settled by admitting that he had out and out lied about his opponent.

Kasten's 1992 opponent, Russ Feingold has warned voters to take anything Kasten says with a grain of salt. Voters are said to be sprinkling whole boxes of salt over their television sets.

In a related development, the Wisconsin Association of Television Repair technicians announced it is donating \$50,000 to the Kasten campaign.

**Washington DC** Renewing his attacks on Bill Clinton, Vice President Dan Quayle denounced the Democratic nominee for watching a PBS documentary about the Soviet Union over 30 years ago. Clinton says he watched the program as part of a class assignment while he was in the eighth grade.

Said, Quayle, "I think its high time he (Clinton) leveled with the American people and told us exactly why he was so interested in the Soviet Union. I am not questioning his patriotism, just his judgment. Why he would pass up watching 'Ozzie and Harriet,' to see a program about those godless communists."

**Cleveland Ohio** Presidential candidate, Ross Perot is said to be floating somewhere over central Ohio.

During a Cleveland campaign appearance, Perot stopped at a playground and began talking to some children. In order to entertain the kids Perot tried to teach them how to wiggle their ears. He was in the middle of flapping his when a gust of wind came along picked him up and carried him away.

In a related development, the White House denied reports that President Bush had scrambled all available Air Force fighters to "shoot down any UFO's they find floating over the Buckeye state."

**St. Louis Mo** President Bush denied recent reports that he has tried recreational drugs. Bush did, however, admit to battling lifelong addictions to helping rich people, preppy clothes and pathological lies.

**Detroit MI** Vice-President Dan Quayle accused the Clinton-Gore ticket of being "environmental extremists." According to Quayle, Senator Al Gore's proposals to lower emission rates from autos would "throw 300,000 workers out of their jobs."

The crowd for the Quayle rally was held down by Detroit's fourth ozone alert in five days.

Meanwhile in California, President Bush was touting his record as "the

environmental President" and claiming that the election of Clinton and Gore would be a disaster for the environment.

**Buffalo NY** Former Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan was taken to the local animal shelter for observation today. Buchanan was in Buffalo giving a campaign speech for George Bush.

In the middle of his speech Buchanan started foaming at the mouth even more so than usual. He was finally restrained, but only after biting three reporters and a policeman.

A Bush campaign official confirmed that the campaign has offered to pay for rabies shots for all of those bitten by their campaign surrogate.

**Memphis Tenn** Secret Service agents were thrown into a panic during a campaign appearance by Marilyn Quayle. In the middle of her speech to the Southern Baptist Fundamentalist Women Against Rock Music's annual convention, a strange buzzing sound was heard coming from under the podium.

Several agents threw themselves over Marilyn's body while others searched the podium for a potential bomb. Happily it was a false alarm. Apparently the buzzing sound was caused by a malfunctioning vibrator Ms. Quayle keeps in her purse.

In a gallant gesture, Ross Perot immediately offered to investigate the company that made the vibrator.

**Dallas Tex** Ross Perot denied that he plans to use the FBI, CIA, DEA and NSA to investigate political opponents and business rivals if he is elected.

Said Perot, "That's a flat out lie, I never planned to use to use the NSA." Perot did admit to be fair to Bill Clinton he hired private detectives to investigate Clinton's 12 year old daughter. Last Spring Perot admitted to hiring detectives to investigate the Bush children.

When asked what his investigators found, Perot would only say, "That girl has not always been honest with her parents about brushing her teeth."

After pausing for a moment, Perot went on to say, "If you are seriously concerned with dental hygiene, then send me to Washington, and I'll take care of the problem."

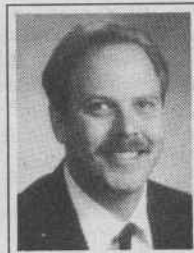
### Oct. 30 Beer Bust at 3B's Aids Kids

[Milwaukee]- The Oberons will hold a beer bust to raise money for the Christmas Club for Children with AIDS. The bust will be held at 3B's bar, 1753 S. Kinnickinnic Ave on Friday, October 30, 1992 beginning at 8:00 p.m. (please note the early hour). There will be a \$5 charge for the beer bust. This is not a cover charge. Regular Friday events at the 3B's will be held as scheduled, concurrent with the beer bust.

The Oberon's beer bust held at the Wreck Room, October 10, raised \$251 for the Christmas Club. Many thanks to the Wreck Room's owner, Bill Kindt, who donated the beer and gave the Christmas Club a \$50 check to boot.

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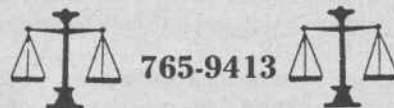
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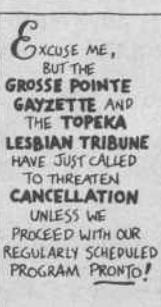
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# Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Handles 2,600 Complaints a Year

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]—In the Columbia County jail, a man has AIDS and everybody knows it.

"The jail people blabbed it all over the community," said Chris Ahmuty, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union (WCLU), which is working on the man's case with the Milwaukee AIDS Project and Legal Aid Society.

The man, claiming his state and Constitutional rights were violated, lost in county court, won in appeals court and the State Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case on October 5, 1992.

In a case in Brown County, a couple wanted to adopt a child. The judge found that the adoption would be in the best interests of the child, but he interpreted the legal definition of "family" narrowly, and denied the adoption because the couple is lesbian.



CHRIS AHMUTY

The case is under appeal, and the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union has filed a "friend of the court" brief citing legal precedents for such an adoption.

In Milwaukee last year, when Jeffrey Dahmer's crimes first became known, Ahmuty was able to quickly arrange a lunch between M. Nicol Padway, chairman of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, and representatives of the Lesbian and Gay community to discuss their concerns.

That, says Ahmuty, is another way the WCLU can help Lesbians and Gay men.

## The ACLU and Gay Rights

Ahmuty, a Gay man, became Executive Director of the WCLU in July, 1992. Not a lawyer himself, he proudly says that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) "probably has more lawyers working on Lesbian and Gay issues than any Gay or Lesbian organization."

In some places, he said, the ACLU and the National Organization for Women (NOW) chapters are the only Lesbian and Gay supportive organizations around.

The ACLU and its state and local affiliates can help in other ways too, Ahmuty said. The 72 year-old organization, which has supported Lesbian and Gay rights since the mid-1970's, has a policy network, a Southern California Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter, a Lesbian and Gay rights project and an AIDS project.

The Gay rights and AIDS projects are headed by Bill Rubenstein, the keynote speaker at the 1989 Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration.

"We're able to tap into their resources," Ahmuty explained. For example, he could get samples of domestic partnership ordinances for Milwaukee's Lambda Rights Network and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) to consider.

"I think, because of my involvement in the community with organizations for such a long time, we're going to be working on these issues for a long time and we've developed a rapport with people in these issues and we're going to build on that."

## From Litigation to Education

Ahmuty sees a need to shift strategy away from litigation somewhat and more towards lobbying, legislation and education.

"The (federal) courts with all these Reagan-Bush justices are basically hostile to civil rights, so we're going to have to be very careful about where we litigate, because we can't just assume that because we're right, we're going to win," he said.

"We're going to have to be careful that

we don't make bad law by going to court where we don't stand a chance of winning."

## 2,600 Complaints a Year

Still, he encourages people who think they might have had their civil rights violated to write to the WCLU. The office gets about 2,000 telephone and 600 written complaints each year.

Most cases are reviewed in the office, where there is a paid staff of four, and most don't involve a civil liberties problem. Those are referred to other organizations that could help.

Some are discussed by a committee of volunteer attorneys, and from there, a few go to the state board of directors for a final decision. At any time, Ahmuty said, the WCLU has about 30 cases on its docket.

Sometimes a "strongly-worded letter to a bureaucrat" or other assistance can solve the problem.

## Ahmuty Succeeds Edgar

Since 1988, the WCLU's priorities have included defending the notion that people who receive services from the government — welfare or grants or jail time — shouldn't be denied their basic civil liberties.

Ahmuty began work with the WCLU 12 years ago as a volunteer. Ten years ago he became the assistant to the previous Executive Director, Eunice Edgar. When she retired, he applied for her job.

The search for her replacement was nationwide. The WCLU stuck to its policy of affirmative action on sexual orientation and other personal attributes.

Of his homosexuality, Ahmuty said, "I don't know if that played much of a role in my selection — I doubt it."

## Values War: Gays and Lesbians On Cutting Edge

He said a "war on values," proposed recently by a former presidential candidate, "has been going on for years and years. The ACLU is in the rounds of that war to make sure the government doesn't take sides and make decisions for individuals and families," he said. The Constitution, he added, should be neutral.

But the rights of Lesbians and Gay men are on the cutting edge of constitutional issues, he said. ACLU's issues vary from state to state.

For some, it is repeal of sodomy laws. In Wisconsin, a national staff member, Jim Holobaugh, is helping on ROTC discrimination issues with the University of Wisconsin.

On domestic partnership, "there's lots of different angles to that," Ahmuty said: bereavement leave and employment benefits, for example. He said the ACLU was one of the first national organizations to support "essentially marriage" for Gay and Lesbian couples.

WCLU has also handled cases on discrimination in the National Guard, the rights of Gay and Lesbian businesses to advertise in newspapers, and the right to public housing and the right to health care for people with AIDS.

"Just because someone comes down with a communicable disease, they don't lose their civil liberties," he said.

## Abortion Rights

"We're going to want to prepare ourselves to defend abortion rights here in Wisconsin," Ahmuty said. State law still makes abortion criminal, he said, and any "overzealous" county district attorney could invoke that law, he said, not to mention what could happen if Roe v. Wade is overturned.

"This is an issue Lesbians know is important to them and Gay men had better come to recognize this is an issue of importance to them," he said.

The same line of constitutional law that permits reproductive freedom for women — birth control and abortion — leads to Gay rights. "If the courts aren't willing to recognize a right to privacy in this area, then they're not going to recognize a right to privacy for Gay men either," he said.

## Persistence Will Win

The WCLU has a lot to accomplish on limited resources. "One thing we always need is more involvement," he said. Members' dues support the organization. If someone wants to join, Ahmuty said, they should call the WCLU at (414) 272-4032 and they will be sent an application.

"I think we're just going to have to be persistent and we're going to stick it out" to win the war on culture and values, he said.



Marry Malin

**LOVING MEMORIALS**—The Name Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was shown in its entirety Oct. 9-11 in Washington, D.C. The photo above shows approximately one eighth of the 20,064 panels. The quilt was last shown in Washington in October 1989 when 10,848 panels were displayed. Due to the increasing size, it is not expected to be shown in its entirety again. Each panel is 3' by 6' in size.

## ADA DEER

### Continued from Page 1

this is the result of the past 12 years of ignoring human needs.

WL Your district has been targeted by the National Republican Party. We hear that there's all sorts of money flooding in on your opponent's side...

A.D. Any Democrat faces that. And yes, the Democrats as well as the Republicans have made this a priority district.

People should know that I'm not taking soft money (PAC money). I'm not doing that. This causes some misunderstandings in various Democratic circles. I want to go to Congress unbought and independent.

WL As of now (October 2) how is your campaign going?

A.D. Ada Deer's campaign is in over-drive. That's how I feel. The campaign's in over-drive.

WL This is the Year of the Woman. What do you see as the greatest issue facing women today?

A.D. Sexism of the society. This results in all kinds of inequality. If we had the ERA, that would certainly be a wonderful foundation for women's equality.

Change is in the air. We have at least 100, perhaps 150 new people coming into

the Congress. Some will be women. Women are going there with an agenda for change for all people. That's what I'll be doing.

It's not my life-long plan to run for Congress, but there is also my curiosity, my sense of adventure, so here I am running.

I'm a person of average means. I borrowed a year's salary to do this and I feel strongly that we need to have people who can represent women, people of color, regular citizen types.

Senator Kohl, I think, is the wealthiest Senator. Undoubtedly, I'll be the poorest member.

I want to help other young women run, people of color and people of average economic means to run.

WL What is your stand on term limitation?

A.D. I'm for term limitation of the current incumbent. People need to understand that that (term limitation) is a over-simplified solution to the problem of campaign financing.

Under the current PAC system, 90 percent of the incumbents are re-elected. By my not taking PAC money, I want to change the system. I'm living campaign reform, I'm not talking about it. The answer is not term limitation, it's campaign finance reform.

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## We Must Grow Together to Find Answers for Our Problems

Commentary by Jim English

Summer is rapidly slipping by (if you can call what we had this year Summer). Both political conventions are over. I, like many Americans, watched the entire ordeal, doing as I always have, matching my personal ideals against those of the various political candidates.

Time was when I voted for whoever was going to do the best for my paycheck. In other words, since I was in the Army, whoever was strong on defense spending. Now, with the military life behind me, I have the ability to vote my conscience.

After listening to both conventions, there isn't much doubt in my mind that we do not yet have a presidential candidate who can set aside personal attacks and look to the issues; what's best for the well-being of every American.

I don't think either Bush or Clinton are bad people. They both seem to have warmth and the capability to feel. The issue, I think, is whether they can see the state of emotional trauma that exists in our society today.

### Unasked Questions in America

The Republicans talked about ensuring that criminals in America are locked away for their maximum terms. It seems to me that the GOP is missing the point. Shouldn't we be asking what is causing criminal behavior?

Instead of continuing to spend billions on a powerful military force, shouldn't we be looking to our economy?

Child victimization is on the rise. Abused children become abusive adults. Can we not ask what systems we have to construct to avoid each succeeding generation trodding on the next like so much fodder?

### No Saviors Needed

In this election year, Gays, Lesbians and everyone can no longer think of electing "saviors." There aren't any and there never were, not really. We must, I think, begin to do for ourselves and each other. It is in ourselves and each other where the answers lie (have have always been).

We need to learn — or relearn — how to become a team; how to work closely together. We must begin to ask of ourselves the "tough" questions and be ready to hear from ourselves and each

other the "hard" answers. No political leader, no matter how talented, can do that for us.

We need to accept each other just as each one of us is and will become.

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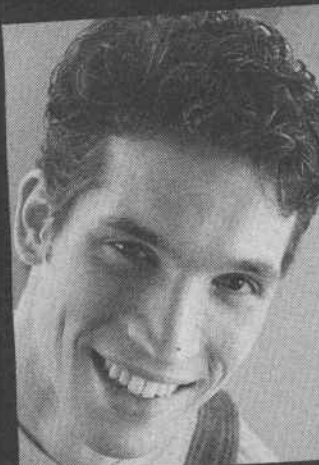
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## Madison's Patricia Hevenor Is A Republican and Supports Gay Rights

[Madison]- Patricia Hevenor is running for the Wisconsin State Assembly on the Republican ticket in the 78th District (central Madison). She requested the interview with *Light*. We were to meet at Victors, but since that was closed for remodeling, we sat on the sidewalk out front to tape the interview.

**Wisconsin Light** You're a Republican. What are you doing in Madison?

**Patricia Hevenor** I live in Madison (laughter).

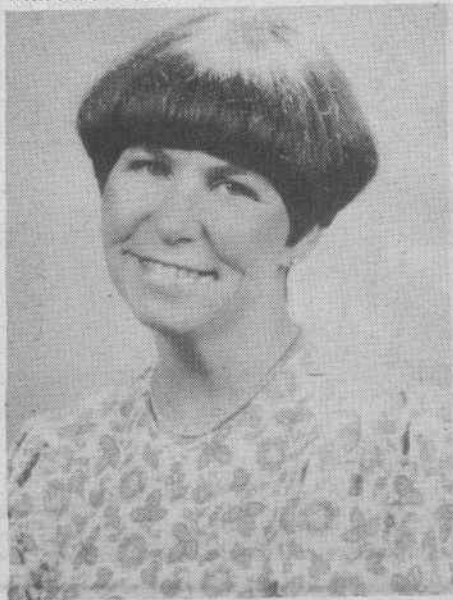
**WL** I saw the Republican Convention, you probably did too. There was Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan and all the rest...

**P.H.** I was supposed to be at the Convention, not as a delegate, but because I donated a bunch of money to the state Republican Party, so I was going to get a trip to Houston. I didn't go because I had a so-called Republican primary to get through. I made it.

One of my primary competitors was a Pat Robertson type and after, when I called him and asked him if I would have his support, he said 'No way' because I've kept my maiden name after I got married.

**WL** You're pro-Choice?

**P.H.** I'm pro-Choice and I'm for Gay/Lesbian rights. I have no problem with that whatsoever.



PATRICIA HEVENOR

**WL** In the State Assembly, you would vote for increased funding for AIDS?

**P.H.** Absolutely. That's one of the most treacherous diseases that's facing us.

**WL** That certainly makes you a left of center Republican, doesn't it?

**P.H.** I'm a Liberal Republican and I'm the god-child of Hubert Humphrey. My father bankrolled Hubert Humphrey when he ran for the Mayor of Minneapolis in 1948, the year I was born. I try to speak like Humphrey. I'm not as good as that.

I'm not accepting any PAC money, any special interest group money whatsoever which means my campaign is always broke.

Is the Wisconsin Republican Party helping me? No way! They aren't helping me.

**WL** Why are you a Republican?

**P.H.** I'm a former Liberal Democrat and switched because being a Democrat was too taxing (laughs), financially and in every way.

**WL** Explain.

**P.H.** I pay about \$6,900 a year in property tax. About 2,600 of that goes to the Madison school district. My husband and I don't even have children.

The people who are in the Democratic Party nowadays are different from the people who were in the Party in the '60's and the '70's.

**WL** How do you mean?

**P.H.** I'm a Democrat-Farm Labor person from Minnesota. The Democrats nowadays are much more to the Left than they were.

I'm a Republican simply because I believe in the power of the individual over the power of the state. I detest government interference of all kinds. And that's where the Republican Party's gotten screwed up because if you're a Republican today and you're a fiscal conservative like I am, and the Republicans say "Oh, we want the power of the person over the state" then how come the Republicans are going after the abortion rights issue?

I'm a civil liberties person and when I say the Pledge of Allegiance, the last couple of lines are real important. "With Liberty and Justice for all."

Hells, bells, look at the way I'm dressed. Do I look like a Republican? (She was wearing a dark blue sweat suit)

But the two big things I can do as a Republican in the Assembly, is one, to provide a voice of reason.

Two, because I'm a Republican, the leadership in the legislature all know me.

I have access in the state, in the Assembly, the Governor's office. Even George Bush wrote me a check for my campaign. I haven't cashed it. I keep it for the signature. I've met Barbara.

**WL** What do you think of Barbara Bush?

**P.H.** She's George's greatest asset. She is neat. She is cool.

**WL** If you're elected, would you accept an invitation from the Madison Gay/Lesbian Pride people to speak, would you do it?

**P.H.** Absolutely! Yes! I'm not your conventional Republican.

**WL** What do you think of Bobby Kasten?

**P.H.** When you know him in person, he is a nice guy. I'm not going to make the decision to vote for Bob Kasten or Russ Feingold until I'm in the voting booth.

**WL** What do you think about Scott Klug?

**P.H.** He's a decent guy. He's honest. And also, he doesn't go down the mainstream. In other words, he doesn't vote always the straight and narrow Republican way. I'm going to vote for him.

I have two pieces of advice. One is to vote. A lot of people went through all kinds of grief to give us that right. We should respect them and vote.

The second is when you get in that voting booth, vote for the person who's the most straight-forward, the most honest and the most honorable.

## Eleven Women Running for Senate Across the Country

By Bill Meunier

In this election year, the attention of most voters is now focused on the Presidential race, but many women are hoping to see some gains made in the US Senate. Chances are they will not be disappointed.

On November 3rd, voters in 10 states will be able to vote for 11 women running for the US Senate on a major party ticket. Ten of these women are Democrats and one is a Republican.

One of these contenders already is in the Senate. Maryland's Barbara Mikulski, is a heavy favorite to win re-election.

The women with the best chance to join her are both running in California. Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein are trying to become the first all female team to represent their state in the Senate.

Boxer is opposed by ultra conservative Bruce Herschensohn. Herschensohn is an extremist. For example he doesn't just want to cut back on federal revenue sharing, he opposes any federal aid to cities and states. Recently he announced his opposition to federal help for hurricane victims in Florida. Boxer quipped, "Who would you rather have as your senator when the next earthquake hits?"

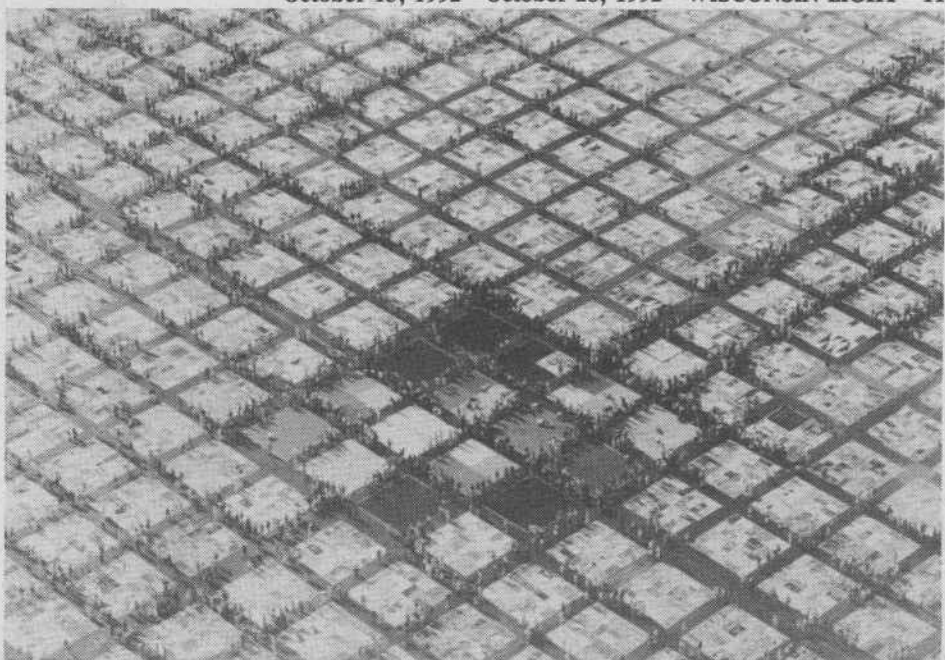
Former San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein is running against incumbent Senator John Seymour. Seymour was appointed by Governor Wilson to the seat Wilson gave up when he became Governor. This appointment was initially hailed by pro-choice groups because of Seymour's pro-choice stance. Those same groups felt betrayed when he voted to put Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court and are backing Feinstein.

Like Boxer, Feinstein appears headed for victory, but her race is much closer.

In the state of Washington, Patty Murphy is fighting for the seat currently held by Brock Adams. Adams was forced out of the race by allegations that he had been guilty of sexual harassment. The Republicans nominated Rod Chandler and were licking their chops over the prospect of picking up this Democratic seat.

What they didn't count on was an articulate, intelligent woman determined to hold it for the Democrats. Helping Murphy is former Supreme Court Justice Lester Goodloe. Goodloe is an ultra conservative who is expected to draw votes away from Chandler. Chandler is under attack for accepting contributions from tobacco companies despite his health care reform stance.

This race is very close with some



**15 ACRES OF MEMORIES**—The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed Oct. 9-11 in Washington, D.C. on the Washington Monument grounds. Covering 15 acres, 20,064 panels were displayed with several thousand more added during the weekend.

## Dinner, Ho' Down Dance Planned Nov. 14 by New Harvest

[Madison]- For the sixth year, Madison's New Harvest Foundation is hosting a Dinner Dance for the Gay,

Lesbian and Bisexual community of Dane County and South-Central Wisconsin. This year's event has a Country-Western theme, a New Harvest Ho'Down, and those attending are encouraged (but not required) to dress for the occasion — boots optional.

The event will take place at the Lake Windsor Country Club, 4628 Gold Road, Windsor, on Saturday, November 14. Cocktails and conversation begin at 7:00 p.m. (cash bar) with dinner at 8:00 p.m. For entertainment, country music will be played for the dancing pleasure of those attending. In addition, instruction in line dancing will be offered by members of the Shoreline Dance Troupe from Milwaukee. Tickets are \$35 per person.

If you have not received an invitation by mail, but are interested in attending, call Earl Bricker at (608) 244-0289 for more information or to reserve a ticket, or write to: The New Harvest Foundation, P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701. A final count is needed by the Country Club by **Monday, November 2.**

analysts picking Murphy to win and others saying it is too close to call.

In Illinois, Carol Mosley Braun is running for the seat now held by Senator Alan Dixon. If elected Braun would become the first Black woman ever seated in the US Senate. Braun beat Dixon in the Democratic primary. She entered the general election campaign with tremendous momentum but has now run into trouble. Braun's mother a Medicaid nursing home patient received a check for over \$28,000 to pay for timber rights on some land she owns. Braun had the check signed over to her and disbursed the funds to herself and her siblings in payment for what she called "undocumented loans" made to her mother.

Despite the flap, Braun remains ahead in this race. But the polls say her lead is down from 17 points to 8. Whether she can hold on remains to be seen.

Lynn Yake received a lot of attention for her come from way behind win in the Pennsylvania's Democratic primary. Now she is floundering and her campaign seems unlikely to succeed.

Her opponent, incumbent Senator Arlen Specter, has adopted an aggressive campaign of going after Yake's base. Her membership in a whites only country club allowed him to pick up several key black endorsements. Specter also attacked Yake for paying back taxes owed to Philadelphia the day before she filed as a candidate.

Specter has built a healthy lead in the polls and even leads among women voters 48% to 45%.

There are five other female Senate hopefuls still in the running. None of them is given much chance to win and all of them face formidable, well financed incumbents. They are: Jean Lloyd Jones in Iowa, Gloria O' Dell in Kansas, Claire Sargent in Arizona, Missouri's Geri Rothman-Serot, and the only Republican woman Senate candidate to make it to the November election, South Dakota's Charlene Haar.

Whether they win or lose all eleven of these women have succeeded on at least one level, they have made millions of voters consider putting a woman in the Senate. They have brought a woman's perspective to the campaign and they have broken new ground. In a year when the voters say they want change, these women have a given them a chance to create it.

If the polls are right, come January, Mikulski and Kansas' Nancy Kassenbaum will find they are not alone anymore.

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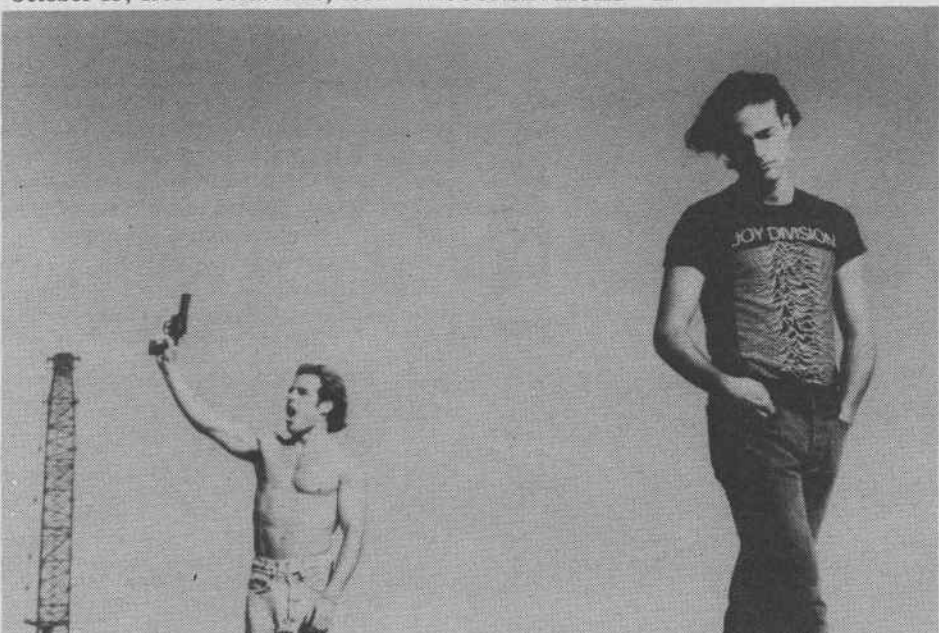
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**THE LIVING END**— Jon (Craig Gilmore) stars as a bewildered writer and sometimes film writer who handles the news that he is H.I.V. positive with surprising aplomb in a scene from "The Living End." The Milwaukee premiere of the film will be held Oct. 29 as a benefit for the Pride Committee. (See ad on this page.)

## Support Group For Teens Continues Madison Meetings

[Madison]— Adolescence can be a tough time for any teen. Those who are Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual can have it even tougher.

Additionally, research clearly shows that these teens are likely to experience depression, alcohol and other drug abuse, and are more likely to attempt suicide than other teens.

In response to this, Briarpatch and PICADA (The Prevention and Information Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse) has created a support group for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual teens who want to explore these issues.

This structured support group is open to any high school aged youth and is facilitated by adult volunteers and staff

## Libertarians

### TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to suggest that the readers of *Wisconsin Light* who are of a political bent that prevents them from voting for Bill Clinton have an alternative to the Bush/Quayle family values and the Perot megalomania.

Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord are the Libertarian candidates for the White House this year. They are on the ballots in all 50 states. The Libertarian Party has been gathering steam in attracting Republicans who are ashamed of the hate presented at their Convention by the Christian soldiers. Combining fiscal conservatism with a Liberal, tolerant social outlook defines the Libertarian Party today.

### Libertarians Embrace Freedom

The Libertarians completely embrace the freedom of choice for individuals in all aspects — sexual orientation, reproductive rights and self-determination. It would take an entire issue of *The Wisconsin Light* to outline the details of the Libertarian platform — and that's obviously not your job. But they do have an AIDS policy which is as follows:

AIDS is one of America's most serious health problems. The search for a cure or relief should be the highest priority.

Libertarians hold that the first line of attack should be to remove government obstacles to finding a cure and to educate the public regarding protection against the disease.

While past governmental policy affecting AIDS has been disastrous, private action has been successful. The virus believed to cause AIDS was discovered by a small, private research organization, the Pasteur Institute, in Paris.

It is obvious that nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of AIDS sufferers seeking relief or medical professionals trying to find a cure. The Libertarian Party proposes the following steps to further these ends:

1. Remove all impediments to research or testing regarding AIDS.

2. Allow any person who has AIDS or carries the virus to try any treatment or medicine regardless of whether that treatment or medicine meets any other government regulations.

3. Federal Communications Commission and Postal regulations currently prevent people from getting information they need about AIDS research, treatment and prevention. These regulations should be eliminated.

4. Public schools and universities should suspend any regulations which prevent teachers, administrators, or student newspapers from distributing information about AIDS research, treatment or prevention.

Criticizing people who vote for Bush won't change their votes on election day. Giving them an alternative who shares their conservative fiscal policies while embracing civil rights may help.

—Anton Walsh  
Madison

### LETTER POLICY

*Wisconsin Light* actively solicits Letters to the Editor on any subject. However all such letters must be signed and contain the writer's address although the address is never printed and the name will be withheld upon request. All unsigned letters, notes and stuff scribbled on the sides of clipped columns will serve as cat box liner.

## 'Living End' Premiere Night Tickets On Sale for Pride Week Benefit

[Milwaukee]— Lesbian and Gay oriented movies have had a long and distinguished — if somewhat subterranean — history in American film. But now, what was underground seems to be coming into the light.

There are two new flicks out: *Swoon* and *The Living End*. Both use the powerful metaphor of a doomed criminal couple to question a society that places Gay love beyond the social pale.

*The Living End* concerns a steamy, doomed romance between a macho drifter and an intellectual. Each one has tested positive for HIV. They team up and after one commits a murder, they both take it on the lam.

*The Living End*, directed by Gregg Araki, has received national acclaim. Araki describes it as an "irresponsible" movie. It's original title was "Fuck The World" so you get the idea.

Critics have described it as "a breakthrough movie that identifies an oppressed constituency; a combination of outraged humor and explicit sexuality." And still others praise it for a film in which "Gay bashers get their's."

Whatever it is, *The Living End* is not politically correct. Araki offers no excuses on this point. "My films are very self-indulgent in that they're exactly the films I want to make."

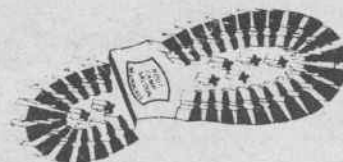
Implicit in this statement is the collective yearning — Araki's movies are also exactly the ones he wants to see.

...  
"The Living End" will have its Wisconsin premiere on Thursday,

October 29 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre at 7:30 p.m. *Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* magazine are co-sponsoring this premiere as a benefit for Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. With only 321 seats a sell-out is expected.

However, should these seats sell out by Oct. 26, the Downer management will allow the smaller 200 seat auditorium to also show the film. Both auditoriums would show the film simultaneously.

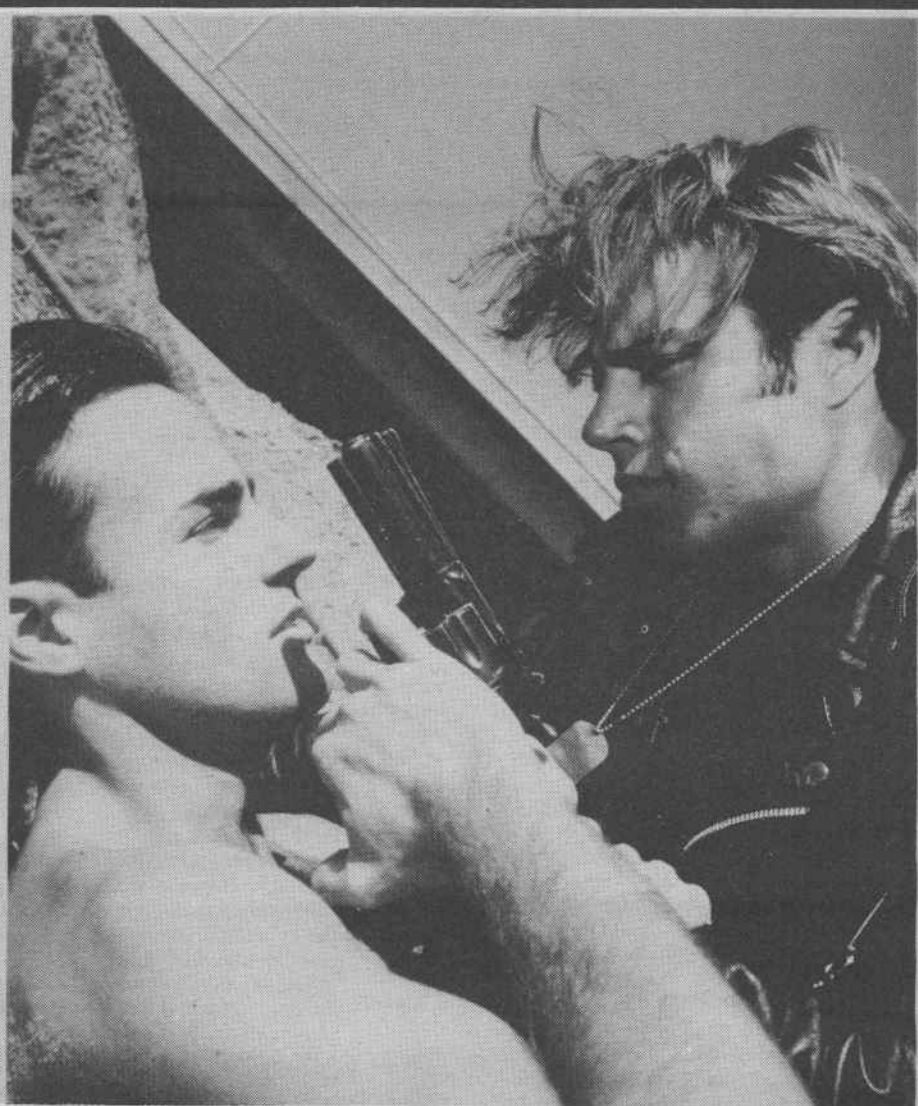
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