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Demonstration Planned By ACT UP At Racine Jail December 1

[Milwaukee]- ACT UP Milwaukee will demonstrate at the Racine County Jail on Tuesday, December 1, World AIDS Day. The AIDS activist group says that it is targeting the jail because of the mistreatment that Dennis Hill, a person with AIDS, received there last year.

Hill, pulled over by the Wisconsin State Patrol for a routine traffic offense, was taken to the Racine County Jail on November 16, 1991. While being held, Hill, as was reported to the workers from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), was left to lie in his own feces and vomit by his jailers. The Racine County Sheriff's report stated that Hill was initially refused medication.

Despite Hill's worsening condition, no attempt was made to transfer him to an outside facility. Hill's condition became so grave that when MAP workers won his release two days later, Hill had to be taken directly to the hospital where he shortly died.

ACT UP Milwaukee says that it reached its decision to hold a demonstration after nearly a year of frustration. An in-house investigation by Racine County Sheriff's refused to indict fellow officers. Racine County has failed to follow through with its stated goal of establishing AIDS education for county employees and has yet to significantly reform Jail policy.

As a result, ACT UP Milwaukee is making the December 1 action a regional project and is inviting near-by ACT UP chapters from Chicago and around the Midwest to participate.

Rep. Frank Calls V.P. Quayle On Non-Discrimination Policy

[Washington, D.C.]- Given Vice President Dan Quayle's "obsessive effort" to impugn Governor Bill Clinton's honesty, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) thinks that it is particularly ironic that Quayle is now conceding that he "lied" when he announced that he and George Bush had promulgated a policy preventing discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the federal government.

Frank said, "I was surprised to read that public statement by Mr. Quayle, but happy to see it nevertheless. Unfortunately, it conflicted with evidence I have received from people about anti-Gay and Lesbian discrimination in this administration. I therefore wrote to Vice President Quayle four weeks ago (September 18) asking for a copy of the policy so that I could advise people who wanted to invoke it."

In his letter to Quayle, Frank wrote, "Since you referred to a policy that you had implemented, I assume that it is either written down somewhere or can easily be summarized and sent along to me."

Frank said the letter was ignored. "I then called his Chief of Staff, William Kristol, and asked him about it," Frank said. "Mr. Kristol said he was unaware of my letter and he seemed equally unaware of the policy. I asked him to respond and he said he would."

Frank said that the phone call too was ignored.

"The continued refusal of Vice President Quayle and his staff to answer even the most basic question about this policy... confirm what many of us believed," Frank said. "That there is no such policy, and the Vice President simply fabricated it on the spot for the sake of political expediency."

"Vice Presidents who make things up should be more careful about accusing other people of lying," Frank said.

UW-Eau Claire Attempting To Defuse Anti-Gay Harassment



Presidential Hopeful— Governor Bill Clinton visited Milwaukee this month and gave a rousing twenty five minute speech before 10,000 people at the arena.

Top Milwaukee United Way Brass To Meet With Boy Scouts' Councils

[Milwaukee]- On November 19, 1992, top officials of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee will meet with representatives of the three local Boy Scout Councils that receive money from the local United Way.

At that meeting, the Boy Scouts will be asked to formally present their policy regarding the banning of open Gays from membership or leadership positions within the Scouts.

It has been learned that the following United Way officials will attend the meeting: Dean Treptow, Chairman of the United Way Board; Steve Lundeen, Chair of the Planning and Allocations Division; Henry Monaco, President of United Way; Joe Schlangen, Director of the Planning and Allocations Division and Candy Walton, Public Relations Director.

Neutral Stance

As reported in *Light*, Bill Lawrence, Director of United Way's Private Industry Council in a September 10 meeting of the Executive Council with Queer Scout members said that discrimination vs. non-discrimination as may be practiced by a funded agency was "not a decision that this Board is empowered to make." That was an issue for the courts and ultimately the Supreme Court.

However, as reported in the *Milwaukee Journal* and *Light*, at the October 13th meeting of the full Board, United Way, in the view of Queer Scouts, backed away from the neutral stance announced by the Executive Board. It was announced then that while United Way would continue to provide a total of \$800,000 to Milwaukee area Boy Scout Councils, the agency would also investigate restrictions against Gays. United Way disavows that this is a backdown from a neutral stance.

Queer Scout members have said that United Way's Schlangen has told them that the November 19 meeting will be an "information gathering meeting." The Boy Scouts policy will be examined in the light of existing state and United Way non-discrimination policies.

A report of the findings will be made to United Way's full Board during their December 12th meeting. Allocation decisions for FY '93 will be made on December 15 by the Planning and Allocations Division.

Queer Scouts' Reaction

Queer Scouts have reacted sharply to the latest news about United Way. "The Boy Scouts' policy of abuse towards and discrimination against Gays is well known and well documented," a Queer Scouts member said. "Clearly, there is enough evidence of discrimination for United Way

of Greater Milwaukee to justify defunding the Scouts." The Queer Scouts member accused United Way of "foot-dragging" which is "only designed to give the appearance of action."

Queer Scouts will continue to closely monitor the process. They have said that they welcome involvement from across the state.

AIDS Names Quilt Panels To Be Shown In Oshkosh

[Oshkosh, WI]- The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is scheduled to visit Oshkosh in the Spring of 1993. The 800 panel section of the Quilt will mark the first display of the AIDS Memorial in the Fox Cities area, and is considered a major public education event by local AIDS organizations.

Sponsored by the East Central HIV/AIDS Organization (ECHO), the UW-Oshkosh Women's Center, and the Drug Abuse Correctional Center, the Quilt will be on display April 29- 30 and May 1-2, 1993, at Kolf Sports Center on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

The Quilt began in 1987 as the brain child of a small group of San Franciscans seeking a way to express their loss and work through their grief. The idea quickly spread throughout the community and by the Fall of that year, 920 panels were displayed for the first time in Washington, D.C.

Today, well over 15,000 panels have been added and the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is continuously displayed around the world.

The "Patches of Life" theme chosen for the local display emphasizes the universal impact of HIV disease on families and individuals from all walks of life and allows a non-threatening, non-political education experience for all who participate.

All funds raised during the event go to direct client services, providing education, testing, counseling, hospice and health care services.

Community support is vital. Individuals interested in helping out may contact Volunteer Coordinator Denise DuBey at (414) 426-0577 or (414) 424-7254. Donations may be sent to: AIDS Memorial Quilt Project, c/o D.A.C.C., P.O. Box 36, Winnebago, WI 54985. Checks should be made payable to: East Central Wellness Project.

[Eau Claire]- In late August, 1992, just before the beginning to the school year at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, three young people, two women and a man, stopped one evening at a McDonald's. None of the three were Gay.

As they were going in, they were accosted by 15 teen-age boys who began calling the three 'fags.' There was further name-calling and a fight broke out.

Sharon Knopp, a human relations professor at the university who serves as faculty advisor to the Gay rights group GLOBE — Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals for Equality, told *Light* that when school took up the next month, September, a demonstration was held to protest the slurs and violence.

She told *Light* that over 150 people showed up, people from the university and from Eau Claire as well. "It was more than the organizers ever expected," she said enthusiastically.

Knopp went on to say that while things are quiet now, "nothing much has changed." The anti-Gay anger is still there. She keeps a pink triangle on her office door. It is torn down regularly and she has to keep a number of them on hand to replace the ones that are lost to the vandalism.

Still, she said, the majority of the community, both town and gown, are solidly against the violence.

"These are the people," she said, "who don't like to see two people of the same-sex walking across campus holding hands, but who are against violence against anyone."

She said that "this is the level of awareness" in the community. She felt that that was a small step in the on-going education process.

Knopp said that the university administration had been "very supportive" of the Lesbian/Gay students at GLOBE in their efforts at education, but "the angry people are still there." She described them as "a handful."

The Associated Press (AP) reported that outward intimidation of Gays on campus was "common." Knopp conceded this, saying that it was "mostly verbal."

It's About Survival

The AP reports that many Gay students have become fearful of the intolerance they receive from their peers and residents of Eau Claire, a town of 57,000.

"It's not about politics anymore; it's about survival," a 21-year-old student from Minneapolis said who refused to give her name. "...My gut feeling is that someone is going to get hurt badly, or eventually someone here is going to get killed."

Some observers report that the reason for the violence and threats is because of higher Lesbian/Gay visibility.

"Homosexuality and bias have always been here," Knopp said. "I just think for Eau Claire it's a new issue to be dealt with publicly, and I think we're getting some backlash from that," she said.

Campus police say they have "opened their doors" to the Gay community, promising to respond immediately if they feel unsafe and offering escort services.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gay Student Dismissed From ROTC

[Portland, ME]- A University of Maine student is being denied the opportunity to continue in the Air Force ROTC as a result of the military's persistent discrimination against Lesbian and Gay Americans.

Neal Snow, 21, with the Air Force ROTC for 3 years. He came out as a Gay man on September 21, 1992. In recognition of his honesty, he was informed that his sexuality stood at odds with the purposes and positions of the U.S. Air Force and that disenrollment proceedings would begin immediately.

Snow is seeking contact with other Lesbians or Gay men associated with the military. Contact him through the Public Affairs Office at the University of Maine, (207) 581-3743.

Gay Lifestyle Magazine Debuts

[San Francisco]- The first Lesbian and Gay lifestyle magazine — **10 Percent** — has released its premier issue. According to Carlos Stelmach, Editor-in-Chief, the magazine offers the community a portrait of Lesbian/Gay culture that is "thoughtful, sophisticated, intelligent and well-designed."

10 Percent is a quarterly and available on newsstands across the country.

Hawaii Considers Gay Marriages

[Honolulu]- The question of whether same-sex couples should legally be allowed to get married was put before the state Supreme Court of Hawaii on October 13, 1992.

Dan Foley, the attorney for three Gay couples challenging the state's ban on same-sex marriages, argued that the high court should declare Gays have a right to a marriage license under the Hawai'ian Constitution's broad protections of privacy rights.

Deputy Attorney General Sonia Faust argued that there aren't any court cases that say homosexuals should be protected from discrimination to enable them to get married. She also said legislators are entitled to prohibit such marriages based on morality or other reasons.

Foley said he was encouraged by the hearing, but said there's no way of knowing which way the court will rule.

The justices gave no indication on when a ruling would be issued.

Christian League Shelves Petition

[Portland, ME]- On October 17, 1992, leaders of Maine's Christian Civic League voted to put off launching a petition drive aimed at requiring voter approval of any Gay rights measure passed by state lawmakers.

The decision comes less than two weeks before Portland holds a municipal referendum on an ordinance that would ban discrimination against Gays in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations.

Executive Director Jasper Wyman said the Christian group decided to postpone to await the outcome of a state Supreme Court challenge to the League's plan that was filed by Maine's Secretary of State.

The Christian League will now devote its energies to promoting sexual abstinence among teens.

Mainstream Paper adds Gay Column

The **Philadelphia Daily News** will soon begin running a regular column written by a Gay man and a Lesbian, according to the **Philadelphia Gay News**.

Richard Aregood, editorial page editor for the **Daily News**, said that the decision was based on the newspaper's responsibility to "address the needs of all our readers."

"Especially now, when members of the party of God want to string Gays up, we think people have a legitimate right to have other opinions seen in their daily paper," Aregood said.

The column will alternate between a Gay man and a Lesbian. The columnists will not be regular staff members, but free-lancers.

The **Daily News** announcement follows a similar announcement by **The Detroit News** which last May started printing a Gay issues column by Lesbian staffer Deb Price. As part of the Gannett News Service, the **Detroit News** column is syndicated to newspapers which subscribe to Gannett.

AIDS Prevention Funding Cut Again

[San Francisco]- The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention announced it sustained another cut in federal funds from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta during annual budget negotiations.

The National Task Force is one of the few Gay organizations in the country to receive direct funding from the federal government. The Task Force is also the only one among the 32 National Minority Organizations to serve Gay and Bisexual men of color.

The budget allocation of October 19, 1992 covering FY'93 is \$292,700 — a 9.3% decrease. The CDC explanation is that the budget provided by Congress is shrinking each year. This, at a time when the country is experiencing 40,000 to 80,000 new cases of HIV infection each year according to a Congressional report.

Cats are Safer Pets for HIV+

[Portland, ME]- According to the People with AIDS Coalition of Maine, for those with HIV or AIDS, having a pet can provide necessary emotional support.

However, the agency says, avoid "high-risk" pets such as stray or sick animals and exotic or wild animals. Some veterinarians feel that cats are safer pets for immunocompromised people than dogs especially if the cat is always kept indoors.

Koop Says 'No Cure For AIDS'

[Goshen, IN]- Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said on October 12, 1992, that he doubted a cure to AIDS could be found.

"I don't see how it's going to be possible to attack a virus that works its way into the nucleus of a cell, combines with the DNA of that cell, and kill that virus without doing damage to the cell," he said.

Koop, speaking at Goshen College, said the number of AIDS cases in the U.S. is doubling each year.

In 1987, Koop predicted that nearly 100 million people world-wide would die from AIDS by the end of the century.

Liz Taylor Stars in AIDS Ads

[New York, NY]- Elizabeth Taylor looks directly into the camera and says, "Each day in this world, 5,000 people become infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS." She then goes on to tell viewers, "Don't become one of them. Use a condom every time you have sex. Every time."

These new public service ads are being sponsored by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

"The ads are direct, honest and to the point," said Reverend Margaret Reinfeld, AmFAR's Director of Education. "This campaign was created because the federal government isn't doing its job."

As of press time, the networks committed to running the ad are: Cable News Network, Turner Broadcasting System, ABC, Fox, E! Entertainment, Arts and Entertainment, Lifetime, Comedy Central and New York 1 News.

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.

March on Washington Meeting Set for Milwaukee November 7

[Minneapolis, MN]- The second meeting of the March On Washington/Upper Midwest Delegation (MOW/UMD) Steering Committee was held on Saturday, October 17, 1992 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Over a dozen people attended from Region 12. Altogether, some 30-40 people are on the Steering Committee from Region 12.

Region 12 includes Wisconsin, Minnesota and North and South Dakota.

Since fundraising is of primary importance at this point, it was decided that the first fundraiser will be held on November 3 (Election Night) in the Twin Cities' area bars.

Saturday, November 28th, will be designated as MOW/UMD "bar night" — or a "dance night" (in cities which have no Gay bar, per se). Members from the Steering Committee will volunteer to travel to major cities in the Region 12 areas. Nine cities have been targeted including Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton/Green Bay, Superior and Eau Claire.

At this event, literature, T-shirts, buttons, etc. regarding MOW will be available to all patrons and donations will be collected.

MOW In Milwaukee

On Saturday, November 7, 1992, Steve Anderson and Larry Eckhart of the MOW/UMD will be in Milwaukee to hold a meeting. The meeting will be held at 3B's Bar at 1:00 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

According to Anderson, the purpose of

the meeting will be to form a core group to serve as contact persons for the March as well as to help mobilize the community for the April 25, 1993 March on Washington. Fliers and some merchandise will be available.

All those interested in helping mobilize Milwaukee for the March are urged to attend.

3B's Bar Plans Food Pantry Benefit Nov. 21

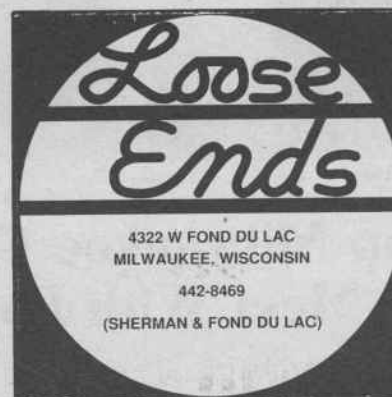
[Milwaukee]- The 3B's Bar will be holding a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) on Saturday, November 21 beginning at 9:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the North Country, a live band; the Cream City Squares and the Shoreline Line Dancers.

All proceeds will go to help MAP's holiday food pantry so that those less fortunate than ourselves might enjoy the holidays.

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Republican Gays are Afraid To Come Out of the Political Closet

Commentary By Scott H. Evertz

Since participating in a Lambda Rights Network-sponsored forum on Lesbians and Gays in the political process last month, I have discovered an interesting "sub-culture" of sorts within the Gay community — women and men who consider themselves Republican and are afraid to be "out" as a Republican in the Gay community.

How ironic it is that these women and men who have come to terms with their sexual orientation and, in many cases, are quite "out" to their families, colleagues and friends regarding this sexual orientation, are fearful of being "out" as Republicans in the Gay community.

Admittedly, many of these same individuals are fearful of being out in the Republican Party as well. In my experience, however, I find myself more accepted as a Gay man in the Republican Party than as a Republican in the Gay community. Until this alienation ceases and the Gay community makes room for Gay Republicans, the GOP can continue a move in the ultra-right, bigoted direction because the "community" does not want to allow us to be involved and make a difference.

The Irony of Alienation

The irony of alienation is that many Gay Republican men and women will cast their votes for George Bush in secret; telling no one of their support for the President and enabling the GOP to continue to believe there is no support for Republican candidates in the Gay community and, thus, no reason to address our needs once elected. I can't tell you how many times I have heard, "there's no such thing as a Gay Republican."

I'm writing this column in a continuing effort to dispel that myth and to encourage other Gay Republicans to come out of their "political" closets and help us change our party the way courageous women and men in the Democratic Party did fifteen or so years ago.

Support George Bush

I'm writing this column to encourage Gay women and men who feel so inclined to support George Bush for re-election.

President Bush is certainly not the best candidate when it comes to Gay and Lesbian civil rights, but he is not the worst.

President Bush signed the Hate Crimes Act in a White House ceremony attended by members of Gay and Lesbian organizations, an historic event for our community.

President Bush signed the Americans

Weekly AIDS Topic Announced For Nov. and Dec.

[Milwaukee]- AIDS Information Milwaukee (AIM), a weekly discussion group for people with HIV disease sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), will feature the following special topics in November and December:

The HIV Immune System Protection Program, held on November 4, will be presented by Penny Wagner, Neo Life Representative. The discussion will be an introduction to a unique nutritional supplement program specifically designed for people with HIV disease.

On November 18, in **Using Guided Imagery**, Dr. Florence Selder from the UW-Milwaukee School of Nursing will speak on how Guided Imagery can help enhance the healing process for those with HIV disease.

In the December 2 discussion, Tom Ryan of Glowing Health, will provide an **Introduction to Ortho-Bionomy**. It will provide information on the somatic neuromuscular work which strives to increase comfort through a unique approach.

An **Introduction to Yoga**, presented by Marty Marino from the Milwaukee Wellness Center on December 16, will provide the basics of yoga, a traditional Eastern practice of relaxation and meditation, and how it can be useful for promoting healing and well-being.

AIM meets each Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 315 W. Court Street, in Milwaukee, and is open to anyone who knows or believes they are HIV positive. Guest speakers are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of each month, with open discussions set for November 11 and 25 and December 9, 23 and 30.

Contact Tim Baack, manager of support services at MAP, at (414) 273-1991, for more information about AIM.

with Disabilities Act which includes protections for individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

And President Bush has stated, "there's no litmus test here," when asked if he would have a Gay person in his cabinet.

Clinton Is Not the Best

Undoubtedly, Governor Clinton has made some significant promises to the Gay community, but just as George Bush is not the worst candidate possible, Bill Clinton is not the best.

As Governor, Clinton presided over a state with a sodomy law that was actually enforced.

Governor Clinton did little to protect individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

And Arkansas has not legislated civil rights protections for Gay women and men.

A Bush Victory

If President Bush is re-elected, it will be important for Gay Republicans to continue to work within the Party to ensure the second-term Bush Administration moves in the correct (not "right") direction on issues important to Lesbians and Gays.

We can't do that, however, if we are unwilling to stand up and be counted. It will be as difficult to come out of the "political" closet, if not moreso, than it was to come out the first time as a Gay woman or man, but it will feel as good and is crucial if we are to ever have two parties respectful of our rights.

If you wait for the GOP to be perfect, it never will be.

Canada Becomes Third Country To Rescind Anti-Gay Military Policy

[Washington, D.C.]— On October 27, 1992, the anti-Gay and Lesbian policy of the Canadian armed forces was overturned following a federal court ruling. The repeal of the policy came after the military agreed to pay \$100,000 to former air force lieutenant Michelle Douglas, who was discharged from the service in 1989 after admitting she was a Lesbian.

The Canadian federal defense department admitted in court that its controversial policy infringes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (CRF) of Canada, and would be immediately rescinded.

"Canadians, regardless of their sexual orientation, will now be able to serve their country in the Canadian forces without restrictions," said General John de Chastelain, Chief of Defense Staff, in the

Toronto Star.

The head of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Max Yalden, was also quoted in the *Star* as saying the ruling was "a profoundly important decision" that would affect any other court challenge involving similar employment policy in Canada.

Canada, the Netherlands and Denmark are the only countries to rescind their anti-Gay military policies so far. Australia is considering overturning its policy.

Governor Bill Clinton has vowed to overturn the U.S. Department of Defense anti-Gay policy should he be elected president. The Bush/Quayle Administration supports the ban on Gay service members.



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

As we write, the elections are less than a week away (thank god). For most of the time that this issue will be in circulation, the whole process will have been over and done with. The victors will have been picked, the losers (hopefully Bush and his crowd) will be picking their way out of the rubble of defeat.

We can do nothing more at this point than to urge you to **VOTE!!!** This time, more than ever, it is absolutely necessary that you do so. There's a real choice to be made, one that can impact our lives into the next century.

As before, we recommend **Bill Clinton, Russ Feingold, Ada Deer and Tammy Baldwin**. Hopefully, you agree. Maybe you don't, but please, please **VOTE!!!!!!**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Should Police Officers in Dahmer/ Konerak Case Be Fired?

By Terry Boughner

SHOULD THEY BE FIRED? As we go to press, another act in the Jeffrey Dahmer serial murders is being played out upon the stage. Milwaukee Police officers Joe Gabrish and John Balcerzak are having their hearing before the Fire and Police Commission.

To refresh everyone's memory, Gabrish and Balcerzak were two of the four officers who, in the early morning hours of May 27, 1991, answered a call from 911 about a disturbance at the Oxford Apartments. That's where Dahmer lived. The call had been put in by a neighbor, Sandra Smith.

What they found there was an Oriental youth running disoriented and naked in the streets. The youth was later identified as 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone, a boy with a police record as a hustler.

First reports of the incident said that Sinthasomphone was bleeding from the rear. Later, this was found out not to be true. However, it has been reported that the boy had a black eye and a bruised face. Dahmer has admitted to having already drilled the boy's skull and poured boiling water on his exposed brain.

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There were concerned citizens all about; among them Smith, her cousin, Nicole Childress, both African Americans.

According to Anne E. Schwartz in her book **The Man Who Could Not Kill Enough**, the two women tried to intervene on Sinthasomphone's behalf, but they were ignored.

Schwartz writes that the women were "yelling," were preceived to be "hostile" and were "profane."

In the meantime, Dahmer, who had earlier left Sinthasomphone to get more beer, returned. Dahmer, who was on probation at the time for child molestation (one of Konerak's brothers) told the officers that Sinthasomphone was "John Hmung," a friend of his who was 20 years-old. Gabrish and Balcerzak, both experienced police officers, spoke only with Dahmer since Sinthasomphone could not speak. The officers accepted everything that Dahmer told them about the situation and did not check Sinthasomphone's name and address as should have been done.

Despite the women's pleas and protests, Gabrish, Balcerzak and rookie officer Rick Porubcan from another squad car, took Dahmer and Sinthasomphone back to Dahmer's apartment.

There's Nothing Wrong

According to Schwartz, "Hidden from view in the bedroom was the body of Dahmer's latest victim, Tony Hughes, whose three-day-old, decomposing corpse was laid out on the bed."

There was an awful smell, like someone had defecated, Schwartz reports, but, she adds, "Defecating in one's apartment is not a crime, nor is it sufficient basis for a search warrant."

The cops, believing as was reported, that nothing was amiss, then left Dahmer's apartment, leaving Sinthasomphone with him. Dahmer later admitted that after the police had gone, he killed Konerak. By the time of his arrest on July 23, 1991, he had killed four others as well.

Schwartz writes that at 2:22 a.m., Balcerzak got on the police radio and told the dispatcher, "The intoxicated Asian naked male (laughter in the background) was returned to sober boyfriend (more laughter)."

Later that morning, Glenda Cleveland, Smith's mother, called police to find out what had happened and spoke with Balcerzak. According to Schwartz, he told her in part "It's all taken care of. He's with his boyfriend... I can't do anything about somebody's sexual preferences in

life."

Cleveland continued to urge that Konerak appeared to be a child, but Balcerzak said he was an adult.

Again, according to Schwartz, two days later, Cleveland again called the police. She had read the newspaper article about Sinthasomphone's disappearance and believed Sinthasomphone was the same person she'd seen with Dahmer. She asked that someone come and take her statement, but no one ever did.

When all this came out, Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola fired Balcerzak and Gabrish and placed the third cop on probation. This firing is being appealed to the Fire and Police Commission, a process it is said will perhaps take another two weeks.

A Fit Penalty?

Balcerzak and Gabrish have pleaded guilty to the departmental charge that they failed to adequately investigate the matter. Why?

Schwartz reports that with only two hours in their shift that night, they had already "responded to eight calls." Did they see this one as just more of the same; just another "domestic altercation?"

Or did the fact that the neighborhood was "bad," that the witnesses were all African Americans and that Dahmer and Sinthasomphone were thought to be same-sex lovers have something to do with it?

Cops are people just like everyone else. They have their prejudices. I'm not saying that this is an excuse for their failure to conduct an adequate investigation, it isn't, not by far. But it is an explanation which everywhere you look in the Dahmer case seems to be sadly lacking.

The question now is should Balcerzak and Gabrish have their firings upheld by the Commission?

Prejudice, which I believe to have played a part, must be punished, especially prejudice that led to such tragic consequences as this did. But would firing the two officers serve our city? I wonder about that.

I would suggest that they should not be fired. Instead, they should be required to spend 1,000 hours or more working with African American groups, Asian groups and Lesbian/Gay groups. Only afterward, should they come back on the Force. Perhaps, as I would hope, they would return wiser and more sensitive men. Would it be too much to hope that they could serve as a leaven to the rest of the Department?

Again, I don't know. But one thing I do think and that is that no matter what happens to them, this whole hideous Dahmer situation should not be shoved under the rug and forgotten.

I think that we, all of us, this whole city, has a great deal to learn from this. We must learn it. Maybe the learning should begin — or continue — with Gabrish and Balcerzak.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

The **Milwaukee Sentinel** reports that Milwaukee Police Lieutenant Joseph Sutter, the supervisor of Dahmer/Konerak officers Joseph T. Gabrish and John A. Balcerzak, testified that the two "excelled in the investigation facet of police work," and that "overall, the officers ranked in the top 1% to 2% of all officers on the force."

Why did the officers so exemplary in their work and so skilled in investigation lapse in the Dahmer/Konerak incident? I think they have told us why in their sick pun about getting "de-Laos-ed" after the incident. They let their personal prejudices interfere with their work. For this they deserve nothing better than to be fired. They exhibit attitudes indicating that they do not respect minorities and hold in contempt many of the people they are paid to serve.

The whole hearing process is nothing more than a charade designed to make fools of the public and of the members of the Fire and Police Commission. Just consider the timing: timed to coincide with the Presidential election in order to get the pre-planned reinstatement of the officers off the front page and "sneak" it through.

Look at the prosecutor: given to an African American just to try to shut up any protest from the African American community. Consider the prosecution itself: throwing a hundred page book at the Commission members and then essentially sitting down and remaining silent. And then there's the "deal." Everybody claims it's not a deal, but if it sounds like a deal and smells like a deal, it's a deal.

The message must be sent that Milwaukee will not tolerate prejudice in police work, and that the Fire and Police Commission members are not fools to be manipulated. These officers must be fired.

— Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: We know of nothing in the transcript or other record that would indicate that the word Balcerzak used could be interpreted as "De-Laos-ed." The word was plainly "deloused."

Is It Time To Pay Attention To the Canaries?

Commentary By Sarah K. Newport

A panel of The Quilt says words to the effect that homosexuals can never be eliminated because we are born of the very people who would obliterate us.

I wonder if Pat Robertson or Jerry Falwell or Anita Bryant or Ronald Reagan have children or grandchildren who are Lesbian/Gay? If not children, then a beloved aunt or uncle, teacher or friend? Someone who has enriched their lives in some way?

I don't know why we were created, but we are a fact of creation. If you think in terms of God, then God has put us here.

I don't believe a loving, just God would place some of Her children here for the express purpose of setting them up for Her other children to eliminate from the face of the earth. That would be a very primitive sort of God.

I realize this is a priority that some people have. I have noticed that often Man (and I use the word specifically) creates God in his own image and so can produce a deity quite willing to project hatred, guilt and blame on Lesbian/Gay people. This unreasoning homophobia can be used to further the divisive idea of "(self) Righteous Us" being pitted against "Sinful Them."

The Holocaust

This is, of course, nothing new. It happened in Germany with the homosexuals and the Jews, though to this day, the fact that homosexuals were hauled into concentration camps has been kept silent.

It happened here when the Reagan Administration ignored the incredible devastation of AIDS. It was our own Holocaust, a silent one. We needed no oven, only an ignore-ance of the cries warning of a plague among us.

A friend recently reminded me that the canary that miners took down in the mineshafts was an early warning signal of bad air. The bird reacted to toxic air swiftly and its sickening told the miners that something was wrong.

The same person pointed out that the little owl that will become extinct when the old forests in the Northwest are gone has a similar importance. The conditions that enable it to live will have been altered to the point that it will die.

I think there is some connection with Lesbian/Gay people here. We too are part of the natural order, have always been and will continue to be. I believe there is something very special and important about this population which brings a positive force of compassion, creativity and healing to the world.

The larger society, in its oppression of Lesbians and Gays, fails to recognize or appreciate the enrichment of their own lives that comes from the gifts and work of Lesbian/Gay people.

It could be that there is a balance of nature in the interrelatedness of Lesbians/Gays and straights that is less understood than even the little owl in the Northwest forests.

American society is now struggling with the call of those who would divide the country into "(self) Righteous Us" and "Sinful Them." A greater man than these callers for division has already told us that a nation divided against itself cannot stand. The victims of such division are **All of Us**.

Our society continues to ignore the canaries, to what detriment to itself? How valuable is the interrelationship of all of us in ways we have yet to understand?

For all of our sakes, maybe, it's time to start paying attention to the canaries.

Lively, Topical Programs Planned For New Weekly Gay Cable Series

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's first weekly TV program by, for and about Queers will begin on Warner Cable Access Channel 47. On Wednesday, November 4, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., Dan Fons and Michael Lisowski were the first to use MATA's new "MPACT" studio.

The live call-in show, temporarily named the **Brand New Queer Program**, will feature up-to-date Queer news, Queer information and discussions and presentations of Queer topics. While this first show lasted only a half hour, the producers hope to secure an hour-long slot every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., within the next few weeks.

Fons and Lisowski say that once they have gotten their feet wet using the studio, they will be looking for participation from the entire Queer community. They hope to be a vehicle for the announcement and discussion of any up-coming events.

Because this will be the most frequently produced Queer news and information source in Milwaukee, they hope to be able to give up-to-date information on "crisis" situations (i.e. Mayoral vetoes, Queer-bashing incidents and School Board votes).

Also, in an attempt to provide positive Queer models in a medium sorely lacking such models, they would like to have live or prerecorded interviews with Queer couples and individuals describing their experiences. They hope there are people out there willing to participate in this way.

Accessible to Queer Youth

Each show will be replayed three times. The producers are attempting to make those times accessible, particularly to Queer youth. Hopefully, the show will replay at least once during the week in the late afternoon and once on Saturday mornings.

The MPACT studio is designed to that one person can simultaneously host and produce a live call-in TV program. The studio training lasts only four hours. MATA developed the studio to encourage a larger amount of community participation at MATA. Previously, one needed a minimum of six persons and over 16 hours in training to produce a MATA program.

The studio can be accessed by any non-profit group or non-profit sponsored group that completes training. **Brand New Queer Program** is being generously sponsored by the Gay People's Union, which also paid the training costs. The cost of training is \$50 per person or \$100 will train two people and give a group a year-long membership in MATA.

For more information about **Brand New Queer Program** or to make suggestions and comments, call Dan at (414) 964-8423 or Michael at (414) 265-8500. Newsy or Queer-relevant items may be sent to P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Also, if you or your group want to be on the show, give Dan or Michael a call.

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Last Call for Milwaukee Men To Join Safer Sex Gay 90's Group

[Milwaukee]- "I never realized there were so many ways to talk with someone about safer sex."

"It's nice to have a comfortable place to discuss relationship issues."

"I haven't been out long, and meeting with other Gay men has given me ideas about how to have relationships that are safe and good."

"My relationships have gotten a lot healthier."

"I wish this program went on longer."

These are the comments of some of the nearly 200 Gay men in Milwaukee who have already joined in "The Gay 90's: Having Healthy Relationships," a program offered by the Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW).

The Gay 90's is an AIDS prevention program, but one with a different 90's slant that moves beyond basic education to such issues as establishing and staying safe in relationships, dating, translating safe intentions into real practice, taking pride in one's health, and helping others we know to stay safe.

The Gay 90's is a study because it is evaluating the best new approaches to

AIDS prevention, so participants will not only benefit personally, but will also be able to contribute to efforts to find better ways to stop AIDS.

Small Group Meetings

Men who participate in the Gay 90's are invited to attend between one and seven small group meetings held at convenient times in a comfortable East Side location. Sessions are led by MCW professional staff, and participation is confidential.

Participants are also asked to complete detailed confidential interviews before and after the program to evaluate its benefits. All men are paid \$20 for each interview and \$20 for each group meeting attended.

End of Gay 90's

All good things come to an end and the Gay 90's is announcing its "last call" for new participants. For more information on the program, please call the MCW Community Health Behavior Program at (414) 287-4680 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and ask for the Gay 90's program.

Candles in Windows to Memorialize 'The Night of Broken Glass' Nov. 4

By Rev. Thomas J. Schuh

[Green Bay, WI]- November 4, 1992, will be the world-wide observance of the 54th anniversary of the night in November, 1938, when the Nazis smashed windows and set fire to Jewish homes, synagogues, schools, centers and businesses in the "Night of Broken Glass" or "Kristallnacht."

The streets of the Third Reich were strewn with a carpet of broken glass, reflecting the numerous fires and street lamps.

In the wake of Kristallnacht, 100 Jews were killed, 7,500 Jewish businesses were destroyed, 275 synagogues had been razed and burned and 30,000 Jews were arrested, the majority of whom were sent to the camps. This began the Holocaust.

At the same time, the Nazis determined to "cleanse" the Third Reich of Gay people and accelerated their arrests of anyone known to be or suspected of being Gay. While Jews were required to wear the Star of David on their clothing, Gay people were forced to wear a pink triangle.

Untold tens of thousands of Gay people were eventually sent to the camps to be slaughtered.

A Holocaust Memorial

As a memorial to those who lost their lives to bigotry and hate, and as a witness to our renewed vow that such a tragedy shall never happen again, all people are encouraged to safely display a lit candle in their window from dusk to midnight on Wednesday, November 4.

Milwaukee's Queer TV Announces November Cable Schedule

[Milwaukee]- The October and November Queer Television (QTV) programs highlight political activism. In October's first program (the 13th QTV), host Michael Lisowski talks with **Wisconsin Light** political columnist Bill Meunier about the importance of the Lesbian and Gay vote. A 30 second Public Service Announcement (PSA) from the Human Rights Campaign Fund stressing the importance of our vote will precede the program. The PSA is also running at random times on channels 14 and 47 prior to the election.

Cablecast dates are October 29 and November 1.

The second program deals with Queer Boy Scouts and their call for a boycott of Milwaukee's United Way because of the charity's support of the Boy Scouts of America who prohibit openly Gay men

and Lesbians from serving as members or volunteer scoutmasters. This is in specific violation of Wisconsin law which prohibits discrimination due to sexual orientation.

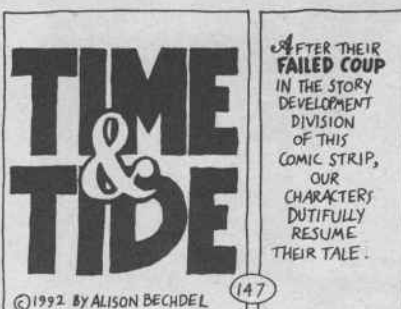
Dan Fons and Stan Straka of Queer Scouts are guests.

A special tribute to the memory of former Tri-Cable Tonight co-host Rick Poplawski who recently died suddenly and unexpectedly in New Orleans will be presented at the conclusion of the show.

Cablecast dates for this program will be November 5, 8, 12 and 15th.

All programs are produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and are cablecast on Milwaukee Warner Cable's public access Channel 14 (MATA). Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Dykes To Watch Out For



The Light LIVELY ARTS

Hectic Sexual Encounters, Violence, Bring Two Diverse Men Together Through the 'Living End'

By Geno

The Living End is certain to arouse controversy. It has been criticized for gratuitous violence and its writer/director/cinematographer/editor Gregg Araki has even called it "an irresponsible movie." But the violence, the hectic sexual encounters make sense in the context of the chancy world in which the story takes place.

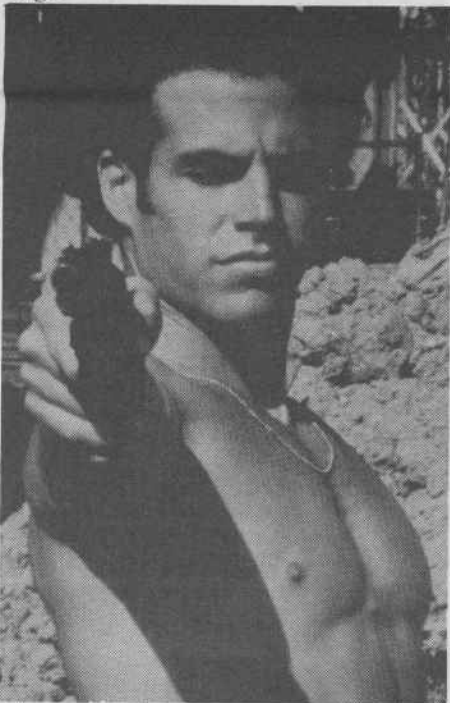
The film is actually an exploration of today's Gay consciousness facing up to mortality told through the combined experience of a pair of Gay young men. Two chance meetings throw them together and they find themselves on the run from the law and society.

Jon (Craig Gilmore), the conservative one, is still getting over the news that he is HIV positive.

Luke (Mike Dytri), the hunky, footloose hustler, is also seropositive but death facing him down the road gives him a sense of pure freedom. Luke's casual attitude informs the film — it's original title was "Fuck the World."

Araki's Meaning

The present title more aptly illuminates Araki's meaning, for impending death paradoxically imparts a greater sense of being fully alive, of living each day on the edge.



LUKE [MIKE DYTRI]

Like *Thelma and Louise* to which *The Living End* has been compared, the adventures of two individuals on the lam convey the same sense of nothing to lose, an awareness of living life to the full. The casual way in which Luke carries out several unavoidable, violent acts upon the well-deserving, like homophobic skinheads, for example, lends a feeling of satisfaction to the events.

When, to Jon's horror, Luke opens fire on a retentive money machine, many in the audience will wish for the freedom to do the same themselves sometime.

Devil Take All

Jon, the writer, longs to go home and makes frequent long distance phone calls to his caring friend and confidante Darcy (Darcy Marta); she finds it difficult to share Luke's devil-may-care attitude.

Mike Dytri as Luke makes his uproarious philosophy the dominant one and he is a joy to watch, epitomizing the Dearest Him for many though Araki says he is "as crooked as an arrow," whatever that means.

The two opposites dissolve their differences in sexual attraction; no need to practice safe sex lends freedom to some of the most original and tempestuous love scenes to hit the screen.

So how do you close an open ended story like this? Do the two lovers drive off

a cliff together? Walk hand in hand into the sunset? Or go their separate ways?

Auteur Araki has devised a convincing outcome in a pair of closing scenes. One is a gut-wrenching sexual and emotional showdown and the other is a freeze frame full of possibilities.

The Wisconsin premiere of *The Living End* will be a special benefit for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre, Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Maupin, Adams Rice to Appear at Schwartz Books

[Milwaukee]- "All Things Considered" host Noah Adams gives listeners a look behind the scenes in his new book, *Noah Adams on "All Things Considered."* Adams will be at Schwartz Bookshop, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave. (Historic Iron Block) on Wednesday, November 11 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to read from his book and give a brief talk.

Anne Rice

Anne Rice, the author of the best-selling *Vampire Chronicles* will sign copies of her books at Schwartz. In her new novel, *The Tale of the Body Thief*, the fourth book in the *Chronicles*, Rice tells the tale of Vampire-hero Lestat embarking on a great and dangerous adventure in his desire to escape his utter loneliness.

Rice will be at Schwartz's, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave. on Thursday, November 12 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Armistead Maupin

Maybe the Moon is Armistead Maupin's first novel since the beloved *Tales of the City* series. The novel introduces an unforgettable new character named Cadence Roth, an actress in her thirties eking out a living in "infomercials" and grade-B horror pictures. What makes Cadence so unique are her wits, her spirit and the fact that she is only two-and-a-half feet tall.

Maupin will read from *Maybe the Moon* at Schwartz Bookshop, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave. (Historic Iron Block) on Monday, November 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Different Drummer Theatre To Host Reception

[Milwaukee]- Different Drummer Theatre Alliance will be holding a gala reception on Saturday, November 21, 1992 at 404 S. 7th Street in Milwaukee on the second floor.

Different Drummer, Milwaukee's only theatre company specializing in presenting Lesbian/Gay plays, enjoyed outstanding success last season. Now, they are off and running again in what promises to be an even greater second season (more next issue).

In the meantime, Different Drummer wants you to know about their company; where they've been and where they are going. To this end the reception will be held.

There will be refreshments and entertainment, but more importantly, there will be a chance for you to meet the people who have worked and are working to make this company the success that it is. You can also learn about the role you can play in helping this unique company of players.

Please R.S.V.P. to (414) 347-0673 as soon as possible. Different Drummer has much to contribute to our community. Help them by attending this important event.



Once In A Blue Moon— A painting from Dickey Lee Stafford's art exhibit in Waterloo is shown above.

'Once in a Blue Moon' Art Exhibit Features Madison Artist

[Madison]- *Once in a Blue Moon...* is an exhibition of 50 paintings, drawings, photographs and sculptures created by acclaimed Madison artist, Dickey Lee Stafford. The show covers works created over the period from 1982-1992, including two major installations designed especially for the refurbished exhibition space at the historic Mode Theatre & Gallery in Waterloo, Wisconsin.

Lee was born in rural west Tennessee and graduated from Memphis State University in 1980 with a BFA in Art and Graphic Design.

Before moving to San Francisco in

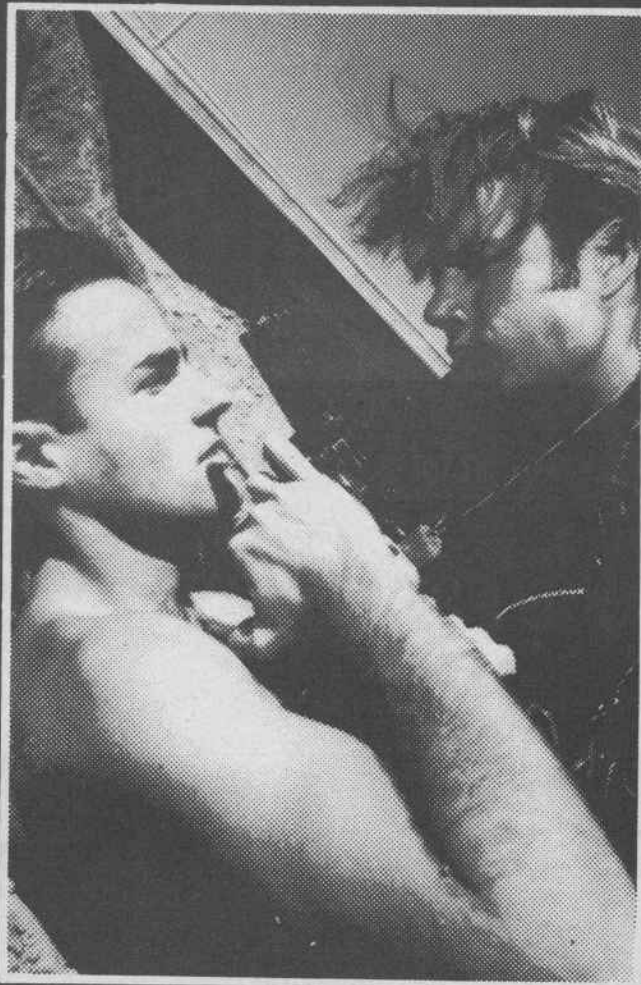
1989, Lee lived in Madison where he taught at the University and opened his own art and illustration studio. He has returned to Madison to heal after an AIDS diagnosis and joyfully paints every gift of a day.

The show runs daily through December 31, 1992 at the Mode Theatre. The Mode Theatre is a gallery and performance space available to the Madison arts community and is located at 121 S Monroe Street in downtown Waterloo just 12 miles east of Madison on Highway 19.

For more information, call Jinx Davis at (414) 478-2304.

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THE FLIRTATIONS and LILY TOMLIN

Comedian Lily Tomlin, Flirtations Star In New T.V. Shows

[New York, NY]- Comedian, actress and long-time Gay rights supporter Lily Tomlin will guest on the new TV show *In The Life* to be featured on public television stations nationwide, October through December.

In Milwaukee, the 30-minute show will air on Channel 10 on November 18 at 11:30 p.m.

In Madison, PBS station WHR spokesperson Mary Roeder said that no decision had been made on whether to run the show. She said that the station wanted to see more of the tapes. The final decision would be based on "quality."

In The Life is the first nationally-televised variety show in history featuring performers and personalities from the Lesbian and Gay community. The show, to be hosted by Kate Clinton, is produced by New York City's WNYC-TV.

Tomlin will appear in a skit which had its origins on WNYC-TV's *Out Time*, a series that aired during the 1982-83 season and was hosted by film historian and Gay activist, Vito Russo.

The skit picks up where Mrs. Judith Beasley (Tomlin) left off. Mrs. Beasley, head of the Concerned Heterosexuals of Calumet City, has embarked on a fact-finding tour of Gay and Lesbian America. She is presenting her findings to the good citizens of Calumet City.

Tomlin will also introduce a film tribute about Russo who died of complications from AIDS in 1990.

The Flirtations

Joining Tomlin will be The Flirtations, the world's first and only politically active, multicultural, all-Gay a cappella vocal quintet. The Flirts will perform the doo-wop hit "Mister Sandman" and the lullaby "Everything Possible" from their latest album *Out on the Road*.

In The Life has predictably excited the wrath of the far right wing. The program's content has been criticized on the floor of the Congress by Sen. Bob Dole. The American Family Association has called it "degenerate" programming.

Bay City Chorus Plans Christmas Concert Dec. 5

[Green Bay, WI]- Green Bay's Bay City Chorus is proud to announce that it will be performing its annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 5, 1992, at Union Congregational Church, 716 S. Madison Street in Green Bay. The program will include an organ recital at 7:30 p.m. and the choral concert at 8:00 p.m. The Chorus has selected a variety of Christmas favorites designed to please everyone from children to senior citizens.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, students and senior citizens. They can be purchased in advance from Chorus members or at the door, or by writing to: Bay City Chorus of Green Bay, Inc., P.O. Box 1901, Green Bay, WI 54305-1901.

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Mary Trevor To Perform At Apple Island

[Madison]- Apple Island Productions is proud to present a show for women by Mary Trevor, cofounder of the all-woman rock band *Lifeline*. The show will be ASL interpreted by Sharon Matuszeski.

Trevor plays contemporary acoustic rock that entertains and empowers. The show will be held at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison on Saturday, November 7 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door. The basic price is \$8, sliding scale \$6-\$10. Apple Island is smoke and alcohol free and wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (608) 258-9777.

'Pleasant Dreams' Open at Theatre X

[Milwaukee]- Theatre X will present *Pleasant Dreams* by John Schneider from November 4-15, 1992, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Fine Arts Theatre.

Pleasant Dreams is the story of three couples attending a family reunion in the country. In this idyllic, but haunted, setting, rivalries are unveiled, walls torn down, and the past is repeated.

Joining the Theatre X ensemble are Mel Andringa from the Drawing Legion in Iowa; Marci Hoffman, a past Theatre X member now working in Los Angeles; and Rip Tenor, alias Art Kumbalek. An original piano suite is composed and

performed by Connie Grauer. The set is designed by Milwaukee artist Jim Matson.

Ticket prices are \$10 for previews (November 4 and 5 at 7:30); \$12 Thursdays and Sundays and \$14 on Fridays and Saturdays. A student and senior ticket price is \$6.

For more information, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555. To order tickets, call the UWM Box Office at (414) 229-4308 or Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

Rabensdorf to Perform Work In Progress Nov. 5

[Milwaukee]- The "Mad Hatter," a monthly performance series held on the first Thursday of every month will present an informal showing of work in progress by Joseph Rabensdorf, a member of the Foothold Dance Collective. Rabensdorf, a struggling young artist, says that the performance is "an opportunity for me to experiment with new ideas and alternative performance in an intimate, informal studio setting."

At the November 5th showing, Rabensdorf will have as his special guest Jen Benka.

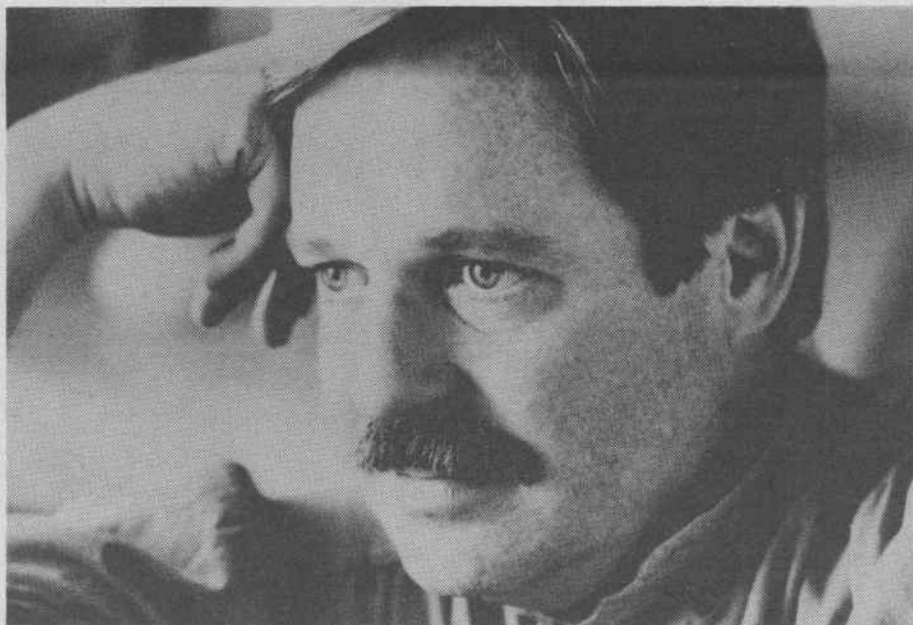
Performances are held in the Foothold Studio at the Lincoln Center for the Arts located at 820 E. Knapp Street in Milwaukee, Room 110. The time is 7:00 p.m.

Audience members are encouraged to wear hats. There will be a "pass the hat" donation.

For more information, call (414) 225-0279.

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A Rooster Crows— San Francisco's male cappella group, Chanticleer, will perform in Beloit, Madison, Eau Claire and La Crosse.

San Francisco Cappella Group, Chanticleer, Performs in Wisconsin

[New York, NY]- Chanticleer, for those who recall their Chaucer, was the rooster in "The Nun's Priest Tale" in *The Canterbury Tales*. A hybrid of French and Old English, the word "chanticleer" means "to sing clearly," says Louis Botto, director of the male a cappella group based in San Francisco that calls itself "Chanticleer."

The 12-member ensemble, now in its 14th season, will be appearing in Wisconsin in November. The group will be performing on Friday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m., at Eaton Chapel at Beloit College; on Saturday, November 14 at 8:00 p.m. at the Madison Civic Center; on November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Zorn Arena in Eau Claire; and on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center at Viterbo College in La Crosse.

When Chanticleer performed in Milwaukee three years ago, the a cappella choir amazed its audience. "The finest ensemble singing one could hope to hear filled the Pabst Theatre," hailed the *Milwaukee Journal*. "Rhythm and ensemble were impeccable, articulation pristine, intonation dead on target. Balance was poised and the blend was elegant."

The company has developed a remarkable reputation for its interpretation of a broad range of music ranging from Renaissance to contemporary gospel and modern jazz.

Chanticleer's sound, a seamless blend of 12 male voices ranging from counter tenor to bass, has distinguished the group as an unrivaled orchestra of voices.

Founded in 1978 by Louis Botto as a group that sang just for fun, Chanticleer started with a single performance in San Francisco's Mission Dolores. It soon went on to international acclaim with performances throughout the U.S. and Europe.

Tickets, \$18, \$12, are available at 211 State Street or by calling (608) 266-9055 (267-2674 teletypewriter). Groups of 20 or more receive a \$2.50 discount off each ticket. For group information call (608) 266-9055 and ask for the group sales manager.

Seating for persons in wheelchairs and with vision impairments is available. Persons with hearing impairments may request the use of assistive listening devices from the box office.

Jerry Smith's Nov. 15 Organ Concert To Feature Soprano Susan Wichman

[Milwaukee]- For the third year in a row, organist Jerry Allen Smith will be performing as part of the "Music At St. Paul's" series, held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 915 E. Knapp Street in Milwaukee. The performance will be held Sunday, November 15, at 3:00 p.m. A donation of \$5 and a non-perishable food item is requested.

Joining Smith this year will be soprano Susan Wichman. The program will include composers Bach, Handel, John Bull, Vaughn Williams, Paul Manz and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Smith is a nationally known artist and has been public about his own AIDS diagnosis for over two and a half years. His performances have included appearances at the Mormon Tabernacle, the Crystal Cathedral and various churches, theatres and college campuses around the country.

The concert will again benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the People Living With AIDS (PLWA) Coalition of Wisconsin.

The PLWA Coalition has been very active in the past year and a half, not only advocating for the rights of people with HIV disease by lobbying for HIV-related legislation in Madison and Washington, but in educating the teens in the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and several areas of the state.

The WEDGE Program

The WEDGE Program is one of two that has been accepted by MPS and is a very complete, culturally sensitive and graphic AIDS awareness program. The

Coalition Speakers Bureau, consisting of 10 people living with HIV disease, is the main presenter of the program which has been well received by teachers, students and parents.

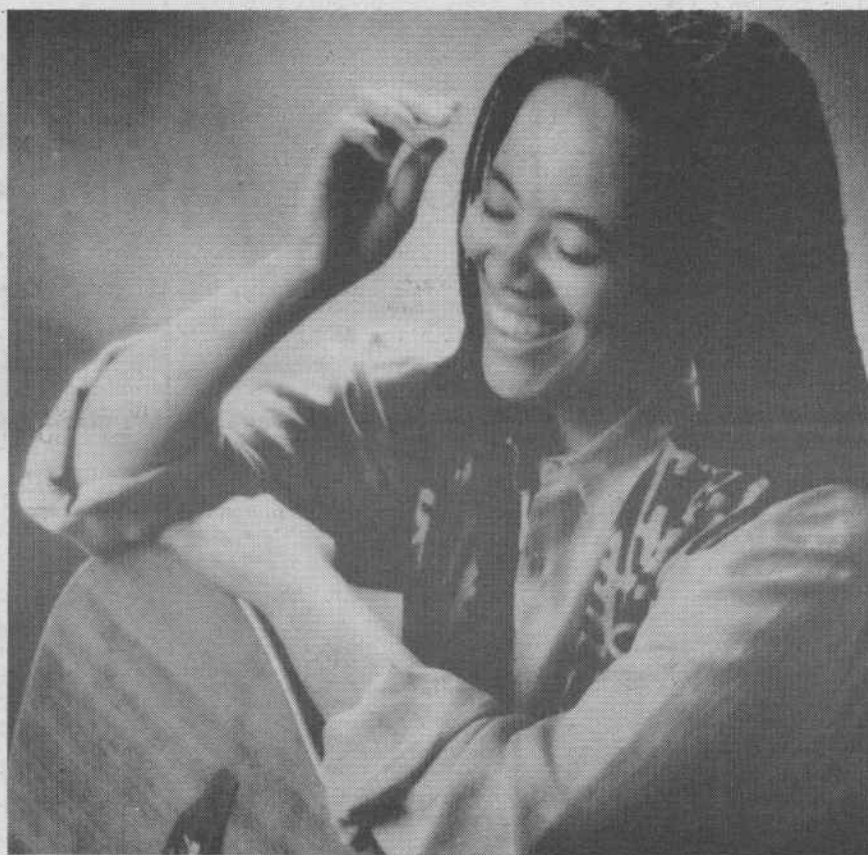
Proceeds from this benefit concert will help expand this much-needed AIDS awareness program and hopefully introduce it to other areas. Coalition members are to be commended for their efforts in helping to slow down this pandemic and your support is greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Coalition, its Speakers Bureau and the bi-monthly newsletter, please call (414) 273-PLWA (7592) or write to P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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[Milwaukee]- If you'd like to express yourself in person to the White House concerning the way the Bush/Quayle campaign has been conducted, write: James Baker, Chief of Staff and Bush/Quayle Campaign '92 Director, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500.

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Here Are Some Tips of What To Watch For On Election Night

By Bill Meunier

The big night is almost upon us and with a number of races tightening, no one really knows what is going to happen on Election Day. Here are some tips on what to watch for. They might help you get a better picture of what is happening.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE— Bill Clinton has lost much of his lead over George Bush and his election is no longer a sure thing.

By watching the electoral vote count and the results in some key states you can get a good idea on who is going to win. Keep in mind that the Bush ticket has left some states, like New York and California virtually uncontested. These states have enough electoral votes that Bush has to carry nearly all the states where he is in the lead AND he has to win the most of the swing states.

The earliest of the bellwethers in this election will be Kentucky.

Kentucky closes its polls at 6:00 Central time. Bush carried Kentucky big in 1988, but Clinton is running ahead in the polls there. Kentucky is a border state and if Clinton loses here it probably signals that he is in trouble in the rest of the South except the Clinton Gore home base of Arkansas and Tennessee.

A Clinton win in Kentucky means that he will be at least competitive in parts of the South that are normally Republican.

In the Northeast the key states are Connecticut and New Jersey. Both are normally Republican in Presidential elections. Clinton is said to be ahead in both but not by much.

Expect Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to go for Bush. New York, Massachusetts and probably Pennsylvania will go for Clinton.

Key states for Clinton in the South are North Carolina and Georgia. Clinton doesn't have to carry them to win the election, but if he does it will be much harder for Bush to gain the electoral votes he needs to win.

Clinton is also said to have a good shot at winning Alabama and South Carolina. If he were to carry all of the above as well as the other swing states already mentioned it would be almost impossible for Bush to carry enough states to win.

Key Southern States for Bush are Florida and Texas. He needs them both. If he loses either it is highly unlikely that he can win.

In the Midwest, Ohio, Wisconsin and Michigan are the battlegrounds.

Why I Switched From the GOP To Become A Democratic Socialist

Editor's Note: The writer is a member of the Executive Board of the La Crosse County, Wisconsin, Democratic Party/and Democratic Socialists of America.

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Why am I a Democratic Socialist, and why did I become a Democratic Socialist in 1990 after eight years of involvement in Reagan-Bush Republican politics?

We have all heard it said that the Democratic Party is no longer the party of the majority, that the Solid South is no longer solid, and we have been made aware, over the years, by the corporate-controlled media, of the conversions of Ronald Reagan, David Duke, Buddy Roemer, Phil Gramm and others from the Democratic Party — or in the case of David Duke, from the American Nazi Party — to the GOP.

However, this writer is someone who emerged from the GOP to share our belief in the Democratic Party with its proud progressive heritage.

I do not hesitate to term my switch from the Republican Party to democracy as a "conversion" because of the religious connotations of that term. However, there were two events in 1990 that served as a catalyst for my change in political affiliation.

The first affected me on a personal level. It was the April, 1990, "Rally for Life, '90" in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National Right to Life Committee and the anti-choice wing of the Republican Party.

Right-to Lifers Exposed

The "Rally for Life '90" had Illinois Republican Henry Hyde as its honorary chair. Hyde, President Bush, Vice President Quayle, Senator Gordon Humphrey, and Representative Chris Smith spoke as did Sheila Walsh of Pat

Clinton's lead in all three states (at this writing) is in the single digits.

Most experts say Bush must do well in the small Western states to win. These states are generally conservative and usually rock solid Republican. However, Clinton is leading in some of them. By the time the returns start coming in from the West the election might be over, but if it isn't and Clinton is within 54 electoral college votes of election it soon will be. California is so solid for Clinton that Bush hasn't even bothered to campaign there since June.

WISCONSIN RACES— The race for US Senate between Russ Feingold and Bob Kasten, may be called as soon as the polls close, but, it is tightening up. If it is projected as "too close to call," watch for the Milwaukee vote. In general a Democrat has to win 55% of the vote in Milwaukee County to offset heavily Republican areas in the rest of the state.

Hotly contested Congressional races of interest to Gays and Lesbians include the 2nd, and 6th Districts.

Ada Deer opposes incumbent Republican Congressman Scott Klug in the Second District. This District includes Madison. Klug is outspending Deer, but Deer is said to have the better grass roots organization. This one could be very close.

Sixth District Republican Congressman Tom Petri is in the fight of his life. Gays and Lesbians may remember Petri as the Congressman who told a national student group that "Homosexuality should be outlawed." He bounced 77 checks at the House Bank and he is opposed by an intelligent articulate former prosecutor Peggy Lautenschlager.

NATIONAL SENATE RACES— Despite having twice as many Senate seats up for election the Democrats think they can pick up enough seats to break Republican filibusters.

Key races to watch are: Republican seats are vulnerable in California, New Hampshire, Oregon, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Democratic seats are in jeopardy in South Carolina, North Carolina and possibly Ohio.

Look for Democratic women who are very strong on Lesbian/Gay issues to run good races in California, Washington, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Their election could change the whole character of the Senate.

Robertson's 700 Club and James Dobson.

In the Vice President's speech, Quayle referred to the Rally as "a powerful demonstration of commitment and caring...an awakening of conscience and compassion...This movement is the humanitarian movement of our time."

However, what I saw and heard that day in Washington was a far cry from caring and humanitarianism as we know it. I saw posters among the Texas delegation of a racist nature in clear view of the speakers' platform. One read "Stop Jewish Doctors' Cannibalism Against Unborn Americans."

I spoke with three young men from Atlanta who commented that God uses AIDS to punish its victims. It is no wonder that some people in our nation feel this way. We have a Chief Executive who in the few times he has even addressed the AIDS pandemic, has himself spoken about the "innocent victims" of AIDS thereby implying that all the rest are to be considered not-so-innocent.

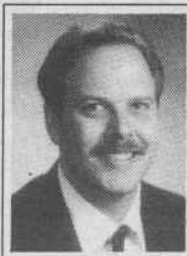
Massachusetts Democrat Barney Frank, in reference to the "right-to-lifers" once said, "To pro-lifers, the right-to-life begins at conception and ends at birth." What I saw in Washington that April was a single minded concern for unborn fetuses and little commitment to the right-to-life of already born citizens.

At the Rally, I saw no commitment toward resisting racism, sexism and the economic inequities which abound in our so-called "free enterprise" system. I saw no commitment towards resisting the homophobic attitudes and AIDS-related hysteria which exists in America.

Agenda to Suppress Rights

I came away from that Rally with the firm conviction, based on eight years of Far Right involvement, that the Far Religious Right and its agent, the GOP,

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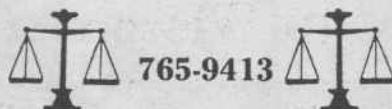
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will not confine themselves to simply restricting access to family planning services. Their agenda reaches beyond abortion. Their agenda is to suppress and systematically eliminate the civil liberties and civil rights of all Americans who do not agree with their own religious, moral and political agenda.

Following the April Rally in Washington, one other event in 1990 prompted me to move over to the Democratic Party. This event had to do with the 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco in June of that year.

George Bush was invited to speak to the conference. He declined to do so, not in person, but through a press aide. In addition, he refused to address the conference via a video hook-up despite the fact that he found it necessary to address the April "right-to-life" rally through a phone hook-up. I later discovered that Bush's "prior commitment" was to participate in a North Carolina fundraiser for Jesse Helms.

These two events in 1990 offended me, not only personally as someone who once placed a significant amount of faith in the "pro-life" movement and as someone who lost a significant person in my life due to AIDS. These two events in 1990 offended my moral sensibilities, my conscience, to the point that in the Summer of 1990, I became a member of the Democratic Farm-Labor Party while living in Winona, Minnesota. I went on to join the successful US Senate campaign of Paul Wellstone in Winona County.

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As an intriguing side note, the term "New World Order" has its origins in Adolf Hitler's book *Mein Kampf*. It can be found under the Nazi military doctrine of "lebensraum," which is translated from the German to mean "living space." You may draw your own conclusions as to what President Bush's concept is of "New World Order." I have drawn mine.

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Bruce Springsteen 'Human Touch' and 'Lucky Town' Album Released

By Michele Lasyren

Human Touch and **Lucky Town**, the two newest releases from Bruce Springsteen, are continuations of the journey he began with 1987's **Tunnel Of Love**. These three albums constitute the most personal, if not autobiographical, material of his career.

In **Tunnel**, he wrote of people who were caught between love and fear — Springsteen, himself, was among them. He was facing his illusions about love, relationships and himself.

With **Human Touch** and **Lucky Town**, he further confronts these illusions, dismantling both his personal and public myths in the process of building a realistic life and finding love.

Human Touch

The first half of **Human Touch** focuses primarily on loneliness and what is found when your idealism fails you. The title track and the following tune, "Soul Driver," are mournful lover's prayers that ask simply for "someone to talk to and a little of that human touch." He concedes, however, that these seemingly simple things are hard to find and even harder to hold onto.

Musically, **Human Touch** most notably marks the first time Springsteen has really unleashed his playing ability on lead guitar. His solos are plentiful and each one passionately makes its point.

Other highlights are the dynamic vocal contributions of Sam Moore, Bobby King, Bobby Hatfield and Patti Sciafla, Springsteen's new wife and former E Street Band member.

Lucky Town

Lucky Town convincingly portrays the

happiness Springsteen has found. Even though one might expect it to be sappy, it is instead poignantly thankful and realistic.

The album offers more personal vignettes than any of his work in the past. It sometimes feels as though you're peeking into a private journal telling of one man's travails and eventual triumph over his demons.

The central piece, "Living Proof," is a multi-dimensional song in which Springsteen addresses the birth of his first child; his struggles and failures and his relationship with his wife to whom he extols: "You shot through my anger and my rage/to show me my prison was just an open cage/ there were no keys and no guards/just one frightened man and some old shadows for bars."

On "Living Proof" he notes that the one sure thing "is that life is just a house of cards." The album's second side takes that fact into account.

Author's Note: Springsteen will perform at Milwaukee's Bradley Center on Election Day, November 3, 1992.

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The ACLU: Its Role in American Constitutional Law

Commentary By Darren J. Foster

Black's Law Dictionary defines "special interest groups" as "groups in society that have a special interest in common and generally attempt to influence legislation to benefit their own particular groups interests."

In this report, I will focus on the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and briefly survey the role it has played in the evolution of American constitutional law.

As a special interest group, the ACLU's constituents are all Americans, regardless of ideology or class status, who face being deprived of their constitutionally-guaranteed civil liberties and civil rights. Any one of us could fall into that category.

For example, the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), a radical labor group who opposed American involvement in World War I, had their records seized without a search warrant and burned by federal agents in 1918.

Another and more recent example is Tim Campbell whose First Amendment rights were ignored by the City of La Crosse Police Department in 1991. These rights were later upheld by Judge Robert Joanis on March 23, 1992, in La Crosse Municipal Court.

A Brief History of the ACLU

Before we examine the case of "The City of La Crosse v. Tim Campbell," let me give a brief and concise history of the ACLU, the organization that successfully defended Campbell in the case.

The ACLU, founded in 1920, was born out of the struggle to defend free speech during the First World War. Organized by social workers Crystal Eastman and Roger Baldwin, the ACLU was an offshoot of the American Union Against Militarism.

The ACLU in the 1990's is a private, voluntary organization with 270,000 members. It has national offices in New York City and Washington, D.C. and staffed affiliates in 46 states who handle 80 percent of its caseload. Four to five thousand volunteer attorneys, like Peder Arneson of La Crosse, are on hand to

assist with ACLU-accepted cases.

A Civil Liberties Revolution

Because the ACLU's commitment is to the non-partisan defense of the Bill of Rights, it has often been associated over the years with some very unpopular causes. Keep in mind that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter once wrote, "It is a fair summary of history to say that the safeguards of liberty have frequently been forged in controversies involving not very nice people."

The ACLU's absolutist positions on freedom from censorship and the separation of church and state — First Amendment issues — seem to be the most controversial among the ACLU's detractors.

For example, in 1988, Presidential candidate George Bush in scapegoating the ACLU, cited the organization's stand on pornography and the separation of church and state as being "out of the mainstream" of American life. Bush then called Michael Dukakis "a card-carrying member of the ACLU."

Many in the ACLU felt this type of campaign behavior resembled the guilt-by-association campaign of Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy during the Cold War.

ACLU Founders, In The Mainstream

The three principal groups who began the ACLU, however, were definitely part of "mainstream" America.

First were the social workers Eastman and Baldwin. Second were the Protestant clergy inspired by a secular social gospel. And third were conservative attorneys who idealized the Constitution and were outraged by the World War I violations of free speech and due process rights.

Because many of the ACLU organizers were, in effect, establishment people themselves, up until the 1960's, the agenda of the ACLU expanded slowly. Then came the civil rights revolution of the 1960's and '70's.

To Be Continued

Editor's Note: The author is a Gay activist and law student and a regular contributor to *Wisconsin Light*.

Violence In Lesbian Relationships Workshop Planned in Green Bay

[Green Bay, WI]- Northern Womyn, Inc. (NWI) believes it will be breaking ground in Northeastern Wisconsin in November when it presents a workshop on violence in lesbian relationships.

The workshop, called "Violence in Intimate Relationships," is aimed at anyone who wants to better understand how violence affects the lesbian community. NWI is making a special

effort, however, to invited human service professionals who work with battered lesbians to the event.

Ruth Oja, a domestic violence counselor at Caring House in Iron Mountain, MI, will present the workshop at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 17 at the Family Violence Center, 1725 Dousman Street in Green Bay, WI.

Oja, who has presented numerous workshops in Wisconsin and Michigan on homophobia and violence between lesbian partners, will explore how violence affects our lives and relationships.

A panel discussion featuring survivors of abusive relationships will follow Oja's presentation.

The Family Violence Center is located on Dousman Street behind St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center in Green Bay. Parking is available and refreshments will be served.

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Richard (Rick) J. Poplawski, 34, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday, September 24, 1992 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Rick was a generous and gentle man who was loved by many. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by family and friends.

Rick was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Racine.



Richard J. Poplawski

Bush Administration Okays Cuts for AIDS Insurance Benefits

[Washington, D.C.]- Despite recommendations to the contrary by several federal agencies and prestigious groups, the Bush Administration on October 16, 1992, told the U.S. Supreme Court that businesses may slash the health benefits of a worker with AIDS.

The case, known as "Greenberg v H&H Music Company," charges that the Houston, Texas-based firm violated provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act when it cut an employee's health insurance from \$1 million to \$5,000 after his AIDS disclosure. The employee, folksinger John W. "Jack" McGann, has since died.

"If this decision is upheld, said Jeff Levi, Director of government affairs for the AIDS Action Council, "it will be an open license for companies to cut their costs and make a mockery of health insurance coverage."

Frontier Magazine Pulls \$2.5 Million Account from Bank of America

[Los Angeles, CA]- The Gay magazine *Frontiers* in California took a big step against Bank of America for its decision to continue funding the Boy Scouts of America.

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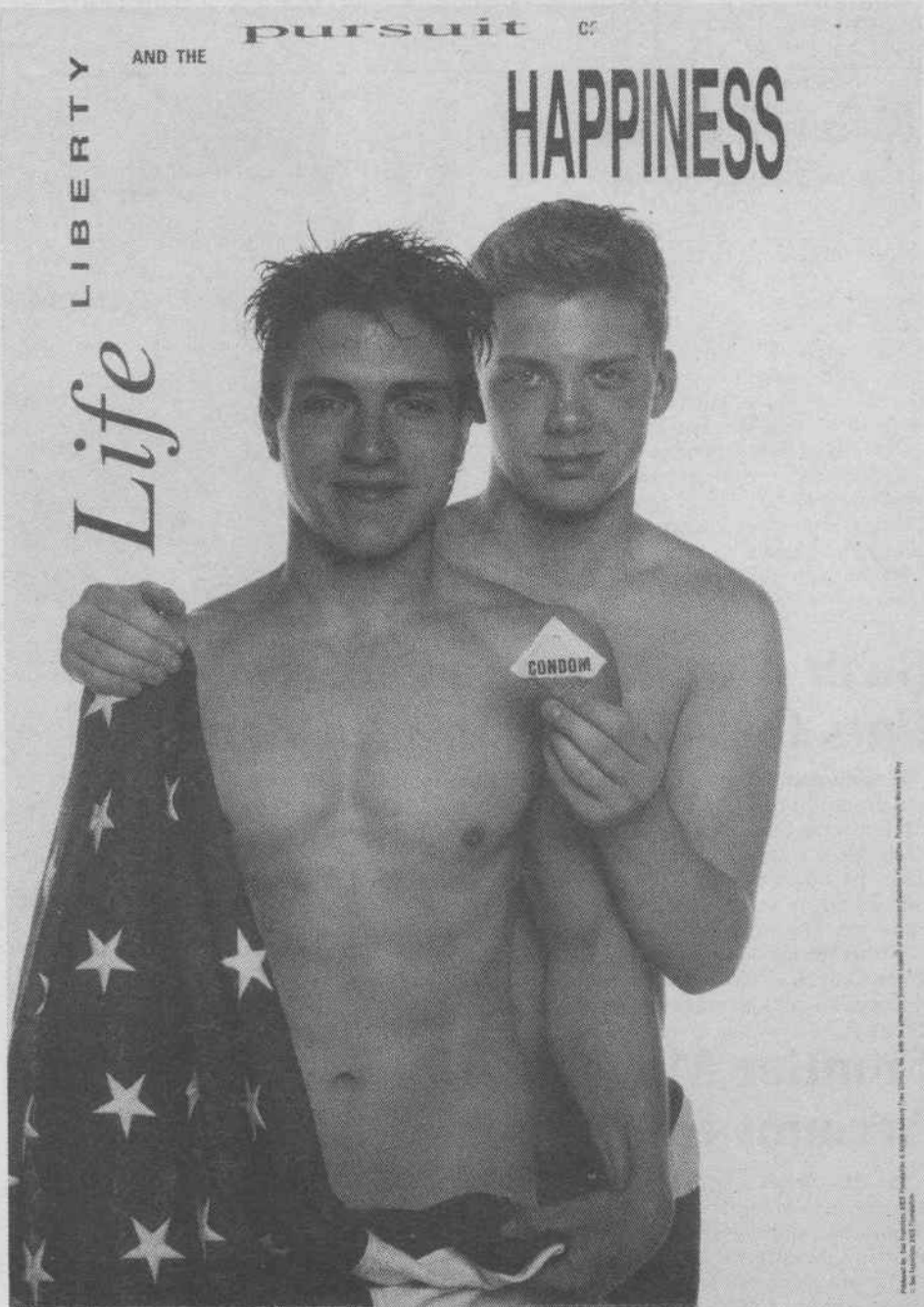
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Life, Liberty and Happiness—A federal district court has found this San Francisco AIDS poster unobjectionable. A review panel of the Centers for Disease Control had earlier rejected the poster.

Court Allows Federal Money For 'Offensive' HIV Prevention Material

[New York, NY]—In a major breakthrough for AIDS prevention nationally, a federal district court has struck down Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regulations that prohibited the use of federal funds for HIV prevention materials deemed "offensive" to "a majority of adults beyond the target audience."

The rule that was struck down is part of the guidelines used by the CDC for awarding \$200 million a year to states and to thousands of AIDS education groups. The rule has been described as a tool of censors used to block sexually explicit educational information and thereby sacrificed lives to arbitrary moral standards.

In a 63-page ruling, Judge Shirley Wohl Kram of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled on May 11, 1992 that the CDC's regulations exceeded that agency's authority and that the regulations established an unconstitutionally vague standard, thereby violating the First and Fifth Amendments. Her decision, by rendering the CDC's grant terms void, will affect all federally-funded AIDS education in the country.

The case was brought by the national AIDS Project of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Center for Constitutional Rights in 1988. The State of New York also joined the suit as a plaintiff.

Decision Hailed

Ruth E. Harlow, staff attorney with the AIDS Project, hailed the decision as a decisive one for public health. "Finally, clear and supportive AIDS education can reach all the communities that desperately need it," she said. "This decision strongly reaffirms that the public health and the Constitution are more important than some vague notion of squeamishness about explicit HIV prevention materials."

The CDC, under political pressure, first adopted restrictions on AIDS education materials in 1986. The next year, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) succeeded in adding an amendment to an appropriations bill, with further prohibited government funding of materials that would "promote or encourage, directly, homosexual activities" and required that materials "emphasize abstinence from sexual activity outside a sexually monogamous marriage."

The Helms Amendment was eventually

dropped by Congress, but the CDC continued to impose an elaborate review process and the vague "offensiveness" standard for all materials funded by the agency.

A Meaningless Rule

Judge Kram wrote that the CDC's rule had "no core meaning that can reasonably be understood by a person of ordinary intelligence."

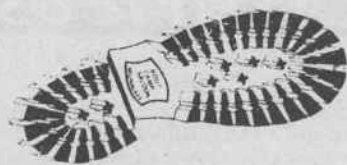
Judge Kram went on to write that she found it "impossible to explain why in August, 1990, a local Program Review Panel (of the CDC) rejected one proposal which depicted two men draped in a flag and holding condoms."

She was referring to a poster put out by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation showing two young Gay men, nude except for an American flag with one holding a condom. The words around the edge read: "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" with "Life" and "Happiness" in bold, black letters.

According to Harlow, the CDC's rule "resulted in homogenized, ineffective education tools. AIDS educators were not allowed to use their expertise and their ties with particular targeted communities to develop messages that would be understood and that would motivate taking precautions."

Harlow went on to say that, "Now the Gay male community, communities of color, and groups serving adolescents can use federal funds to skillfully educate their constituents, without worrying about the perceptions of all the adults beyond those particular audiences."

The government has not yet determined whether it will appeal.



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Elections and Hard Work Can Bring on the American Dream

Commentary by Bill Meunier

On November 4th, it will all be over but the shouting and the analysis. The thousands of words that I have written and the millions that have been written about this election in general will be forgotten and the words "_____ Wins" will be all that anyone is really interested in.

When you think about it, an election is a wonderful thing. Tens of millions of us will go to the polls on November 3rd. The voting booth is a great equalizer. Whether you are pauper or a millionaire, your vote counts the same.

This election is a critical one for us. For President we are faced with the choice of a homophobic President, a Southern Governor who pledges his support for us and a businessman whose mental stability seems to be in question. For the Senate we are confronted with a choice between a homophobic sleazy Senator and an ardent supporter of human rights.

I wish I could tell you who was going to win. Many of you have told me that the shrinking leads have made you nervous, they have made me nervous too. What I can tell you is that I am going to vote my dreams and I urge you to do the same.

When I grew up, I believed in this country absolutely. I believed that our government leaders (outside of Chicago) were honest, that everyone had a chance to be rich and famous, that America was always right and the good guys always won.

I have since learned that most of the above wasn't really true. But if I can no longer believe that America is all I once thought it was that doesn't mean that I have to accept what I have often found it to be. That doesn't mean that I can't dream that the America I once thought existed can never come about.

I dream of a country where the President doesn't deny that hard times are upon us, where he/she calls us to work together to overcome them.

I dream of a country where the government doesn't try to divide us for political advantage. In the America I dream about, we don't blame the poor, and minorities for our problems. We don't squeeze people out because of what or who they are, we bring people together.

I dream of a country where Presidents running for re-election, campaign on their record and their agenda, not on the imagined shortcomings of their opponent. I dream of an America where candidates may disagree but are united in calling us to reach for higher things.

I dream of an America where everyone has an equal chance to succeed. Where people are judged not on how much money they have but on what they contribute. I dream of an America where those who work hard will get ahead and not be undercut by corporate take overs, and forced concessions, where CEO's are paid based on profits and not on their ability to squeeze more out of their workers. In the America I dream about, if workers have to accept lower wages so does management.

I dream of a country where people who are sick can be get treatment without fear of not being able to put food on the table. I dream of a country where your ability to pay doesn't determine your life span.

I dream of a country where we aren't told that only if the rich do well, will the rest of us do well. I dream of a country where all share equally in the

responsibility of maintaining the government.

I dream of an America where people don't have to accept working harder and making less. I dream of a country where competitiveness is not used as a club to deny our workers the same level of wages and benefits that workers in competing countries have. I dream of a country where we don't hear about what we can't have because we aren't good enough.

The America I dream about is a country where we are called to share the burden of doing better instead of the weight of shame and guilt. I dream of an America where we talk about what we can do instead of what we can't.

It is because of the America that I dream of, that I will vote for Governor Bill Clinton for President and Russ Feingold for the United States Senate. I can not say that if they win they will be able to fulfill all the dreams that I and you have for our country. But I firmly believe they will try.

I agree with those who say that George Bush, Bob Kasten and their ilk may again be able to steal my dreams at least for a while. But it won't be because I gave up on them. It won't be because I didn't hold fast to what I believe America can and should be.

No matter what else may happen, no matter how bad things may get, they won't ever get my dreams. Don't let them get yours either. Share your dreams with the rest of us, vote on November 3rd.

Support Groups Schedule Meetings At the United

[Madison]—Two support groups are currently meeting regularly at Madison's United. One is Lesbian Partners of Incest Survivors. This group meets ever 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. at the United, 310 E. Wilson. This is a free peer support group for Lesbians whose lover is an incest survivor and needs support. For further information, please call (608) 244-3903.

The second group is Many Roads, One Journey. It is a feminist 16 Step Group for dependency on substances and people. Meetings are on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the United, 310 E. Wilson Street. The group is based on Charlette Kasl's book **Many Roads: Moving Beyond the 12 Steps**. This is a free group. No donations are asked. For further information please call (608) 244-3903.

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