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U.S. State Department Opens Foreign Service to Gays

[Washington, D.C.]—Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFAA), a Lesbian and Gay employee group, has announced a major breakthrough in governmental foreign service hiring policy.

The 1993 announcement by the State Department of the annual Foreign Service Officer Examinations now includes sexual orientation in its non-discriminatory clause.

Franklin E. Kameny, long-time D.C. Gay activist and expert on federal civilian employment and security clearances, said that the new wording represented a "180-degree reversal" from the policies of "those benighted days" of the '60's, when security clearances and top-level positions in the Foreign Service were forbidden to anyone who was openly Lesbian or Gay.

GLIFAA President David Buss praised State's action and said that his organization's next goal would be to win domestic partner benefits for Lesbian and Gay Foreign Service employees.

What this would mean is that spouses of Gays would qualify for free travel, diplomatic passports, housing and schooling.

GLIFAA urges Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans who want to serve their country to take the Foreign Service Officer Exam.

Registrants must be U.S. citizens and at least 20 years-old. Registration materials may be obtained by sending a postcard to: Foreign Service Officer Examination, U.S. Department of State, P.O. Box 12226, Arlington, VA 22219.

Editor's Comment: The exam is lengthy, rather tricky, but not all that hard, I didn't think. It's worth a try. Go for it.

Lesbian Avengers Roller Skate For Gay Rights in Virginia

By Bob Roehr

The Lesbian Avengers rolled into suburban Fairfax County, Virginia, to fight for truth, justice and the right to hold hands while roller skating.

On August 6, four young women went to the Franconia Skating Center to celebrate Janel Brooks' 24th birthday. During the time announced for couple skating, Clarity Haynes and Lynn Borowitz took to the rink and began skating holding hands.

That provoked a frenzy of announcements over the loud speakers that the time was "for couples only." A rink official skated up behind them, whistle blowing, threatening to have them arrested for trespassing if they didn't comply and leave the floor, which they eventually did. Then the police arrived and escorted all four women out. Management refused to refund their entry fee.

The display of homophobia shocked and angered the Lesbian Avengers, a direct action group formed after the March On Washington. They vowed to return to the scene to fight the bigotry. Others called to express their support after the story appeared in the *Washington Blade*.

On Friday night, August 20, about 50 people assembled in Franconia for an action sponsored by the Avengers. Half infiltrated the rink, paying their \$5.50 entrance fee.

Avenger leader Carla Uriona said, "It was kind of funny. There were a lot of people that we didn't recognize, so we had this Lesbian Avenger greeter at the door trying to figure out if people were Gay or straight."

At first they just skated. Then, on Uriona's signal, the Gay and Lesbian couples began to hold hands. The management looked uneasy, but didn't act. So, Uriona and her partner pushed it a little farther. They began kissing while they were skating, "which is really hard

Censorship Sought at Sussex and Hales Corners Libraries

Children's Book, 'Daddy's Roommate,' 'Wisconsin Light' Targeted

[Milwaukee]—Five library systems nationwide have censored a Gay-themed children's book, said the publisher, Sasha Alyson of Alyson Publications, Boston. But, Alyson added, a far greater number have withstood challenges to the controversial *Daddy's Roommate*.

The five systems include: Mercer County, New Jersey, Bladen County, North Carolina, Gwinnett County, Georgia, Moss Point, Mississippi and Martinsville, Virginia. Now Sussex, Wisconsin seems about to join the pack.

Peter Meissner, N67-W25913 Silver Spring Drive, filed a petition to get the book, *Daddy's Roommate* removed from circulation. Meissner said he was not satisfied with the response from Library Director Joy Botts and that he would take his complaint to the Library Board.

The hearing is likely to be held September 16, 1993 at the library, N644-W23760 Main Street in Sussex.

In a statement released Tuesday, August 31, 1993, Botts said that she and the other three members of the Reconsideration Committee had reviewed the book and had unanimously agreed that the book should remain in the children's room of the library. However, the book would be shifted from fiction to the children's non-fiction.

Meissner said he was not satisfied with that arrangement. "It's a fiction book," he said. "It doesn't make sense to say it's non-fiction. Labeling it as a children's non-fiction book is saying that it is a true story."

Meissner added that "I am not a Gay basher. I have no problem with homosexuals. I just don't like their

to do. Don't try it unless you want to lose your tongue," Uriona said.

It was during the couples only segment that management cracked down. "The couple in front of us, which happened to be a Gay couple, but it was a Gay male and a Gay female couple, were stopped, forced to the ground and escorted off the floor by the police," said Stephen Mathis, one of the skaters.

Matt Marco, his partner, was incensed by this and when told by police to leave the floor, said, "I paid to skate and I'm going to skate." He was arrested. Mathis' arrest followed.

The rest of the Avengers crowd was taking off their skates and began chanting, "We're here, we're Queer, we'll be back." When the cops charged across the rink, they bolted for the exit.

Outside in the parking lot, three TV crews and the print media were waiting. They had not been allowed inside by rink management, which has refused to talk with anybody. The cameras captured the scene of dozens of police, the two male skaters being hustled into the paddy wagon, the Avengers' statement, and a symbolic blockade of the paddy wagon which resulted in the arrest of Marry Fondriest for not getting up quickly enough from the blockade.

A court date for the skaters was set for September 28. They face penalties of up to \$1,000 fine and six months in jail.

Lesbian Avengers say they would like to open lines of communication with the rink management and get them to change their policy. Barring that, "the place is going to get shut down," said Uriona.

The group is investigating a possible law suit and has scheduled another night of skating for September 2. Other individuals and anonymous groups are considering acts of civil disobedience and more. The Franconia Roller Rink has become an unlikely arena in the fight for Gay and Lesbian rights.

behavior and I don't want it presented to children in a positive light."

Alyson said that there were 28 other libraries that had come under heavy attack for carrying the children's book, "yet refused to censor it in any way."

"From New Mexico to Florida, from Vermont to Washington State, librarians have resisted political pressure, petitions, and even pickets, to defend the right of all children to see their families represented in books," Alyson said.

Alyson said that his company continues to publish new children's books that deal with Gay issues. "There's no way the religious right can attack every book we publish. In the long run, they're losing this fight," he said.

Milwaukee Act Up To Demonstrate For AIDS Funding

[Milwaukee]—ACT UP Milwaukee is targeting the City of Milwaukee over the amount of municipal funding AIDS receives. ACT UP's research as discovered the following information:

The City of Milwaukee, with a population of 628,088, spends \$69,200 a year on AIDS. This is less than Seattle, Washington; Columbus, Ohio; Tampa, Florida — all of which have similar populations to Milwaukee. For example, Seattle, which according to the 1990 census, has a population of 516,259, has allocated \$435,000 for AIDS in 1993.

According to ACT UP, the City of Milwaukee does not have a strategic plan for how to fight the AIDS pandemic; a plan that would specifically detail programs and funding amounts to be utilized to fight AIDS.

ACT UP Demands

To remedy this situation, ACT UP demands that Milwaukee increase its annual AIDS spending by \$25,000. These funds would be divided up between AIDS service organizations (ASOs) and community-based groups (CBOs), with the City retaining an amount to finance a education campaign.

ACT UP proposes that upon allocation of these funds, there would be a committee consisting of ASOs and CBOs — the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), United Migrant Opportunity Services, the Milwaukee Indian Health Board, the Institute for Child and Family Development, Isaac Coggs and ACT UP — that would decide together how and where these funds would be divided and spent.

ACT UP further demands that Milwaukee "quickly and efficiently" facilitate the drawing up of an AIDS Strategic Plan to fight AIDS in the city. This would involve two things, ACT UP says.

1) Using City moneys and resources to set up meetings with ASOs and CBOs, including ACT UP, that would identify what deficiencies exist in the fight against AIDS and what needs to be done;

2) A commitment from the City to agree to implement the AIDS Strategic Plan once finished.

Target City Hall

ACT UP is calling for people to join a "Target City Hall" demonstration to demand that Mayor John Norquist take the lead with his 1994 budget proposal (due out by the end of September). People wishing to participate should assemble at the Riverwalk by Marshall Field's (Wisconsin Avenue and the Milwaukee River) at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14 1993.

For more information, call ACT UP at (414) 769-8708.

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]—In response to a complaint by a patron, the Hales Corners Library Board of Trustees, will appoint a committee to recommend whether the library should continue to place *The Wisconsin Light* newspaper in its public brochure rack in the library entrance.

The committee should make a recommendation to the library board at its Dec. 1 meeting.

Hales Corners resident Jeff Baas told the library board Sept. 1 he objected to the pictures in some of the advertisements in the newspaper. By carrying the newspaper, he said, the library advocated the sale of the items in the ads, such as phone sex, books and products that seemed to involve promiscuity.

Baas, 26, an elementary teacher in Wauwatosa, said that "if one of my fifth-grade students picked up this paper, I would be sickened, personally. Perhaps I say this because of my religious conservative beliefs, but it's also more than that."

In an interview, *Wisconsin Light* Executive Editor Terry Boughner said the newspaper was distributed at the library at the request of the library director.

He said *Wisconsin In Step* magazine formerly had been distributed at the library, but there had been complaints about *In Step*. The librarian said that she believe that there should be a Gay publication in the library, Boughner said, so she asked *Wisconsin Light* to send 10 copies of its free biweekly publication instead.

"So we did. And that's been going on for two years and nobody's said anything," Boughner said.

Baas described himself as a "believer in god and his word" but said he came as a private citizen. He said he picked up the newspaper a couple of months ago while he was visiting the library and was "shocked."

"The pictures in it were beyond what should be distributed in public libraries not so much because it was a Gay newspaper, but if it was in fact men and women that I saw I would be here tonight," Baas told the library trustees.

After the meeting, asked by television reporters to show what he meant, he pointed out pictures on the covers of books illustrated in an advertising insert from *Lambda Rising*, a Gay and Lesbian book seller.

He said he wanted the newspaper removed from the library, but when asked by reporters, he said keeping the newspaper behind the counter but still available to patrons might be a compromise, although he hadn't thought about it much.

"It would certainly be better than having it on the shelf where kids could get at it," Baas said.

He said he was "absolutely" satisfied with the library board's decision to appoint the committee, and hoped to sit in on some of the committee's meetings.

The committee will consist of three citizens appointed by Georgiana Tamel, president of the board; two staff members appointed by Patricia A. Laughlin, director of library services; and the Hales Corners village attorney.

The board did not discuss the merit of Baas' complaint, although members thanked him for bringing the matter to their attention.

Laughlin said the committee would get information about material that is "standard" for consideration for library collections. She had also provided board members with reprints of a magazine article about library services to Gay and Lesbian patrons.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Same-Sex Marriage Sought by Men

[Duluth, MN]- Doug Benson and Duane Gajetwski want to marry each other and are taking the issue to court. The Duluth men are challenging a Minnesota law which forbids same-sex marriage on the grounds of gender discrimination. They hope that other same-sex couples will join them in a class-action lawsuit.

After they filled out a marriage license, they were told by Gloria Pothast, St. Louis County's court administrator that, "Your marriage cannot be granted because... a marriage is a civil contract between a man and a woman." The case is expected to be in the courts for some years.

Amendment 2 Trial on Schedule

[Denver]- On Friday, August 6, a Denver judge denied a state motion to delay a trial in October on the constitutionality of Amendment 2. The state had sought the delay so that they could appeal a Colorado Supreme Court opinion to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Colorado High Court had ruled that the Amendment violates the constitutional rights of Lesbians and Gays.

In the lawsuit that will be heard October 12, eight persons and three communities claim that Amendment 2 violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

San Diego Neighborhood Seeks Gays

[San Diego, CA]- Residents of an ailing, working class neighborhood in San Diego, California, are actively recruiting Gay couples to move in, saying Lesbians and Gays usually make good neighbors. Residents of this racially diverse neighborhood, Azalea Park, say that when Gays move in, homes are refurbished and property values go up. "Gays are community minded," one resident said. "We don't care about sexual orientation at all." To encourage Gays to move in, a contingent of Azalea Park residents marched in the San Diego Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade.

Michael Portantino, publisher of the *San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times*, said the Azalea Park effort was "unprecedented." He added, "The straights have realized that Gay couples have two good salaries and easily qualify for home loans."

Lesbian Porn Protested by Lesbians

[Seattle]- The May/June issue of *On Our Backs*, a sexually explicit magazine for Lesbians, is the target of a Seattle group called Dykes Against Porn for a cover photo illustration of an Asian woman being engulfed in flames.

A member of Dykes Against Porn said, "This Asian woman is being burned alive. No matter what you think of the magazine as a whole, or how well-intentioned it may be, this is offensive to me."

Members of Dykes Against Porn said they had not talked with *On Our Backs* staff members, but said there are other chapters of their organization nationally that will continue to fight against instances of pornography.

Thurmond Aide Dies of AIDS

[Washington, D.C.]- Michael Boyle, a Gay man and trusted aide to Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), died of complications due to AIDS on April 22, 1993. Boyle had been closeted about his sexual orientation until, in 1991, he told the Senator that he was Gay and had AIDS.

"I just hate to see a man of the qualities he (Boyle) had — he had ability, he was very courteous and capable — I just hate to see someone like that have AIDS and die from it," Thurmond said. At Boyle's funeral in Aiken, SC, Thurmond, who had buried his 22 year-old daughter the week before, sat in the second row.

Thurmond, 90, now supports funding for AIDS research, something he opposed until Michael told him the truth about himself, said Boyle's sister, Marie.

Idaho Anti-Gay Initiative Progresses

[Boise, ID]- The Idaho Supreme Court has certified the ballot titles for the proposed anti-Gay initiative, rejecting challenges from opponents of the measure. But two justices — Byron Johnson and Stephen Bistline — made it clear in a brief concurring opinion that the court's unanimous decision should not be viewed as a rejection of the substance of the attack on the initiative by the American Civil Liberties Union.

"There are serious questions concerning the vagueness of some of the terms of the proposed act," Johnson wrote with Bistline's concurrence. "If the initiative is successful, I will be prepared to address challenges to the act."

ACLU lawyers say that even if the amendment is passed, it is so constitutionally faulty that "it will not survive one day."

Gay Film Festivals Funding Restored

[New York]- The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has reversed a 1992 decision denying funding to three Gay and Lesbian film festivals after resolving a lawsuit threatened by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU had charged that the NEA's actions were based on improper political considerations that constituted viewpoint censorship.

Under terms of the settlement signed August 25, 1993, Ana Steele, Acting Senior Deputy Chair of the NEA, agreed to give three film festivals the \$17,500 they would have received in 1992. Release of the funds will settle all claims against the NEA by the Gay and Lesbian film festivals.

The three not-for-profit festivals are: New Festival, Inc., an annual New York film festival; Lesbian and Gay Film Festival of Pittsburgh, Inc.; and Gay and Lesbian Media Coalition, Inc., a Los Angeles-based film festival.

Gays Win Voice at UN

[New York]- The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in Geneva, Switzerland, voted July 30 to grant consultative status to the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA). The vote makes ILGA, a worldwide federation of Gay and AIDS groups, the first Gay organization to gain a voice in the UN, reports the *Washington Blade*. Among other things, ILGA will be able to use its UN status to draw greater attention to human rights abuses against Gays, which are commonplace in a number of countries.

The U.S. was among the countries voting for ILGA's consultative status. Others included Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Cuba, Russia, Ukraine and Britain.

The move culminates a decade-long effort by Gay activists to win ILGA a voice with the UN. The organization won observer status in 1991. The new status gives the Gay and Lesbian community a permanent voice within the UN.

Lesbians Own Clinton Home

[Hope, AK]- Lila Wallace and Renee Parker, openly Lesbian women, bought a house in Hope, Arkansas which is now known for a reason other than being Watermelon Capital of the World; the one-story wood-frame house has now tripled in value because the house they bought (before the election) was the humble boyhood home of Bill Clinton and now bears a sign to that effect planted in the front lawn. This, according to the *New Orleans Gay paper, Impact*.

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.

Schwartz Books To Open Two New Stores In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Before the end of 1993, Milwaukee's oldest and largest bookshops, the independently owned Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops, will open two new shops in the Milwaukee area.

In October, a Schwartz Bookshop will open at the Pavilion in Mequon. The address is 10976 N. Port Washington Road, at the intersection of N. Port Washington Road and E. Mequon Road.

In late November, a Schwartz Bookshop will open at 4093 N. Oakland Avenue about two blocks north of Capitol Drive.

With respect to inventory, service and atmosphere, the new bookshops are paying particular attention to the respective communities of the new shops. Both shops will be open evenings and seven days a week.

Men of All Colors Together Plan September Meetings

[Milwaukee]- Men of All Colors Together (MACT) has scheduled their September meeting schedule. The next two meetings will be September 12, 1993, and September 26, 1993. Both meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Women's Center, 611 N. Broadway.

MACT participated in a community picnic with Ujima and B.L.U.E. on August 22. The "Midsummer Jam Picnic" was a great success with 75 people participating. A community forum on racism in the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community is being planned for October of this year.

For more information about MACT, contact Veral at (414) 347-0580 or Dave at (414) 527-4296.



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Wisconsin Begins Planning for the June Stonewall 25 Celebration

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- With Lesbian/Gay Pride Month just past (only two months gone), people across the country are setting their sights on June, 1994. That's when we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave rise to the Gay/Lesbian civil rights movement with an international March and Rally.

Milwaukee and other cities have or are thinking about moving their local Pride celebrations to different dates so as not to conflict with Gay Games IV (June 18-24) and Stonewall 25 (June 25-26). San Francisco's Pride Committee has a message running on its answering machine saying that their celebration is on June 17, 1994 so as not to conflict with the Stonewall 25 celebration.

Planning Meetings

The idea for the celebration began nearly 10 years ago. Since then, it has achieved wide and enthusiastic reception both in the U.S. and around the world. This is the first Lesbian/Gay celebration of its kind that will be truly international. Celebration organizers report that people will be coming from all over the world. Organizers confidently predict that numbers will exceed the million plus who attended the March On Washington last April.

Signs that the momentum is building can be seen in the committees working around in the nation.

On August 29, 1993, 12 people met in Milwaukee's Enterprise Center in the offices of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) to discuss plans for the celebration.

Wisconsin is part of the Midwest Region along with Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois. The Region has been allotted 8 delegates to the National Committee. The allotment is based on population and must have gender parity and 50 percent representation of People of Color on decision making bodies, according to the Stonewall 25 National committee. Wisconsin has one delegate of the eight.

Lori Carlson, an African American woman, is the current interim delegate from Wisconsin. She will attend the next meeting of the national committee to be held in Boise, Idaho in October.

The need was recognized for an executive committee with state-wide representation. Letters are being sent out to state organizations and other networking efforts are being mounted to join with others from Superior to Green Bay, from Madison to La Crosse.

The Committee will have a booth at MAPfest, September 5, the last time this year when sizable numbers of our community will be getting together. The booth is being sponsored by **In Step** magazine. Rainbow wristbands and stickers will be sold as a fundraiser and information will be available. Be sure to stop by.

The next meeting of the committee will take place at the Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street at 5:30 p.m. on September 20.

Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay Pride

June, 1994, will see the Big Apple all a flutter with rainbow flags and visitors' hearts taking a journey into the past. That begins at the site of the former Stonewall Inn where it all began. Looks-wise, the Inn wasn't much in those days, as I remember. Now, it's gone. But go to where it was, a small wedge of park at Sheridan Square in the Village. New York has renamed that section of Christopher Street, "Stonewall Place."

There is a bar called "The Stonewall," but it's not the original.

New York's Fifth Avenue has seen many grand and glorious parades, but in June, 1994, it will see what will perhaps be the biggest and best of them all as Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays and the friends of civil rights and equality everywhere go marching by, heading for the United Nations.

Other Events

There will be a vast array of other activities beside the International March and Rally. These include Gay Games IV. Over 7,000 athletes from nearly every country in the world will be in New York to compete in more than 20 athletic events. This time there will be a major emphasis on Lesbian/Gay arts, with chorus and band concerts, dancing and art shows.

In addition, the International Lesbian and Gay Association (IGLA) will be holding its annual meeting in New York. There will be a mass concert by the Lesbian/Gay bands of America and innumerable other events and activities.

Get Your Tickets Now

People who had trouble with hotel bookings and travel arrangements for the March On Washington, have seemingly learned their lesson. According to Doug Easton of Bottom Line Travel, hotels in Manhattan on the less expensive range are filling up fast. In some cases, they are already booked solid. Some 50-60 hotels are opening up rooms, he said, but many of these are in the outskirts of the city.

For those planning to make the trip, Bottom Line will have discount tickets available for the Gay Games, shows and other events. "All you'll have to worry about," Easton said, "is going and having fun."

Amtrak will have discounted rates and airline tickets will be available as well.

Easton said that Bottom Line will have a booth at MAPfest where people may register to receive information in the mail.

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The trip is expensive: \$2200 per person, one way, coach, to \$5400 one way for a bedroom (single). But God, if you can afford it, it'd be worth it — just for the train alone.

Included in the price are all hotels, all train meals, all transfers to and from the train. All that would be needed would be a steamer on the head end to make it complete.

For more information or brochures, write: Freedom Train, P.O. Box 273, East Irvine, CA 92650 or call (818) 964-3233. All profits from the tour will be donated to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Wisconsin Light

On a final note, **Wisconsin Light** will begin its celebration of Stonewall 25 with the first issue of the paper in January, 1994. All that can be said now, is "Watch for it."

Educators Will Discuss Gay Issues Oct. 28

[Madison]- The Madison-based Gay and Lesbian Educational Employees (GLEE) Organization will hold a sectional at the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) convention on Thursday, October 28, 1993. This annual sectional will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Franklin Elementary School, 305 W. Lakeside Street in Madison. This is about one half mile from the Sheraton Hotel. (Take John toward capitol/downtown and then left on Lakeside at first light).

Interested educators from all areas of the state are invited to attend. Speakers will discuss current Gay/Lesbian educational issues. Opportunities will be provided for participants to share experiences. Interested persons may join the group to attend lunch together immediately following the meeting at a nearby restaurant. A social will be held at the Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson Street, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

GLEE serves educational employees by providing education, support and social opportunities. The organization usually meets the third Thursday of each month. For meeting information, contact Jack at (608) 231-3064 or Mary at (608) 241-0212.

Japan Will Host Next AIDS Conference

[Tokyo]- Japan will host a world conference on AIDS next year that organizers hope will draw attention to the disease's explosive growth in Asia.

About 10,000 people are expected to attend the 10th International Conference on AIDS in Yokohama August 7-12, 1994. It will be the first time the annual gathering is held in Asia. The World Health Organization estimates that more than a million and a half people are infected with HIV in South and Southeast Asia, mostly in India and Thailand.

OBITUARIES

Terry M. Wiegand

Terry Wiegand, 39, died on August 14, 1993, of complications due to AIDS. Terry was in La Crosse where he had grown up and attended school. He was being cared for by his loving family.

Terry was employed at the Milwaukee County Medical Health Complex and had previously served at the Brown County Mental Health Center. He as a regular volunteer at the Brady STD Clinic in Milwaukee and also helped provide HIV antibody testing, both at the Clinic and in outreach sites.

Terry graduated from UW-Green Bay in 1977 with a B.A. in Urban Analysis. He received a BFA from UW-M in 1983. He also earned an Associate Degree in

Nursing in 1987 as part of his widely diversified life of professional activity and service.

Giving thanks for Terry's life and memory are his parents, Lloyd and Jancie Wiegand; his siblings, Laurie Beseler, Lynne Michelle and Jim Wiegand; all of La Crosse and his colleagues and friends at both the Mental Health Complex and the BestD Clinic. Terry was preceded in death by his dear and good friend, Rick Poplawski.

Funeral services and burial were in La Crosse on August 16th. Gifts in Terry's memory may be sent to Brady East STD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Jonathon Timothy Miller

Jonathon Timothy Miller died August 4, 1993 in Houston, Texas of an AIDS related illness at the age of 37. Tim, originally from Wausau, Wisconsin, graduated from UW-Madison in 1977 with a degree in Communication Arts — Cinematography. He moved to Seattle, Washington, where he was involved with a film-making cooperative and in the renovation and sales of buildings which financed film production. He learned many skills which he later used in set development and construction as well as special effects.

Tim relocated to Alaska and, later, to Houston where he worked on stage sets for the Houston Opera Company and the Alley Theater, among other projects. His interest in film-making bore fruit when he joined special effects crews with the making of such films as **Eight Men Out** and **Robo Cop 3**.

He declined a move to Los Angeles. Instead, he became a vital member of the Houston Gay community where, in addition to his work on such entertainments as the AA Roundups, he was a well-known figure at local gyms, maintaining and developing an already fine physique.

Most recently, his bent for building things brought him to furniture making based on his own unique designs and

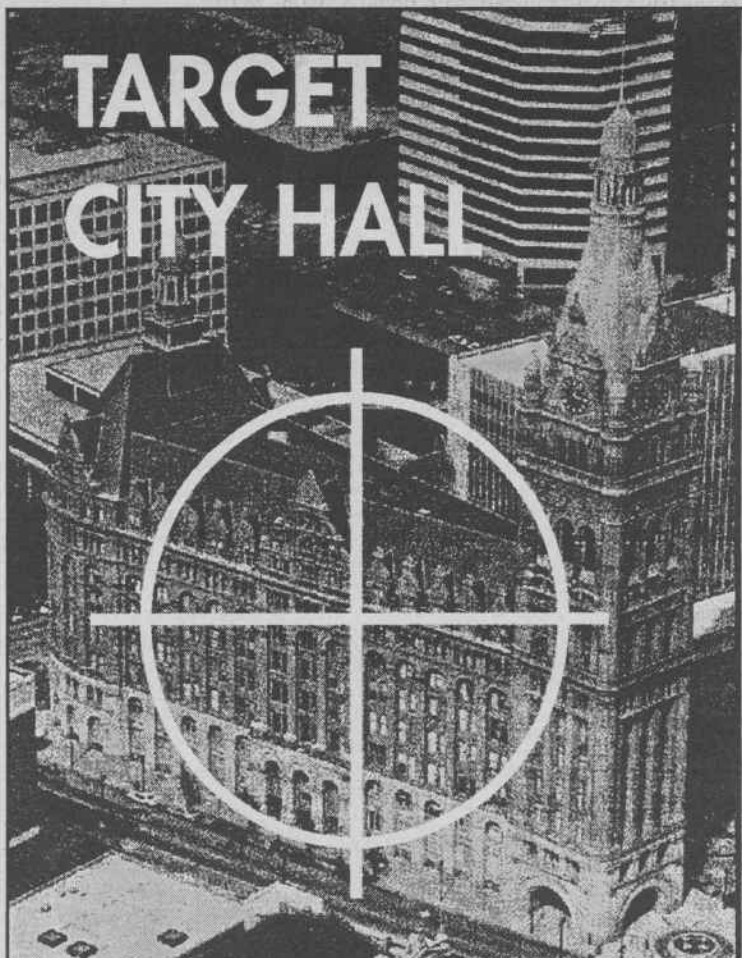
constructions which often incorporated many Texan and western symbols. His chairs, tables, desks and credenzas made of rare and intriguing woods, have been featured in several Houston galleries and have been part of many national furniture exhibitions. His gift with wood enabled him to share his ability, as people sought him out to learn such skills as woodcarving.

Tim is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Miller, his sisters, Kay, Sue and Angela, his brother, Christopher Todd, and many nieces and nephews, loving friends and associates and former lovers. Memorials may be made to the Jonathon Timothy Miller Memorial Fund — Focus, c/o South Main Baptist Church, 4100 S. Main, Houston, Texas 77002.

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Georgia County Board: Gays Are Incompatible with Local Standards

[Milwaukee]- Just on the other side of the Chattahoochee River from Atlanta, home of the "New South," lies Cobb County. Here, in this largely white (87.5 percent), mostly conservative county, the "Old South" is alive and well, especially in the western parts.

Here, a section of the Interstate Highway is named for a former member of the John Birch Society. Here, Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA) gets much of his support. Here, the majority of the working population is employed in the declining aerospace industry.

So, observers say, it really should have come as no surprise when the county's Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on August 10, saying that homosexuality is incompatible with community standards.

The resolution was proposed by County Commissioner Gordon Wysong, an avowed Christian, in response to a citizen's complaint about references to homosexuality in a play being put on by Theatre On The Square, a small Marietta company.

The move by the Commissioners was followed by protests including a "Queer Family Picnic" on August 23 in Marietta, Cobb County's County Seat, attended by some 2,000 Gay activists. About 500 Right Wing Christian, family values proponents held a counter-rally later the same day.

On Tuesday, August 24, the Commissioners voted to cut off all money

for the arts in Cobb County. In response, the Atlanta chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has called for an economic boycott of the county.

According to Wysong, the Commissioners' votes were predicated on two things: one was the passage of domestic partners laws in Atlanta, Washington, D.C. and other places.

The second was Atlanta's bid to host Gay Games V four years from now.

Other factors, according to Wysong, were the issue of Gays in the military and school curricula favorable to Lesbians and Gays.

"People will see us as a county that maintains standards," Wysong said.

Christian Coalition state director Pat Gartland, a Cobb County resident, was quoted as saying that 90 percent of the county supports the commission.

However, Bill Kinney, associate editor of the *Marietta Daily Journal Light* that he "didn't think this was true." He said that letters to his paper are running 2-1 to 7-1 against the commission's action. This would be reflective of the more liberal population in the eastern part of the county.

Michael Horne, a co-founder of the Theater on the Square, said that he didn't think that Cobb County was too unlike the rest of the country. "I think there's so much fear and frustration out there that no matter where you live this kind of thing could exist."

San Francisco Mayor Dismisses Commissioner for Anti-Gay Remarks

[San Francisco]- Seeking to end a controversy that had come to national attention and divided San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay community from the African-American community, San Francisco's Mayor Frank Jordan on August 22, dismissed the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin from the city's Human Rights Commission.

The furor over Lumpkin, an African-American and pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, began in June when Lumpkin told a reporter from *The San Francisco Chronicle* that he believed that homosexuality was an "abomination against God." He said this was according to the bible and went on to imply that AIDS was God's punishment of Gays upon earth.

There were immediate and angry calls for Lumpkin's dismissal from the Gay community. However, the Mayor held fast, backing his long-time supporter. But, as Michael Colbruno writing for the *San Francisco Sentinel*, said, Lumpkin hadn't learned to keep his mouth shut. Tempers flared higher when some six weeks later, on August 20, when Lumpkin, appearing on a local TV program was asked if he believed that the bible sanctioned stoning Gays to death.

Lumpkin replied, "That's what the book said. Sure, I believe it. I believe

everything the bible says."

Lumpkin said later that he had been misunderstood, but phone calls and letters to city hall demanded his immediate ouster. Lumpkin refused the Mayor's request to resign and was dismissed.

Both African-American leaders and leaders of San Francisco's large Gay community blamed Mayor Jordan for mishandling the issue.

"People in the Black community and people in the Gay community should wonder why the Mayor has let us dangle around for a month-and-a-half and chew each other apart and then has chosen to fire the man," said Randy Miller, a prominent African-American Gay leader. "It's a standard tactic of divide and conquer."

The issue may not be over yet. The Rutherford Institute, a Right-Wing Christian organization defending "traditional Christian beliefs," has been brought in to defend Lumpkin. "We are prepared for a lawsuit," said Brad Dacus, Western Regional Coordinator for the Institute.

One of the lawyers working for the Institute in its Washington, D.C. office is Craig Parshall, formerly of Wisconsin. Parshall's wife Jan, is well known to viewers of Vic Eliason's WVCY-TV.

Gays March in D.C. Civil Rights March; Gay Organizer Honored

By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]- African-American Lesbians and Gays celebrated two milestones this last weekend of August during the 30th Anniversary March of the great 1963 civil rights March On Washington.

One was the fact that they were marching as a full-fledged contingent without having to resort to the sit-in demonstration tactics necessary five years ago.

The other was the event they staged at the Kennedy Center, a musical tribute to Bayard Rustin, an openly Gay Black man who was the principal architect and unsung hero of the 1963 March. It was the first time that segment of our community has sponsored an event at that prestigious location.

Carlene Cheatam, co-chair of the D.C. Coalition of Black Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals compared this March with the April one for Gay and Lesbian rights. "Because they had an African-American contingent, that made it (the April March) feel like it was my March. Now, in this March, because there was a Gay and Lesbian contingent in an African-American March, it made it feel like my March. I felt connected to both of them and had my place in both of them."

Cheatam was one of four Lesbians and Gays to have spoken at the March. She

was scheduled for one of the assembly areas, but never had the opportunity to speak. The speakers ran late and the crowd (estimated at 75,000) was already moving down toward the main assembly at the Lincoln Memorial when the sound was turned off.

The Kennedy Center musical tribute to Rustin on Sunday night, included a special guest appearance by pop diva Martha Wash. An audience of some 1,700 was in attendance.

Rustin was the organizing genius behind the 1963 March. His Gayness was a source of contention at the time. One faction sought to have him removed from the role of principle organizer. But Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others stood behind Rustin, saying Rustin's work was "indispensable" to the success of that march.

Sherman Park Gays to Hold Picnic Sept. 12

[Milwaukee]- The recently formed Sherman Park Rainbow Association will hold a picnic Sunday, September 12, 1993, in area #2 at Sherman Park. The picnic begins at 1:00 p.m. Raindate is Sunday, September 19. Bring something to throw on the grill and a dish to pass. Buns, basic condiments and paper plates will be provided.

There are several purposes behind the new group. We want to encourage Lesbians and Gays who live in the Sherman Park area to become involved in existing neighborhood and civil rights programs. We want to provide opportunities for Gays and Lesbians to socialize and network. We also hope to encourage more of us to move into the neighborhood.

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A NEW WESTERN HERO— Suzy Amis (left) portrays Jo Monaghan, a woman who cross-dressed to survive in the wild west in "The Ballad of Little Jo." Gay actor Sir Ian McKellen as Percy is also pictured.

The Best Man Is a Woman In The Movie 'The Ballad of Little Jo'

By Cynthia Van Vreede

The best man for a job may be a woman, especially if that woman is Jo Monaghan in the wonderful film **Ballad of Little Jo**. This isn't just a movie about a cross-dressing female in the old American West, but a feminist version of what life was like for women in that time.

Josephine Monaghan (Suzy Amis) was heading west, kicked out of her father's house for giving birth to an illegitimate child. Traveling alone, she was sexually harassed by men who considered any woman alone to be fair game. Along the way she is befriended by Hollander (Rene Auberjonois), a junk dealer, who later betrays Josephine by selling her to some soldiers. After escaping a near rape, she buys some mens clothing and decides to try life as a man.

Jo ends up in Ruby City, a small mining town, where her sexuality is quickly challenged. Suspected of being a "dude," an Easterner with striped socks, Jo proves herself to be one of the guys, albeit a feminine one. Percy Corcoran (Ian McKellen) takes Jo, now nicknamed Little Jo, under his wings. Percy teaches Jo the practical side of being a man, but later disgusts her when he attacks a prostitute. Complicating Jo's life is Mary (Heather Graham) who thinks Little Jo could be good husband material. The lesbian potential could have been great here, but alas, this is not a lesbian flick.

So it is at this point, that Little Jo decides to take a shepherd job with rancher Frank Badger (Bo Hopkins) which means living in the mountains alone for four long months. Jo not only survives the harsh winter but teaches herself how to shoot. Eventually she earns enough money to buy her own homestead.

One day while in town, Jo sees Frank and a group of his buddies trying to lynch

a Chinese railroad worker. The men decide to let the Asian go, but only if Little Jo takes him in as a cook. It takes Tinman Wong (David Chung) all of three days to discover Little Jo's secret. The man who was seen as little more than a slave and the woman in men's drag became lovers and companions in a hostile world. In a touching scene Tinman tells Little Jo, "You have found peace as a man, and I have found my peace with you."

When the cattle barons come to Ruby City with the intention of buying out the sheep ranchers, Little Jo considers selling and returning to the life of a woman. Sadly, she realizes that after living as a free man she could never go back.

Suzy Amis gives a stunning performance as Little Jo. Although she could have used a BDV (Big Dyke Voice) she pulls off the role of Little Jo remarkably well. In one haunting scene she cuts most of her hair off, then takes the knife to her own face. Self-mutilation in self-defense.

The Ballad of Little Jo was written and directed by Maggie Greenwald. Some may poo-hoo the film as revisionist, PC dreck since most of the men are portrayed as boneheads, rapists or worse and Little Jo befriends Russian immigrants as well as saves the life of the Chinaman. Not so. This is an unsentimental look at the American West through the eyes of a

woman. Ms. Greenwald's Old West was probably more like the real one, contrary to the romanticized version we've been fed by Hollywood over the years. And it's about time the record was set straight.

The Ballad of Little Jo opens on September 10th at the Downer Theatre in Milwaukee and at other selected theaters nationwide.

New Gay Film Coming to U.S. From China

[Beijing]— The Chinese government appears to have no plans to lift its ban on an award-winning Gay-themed film, according to the **Washington Blade**.

At the Cannes Film Festival in May, **Farewell to My Concubine** won the prestigious Golden Palm for best film and the International Critics' Prize. The movie chronicles the bond between two male Beijing Opera stars, including their Gay relationship.

The **New York Times** said the Chinese government had originally allowed a censored version of the film to open July 26 in Shanghai, but quickly changed its mind, banning the movie for the general public.

The film has been the subject of great controversy in China, not just because of its Gay content, but also because it is considered critical of the ruling Communist Party.

According to a report by United Press International, Director Chen Kaige denied that the movie had any political content, saying, "I don't want to get involved in politics."

The film is due to open in U.S. theaters this Autumn.

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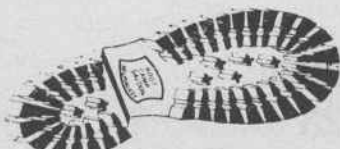


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Cream City Squares Bring Gay Square Dancing to Straights

By Donald J. Dilges

The Cream City Squares, the first and only Lesbian/Gay square dance club in Milwaukee or Wisconsin, continues to break new ground.

We have moved rapidly to introduce the fun of square dancing to our local community.

Our exhibition team has performed for Q-TV, Pridefest and several fundraisers.

Our club represented Wisconsin at the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs' 10th Annual Convention, held this Summer in Seattle, Washington. The Cream City Squares received many compliments from the other Lesbian and Gay clubs. They enjoyed our enthusiasm and dancing style. We found the experience of square dancing with 1,137 other Gays and Lesbians thrilling.

A Tough Decision

Encouraged by past experiences, we debated if our club should attend Wisconsin's 34th Square and Round Dance Convention, held in Milwaukee's MECCA complex in August. Some felt we would be shunned or asked to leave. Others felt that, since we are a square dance club, we belonged there.

Ten of us (nine men, one woman), decided to attend. Wearing our Cream City badges and square dance attire, we came to be accepted as just another Wisconsin club. We didn't plan to just blend in unnoticed, since we bend the gender rules.

Note: A square dance has four couples. Traditionally the man on left/woman on the right. Usually, the person dancing on the right will dance with each person on the left during a dance.

Note: Our club allows men and women to start dancing either the right or left position. The result is that if three traditional couples dance with our woman on left/man on right, every woman has to dance with a woman, every man dances with a man during the dance.

How Rare! Don't Stop.

We started out with eight men in a square.

"Eight men in a square!"

Many, at first, just stared in disbelief. Then, they got others to come and look. They had never seen anything like that before. Some of the other squares near us broke down on following the calls, because they were trying to watch what we were doing.

We love dancing and it showed.

During the breaks between dances, the comments came. Where were we from? How did we get so good? It was about time men learned to dance the woman's part for a change! Would we dance with women? (We do and we did). Some took pictures to capture what until now was rare indeed.

People gathered on the side of the dance floor to sit and watch. They thought we should do exhibition dancing. They liked our styling. The only complaint we heard was when we quit dancing to eat lunch. They didn't want us to stop because some had just arrived to watch us.

Because there were ten of us, a couple of us danced in a few other squares. The people were surprised we danced as two men. A few found it confusing. Some of these men may never have put their arms around another man before to swing and promenade (or for anything).

Square dancers are known for their

polite and friendly natures. The people there found that if they didn't worry about gender, the square moved smoothly and we all had fun.

Straight couples were asking us to dance with them on Sunday. While two women do dance together at square dances, women told us they are not made to feel welcome. Six women asked two of us men to be the fourth couple in their square because they knew it wouldn't confuse us that they all were in skirts. We had a good time.

Many people said they hope to see us at next year's convention in Stevens Point.

It was an educational experience for those attending the convention. Something new had happened. They had just enough exposure to the idea of same-sex dancing to find out it wasn't so threatening or unusual as they may have formerly thought.

We left with a good feeling.

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Applications for performers are now available and are due no later than September 27, 1993. For more information, please write to KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Applications will be available through the mail if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

AIDS Budget Topic of Cable TV Show

[Milwaukee] AIDS Activist TV, - the live video program produced by ACT UP Milwaukee activists for Channels 14/47, will air a special "Budget Battle" episode on Tuesday, September 7. The segment will reveal the disastrous neglect by the City of Milwaukee and its failure to increase its AIDS budget during a time when Milwaukee AIDS cases have increased seven times.

The show will be moderated by regulars Brian Komar and Patrick Flaherty and will feature ACT UP activist Yuri Keegstra. Keegstra will explain ACT UP Milwaukee's efforts to force the city to join the fight against AIDS, including the group's plans for a large-scale demonstration September 14 at City Hall.

Video "feed-ins" and graphs will augment the show's regular talk format. Viewers are encouraged to call in with questions and comments. Tune in September 7 at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 47 to be part of the action.

Tea Dance Benefit Sept. 19 at Apple Island

[Madison]- On Sunday, September 19, 1993, there will be a Sunday Afternoon Tea Dance at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Tea Dance is a fundraiser held to help Deb Trent and Nancy Hutson who recently suffered a fire in their home that destroyed the upper portion of their house. The women lost many of their furnishings and possessions in the fire. Since Deb and

Nancy are a non-traditional couple, none of Deb's or the boys' things were covered under Nancy's homeowner's policy.

Deb and Nancy need help in ways that can be met by physical labor. They could use help to clean damaged furniture, sorting through smoke and water damaged possessions, and cleaning out a storage locker they took things to the night of the fire to prevent theft.

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TEEN TALK: Hang-Out Spots Of Homo Boys and Girls In Milwaukee

Commentary by Dave Houle

Author's note: This is the first installment in an on-going scene report of hang-out spots for Homo boys and girls around Milwaukee.

Do not take this column as indicative of a "generation" or "Gay youth" or whatever labels you care to choose. We have enough people trying to speak for us. That's part of the problem. These are my words.

So, we have an hour to kill before the midnight syndicated reruns of **21 Jumpstreet** that we NEVER miss. What are boys to do?

"Ya wanna hang out at Webb's?" I offer. "Gets pretty freaky about this time." Vague nods of agreement. Okay—decided.

George Webb's. On Farwell. As we suspected, all the punks, rave kids and skaters—who live nowhere near this crazy, muzaked dive—all carpool from their various suburbs in their parents' Buicks to muscle down bad coffee and try to slip under the \$1 per person minimum.

Okay, listen up, kids. Lesson #1: Realize that when you enter Webb's, it is customary for every person in the joint to look at you.

Get used to it.

Likewise, it is understood that you, in turn, check out everyone else who enters, as well. Failure to do so results in a force feeding of a bowl of the orange cream of cauliflower soup.

Of course, if you are perceptive enough, this custom provides a unique litmus test to discover all the budding kiddie Queers in the place. It's simple: Anyone who looks at you—**STARES**—for but a nanosecond too long likes you. They find you attractive. They want to date you.

As Erney, Michael, and I sat down in

our still wet, recently wiped-down plasticated booth, one rave kid with his gaggle of punky friends kept looking our way. BINGO!

But hang on. Pull back the reins. Don't get TOO excited. You're not actually going to TALK to him.

Heavens no.

No one actually speaks to each other at George Webb's. This is, unless you already know each other. "Well, how do you meet dates, then?" you ask.

Simple. It's all a stepping stone. So, weeks later, when you run into the dazed and confused looking boy on Brady, you can say to him, "Hey, weren't you at Webb's five Tuesdays ago?"

"Yeah, I was."

"Thought so. Wanna hang out?"

"Sure. Let me buy you a Snapple."

Easy as mom said it was.

Anyway, we were getting bored and then I spilled my Coke, so we decided to leave. The final verdict?

Boys: The one cute boy who kept on looking at us was a plus. Had a fucked up face, though. Not as many punk kids as I'd prefer. A Morrissey clone came in who looked EXACTLY like the Morrissey T-shirt he was wearing. Surreal. Hippie dippies: GO HOME!

Girls: Cute girl hanging out with the starrer. One punk with funky dyed red hair, a definite star/freak for the evening. A Beastie Boy clone-girl came in who looked EXACTLY like the Beastie Boy T-shirt she was wearing. Surreal. Hippie dippies: GO HOME!

Actually, all the sights were academic because midnight was fast approaching and **Jumpstreet** awaited. Priorities. Johnny Depp's hair. Holly Robinson's poignant theme song: "We're never gonna find a place where we belong..."

Next time: Juneau Park!

Murder Mystery Theatre To Stage a Killer for MAP Benefit

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will be the beneficiary of murder mystery theater productions staged by Scene of the Crime Productions. The murder mystery company, which stages its shows at restaurants and other locations throughout southeastern Wisconsin, will donate ten percent of all profits from private parties to MAP or one of three other area charities (the MACC Fund, the Elmbrook Humane Society, and Guest

House, which provides for Milwaukee's homeless).

Vickie Katschke, managing director of Scene of the Crime Productions, said that by scheduling a private party with the company, a group, company, organization or individual can identify MAP to receive a portion of the profits earned.

For reservations and additional information, call Scene of the Crime Productions at (414) 529-5786.

Anti-Gay Hate Crimes Double In Colorado After Amendment 2 Passes

[Denver]- According to the Denver Police Department, the number of anti-Gay hate crimes reported in Denver in the first three months of this year was more than twice as high as the number of similar crimes reported in the first quarter of 1992. Colorado Gay activists are calling this the result of a hate campaign generated by the Christian "rabid right" in the midst of the battle over Amendment 2.

Part of this campaign is the handing out of fliers saying, "Death Penalty for Homosexuals is Prescribed in the Bible!" These are the only words on the bright orange paper.

The campaign appears to be especially virulent in Colorado Springs, home of Colorado for Family Values (CFV), the sponsor of the anti-Gay Amendment 2. According to Franklin Wentworth of Ground Zero, a Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay activist group of 250 in the city, the orange flier and on-going incidents of violence "represent just the tip of the iceberg of the hate and intolerance the permeates the epicenter of hate, Colorado Springs."

Wentworth said that CFV has embarked on a million dollar fundraising campaign to promote the Fundamentalist Christian agenda in Colorado and elsewhere around the nation.

In Oregon

In Oregon, a similar flyer has appeared throughout the state, calling for the execution and castration of Gay men. The flyer urges people to submit names and addresses of "suspected or self-admitted homosexuals" to a "Homosexual Names Collection Division." The broadsides claim to be from the "Ecumenical Christian Council" and "supporters" of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), the sponsor of last year's anti-Gay referendum and the sponsor of a similar

law being proposed in Oregon for the 1994 election.

According to the **Seattle Gay News**, OCA has denied being responsible for the flyers. Lou Mabon, head of OCA, said he believes that the flyers were created to discredit his organization.

In April, Mitzi Henderson, President of P-FLAG, wrote Attorney General Janet Reno about the Oregon flyer and asked her to investigate its origins and monitor the activities of anti-Gay groups and prosecute them.

The response from the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division said that while it was "concerned," it could not authorize an investigation "because neither the dissemination of the flyer nor the violence it advocates constitutes a violation of any Federal criminal civil rights statute."

Meanwhile, OCA has embarked on a fundraising effort similar to the one on Colorado. The goal is to raise a \$1,000,000 plus to be used in Oregon and around the nation, particularly in Arizona which OCA said would be a "prime target" for anti-Gay legislation similar to what was passed in Colorado.

New Anti-Gay Referendum Moves Ahead in Oregon

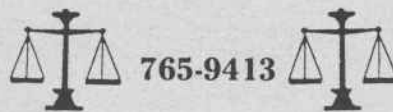
On Thursday, August 19, 1993, the Oregon Supreme Court approved a title for the proposed constitutional amendment of an anti-Gay measure, clearing the way for petition signatures to be collected by OCA. OCA needs to gather 89,000 signatures by next July to put its latest proposal on the November, 1994 ballot.

The new title says the measure would prevent governments from approving, or creating classifications based on homosexuality.

At the same time, an Oregon judge has ruled that a new state law barring local

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ordinances based on sexual orientation does not prevent two cities from voting on anti-Gay, OCA-sponsored measures even though favorable results to OCA's anti-Gay cause would be unenforceable. The American Civil Liberties Union is appealing the judge's ruling, arguing that the legislature's intent was to prohibit such votes.

Oregon Gays Return to the Battle

To prepare for '94, Gay and Lesbian United Effort (GLUE) has been created. It's media liaison is Greg LeBlanc.

LeBlanc said that GLUE would be taking the offensive. This included the creation of a public service announcement featuring Bob Hope, known to be against anti-Gay bigotry.

SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Gutlessness Writ Large

By Jamakaya

I do try, dear reader, to be positive about things or at least to be constructive in my criticism. But sometimes one is simply pushed over the edge.

Public Bullshit Service: In June, PBS aired documentaries about Gay American writers Armistead Maupin and Larry Kramer. In press releases, PBS announced both shows were "part of public television's continuing effort to provide universally available programs that reflect the diversity of American life."

Yes, the network that chopped out the Lesbian content of *Portrait of a Marriage*, banned *Tongues Untied* and *Stop the Church*, the network that refuses to make the Gay and Lesbian variety show *In the Life* "universally available" to PBS affiliates (requiring the show's producers to negotiate individually with hundreds of stations) is now posing as a champion of diversity!

The fine print at the bottom of the releases promoting the Maupin and Kramer documentaries revealed that both shows were in fact produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation and Lionheart Productions. David Leavitt's *The Lost Language of Cranes* was also produced (and filmed) in Britain and edited when it appeared on PBS.

Send a note to Jennifer Lawson, Executive Vice President, National Programming at PBS. Ask her what her problem is. The address is 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314. Also, call your local PBS station to insist that *In the Life* be aired and included in TV listings. In Milwaukee: 271-1036; in Madison: 264-9677.

Log-Headed Queers: I am getting sick to death of these Republican Gay men in the Log Cabin Clubs who seem to do nothing but trash the Gay community.

When a delegation of Gay and Lesbian leaders held a historic meeting with President Clinton in the Oval Office this spring, log-headed Fuhrer Rich Tafel attacked Billy Hileman for wearing a t-shirt and vest. You'd think he walked in in a G-string! "It's very important for the Gay community to set down some clear images of itself," Tafel sniffed. Funny, I thought Billy looked like the only normal human in attendance. The others, perfectly coiffed and conservatively dressed, looked like they were going to a funeral!

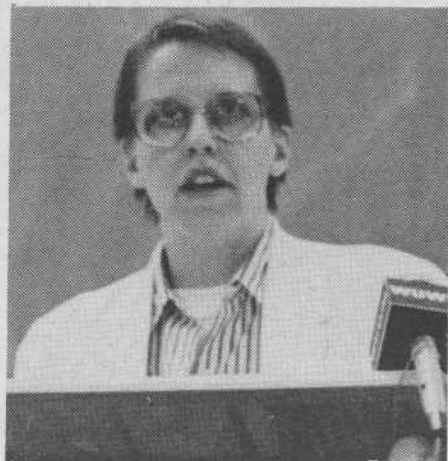
Days later, the log-headed puds sent out another release, condemning the demands of the March on Washington and the gender and racial quotas which made the March's planning committee the most diverse group of Gays and Lesbians ever to plan such a successful national event. Not enough slots for reactionary Gay white men, apparently.

Then, in July, another Gay GOPer attacked Gay leaders for "Republican-bashing." Duh, I can't imagine why. That very month Republican legislators in New York, Oregon and Rhode Island killed Gay rights bills on the verge of victory in those three states. And who was it who led the assault on Roberta Achtenberg, that "damned Lesbian"? Whose convention was it that turned into Homophobia Central? Which President didn't say the word "AIDS" for almost 8 years? Which administration tried to ban Gay art? What is with these log-headed fools? Maybe they should rename themselves the "Uncle Tom's" Cabin Clubs.

The Straight Press: In mid-August, a series of stories about an alleged Gay pornography ring at a Marine base appeared in papers throughout the country. Among the tabloid-like headlines in the *Milwaukee Journal*: "Porn Boss Says 500 Troops in Ring."

Each story contained wild allegations of hundreds of Marines posing for dirty pictures with little boys. Statements by the authorities indicating that no juveniles had been involved and that no evidence of such a huge ring even existed usually appeared in the very last paragraph. Meanwhile, editorial writers and political cartoonists rendered their anti-Gay verdicts, and an entire community of people was maligned.

Inevitably, the story changed. "Porn Investigation is Turning Up Few Marines," read a *Journal* headline. Interestingly, Camp Pendleton's spokesman was Col. Fred Peck, the same



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Col. Peck who talked about his Gay son at the recent hearings on Gays in the military. Peck's conclusion: "Despite allegations that a large number of Marines may have been involved, at this point we have been unable to identify a single one."

In addition, later reports revealed that the source of the allegations was an ex-con who served time for forgery, fraud and bail-jumping. He has been arrested again. Now someone needs to arrest the editors of the *Los Angeles Times* who first printed this outrageous story and pimped it, er, er, purveyed it throughout the country. Demand an apology from the editor: *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053.

And Gay Journalists: Hundreds of self-described Gay and Lesbian journalists are meeting in New York September 10-12 in the second annual convention of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA). The press release announcing this event boggled my mind. Everyone attending ought to get an honorary membership in the Uncle Tom's Cabin Clubs.

The main speakers touted in the release are those prominent Gay journalists (NOT!) Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Robert MacNeil, who will indeed participate in a panel. Just what Lesbian Lois Lanes and Gay Jimmy Olsons will learn about "Lesbians and Gays in the News" from these pillars of the establishment is beyond me. Assimilationist types no doubt hope their presence lends legitimacy to the proceedings.

In a lengthy press release issued by NLGJA, not one, not one Gay or Lesbian publication is mentioned. Furthermore, Deb Price is billed as the country's "leading Lesbian journalist." Huh? I beg your pardon? Not Donna Minkowitz? Not Victoria Brownworth? Not Lisa Keen, Dell Richards or any of dozens of dykes who have written for the queer and alternative press for up to 20 years? Price is a fine writer, and she is the first nationally syndicated Lesbian columnist in the mainstream press but, with all due respect, she can't hold a pen to these veteran dyke journalists.

The NLGJA seems oblivious to the significance of the independent Gay and Lesbian press. Alas, even increasing numbers of Gay papers are subscribing to the Associated Press, a practice that puts community-based Gay and Lesbian writers (like moi) out of work. The political consciousness that fueled the establishment of the independent Gay press is fading fast in the rush to the mainstream. While new avenues of media exposure are opening to us, we should not abandon the independent channels of communication that have served us so well. We will miss them once they are gone.

The Once and Future Separatist: Upon leaving the preview showing of *Orlando* at the Oriental, I was subject to a veritable gauntlet of Gay men who felt compelled to share their opinions of the movie with me.

"All the men hated it," declared one. "She doesn't make a very good man," another said of Tilda Swinton. I later endured comments trashing director Sally Potter and author Virginia Woolf. Every comment reeked of misogyny and every man seemed oblivious to or contemptuous of the story's feminist theme.

For the record, I'm not interested in any unsolicited opinions from Gay men, particularly regarding women. The thoughtless, insensitive comments I've been subjected to recently have been a painful reminder that Gay men, no less than their straight brothers, just don't get it.

The Ballad of Little Jo: Go see it. It's opening September 10 for a limited run at the Downer Theatre and other selected theaters nationwide.

Dykes To Watch Out For



TRANSGENDER JOURNAL- Surgery Only Part of an Expensive Process

By Samantha

In the last article (#16, August 5-18), I mentioned that transsexuals incur large expenses in pursuit of treatment. Surgery can cost from ten to fifty thousand dollars or more, female-to-male surgery being the more expensive than male-to-female. But surgery is only one part of an expensive process. Other medical treatment is necessary (hormone therapy, counseling, etc.) and can cost several thousand dollars over time. In addition to medical costs, there are other financial burdens such as facial hair removal, which usually amounts to several more thousands of dollars. All of these expenses are paid out of pocket.

In the meantime, while assuming these debts, the transsexual is not assured of maintaining employment. There are no legal protections offered the transsexual community. Whether one is fired (or hired) depends solely upon the good will of the employer.

I know of cases where a company has gone out of its way to protect the rights of a valuable employee. On the other hand, I know of a number of instances in which excellent workers were fired merely because they were discovered to be transsexual.

Almost always, if the person had been living in their chosen gender before being hired, their secret is discovered through rumors or other sources, not because of the person's appearance or behavior. So far as I know, no employer has been sued successfully for this type of discrimination. The same problem applies to those who wish to effect gender transition while staying on the job.

The answers to such financial problems are not so simple as one might desire. While it is obvious (at least to transsexuals) that the Ts community should be afforded legal defenses against job discrimination, it is not clear whether the state, or even private insurers, should subsidize the cost of gender changes, even if they could somehow be persuaded to do so.

In this, I think I'm going to be at odds with most of the transsexual community. It is an article of faith among transsexuals that if surgery and other costs were paid by the government, all our problems would be solved.

While I agree that some form of subsidy would greatly ease an already difficult situation for most transsexuals, I wonder if this might encourage people for whom surgical gender change is inappropriate or even harmful. When

such people discover that they have made a mistake, they tend to sue their doctors.

I know second hand of people who because of personal wealth could easily pay for gender change, and who later sued a well-known hospital and its doctors for malpractice. The hospital was forced to stop performing transsexual surgeries for fear of further malpractice suits.

For most transsexuals I know, gender reassignment is an urgent necessity frequently postponed for lack of money. It would be a shame to consign these good people to perpetual suffering either because no financial help is available, or because abuse of financial help has made doctors shy away from gender reassignment surgery. In raising this concern, I should point out that no one is given hormonal or surgical treatment on demand. Strict guidelines, called the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Associations Standards of Care, help therapists to distinguish true transsexuals from patients with other problems.

Still, I know that there will be a certain segment of the public who will object to any tax-funded help for transsexuals. These people will very likely try to campaign for an end to such funding or worse, for an end to therapy which they perceive to be immoral.

For lack of space, I haven't discussed the pros and cons of this issue thoroughly enough to give you a clear idea of all the problems involved. However, it should be apparent that something must be done to ease the financial burdens transsexuals face in dealing with their disorder. Only further dialogue between transsexuals, therapists and the general public can generate a solution that really meets the needs of the transsexual community.

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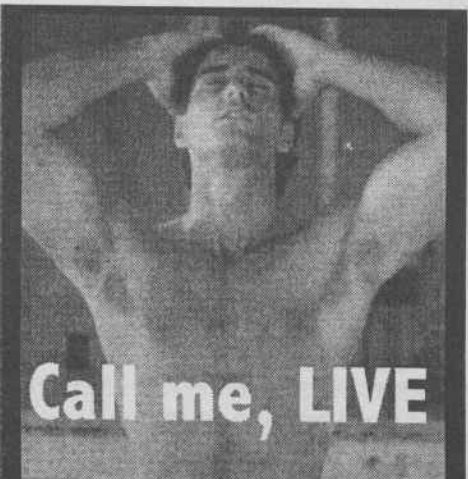
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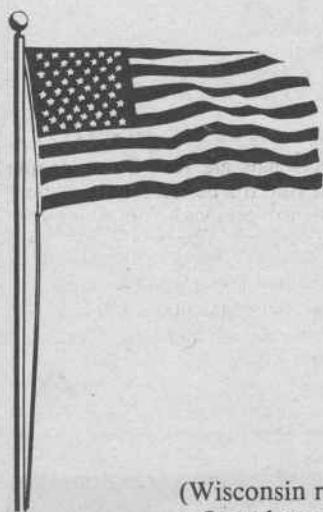
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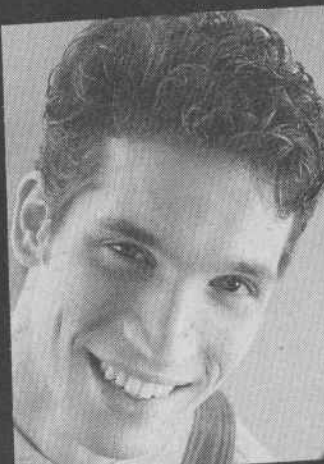
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Comedian Satterfield Joins Holly Hughes for Oct. 3 PrideFest Benefit

[Milwaukee]- An exciting night of theatre is on tap for Sunday October 3rd. Critically acclaimed, Lesbian playwright Holly Hughes and the hilarious African American Lesbian Deborah Satterfield Parks will perform at 7:30 Centennial Hall 733 N 8th St. A free reception will follow the performances.

Ms. Hughes' most recent work "World Without End," has won the praise of the mainstream press as well as raves from Lesbian and Gay papers throughout the country. Alternating casual conversations with the audience with feminist rage, "World Without End," combines humor with a hard look at life from a Lesbian perspective.

Hughes has been called "an original explorer," "provocative," and "gifted." In 1988 she won the prestigious OBIE award for writing "Dress Suits For Hire." The OBIE is given to New York's best off Broadway productions.

Deborah Parks Satterfield is a former Milwaukee resident who now has her own comedy troupe in Seattle. Parks brings

the unique perspective of an African American Lesbian to the stage. Her piece, "Just Desserts" has won her praise as "one of the funniest women on the American stage today."

Parks is also known for her short stories, plays and numerous appearances in a variety of productions. She was recently commissioned to write a new play for the Seattle Repertory Theatre.

"A Night At the Theatre" is co-sponsored by Instep Magazine, LOC (Womyn of Color), LAMM, Hurricane Productions, Theatre X, Full Moon Productions, the West Side Dykes and PrideFest.

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Tickets are on sale at Instep, OutPost Natural Foods, Theatre X, Chris' Books, (formerly People's Books), Afterwords Book Store, and Station II. Tickets can also be obtained by calling the PrideFest Line at 272-FEST.

First Openly Gay Person Granted Asylum in the U.S.

[Washington, D.C.]- Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) announced on August 26, 1993, that he has urged the Justice Department not to appeal the case of Marcelo Tenorio, 30, a Gay Brazilian who, on July 26, became the first person to be granted asylum in the U.S. because of his sexual orientation.

In 1989, Tenorio, then a resident of Rio de Janeiro, was brutally beaten outside a Gay bar by four men while being called all sorts of anti-Gay slurs. Fearing for his life, Tenorio fled, going first to Mexico, and then to the U.S. which he entered illegally in 1990. He took up residence in San Francisco.

An anonymous tip betrayed him to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), part of the Department of Justice, which began proceedings to deport him to Brazil.

In what is seen as a landmark decision, Judge Philip Leadbetter granted Tenorio asylum because "the government of Brazil does little to prevent violence against homosexuals by anti-Gay groups."

For the moment, Gay groups were elated. "Now that Lesbians and Gay men have been legally recognized as a bona fide social group, persecuted members of our communities world-wide who meet the criteria for asylum should receive the same protection as other persecuted groups," said Tina Alvarez, Tenorio's attorney.

However, on August 6, INS attorney Allen B.P. Lee filed a "Notice to Appeal," maintaining that Tenorio had "failed to establish that homosexuals are a persecuted group in Brazil."

Frank sharply criticized the INS's decision to appeal. "It would be wholly inconsistent with the Clinton Administration's position against discrimination against Gays men and Lesbians for the INS to appeal the judge's ruling that Gay men and Lesbians are a group entitled to protection of the asylum laws where anti-Gay persecution is proven."

Frank said that he believed the fact to show that Tenorio is "very much entitled to asylum." He said that the Clinton Administration should announce its support for Leadbetter's decision.

Frank noted that the INS had assured him that they have made no decision to appeal the case. According to Frank, the INS said the Notice of Appeal was filed simply "to protect the right to do so later."

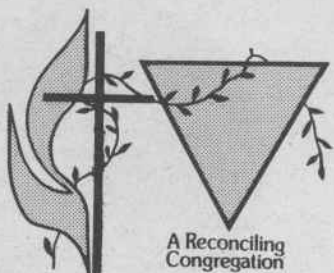
Frank called this "an automatic reflex." He added that "I am confident that after studying the policy implications, the Administration will agree with me... that anti-Gay and

Lesbian persecution is, sadly, a reality in much of the world and that the victims of this persecution clearly meet the requirements of American law for asylum." Frank said that he intended to pursue the matter with the Administration "until we receive a favorable decision."

If the appeal by the INS goes forward, the current backlog of cases assures that it will be at least a year before the case is heard.

Suzanne Goldberg, of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has said that Lambda had filed applications seeking asylum for three other Gays. She said that the Tenorio case was exciting because it is part of the first wave of cases filed after Congress in 1990, ended the ban on Gays immigrating.

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[Madison]- Jean Anne Hlavacek, a nurse in Madison who has lobbied since 1987 for development of a postage stamp about the AIDS crisis, may see her wish come true this December.

A report in the *Washington Post* on July 30 said that postal sources indicated that orders to develop an AIDS stamp have been handed down by Postmaster General Marvin T. Runyon.

Plans call for postal designers to develop a stamp that would be issued on December 1, 1993, International AIDS Awareness Day.

Hlavacek, who works for the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, said she hasn't heard anything from the postal service about her request. "I'd heard not a whisper," she said, adding that a December issue would be "like a heck of a Christmas gift."

The design is expected to be issued late this month. Hlavacek had suggested a design with the international stop sign — a red circle with a slash through it — around the word AIDS, with the words "Prevention," "Research," "Education," and "Compassion" on the stamp.

The *Post* reported that the postal

service was leery about an AIDS awareness stamp. They thought it would fail like the one that attempted to fight alcoholism in 1981. That stamp had the words, "Alcoholism: You can beat it!" The stamp had poor sales because customers did not want to imply that they were accusing the recipients of their mailings of being alcoholics.

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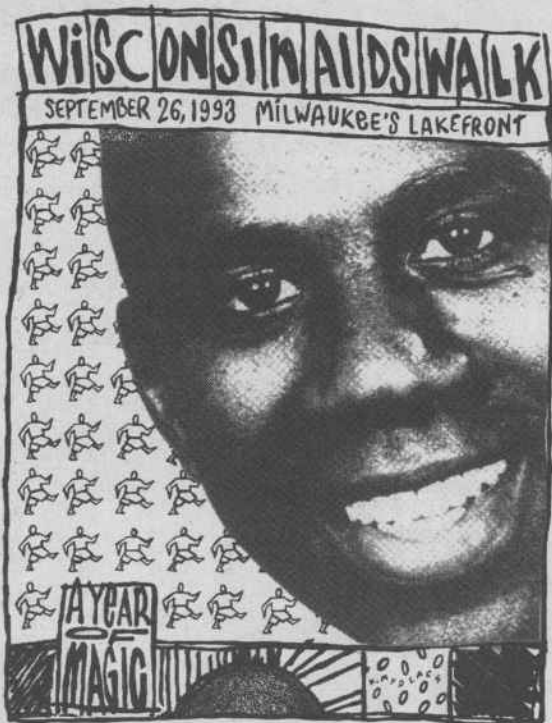
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