



# The Wisconsin Light

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## Public to Speak On 'Light' Censoring Issue Nov. 10 In Hales Corners

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- Members of the public will be able to speak at a Hales Corners Library committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 10 on whether the library should continue to carry the *Wisconsin Light* newspaper and whether it should be available in a pamphlet rack.

In order to speak, members of the public must get a letter to the library by Nov. 5 listing the speaker's name, address, and a description of the speaker's intended remarks for inclusion in the meeting agenda. The address is: 5885 S. 116th Street, Hales Corners, WI 53130.

Speakers do not have to present written remarks, but the committee may decide to limit the length of remarks if many people wish to speak.

The library's Board of Trustees voted Sept. 1 to set up the five-member committee after Hales Corners resident Jeff Baas, 26, a fifth-grade teacher in Wauwatosa, complained that the advertising in the newspaper is "almost pornographic."

In his written complaint, Baas said the placement of the newspaper in a pamphlet rack in the library entrance was too accessible to children. He also wrote that the underlying theme of the newspaper is "a Gay-Lesbian agenda, which is a theme of sex." Baas will be invited to speak at the Nov. 10 meeting.

The committee will meet again at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 17 and must make its recommendation at the Dec. 1 Board of Trustees meeting. The board may hold a public hearing after it gets the recommendation.

As specified by the board, the committee's members include two library staff members appointed by Library Director Patricia A. Laughlin: Lee Alexander, adult services librarian; and Janice Couturier, circulation supervisor.

The other three members are Hales Corners residents selected by the Board President Georgiana Tamel: Brian Anderson, a guidance counselor at Pius XI High School; Shannon Richter, a junior at Whitnall High School; and Thomas D. Walker, an assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Selection criteria included having an open mind, Laughlin said.

At the committee's first meeting Oct. 20, Richter, who was elected secretary, said she had examined photocopies of the advertisements Baas objected to and found them "almost offensive, but knowing what the majority of the paper is about, it could be almost a service to the community."

Walker, who was elected chairman, suggested comparing *Wisconsin Light* to other alternative newspapers and examining advertisements from other publications. He also recommended reviewing American Library Association Library Bill of Rights, which the Hales

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## National Victory Fund To Host Lavish Gala In Milwaukee Nov. 21

[Milwaukee]- On November 21, 1993, Milwaukee will host a Victory Fund benefit at the new Skylight Theatre in the new theater complex in the Third Ward. The Victory Fund is a national organization which gives money to support the campaigns of openly Lesbian or Gay candidates.

Among the guests will be State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison); David Mixner, one of President Clinton's senior campaign advisors. Mixner played an instrumental role in forging the alliance between Clinton and the nation's Gay/Lesbian community; Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, perhaps America's most

## Sheriff's Deputies Allegedly Entrapping Gay Men In Parks

[Milwaukee]- To many people here in Wisconsin and elsewhere in America, the story is all too familiar. A person (usually someone Gay, usually a male) is walking in a park. He is approached by a good looking man who indicates by words and gestures that he is interested in sex. The approach is acknowledged, no matter how superficially, and the Gay is arrested for

lewd conduct, a charge which in Milwaukee, is a misdemeanor that can be raised to a felony.

According to Dan Siegel, this happened to him.

Siegel said that on the afternoon of October 10, 1993, he was in Warnimont Park sitting on a log in a wooded area, when he noticed a younger, good looking

African American man hiding in the bushes watching him. "I could see he had his hand in his pocket," Siegel said, "massaging his genitals."

When someone else approached, Siegel said he got up from where he was sitting and walked along the path. The Black man followed and eventually introduced himself to Siegel as "Mourice."

Siegel said that there was about "45 minutes of conversation" with "Mourice" who constantly kept his hand in his pocket, seeming to fondle himself. Four times, Siegel said he told "Mourice" that he did not feel safe having sex in the park; "that it was illegal and dangerous." Four times, "Mourice" led him to a new spot and assured him it was safer.

At one point Siegel said that he noticed another man in the bushes nearby. "Mourice" said that the other man "wouldn't bother us." When Siegel asked him how he knew, Siegel said "Mourice" told him that he'd had sex with the man before. When Siegel asked him why he "didn't go after him now?" Siegel said "Mourice" replied that "he had sex with him only once and the guy didn't like having sex with the same person twice."

Finally, Siegel said, the man rubbed up against him (Siegel), saying that he was too shy to make the first move, but "Do what you want, I'm all yours," Siegel said "Mourice" told him.

"At this time, he leaned his body up next to mine," Siegel said, "touching me with his right arm, an act of compassion, I thought, and smiled at me, hand still massaging his crotch."

"Feeling somewhat sympathetic towards his shyness, I placed my hand on his hand, which was still massaging his crotch. Immediately, he pulled out his badge and said I was under arrest."

Informed that he could be handcuffed, Siegel said he told the officer that he would "go peacefully." The officer informed him at this time that "this was no more than an expensive parking ticket."

Siegel said that officer told him that no one needed to know about the arrest except the two of them and that he (the officer) would "keep quiet if I would."

After being given a ticket citing him for disorderly conduct. The ticket carried a fine of \$287. No sexual misconduct by Siegel was alleged.

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## Problems Of Gay Students Brought To Attention of State Education Head

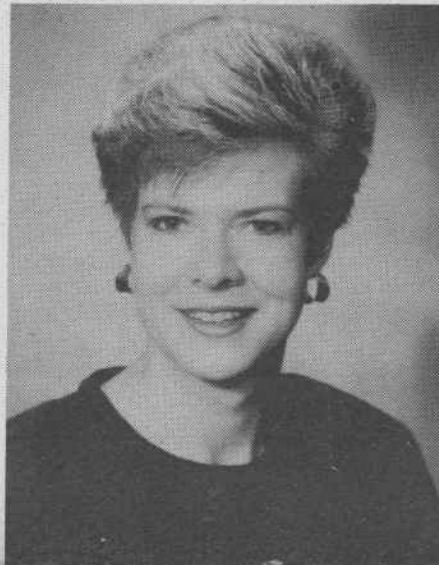
[Madison] - On Wednesday, October 20, in an historic first, State Reps. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) met with the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Benson. The meeting was held at Baldwin's request to share with Benson the many issues of concern that Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay students, faculty and staff face on a daily basis in Wisconsin's public schools.

Baldwin spoke movingly of her experience as a Lesbian in the public school in Madison, telling Benson the the heterosexism she encountered and the difficulties that she faced due to lack of role models; what it was like to be invisible.

From there, Baldwin and Carpenter went on to discuss the problems that sexual minorities face in the schools.

Among these they shared were: physical safety, harassment and name calling by other students, the lack of caring adults to talk with, the isolation LesBiGay students so often face that invisibility in the textbooks only increases.

Baldwin pointed out that it is these



TAMMY BALDWIN

things which contribute to the high rate of suicide, drug abuse, alcoholism and other difficulties that LesBiGay students experience. She showed Benson studies

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## Sen. Herb Kohl Denies He's Gay; Offers Defense of Military Vote

[Manitowoc] - Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl was forced to defend his vote codifying the ban on homosexuals in the military when he was questioned aggressively by several women attending the 13th State AFL-CIO Women's Conference at the Manitowoc Holiday Inn October 23. In the process, Kohl also stated unequivocally that he is not Gay.

The events were recorded by Jamakaya, who is a columnist for *Wisconsin Light* and a reporter for *In Step*. Jamakaya was not covering the conference for either Gay paper, but was a guest at the conference, presenting several programs on labor history.

Jamakaya says that Sen. Kohl received a warm welcome and standing ovation from the more than 200 delegates present. Many union members are pleased that Kohl has come out against the North American Free Trade Agreement.

But during a question/answer session following his remarks to the group, Anne

Habel, a member of AFSCME Local 171 in Madison, criticized Kohl for his vote on Gays in the military. Kohl voted in support of the amendment introduced by Sen. Sam Nunn which placed greater restrictions on the modest changes sought by President Clinton. Kohl then voted to codify the ban as part of the 1994 military appropriations bill. Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold, a Democrat like

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## ACLU Defends ACT UP's Right To Distribute Safe Sex Literature

[Milwaukee]- In an update to the story in the last issue, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (ACLU) has written Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola to protest his Department's interference with ACT UP Milwaukee, an activist group that works to increase public awareness of the AIDS epidemic.

On October 2, as reported in *Light*, officers of the Milwaukee Police Department stopped members of ACT UP Milwaukee from distributing safer sex literature and condoms at Milwaukee Technical High School before a dance. And on October 9, despite a decision by the Milwaukee City Attorney's office that no illegal conduct had occurred, officers again stopped a similar distribution at Hamilton High School.

The ACLU of Wisconsin believes that the police are violating the First Amendment rights of ACT UP members. In an October 15, 1993 letter to Arreola, ACLU/WIF volunteer attorney Waring R. Fincke, called upon the police to stop interfering with protected First Amendment activities by ACT UP in the future.

Attorney Fincke wrote that "My clients... expect that your offices will not

prevent them from exercising their civil rights, including preventing students from receiving the literature... Any violations of my clients' rights will result in legal action for injunctive relief and damages."

ACLU of Wisconsin Executive Director Christopher Ahmuty said, "The Milwaukee Police Department must have better things to do than censoring a message which may just prevent one of our students from exposure to AIDS. ACT UP's message may make some officers uncomfortable, but that's no excuse to violate the First Amendment."

Dan Fons, a member of ACT UP Milwaukee said, "It was great to have one group (ACLU) to stand up and state the obvious; that the police were violating our rights."

Fons said that the next time ACT UP handed out literature and condoms at a high school, they were not bothered by the police. Fons said that homecomings are now over, but that ACT UP would continue its AIDS awareness campaign at high school dances and proms in the future. The same literature would be used.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Cream City Squares Plan Hoe-Down

[Milwaukee]- November 13 will mark the date of a "Harvest Hoe-down" at American Serb Hall, the Wisconsin South Room, 51st and Oklahoma in Milwaukee. Shoreline the C&W dance group will headline the performers for the evening with line dance lessons for all. Other acts will include Tom Gray, the Cream City Squares, and Seers and Rowbuck. Money raised will go to the building fund of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church.

### Feingold Sets Listening Session

[Washington, D.C.]- U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold's Milwaukee County Listening Session will be held in the Transit Center, 909 E. Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee on Monday, November 8. The time for the session is 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

### New Harvest Plans Dinner Dance

[Madison]- For the seventh year, the New Harvest Foundation is hosting a Dinner Dance for the LesBiGay community of Dane County and all Wisconsin. The event will take place on Saturday, November 13, at the Radisson Inn in Madison (Canyon Drive, just off Odana Road). Tickets are \$35 per person.

The LesBiGay community of Wisconsin and beyond is encouraged to attend. Call Earl Bricker at (608) 244-0289 or write: New Harvest Foundation, P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701. A final count is needed by Monday, November 9.

### Hearings on Gay Issues Set at UW-M

[Milwaukee]- The University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee Task Force on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues will hold open meetings on campus in November to help develop programs for meeting the needs of these communities.

Open hearings will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the UW-M Union Fireside Lounge, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. A second hearing is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 10, in the Union Wisconsin Room Lounge. Hearings closed to the press are Tuesday, Nov. 16, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Union E309 and Nov. 17, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Union E250.

### 'Little Dance' Returns to Dance Works

[Milwaukee]- *The Little Prince*, a one-hour professional ballet production based on the classic by Antoine de St. Exupery, is returning to Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee Street, November 1-7. For information and reservations, call Danceworks at (414) 27-3191.

### West Side Dykes To Meet Nov. 7

[Milwaukee]- West Side Dykes will be meeting once again on Sunday, Nov. 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at another interesting West Side home. There will be introductions, networking and games (bring your favorite), and the revival of the lost arts of conversation and discussion (not to mention listening). You can find out the location by calling Mimi at (414) 445-4179 or Julie at (414) 778-1269. WSD is open to Lesbians living between Lake Michigan and Madison.

### HIV Specialist Joins Sinai Samaritan

[Milwaukee]- Kelly A. Balliet, M.D., has joined the staff of Sinai Samaritan Medical Center. He will be developing an internal medicine practice emphasizing primary care for Gay men, Lesbians and persons with HIV infections. Balliet's office is at Sinai Samaritan's east campus in the Medical Specialties Clinic, 945 N. 12th St. His phone is (414) 283-7837.

### Gay Men's Health Issues Series Set

[Milwaukee]- The Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG) will be exploring several issues in health for Gay men. The first part will address mental health and will take place on November 7 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Preregistration is not required and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

### NARAL to Hold Auction Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) will be holding their Fourth Annual Auction by Choice on Friday, Nov. 19 at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St. in Milwaukee. A silent auction begins at 7:00 p.m. with a voice auction following at 8:00 p.m. A donation of \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door provides potential auctioners with a bidding paddle, musical entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. The folk duo of Blomberg and Mahaffey will perform after the auction. All proceeds will go to NARAL to help them keep abortion safe and legal.

### Sherman Park to Hold Food Drive

[Milwaukee]- On Wednesday, November 17th, the Sherman Park Rainbow Association will hold a combination pot luck and food drive to benefit the MAP food pantry. The pot luck will be from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Catherine's on 51st and Center. Enter on 51st Street and take the stairs to the basement, to "The Lodge" room. Bring a dish to pass and a donation for the MAP pantry.

MAP has a special need for diapers, baby formula and personal care items as well as non-perishable food items.

If you cannot attend the pot luck, but would like to donate to the food drive, you can drop off your donations at Loose Ends, 4322 W. Fond Du Lac after Nov. 1. For more information, write: Sherman Park Rainbow Association, P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216.



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## Recommendations Made for Gay Campus Life at UW-LaCrosse

By Bill Steffenhagen

[La Crosse]- "These are very powerful recommendations and do a lot to improve the university environment... for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students, faculty and staff," declared Wisconsin Assemblywoman Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) in her keynote address at the UW-La Crosse's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Concerns Task Force Program on Monday, October 11.

The Task Force chose National Coming Out Day to present its 39 page report to UW-La Crosse Chancellor Judith Kuipers at a campus press conference and program attended by local media and a generous crowd of faculty, students, and community observers. Task Force leader, Jay Scott, a married heterosexual ally and member of the UW-La Crosse Student Activities staff said of Chancellor Kuipers, "She stands with us as we attempt to improve the life of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals on campus and in the community."

Thomas Hood, Vice-Chancellor for Student Development, who received the report instead of the ill Chancellor, remarked on the report's "breadth" and "specificity," after Scott noted that it had undergone many drafts.

The 14-member Task Force included representatives from student activities, residence life, minority affairs, women's studies, psychology and philosophy departments, career services, student representatives and United Campus Ministries.

Among the recommendations are: Workshops on sexual orientation discrimination; Committees to address Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual concerns; A Student Development Liaison to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community; Domestic partnership benefits for college employees; And curriculum concerns.

David Sillers, a Gay grad assistant in Student Activities, said of the report, "These are simply small requests for respect."

When asked by a reporter to comment on "these special rights," Sara Hinkle, President of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Organization, responded pointedly saying, "Life, liberty and the

pursuit of happiness are not special rights. Students, staff and faculty at this campus and around the nation, do not have the basic civil rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Baldwin received an enthusiastic ovation from the crowd of more than 200 after her address. "We must be outraged," she said, "vocally outraged, that a Gay teen is three times as likely to commit suicide as a straight teen."

"We want our families to love us, our neighbors to like us, and our fellow students and teachers to respect us," Baldwin said.

Noting that Gays and Lesbians have been forced to set up a separate community, she said, "We don't want to live in a separate community, but a safer, more nurturing community."

### Free Documenting Planned for Singles & Couples

[Madison]- The United of Madison is providing free legal documentation for Gay and Lesbian individuals and same-gender couples and families. This documentation includes various powers of attorney, wills, minor medical consent forms, and other documentation that will aid in providing legal protection for ourselves and our families.

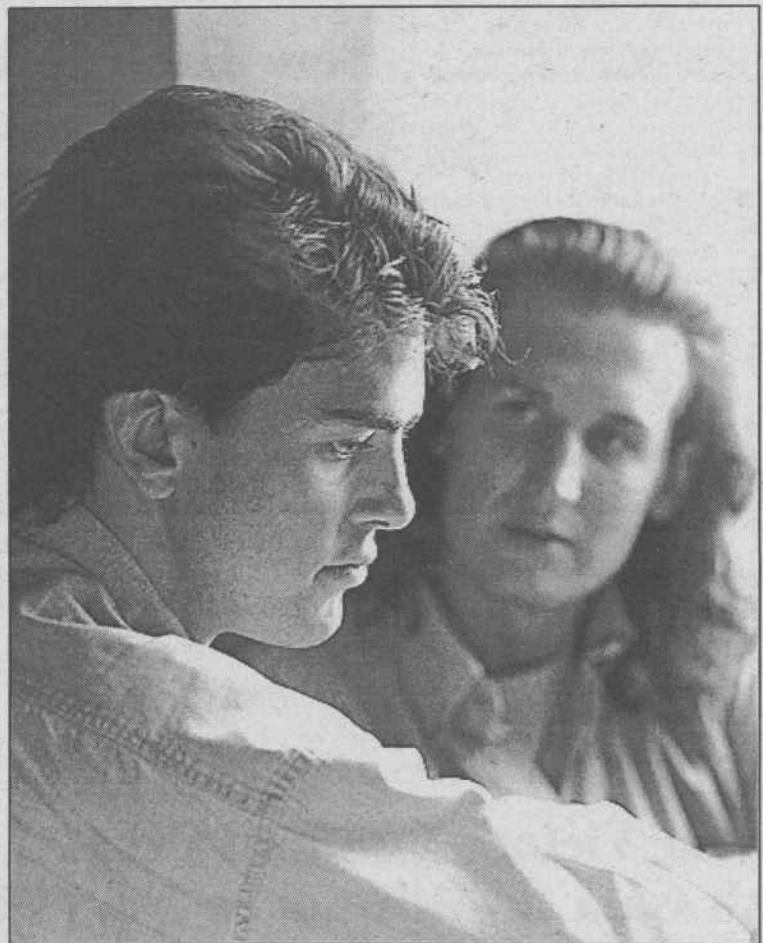
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## Outing 'King' Michael Petrelis To Be Guest on Queer TV Show

[Milwaukee]- If you have been following the recent political transformation of Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI), you will want to watch the Brand New Queer Program on Tuesday, November 9, 1993 and hear from the man who started it all with the toss of a soda in Gunderson's face.

Michael Petrelis, most famous for his nationally reported "outings" of elected government officials in Washington, D.C., will be the featured guest on the live call-in program.

In 1990, ACT UP member Petrelis became one of the first persons to refuse to remain silent about Queers in power, when he held a press conference on the Capitol steps and shouted out the names of over a dozen Congressperson who he said were Queer, such as Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI).

The following year, Petrelis "outed" Rep. Gunderson by throwing a soda in the Congressman's face at a bar outside the District and calling police on himself.

Petrelis, never short on controversy, has been instrumental in other activities, including the Philip Morris Marlboro Boycott and the exposing of Allen Schindler's murder at the hands of military Queer bashers.

On the show, Petrelis will discuss his new organization, Gay and Lesbian

America.

Whatever your point of view on the subjects, this is your chance to engage the man behind these actions in conversation and debate.

The Brand New Queer Program airs live every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable Channel 47 and is rebroadcast each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. The show's producers encourage the community to utilize this show as a forum for community news and views.

Interested persons are welcome to contact the show with comments or suggestions by writing to: Queer Program, P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or by calling (414) 964-8423.

**Editor's Note:** Senator Kohl was a guest speaker at the 13th Wisconsin state AFL-CIO women's conference in Manitowoc on Saturday, October 23, 1993. After his speech, he spoke informally with a group of women including Jamakaya, another guest speaker.

Jamakaya said to him that rightly or wrongly, he was perceived as a member of our community.

Kohl replied, "If you're asking me if I'm Gay or Lesbian, the answer is no."

## MAP Receives \$945,000 Grant From HUD for Patient Housing

[Milwaukee]- Congressman Tom Barrett (D-WI) announced on October 15 that the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), parent agency to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has been awarded a \$945,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Northwest Side Community Development Corp. co-sponsored the grant with ARCW.

"In Wisconsin we are seeing a 30% increase in AIDS cases annually. We still have a long way to go, but this grant will help address the housing needs of this growing population," Barrett explained.

The funds will be used to establish an independent living center for 14 persons with HIV disease and AIDS and provide them with rent assistance.

About half of the grant, \$541,800, will be used for rehabilitating the property at 4323 N. 27th Street in Milwaukee into six residential units. This residence will be

the first of its kind for families with HIV in Milwaukee. The remaining \$403,200 of the multi-year grant will be used for rent subsidies.

### Milwaukee Brewer Makes Grant

A member of the Milwaukee Brewer's baseball team, Darryl Hamilton, and fiancée Shaun Robinson, a reporter and news anchor at TV Channel 12, will present a check for \$16,100 to Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, on Friday, October 29, at the MAP offices.

In April, Hamilton pledged to contribute \$100 for every hit he got in the 1993 season. The results of his outstanding season included 161 hits.

Hamilton continues a long-standing relationship between the Milwaukee Brewers and ARCW. Paul and Linda Molitor served as honorary co-chairs of the 1992 Wisconsin AIDS Walk and Bud and Sue Selig presided over the annual Walk in 1991.

## Engineer Union Head, Don Shaw, Critical of Gays in Newsletter

[Milwaukee]- "We don't want a government that tells us we must hire queers to teach our children in our schools and in our military," wrote Don Shaw, President and Business Manager of Local 139 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. Shaw's remarks were included in his article in the September, 1993 issue of the Local's **Wisconsin News**, which is sent to all 7,000 members of the Local. The article was severely critical of President Clinton in many areas.

A copy of the article has come into

Light's possession from "an offended and outraged member of Local 139."

The person who has asked to remain anonymous from "fear of being black-balled by this union," said that Shaw "obviously has no idea of the number of 'queers' or minorities that are dues paying members of Local 139, nor the fact that our dues pay his wages."

Attempts to reach Shaw for comment were unsuccessful. His secretary said he was "out."

## 'Daddy's Roommate' Update in Sussex

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- In an update to a previous story, no citizens volunteered, so the Sussex public library's Board of Trustees will not appoint a committee to study the selection of children's books and whether children should have access to any book in the library.

The board of the Pauline Haass Public Library voted in September to create the committee after a controversy over the book **Daddy's Roommate**, a children's fiction book about a divorced Gay father and his roommate.

The board hosted a public hearing at which about 50 citizens spoke — half for and half against the book — then voted to keep the book on the children's nonfiction shelves. The book had been placed there by Library Director Joy Botts after a complaint was lodged against it because young children rarely use the nonfiction section without adult help.

The committee was to include five or six citizens who had not spoken either way on the issue, but no one came forward, so trustees voted 3-1 on Oct. 21 to cancel the committee.

"It was a real relief to have it settled," Botts said the next day. "It was a troublesome issue and we don't have to worry about how it will be handled now."

Nationwide, **Daddy's Roommate** has

been banished from five libraries but 28 others have kept it on their shelves.

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Corners board has endorsed.

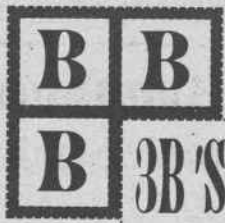
In an interview after the meeting, Laughlin said the library gave away almost 200 copies of the issue of the newspaper following the Sept. 1 meeting and continues to give out dozens of every issue. For about two years, the library had been distributing only about 10 copies per issue.

She said the library had also received "quite a few" letters about the newspaper, and although she hadn't counted them, "for the most part there's been strong support for keeping the newspaper."

Committee members will review those letters before the Nov. 10 meeting.

Four women opposed to keeping **Wisconsin Light** attended the committee meeting and one, Violet Stajmiger, demanded that the committee hear from "taxpayers, parents and grandparents." She asked what the library defines as sodomy and whether sodomy was something to learn about at a library.

The library was also picketed on Sept. 9 by the Christian Civil Liberties Union, led by Robert Braun, in opposition to the newspaper.



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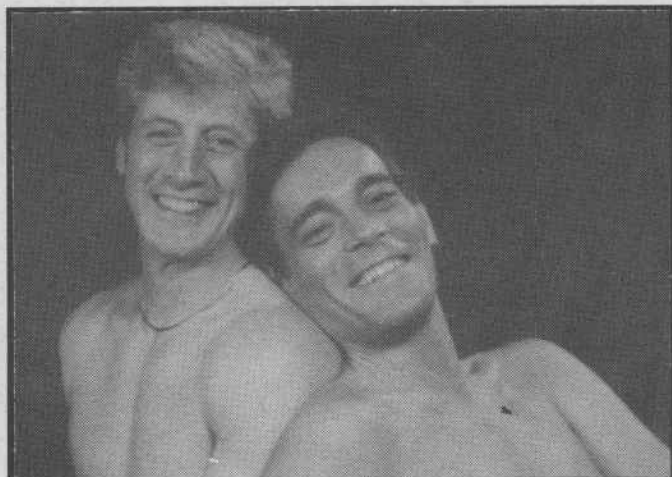
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## EDITORIAL

### As A Community We Must Unite To Show Strong Political Force

The issue of the entrapment by law enforcement officials is one that, unfortunately, Milwaukee shares with other cities. Equally sadly, it is nothing new. At least as far as the Gay community is concerned, it's been going on for a long, long time.

It is a disgusting practice, totally illegal and contrary to all sense of justice outside a fascist state. And, it smacks of cops, zealots, going on some sort of moral crusade, something they have no business, no right, no warrant and no legal justification to do. There is absolutely no call, no reason, for a law enforcement official to bring their morality, no matter what it is, into the public sector. We pay these people to enforce the law. That is all they are supposed to do, not entice others to break it.

The Gay community has suffered from this for untold years. Uncounted people have been harassed, entrapped, suffered threats and fines. It is time, long since time, that we put a stop to it.

However, as the point was made by someone, this issue with the sheriff's deputies and the police is a political problem as much as it is a judicial one. Abuses of police power are resolved not only in the courts, but by the use of political clout. The sad fact is that the Gay community lacks the organization that is needed to bring the necessary pressure to bear.

In this city, where so many law enforcement officials both on the street and higher up, seem to be obsessed with sex, only political power will provide corrective measures and any relief.

We have got to get organized. That should be obvious. But obvious too, we think, is that in developing organization, we must of the LesBiGay community must not think we are alone. We must reach out to other minority communities: African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and the rest who suffer daily similar injustices at the hands of police and sheriff's officers and other public officials to our own.

In other minorities, there may be those who disapprove of us who are Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual, but so be it. There is a broader concern here, one that transcends disapproval. There is a common cause.

For LesBiGay community, for the African American community, for the Hispanic community, for the Asian community, the one hope and only hope of solving our problems is in joint action.

It should be clear that there are people in this city who much prefer to see Gays disorganized; to see the minorities riven from each other. It's called "Divide and Rule" and it must stop for the good of all.

Entrapment and harassment by law enforcement officials is not going to stop because of these few words. What is going to stop this intolerable practice and other injustices suffered by all minorities in this city, is organization and joint action.

The sooner this happens, the better.

## SCHOOLS

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supporting her statements. Faculty and staff too face problems, Baldwin said. Things like concern about being fired for reasons of sexual orientation and other adverse employment outcomes.

Baldwin also spoke about the urgent need for HIV/AIDS education in the schools. Though HIV education is mandatory throughout the state, many school districts ignore the law.

Baldwin said that such education is needed at all grade levels. She also advocated that condoms be distributed by the schools. None are now.

Benson, who has been in office three months, responded positively. He said that he was "proud" to break from the past; that he had no problem discussing LesBiGay concerns. "I have a number of Gay/Lesbian teacher friends," he said.

Benson said that while he realized that the Religious Right is strong, yet the staff at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is knowledgeable and committed to the issues Baldwin and Carpenter spoke about.

Afterwards, Baldwin voiced strong optimism about the meeting with Benson. She is encouraged by what she heard and enthusiastic for the future.

### A Historic First

One of the reasons for Baldwin's strong optimism is the fact that on October 28, Benson will address the Gay and Lesbian Educational Employees (GLEE) meeting in Madison as part of the Wisconsin Education Association Council's (WIAC) state convention. Benson will be speaking on issues of Gay/Lesbian concern.

Benson's address to the Lesbian/Gay sectional (workshop) marks a historic first.

Baldwin will also be addressing the Lesbian/Gay sectional along with Jane LaFlash of P-FLAG. The workshop is expected to attract 50-75 people.

### Lesbian/Gay Group Meets With Chief

On Wednesday, October 27, the new Madison Chief of Police, Richard Williams, met with 10 representatives of the Lesbian/Gay community.

The meeting was organized by The United and was attended by representatives from Baldwin's office, The United, the Madison AIDS Support Network, Briarpatch and the UW-Madison Dean of Students office among others. Also attending were

"out" members of the Madison Police Force.

The 90 minute meeting covered the wide range of issues of concern to the LesBiGay community in order to give Williams the broad background that he needs.

Participants found the new Chief very positive and receptive. There is much optimism that Williams will continue the progressive policies of his predecessor, David Cooper.

### Cast, Actors, Poets, Writer to Appear at Store

[Milwaukee]- AfterWords is especially pleased to welcome members of the Collision Theatre Ensemble on Monday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. Collision Theatre will be opening an important new play, **Lonely Planet** by Steven Dietz on November 11 at the Broadway Theatre Center.

**Lonely Planet** is about the unlikely friendship between two Gay men whose day-to-day lives have been dramatically changed by the AIDS epidemic. Members of the company will present portions of the play and discuss this new work. The event is free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, November 2, AfterWords will host a poetry reading with Jan Benka, Jennifer Morales and Jennifer Geigel, three of the Milwaukee Women Under Siege whose work, **No Lines** has made an appearance in many area bookstores.

The poets will give their reading at 7:30 p.m. at AfterWords. There is no charge, but donations in support of NARAL will be accepted.

On Sunday, November 14, AfterWords will host an afternoon brunch with popular Lesbian author Jackie Calhoun. Calhoun is the author of such Naiad Press titles as **Lifestyle, Sticks and Stones, Second Chance** and the recently released, **Friends and Lovers**. Calhoun will be appearing from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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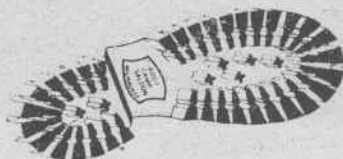


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# The 'Kindness' of Strangers: A Gay, Lesbian Youth Detention Center

By Amelia Craig

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, working with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, is investigating allegations that a Southern California school district is sending Gay and Lesbian teenagers to an institution in Utah for aversion therapy or "reparative therapy" to "de-Gay" them.

The institution, known as Rivendell, is located in West Jordan (just west of Salt Lake City). It calls itself a residential treatment facility designed to treat youth with mental and emotional disorders. The Rivendell facility, which is a school as well, is reported to have a heavy Mormon influence and to teach its students that homosexuality is wrong.



AMELIA CRAIG  
Electric Torture

One Gay youth, a former Rivendell student, told the **Los Angeles Reader** that he was sent to the institution when he was 14 years-old after his parents found him in bed with another boy.

He says that once at Rivendell, he was evaluated for homosexuality in a session where electronic sensors were attached to his wrists and testicles to measure his responses to pictures of naked men and women. He claims that therapists at the institution attempted to teach him how to become attracted to women.

Posing as a mother, a reporter says she called Rivendell inquiring about how the facility might help her son's "problem" of being Gay. She says an assessment and referral specialist from the institution told her that the facility could address the "problem" specifically and informed her that the institution employs a therapist who works with "sexual identity issues."

**Editor's Note:** A reporter for **Light** placed a call to Rivendell, identifying himself as a "outraged father" because his 13 year-old son was "Queer" and the "whole family was upset." The reporter was told much the same thing as above by a very sympathetic young woman who gave him the name of a psychologist who he should contact who would refer the boy to Rivendell after diagnosis.

### A Young Lesbian

Presently, Lambda is investigating, along with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the situation presented by one of Rivendell's former students, Lyn Duff. Duff is a young Lesbian who is now 17 years-old. In December of 1991, Duff's mother placed her in the Rivendell facility in Utah to "cure" her of her Lesbianism.

Duff says that during the course of a six-month confinement at Rivendell, she was forced to take neuroleptic drugs,

placed in isolation, and subjected to hypnosis and behavior modification therapies in an attempt to give her a heterosexual orientation.

Obviously, if these reports can be proven, the Rivendell facility is abusing the young Gay men and Lesbians confined there. Clearly, such "treatment" is nothing more than homophobic quackery causing serious emotional distress.

### Not With Rivendell Alone

But responsibility for this abuse does not rest with Rivendell alone. Certainly their parents are responsible. But the accountability does not end with them, either.

Duff's mother could not afford the tuition at Rivendell. Without assistance, she could never have sent her daughter there. But Duff's mother did not have to pay. The South Pasadena School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health provided funding for Duff's "treatment" at Rivendell through the state's Individualized Education Placement (IEP) program.

The IEP program is a means by which the state provides special education to children with special needs, such as disabilities or mental illness. Under the IEP program, if a school district does not have a facility where a special needs student can be suitably educated, then it is required to pay to send the student to a private school.

A student who is diagnosed as suffering from a "serious emotional disorder" which harms the child's education can be sent under the IEP program to a residential treatment facility.

### Homosexuality: Not a Disorder

Of course, for nearly two decades, "homosexuality" has not been regarded as an emotional or mental illness by mental health professionals. Indeed, the American Psychological Association has urged its members to work toward removing the stigma of mental illness which earlier was associated with Gay or Lesbian sexual orientation.

If the above allegations are true, and if the South Pasadena School District and the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health are sending high school students to the Rivendell institution for "reparative therapy" to "treat" their Lesbian or Gay sexual orientation, then this is not merely a violation of the IEP guidelines. It is blatant child abuse.

The "treatment" itself — neuroleptic drugs, isolation, deprivation, electric sensors monitoring sexual response — constitutes medical malpractice. And the institutionalization of young people for the purpose of such "treatment" is a severe violation of federal and state constitutional rights.

Fortunately, for Lyn Duff, she escaped from Rivendell and from her mother; she has subsequently been adopted by a caring and compassionate Lesbian family in San Francisco. Also, fortunately, for Lyn, she has found her way to Lambda and to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and we are investigating Rivendell.

Lambda cares about the Lyn Duffs of the world, and we are working hard to provide a safer tomorrow in which Lesbian and Gay youth can come of age. That tomorrow has no place in it for a house of horrors like Rivendell.

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# Rep. Baldwin to Speak At UW-Milwaukee Nov. 9

[Milwaukee]- State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) will discuss opportunities in public office available to Gays and Lesbians in a popcorn forum at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, in the Fireside Lounge at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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In her forum presentation, Baldwin will be addressing issues like constituent relations; how other state representatives deal with her sexuality and legislative issues pertaining to Gays and Lesbians.

The popcorn forum on opportunities in public office is free and open to the public. With reasonable notice, sign language interpreters can be arranged. Please call (414) 229-5567 for information.

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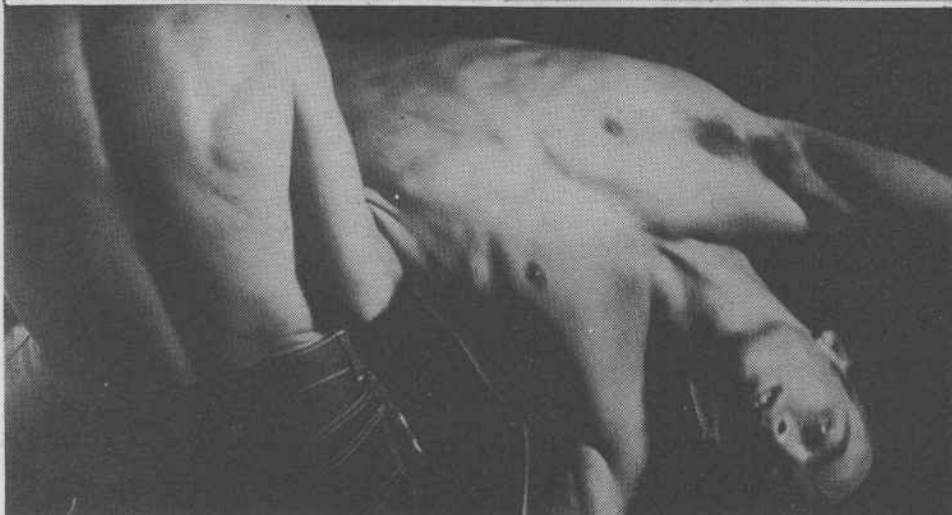
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# The Light LIVELY ARTS



**NEW QUEER CINEMA**— Chad Courtney and Mathew Bergan appear in 'Resonance,' an Australian short film, a part of a feature-length program of six short films, 'Boy's Shorts' which is playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre through November 4.

## Academic and Theatre Worlds Explored in 'Rehearsal' Novel

By Geno

In his first novel, *Rehearsal*, Michael Craft explores two worlds — the world of theatre and the academic world. In telling his story he conveys the excitement of theatrical production as well as the stuffiness of faculty receptions.

These two worlds come together when Claire Gray, a celebrated Broadway director takes a sabbatical to write and teach at her alma mater, Evans College. Here she meets George McBeth, a decorator who plays male leads in the women's college productions. He lives with Guy Baldwin who teaches at the college.

At their first meeting, Claire and George are quickly in synch and in the sack making the beast with two backs even though George is Gay and Claire, at 50, is ten years his senior. George, of course, gets the leading role of a homosexual in the play that Claire has written; he dreams of Broadway and sees Claire as his ticket to the Great White Way.

*Rehearsal* is a study of two individuals using each other for their own self interests. The author lets George and Claire tell their own stories in alternating sections, thus allowing the reader to know exactly what is going on in the mind of each. Claire dominates the action, and except for their first mutual seduction, she also dominates her boy toy in bed.

All of the action builds to the climactic

### Shafer To Sign Book Nov. 12

[Springstead, WI]— Mary Shafer, former Milwaukee resident, has recently enjoyed the publishing of her first book, *Wisconsin: The Way We Were* (Heartland Press, Minocqua, WI). The hardcover book is a popular history of the Badger state, richly illustrated with old photos from the first century of statehood.

first night production of Claire's play intended as a tryout before deciding whether to mount a professional Broadway production. The novel is just 120 pages long and at page 106, I was beginning to wonder how Craft was going to pull all the narrative threads together.

Well, the denouement is neat and it is fast though not unpredictable. It seems to me, however, that too many Gay-themed novels end in suicide, although death from AIDS is rapidly becoming the ending of choice.

The strength of *Rehearsal* lies in its characterizations and in its depictions of the two worlds where the author is completely at home.

The title of Claire's play is "Traders," and at one point she says, "Whether is affairs of the heart or of finance... Expecting to take as well as to give, we are traders." It ultimately is the worldly philosophy which gives the novel its force.

Michael Craft is the pen name of Michael Craft Johnson who has shortened his name, not to conceal his identity, but because it simply is more marketable. Johnson was an editorial art director for the *Chicago Tribune* for ten years and, since 1987, he has been communications director for the G. Leblanc Corporation based in Kenosha where he has lived since 1982. He is currently at work on his second novel.

Shafer will be appearing in person, along with several other Wisconsin authors, to sign her book on Friday, November 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at The Little Red Book bookstore in Wauwatosa. The store is located next to The Chancery restaurant in the Village.

## Kissing Girls Announces Array Of Weekend Events for Nov. 19-21

[Madison]— Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is proud to present the 8th Annual Lesbian Variety Show and weekend extravaganza, "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls," on Friday, November 19th, Saturday, November 20, and Sunday, November 21, 1993. The weekend lineup will go something like this:

**Friday, Nov. 19** Once again, KGP proudly presents our steamy evening of "Love and Lust Songs" for your enjoyment. Sigh, pant and moan to the sounds of the area's finest torch singers at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison. The first show will sizzle from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and the second show will run just as hot from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. with doors opening at 9:15 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. show will be ASL interpreted. Apple Island is wheelchair accessible.

Please remember that these shows will have separate tickets from the other events of the weekend. The cost is \$6.

**Saturday, Nov. 20** Saturday's excitement will begin at noon with the art show entitled "Separated: Not Isolated" at the Brave Hearts Theatre, 1988 Atwood Avenue in Madison. The art show runs from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Topping off the day will be the 8th Annual Lesbian Variety Show featuring talent from the around the area. The show will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held once again at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the Variety Show will be ASL

interpreted. The Barrymore is wheelchair accessible.

**Sunday, Nov. 21** Join us for the Art Show Reception from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brave Hearts Theatre, 1988 Atwood Avenue, Madison. Enjoy the artwork and the artists as you will have an opportunity to meet them all at the reception.

From 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. there will be the annual Poetry Showcase which will be ASL interpreted. The Art Show will conclude at 3:00 p.m.

### Tickets

Tickets for the Variety Show, Art Show, and Poetry Showcase are combined into one and will get you into all three events. Tickets go on sale Saturday, October 30 and will be available at Room Of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson Street; Whole Earth, 817 E. Johnson Street; and Green Earth, 2094 Atwood Avenue. The cost is on a sliding scale of \$10-\$12-\$15.

Friday's Cabaret Night tickets are separate, cost \$6, and will be available at the same ticket outlets. Also, be sure to bring your ticket (or after the Variety Show, your ticket stub) to the Art Show or Poetry Showcase. Without it, there is a \$2 charge for these events.

Outside Dane County, mail order tickets will be available October 27 through November 3. Mail a check payable to KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you are purchasing Cabaret tickets, please indicate first and second choice of show times.

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## Cream City Chorus Plans Holiday Concert Dec. 12 at the PAC

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus' 7th Annual holiday concert, "HO/3" will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center's Vogel Hall. Tickets are available through Chorus members, at the PAC box office and by calling the Chorus at (414) 244-WCCC.

This year, you can also take the Cream City Chorus' music home with you. A new tape, **Sounds of the Season**, contains a collection of favorite songs from this and previous concerts. Advance orders are already being accepted for this cassette tape. The price is only \$10 in advance, plus \$1.50 if postage is required. Orders can be placed through Chorus members or by contacting the Chorus' office at the above number.

### Musicians Needed

Scott Stewart, Musical Director of the Chorus, is seeking additional musicians interested in accompanying the vocal performances for both the **Sounds of the Season** and at HO/3 concert on December 12. Instruments sought include a string quartet, a string bass, flute, clarinet, bassoon and percussion. Anyone interested should contact the Chorus

office at (414) 344-WCCC as soon as possible.

### Farewell to an Old Friend

On Sunday, October 3, the Cream City Chorus joined the rest of the LesBiGay community in saying good-by to an old friend. After many years of dedicated service to those in need, New Hope United Church of Christ opened its doors for one last time to share and spread joy, love and accepting support that has been its hallmark.

It was a sad honor for the Chorus and many of its members in particular, to be asked to participate musically at this final service. In the Chorus' leaner times, it was the support of New Hope that helped make a continuing Chorus possible. In the time that followed, many Chorus members found a home in New Hope and a friend in Margarita Suarez, its minister and guiding light.

There were many tears before the doors of New Hope closed for the last time. But, as Rev. Suarez reminded us, the church is not in the building, but it lives in the people.

Thank you, Margarita and New Hope. The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will not forget.

## David Lang 'Cheating, Lying, Stealing' To Premiere November 5

[Milwaukee]- On Friday, November 5, at 8:00 p.m., Present Music will perform the premiere of David Lang's **Cheating, Lying, Stealing** at the UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall. Present Music, with funds from the Meet the Composer/Reader's Digest Commissioning Fund, commissioned Lang to write this new work for the Present Music ensemble. Lang will join Present Music in residence for the week and will give a pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m. on November 5.

Lang is quickly becoming one of the most visible and provocative of the young American composers. His music is a remarkable fusion of the charming and the terrifying. Almost all of Lang's work is characterized by consistently employed, reiterated materials, which slowly evolve through a series of emotionally charged frameworks.

Present Music will perform a work by John Cage at the November 5 concert. This work will be the second in a series of six Cage works to be heard on all of

## 'Transylvania' Novelist Coming To Madison Nov. 5

[Madison]- Barbara Wilson will read from her new book, **Trouble in Transylvania**, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, November 5 at A Room Of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Wilson's new mystery is a heady and hilarious mix of politics, passion and puzzling intrigue — with a setting straight out of today's headlines: the Balkans.

Cassandra Reilly, the globe-trotting translator first introduced in Wilson's award-winning **Gaudi Afternoon**, is on the road again, this time to China by way of Budapest. She plans to catch the Trans-Mongolian Express, but a series of chance encounters on the train leads Cassandra to the mythic Carpathian mountains of Transylvania.

Says author Ursula K. Le Guin: "Barbara Wilson has done it again! A marvelous blend of travel writing, feminism, wit and mystery."

Wilson has written four mysteries, including **Murder in the Collective**, and **The Dog Collar Murders**. Like her character Cassandra in **Gaudi Afternoon**, Wilson is also a translator — of Norwegian. Her own work has been translated into German, Italian and Finnish. She travels extensively and currently lives on Lake Union in Seattle.

## New Zealand's Hit Duo, The Topp Twins, to Perform on November 12

[Milwaukee]- Full Moon Productions is pleased to welcome New Zealand's hit duo, the Topp Twins. Since their debut on the National touring circuit in 1981, the Topp Twins have been performing to sold out audiences throughout New Zealand and Australia. Now they are taking on the rest of the world with bookings in the U.S.A., Canada and England.

The Topp Twins combine powerful vocal harmonies with down-to-earth humor. Their material is drawn from rural roots; a political awareness suffused with humor; and an energetic twin rapport on stage which never fails to captivate. The twins original repertoire incorporates country, folk, blues, love songs and even an outrageous blend of comedy and politics.

A distinctive musical feature is the Topp Twins' yodeling, which has been described by **NZ Country Music Magazine** as "the finest yodeling you'll hear anywhere."

The Topp Twins consistently receive critical acclaim for their live shows, their TV specials and their recordings. They have been nominated for many awards by the New Zealand Guild of Film and Television Awards, winning Best Entertainers of the Year, Best Original Music and Best Entertainment Program for their TV special.

Testimony to the twins' unique talent is the diversity of their audience: from alternative to mainstream. Truly original and entertaining, this dynamic duo delivers soaring harmonies, spontaneous humor, natural exuberance and enough surprises to surpass anyone's expectations.

The Topp Twins are identical twins; Jools Topp (guitar/vocals) and Lynda

Topp (guitar/vocals/harp).

The Topp Twins will be playing on Friday, November 12, at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$11 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at People's Books, 3512 N. Oakland or Outpost Natural Foods, 100 E. Capitol Drive. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. with the doors opening at 7:15 p.m. Seating is reserved for the differently abled until 15 minutes prior to show time.

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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

A Weekend In The Country

By Jamakaya

When I packed my bags to go to Manitowoc October 21-23 for the State AFL-CIO Women's Conference, I thought I was getting away from it all — a weekend in the country far away from newspaper deadlines and the political struggles that beset the Queer Nation.

Oh, naive me. . . "Norma Rae's Sisters: Women in Labor History." I guess I was sort of the Friday night entertainment and, I'm happy to report, the show seemed to be a hit.

On Saturday morning, I presented a report on the findings of the Women of Wisconsin Labor Oral History Project. Over the last four years, I've interviewed women prominent in their labor unions, some who were organizers as far back as the 1930's. All the tapes and memorabilia are being placed in a special collection at the State Historical Society and a book is planned.

The purpose of the project is to create greater documentation of women's contributions to the labor movement to insure that future historical accounts do not exclude women. It's been an absolute pleasure for me to conduct the interviews and get to know the women. I really can't imagine any better job than sitting around talking to older women about their lifetime experiences. In the process, I've made many new and wonderful friends.

After my speech, two other guests were scheduled. One was Sen. Herb Kohl, who I'd been trying to reach for weeks regarding his cowardly vote on Gays in the military.

Despite his generally liberal voting record, I am not a big fan of Herb Kohl. I think he's wimpy-assed, indecisive and none too bright. I worked briefly in a Kohl's Department Store warehouse in the early 1970's, where women who had worked 8 and 9 years at hard, heavy, sweated labor were making 5 cents above minimum wage with no benefits. He can brag all he wants about how his unionized food store employees loved him, but back in the warehouse it was sweatshop city.

I made a decision that as eager as I was to confront Kohl, I couldn't do that at the conference. I was a guest, after all. Yes, despite my reputation as a bull dyke in a china shop, I do have my moments of diplomacy.

A vacant-looking Kohl was led to the stage, trailing behind a woman who was holding his hand. I was seated on the stage near the podium, and I shook the Senator's clammy little hand when we were introduced. But when he began his spiel about how happy his workers always were, I quietly packed my things, left the stage and took a seat at the back of the room, all suppressed rage.

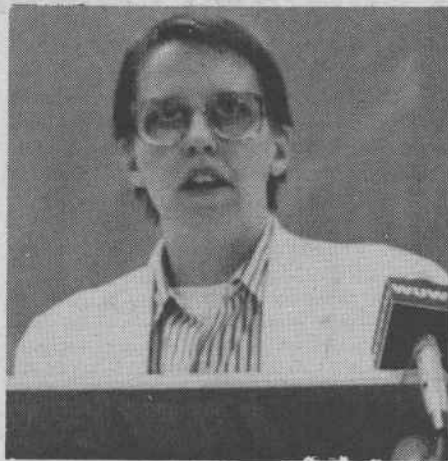
I cannot begin to tell you how elated I was then when a handful of bold, passionate dykes rose to challenge Kohl for his vote on the Pentagon ban. (See story, this issue.) And they were tenacious! I wish you all could have seen them! Mother Jones would have been proud! I don't think he knew what hit him. He was at a labor gathering and got a resounding welcome for his stand against NAFTA (which I expect him to flip-flop on before the final vote Nov. 17), but he clearly didn't expect to be called on the carpet for the Gays in the military issue.

My reporter's instincts kicked in. I turned on my recorder and I got the scoop in which Herb told me he is not a Gay or a Lesbian! I, for one, never suspected Herb was a Lesbian!

Gay issues were pretty prominent at the conference. State Rep. Tammy Baldwin was on hand to present a workshop (along with Kris Paap of the Teaching Assistants Assn.) on "Understanding Gay and Lesbian Issues" in the workplace. They discussed state law regarding sexual orientation and employment issues, the concept of domestic partnership and the movement to establish partners' benefits through legislation and contract negotiations.

The delegates later passed a resolution, without debate, calling for legislation on the federal, state and local levels modeled after Wisconsin's statute which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. The resolution also called on local unions to utilize contract negotiations to eliminate discriminatory practices.

I wondered afterward whether the organizers would have to do any damage control because of all this Gay and Lesbian content — especially since the only mainstream newspaper coverage of



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the event was about the confrontation with Sen. Kohl. The labor movement continues to be male dominated and pretty conservative, and the AFL-CIO Women's Committee has sometimes had to defend the very idea of a separate women's conference. Good god, what'll happen when the powers that be find out the women let the queers in!

There were a variety of other workshops, on family and medical leave rights, women in non-traditional trades, building women's networks and job survival skills. Mary Jean Collins, a former officer of NOW, currently with People for the American Way, talked about the religious right's threat to the labor movement. She made the connections to other right wing-targeted causes, like Gay rights.

The other "celebrity" speaker, who was a startling contrast to Sen. Kohl, was State Supreme Court Justice Janine Geske. Geske is a woman of Amazonian proportions (regular readers will recognize that as a compliment) who strode confidently up the aisle and onto the stage. She gave me a firm and warm handshake and complimented my speech. I told her I thought she was a helluva judge in Milwaukee County.

Geske was recently appointed by Gov. Thompson to fill the seat of retiring Justice Louis Ceci, a reactionary. Geske faces an election next year and that morning she was every inch the politician, touching on all the key issues an audience of working women would want to hear. She recalled working her way through school and struggling as a divorced mom, experiencing discrimination in the job market, and balancing home and work.

She spoke of representing poor and elderly clients during her years with the Legal Aid Society and of her many years on the bench. She refused to say whether she was pro-choice, but said she recognized Roe v. Wade as the law of the land which she was sworn to uphold.

I don't know whether I'll vote for Geske next year. I'm very interested in seeing her decisions in the next few months, her constitutional interpretations and, particularly, how she rules on the joint adoption case by the Lesbian couple in Green Bay. But I was very impressed with her demeanor on the bench in Milwaukee. Just one example, that I think is representative of her judgment, will suffice.

Turhan Taylor was found guilty of reckless homicide in the death of Charles Hiler, who made the fatal mistake of inviting Taylor home for sex. Hiler was repeatedly stabbed, and Taylor fled in his car. Taylor claimed a flashback to a prison rape had triggered his attack on Hiler and, in pleading for a lenient sentence, he raised the prospect of future prison abuse. I'll never forget what Geske said when she threw the book at him. She said she was very sorry for what had happened to him. "But this is not about your treatment. It is about the death of Mr. Hiler."

As you can tell, my weekend in the country was anything but serene and apolitical. The best part was being among so many active and hard-working women. It was especially nice to have women from around the state who read this column come up and introduce themselves. Oh, there's something about the women. . .

Madison Businesses Join To Support MASN On November 20

[Madison]- For the fifth time, the Madison business community will come together for "You Make a Difference," a fundraiser for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) to be held on November 20, 1993. Retail businesses will participate by donating 10% of their gross sales from the day to MASN.

Co-Chairing this year's event are Betty von Rutenberg, owner of the Mariner's Inn and Nau\*tigal restaurants, and Mary Lang-Sollinger, owner of the State Street clothing store, Momentum.

"I believe it's important for business to be involved in the community and You Make a Difference is a way to do that," said von Rutenberg. "This event raises AIDS awareness and funds for MASN. With that we can educate our young people and prevent the spread of this disease."

"The annual event gives businesses and shoppers a unique way to support AIDS care and education in the community."

"Businesses see increased traffic in their stores on You Make a Difference day

because it gives the general public an assessable way to support AIDS care and education in our community," said Lang-Sollinger, "and it's an easy and effective way for retailers to support MASN."

Proceeds from You Make a Difference help MASN provide direct care services to people with AIDS and, through prevention education, slow the spread of HIV infection.

"You Make a Difference is a fun way for all of us to shop and dine and support those retailers who, in turn, support MASN," said Mary Alice Mowry, Executive Director of MASN. "It's also an effective and important response from business as we all work to meet the challenges of AIDS in our community."

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GWM, well-built, very attractive, 35 yrs old, 6'1", 190 lbs,

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GWM, 33 yrs old. I'm into waterskiing, swimming, fishing,.... anything to do with the outdoors. These days I have a lot of time to play in the sun and water & would love to have some company. Give me a call. Box# 4108

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This is Tony. You can give me a call. Oh, and by the way, you must be over 6', over 190 lbs, and Black. Peace. Box# 8614

33 yrs old, 6'3", 230 lbs, very hairy and well-built, seeking men, over 45, of similar description for fun. Let's see what we can do. Leave me a message. Box# 8749

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BM, early 20s, 6', 187 lbs. I love the outdoors and like to do a lot of active things like sports, tennis, baseball,.... I'm seeking someone 5'11"+, 160-195 lbs. I like masculine males. Box# 2514

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Attractive GWM, 23 yrs old, 5'11", 175 lbs, short brown hair, brown eyes, straight-acting; I workout a lot and have a good body. I'm very monogamous and seeking the same. Box# 6587

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GM, 35 yrs old, 6'1", 175 lbs, very attractive, seeking same 40-30 yrs old. Box# 8867

27 yrs old, 5'11", 165 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. I'm new at this, but very curious and willing to learn. If you're interested, I hope you'll call. Box# 9779

Looking for a bi or GWM, 25-35, who is in very good shape, good-looking, and likes to have fun. Why don't you give me a call. Box# 9886

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Bi-male seeks other bi's, 30-40 for serious relationship, dancing, movies, dining out. Box# 6133

BM, 6'1", 210, HIV Neg., 33, ISO good-looking, disease-free, top-oriented man Box# 5194

Married Bi WM, 44, 5'7", 210, bearded, ISO daddy bear for relationship. Box# 7845

25, ISO nice, good-looking, fun-loving, sensitive, caring guy. Box# 5125

Glen, 6', 185, ISO very athletic, extremely well-built man to have a nice time. Box# 4408

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## What Should You Do If Police Entrap You?

[Milwaukee]- It happens all the time, in cities and towns across the United States. Someone is enticed and then arrested by and "undercover" cop on public lewdness charges. This, according to the **Little Black Book** by Gabriel Rotello and Evan Wolfson and published by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Lambda is the nation's oldest and largest non-profit legal organization advancing the rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

Such laws are, according to Rotello and Wolfson, are "almost exclusively against people perceived to be Gay. Heterosexual couples making out in "lovers' lane" or in a park, usually get off with a warning or a chuckle. Gay and Lesbian couples face arrest, prosecution, harassment and severe punishment.

### Almost Always Entrapment

According to Rotello and Wolfson, people are "almost never arrested because someone else saw them having sex, was offended and called the police."

Instead, the arrests are made by an officer who has been hanging around pretending to be interested in sexual contact. As in reported cases here, the officer follows people around, sometimes exposing themselves, often engaging in provocative and lewd behavior.

The reason, the authors say, for our treatment is that we are viewed as criminals deserving of punishment anyway, an attitude that affects us all.

### Easy Victims

Because there are usually no witnesses, it is the victim's word against the cop's. And, Rotello and Wolfson say, "Courts almost never challenge police testimony, no matter how ludicrous."

A Milwaukee lawyer who has handled many such cases of victims who try and take their case to court, said that she has not won a single one.

Another lawyer noted that such a case can and will be elevated from a misdemeanor to a felony if it is contested. The wisest course of action is to pay the fine and walk away.

Rotello and Wolfson are quick to say that many people see a role for lewdness

laws. "But it is **how** these laws are enforced, they say, that is most troubling."

### What To Do

Rotello and Wolfson advise the following steps:

**Do not give in to embarrassment, shame or fear.** An arrest is often made easier for the officer by the target's willingness, even eagerness, to appear cooperative in hopes of getting out of trouble.

**You have the right to remain silent, and in almost all cases you should.** Defer all decisions about what to do until you get a lawyer.

**Write down all relevant information as quickly as possible.** Such information should include the names and badge numbers of the arresting officers, and what they did before, during and after the arrest. Include everything that was said by them and by you. Note anything that would support a charge of entrapment or enticement.

### Get a good local lawyer

**Know your legal options.** Make sure you know exactly what you are charged with and what level of crime (felony, misdemeanor) or violation it is.

**Contact Lambda and your local Gay Rights group.** Lambda has a Chicago office. They can be contacted at (312) 759-8110 or write: Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, 17 E. Monroe, Suite 212, Chicago, IL 60603.

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Afterward, the officer told Siegel to leave so "I wouldn't blow his cover."

Siegel said that he learned that "Mourice" was really a Milwaukee County Sheriff's Deputy named Carlton W. Moore, badge #338. Attempts to reach Moore for comment were unsuccessful. Repeated attempts to reach Sheriff Richard Artison were also unsuccessful.

At first, Siegel decided to fight the ticket, but after talking with legal counsel, decided against it.

Siegel said that an attorney experienced with such cases, told him that she had had several cases like his and none were successful. She further said that if he decided to fight and plead "not guilty," experience told her that the charge would be turned into a criminal charge that carried a \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine and/or 90 days in jail. Siegel paid the ticket.

Siegel maintains that "This officer gained my confidence, entrapped me, came on to me verbally and sexually

suggestively hoping to manipulate me into doing something illegal."

Christopher Ahmuty, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, said that private consensual sex was not the purview of government regulation based on morality or a code of ethics. The only appropriate regulation, he said, must be based on public health and safety concerns.

### In Oregon

In Portland, Oregon, there is something called the "Park Exclusion" ordinance. According to Mary Overgaard, Portland Deputy City Attorney, a person arrested in a park for "lewd conduct" receives an "exclusion ticket, by which they are excluded from the park for up to 30 days. The ticket is considered a violation, not a misdemeanor and carries no fine.

It applies to everyone, straight and Gay, she said, and is a "low key thing." She said that both female and male officers patrol the parks so that there is no suggestion of entrapment.

Numerous reports by sources who have requested anonymity say that this kind of thing is going on in Estabrook Park and in other parks. One informant said that he witnessed several men in Estabrook Park on Sunday, October 24, being arrested. There seems no let up at this time.

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Kohl, spoke against and voted against both measures.

Kohl said he knew that Gays and Lesbians "did not get all that they wanted, but I think that it is significantly different and better than when this debate started." He said that people entering the service would no longer be asked about their sexual identities and, in a phrase that drew some guffaws from the audience, said that Gay service members "wouldn't be chased down very much anymore."

### "That's Not Good Enough!"

Before he could complete his answer, another woman rose and shouted: "Senator Kohl, that's not good enough!" She spoke with great emotion about how unfair it is that in the military, as in the workforce generally, straight people can be themselves and talk freely about their lives while Gays and Lesbians are denied that right and are forced to remain secretive.

Kohl replied that advances in civil rights have often proceeded a step at a time and said that the new policy codifying the ban "is a step in the right direction."

Kohl answered several other questions on Clinton's health care plan and NAFTA before exiting the hall. Outside, he spoke to the small group of women who had challenged him on the Pentagon ban. When he again referred to the new Pentagon policy as an advancement, Anne Habel gave him a piece of her mind:

"That may be, but that's no credit to you. Because there were choices you had during this whole thing. There were debates. There were amendments. The Clinton administration's position was, I think, abysmal. But then, there were even worse alternatives than that, and I think you took one of the worst alternatives, and I don't think you spoke out clearly in ways your constituency would have supported."

"This is Wisconsin," Habel reminded the Senator. "Your constituency would have supported you if you had taken a much clearer position on non-discrimination. And you didn't."

"I did not speak out in a way that would have encouraged discrimination," Kohl responded defensively.

### Voted for Nunn Amendment

"But you did vote for the Nunn Amendment which made the language stricter than President Clinton first proposed," Jamakaya noted.

Kohl's verbatim response: "Well, you know, that is sometimes in fact and then, in terms of what really is, are oftentimes in public life and politics are different things, and the votes that you cast are

sometimes not as clean as you'd like to cast —"

"Why was that an unclean vote, and why were you willing to make an unclean vote on the Nunn Amendment?" Jamakaya asked.

"Well, I'd have to take another look at the whole amendment," said Kohl. "It had several different parts to it. I'd be happy to take a look at it and write back to you on it. Because I don't recall all the words. You know, I vote on many things..."

"But what I do believe you need to do is look at the sum total of everything that happened and then make a judgment on it," said Kohl. "You can take all my votes, including my vote for the final bill. And then ask yourself: is this better than it was? Not what we want, but is it better than what it was? ... In my opinion, the status of Gays and Lesbians in the military is better than it was before this debate — and will be continually better."

"And I need to tell you," said Habel, "that regardless of that particular amendment and that bill, that whatever happened there is **not good enough**. What I expect and what I want, and I'm telling you because you represent me, is **equality**. Period. And that's where I need you to go as a representative."

### "I Respect What You Say"

"I understand if you think that I should have been stronger in defense of the Gay and Lesbian position on this issue," said Kohl. "I respect what you say, and I'm sensitive to what you say, and I don't stand here in opposition to you. I've had a chance to discuss it with people in the movement since I cast the vote and I've been sensitive to, if not disturbed by, the criticisms that I've received. I'm not indifferent. You know, we all go through learning experiences. But I'm not somebody who's in opposition to the things that are important to you."

Kohl said he hoped there would not be a "rift between me and people like yourself." He acknowledged the "disappointment" Gays and Lesbians feel but said "There will be other votes."

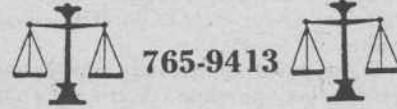
Jamakaya then interjected: "I think some of the disappointment may come from the perception, however correct or incorrect, that you may be a part of our community. Do you want to make any comment on that?"

"You mean am I Gay or Lesbian?" asked Kohl. "No."

At least twice during the 5-10 minute discussion, Kohl's aides urged him to go on to his next appointment. Both times he waved them off, indicating he felt it was important to talk it out. While none of the women present were satisfied with his answers, they were glad for the opportunity to express their views and for the fact that Sen. Kohl stayed to listen.

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