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# The Wisconsin Light

## **Back Local Anti-Gay Laws**

[Portland, OR]- Less than a year after Oregon voters turned down the strongest measure against Gay rights that was ever considered by a state, Lon Mabon and the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), have come back with several election victories at the local level.

In a two- week election by mail whose ballots were counted June 29, all four counties (Josephine, Douglas, Linn, and Klamath) and two towns (Junction City and Canby) that voted on the issue approved, by heavy margins, a slightly toned-down version of last Autumn's statewide measure, which would have deemed homosexuality "abnormal and perverse," and allowed discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

The counties and towns had been chosen by OCA and the religious right because residents there had strongly backed the state measure.

The initiatives that they now have approved prohibit local governments from doing anything to "promote" homosexuality, and bar laws protecting Lesbians and Gays from discrimination.

Similar proposals will be voted on in other Oregon counties throughout the year, and campaigns to deprive Gays and Lesbians of civil rights are under way in Idaho, California, Michigan and Washington State.

#### This Is War!

"We are in a mode of full-scale cultural war now, and we've just picked up a lot of momentum," said Mabon. "We will take this thing from courthouse to courthouse, county to county, state to state. We're saying flat out: don't even try to pass something to protect homosexuals," Mabon warned.

Mabon said he had circulated about "6,000" copies of the videotape "The Gay Agenda," that showed Gays acting flamboyantly at Gay Pride Marches in San

Gay activists in Oregon said that the vote showed a need for national laws to protect Lesbians and Gays.

#### Meanwhile, In Washington State

On June 12, Kevin Tebedo, founder of Colorado for Family Values (CFV) and prime sponsor of Amendment 2, held a Community Watch Seminar at Linden Christian High School in Bellingham, Washington. The seminar, attended by more than 150 people, was titled "The Gay Agenda, Its Threat and What Christians Can Do About It."

The seminar was sponsored by the Bellingham-based Rev. Gary Small and the Youth Action Coalition (YAC) which, according to its spokespeople, considers itself to be a Fundamentalist Christian version of ACT UP.

In his uninterrupted, three-hour speech to seminar attendees, Tebedo said, among other things, that the "Gay agenda is taken directly from Mein Kampf, and includes closing down churches and molesting children below the age of eight.'

Tebedo urged his audience to launch an Amendment 2-style initiative in Washington State, saying "The way to stop the Gay agenda is to overpower the homosexual community.

He went on to added that "The game of politics is simply who has got the biggest

bat and who can swing the fastest.' Tebedo urged people in Washington State and Christians throughout the nation to "keep a watch" on Gays and Lesbians."

"Monitor means to keep track of them," he said. "It is not harassing, or intimidating them by making phone calls. It is simply gaining knowledge of what is going on. The main reason for monitoring is that there will come a time when you can take that information and use it.'

Tebedo concluded his presentation by saying that there can be "no compromise or peaceful coexistence between Gays/Lesbians and traditional family values.

# Voters In Oregon ACT UP Seeks Ouster of Milwaukee **Deputy Commissioner of Health**



CHICAGO CELEBRATES- Dorothy Hajdys, mother of slain Gay seaman, Allen Schindler, is shown riding in Chicago's Gay Pride Parade on June 27, 1993. After the parade she spoke at the rally held in Lincoln Park. (See related story on page 2).

## Strong White House Leadership Will Resist Military Ban Compromise

By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]- On the eastern edge of Capitol Hill in the Congressional Cemetery, lies a headstone which reads, "When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one.'

It is the grave of Leonard Matlovich, the Air Force sergeant who's challenge to the ban on Lesbians and Gays serving in the military exploded the issue into national headlines in 1975.

Matlovich was buried here exactly five years ago on July 4. His issue has yet to be put to rest.

On the western edge of that same hill lies the Capitol building. Gay and Lesbian veterans who would change the policy gathered outside to petition this empty house. Their Congress members remain united only in the hope that the issue will go away, not in a means by which to accomplish that end.

#### A Silent White House

Down Pennsylvania Avenue, the man who once naively voiced his basic support for the change, and has since studiously avoided basic defense, much less public advocacy of that change, was out of town.

The White House was, again, symbolically empty. President Clinton was in Philadelphia celebrating those who are dismantling the South African system of official government discrimination known as apartheid.

He was silent on the official American government version of apartheid discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military and in other aspects of American life.

Across the Potomac River, the generals and admirals are continuing their tradition of fighting the last war fear of foxholes and fraternization. They don't realize that their greatest worry should be a perception of them as fair and representative, for they need to maintain society's support through dollar appropriations and through recruitment of the best and brightest young minds to staff their all-volunteer force.

#### The Stage Is Set

This melodrama assumes more and more the characteristics of Samuel Beckett's play Waiting for Godot where there is a lot of talk, but nothing seems to happen, and all of the action that does seem to happen, takes place off stage.

Perhaps that is why the latest round of media events staged by pro-Gay forces have been largely ignored.

The Campaign for Military Services press conference on June 30 in Atlanta with Coretta Scott King at the grave of her husband; Queer Nation marching on July 2 from the White House to the Capitol; these and the rest have been largely ignored by the major media.

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## **Flirtations Will Present Concert** At Milwaukee's MAPfest Sept. 5

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is bringing the Fabulous Flirtations to Milwaukee for the 8th Annual MAPfest celebration on September 5, 1993. While the Flirts have appeared in Madison, this will be their first performance in Milwaukee.

The Flirtations are a group of five exuberant Gay men, often saucy, many times irreverent, who have gained for themselves a well-deserved national reputation for their musical talent. They bring life to their music and then hone it down to a sharp political edge that makes their audiences laugh, clap as they realize that there is a joy in, a magic in being Lesbian or Gay.

Their latest album, Out On The Road, recorded in concert, is a totally delightful demonstration of doo-woop tunes, but with a decided Queer twist.

For example, in "Mister Sandman," they sing, "Give him two legs like Greg Louganis, but make him comfortable about his Gayness." Or listen to "So Much In Love (Lesbian Love)." It was written as a tribute to the first woman District Attorney of Puerto Rico and her Lesbian lover of over 50 years.

I've reviewed the Flirtations and their albums on these pages before. Need I tell you that I think they well deserve the name "Fabulous?"

Opening for the Flirts will be Milwaukee's hit comedy duo, Blomberg and Mahaffey.

This special matinee show will be held at the PAC's Todd Wehr Theater at 3:00 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$15 which includes admission to the festival. Tickets will be available at MAP beginning in mid-July. Call (414) 273-1991.

(Word of advice, I'd get my tickets

early. Believe it. The Flirts are good! Call Jim Schleif at (414) 273-1991 for more information about MAPfest, or to reserve a booth.

[Milwaukee]- "The current disastrous epidemics of AIDS, syphilis and penicillin resistant gonorrhea are, in large part, the result of hypersexual behaviors of confused, unhappy, mentally retarded, desperate and/or addicted people. These are high risk behaviors that no one in their right mind would engage in.'

This is part of a letter written by Thomas L. Schlenker, M.D., M.P.H., Special Deputy Commissioner of Health for the City of Milwaukee.

As a result, ACT UP Milwaukee is demanding that Schlenker either resign or

In the main, the letter addressed the resurgence in America of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Schlenker wrote the letter as a Letter to the Editor to the Marquette Tribune, the student newspaper, in response to a report in that paper about two Marquette students who had been diagnosed with syphilis by the Health Department just prior to the Christmas break.

The letter was published on January 27, 1993. Wisconsin Light received a copy of the letter from ACT UP Milwaukee.

Schlenker said that in writing the letter he had in mind one particular female student who, he said had had "25" sex partners in a school term. Her habit, he said, was to get drunk, go to frat parties and have sex.

Schlenker said that the letter was intended to convey to students the idea "in the strongest possible terms" promiscuous sex was not acceptable healthy behavior. It "should not be viewed as a college lark."

Schlenker added that he was not referring to people with AIDS, nor to Gays or Lesbians, but to "people who are out

Schlenker was asked what how he defined "hypersexual." He admitted that the word did not have an exact definition, but in his thinking it meant "having sex with people you don't know or only know slightly." It means a lot of sex over a short period of time, he said.

Paul W. Nannis, Milwaukee Commissioner of Health, said that the letter had to be understood "in context." He added that while he couldn't speak for Dr. Schlenker, he believed that Schlenker was referring to only one particular incident: the woman who had sex with many partners.

"People read it broadly and they shouldn't," Nannis said. He said also that he could understand why people might be upset with the letter, but "He (Schlenker) wasn't speaking generally.

"We (the Health Department) don't ant to treat any people that way said. 'We don't want to give that message out.''

#### **ACT UP Milwaukee Responds**

Christopher Fons, a member of ACT UP Milwaukee said that what Schlenker's remarks in the letter showed him was that Schlenker was "obviously not in touch with the community. He's proven this before and this is a glaring example."

Fons went on to demand that Schlenker resign or that Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist remove him from office. "His ideas are dangerous to the public health," Fons said.

In a press release, ACT UP Milwaukee agreed with Fons. ACT UP said that the Schlenker's statement illustrates Schlenker's inability to separate medical facts hate-motivated stereotypes" and went on to call for Schlenker's "immediate resignation.

ACT UP went on to say that HIV is transmitted through unsafe sex, the sharing of unclean IV needles and direct blood-to-blood contact. "Frequency of sexual encounters and IQ levels are not determining factors of HIV transmis-

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## 140,000 People Celebrate Their **Pride in the Streets of Chicago**

By John Cain

[Chicago]- "A Family of Pride" gathered in Chicago's Newtown on June 27, 1993, for Chicago's 24th Annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. The family feeling ran strong among the 140,000 plus marchers and spectators.

Mayor Richard Daley, citing his policy of spending Sundays at home with his family, skipped the parade again this year, but was represented by members of his advisory council on Gay and Lesbian issues. Also near the front of the parade was The Advocate's latest covergirl, Dorothy Hajdys. Hajdys is the mother of slain Gay seaman Allen Schindler.

Following Hajdys was a two-hour procession of groups and individuals representing almost every aspect of Queer life. Contingents included Queer Nation, The Chi Town Squares, Peoria Lesbians in Friendship Together, ACT UP Chicago, Men of All Colors Together, and many more, including a sound truck from Madison's own Rod's and the New

The largest cheers of the afternoon by far greeted the contingent from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), and the Miller Beer truck.
As with many Queer events this year,

an overriding theme of the afternoon was the military issue. A large contingent from the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans Association (GLBVA) marched. GLBVA members, including Milwaukee's Jim English, comprised a color guard at the after-parade rally in Lincoln Park.

Two featured rally speakers also focused on the military issue. Tanya Domi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Military Freedom Initiative, angrily denounced any attempt to compromise Queer service members into

Domi also called on everyone in attendance to step up the pressure on their elected officials and to be at one of the many rallies on the issue which were scheduled for Independence Day.

Also featured was the soon-to-be ubiquitous Hajdys, who took the stage to a thunderous standing ovation. Speaking haltingly without notes, Hajdys started off by saying, "If any of you told me a year ago I'd be up here today, I'd have said you were all crazy."

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Cryptosporidium

ACT UP remains particularly angry with Schlenker's statements in the Milwaukee Journal on the connection between cryptosporidium and AIDS deaths. "Last week Schlenker callously stated that those of us who are watching our friends, family members and lovers with cryptosporidium waste away and die due to vomiting and diarrhea are in no position to see a correlation between their deaths and cryptosporidium unless we have medical degrees." ACT UP asserts that there is, indeed, a direct correlation.

ACT UP strongly criticized Mayor Norquist for allowing "this ignorant man" (Schlenker) to continue to serve as a mouth-piece for the Administration while the effects of cryptosporidium are "killing persons with AIDS in Milwaukee at an alarming rate.

"Milwaukee is in desperate need of a comprehensive strategy to stem the AIDS emic through prevention and quality care for those infected," ACT UP said. "It would be an insult to everyone infected with HIV/AIDS" for Schlenker to continue to hold office.

Mayor Norquist was asked for comment on Schlenker's remarks. However, the Mayor had not seen the letter and so could not comment.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) supported ACT UP. He said he was "stunned and angered by Dr. Schlenker's statement.'

Nelson said it "demonstrated either great ignorance about AIDS or great prejudice against people who are living with HIV disease.," Nelson said.

He went on to say that, "There are hundreds of thousands of people with HIV disease throughout this country who do not fit Dr. Schlenker's character sketch of being hypersexual, confused, unhappy, mentally retarded and desperate people.

Nelson called on Schlenker to retract his statement and "extend an immediate apology to the AIDS community."
"We must have enlightened,

compassionate, non-judgmental leadership on AIDS in this city. Unless Dr. Schlenker retracts his statement, he does not measure up to this vitally important standard," Nelson said.

In simple terms, Haidys explained why she was still speaking out after she "got" what she wanted. "I got Terry Helvey (her son's murderer) put away for

Hajdys said she is continuing to fight for all of her son's friends and all the homosexuals she has met since his death. She closed by demanding that the Illinois legislature pass Gay rights legislation immediately, and exited to another standing ovation from throngs of well-wishers.

In addition to speakers and musical acts, around 20 organizations set up information tables, sold merchandise, or, in the case of P-FLAG, sponsored a "hugging booth." Marchers and partiers clogged the park and the streets of Newtown until the early morning hours.

## LAMM Report To Support Lifting Of Military Ban

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will be presenting an updated report in support of removing the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military to Defense Secretary Les Aspin. Several LAMM members presented an earlier version of this report to Aspin during their visit to Washington, D.C. for the March On Washington in late April. In light of the recent discussions on a possible compromise, the updated report re-emphasizes the organization's commitment to a complete lifting of the

The report points out the weaknesses in the arguments for keeping the ban, in addition to outlining arguments for its removal. It states that a nondiscrimination policy must include the

1] No discrimination based solely on acknowledgment of sexual orientation.

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person's sexual orientation. 3] Rules on sexual conduct and misconduct must be

even-handedly to all military personnel: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and heterosexual. The report also includes the views of

Lesbian/Gay and heterosexual veterans and active duty military personnel who oppose the ban.

As the July 15 deadline approaches, LAMM hopes that this report, which will also be distributed to the Milwaukee media, will help put the focus back on the real issue surrounding the lifting of the ban - discrimination based on status is

LAMM also encourages the Lesbian and Gay community to continue contacting their elected officials, including President Clinton, and ask them to lift the ban without compromise.

## Multi-Racial **Couples Is Topic** July 25

[Milwaukee]- We live in a time when in the not too far distant past, a Black and white couple was not only rare, but frowned upon. In today's world, we find more multi-racial couples, though they do remain a minority in a primarily same-race coupling environment.

Join the Gay Men's Discussion Group as they discuss multi-racial couples and the problems they face, and hear from those in such relationships. The discussion is scheduled for Sunday, July 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue in Milwaukee. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, please call Bill Hanel at (414)

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[Milwaukee]- The Lavender Hill Committee is proud to announce the 10th Annual Lavender Hill benefit. This year's theme will be "Lavender Hollywood." The benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), will take place on Saturday, August 14, 1993 at Renaissance Place, 1451 N. Prospect Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The purpose is to celebrate life and to raise \$17,000 for MAP. Renaissance Place has free parking, air conditioning, a large dance floor, and is handicap accessible.

The suggested donation is \$30 per person. This will include catered hors d'oeuvres, Miller beer, soda and entertainment. There will also be a cash bar. As in years past, costumes are welcome and encouraged.

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## July 16 Dance To Be Held In Madison

[Madison]-The Ten Percent Society will be holding its Summer Dance for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and their friends. The event will take place on July 16, 1993 at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. There will be a Deejay and a cash bar. The admission charge is \$3. For more information, call (608) 262-7365.

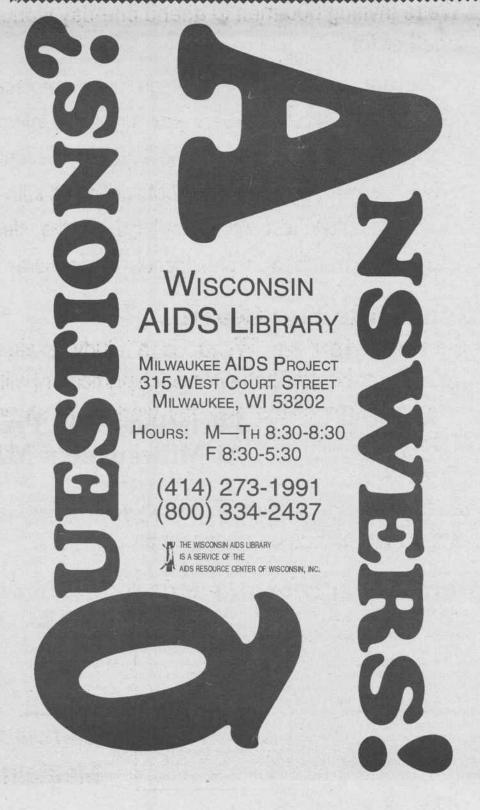


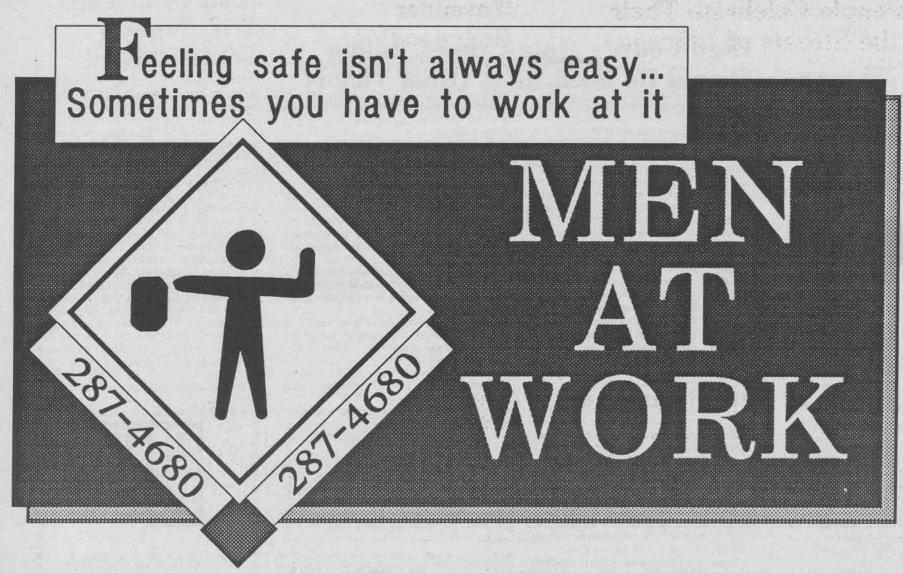
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## **EDITORIAL**

## **High Court's Hate Crimes Ruling** Should Be Seen As A Great Victory

As Gays and Lesbians throughout the nation anxiously await President Bill Clinton's decision regarding the ban on Gays in the military, we should not ignore the major victory that came our way last month from the U.S. Supreme Court.

By unanimous decision June 11, the high court upheld Wisconsin's hate crimes law. The decision gives the green light to similar laws in other states and explicitly acknowledges that crimes motivated by bigotry are a detriment to society and can be punished with stiffer sentences.

"It is a victory of monumental proportions for the Gay and Lesbian community," said former state representative David Clarenbach, who ushered the law through the State Assembly. 'The most conservative institution in our land, the Supreme Court, has affirmed both the existence and illegality of hate crimes. Not just a page has been turned, but a whole chapter has been completed in the long struggle against racism and

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who wrote the court's opinion, dismissed First Amendment concerns, asserting that conduct, not thought or speech, was being targeted by the statute. He noted that judges have always had wide discretion in weighing various

factors, including motivation, in determining criminal penalties.

Justice Rehnquist also supported what Gay and Lesbian leaders have been saying all along: "This conduct is thought to inflict greater individual and societal harm. For example...bias-motivated crimes are more likely to provoke retaliatory crimes, inflict distinct emotional harms on their victims and incite community unrest."

About 25 other states have hate crimes laws. Their provisions vary, so it's possible there may be other challenges in court. But states which model their laws after Wisconsin's should be on firm constitutional ground.

But Clarenbach cautioned that until all police departments and prosecutors become fully aware of hate crimes laws, the Supreme Court's decision will have little impact. "We must continue to monitor the implementation of these laws to ensure they are vigorously enforced," he said.

The recognition and punishment of hate crimes has been one of the major goals of the Gay and Lesbian movement for the past decade. As we all wait with trepidation for Clinton's decision on the Pentagon ban, we should not overlook this substantial victory in

the Supreme Court. It is truly "a victory of monumental proportions."

The state of Wisconsin, the "Original Gay Rights State," can also be especially proud of our continuing leadership in pioneering legislation: the first Gay rights law, the first "Bill of Rights" for people with HIV/AIDS and the first hate crimes law to be fully sustained by the U.S. Supreme Court.

There are likely to be greater challenges and some defeats in our future, so we at Wisconsin Light think we should savor this victory while we can. How sweet it is!

### ETTERS

## **OUT Magazine** Left Too Much Out

Editor's Note: The following Letter to the Editor was sent to **Out** magazine in response to their recent article by Dale Peck on Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community and the aftermath of the Dahmer murders.

TO THE EDITOR:

While you have indeed developed a high quality publication (keep it up!), your July '93 issue requires the addition of some facts.

Dale Peck's piece, while insightful and well written, has included quotations from Ms. Barber which are at best "revisionist p.c. his/herstory" and, in all honesty, lies.

Examples: \* When LAMM was formed, there were dozens of organizations in Milwaukee, not a handful.

\* All organizations were not run by Gay white men. BWMT and LRN are two examples that jump out. I was President of LRN at the time

and I am Latino (and always have been).

\* Several of the "men" in our evolving community fully understood that women would need their own organization/s. Some of us worked to move the Lesbian leadership into openly Gay/Lesbian organizations rather than working undercover in groups like NOW, etc.

\* The man who met with her, over dinner in a Brady St. Chinese eatery, was me. Part of the purpose of the meeting was to try to further understand the evolution of LAMM and how we, LRN, might work with either the entire organization or the part of LAMM that was into politics and political action.

\* The major piece of revisionist history was

not only that we soon had she and another significant person from LAMM on the LRN Board, but that I went so far as to offer the dissolution of LRN if LAMM's political arm could see itself as being able to work with some men to make one big and much stronger entity. I told her clearly that my goal was not turf, but real power. The two women soon joined the LRN Board.

The Lavender Network was not formed around the Dahmer incident. It was formed long before as a loose affiliation because most groups here refuse any form of central facilitation.

\* It is also revisionist history to say that "the press didn't know a goddamn thing about us."
To the contrary, all three local TV affiliates had done not less than one week series on us in a

period of a couple of years prior to Dahmer.

All stations and the Milwaukee Journal
Company had been exposed to in-depth
"sensitivity training," including the paper's
Publisher. All mainstream media here, except
for WISN-TV and Radio, have and continue to

for WISN-IV and Radio, have and continue to do excellent coverage of us.

\* Lastly, what we've developed here over many years, is a strong communication network, not dissimilar to the women's communities, where if something needs to happen, it gets communicated. How else do you think we became the first Gay Rights State?

While the people mentioned in Mr. Peck's story did make calls, so did many others in our network. Not to be an apologist for the media, but (as a trained journalist), they were reporting what a highly placed public official said. They did not make up the quotation. Within 48 hours, the offensive phrase was dropped because of our good connections with both media and government.

While there are other smaller points, these are the most significant. I found Mr. Peck to be a quick study of this peculiar, but basically nice and struggling community. I only wish that some Lesbians worked at their hatred of men as much as some of us men work on maturing our feminism. Heck, I was almost disowned by my father at age 14 for my active support for Margaret Chase Smith for President in 1964!

- Ralph F. Navarro

## **Miss Continental** Wis. Pageant Set for July 19

[Milwaukee]- TOP HAT Productions, the event management arm of Havlicek & Associates recently acquired the Miss Continental Wisconsin franchise. The Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant is scheduled for Monday, July 19, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at the Oriental Landmark Theatre on Milwaukee's Eastside. This year's theme for the Pageant is "The Year of the Diva," celebrating the art of female impersonation.

Appearing at the Pageant will be Miss Mimi Marks, the current and reigning Miss Continental USA. Plus local and regional talent including Tiffeny (Miss Wisconsin Continental '92), Ty Cymone (Miss Wisconsin Continental '88), Dominique Mahon (Miss GAy Wisconsin-USA and former Miss Wisconsin Continental), TC Hammond (Mr Gay Wisconsin USA), Gregory (a former Mr Gay Wisconsin) and Miss DuWanna Moore (Miss Gay Southeast Wisconsin-

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## Has the White House Appointed An AIDS Czar With a Small 'c'?

By Bob Roehr

The long awaited AIDS czar was announced here in Washington on June 25 to reactions ranging from guarded optimism to outright anguish.

Kristine Gebbie will be the first person to fill that role, coordinating the federal government's response to the AIDS crisis. She is a registered nurse and former Secretary of Health for the State of Washington.

"Cautious optimism" was the reaction of Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "We're happy that the President has finally appointed an AIDS czar who appears to have the experience and qualifications needed to hit the ground

running."

Bill Freeman, Executive Director of the AIDS, shares both a sense of relief that the AIDS czar has finally been named, and a determination to work with her.

Freeman is adamant about the need for action. Now. There is "no honeymoon

He is pleased that the still hazy organizational structure of the new office will put it in the White House, and not under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). "If it is going to work," Freeman said, "the person is going to have to be independent, with the support of the President, to really kick some ass.'

Freeman continued. "What the litmus test is going to be is, where is the implementation. Ceremonies without commitments of resources are just meaningless gestures. If we find out in six months that we are in the same place, there will be hell to pay.'

#### Kramer: Outraged

"I'm just outraged" is the way playwright and ACT UP founder Larry Kramer reacted to the announcement. "I'm just so fed up with this fucking son of a bitch of a President that we put into office, who continues to knife us in the back - endlessly."

Kramer went on. "The woman (Gebbie) is useless. All of our sources in Oregon and Washington say that on a scale of 1 to 10, she is a 6. That's just what we need, a six!" Kramer sees the need for ACT UP to rise phoenix-like from the ashes.

Activists in Washington State supplied some of the details on Gebbie's record as State Secretary of Health.

Her department proposed draft regulations which would have required name reporting of all CD4 test results. That would effectively have gutted the stringent state protection confidentiality for people who are HIV-

The draft regulations "wouldn't have happened if she (Gebbie) hadn't been for said Kirk Robbins, an official with the King County (Seattle) Health Department.

AIDS Watch member and Seattle attorney, Steve Glancy, said that "Gebbie is very strongly in favor of name reporting of seropositivity, although in

public she apparently wants to deny that. I hear this from so many sources within the state Department of Health who have talked with her personally.'

#### A Poor Administrator

The AIDS prescription drug program run out of Gebbie's department, came in for criticism earlier this year.

The new governor decided to restore funding to the program which was slated to be eliminated. But record keeping was so shoddy that his staff was unable to determine where the money was going or even what level of funding was necessary.

Steve Michael, a former Seattle AIDS activist, called Gebbie "a very poor administrator who is in way over her head on this job. She is going to get eaten alive by people at NIH (National Institutes of Health) and HHS."

Glancy added Gebbie had an opportunity to increase coverage and access to health care, and reduce costs on the state level, "and didn't take it."

AIDS activists in Seattle particularly upset by the nomination because last Spring they alerted the AIDS Action Council and sympathetic members of their Congressional delegation to Gebbie's flaws. They were assured that she was so far down on the list of candidates that she was effectively not being considered.

The fact is that Gebbie is not the first choice to be AIDS czar, or the second, or the..., well, you get the picture. Several persons declined to be considered. At least two went through a process of interviews and clearances and were offered the job, but later declined, allegedly because of its still ill-defined responsibilities and authority.

The consensus candidate from the AIDS community, former Senator and current Connecticut Governor Lowell Weicker, seems not to have been given serious consideration by the Clinton Administration.

Perhaps Weicker and the others were not willing to spell the word "czar" with an upper case letter.

## July 22 Meeting Set for New MAP Volunteers

[Milwaukee]- Due to a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the agency will be sponsoring a special program set for Thursday, July 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for those interested in volunteering.

The session, specifically designed for the Gay and Lesbian community, will be offered at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, Milwaukee. To register, or for more information about volunteering at MAP, contact Neil Albrecht at (414)

Volunteer positions are also available at the Southeastern Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha. Call (800) 924-6601, and at the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project in Eau Claire. Call (800) 750-2437.

## **State Bar Convention Covered** Wide Range of Gay Issues

[Oshkosh, WI]- The Wisconsin State litigator's perspective. Bar Convention, held in Oshkosh in mid-June, included a program on Gay, Lesbian and Transgender rights. The program, presented by the Individual Rights and Responsibilities section of the Wisconsin State Bar Association, covered a comprehensive range of issues ranging from theoretical questions underlying current litigation and legislation, to practical matters such as job discrimination, partnership agreements, and simply relating to one's Gay or Lesbian clientele.

The program was co- chaired by Peter Goldberg, a trial attorney with the Milwaukee office of the State Public Defender, and Peggy Hurley-Gorski, a law student at UW-Madison.

Setting the tone for the meeting, Goldberg said, "Law, on the one hand, guarantees and secures civil rights and liberties; but, on the other, defines one's status or non-status in society. I hope this session will help to bring the bar down on the side of equal and full rights for Gay men and Lesbians, as well as any others in our pluralistic democracy who pursue happiness with varying, but personally meaningful beliefs, values and lifestyles.

Patrick T. Berigan of the Milwaukee law firm of Angermeier and Rogers and former counsel for Miriam Ben- Shalom, spoke on Gays in the military from a

Detective Alix Olson, the Madison Police Department's liaison to the Lesbian and Gay community, addressed the rights of Gay men and Lesbians to protection and fair treatment in the criminal justice system.

Jane Vanderbosch of The United in Madison surveyed problems and theories of Lesbian and Gay men's rights from the point of view of the community itself, and presented ideas on how the legal profession can most effectively serve the community's needs.

Vanderbosch pointed out the ambivalent relationship the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities have to the law.

The law affecting Lesbian and Gay families was discussed by Debra Procknow, a Milwaukee attorney in a private practice serving a predominantly Lesbian and Gay clientele.

Steve Byers, the managing attorney for the legal service program at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, spoke on rights to employment, housing and insurance under state law.

Tammy State Rep. (D-Madison), closed the program by discussing the pending legislative agenda and potential new policy concerns, particularly concerning domestic partnership rights.

## Activists Blast Rep. Frank Over Firing of Gay Intern; Military Ban

[Washington, D.C.]- Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) is feeling the ire from Gay activists because of his proposed compromise over lifting the ban on Gays in the military.

Michael Petrelis, a representative of Queer Nation D.C., condemned Frank as "homosexual Uncle Tom." Ostensibly the reason for the slam was the firing Billy Hileman in December, 1992. Hileman was then an unpaid assistant in Frank's office.

The firing and charges concerning it appear to broaden a conflict between Frank and those Gay activists who are opposed to Frank's compromise concerning lifting the ban on Gays in the

On June 25, USA Today reported that Hileman had been fired after the Washington Blade ran a photo of Hileman and a male friend kissing at a protest outside the offices of Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA).

Frank told the Boston Globe that Hileman, who had come to Washington from Pittsburgh to help organize the March On Washington, was asked to leave solely because he had participated in civil disobedience actions against Frank's wishes.

"When I discovered that civil disobedience aimed at disrupting Congress was an official part of the March

agenda, I told him that he could no longer intern in my office since I thought it inappropriate for him to use it as a base for organizing such actions," Frank said.

Hileman, who was the keynote speaker at Pittsburgh's Gay Pride March last month, said that he held no hard feelings toward Frank.

However, when it came to Frank's compromise over the ban, "Barney Frank is dead wrong," Hileman said. "There is no possible compromise."

Frank was given further evidence of some Gay activists hostility toward him. He was in Seattle on June 17, and was confronted by ACT UP and Queer Nation members who picketed him and called for him to "go back into the closet" rather than support a compromise on the ban.

Richard Issac of Queer Nation/Seattle called Frank's compromise proposal "a slap in the face of (Rep.) Gerry Studds (D-MA).

Studds and Frank clearly disagree on the subject of lifting the ban. Studds has continued to fight for a complete abolition of the ban against Gays in the military.

Issac said that Frank had "set himself up as the Gay mouthpiece on this issue without consulting the community. He presents himself as a big skirt for straight politicians to hide behind who might otherwise have been convinced to stand up for full inclusion."

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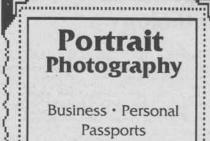
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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## Music and Humor of Alix Dobkin Come to Milwaukee on July 16

[Milwaukee]- Alix Dobkin has been singing the glory of women-loving-women and using the word "Lesbian" in her music since 1973. She blazed a trail for many women, some of whom are now making it big-time as "out" Lesbian singers (the k.d.'s, Tracys and Melissas).



ALIX DOBKIN

A folk singer from childhood, Alix had become good enough in 1971 to be wooed by two major recording companies. But then that Feminist "thang" hit her. She insisted on total control over every aspect of the record, including marketing. She voiced doubts about making music for men. "I had no idea I was falling in love with women. I just knew I'd had it with men," she said. Needless to say, her chances to work for a major label evaporated.

But she persevered and as she gradually came to realize that she was a Lesbian and what that meant, she also formed her own record label, co-producing with Kay Gardiner and the famous "Lavender Jane Loves Women." Life was never the same for Lesbians or women's music after that.

## Essays Needed for Republican Anthology

[Boston, MA]- Gay and Lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology being compiled by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives and strategies for the future are welcome.

The book is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in 1994. Deadline: September 30, 1993. Send submissions with SASE to: Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

## 'Deep Dish' Talk Show Set for African Americans

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[Milwaukee]- ReneZ Co-Z Corner presents "Deep Dish," an entertainment talk show that features topics too hot to handle on Oprah. Deep Dish will debut Sunday, July 18, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. at ReneZ Co-Z Corner located at 709 N. 35th Street in Milwaukee and will be co-hosted by Melloney Nelson and Rod Johnson.

Deep Dish's first show titled "Hott Sex On A..." will take the audience on an exploration of the sexual behaviors and attitudes of African-Americans.

Deep Dish is a production of UJIMA, a support/social group dedicated to the development of African- American Gay and Lesbian community.

For further information, please call Eric at (414) 277-7671.

Alix Dobkin's music still relates a joy of discovery. Lesbian love, Lesbian sex, and Lesbian community are celebrated in her continuous battle against patriarchy and all the "isms" that separate us. What is her message to the current generation of women? "Be your own agent. Reach deep inside and tell the truth. Let all the secrets out, no matter how horrid. Have fun and be free."

The Joy of Discovery

Hurricane Productions is proud to present Alix Dobkin on Friday, July 16, 8:00 p.m. at the Steimke Theatre in the Repertory Theater at 108 E. Wells Street in Milwaukee. Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, with sliding scale available to low-income women. Advance tickets may be purchased at Peoples Books and Outpost Natural Foods Co-op. You can be sure you'll enjoy Alix Dobkin's music and humor or she promises to refund your money.

## Twilight Cruise of Lake Geneva Is July 24 AIDS Benefit

[Kenosha, WI]- A twilight cruise of Geneva Lake will set sail from downtown Lake Geneva on Saturday, July 24. The cruise is being sponsored by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) and will benefit AIDS care and prevention services in the southeastern region of the state.

The cruise will be on the excursion boat Lady of the Lake, an elegant paddlewheel replica of the historic excursion boats that sailed Lake Geneva a century ago. It will leave the Riviera dock at 6:00 p.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

An array of hors d'oeuvres will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Jerry Grillo Trio, a Milwaukee-based group noted for its stylish vocal presentation, primarily of songs of the '40's with the flavor of Harry Connick, Jr. There will also be an on-board raffle featuring gifts, restaurant certificates, merchandise certificate and



JERRY GRILLO

Tickets are \$35 per person and can by purchased through SEWAP by calling (414) 657-6644 or (800) 924-6601, or by calling the Milwaukee AIDS Project at (414) 273-1991.

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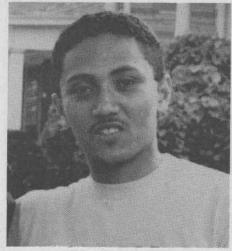
## State's Rep. Young Supports Lifting of Military Ban Against Gays

**GUEST COMMENTARY** By State Rep. Leon Young

Should the military's ban on homosexuals be lifted? The answer is so apparent that the question begs to answer itself. Of course, the military ban should

President Clinton during his campaign for the White House pledged, on more than one occasion, that he intended to end the practice if elected. In fairness to Mr. Clinton, he attempted to address the issue once he assumed office, but quickly retreated upon encountering staunch

Gay activists have attempted to characterize their struggle for equality in the military by making comparisons to the travails of Black people in this country. But, in truth, there are both similarities as well as differences which separate the respective movements.



REP. LEON YOUNG

Yet, there are many who contend that the movement for homosexual equality and acceptance in this country differs greatly from that of the plight endured by

Mary Frances Berry, a member of the Federal Commission on Civil Rights and a professor of history and law at the University of Pennsylvania, said that anti-Gay bias was clearly discrimination, but that being Black in America was not the same as being Gay.

do is offend some Black folks who recognize that it is not the same thing and might be willing to be supportive.'

Moreover, there are some Blacks who see the parallels that are being drawn as trivializing the Black experience and does not take into account the suffering of millions of Blacks that were kidnaped,

chained, shipped and sold like livestock.

Even some Blacks who acknowledged a commonalty with the struggle of homosexuals, indicated that they were unsympathetic to Gay people, especially Gay white men, who hid their sexual orientation as long as it was politically, economically and socially beneficial to do

#### Goldwater Was Right

Recently, the Clinton Administration indicated that it was finally nearing a decision on homosexuals in the military. If you remember, Mr. Clinton set a deadline of July 15 for Defense Secretary Les Aspin to present a plan to end discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the armed forces.

It appears that Secretary Aspin is leaning toward embracing a restricted version of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that would ban homosexuals from declaring their sexual orientation in any way and maintain that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service.'

There seems to be general consensus among all parties embroiled in this debate that the military should stop asking service members about their sexual orientation and to curb overzealous military investigations into allegations of homosexual status.

But there is still wide disagreement over, among other issues, how to treat private conversations on base and whether the Defense Department should state that homosexuality is compatible

The Clinton Administration has waffled too much on this and other issues since taking power. Gays and Lesbians, like all other groups in this society, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Anything less is unacceptable.

Former Senator Barry Goldwater, once the symbol of the far right in the Republican Party, has given his endorsement to lifting the ban. "The best thing would be to take the ban away now," Mr. Goldwater said in a recent telephone interview. "Sooner or later, this is going to happen."

For one rare instance, I find myself to be in complete agreement with Barry Goldwater. Now, that's a scary thought.

Editor's Note: This commentary first appeared in The Milwaukee Courier. Rep. Young an African- American member of the Wisconsin State Assembly.

## Gay/Lesbian Community Must Strive to Achieve Racial Justice

Editor's Note: The following speech was given by Rod Johnson at Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Festival, June 13, 1993. I thought it was particularly good. His words are something we all should hear.

My name is Rod Johnson and I am co-founder of UJIMA, an organization dedicated to the development of the African-American Gay and Lesbian community in Milwaukee. UJIMA is proud to be a part of this year's celebration and we look forward to being a part of the Pride celebration in the future.

For many, today is a day to celebrate the achievements that we have made as a community, despite the many obstacles. But I see today's Pride festivities, not as a celebration of what we have accomplished, but as a source of inspiration for many challenges that lie before us.

I am sure you are all aware of the struggle to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military and the constant challenge of getting effective education and prevention programs funded to fight the spread of AIDS. Neither of these has been an easy battle and they are both far from over.

Over the years, the People of Color communities have contributed to the development of the vibrant community that you see before you today. The African-American, Latina/Latino, Native American and Asian communities have contributed to this and many other communities across the country through hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in groups that advocate for Gay and Lesbian Rights, and by contributing millions of dollars to our bars, at our fundraisers and in our social and activist organizations.

But with all these contributions from our communities, People of Color are still not fully represented in our Gay and Lesbian organizations, or enjoy the benefits that we all richly deserve.

UJIMA was founded in 1992 after the discovery of the Jeffrey Dahmer murders. The Dahmer situation clearly showed that very few of the volunteer hours or donated moneys that have come from People of Color communities have returned to help our communities develop strong institutions that would pick up the pieces as a result of this tragedy.

Twenty-four years ago in New York, a battle between police and Lesbians, African-American and Latino Drag Queens, sparked what has become the Gay and Lesbian Rights movement that we have today.

Despite this and many other contributions, People of Color are still faced with discrimination in our bars bars that are supposed to be sensitive to Gays and Lesbians, but still find it hard to be sensitive to People of Color.

People of Color are discouraged from being advocates for our own community because we are looked upon as being divisive rather than unifying.

In many of the Gay and Lesbian organizations in Milwaukee, I have voiced concerns on behalf of African-Americans only to see those same issues be minimized or even worse. They are put on the shelf and ignored, not to be heard from again.

To those of you who have experienced same frustrations and who have continued to be that single voice on the board or steering committee who pushes

for African-American concerns, I want to stress how important it is that you continue your struggle. Our community cannot develop nor prosper without your

For those of you who say that you have heard these and many other complaints before, you may ask "What about solutions?" Here are some simple ways that each of us can contribute to correcting these problems:

1] Organizations must first make sure that People of Color are represented on their boards.

2] Gay and Lesbian organizations must send a message to businesses that serve our community that the practice of discrimination will not be tolerated.

31 Gay and Lesbian organizations that have trouble attracting or maintaining People of Color must consult with organizations like UJIMA which is willing

4] To those organizations that have tried turning to People of Color in the past, I say to you, "Don't Give Up, Keep

Individuals who are aware of discrimination must challenge those organizations and establishments that do this and hold them accountable for their actions. Support your convictions with your pocketbook! Don't patronize places that discriminate!

And last, but not least, People of Color must find ways to support organizations that have been created to support our community. We can accomplish this by:

1] Donating money to People of Color organizations.

2] Volunteering your time to benefit the People of Color community.

3] Supporting and developing businesses owned by Gay and Lesbian People of Color.

4] Make sure that organizations that claim to support our community are held accountable by their constituencies.

If we each commit to do one of these simple things, then we all can take one more step Forward In Pride.

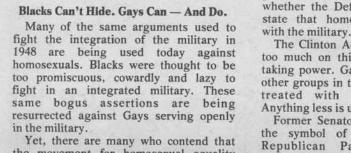
## **Brand New Queer TV Program Seen** In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- If you think it's hot outside, catch the Brand New Queer Program and see how hot your living room can be. The Brand New Queer Program originates in Milwaukee and airs live every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable Channel 47. It offers the latest in Queer news and views.

During the next few weeks, viewers will see footage of Chicago's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade, videos on Gay teens and debate on a variety of topics critical to our community. The live format allows viewers to call in and join the discussions.

As always, anyone interested is invited to contribute to the program with an announcement of an event, a home-made video, a phone call to the program or even a guest appearance with a relevant topic. There are no sacred cows.

The Brand New Queer Program replays on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. Send comments and information to: Queer Program, P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call: (414) 964-8423.



Blacks.

"When people try to equate the two," said Ms. Berry, who is Black, "all they

## Veteran's Group to Hold July 14 Vigil at Vietnam Memorial

[Milwaukee]- Members of the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA), participated in both the Rockford, Illinois and the Chicago Gay Pride celebrations.

Jim English, Chapter Commander, was the Guest Speaker at Rockford. Although the Rockford celebration was small, it was up in attendance from previous years. Fifteen new registrants names for GLBVA were received. It is hoped that eventually, there will be sufficient new veterans to form their own chapter.

The Chicago Parade was well attended by GLBVA members. Twenty-five members from five cities were there. There were two vehicles in the parade, including Milwaukee's own Allen Eslinger with his classic '57 T-bird. These were right in the front of the parade. The GLBVA contingent was joined by Tanya Domi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force where she carries on the fight to lift the ban against Gays in the military.

On July 1, the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter held its first full membership meeting with 9 members present. At that time, a decision was made to send a delegation to the national GLBVA convention. It will be held in St. Louis, MO during the Columbus Day weekend in October. This will be the first time that Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual veterans will get together to discuss their past and begin work for the future.

In the more immediate future, GLBVA will be participating in two events.

On the evening of July 14, GLBVA will be holding a Candlelight Vigil at the

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on Milwaukee's lake front. This event is being held on the eve of President Clinton's anticipated announcement about lifting the ban on Gays in the

The ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please bring your own candle.

Also, the Southeast Wisconsin GLBVA Chapter will be staffing a booth at Madison's MAGIC Picnic on July 17. The Chapter hopes to increase its membership from that part of the state.

GLBVA will be selling merchandise to raise funds for further activities. Be sure

## United's 1st Queer of the Year Dinner Raises \$5,000

[Madison]- In a follow-up to the story on The United's First Annual Queer of the Year, The United reports that over \$5,000 was raised to help support counseling and advocacy services at The United. The United would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the sponsors and advertisers who helped support the event and the many volunteers who helped organize the wonderful evening.

Planning is under way for the 1994 Second Annual Queer of the Year Dinner and Dance. Anyone interested in getting involved in the planning is encouraged to phone The United at (608) 255-8582.



## Pride Committee Reflects On PrideFest and Says 'Thanks'

On June 12th and 13th, we made history with the largest gathering of Lesbians and Gays ever seen in Wisconsin. We displayed our many talents and learned more about ourselves and each other.

We laughed, sang, danced and celebrated who we are and what we are.

Our Pride Celebration is only two days long, but our need for pride in ourselves and our community exists throughout the year. We urge you to keep that warm feeling so many told us they felt in Juneau Park.

There are many ways to measure the success of PrideFest. By any measurement we can think of, this festival was a success. As we walked through the festival grounds and saw so many people smiling, giving us thumbs up, telling us how proud they were and how good they felt, we knew that this festival was a



WATER SPORTS— Al Thomas, of the Triangle Bar was about to get wet in the PrideFest dunk-tank.

As we watched you dance, learn about our history, pick up information on our organizations and sing along with the entertainers, we knew this festival was a success. When you told us how special the candle lighting ceremony was on Saturday night we knew this festival was a success.

We saw Black, White, Brown and Yellow men and women all mixing together acting as a real community. It is our fervent hope that through that mixing you have made new friends and reached a higher level of understanding of the different segments of our community.

We can not tell you how proud we were to see and hear your reaction. We can only hope that this festival stands as proof that when we put our mind to it we can accomplish great things.

If through PrideFest we helped you realize that then it was worth all of the

We wish to thank everyone who helped make PrideFest 93 the big success that it was. The entertainers, the volunteers, the participating organizations, the speakers, the teachers, those who gave lectures and those who showed their appreciation all deserve our thanks.

Special thanks goes out to the Cream City Foundation for its \$5,000 contribution. Without the help of CCF, PrideFest 93 would not have taken place. We sincerely hope that everyone in our community will keep that fact in mind when the fall giving campaign comes to their work place. We urge you to ask for a donor option card. Put your money to work for your community by designating your donation for CCF or ACHOICE.

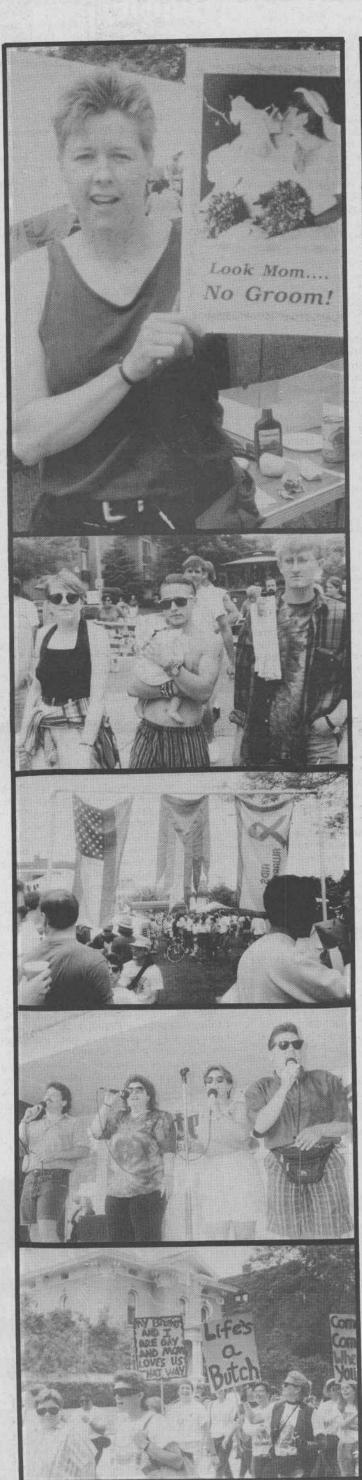
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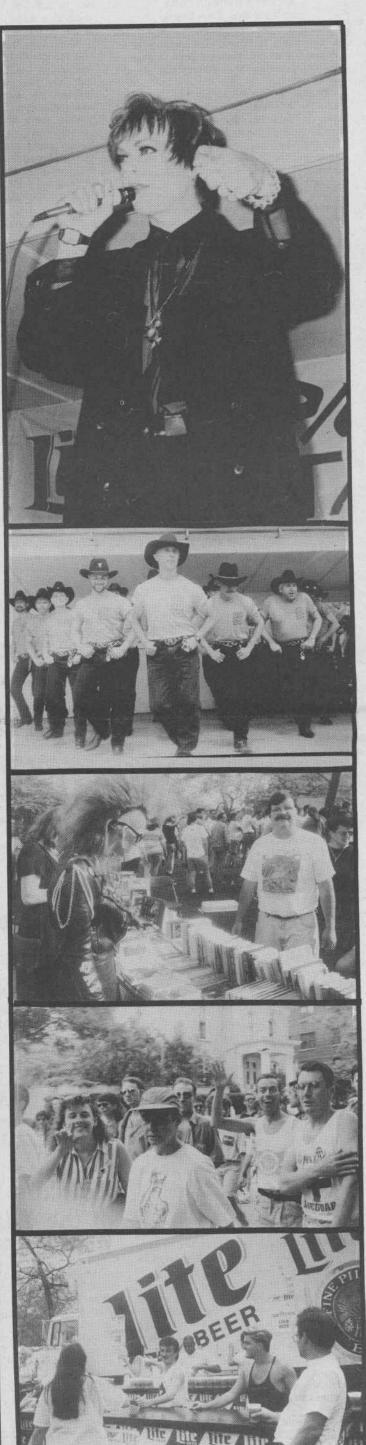
cash contribution that it made.

In addition we wish to thank the M and M Club and Your Place Bar along with Wisconsin Light, In Step and the Lambda Rights Network for their sponsorship of the PrideFest shuttle. And we wish to thank 3 B's, This Is It, The Boot Camp, the 1100 Club and Club 219, for hosting fund raisers and/or donating to the event.

Special thanks also go to Wisconsin Light and In Step for hosting fund raisers and for their efforts to keep you informed about PrideFest 93.

We have already started the planning for our June, 1994, Stonewall 25 celebration. We look forward to making PrideFest 94 an even bigger success than we had in 1993.





# Wow! Summer Is Off To A Great Start!

By Jamakaya

Wow! June was one crazy, exhausting month, with PrideFest and dozens of other community events crowding my social calendar. I've been having a blast! Here are just a few highlights.

On June 5, Madison's United celebrated its 15th anniversary with the first annual "Queer of the Year" Awards Dinner and Dance at the Concourse Hotel. The mix of community activists, politicians and university officials at the dinner was impressive, and it was great to finally meet many of the people whose work I've observed from afar these many years.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin gave a fine keynote speech, providing some history of The United and touting education and political organizing as the "two major paths on our journey to full civil rights and acceptance." Slide shows on the history of Gay and Lesbian Madison were shown and then, ta-da, the awards were presented.

The Madison AIDS Support Network was named Organization of the Year and former State Rep. David Clarenbach was named Ally of the Year. Sharon Hayes of the Lesbian Parents Network and John Neess of The United, the New Harvest Foundation and many other endeavors, were named Volunteer Woman and Man of the Year, respectively. Lois Stauber, founder of Apple Island, and John Quinlan, former co-chair of GALVAnize and head of Light's Madison bureau, were honored as Woman and Man of the Year.

The following weekend was PrideFest, which proved as exhausting as it was exhilarating. I attended most of the weekend's events, dashing home in between to interview David Clarenbach and Mordechai Lee about the Supreme Court's decision upholding Wisconsin's hate crimes law, a victory that added greater luster to our Pride celebration. I managed to fax a story out to a number of national Gay papers that Monday.

PrideFest was indeed bigger than ever, the variety of entertainment was great and the people-watching, as always, was perhaps the most fun. Considering the huge increase in attendance, it is a tribute to the Pride Committee that the festival ran so smoothly and safely.

I had a few reservations, however. The art tent was sorely missed, organized children's events were (again) non-existent, and American Sign Language interpreters, always present in past years, were also absent. Imagine the heartbreak of our deaf brothers and sisters who arrived in bright spirits only to find themselves shut out of the proceedings. I know all the excuses organizers will cite for the above lapses but can't help thinking: where there's a will, there's a way. I hope PrideFest doesn't degenerate into just one more beer-sodden music festival.

Bad blood between the Pride Committee and parts of the women's community continues to flow. This year's brouhaha involved the "First Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Dance Fundraiser sponsored by the Womyn's Cultural Community Center at Turner Hall on Saturday night, June coincided with PrideFest's concert in Juneau Park. Rumors flew that the Pride Committee wanted to seek legal action against the womyn's dance. Pride co-chair Bill Meunier told me the committee was approached by an attorney, but had no desire to take punitive action.

Good decision, Pride Committee. In my opinion, no one holds a patent on the words "Lesbian and Gay Pride," and there was absolutely no basis for an injunction. The leaflet for the dance clearly indicated it was sponsored by and for the Womyn's Cultural Community Center. There was no reference to PrideFest '93 whatsoever. When will this community ever stop its idiotic turf wars and realize that all of our events enhance

I hope as PrideFest expands each year, organizers will avoid the exclusiveness and territoriality that accompanies such growth. In the early years of Pride celebrations, the committee encouraged Gay and Lesbian groups in the city to hold different events over a period of a week or two. Such an approach highlights our community's diversity through a variety of different events. Gay and Lesbian

Pride should never be the exclusive domain of only one group.

The dance at Turner Hall raised enough money for the Womyn's Cultural Community Center to legally incorporate. Organizers will be expanding the Board of Directors and plan to hold more events in the fall. I got to the dance late and ended up closing the bar, quite risque behavior for a reserved, demure dyke like myself. It must have been the bottle of Pabst I drank. Yes, one bottle was apparently enough. Friends kept saying: "Gee, Jamakaya, you're really funny. You should drink more often." Oy, with friends like these...

June 18, 19 and 20 saw three performances of Jane Chambers' Lesbian play Last Summer at Bluefish Cove at Centennial Hall. Directed by Debra Krajec and starring eight incredibly appealing actresses (all of them straight, alas!), the play was performed just once last March at Marquette University because the bigoted Catholic institution withdrew its support. The Lesbian Alliance sponsored these "encore" performances.

The play, which deals with issues of love and death and family relationships, is, surprisingly, a tremendous comedy which kept the Friday night audience in stitches throughout. It tickled the funny bone while also tugging at the emotions. It was one of the most professional productions I've ever seen offered in the women's community and I'm afraid if you missed it, you missed something pretty special.

Then, on June 26, Wisconsin Outdoor Women held its Ten Year Anniversary Celebration at the Shorewood Women's Club. The evening's program was just fabulous, with a delicious dinner, an awards presentation, a comical video retrospective on WOW's ten years of outdoor activities, and a beautiful slide show by Ann Linnea chronicling her amazing and often dangerous circumnavigation of Lake Superior by kayak. WOW! What a night!

How I got invited as a guest I'll never know. But as President of Wisconsin Indoor Women (we're into controlled environments), I brought greetings from WOW's couch potato sisters.

In a more serious vein, I toasted WOW for the eco-feminist values it espouses, the spirit of support and cooperation with which members share their sporting and wilderness skills, and the group's respect for its own history, as evidenced by the accounts of outdoor adventures in WOW's monthly newsletter, the myriad of photos taken, the video retrospective, etc. After 25 years of feminist consciousness- raising, it is still rare to find women's groups that take themselves seriously enough to record their own accomplishments. Hooray for WOW!

Finally, in keeping with my lifelong commitment to seeing as many fireworks with as many women as I possibly can, I managed, between thunderstorms, to get in a number of fireworks viewings during Summerfest and the July 4th weekend. Gosh, summer is fun in Milwaukee! Hope the rest of it is as stimulating as the past month!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Orlando, the award-winning movie based on Virginia Woolf's witty gender-bending novel, is opening at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre July 30 for a limited run. Don't miss it!

## Dykes To Watch Out For



Donations to Madison New Harvest Foundation Show Increased Giving

[Madison]- Contributions to the New Harvest Foundation have turned upward in 1992, says the Foundation's veteran fundraiser Don Lamb. Lamb has been involved with New Harvest since its founding in 1984.

"In those days," he said, "we used to meet one-on-one at lunch with our prospective donors. Today, we hold entertaining social hours in someone's stylish home, with soft music and tasty snacks and drinks." He alludes to a recent such event held in the historic lakeside home of Dick Wagner, long-time Madison political activist. "We raised \$10,000 in pledges there from about 15 men and women present. It shows that our community still cares about Gay and Lesbian issues," he said.

In 1991, there was concern that that was no longer the case. Total donations to New Harvest that year dropped below total grants by nearly \$4,000 — \$22,000 in grants to only \$18,000 in contributions.

"We were really worried, and started cutting back on our financial aid to worthy causes," Lamb said.

But in 1992, things have started turning around. "Perhaps it was the focus on Gay and Lesbian issues during the U.S. Presidential campaign," Lamb suggested. "But whatever, our people ended the year on an upbeat note for us—by reaching deep in their pockets and

checkbooks and sending us over \$24,000 to support the causes New Harvest gives money to."

Will the trend continue? Lamb does not know. But he expects the current focus on Gay and Lesbian activism — the March On Washington, lifting the ban on Gays in the Military — will strengthen the resurgent support for volunteer organizations like New Harvest.

"After all, we channel all of our resources to groups and programs that are totally committed to making life better and more secure for our people. That's a formula that can't fail," Lamb said.

In the nine years since its inception, New Harvest has given \$130,000 in 93 grants to 46 organizations and individuals.

#### New Directors at New Harvest

The governing board of New Harvest received an infusion of fresh talent with the election of five new directors in April. Joining the body which manages the Foundation's grants and fundraising efforts were: Cynthia Cauthern, Ken Chraca, Tilli deBoor, Michael Greives and Eugene Irlbeck.

The 1993-'94 panel of officers was elected by the Board at the same meeting. Elected as co-chairs were Paula Bonner and Paul Gibler. Bonner succeeds Harriet Forman, who remains on the Board.

Other officers chosen were: co-vice chairs Robert Davis and Mary Schlaefer; treasurer Darlene Kemmerer; and secretary Earl Bricker.

Additional members of the Board are Kevin Baker, Pat Hansen, Don Lamb, Mark Porter, Deb Rhode and Betty Weynand.

All officers and directors of New Harvest are unpaid volunteers. To encourage the widest possible representation within the community, the Board is balanced evenly between men and women and directors are limited to serving two consecutive 3-year terms.



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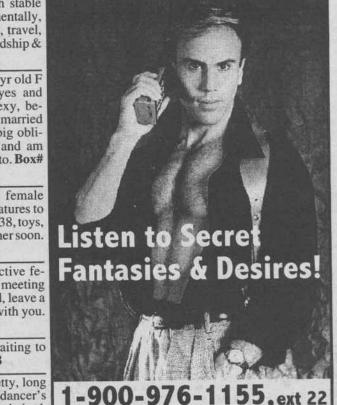
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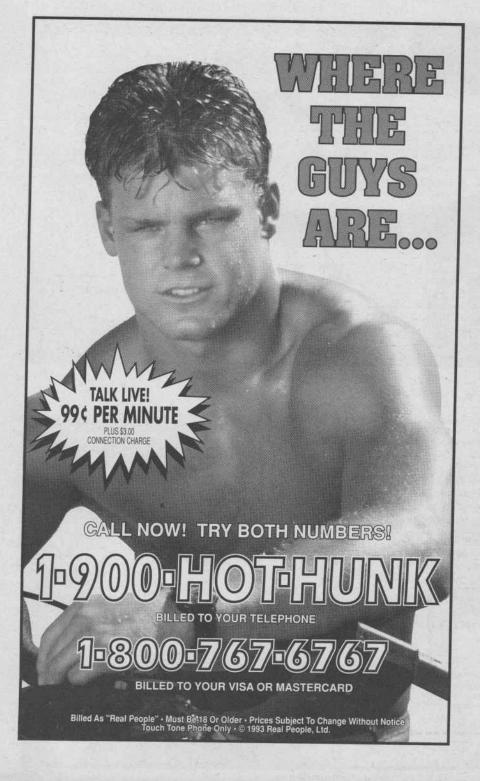


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The fact is that these events are, at best, peripheral.

The action that matters, or at least seems to matter, is happening off-stage and away from public view. What little we see is like the flicker of shadows against a wall, incomplete, distorted perspectives of selectively leaked information from the highest level internal debates within the

#### Homosexuality is Incompatible — Or?

The service chiefs insist on maintaining language that "homosexuality is incompatible" with military service. Our purported Administration champions are searching for language that they can claim as a compromise, something along the line that "homosexual action is incompatible."

That is apparently the minimum linguistic fig leaf necessary to publicly argue the plausibility of compromise and not a complete sell-out of the Gay and Lesbian community.

#### A Disinformation Campaign

Over the last several issues, this paper has reported from the best possible sources, that the announcement was coming soonest. That's what everyone thought. All the signs were there.

This paper also reported on the memo from Secretary of Defense Les Aspin's office and that Aspin was "leaning" toward a "don't ask, don't tell," position. That was the best information available at the time.

Now reliable sources say that the memo was "apparently a ploy by anti-Gay forces inside the Pentagon.

Gay forces now contend that the Pentagon has been engaged in a disinformation campaign - in this case, to try and retain the ban on Gays by promoting the idea that the ban on Gays will be retained.

Gregory King, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund said that the memo "was a calculated leak designed to muddy waters. The sense is that things are moving towards our side."

"All the momentum is in favor of lifting the ban," King said. "Our opponents decided to leak a policy option and call it something more than it was. I think it's backfired."

#### A Byzantine Web

The rumors go on. Presidential assistant George Stephanopoulos is reported to have said, "the brass is not moving on this.'

A senior official speaking on background said, "Sure you can issue an order and say 'Screw you guys, we're going to do this,' but...we're working to make sure there are no bad feelings.

And there is more. What all this seems to indicate is that the Clinton Administration just doesn't get it.

Gay activists here say that this is not some common legislation which can accommodate a nip and tuck in language, some appropriation where a dollar figure can be trimmed or pumped.

They say, too, that this is a basic principle which affects the very core of daily life for millions of Americans. It is not subject to either the language or the fact of compromise.

As conservative Congressman Newt Gingrich noted earlier of Rep. Barney Frank's proposed compromise, "He is trying to compromise the uncompromisable."

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Second, they don't understand the unique constitutional and traditional role of the military in America, and the President's role as commander-in-chief.

'They (the military) are not a constituency like farmers or Hispanics. They are an instrument of an elected President and that is all they are,' editorialized The New Yorker.

Let us hope that on his trip to Japan, Clinton, a voracious reader, will re-read a book written by his political role model, John F. Kennedy. That book is Profiles in

Editor's Note: As we noted in the last issue, PLEASE CALL LES ASPIN AND URGE HIM TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT TO LIFT THE BAN.

### ASPIN'S NUMBER IS [703] 697-5261. Sobczak Wins **Top Prizes In Swim Competition**

[Milwaukee]- Leonard Sobczak, competed in the International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics Swimming and Water Polo championships in Chicago on May 28-30 against some 300 Gay and Lesbian swimmers from across the U.S. and Canada.

Sobczak competed in the men's 40-44 age group and took three first place medals in the following: 50 backstroke, time: 0:36.34; 100 backstroke, time: 1:21.60; 200 meter backstroke, time: 3:02.0.

Sobczak also took a second place medal in the 200 meter individual medley with a time of 2:56.54 and a third place medal in the 50 meter butterfly with a time of

Sobczak is currently planning to represent Milwaukee at the Gay Games in New York in June, 1994.

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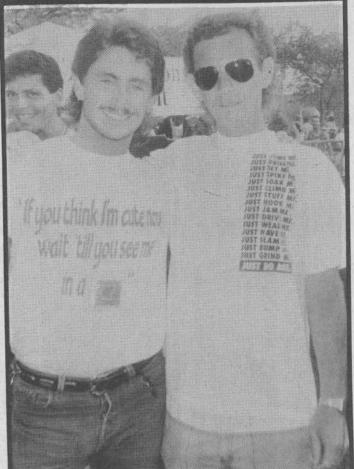
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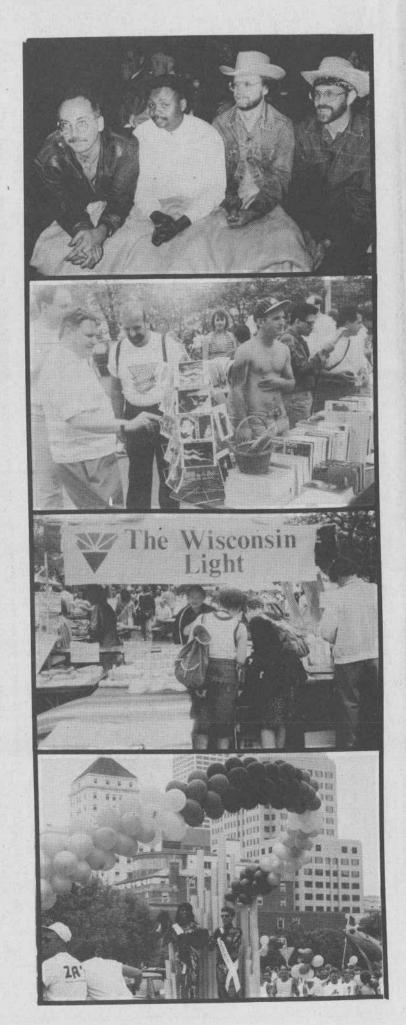
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