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The Wisconsin Light

Bette Midler Coming To Milwaukee To Lead AIDS Walk Wisconsin

Milwaukee— Bette Midler, this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin honorary Chair will appear in Milwaukee on September 22, to kick off the seventh annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin, held along Milwaukee's lakefront.

Midler will be present at the AIDS Walk breakfast, opening ceremonies, ribbon cutting, and a "Divine Reception." She will lead off the Walk and will be the honored guest at a Walk reviewing stand to send thousands of walkers on their way over the six mile route.

More than 8,000 people and 800 teams have already registered to participate in this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin which benefits 16 AIDS education and service providers throughout the state. Walk officials estimate that as many as 15,000 walkers will participate in and raise pledges for the event. Last year's AIDS Walk raised \$766,464.

"Bette has long been a strong advocate in the fight against AIDS," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin which produced the Walk. "Enthusiasm has never been higher for the Walk. Bette will help us draw a huge crowd and raise record amounts for AIDS services in Wisconsin."

The AIDS Walk begins with Bette Midler at breakfast at the Italian Community Center. Tickets for the breakfast are \$50. A "Divine Reception" will be held from 11-11:30 a.m. at the Italian Community Center as a special fund-raiser at which people can pay \$500 to meet and have a picture taken with Bette Midler. Space for both events is limited.

Tickets will be sold on a first-paid basis, and may be purchased by charge by calling the Walk hotline at 1-800-348-WALK. Because of Bette Midler's popularity, AIDS Walk officials are encouraging people to purchase tickets early.

Walk sign-in begins at 10:30 a.m., opening ceremonies will be held at noon, and the Walk will begin at 12:30 with Bette Midler cutting the ribbon at the Summerfest grounds.



Bette Midler (The Divine Miss M)

TODAY'S TMJ4's Carole Meekins will be the emcee for the breakfast, Walk kickoff, and Walk closing ceremonies along with 94 WKTT's Bob Reitman and Gene Mueller.

The 10k (6.2 mile) walk features six rest stops with food and entertainment along the walk route.

Prizes will be awarded to those participants who raise and turn in the most money by September 22, 1996:

- ▽ for \$100, an AIDS Walk T-shirt
- ▽ for \$250, an AIDS Walk sweatshirt
- ▽ for \$500, a Ricoh Super 35mm camera
- ▽ for \$1,000, a Koss CD discman with car adapter
- ▽ for \$2,000, a Samsung 13" color television

The camera, discman and television are

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President Clinton to Address Les/Bi/Gay Political Convention



Gwyneth Paltrow is stunning as the title character in Emma, a new adaptation of the Jane Austen novel. The film has strong performances and a great script. It opens August 15 at Milwaukee Oriental Theater. See Glen Bishop's Review on page 16.

Gunderson and Morris Keynote Log Cabin Convention; Urge GOP Tolerance

San Diego—Rep. Steven Gunderson of Wisconsin called it a challenge to be a Gay Republican and said it is time for the party to be tolerant of homosexuals.

"I live for the day when I don't even have to talk about this issue because it's irrelevant, because it's been resolved," Gunderson said during the weekend while preparing for the Republican National Convention.

He and his partner of 13 years, architect Rob Morris, spoke Saturday to a meeting of the Log Cabin Republicans, an organization of Gay and Lesbian conservatives.

Gunderson, 45, said Gay Republicans must ask who their party is for.

"Are all Americans welcome or just a few?" he said.

The Log Cabin Republicans held their sixth

Scientists Find Reason Why Some People at Risk Can Escape HIV Infection

Boston, MA—Scientists have unraveled one of the mysteries of the AIDS epidemic—why some escape infection despite thousands of risky sexual encounters.

The answer, for many, appears to be inborn. They have genes that make it extremely difficult to catch HIV, the AIDS virus, according to findings published August 9th in the journal *Cell*.

The discovery opens new possibilities for treating and preventing the disease. If scientists can find a way to mimic the effects of this inborn genetic shield, they believe it may be possible to create a pill that will keep people from becoming infected with the AIDS virus.

Scientists made the discovery with the help of two Gay men who volunteered at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

The men, who said they had watched 40 or 50 of their friends and lovers die of AIDS, wondered why their own high exposure to the virus had not also led to infection.

The researchers discovered that both men carried a pair of genes that ward off HIV. They were even more surprised to learn how common these genes are.

"We originally thought people with this would be one in a million. Actually, it's more like one in 100" white people, said Dr. Nathan R. Landau, one of the Diamond researchers.

Only whites carry the genes for reasons that are not yet clear.

The key to warding off HIV is a mutation in the genes that direct the body's defenses against disease. In this case, a gene called CCR5 is missing a chunk of information, so the body fails to produce a particular protein.

annual meeting through Sunday at the Lafayette Hotel in suburban San Diego. The Republican National Convention started on Monday, August 12th at the San Diego Convention Center.

"This party is going to have to deal with the Gay and Lesbian issue because family after family is being touched by it," Gunderson said. "We can't just write off all that element of America."

Gunderson said in an interview that Republicans writing the party platform went out of their way to oppose measures that fight discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"They didn't have to say that," Gunderson said. "That's just mean."

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First Sitting President Ever to Deliver Message to Gay Political Meeting

Washington, D.C. — President Clinton will address the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) OutVote '96, the first Lesbian and Gay national convention, on videotape, the HRC announced.

The president will send a taped message to the meeting in Chicago, to be shown Saturday, August 17, during the main plenary session.

George Stephanopoulos, a senior Clinton adviser, will personally attend the meeting and will acknowledge the endorsement of Clinton by HRC, the largest national Lesbian and Gay political organization.

"This will be the first time a sitting president has sent a personal, videotaped message to a Gay political meeting," said Daniel Zingale, HRC's political director. "We look forward to hearing what the president has to say and welcome his efforts to continue a dialogue with Gay and Lesbian Americans."

HRC OutVote '96 will take place on August 16-18 in Chicago. Stephanopoulos is slated to speak at the main plenary session Saturday, August 17, from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. CDT.

HRC OutVote '96 will draw about 500 supporters of equal rights for Gay people and teach the campaign skills they need to make a difference in this year's critical elections. The three-day event will feature speeches by prominent Republican and Democratic leaders, including Representative Steve Gunderson (R-WI), and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry G. Cisneros.

Other featured speakers will include Ellen Malcolm, founder of the political organization EMILY's List; The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, a Protestant denomination that ministers primarily to Gay men and Lesbians; and Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, the highest-ranking member of the military ever to face discharge for answering truthfully when asked, during a security clearance interview, if she is Gay.

Others slated to speak during the plenary session include: actress Judith Light, star of ABC's *Who's the Boss*; Mitchell Anderson from Fox's *Party of Five*; Amanda Barse of Fox's *Married...With Children*; and Dan Butler from NBC's *Frasier*. Also addressing the convention will be HRC's official spokesperson for Campaign '96; Candace Gingrich; Chastity Bono, a writer with *The Advocate* magazine; and Sean Sasser, of MTV's *The Real World III*.

HRC OutVote '96 opens Friday evening with a welcome reception featuring Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, (D-IL). That will be followed by the first presentation of the HRC Equality Awards — emceed by actor Harvey Fierstein — in recognition of significant contributions to the cause of Lesbian and Gay equality. Topping off opening night will be a concert by the avant-garde singing trio, BETTY.

Saturday and Sunday will be packed with workshops teaching activists the campaign skills necessary to get involved in HRC's efforts to elect and re-elect fair-minded members of Congress this fall. They will cover such subjects as raising money, creating a winning message for a political campaign, how to register voters and get them to the polls and how to make the most effective use of the Internet. ▽

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Just Imagine What it Would be Like If Gay Men Actually Liked Each Other

Commentary by David Nahmod

Just imagine how wonderful our lives as Gay men could and would be if we practiced what we preached in terms of how we treat one another.

I write in memory of my dear friend Van. R. Ault, who died of AIDS on April 2, 1996, at the age of 39.

I knew Van for 9 years, and now that he's gone I relive the many moments I'd shared with him. I remember what a kind, loving soul he was, how much he gave of himself to the people he knew, how much hope he had that humanity would, in the end, turn out all-right.

Van was very spiritual, a great believer in the ability of each person to tap into the power and wisdom of the universe. In his home he had a small picture frame. On the canvas, surrounded by a rainbow, were the words: "Give In To The Cosmic Giggle." A bit of new age calligraphy, if you will. That canvas now hangs over my own mantle.

But what I find myself remembering most about Van is something he said to me about a year ago. We were talking and whining about our romantic woes, bemoaning the fact that we were both in our late 30s, had both been out for many years, yet neither of us had ever come close to having a lasting relationship.

As we swapped anecdotal stories of the various dysfunctional men we had dated over the years, we noticed now consistently identical our experiences had been.

Neither of us had had anything more than short term affairs, almost all of our relationships had ended badly (often these bad endings happened for no logical reason that we could see) and that, almost without exception, our ex-boyfriends would not be civil to us at any time, for any reason.

This is what we both experienced, day after day, week after week, decade after decade. And that led us to a realization of how many Gay men we'd known who we had never dated that we were no longer on speaking terms with, which led us to talk about how many Gay men there were in general who were "officially not speaking," and how many Gay organizations (including AIDS service organizations) that had collapsed under the weight of this behavior.

We also talked about how many times we'd been called homophobic for saying that Gay men should treat one another better than this.

As the conversation wound down, Van, a Gay man who was dying of AIDS, said to me: "You know, if I were straight I would have found a good woman who would have appreciated all my wonderful qualities, instead of the non-stop and total rejection that has become the norm in the Gay community."

And now that Van has died, I find myself being haunted by what he said that day. I wonder about how empty and unfulfilled he must have felt at the time of his death. And I wonder how many others in the Gay community have had the same experience as he.

Diverse and Resilient Group Seeks Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth

Milwaukee — In June of 1996, \$25,000 in mini-grants was awarded to five Wisconsin youth-serving organizations to create or enhance HIV/AIDS prevention programs. This money was distributed by **Diverse and Resilient**, a conference and mini-grant program funded by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program.

Diverse and Resilient recently received funding for a second conference and mini-grant program.

New Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual team members are needed to plan and evaluate this second conference. Youth aged 14-24 are eligible to join this dynamic group which will focus on the HIV/AIDS prevention needs of their peers.

These youth should be able to meet six hours per month, have some experience working in small groups, and be interested in helping Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth of Wisconsin. Team members will receive some training in small group dynamics, event planning and an \$8 per hour stipend.

During the one-day conference, **Diverse and Resilient** team members will evaluate the conference, work with mini-grant applications and ultimately award five more \$5,000 mini-grants.

This is an excellent opportunity for youth to get involved in HIV/AIDS prevention for their peers, learn about group dynamics, conference planning and grant funding.

For more information and a simple application, please contact Dr. Gary Hollander, Ph.D., St. Luke's Family Practice Residency Program, 2901 W. Kinnickinnic River Parkway #175, Milwaukee, WI 53215, or call (414) 649-6825. ▽

It is a feeling that I myself know all too well, for in the 23 years since I've come out, I have received little more than instant and total rejection from virtually everyone I've met. Beyond the dating world, I've met few Gay men who will accept me as a friend, yet I've had no problem finding wonderful, lasting friendships with Lesbians and straights.

I have done the New York AIDS Walk twice, as well as the Walk in San Francisco. At those events, almost without exception, Lesbians and straights were warm, friendly and talkative, while the Gay men (and the Gay men alone) were cold as ice.

I go over in my head other places I have been over the years where I have seen entire rooms filled with Gay men who treated one another this way without exception.

Gay synagogues, Gay churches, bookstores that were Gay but not porn oriented, coffee shops, Gay & Lesbian Community Services Centers on both coasts. All of these places have become overrun with Gay men who feel that they are simply too fabulous and too gorgeous to speak to one another.

I think of my beloved friend Van, and all the other people I have known who died of AIDS, and I wonder how in the world, under conditions of such widespread disease and death, can we continue to treat one another this way? With so many of us dead or dying, isn't it time we let go of our 1978 disco queen mentality?

ACT UP often talks about quality of life for people with AIDS. Usually they refer to physical quality, but what about emotional quality? It is believed in medical circles that the will to live can often make the difference between life and death in cases of terminal illness. Just what are we giving people with AIDS (and everyone else) to live for when our refusal to be civil to one another becomes the foundation of our culture?

Just imagine, if you will, how wonderful our lives could be if we viewed one another as human beings and not as objects to fuck and discard. Just imagine how wonderful and fulfilling our lives would be if we didn't consider lack of sexual attraction to be a valid reason to hold a lifelong grudge. If we didn't view rude and vindictive behavior as "camp". If we realized that Lesbians are our friends and allies, and are not "taking over the community," but are in fact wonderful people who were the first volunteer caregivers for people with AIDS.

Just imagine how truly fabulous our lives could be if two Gay men could sit and talk to each other, and love each other, regardless of whether or not there were sexual feelings between them.

Perhaps such a community would be a place where people with AIDS could feel truly at home, loved and nurtured, and perhaps these feelings would improve the quality of their lives and extend their lives.

Perhaps if we didn't all think that we were so damn piss-elegant and above each other, but showed a little respect towards each other, then the world would have more respect for us.

And perhaps, for everyone in our community, regardless of their HIV status, feeling love, acceptance and nurturing instead of constant rejection would remove the need to abuse alcohol, a trap that so many of us have fallen into.

I hope that my words will be felt and understood by my fellow Gay men, and by everyone who reads this.

It's time we learned to love each other while we are still here. ▽

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The top three people turning in the most money in pledges will receive the following prizes:

- ▽ Grand Prize — two round-trip tickets to Hawaii on United Airlines and five nights deluxe hotel accommodations courtesy of United Vacations.
- ▽ First Prize — two round-trip tickets to San Francisco on United Airlines and three nights first-class hotel accommodations courtesy of Travel Associates.
- ▽ Second Prize — two round-trip tickets on United Airlines to any destination in the contiguous 48 United States that United flies.

To register for the Walk, call 1-800-348-WALK or register on line at <http://www.netgains.com/aidswalkisc>.

Sponsors of the event include Miller Brewing, TODAY'S TMJ4, United Airlines, Wisconsin Energy Corporation, Aurora HealthCare, WPS Health Insurance, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 94 WKTI, Ho-Chunk Nation and Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. ▽

Youth Column

Muddy Politics Make for Clear Choices

Young Adult Commentary
by Jason Alan

Yes, August, my favorite month is upon us. I suppose August is my favorite month for many reasons. August is a month for family vacations. Around the country, August marks the end of summer vacations for millions of students and the beginning of a daytime vacation for millions of parents. In August, the Mulberries bloom and the Gay Community's summer rallies prepare to hibernate for the chilly months ahead. August is many things to many different people. However, to Gay people, August '96 is a critical month.

This year, it is time once again for the Democratic and Republican Conventions. Respectively, in Chicago and San Diego some of the world's most powerful political minds will gather. In the end, two powerful candidates will walk away to wage campaign warfare, either legitimate or otherwise, that perhaps may put to shame all previous campaign warfare of it's kind.

The Gay community knows ahead of time who these candidates will be. However, following recent statements made in the battle for the center, the Gay community is somewhat at a loss about their leader. The Gay community, indeed, knows who the candidates will be, but some in the Gay community do not really know who the candidates are.

As a young person who will be voting for the first time, I understand how confused some of my peers are. It can be hard to see through the politics. Indeed, President Clinton has stated that he does not support Gay marriage — and it is also true that Gay people are still, in effect, banned from the military despite an attempt to remove the ban.

I understand that some of the campaign statements from both sides have left people confused. On one hand, Bill Clinton has stated his lack of support for the right to marry — and issue that was a non-issue during his first election. On the other hand, Bob Dole has expressed a new-found tolerance for pro-choice individuals, which his voting record contradicts. Furthermore, Bob Dole is adamantly opposed to homosexuality as well as other divisive social issues, but has chosen to remain silent and let his party do the dirty work. Who does one believe?

My friends, truthfully I tell you, Bill Clinton has done more for Gay people in his term than any other president. It is indeed true, not all things have worked out in this administration as our community had hoped. However, let's look at what Bill Clinton has done.

Bill Clinton has signed a federal bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, a ground breaking maneuver. Bill Clinton has appointed not one, but two liaisons in the past four years dedicated only to the G/L/B/T community. The Clinton administration even granted a meeting with an advocacy coalition in 1995 that brought Gay

youth into the Executive Mansion of the White House for a meeting with former Deputy Assistant to the president, Marsha Scott. Bill Clinton has signed major AIDS funding bills, including the Ryan White CARE Act renewal. The list goes on and on.

Allow me to simplify the equation a little for my fellow Gay youth. No other president has done what Bill Clinton has done for the Gay community. Bill Clinton's continuing support of our community is clear. However, in turn, our community's support must also be clear. In light of the above, there can be not so much as a waver of faith from our community as we go to the polls. I realize that election day is two months away; however, I also know several young Gay people who are legitimately thinking of voting for Bob Dole and others who are ready to write-in Daffy Duck.

I tell you this: there are two supreme court justice seats up for grabs in the next four years. Who would you like appointing an individual to preside over America's most critical judicial issues for life? Pat Buchanan? Bob Dole? I think not. The politics may be muddy, but our community's choice is crystal clear.

Therefore, as you prepare to go to the polls, I urge you to think twice about whoever you may be voting for. We must put our petty differences of opinion and our perhaps more petty disappointments behind us. We must vote for Bill Clinton. We must overcome.

Jason Alan is a columnist for the Wisconsin Light newspaper. He can be reached for comment at: The Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212. ▽

First Gay Youth Group In Racine County Formed

Racine—Youth 4 Youth (Y4Y), the first-ever Gay youth organization in the Racine County area, held its first meeting on August 2nd. Attended by a diverse group of over a dozen area youth, the meeting was considered a huge success by many of the members who served on the Diverse and Resilient Committee which planned and organized the new teen drop-in center.

Funded through a grant given to the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project to provide HIV prevention education to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth in the Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth County areas, the focus of the center is to provide a safe place where area teens can socialize and discuss issues of concern to them regarding growing up Gay in the smaller cities where there is little, if any, LesBiGay community.

With meetings every Friday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., the group hopes to attract repeat attendance by planning many different social activities and educational sessions.

Some events currently planned include: co-sponsoring dances with UW-Parkside's Gay and Lesbian Organization; mini-golfing; watching movies; and inviting guest speakers in from the surrounding area.

The group is currently seeking donations of used couches to create a more relaxed atmosphere within the center, and also looking into new sources of funding to continue to provide services after September, a crucial time when high school is just beginning, but the life of the grant runs out.

Contact Ted at 1-800-924-6601 for more information, including meeting address.

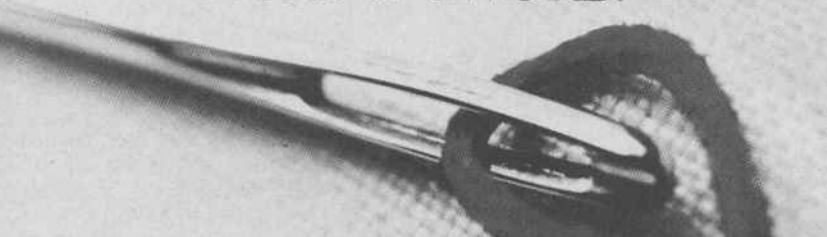
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Editorial

Keeping Things In Perspective

The political season is up and running. Bob Dole is for virtue. Bill Clinton is against sin. In the meantime, Pat Buchanan thinks the ideal presidential candidate (other than himself), would be Pope Innocent III.

Yet something has happened that has eclipsed them all.

From out in the dark reaches of space, so many years ago, a little rock hurtled on its way and landed on the earth. It was rough thing, nothing much to remark upon, but it might have carried within it a message grand enough to humble us all.

We are not alone.

If this is true, then all the politicians, all the presidents and kings, all the philosophers and theologians, all the preachers, none of them, have the wit or wisdom to equal it.

How wonderful! A message carried by a bit of stone that will possibly answer one of history's greatest questions, hopes and fears.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, in San Diego, Chicago or anywhere else can approach it. While solons prattle, the universe may be speaking to us—and the stars await.

Building Rainbows Over Wisconsin

It is difficult enough to build a sense of community even within the Gay community in one city, but Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) has taken on the task of building unity over an area encompassing hundreds of square miles in Northern Wisconsin. So far they are succeeding.

From Sheboygan to Wausau and beyond, the members of Rainbow Over Wisconsin labor to make a difference. Evidence of the difference they are making will be seen on the weekend of August 31 and September 1 when hundreds of us gather for the first ever Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride weekend.

The festivities include a bowling tournament and a Pride Picnic. There will be entertainment, dancing, food and fun. Both events are worth attending and supporting and we hope that our readers will do so.

No matter how the ROW Pride Weekend turns out, just the fact that it is happening at all is real progress. Our collective hats are off to those responsible for the formation of this group and to those within it who have worked hard to build unity and pride in Northern Wisconsin. We wish them great success.

We look forward to seeing even bigger and better things from Rainbow Over Wisconsin in the future. ROW is a group that's badly needed. In addition to serving the communities it encompasses, it sets an example for the rest of us. If all of these people in different cities can find common ground then why can't the rest of us?

Editor's Note

What's Wrong With America

By Terry Boughner

I know what's wrong with America.

It's me—which is what I found out at the Wisconsin State Fair. Fortunately, though, I've got company.

But let's start at the beginning.

She was a pleasant looking young woman, long dark hair, full figure. With her was a twenties-something guy, kind of Joe Campus, and a big man with a face that resembled a locust's cocoon. All three were staffing the GOP booth.

The NBC poll was just out saying that a majority of Americans think the Republican Party is exclusive, so I asked the three at the booth about that.

"Exclusive?!" she exclaimed. "How could I ever think that? Who do we exclude? Nobody! We want everybody."

"Well, okay. What about Gay people, people like me?" I point to myself.

"No! We include you," she protests. "One of you people is a delegate at the Convention (in San Diego). There's Steve Gunderson. He's a homosexual. And the Log Cabin people. What about them?"

Her two companions hang back. "Joe Campus" goes to sit at the rear of the booth, as on she goes.

"We've got Blacks and women and Jews, too. All of you, you can all vote for us. We want you to vote for us."

"So the Republicans are willing to support equal rights for Gays?" at one point I ask.

So then it comes—as, perhaps, I knew that it would. Religion.

Sodom. St. Paul. Jesus. (Her pastor, it seems, is a "biblical scholar."), sex, sex, and more sex. Christians are going to redeem the Republican Party from sin—abortionists, Gay people, and the like, etc., etc.

Same-sex marriage? Impossible!

"If I die," she says, "I don't want my kids raised by homosexuals!"

I think I know what she means—and I have to wonder.

From heat and urgency of her voice, I take it that to her, this is not a political party, it's a vehicle for a crusade. She is the 20th Century equivalent of Peter the Hermit, and 1996 is not so much an election year as it is a time when the holy city will be freed from the infidel. God Will It—and so on.

"I won't interfere with your choice," she explodes. "You can do what you like. I don't want you in my bedroom and I won't get into yours."

(I'm thinking, *There is a God!*)

Right Wing Group Distributes Fliers Questioning Lawmaker's Sexuality

Milwaukee—It was a woman's voice coming over the phone—and she was angry to say the least. She didn't give her name, but she was "disgusted" with the flyer that had shown up on her porch that day.

But why had she called **Wisconsin Light**? Because, with some irony, she seemed to think that the paper was responsible for the flyer.

The flyer the woman was referring to was

This is getting nowhere. After a few more choice remarks—on both sides, we notice we're drawing a crowd and leave. But a little later, as we watch some guy slicing up carrots, I can't help thinking about our little set-to.

Though she claimed to know several Gay people, not once in the course of the discussion (?) did she or her companions give any indication that they'd learned anything from them. Had they done so, things like love and family would have been mentioned, but they were not.

Instead, she (and she is far from being alone) had, with her pastor's sanction, apparently, reduced a whole group of people to a physical act—and defined us by it.

That's sad. But what really gets to me is that she—and many, many others—believe that humans each have a spiritual component, but her defining us in purely physical terms denies it.

One of the things (chief among all things, I think), that Christianity has contributed to the world is the concept of love as the ultimate reality. If love is that—and I sincerely believe that it is—then it is all-encompassing, all-inclusive, ineffably sublime.

It is this, I don't think she, and the other Right Wing crusaders, will or dare admit.

They cannot or will not concede that the love between two men or two women is just as sacred, just as moral, just as beautiful in its heart-wrenching wonder, as that between a woman and a man. There is no rational basis for thinking otherwise—and, I think, no basis in faith for thinking this either. What I mean is no basis in true faith, faith that sees through to the ultimately transcendent, wonderfully beautiful, ravishing reality of the divine.

Love, as all Gay people know, is not gender oriented. It has a mind of its own and strikes where, when and whom it will. It is painful. It is frightening. It is glorious. It makes life worth living. It is the greatest of all forces in the universe. There is nothing beside it. It is God.

Look at the eyes of two men in love with each other, at two women, at a woman and man, and you will see truth, the truth of poetry, of art, the truth that mystics know.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or non-Gay, it makes no difference. It's all the same.

If this is what's wrong with America, then let there be more.

one of those distributed over the second weekend in August by the ultra-Right Wing group, Wisconsin Christians United (WCU), questioning whether State Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) is a "closet homosexual."

WCU is based in Monroe, Wisconsin and is headed by Ralph Ovadal. According to their literature, the group considers itself to be the Right of the Christian Coalition.

The flyers were titled "Is He or Isn't He"

and alleged that Carpenter "is an enthusiastic supporter of the homosexual movement's goals."

Carpenter, who is running for his seventh two-year term representing south side Milwaukee's 9th Assembly District, has long been supportive of anti-discrimination issues that are important to the LesBiGay community, as well as being a leading advocate of better treatment for people living with HIV and AIDS.

The flyer laments that the 9th District "is represented by a man who apparently believes there is nothing wrong with men sodomizing one another or with women burning with lust for one another."

According to the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**, Jim Sanfilippo, who is running against Carpenter in a Democratic primary, faxed to reporters a copy of the flyer and an article Carpenter wrote for **Wisconsin Light**.

"He (Carpenter) has obviously been less than honest with his constituents by keeping it (his sexual orientation) from them," the **Journal** quotes Sanfilippo's statement as saying.

"What possible difference could it make if Carpenter is Gay or not?" said Terry Bough-

ner, **Light**'s executive editor. "He's a superb legislator, a man of integrity and talent. Isn't that what should concern the voters? Have we too many people like that in public office?" he asked, letting his sarcasm show.

Boughner characterized the whole affair as "smacking" of "sensationalism and political opportunism" combined with Right Wing efforts at Gay-bashing. "What this looks like to me is a just another example of Religious extremism in action."

Boughner said that simply because someone writes an article for **Wisconsin Light** or has their name appear in it, means nothing about their sexual orientation.

"I'm sure some of our writers would be amused to find out that if you write for the paper you are ipso facto Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual."

Boughner went on to say that "This Ovadal is getting boring. All he appears to care about is sex, sex, sex. If this is true, what's with him? There's more to life than that. Hasn't he ever heard of love?"

Carpenter could not be reached for comment.

Letters

An Open Letter to All Gay & Lesbian Voters in the 2nd Congressional District

As both political conventions begin and the thrust of campaigning heats up, it is very important that we realistically look at Congressman Scott Klug and Mayor Paul Soglin as to whom will better serve our interest in the 2nd Congressional District in Washington.

First The Incumbent:

Congressman Scott Klug has been VERY instrumental and supportive of HIV/AIDS education, programs, and funding. Congressman Klug was instrumental in getting the Ryan White bill out of committee and getting it to the floor for passage in allocating a significant increase in HIV/AIDS dollars coming back to Wisconsin.

Congressman Klug was also a leader in drafting an amendment which defeated Congressman Doman's bill which would have automatically dismissed HIV-positive members of the military.

Yes, he did support DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), but let us not forget the hoards of Democrats who followed suite!

Congressman Klug also supported Welfare Reform. Isn't about time that the American "free loaders" start taking responsibility and accountability and support them selves and not live off of the government? Congressman Klug respects and supports the rights of our community.

Now Challenger Mayor Paul Soglin:

State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) in an interview said "Paul Soglin has done so much for the Gay Community, that's why I'm supporting him."

My question, What has he done? Well, yes, he did sign domestic partnership for Madison's G/L couples. But how many years ago was that and what has he done for us since?

What about the Mayor Soglin's pledge to former County Board Supervisor, Richard Wagner, back in 1991, "that if re-elected I would offer and support health benefits to city G.: employee's whom were domestic partners."

In 1996 we STILL don't have such benefits. So far he's done a lot for us! What about when the Mayor Soglin wanted to CUT Madison AIDS Support Network budget by \$17,000 in order to use those moneys for a community center on the south side. Again he's done so much for the G/L community!

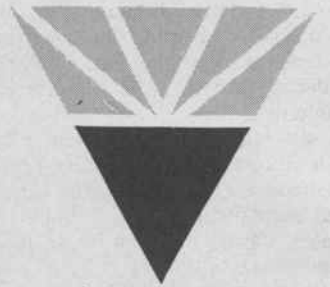
What about when GALVAnize (Gay, Lesbian Visibility Alliance) contacted Mayor Soglin THREE TIMES to participate in the Gay Rights & Pride March on July 19th, as the Mayor and or Congressional Candidate? The response was that he was flying out of town "early afternoon" when march was happening, but did not need to be in Chicago till "later that night." He was unwilling to change his flight to a later time so that he could show his support for the G/L community. He did not even send a letter of proclamation in support of our community. Yes, has done a whole lot for our community!

I ask you, when considering you vote for our next Congressional leader that you look at the candidate not to their affiliated party, but a candidate whom truly cares and has demonstrated GREAT leadership as who will really serve our best interest in the G/L community the CLEAR choice will be to re-elect Congressman Scott Klug, NOT challenger Mayor Paul Soglin, for he is truly NOT been a friend to the G/L community!!

Andrew R. Brett
Madison

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"The Wisconsin Light" Increasing Distribution To Meet Demand For Copies

Milwaukee—The Wisconsin Light is pleased to announce that due to increased demand for copies, it is increasing its circulation.

"Our distribution points have been giving us numerous requests to send them more copies," said Wisconsin Light publisher, Jerry Johnson. "Normally the summer months are slower, but we have found that issue after issue we are running out of copies nearly everywhere."

Few Copies Left

In Milwaukee, for example, "only a handful" of copies from Wisconsin Light's July 19 issue were left for pick up when the August 1st edition was distributed. "Well over 90% of our distributors were out of copies," said Johnson.

Similar results have been reported throughout the state. Copies not picked up by readers in Milwaukee are sent to book stores nation wide.

"We are very proud of the fact that a number of outlets in other cities like Lambda Rising in Washington D.C. and the Different Light Bookstores in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco have asked us to send them copies of The Wisconsin Light," said Editor In Chief, Terry Boughner. "The problem we have is that for the last few months we haven't had many copies to send them."

Increase To At Least 11,000

Beginning with its August 29 issue, the

Light will increase its distribution to a minimum of 11,000.

Newspaper Industry research indicates that there are 2.5 readers for every copy printed. That means that nearly 30,000 people will be reading each issue of the Wisconsin Light.

Circulation Increases Ad Prices Do Not

"Although we are raising our circulation we are NOT raising our advertising rates at this time," said Johnson. "The Wisconsin Light will continue to be the best, least expensive way of reach Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community."

Johnson says he knows that despite having the largest number of distributors of any Wisconsin based Gay publication, there are probably some areas that are not being covered.

He encourages anyone who has a suggestion for an additional distribution point to contact him at (414) 372-2773.

The Light also offers subscriptions by either first class or bulk mail. To subscribe see page four for rates.

"If we have to increase the circulation again to make sure everyone who wants a copy can get one at a convenient location, we will. We are committed to making sure that members of our community are informed about important news, events and trends that have an impact on their lives," Johnson said.

CCF thanks this donor for bringing this to its attention and for pursuing the matter within her company. The problem was corrected and the money sent to CCF along with the donor's identity.

United Way explained that employees need to be sure that their donation will be forwarded to their designated charity. A donor should receive a thank you or confirmation of their pledge from the named charity within the year. If not, then each donor should contact her or his corporate giving office to ensure that the donor's instructions were indeed honored by the administrators of the planned giving program.

There are workplace programs that call themselves "community programs." Such a program chooses only one designated charity that receives the full amount pledged for that year. Some employees do not realize that all money contributed goes to that one employer-chosen charity. Individual preferences are not honored. Therefore, ask questions of your plan organizers. You can always contribute directly to CCF or your preferred charity.

CCF could find only this one case where money was specifically pledged and then not awarded to them and where they should have learned the identity of the donor and did not. All of these situations have been corrected.

However, CCF would like to hear from you if you specifically contributed to them through a workplace giving program that promised to honor your designation and you never received a thank you letter from them.

You may write them at: P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201; or phone CCF at (414) 265-0880.

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AIDS Ride's Finances Come Under Scrutiny of Pennsylvania Attorney General

Milwaukee—"Why is this (financial) information so hard to get hold of? People ask over and over again and we have to shake our heads and say 'I don't know.' I've been very discouraged lately because I'm wondering how much I am helping the beneficiaries and how much am I helping Pallotta Associates?" wondered Barry L. in the Riders Forum on the Internet.

He was referring to the various AIDS Rides that have been happening around the country this summer, organized by the Los Angeles-based fundraising company Pallotta and Associates. Barry's question is one the authorities are asking as well.

In an update to our story in the last issue of Light, the Washington Blade in their August 2nd issue, reported that the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office has announced that it is "reviewing" the financial records and the Philadelphia to Washington, DC AIDS Ride. This is being done, the Blade reports, at the behest of AIDS Service Groups (ASO) in Philadelphia that the Philadelphia Gay News (PGN) reported would receive only \$109,000 in net proceeds from the ride, which PGN reported is said to have raised \$4.5 million in revenue.

The Blade reports that the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office has said that they are not conducting a criminal investigation.

According to Kevin Harley, a spokesperson and the office said that the inquiry was generated by a "flurry" of inquires from the public about the AIDS Ride's finances.

Harley said that the "concerned citizens" were angered over the lack of information available about the proceeds from the Ride.

Pallotta's representatives in DC, Philadelphia and Minneapolis have said that figures will not be released until later in August after auditing firms have complete their work.

The Blade, quoting sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, reported that the profit margin cited by Pallotta and Associates will not likely be reached when the DC and Philadelphia figures are combined.

One source said the Whitman Walker Clinic and Food and Friends, designated beneficiaries of the Ride in DC, expect to re-

ceive between \$500,000 and \$600,000 each in net proceeds.

Kevin Cortare, a spokesperson and the Philadelphia group, Action AIDS, told The Blade that someone from his group had released the \$109,000 figure "prematurely" and that the Philadelphia groups are hopeful that net proceeds will reach about \$600,000. Cortare added acknowledged that the groups will probably receive "considerably less."

In the "best case" scenario, where Whitman Walker and Food and Friends each receive \$600,000 in profits and the Philadelphia groups receive \$600,000 collectively, the Ride's combined net would be \$1,800,000. Based on the announcement by Pallotta and Associates that the Ride pulled in \$4.5 million in gross revenue, this scenario would mean expenses and the event would be \$2,700,000 (60%), compared to a net profit of \$1,800,000 (40%).

In a less favorable scenario, where Whitman Walker and Food and Friends receive \$500,000 each in net proceeds and the Philadelphia groups receive \$109,000, the ratio of profit to expenses plunges dramatically. Assuming the \$4.5 million in total revenue remains the same, the second scenario would mean expenses would be \$3,391,000 (75%) and net profit would be \$1,109,000 (25%).

Pallotta himself could not be reached for comment. His office said he was out of the country.

Craig Sholderman, executive director of Food and Friends, which is serving as the Ride's fiscal agent in DC, told The Blade that the final figures would be "excellent."

Meanwhile, a copy of the contract between Pallotta and Associates and the DC groups requires that the groups pay an up-front joint fee of \$180,000 for the company's services in organizing the and promoting the event.

The contract also calls for Food and Friends and Whitman Walker to each pay an additional fee of \$100,000 to cover logistics and overhead expenses for the event.

Similar up front money was asked of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for their participation. MAP refused.

In Giving, the Right Hand Should Know What the Left Hand is Doing

Milwaukee—It was brought to the attention of the board of the Cream City Foundation (CCF) that someone who had used the United Way "Donor Choice" to designate CCF as recipient of her employee workplace contribution never received an acknowledgment or thank you letter from CCF.

CCF prides itself on sending a timely thank you letter to each person who contributes—either directly or via a workplace giving program. Therefore, CCF immediately began an investigation to determine why the donor's name was not received. It was found that CCF were never given the contributor's name by the workplace giving program and, therefore, they did not send a thank you letter. Nor were they given the contribution.

They were informed by United Way that some companies will never release an employee's name. They simply send a check for the collected amount to United Way to be

disbursed in the required manner, but anonymously. This policy is known to their employees and no thank you letter is expected. However, this was not the case for the contributor who brought this matter to CCF's attention.

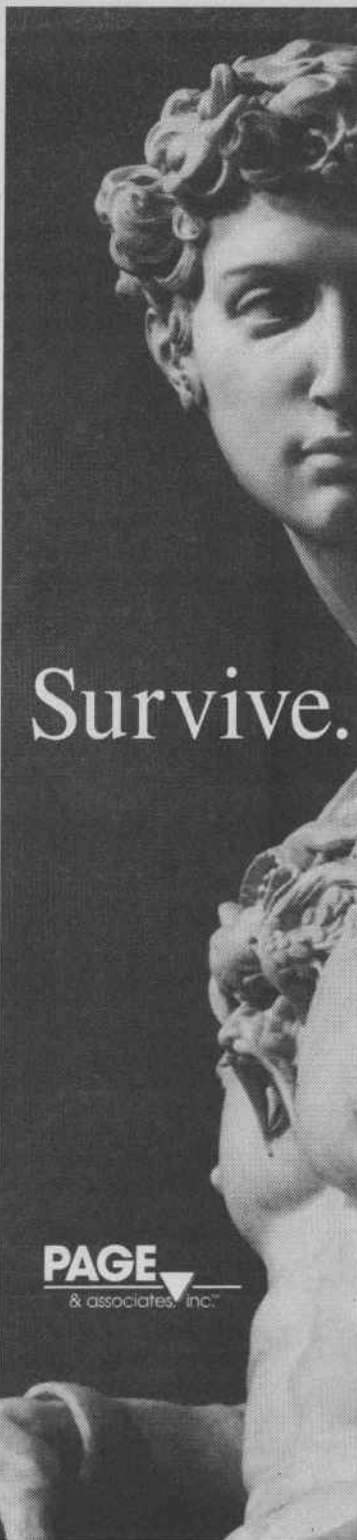
Also, per a United Way spokesperson, large national companies send all employee contribution pledges to a central office which could be located anywhere in the country. The United Way donations are then usually given to this one local area United Way office for disbursement. This was the situation of the Milwaukee employee who donated to CCF.

The large corporation where she works forwarded her pledge to an Illinois company office that deals only with a Chicago United Way branch. This United Way office neither forwarded the donor's name nor contribution to CCF. As a result, they were unaware of her donation and did not acknowledge her contributions for the past two years.

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Behind the Scenes With Bob Dole and the "Four Musketeers" on Abortion

San Diego—In the minutes before the Tuesday, August 6th session of the Republican Party Platform Committee Hearings opened, it was apparent which side of the abortion debate had won the previous day, and which would win later on Tuesday in the full committee session.

Ann Stone, chair of the Republicans for Choice, looked and sounded somewhat subdued and tired. Others in the "Yank the Plank" movement were slightly downcast. This was not only because a sub-committee had pushed through a Rightist abortion plank, which deleted any proposed "tolerance of opposing view points" language, on Monday. The glumness also reflected the disappointment and failure attendant to trying to round up 27 of the Committee of The Whole delegates (25%) to allow what is called a minority plank to be presented to the full convention.

No full committee votes had been taken, but the inability for Pro-choice supporters to gather the required number was evident.

By contrast, Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed had the customary bounce to his step and Bay Buchanan, Pat Buchanan's sister, was upbeat.

Buchanan told *Update* that she believed there would be no full committee fireworks, and she was proven correct by later events.

"I don't think there will be a minority plank. If the choicers had the votes we would have seen them. I think yesterday was a great victory. We're satisfied," Buchanan said.

Reed said that he thought the sub-committee plank would "unify the delegates" and allow the convention "to move on to other

issues, like the economy, that are the real concern of most Americans."

As the full committee read through the platform that ensured the GOP's reputation of being conservative, anti-environment, and exclusionary, some enthusiasm returned to those who had seemed defeated.

New York's governor, George Pataki, faxed a statement to the Platform Committee suggesting, in response to Monday's committee action, silence might be golden on the subject of abortion.

New Jersey governor, Christine Whitman, vowed, in another message to the delegates, to take the fight for a more pro-choice plank to the convention floor, saying she would personally be "as vocal as necessary," to get the job done.

California governor, Pete Wilson, upon whom the pro-choicers had put much hope, made an appearance to hold a press conference in which he denounced the actions of the sub-committee.

As a result of all this, observers say that the convention has boiled down to "Bob Dole and the Four Musketeers" (or just Musketeers), dashing to the rescue of pro-choice Republicans.

There is, in fact, a slight fear here among the pro-choice people that the sub-committee and committee sessions and votes were a manipulation by the Christian Right and Dole strategists. The thinking is that the extreme position taken thus far is a gambit to make choicers happy with less, and give the Christian Right what it wants on this issue.

Log Cabin Republicans Express Optimism at Their 6th Convention

San Diego—They're eyed suspiciously in the Gay community because they're Republicans. Many in the GOP, especially in its noisy, extremist Right Wing, abhor them because they're Gay.

Still, the Log Cabin Republicans, who take their name from the humble beginnings of Abraham Lincoln, won't give up on Lincoln's party. At the group's sixth annual convention, which ended Sunday, August 11th, some 200 delegates were determinedly upbeat.

"If you look at the convention in '92, which was kind of a high point of intolerance and narrow-mindedness, '96 is the polar opposite," said Massachusetts delegate Abner Mason, who also is a Dole delegate.

Unlike Houston's 1992 convention, San Diego's gathering will not include a speech by ultra-conservative Pat Buchanan.

"He is not even being allowed to address this convention," Mason, 34, said. "This year we have Colin Powell. That's a dramatic shift for this party. That's a major, major victory."

In the Gay community, Democrats outnumber Republicans by a ratio of about 5 to 1.

Log Cabin Republicans claim 10,000 members, and nearly all are men. The organization hasn't formally endorsed Dole but has said it will as long as Dole "acknowledges" the group.

Last year, Dole's campaign accepted a \$1,000 check from the group, then returned it saying the group's views were not compatible

with Dole's. Dole later said it was a mistake to return the contribution.

The Log Cabin convention was held at a hotel several miles from the lavish goings-on at the waterfront convention center. Five of the Log Cabin delegates also are delegates to the GOP conclave.

Much of the group's agenda focused on same-sex marriage recognition, which the group supports. The controversial proposal has tied up more than 30 state legislatures and Congress, where a bill outlawing same-sex marriages has passed the House.

The dual delegates do not expect to have a floor discussion on that issue at the GOP convention. Indeed, Dole delegate Mark Patrosso said he would be uncomfortable—and "a little scared"—bringing up the topic of same-sex marriage there.

"But the way I've always handled that is ... to establish common ground," said the 40-year-old San Jose man. "I focus on what we agree on. It's very hard to hate someone if you really know them."

Mason, who works in Massachusetts Governor William Weld's administration, knows full well he is not wanted by many members of his own party. So why does he stay?

"I think this is the best way to change America for the positive," Mason said. "The idea of limited government that respects individual rights, that is the vision of the Republican Party at its best."

GOP Platform Brings Cries of Outrage From Leading Gay/Lesbian Organizations

San Diego—While Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich and others in the GOP Leadership profess not have read the platform of the Republican Party, the same cannot be said for others. Gay, Bisexual, and Lesbian organizations, particularly, have read it and found it wanting—to say the least.

Activists from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) declare themselves to be outraged at what they see as the attacks on Gays and Lesbians in the document, and say they are concerned about the "tenor of intolerance" that emerged from the platform hearings.

Both HRC and NGLTF note that the platform supports discrimination based on sexual orientation and opposes Gay marriage and Gays in the military. It also attacks immigrants and the reproductive rights of women.

Language in the platform reads:
-- "We oppose discrimination on account of sex, race, creed, or national origin and will vigorously enforce anti-discrimination statutes. We reject the distortion of those laws to cover sexual preference..."

-- "(We) endorse the Defense of Marriage Act to prevent judicial recognition of same-sex unions."

-- "We oppose Bill Clinton's assault on the culture and traditions of the Armed Forces, especially his attempt to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. We affirm that homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The Platform also mentions AIDS in terms

of supporting a cure, but does not advocate for federal funding aimed at effective prevention, research, care and life-prolonging drugs.

"The main message of the Platform is that despite Bob Dole's attempts to mainstream and make more palatable the 1996 Republican Convention, at this points it is still firmly in the hands and control of the Religious Right," said Robert Bray, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) spokesperson.

"There is a definite tenor of intolerance emerging that, if unchecked by Dole, will dominate the convention. I was in Houston at the GOP Convention in 1992, and this is starting to feel like *deja vu*," Bray said.

Although a majority of Americans believe Gays should not be discriminated against in the workplace, Republican extremists have opposed anti-discrimination protections for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgender people.

"By exempting us from anti-discrimination protections, the GOP says it's okay to fire Gay people from their jobs just for being Gay. They want to discriminate against our loving relationships and deny us basic human rights by banning same-gender marriage. They denigrate the contributions Gay and Lesbian servicemembers have made to our Armed Forces."

"At the same time, right when we have therapies that prolong the lives of people with AIDS and are getting closer to a possible cure, the Republicans have stepped back from the plate and have remained silent on AIDS funding for prevention, care and research,"

said Bray.

The platform also advocated a complete ban on abortion, proposes harsh and unfair treatment of new immigrants, and prohibits the full participation in the military by women.

"Today we are concerned about the dominance of the Right in the platform hearings where they have once again persuaded the delegates to adopt their extremist positions," said Suzanne Pharr, author, long-time Lesbian activist and noted authority on the Right.

Log Cabin Republicans: Are They Activists or Apologists?

Analysis by Tony Zampella

As a movement, Log Cabin has noble intentions: founded in the late '70s, Log Cabin's activism attempts to advance the Gay community's cause within the GOP. They serve as a bridge: to educate Gays about the GOP, to educate the GOP about the Gay community and to offer Gays and Lesbians an opportunity to work within the GOP. Since then, however, the GOP has steadily moved right while Log Cabin has steadily grown nationally with little success in their overall goal. Yet, they have become visible within the Republican party.

Log Cabin's visibility is borne from an "outsider's" vision. They are not recognized by the GOP and not wholly accepted by Gay and Lesbian activists.

Log Cabin has had the luxury many party organizations do not, however: they can moderate the GOP while denouncing the activities of the right-wing. Log Cabin serves a purpose for moderating the GOP, but what is their vision for Gays and lesbians?

Log Cabin Republicans' (LCR) mission statement (via their web-site) states a vision. This vision will be tested; will LCR's actions parallel their words?

"LCR and its members will work with elected and appointed officials to advocate the development of legislation and Republican party policies which: protect equal rights for Gay or Lesbian individuals; avoid discrimination against Gay or Lesbian individuals; encourage Gay or Lesbian participation in national and local Party activities."

Much of Log Cabin's successes on a national level began three years ago when Richard Tafel opened a Washington, D.C. office and began a national crusade. Log Cabin is now in the Beltway, a position they did not enjoy at the 1992 Houston GOP convention. Indeed, this is their first presidential convention as a national political lobby.

Log Cabin's Identity Crisis

Log Cabin, however, lacks a clear identity shared by its members or leadership. Last year, after meeting with state representatives and examining plans for this convention it became clear to me. I realized how foreign much of the strategies appeared toward mobilizing our community and asked them "who their constituents were?" The answer: "Moderate Republicans."

This answer was obviously misguided. Moderate Republicans will not be led by Gay Republicans who are not officially recognized or not on record as pro-choice; nor should Gay Republicans wish to lead the moderate revolution. More pressing problems about surrounding constituency and identity.

Log Cabin has always had to manage the schizophrenic issue of identity. Are they a Gay organization with Republicans or a Republican organization with Gay members? Of course the question is absurd, but it is often posed because Log Cabin has not constructed or properly communicated its own identity.

This weekend, Log Cabin is at a crossroads; it has an historic opportunity to define its movement and its constituency. This, unfortunately, may occur over one incident: the decision whether to endorse the presumptive Republican nominee, Bob Dole. Consequently, Gay Republicans are in the spotlight. How they manage this bit of business may determine their support and future.

One might ponder that Log Cabin's noble statement would serve as the guide for endorsing any candidate, especially the presidency, which controls the bully pulpit and appointments to the Supreme Court.

To Endorse or Not?

Functionally, as an organization, three scenarios exist for Log Cabin. First, they can act as a Republican organization, which must endorse Dole, the Party's nominee. Here, an endorsement means little; it is expected and non-compliance will hurt the organization's future.

Second, they can operate as a Moderate Republican organization, using their endorsement as leverage, supporting Dole if certain parameters are met. Here, the endorsement is a tool to reshape the Party in a moderate fashion. However, neither approach addresses any of the Gay community's concerns.

Finally, as a Gay organization, Log Cabin must reject any endorsement of Bob Dole. Here the endorsement is seen as placing the

"We are concerned about the two faces of the Republican Party," Pharr said. "While telling the public they are moderates, they continue to the same attack that Patrick Buchanan set for them in 1992. No matter what the GOP says about its new face, we see it surrounded by the Christian Coalition, Family Research Council, Focus on the Family, and the arch-conservative Council for National Policy, which is meeting here at the same time."

esteem of the organization upon its candidate. Dole has not earned such esteem. To endorse him lowers the esteem of Log Cabin and its entire endorsement process.

Moreover, Log Cabin's first national endorsement sets a standard for future candidates. It provides a blueprint for our community's expectations. Future candidates need not perform any better than Dole to achieve the Gay community's nod.

On the other hand, Log Cabin could claim progress with Dole. On this point they may be correct: Dole may moderate the convention, keeping Buchanan and others at bay; he may refuse to publicly Gay-bash; he may even appoint a Gay-friendly vice-presidential nominee or four Gay delegates to the convention. However, it is hard to draw a line between these points and advocating a pro-Gay agenda.

Even these accomplishments, while significant, have only assisted Log Cabin in its attempt to work within the GOP. But this is crucial only if Log Cabin can educate and advocate on behalf of the Gay community. Once Log Cabin succeeds in obtaining a seat at the table, they must then deliver on concerns important to the Gay and Lesbian community; otherwise, Log Cabin may damage its ability to deliver any votes, even for Gay-friendly Republicans.

Dole's Record Speaks for Itself

Let us not forget that it was Bob Dole's campaign which returned a \$1,000 contribution from Log Cabin to appease the right wing — a point Log Cabin was only too happy to exploit nationally to garner unprecedented media attention.

Realizing the error, Dole Blamed his staff and reversed his decision two months hence, but the national media doesn't believe Dole; does Log Cabin?

And while many Democrats, Bill Clinton in particular, have agreed to support the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), it is Bob Dole who serves as the chief architect of this issue. Additionally, Bob Dole has refused to sign on as a co-sponsor to Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), our employment rights bill.

Most would expect that this record might dissuade Log Cabin from endorsing Dole, but nonetheless some members remain diligent in advocating for Dole's endorsement!

LCR's first national endorsement will occur only once. Their decision will determine its success at winning the hearts, minds and respect of its constituents. To be sure, Log Cabin must convince the Gay community that Bob Dole has something to offer. A cursory examination of Dole's record is fruitless on this account.

LCR's identity will be constructed at this convention: either as activists, representing the plight of Gays and Lesbians, or apologists, defending, through some twisted rationale, the current leadership in the GOP.

In 1992, Log Cabin rejected George Bush outright; I was there and made a plea to do so. In the process, Log Cabin garnered incredible media attention, claiming the moral high ground. By refusing to compromise their position in 1992, they have secured openly Gay convention delegates, are quoted nationally, and have allies in Congress and statehouses. This election offers little difference between George Bush and Bob Dole — differences not worthy of LCR's endorsement!

Log Cabin can not sacrifice their moral high ground for political expediency; they must remain morally strong. Furthermore, LCR must convince Gays and Lesbians they are activists fighting for their plight. Their choice: boldly reject Dole or take "no position."

Consequently, Gays and Lesbians must also grow to respect this new and emerging form of activism, which may return in 2000 with a real choice for our community.

However, any endorsement of Bob Dole will solidify a national identity for Log Cabin as apologists, hampering their ability to represent their constituency. Such a decision would be a set-back for many of the noble causes and freedoms Log Cabin has struggled to accomplish for nearly two decades.

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Log Cabin Republicans Hold Convention in San Diego to Tackle Full Agenda

By Roman Jimenez

San Diego — One of the many events coinciding with the Republican National Convention (RNC) is the Log Cabin Republican Convention, which is sandwiched between the RNC Platform Hearings and the actual convention itself.

Quickly summed up, Log Cabin Republicans are a group of Gay GOP'ers working within the party to make it more tolerant of Gays and Lesbians, our issues and our rights.

Although noble, the mission of LCR is often misunderstood by members of the Gay and Lesbian community. The seemingly endless vitriolic stream of statements from the religious right cause many Gays and Lesbians to wonder aloud why a Gay person would want to be associated with the GOP at all.

This sentiment is shared by many activists who are both Gay and Democrat and find a home in the party of the Left.

However, Rich Tafel, executive director of LCR in Washington, D.C., says, "It's going to take work from both parties to realize our rights. We can't just rely on the Democrats."

To prove his point, he points to the recent House of Representatives vote on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), in which more than 150 Democrats joined all but one Republican in passing the anti-Gay legislation. "That vote proved that both parties have a lot of

work to do to further our rights as individuals."

That work, along with the conservative ideology of less government, individual responsibility and general economic principals is what draws Gay conservatives to the GOP. It's venom toward Gays and Lesbians is an unfortunate by-product that Log Cabin believes is not the majority opinion of Republicans throughout the nation.

While in San Diego this weekend, (August 9-11), Gay GOP'ers will begin to tackle a full agenda.

The LCR convention will hold seminars on grass roots activism in the GOP, including highlights from Houston Log Cabin Republicans, where Gay or Gay-friendly people were targeted for election as precinct captains. LCR will also sponsor workshops and seminars on political skills building such as interactive lobbying, private sector strategy, managing chapter growth, get out the vote, and how to handle the media.

Adding to the LCR goals, the group has adopted several goals for the RNC as well. They've titled this agenda "Countdown '96." According to a LCR press release, those goals are: "no Gay bashing, no primetime Buchanan, an openly Gay speaker and influencing the platform language on Gay and Lesbian issues." ▽

Christian Coalition, the #1 Right Wing Group Rallies in San Diego

San Diego — Although the Republicans are packaging the 1996 GOP Convention as a "moderate" event compared to Houston in 1992, the real movers and shakers of the party — the hard Right — will gather in a closed meeting to further arch-conservative strategy in the GOP.

The Council for National Policy (CNP), little known in the media but arguably the most powerful Far Right policy group, is conducting a closed meeting at the Loew's Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego August 9 and 10 immediately preceding the GOP convention.

The CNP's leadership reads like a who's who of the hard Right, with many, if not most, of its members key players in the GOP Convention and national politics, business and religious affairs. CNP members include Ralph Reed and Pat Robertson of the Christian Coalition; Gary Bauer of Family Research Council; James Dobson, Focus on the Family; Ed Meese of the Heritage Foundation; Bill Bright of Campus Crusade for Christ; Reed Irvine, Accuracy in Media; Beverly LaHate of Concerned Women for America; Phyllis Schlafly of Eagle Forum, Richard Viguerie, American Target Advertising; Paul Weyrich of Free Congress Foundation; John Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute; and Donald Wildon of the American Family Association. Conservative business leaders in the group include Howard Ahmanson, Holly and Jeffrey Coors, and Rich DeVos of Amway, which is a major underwriter of the GOP Convention. At least 12 members of the U.S. Congress are affiliated, including Representative Dick Armey (R-TX); Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC); Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN); Sen. Trent Lott (R-

MS), Senate Majority Leader; Sen. Don Nickles (R-OK); and Rep. Barbara Yucanovich (R-NV), among others.

"If 'rapture' were to strike at the meeting of the Council for National Policy this week at the GOP Convention, the major leadership of the hard Right would evaporate," said Suzanne Pharr of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and a noted author and researcher of the hard Right. "They have championed most of the significant arch-conservative policy now part of the GOP platform. One might ask why they are attending both the Republican National Convention and their own secretive gathering. Surely it is not to support the GOP's posturing on moderation."

Skipp Porteous, a leading researcher of the hard Right, in Freedom Rider Magazine (January/February, 1996) says about the CNP, "[their] goal is to make the members' 'shared moral values' dominant in domestic and foreign policy. If there is one group in the U.S. that serves as an umbrella for the hard right, it is the CNP."

"The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is working to expose and oppose the Far Right's dominance of mainstream American politics, especially in the Republican Party and at the GOP Convention," said NGLTF executive director Melinda Paras. "NGLTF organizers have traveled thousands of miles to every state to organize against the Radical Right. NGLTF is organizing rallies, protests and other activities in San Diego. For more information on the Council for National Policy and other Right Wing groups at the Convention, contact Suzanne Pharr, NGLTF, (619) 595-7949. ▽

Survey Shows Religious Right to be a Decided Minority in U.S. Life

New York, NY—Americans who say they're part of the Religious Right love Israel, but many support a Constitutional amendment declaring the United States a Christian nation, according to a survey released Monday by the American Jewish Committee.

Sixty-one percent of those who identify themselves as part of the Religious Right are supportive of Israel, compared with 52 percent of other Americans, the survey found.

Seventy-two percent agree that "Jews have a Right to the land of Israel, since it was promised to them by God," compared with 43 percent of other Americans.

Those who call themselves part of the Religious Right are more critical of Democrats than they are of Republicans. Just 19 percent don't admire Bob Dole, and 18 percent don't like Pat Buchanan.

Thirty-nine percent don't admire President Clinton; 47 percent feel the same way about Sen. Edward Kennedy and 48 percent about Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The survey found that 48 percent of the Re-

ligious Right supports a Constitutional amendment "declaring the United States a Christian nation."

Twenty-three percent of other Americans support such an amendment.

More than 40 percent of the Religious Right believe religious views are relevant in determining a politician's fitness for office.

Seventy-nine percent of the Religious Right say Gays have too much influence in America; 64 percent believe atheists are too influential, and 43 percent say feminists carry too much weight.

Similarly, 82 percent of the Religious Right say they feel "distant or very distant" from Gay groups; 84 percent feel that distance from atheists and 58 percent feel the same about Moslems.

The survey found that those aligned with the Religious Right constitute 14 percent of the U.S. population.

AJC president Robert S. Rifkind said the survey contradicts claims by Religious Right leaders that their views reflect "the mainstream of opinion in America."

He said the survey also shows that "the Religious Right is much more diffuse and, viewed as a political movement, much less cohesive than might have been supposed."

The telephone survey was conducted by the Gallup International Institute of 507 people who say they're part of the Religious Right and 503 other Americans. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

A Personal Account of the Log Cabin Republican Convention

By Curt Lamon

As we stepped on the plane, we knew this was going to be no ordinary weekend. Seated in the front of the plane, was Wisconsin's Governor Tommy Thompson and his family. Filling the seats behind him were members of his administration, elected Republican officials, the press—and those of us who were our state's delegates to the Log Cabin Republican Convention.

Like the Governor and his friends, our destination was San Diego where we were heading on a great mission: to improve the future for all Americans.

San Diego is truly one of the best cities in the country for visitors. The climate is absolutely wonderful. People, as we found out, are friendly and willing to give directions and other help whenever asked.

For those of you who may never have been there, the city is compact and easy to get around. There are many attractions to keep you occupied: beaches, the world-famed zoo, Marine World—and all kinds of shopping opportunities. Unfortunately, we had work to do and didn't get much of a chance to see the sights.

The National Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) Convention was held at the Lafayette Hotel. Fifty-five clubs were represented by over 200 LCR members, of which, Wisconsin accounted for five. The Convention started on August 9th and continued through August 11th.

The Convention began Friday evening with a welcoming reception. This was the time to become reacquainted with old friends and to meet the members from the new clubs. California, of course, was well represented, their members there to offer support and encouragement. I always find it amazing, that in this vast country, we share similar hopes and dreams about the future of the USA.

The same evening, the Endorsement Committee met to discuss whether or not Log Cabin should endorse Bob Dole. I found that most delegates had forgiven, but not forgotten, Mr. Dole for returning our check. There was a wide diversity of opinion on the endorsement issue. We were clearly not happy with some of the language in the platform. After several hours of discussion, the matter was delayed until Sunday.

We started early Saturday morning. Committee reports and other business formalities were first on the agenda. We then had a report from our Executive Director, Rich Tafel.

Tafel reported that Log Cabin has grown from 45 clubs to 55. Further, we have become the most effective organization in the country concerning Gay and Lesbian issues.

There are many Lesbian and Gay groups who are now asking for our help and support. LCR was the only Lesbian and Gay group to testify to Congress in support of the Ryan White Act. In several states, the Republican Party is clearly the Gay-friendly party. It has become obvious that all of our hard work is paying off. We are gaining momentum and we must continue the fight.

Next, each club president reported on their club. It was amazing to see the success that some clubs have had. It was also clear that some clubs are operating in a difficult, if not hostile, environment.

Texas, in particular, has had a very difficult time approaching and working with the Party. I feel very fortunate that I live in Wisconsin. We have been able to make many contacts and have successfully submitted and passed legislation. I was proud of our state when our club president was applauded as he reported on the Wisconsin Log Cabin club. Most people were in awe that we could accomplish so much. Wisconsin is truly ahead of the nation

on our issues.

Ah, finally time for lunch. Our keynote speaker was Chandler Burr, author of *A Separate Creation*. His talk was very interesting, presenting as he did, the argument that homosexuality is biologically based. He gave us lessons on biology, genetics, statistics, and how all of this will undermine the premise for liberal arguments. I have not read the book, but I plan to read it.

The remainder of the afternoon involved seminars. I attended the Same-Sex Marriage Update Seminar. Evon Wolfson was the speaker. He is currently the director of the Marriage Project for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund as well as being co-counsel on the same-sex marriage case in Hawaii.

Things look encouraging concerning the case. Wolfson believes that DOMA is not that important since, in his opinion, it is unconstitutional. He encouraged us to keep fighting at the state level to strike down any anti-Gay marriage legislation. We cannot completely rely on the courts for this battle, he said.

Then the power went out. In good Republican fashion, we adapted to the situation and continued on. After the seminars, we returned to our rooms and napped to prepare for the evening.

The National Banquet is the highlight of the Convention. Awards are given, recognizing people for all their hard work. We also recognized the 6 LCR members who are delegates to the Republican National Convention. Our prayers are with them.

Our keynote speakers were Congressman Steve Gunderson and his partner, Rob Morris. They gave a very entertaining talk about their life together and how politics effected their relationship. Steve also stated his feelings about the Republican Party. He encouraged us to continue to work and not give up. Ultimately, we will succeed and return to the Party of Lincoln.

As I looked over at the other tables in the room, I realized that I was surrounded by some of the brightest and most talented members of our community. I am proud to be a member of the Log Cabin Republicans.

After dinner we all met at a local dance club. If you think Republicans don't know how to have fun, ask the people in San Diego. We work hard and we play hard.

Sunday morning began with the debate on Bob Dole's endorsement. It was agreed that a decision would not be made at this time. Voting will take place at a later date. Endorsements were made on Congressional candidates. Elections were held for Regional Directors. The Great Lakes Region elected Cheryl Eagleson.

The Closing Brunch followed. Congressman Tom Campbell (R-CA), was the keynote speaker. He spoke about DOMA. He defended his decision to vote for it. Though most understood his reasons, many disagreed with his decision.

However, at least he had the courage to present his side, something I doubt we would hear from a Democrat. We understand that we are not going to agree on everything. That's what separates us from the radical left.

The convention was then adjourned. It was difficult to board the plane and leave such a beautiful place. We were all exhausted, yet rejuvenated at the same time. Our cause is just and we will continue the good fight.

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Leaders of National Gay Groups View Jack Kemp as a GOP Trojan Horse

San Diego—Leaders of National Gay and Lesbian activist organizations were quick to react to Bob Dole's naming of Jack Kemp as his running mate.

In a joint statement, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign issued the following run-down of Kemp's record on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues.

Kemp's Record

OPPOSED - the Supreme Court decision overturning Colorado's Amendment Two, a state ballot initiative that outlawed civil rights protection for Gay people.

"Clearly in my opinion however, I'm not as clear as I would like it to be -- I think Justice Kennedy was wrong in suggesting that the people of Colorado had an animosity toward Gay people. What they were basically saying, they shouldn't get special rights," Kemp said on CNN.

OPPOSED - a union-negotiated non-discrimination policy and limited family benefits for Gay couples at HUD in 1992.

After the contract was negotiated with the American Federation of Government Employees, HUD Secretary Jack Kemp wrote the union in March, 1990 saying he would not approve the contract "because the clause has been widely viewed as extending domestic partnership benefits to Gay and Lesbian employees."

Kemp also objected to the anti-discrimination provision on the grounds that it went beyond existing federal law, according to the *Washington Post*.

FAVORS - firing teachers who are Gay.

"I would suggest that we want all Americans to enjoy civil liberties and the right to privacy, and we have to at the same time recognize that there have to be public standards. I think a school board should have the right to choose what type of example we have for our children in public schools," Kemp said in a December, 1987 interview with David Frost.

CREATES AND SUPPORTS - arch-conservative, right wing policy as a Distinguished Fellow of the Heritage Foundation, the preeminent think tank of the Right.

DID NOT SUPPORT - expansion of civil rights protections, including those for people with contagious diseases such as HIV, by

"Turning Men Into Sex" to be Topic of Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee—The affirmation of sexual desire and the appreciation of the beauty of men is an important part of the process of self-acceptance among Gay men. When seeing a handsome man at the beach or walking down the street, many of us wander into sexual fantasy—a process that often includes sexualizing someone. This process, sometimes called "objectification"—making someone an object—is seen by some as a normal and healthy part of our development as Gay men.

Others, both inside and outside of the Gay community, criticize this as demeaning and offensive.

On Sunday, August 25, Dr. Gary Hollander, Ph.D., will lead a discussion of this topic with the Gay Men's Discussion Group at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. Dr. Hollander is Director of Educational Services for Family Practice Residency at St. Luke's Medical Center and an area psychologist experienced in working with Gay and Lesbian people.

The discussion will last from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Counseling Center is located at 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue in Milwaukee. Pre-registration is not required, and the cost is a \$3 donation.

For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

voting to sustain President Reagan's veto of the 1988 Civil Rights Restoration Act in the 100th Congress.

Jerry Falwell had launched a disinformation campaign around the vote termed "unmatched by any other in recent memory" by Members of Congress.

Kemp sided with notoriously anti-Gay former Congressman William Dannemeyer's attempts to repeal the D.C. AIDS Insurance Bill and an amendment that would have provided a religious exemption to the D.C. Human Rights Ordinance against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Kemp supported Dannemeyer's attempts to pass legislation that mandated the reporting of names of individuals who tested positive for HIV/AIDS.

Kemp supported a measure requiring physicians and counselors to notify spouses of HIV infected individuals.

SAT OUT - historic votes on Hate Crime Statistics Act (H.R. 3192) and Fair Housing Amendments Act (H.R. 1158).

NGLTF and HRC accuse Kemp of playing into Gay-baiting by overreacting to rumors about his sexual orientation stemming from a 1967 *New York Times* article by Drew Pearson exposing a "homosexual ring" in California Governor Ronald Reagan's administration.

On March 17, 1986, the *San Diego Union Tribune* reported that "Rep. Jack Kemp's political handlers, in a state of shock since he was asked last week on NBC's 'Today' whether he had ever had a homosexual experience, will screen future interviews and bar any that go into the old slanders against him."

Kerry Lobel, NGLTF's Deputy Director said that "Former Senator Dole's selection of Jack Kemp as his running mate is one more attempt to pacify the Christian Coalition and the ultra-right-wing Council for National Policy."

"Kemp is a Trojan Horse candidate. While he appears to be a mainstream conservative that offers the ticket a focus on conservative economic policies, Kemp is, in fact, an extremist out of step with mainstream America."

"Over the last fifteen years, Kemp has been part of the leadership of the hard Right, whose agenda is antithetical to democracy. His voting record brands him as a Right-Winger on such issues as abortion, discrimination against Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenders, and people living with HIV and AIDS."

We must judge this ticket by its platform, its record and its leaders.

Jack Kemp is the Trojan Horse and America is Troy. Let's not open the gates of the country for the Trojan Horse to enter. We must keep ourselves defended from the forces of the Right."

"Jack Kemp, while not as acerbic as some of his colleagues, has a solid anti-Gay record nonetheless," said HRC's Smith.

"Though the move will be seen by many as a move to the political center, Kemp's record indicates a continued trend to the hard right with the party firmly in the hands of religious political extremists," Smith said.

"Former Senator Dole's reported selection of Jack Kemp as his running mate is one more attempt to provide cover for a party and a presidential campaign that are dominated by the Christian Coalition and the ultra right wing Council for National Policy," said Melinda Paras, NGLTF's executive director.

"Kemp carries outstanding right wing credentials as a Fellow of the Heritage Foundation. No matter how thick the application of cosmetics, nothing will cover up the overwhelming presence of the hard right at this convention, whether they are speaking on stage or working behind the scenes."

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



Poll Shows Strong Opposition to Gay Marriage

Honolulu, HI-AP-A new media poll indicates that Oahu residents are still strongly opposed to same-sex marriage.

Seventy-two percent of the 501 likely Oahu voters responding to the poll for the Honolulu Advertiser and Channel Two News said two people of the same sex should not be allowed to get married. Nineteen percent supported the idea and nine percent were undecided.

Sixty-seven percent of those responding also said the Legislature should have taken a stand on the same-sex marriage issue.

The random telephone survey was taken between July 23 and August 1. The poll has a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

Similar results were reported in previous public opinion polls on the issue.

Ruling in Nabozny Anti-Gay Violence Case Thrills Gay Activists

"In the post-Romer world, Lesbians and Gay men can expect more legal treatment that is fair without fanfare"

New York — On August 1, 1996, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund celebrated "a profound and far-reaching victory" with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling in favor of a young Gay man who sued his former Wisconsin school for failing to protect him from years of brutal assaults while he was a student.

"The Seventh Circuit ruling is a profound and far-reaching victory. It helps stop anti-Gay violence in schools, while it also sets a refreshing tone for how Lesbians and Gay men should be treated in the nation's federal courts," said Beatrice Dohrn, legal director for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the nation's leading Gay legal organization.

"After struggling for years to get America to see that Lesbians and Gay men simply want equal treatment under the law, Gay activists are vindicated with this ruling that is based on just that kind of logic," Dohrn explained.

Ruling that Jamie Nabozny, now 20, could sue his former Ashland, Wisconsin school for refusing to intervene during years of vicious, anti-Gay violence by fellow students, the Seventh Circuit said in a decision issued Wednesday, "We are unable to garner any rational basis for permitting one student to assault another based on the victim's sexual orientation, and the defendants do not offer us one."

Patricia M. Logue, managing attorney for Lambda's Midwest Regional Office in Chicago, who argued the appeal, stressed that the ruling reflects the approach to Gay civil rights taken by the United States Supreme Court in its landmark *Romer v. Evans* ruling that held that the Constitution's equal protection clause bans government action based on anti-Gay prejudice.

"Even through the Supreme Court overturned Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 with *Romer v. Evans* after this case was heard, the Seventh Circuit sees the changed landscape of Gay rights law. It even refers to the Supreme Court's notoriously anti-Gay 1986 ruling in a sodomy case, *Bowers v. Hardwick*, and says, "Of course, *Bowers* will soon be eclipsed in the areas of equal protection by the Supreme Court's holding in *Romer*

v. Evans," Logue said.

She said, "For the Seventh Circuit, one of our nation's most scholarly but conservative appeals courts, to recognize that *Romer* has undone *Bowers* is extremely significant and has wide-ranging implications. Many courts, including this one, had invoked *Bowers* in the past to justify anti-Gay discrimination in myriad contexts."

Dohrn noted that the Seventh Circuit called "dubious" the reasoning used by colleagues on the Sixth Circuit Court in upholding an anti-Gay Cincinnati charter amendment. The Supreme Court recently returned that ruling to the Sixth Circuit for reconsideration in light of the *Romer* decision.

Elsewhere in its 26-page unanimous ruling, the Chicago-based federal appeals court matter-of-factly concludes that the Constitution's equal protection clause prohibits discriminatory treatment based on a person's sexual orientation, adding that this proposition should have been obvious to government officials even in 1988 — when Nabozny first alerted his school about the abuse and also when many courts were dismissive of equal protection claims for Gay people.

"Given the stridency of opposition to our claims for equal treatment, even today, it is a remarkable vindication of what we've been saying for years to have this court conclude that we have been right all along," Dohrn said.

Lambda Executive Director Kevin Cathcart said the ruling is an exhilarating sign of the times. "In the post-*Romer* world, Lesbians and Gay men more often can expect legal treatment that is fair without fanfare," Cathcart concluded.

The case, *Nabozny v. Podlesny*, was the first federal lawsuit against a school for failure to protect a student from Gay bashing and anti-Gay harassment. The federal district court in Madison, Wisconsin, had dismissed the case without trial in 1995, and Lambda brought the appeal in March. The Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit reversed the lower court's ruling and sent the case back for trial. ▽

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Gay Porn Star/Teacher Outed By 'Washington Post'

Washington, D.C.—Reports from the Internet indicate that porn star Ty Fox has been caught with his pants down.

Apparently *The Washington Post* printed an article pointing out that Fox is really Jeffery Dion Bruton, a phy ed teacher at Farmwell Station Middle School in Ashburn Virginia, and at other schools in Sterling and Seneca Virginia.

He was also an assistant Football, Baseball and Wrestling Coach at Park View High School in Sterling Virginia.

All of the schools are located in conservative Loudoun County.

The *Post* also reported that Bruton's wife, Melanie had turned in the muscled blonde-haired hunk for using illegal steroids.

Burton's agent released a statement that his client had appeared in "Gay pornographic movies" as well as "legitimate modeling for swim wear and calendars."

The agent said that Burton is "devastated" by the revelations and that he is planning to resign from his teaching job in Loudoun County, where he would undoubtedly be fired because of the state's strict code concerning the morality of teachers.

There was no word on whether or not Bruton's wife and six week old child have resigned from his household.

Jesse Helms

WTMJ radio's Charlie Sykes reports that there is an interesting deck of playing cards being sold in San Diego at the GOP Convention. The card have pictures on their backs showing politicians—both Republican and Democrat—doing various characteristic things.

For example, there's Jesse Helms shown with Michaelangelo's statue of David. He's taking a hammer and chisel to the genitals, chipping away at the penis for all he's worth.

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A Million Jockers, Punks, and Queens; Sex among Male Prisoners and its Implications for Concepts of Sexual Orientation

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By Stephen Donaldson

Writers of fantasy going back to Lucian in the 2nd Century have occasionally described societies composed of only one gender, in which all erotic endeavor is necessarily directed towards the same sex.

I am going to describe such a world to you. It is, however, no fantasy.

The society of prisoners in the United States, which has the world's highest and steadily increasing incarceration rate, could conceivably be described as the world's largest Gay ghetto.

It is also of interest as a society in which sexual acts and long term sexual pairing between men who are generally considered to be heterosexual are not only common, but are validated by the norms of prisoner society.

This society is a closed, interconnected and rapidly growing gulag or archipelago of a little over a thousand prisons holding about 800,000 sentenced adults; about 3,500 jails (that is, city and county detention facilities for those too poor to make bail or serving short misdemeanor sentences) holding nearly 450,000 adults at any one time (and experiencing about 9 million admissions a year); and 2,900 juvenile facilities holding over 80,000 juveniles.

About 95% of the inhabitants of prisons, 91% of the inhabitants of jails, and 80% of the juveniles are male, all of them confined in sex-segregated housing. These institutions, holding well over 1.2 million males as I speak, continually transfer prisoners back and forth and are thus socially interconnected.

Considering the numerical significance of the prisoner population, not only at any one time but in terms of the enormous cumulative number of American males who have experienced the subculture of confinement, it is remarkable that the sexuality of prisoners has barely been examined by academically-affiliated scholars.

Remarkable, but understandable: the walls exist as much to keep civilians out as to keep the prisoners in, and academics are generally more interested in studying middle-class people like themselves.

There are also significant additional barriers to research on prisoner sexuality.

Outlaws, to begin with, are accustomed to secrecy and resistant to prying. Without exception, all sexual activity on the part of prisoners is prohibited by disciplinary codes in each institution, and these codes, unlike state and federal sodomy laws, are frequently enforced with punitive sanctions, including solitary confinement, loss of "good time," and denial of parole.

"Have you had a homosexual experience in prison as an adult?" The middle-class researchers think this refers to any same-sex involvement, but the lower-class prisoner thinks he is being asked about passive behavior, since he does not consider penetration of another male to be a "homosexual" act; he may be fucking his cellmate every night but will truthfully, as far as he is concerned, answer "no."

One possibility is to have an academically-trained researcher be a prisoner himself.

In my case, I have experienced pre-trial detention in local jails in four separate jurisdictions without being convicted of a crime, and in addition have served four years as a sentenced prisoner in a total of five federal prisons; my most recent incarceration was for eight months in 1990 for the administrative parole violation of leaving the country. I therefore bring considerable personal experience and observation to this presentation.

How widespread is sex among prisoners? For reasons already cited, it is difficult to document the incidence and frequency. One recent study done at Vacaville in California, reports that: 65% of all prisoners had engaged in sexual activity in that prison; 19% were currently "hooked up" or paired off as part of an ongoing sexual couple; 14% had been sexually assaulted.

Of self-described heterosexuals, 55% reported sexual activity. The heterosexual activity figures were broken down into 38% of whites, 81% of Blacks, and 55% of Hispanics.

Married heterosexuals who received conjugal visits were more, not less, likely to participate in sex with other prisoners. Nine percent of the heterosexuals had been raped; 7.8% of them had been anally and 5.7% orally penetrated, but white heterosexuals were 2 to 3 times as likely to have been penetrated than Black heterosexuals.

An eyeopener for some Gay consumers of pornography featuring jailhouse sex may be the report by 77% of the homosexuals that they had better sex "on the Street."

The prisoner subculture fuses sexual and social roles and assigns all prisoners accord-

ingly. Feminist analysis would note this as a patriarchal trait, and I would add that in my experience confinement institutions are the most sexist (as well as racist) environment in the country, bar none.

The majority, which in this case is on top in all senses, consists of the so-called "men," and they are defined by a successful and continuing refusal to be sexually penetrated. A single instance of being penetrated, whether voluntary or not, is universally held to constitute an irreversible "loss of manhood."

The "Men" rule the roost and establish the values and behavioral norms for the entire prisoner population; convict leaders, gang members, and the organizers of such activities as the smuggling of contraband, protection rackets, and prostitution rings must be and remain "Men."

A Man who is sexually active (in both senses) is called a "jocker."

If a jocker is paired off, he is a "Daddy." If he engages in sexual coercion, he is a "booty bandit." Men almost always identify as heterosexual (in a few cases Bisexual) and the overwhelming majority of them act heterosexually before and after confinement.

The sexual penetration of another male prisoner by a Man is sanctioned by the subculture, is considered a male rather than a homosexual activity, and is considered to validate the penetrator's masculinity.

"Manhood," however, is a tenuous condition as it is always subject to being "lost" to another, more powerful or aggressive Man; hence a Man is expected to "fight for his manhood."

Before the AIDS crisis, Men (especially Blacks and Hispanics) under middle age traditionally were expected to be jockers; if they showed no inclination to demonstrate their manhood through sexual conquest their status as men would be questioned, which would make them targets for demotion.

Since AIDS awareness has become widespread, Men who are not inclined to be jockers have acquired another excuse.

Below the class of men in every way is the very small class of "queens." These are effeminate homosexuals. In jails, many of them are street transvestites charged with prostitution. They seek and are assigned the role of females and referred to exclusively with feminine pronouns and terms.

They are always sexually passive, and in prisons are unlikely to make up more than 1 or 2% of the population. They are highly desirable as sexual partners because of their willingness to adopt "feminine" traits, and are highly visible, but the queens remain submissive to the "men" and in accordance with the prevalent sexism may not hold positions of overt power in the prisoner social structure.

They are often scapegoated, involved in prostitution, and are frequently viewed with contempt by the Men and by the staff, assigned to the most undesirable jobs, kept under closest surveillance by guards, and harassed by homophobic keepers and kept alike.

At the very bottom of the structure is the class of "punks," to which I was assigned. These are prisoners who, "have been forced into a sexually submissive role," usually through rape or convincing threat of it.

Most frequent in urban jails and in reformatories but still common in prisons, gang rape (and the common threat of it) is the principle device used to convert Men into punks, and thus rape has an important sociological aspect.

The vast majority of punks are heterosexual by preference and history, though some are Gays or Bisexuals who rejected the "queen" role but were forced into a passive role anyway.

They are for all practical purposes slaves and can be sold, traded, and rented or loaned out at the whim of their "Daddy." The most extreme forms of such slavery, which can also apply to queens, are found in the maximum security institutions and some jails.

Punks tend to be among the youngest prisoners, small in size, inexperienced in personal combat, first-timers, are more likely to have been arrested for nonviolent or victimless offenses, to be middle class, and to be white.

Given the unrelenting demand on the part of the jockers for sexual catchers and the small number of queens available, the proportion of punks tends to rise with the security level of the institution: the longer the prison term, the more risks will be taken by a booty bandit to convert a Man into a punk.

The total population of queens and punks is rarely high enough to meet the demand for sexually passive prisoners, however, and this imbalance of supply and demand is a key to understanding the social dynamics of relentless competition among the Men, who in rough joints are in danger of "losing their manhood" at any time.

Although both groups suffer at the hands of both the Men and the keepers, relations between queens and punks are often tense, as

the queens tend to look down on the punks as weak while trying to recruit them into their own ranks, a process which the punks resent, though some may succumb to it over the years.

Punks desperately try to hang on to vestiges of their original male identity and thus resist the feminizing process promoted both by the Men and by the queens; upon release they usually revert to heterosexual patterns.

An umbrella term encompassing both queens and punks is "catcher."

A macho Gay male who comes into this system with considerable fighting ability may attempt to pass as a heterosexual jocker, since the only evidence of heterosexuality required is a pin-up on the cell wall.

If it becomes known that he is "Gay," however, he will immediately be consigned to the queen role, and if he resists that may fall into the punk category.

In ongoing sexual relationships, a Man is paired or "hooked up" with a catcher; no other possibilities, such as a reciprocal Gay pair, are tolerated. This relationship is not only tolerated but sanctioned by the prisoner subculture, and virtually all catchers are required to pair off for their own protection.

These relationships are taken very seriously, as they involve an obligation on the part of the Daddy to defend his partner, at the cost of his life if necessary, and on the part of the catcher to obey his Man.

Catchers are required to engage in "wifely" chores such as doing laundry, making the bunk, keeping the cell clean, and making and serving coffee. Due to the shortage of catchers, only a small minority of jockers succeed in entering into such a relationship, and the competition for available catchers is intense, sometimes violent.

The impetus manifested by the jockers to form pairs is remarkable in light of the many disadvantages in doing so, for the Daddy not only risks having to engage in lethal combat on behalf of someone else and hence suffer for his catcher's blunders, seductiveness, or good looks, but he

also greatly increases his vulnerability to administrative discipline by raising his profile and increasing the predictability of his prohibited sexual activities.

The fact that so many jockers seek to form pairs rather than find sexual release through rape, prostitution, masturbation, etc. is strong testimony for the thesis that such relationships meet basic human needs which are related to, but not identical to, the sexual one, such as a need for affection or bonding.

Sometimes the Daddy role is actually a collective, so that a catcher may belong to a group of jockers or to a whole gang. Ownership of a catcher tends to give high status to the Daddy and is often a source of revenue since the jocker, who is often without substantial income, can then establish himself in the prostitution business.

These relationships are usually but not always exploitive and they often result from aggression on the part of a booty bandit, though the Daddy is often a third party. The catcher may or may not have consented before the



The Birthday Girl Herself! Sage La Rue celebrated her 30th birthday during the Ultimate Red Party at Appleton's Pivot Club. She's shown here while performing during the Miss Great Lakes At Large US of A Pageant also held at the Pivot on Sunday August 11. Happy Birthday Sage! And we wish you many, many, many more!

jocker "puts a claim" on him, though often he is able to choose from among jocker suitors if he acts quickly.

Pair relationships are based on an adaptation of the heterosexual model which the prisoners bring with them from the Street; the use of this model also validates the jail relationship while confirming the sense of masculinity of the jocker and undermining that of the catcher.

The Men tend to treat their catchers much as they habitually did their female companions, so a wide range of relationships ranging from ruthless exploitation to romantic love are encountered.

Longterm prisoners may even "get married" in an imitation ceremony to which the whole cell-block may be invited and which may take place in the chapel.

Confident in his male role, the Daddy can allow himself to drop the hard mask which he wears outside the relationship and express with his catcher the otherwise suppressed aspects of his humanity, such as caring, tenderness, anxiety, and loneliness.

The total dependence of a punk on his Daddy for protection and social interaction induces psychological dependence which also can facilitate emotional involvement.

Thus long-term prisons exhibit the remarkable phenomenon of two men, both heterosexual by preference and identity, involved in sexually expressed love affairs with each other.

Another noteworthy variance from the heterosexual model is that the Daddies tend to be considerably more casual about allowing sexual access to their catchers than they would with regard to their women on the Street. The catchers are frequently loaned to other jockers out of friendship or to repay favors or establish leadership in a clique or gang, and are commonly prostituted.

The punks, who retain a desire for an insertive role which they cannot find in sex with jockers, sometimes reciprocate with one another in a mutual exchange of favors, giving each a chance to temporarily play the "male" role which is otherwise denied them. These situations account for most of the cases in which a survey shows both active and passive behavior by the same person. The queens ridicule such exchanges as "bumping pussy," revealing an incidental disdain for Lesbianism.

Sexual activity serves to demarcate power issues: a gang or ethnic group wishing to assert its dominance over another may do so by seizing one of its rival's members and turning him into a punk for their own use. This is most commonly done by Blacks against whites, and forms a symbolic attack on the manhood of all whites, who are said to be "unable to keep their bitches;" it is thus the source of much of the racial conflict and tension in confinement.

Researchers have yet to examine the effects of the AIDS crisis on prison sexuality. By my own before-and-after observation of federal prisons, homophobia has risen, especially among whites, the status of queens has fallen, virgin heterosexuals are more highly prized, fewer jockers are hooking up, and much of the sexual behavior has become more covert. Daddies are getting more possessive about their catchers, particularly when it comes to anal sex, and prostitution is down.

While disciplinary codes in American confinement institutions are unanimous in outlawing all sexual activity, the major effect of these codes is to ensure that sex takes place outside the view of the guards; a secondary one is often to discourage protective relationships as an alternative to rape.

One promising strategy against sexual assault which, so far, has yet to be tried, would be to legalize non-assaultive sexuality and encourage the formation of stable, mutually supportive pairbonds in that context, while reserving the full weight of administrative attention and punishment for instances of coercion.

With administrators continuing to regard both rape and consensual sexuality as problems to be equally ignored or, when acknowledged, eliminated, such suggestions have produced only the standard reply "we can't condone homosexuality."

The salient fact that the overwhelming majority of young males in confinement, freed from the fetters of social disapproval, will seek sexual gratification from members of the same sex, strongly implies that the capacity for male homoeroticism is nearly universal, its suppression a matter of cultural mores and the availability of women.

If this be so, and there is abundant data from outside confinement to support this conclusion, what are its implications for our understanding of sexual orientations and their causes? For concepts of Gay identity and homosexuals as a minority group?

These questions remain on the table even if we choose to ignore them as too uncomfortable for our currently fashionable ideas.

Until academics recognize and address these questions, one can only conclude that current religiously-based concepts of sexual orientation prevail only because their advocates are afraid to debate them.

SPOTLIGHT

Fantastic Finish to Summer of '96

ARE YOU READY FOR THE END?

By Bill Meunier

It has been a memorable summer. From the Milwaukee Classic in May to Madison extravaganza known as the "Magic Picnic Weekend" in July, we have partied, played, cruised, and applauded through SpotLight parties, Pride Celebrations, picnics, pageants, sporting events and more!

Before we start putting away our whites and getting ready to help Bill Clinton (I mean the candidate of our choice) in the

Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride Weekend Aug. 31 - Sept 1

Green Bay/Appleton--Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) an organization composed of Les/Bi/Gay businesses from throughout the Fox Valley, the Green Bay Area and North Central Wisconsin is sponsoring its first ever Pride Celebration, the weekend of August 31- September 1st.

The organization raises and donates funds to various Gay and Lesbian supportive charities.

Bowling Tournament

The weekend opens on Saturday August 31 with a bowling tournament at Green Bay's Riviera Lanes located at 2450 University Ave.

Anyone interested in participating in the tournament can do so. There is a \$25.00 per bowler fee. The fee includes shoes, a sumptuous buffet and a donation to Rainbow Over Wisconsin.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Raffles of liquor and merchandise will take place throughout the day.

"We hope that people from throughout Wisconsin will join us as we bring all the various elements of the community together for a day of fun and pride." Anne Brunow, Owner of the Madhatter

Pride Picnic

On Sunday September 1, ROW will hold a free Pride Picnic at Appleton's Memorial Park. The picnic is open only to those who are 21 years of age or older.

The free picnic will feature a wide variety of activities. From 2:00 to 6:00

LINKS Block Party Benefits Charities Sunday September 1

The LINKS Block Party, a benefit for the Women's Breast Cancer Coalition, United HIV Services, the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the Cream City Foundation will be held on Sunday September 1 on the corner of Barclay and Washington (one block East of S. 1st Street.)

Food, shopping and entertainment will be featured during the day long event which begins at Noon.

Two stages will display the talents of some very fine performers including the hot Josie Santiago and her dance troupe "Men Who Play." Josie has been wowing the crowds at PrideFest for several years. Her all new production is sure to be a show stopper and a highlight of the day.

Other scheduled performers include Milton Bullock, "The Golden Platter", Carolyn Warren and Rick Beech.

Bullock was a member of the original Platters. Warren also known as Carolin' Carolyn has performed in many different venues. Her comedic vocals include "Sixty Going on Seventy" (ala Liza Von

fall election there is STILL more to come!

Dusty Says

As our chief calendar watcher, Night Light Columnist Dusty Sass says "Summer's not over until I say it is and I say 'Its NOT over.'" Get ready folks, because the Summer of '96 is coming to a frantic finish.

Between now and the end of Labor Day weekend, there are a number of major happenings deserving of our complete

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pm, a live DJ will spin all your favorites in the Dance area which will be located in the Park Pavilion.

A softball game will be played and volley ball nets will also be set up.

Tents serving some fabulous food and drink will be joined by vendors selling Pride and other Les/Bi/Gay related merchandise.

Live Entertainment

From noon to 6:00 p.m., there will be live entertainment. The partial line up includes a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Noon, lesbian songwriter/singer, Ronnie Nyles, the popular six voice Sing-sational, Johnny B, the hilarious CC Rae, the fabulous DuWanna Moore and her Title holder revue which will feature titleholders from throughout Wisconsin.

Anne Brunow, owner of Wausau's Madhatter and Picnic Committee member told **The Wisconsin Light**, "All of Rainbow Over Wisconsin is excited our first ever Pride Weekend. We hope that people from throughout Wisconsin will join us as we bring all the various elements of the community together for a day of fun and pride. We promise everyone will have a great time."

Picnic Directions

Memorial Park is located off of Ballard Road. To reach it, take Highway 41 to the Ballard Road exit and head South. The park is located about 1 1/2 miles from the exit ramp.

SpotLight Editor's note: This is a first time event, but well worth attending. Lesbians and Gays from Northern Wisconsin have been supporting events in other parts of the state for years. It would be nice to see some of that support returned.

Trapp) and "I Think He's Gay" among others.

Beech sings original techno style Gay disco. With an impressive stage presence and a powerful voice, Beech is an up and coming singer from Chicago who is not to be missed.

Other featured performers include Dianna Jones and the Reign, the Resentments, Lee Mayfield, Red Sky, the Yell Leaders, Stardust, Jene, the Mama Roux girls, Lu Shanti, the Martins and Rod Benedict.

In addition to the entertainment, LINKS also features food served from booths operated by B's, George's Pub, Mama Roux's American Bar and Grill and Fannies.

There will also be a number of vendors selling their wares with some giving a portion of their sales to charities.

Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted on behalf of the groups benefiting from the Party.

LAMMEF'S "Starry Starry Night": An Entertainment Extravaganza

Milwaukee—It's the event of the late summer for Lesbians and Gay men and it will be held on Saturday, August 24th at Milwaukee's Skylight Theater, 158 N. Broadway.

It's Milwaukee's Lesbian Variety Show, *Starry, Starry Night*, an entertainment and social extravaganza presented by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMMEF).

While the fabulous show is the center piece of the Starry Starry Night evening there are other highlights as well.

With thirteen top notch acts from three states, the premiere of a LAMMEF produced Video, **Visible Women, Invisible Lives**, a great after the show party, a fabulous raffle, and a merchandise sale there is certain to be something for everyone at *Starry, Starry Night*. You can even register to vote.

The Acts

The acts scheduled to perform include Minneapolis folk artist Lo Jo Russo and Chicago's alternative acoustic artist, Linda Smith who was recently named, Chitown's Best Unsigned Artist. The band Stardust with band members Woody, Sue, Cher and Kellie will be playing their original music and your favorites from the 50's.

While the fabulous show is the center piece of the Starry Starry Night evening there are other highlights as well.

Mari Hang a multitalented local performer is returning for her third LAMMEF Variety Show. Poetess, Carmen Alicia Murguia will recite some of her published works.

Members of Wisconsin's favorite Country Dance troupe, Shoreline Dancers, will be on hand. So will Beth & Lynn "The Comedy Croners" who will have the audience rolling the aisles with laughter. The pop styling of vocalist and Fanny's DJ Penny Wiler are sure to impress.

Our Next SpotLight Party Is At Just Us On August 31

Milwaukee-- You don't have to be a cowboy/cowgirl or even like to line dance to enjoy the SpotLight Party for August. The Shoreline Round Up will be THE place to be on Saturday August 31. at Just Us, 807 S 5 St., Milwaukee.

Something For Everyone

With a fabulous taco buffet, dance lessons and contests, performances presented by four dance troupes, and more, there will be something for everyone at this fun event. As always there will be plenty of fun but NO cover charge!

The free fund raiser for Wisconsin's favorite Country Dance troupe, starts at 2:00 p.m. and continues to bar close.

Jump start your Labor Day weekend, stop in at the SpotLight Round Up at Just Us on Saturday August 31.

Schedule of Events

The excitement starts at 2:00 p.m. with an open dance on the Just Us Dance floor. Expert instructors will be on hand to teach you Two Step dancing at 3:00 p.m..

Poet/Prose writers Judy Cygnor & Connie Highsmith will have their own poetry slam and are sure to wow those in attendance.

The crowd will be treated to a dazzling musical performance by The Resentments; and the wonderful choreography of the dance duo Two Taps with Diane "Legs" Gregory & Autumn Nieminski.

Last but not least, Dawn Krueger will be performing two original songs on guitar.

After The Show Party

While the fabulous show is the center piece of the *Starry Starry Night* evening there are other highlights as well.

An after the show party featuring the wonderful song stylings of vocalist Lu Shanti will be held in the Carbert Lounge of the theater. Shanti, is a very popular cabaret style singer with many musical credits to her name.

The party offers a great opportunity to meet some of the performers and extend an enjoyable evening with a few hundred new and old friends. It's free to those attending the Variety Show.

Other Activities

The **Silent Witness Exhibit** produced by the Milwaukee Women's Center using silhouettes to provide information about domestic violence, will be on display. It's a must see.

You can even buy an autographed copy of a book or CD from your favorite Variety Show performer and/or win a great prize in the Variety Show raffle.

Advance Sale Tickets Available

Tickets for *Starry, Starry Night* are easy to obtain. The following outlets are selling tickets: Afterwords, Designing Men, High Wind Books, Just Us and Outpost Foods.

Tickets are also available through LAMMEF (414) 264-2600 during office hours. Visa and Mastercard orders can be made through the LAMMEF office. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door.

There are no reserved seats. Variety Show regulars recommend arriving early, grabbing a seat and then perusing all of the exhibits before the show starts.

From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Just Us will present a great Taco buffet. Those partaking in the buffet will share in a free half barrel of Miller Lite, (the official beer of our SpotLight parties)

From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., you can enter the Shoreline balloon bust raffle. Everyone entering is guaranteed a prize.

Fabulous prizes await the winners of the Two Step Dance contest at 7:30 p.m. and the Line Dance Contest at 8:00 p.m..

From 8:30 to 10:00 p.m., Shoreline instructors will be teaching line dancing.

A Dazzling Show

Beginning at 10:30 p.m. there will be performances from Shoreline, the Rainbow Cloggers, the Purple Creek Cloggers, a group that made a big hit at PrideFest the last two years, and the Borderline Dancers.

The show will be followed by more dancing, raffles and fun.

So round up your friends, put on your duds (not necessarily in that order) and head on down to Just Us. Jump start your Labor Day weekend, stop in at the Round Up at Just Us on Saturday August 31.

Autumn Events at AfterWords Include Book Clubs, Authors and More

Milwaukee--True, it still may be summer but we here at AfterWords have been hard at work planning a variety of events over the next few months, including author appearances by Ellen Hart, R. D. Zimmerman, Achy Obejas, Jorjet Harper, Will Fellows and Pam Keesey.

Our annual stupendous, gigantic, not to be missed End O' Summer Sale-a-rama will take place for two days only: Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25. There will be big discounts and huge mark-downs throughout the store!

For example, there will be a huge selection of 50% off T-Shirts and also 20% off all Refrigerator Magnets including David, Venus and all of their Fabulous Clothes! Plus any coffee mug only \$2.50 w/ purchase of any bag of delicious Gay Java/Spill the Beans Coffee.

Plus 10% off of every book, every CD!! and 10% off of every Video!!! Stop in on either Saturday, August 24 or Sunday, August 25 for many, many more in store surprises...

On Friday, August 23rd, the Brady East STD Clinic Outreach program will be conducting anonymous, free HIV testing at AfterWords from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. No advance reservations are necessary, just drop on by.

Book Club Meeting

The September meeting of the AfterWords Book Club on Monday, September 9th will feature a discussion of Vito Russo's classic work on the representation of Gay men and Lesbians in the cinema, **The Celluloid Closet**. Also available to Club members is the video of the recent film adaptation. Discussion of **The Celluloid Closet**, book and video is open to one and all and will begin at 7:30pm.

Lesbian Book Club Meeting

The AfterWords Lesbian Book Club will have its initial meeting on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:30pm. The initial discussion will focus on mystery writer Ellen Hart whose numerous mystery novels include **Vital Lies**, **Hallowed Murder**, **Stage Fright**, **A Killing Cure**, **A Small Sacrifice** and the upcoming **Robber's Wine**. Ms. Hart will be appearing at AfterWords with R. D. Zimmerman on Friday, September 27th at 7:00pm. Cindy van Vreede will be acting as facilitator for this first meeting.

Jorjet Harper

On Friday, September 20th AfterWords will welcome Lesbian humor columnist Jorjet Harper for an appearance. Described by Allison Bechdel as "smart, hi-

larious and depraved", Jorjet Harper is the author of the recently released, **Tales From the Dyke Side** as well as the delightful **Lesbomania**. Ms. Harper will be appearing at 7:00pm and will read from her new book and present a slide presentation based on the two books. Both books are published by New Victoria Press.

Hart and Zimmerman

Then on Friday, September 27, AfterWords will be sponsoring a reading and signing with mystery writers Ellen Hart and R. D. Zimmerman.

Ellen Hart is the author of the popular series of Jane Lawless mysteries which include **Hallowed Murder**, **Vital Lies**, **Stage Fright**, **A Killing Cure** and **A Small Sacrifice**. Joining Jane in her crime-solving adventures is the always funny, and very flamboyant, Cordelia Thorn.

Hart's visit to AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar coincides with the publication of the newest Jane Lawless mystery **Robber's Wine** (Seal Press HC \$21.95).

Reading with Ellen Hart on Friday, September 27th is the Lambda Literary Award-winning mystery writer R.D. Zimmerman who has just published his second Todd Mills mystery, **Tribe** (Dell Pb \$5.50). **Closet** is the title of R. D. Zimmerman's first mystery which was also Edgar nominated.

Events scheduled in October include a big Halloween Bash on Thursday, October 30 featuring Pam Keesey, the editor of a new book titled, **Women Who Run With the Werewolves: Tales of Blood, Lust and Metamorphosis** (Pb \$12.95), a reading with latina Lesbian author and journalist Achy Obejas whose first novel, **Memory Mambo** (Pb \$12.95) is to be released by Cleis Press in September and also co-sponsoring a fund-raiser for ARCW with local author (and that *Fabulous Famboy*) Will Fellows.

Other events are still in the works, please contact AfterWords at 963-9089 for further information.

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Tipper Gore to Appear at Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield

Milwaukee — Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, will sign copies of **Picture This: A Visual Diary**, a collection of her photographs from the last four years, at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 10976 N. Bluemound Rd. (at Calhoun Rd.) on Thursday, August 22, 1996.

Mrs. Gore will donate her earnings from the sale of the book to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

The Schwartz Bookshops will donate 5 percent of the proceeds from book sales at this event to Milwaukee-based Health Care for the Homeless, Inc., co-sponsor of the event.

Mrs. Gore will begin signing books for the public promptly at 7:00 p.m. No media questions will be permitted during the signing but the press is invited to remain in the designated media areas.

With more than 120 photographs in full color and black-and-white and her own personal text, Tipper Gore shares an intimate view of her private life as the wife of the Vice President and her public life as a member of the current administration in **Picture This: A Visual Diary**.

Mrs. Gore worked as a photojournalist

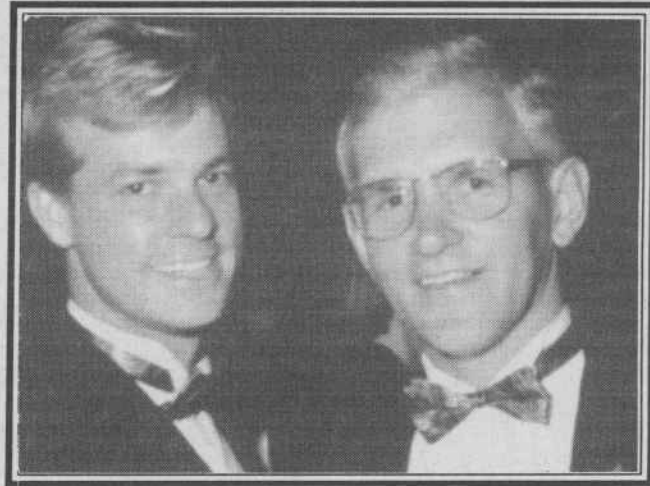
for **The Tennessean**, and her photographs have appeared in **Newsweek** and other national magazines. She continues to take pictures wherever she is including official functions, traveling in the U.S. and abroad and at home.

Beginning with a candid and personal essay, she describes how her life as the Vice President's wife has changed her and her family. The book centers on a selection of her most evocative and powerful photos. Annotated with spirited captions, **Picture This** captures images that matter to her most as a wife and mother, as a dedicated worker for charitable causes and as an ambassador-at-large for the Clinton-Gore administration.

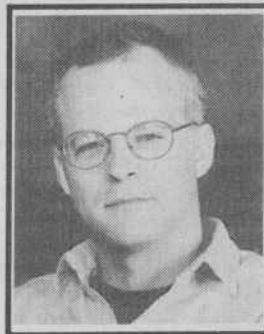
In order to accommodate as many people as possible, the Schwartz Bookshops, Broadway Books, publisher of **Picture This**, and Mrs. Gore's staff have set up specific signing procedures.

Free numbered tickets will be available at the Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield beginning Sunday, August 18. Books will be available for purchase at this time. Mrs. Gore will only sign copies of **Picture This: A Visual Diary**. There is no limit to the number of books people may have signed.

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Anne Rice, author of the bestselling Vampire Chronicles will be making an appearance at Unabridged Books in Chicago, 3251 N. Broadway, in Chicago's Lakeview Neighborhood, on August 28 beginning at 5 PM.

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Unabridged Books is one of 40 stops on **Anne Rice Servant of the Bones 1996 Interstate Bus Tour.**

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The tour which began on August 1st,

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For more information contact Katherine Colle at 545-8949.

Will Fellows to Read from "Farm Boys" At Borders' Book Shop

Madison, WI —Will Fellows, author of **Farm Boys**, will be reading excerpts from his book at Borders Book Shop in Madison on Tuesday, September 10th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The publication of this new book by the University of Wisconsin Press is generating considerable interest in the book community. In our culture at large, homosexuality is often seen as a purely urban experience, far removed from rural and small-town life.

Fellows' book, **Farm Boys**, undermines that cliché by telling the stories of more than three dozen Gay men, ranging in age from 24 to 84, who grew up in farm families in the midwestern United States.

Whether painful, funny, or matter-of-fact, these plain-spoken accounts will move and educate any reader, Gay or not, from farm or city. Borders Book Shop is located at 3416 University Avenue, Madison, WI. For more information call (608) 232-2600. ▽

and included a stop at the NBC Today show will take Ms. Rice to 40 cities in 55 days. The tour started with a marathon eight hour book signing at a New Orleans church.

This is Ms. Rice's fifth appearance at Unabridged Books. In the past her fans have begun lining up hours in advance to meet their idol, so an early arrival is recommended.

Rice is the author of 17 best selling novels with over 100,000,000 copies sold world wide.

For more information on her appearance contact Unabridged Books (312) 883-9119.

auditions will take place in the Rehearsal Halls on the fourth floor of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 North Water Street. Lee Erickson is the director of the Chorus.

All singers are expected to sight-read. Prepared material is optional and an accompanist will be provided.

Accepted singers will be admitted to the Chorus for the 1996-1997 performing season with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Included in the Chorus repertoire for the upcoming season are a Pops program **Of Thee I Sing**, Ives' **Thanksgiving Day**, Villa-Lobos's **Choros #10** and the Mozart **Mass in C Minor**.

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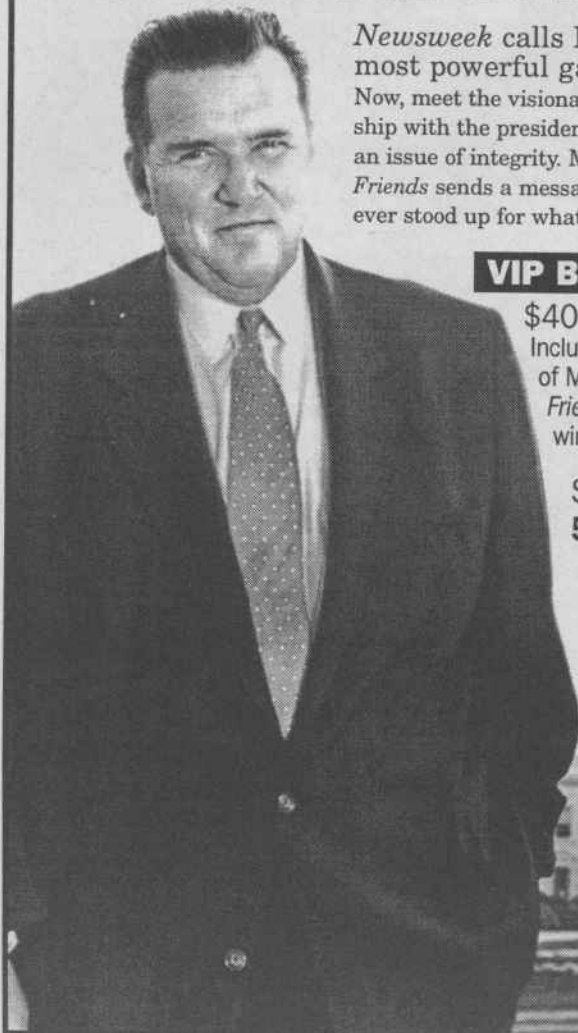
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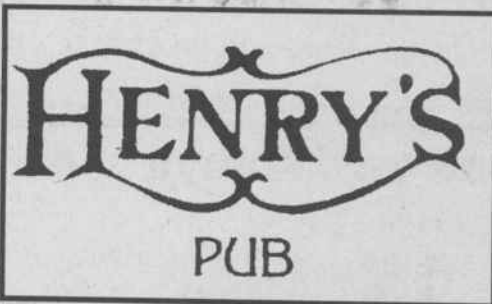
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Venturing Out

Traveling With HIV by Sasha Alyson

Although HIV infection can make travel more difficult, countless vacationers haven't let that interfere with their plans. The following tips, while written for those with HIV, may be helpful for others as well.

Foreign travel introduces many stresses: dehydration, jet lag, excitement, and increased physical activity all take a toll. Don't push yourself too hard. Also, be careful of time spent in the sun, as some medicines, such as Bactrium, increase your sensitivity to sunlight.

Travel is easiest in Western Europe, where laws don't discriminate against people with HIV. Other countries, particularly in Eastern Europe and Asia, bar those who declare HIV+ status.

China, for example, is notorious for denying entry to persons with HIV. Gay guidebooks such as **Spartacus** and **Odysseus** summarize policies for each country.

For the most up-to-date report, you can call a country's embassy in Washington, D.C., although getting through to a live and knowledgeable embassy official may be your biggest challenge of all.

Travel in less developed nations brings new concerns: lower water quality, inadequate hygiene, and fewer doctors. Eat only fruits that require peeling (bananas, oranges, etc.); drink only bottled, boiled, or purified water; and avoid shellfish, dairy products, and undercooked meat.

Some countries require vaccinations for yellow fever, meningitis, cholera, or typhoid. Certain vaccinations (especially for yellow fever) are incompatible with other medicines or endanger a weakened immune system. A knowledgeable doctor should advise you about inoculations.

Keep prescriptions in original bottles with original labels. If you require syringes, get a doctor's note to that effect. Carry a photocopy of all prescriptions (including eyeglasses), and leave one with a friend at home. This will speed the replacement of anything that's lost.

Hotel owners are accustomed to refrigerating medicines and freezing ice packs; diabetic travelers have needed this service of years. In a pinch, ask the owner of a local restaurant or shop — but make sure they'll be open when you depart.

Because quality and selection vary widely, take condoms with you from home, to ensure that any sex you might enjoy overseas is always safe.

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) holds its tenth annual Rodeo Finals in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 17 to 20. Gay cowboys and cowgirls from across the U.S. and Canada will compete in thirteen disciplines including bull, bronco, and steer riding, and roping.

According to IGRA spokesman Gary Robinson, the group was established in 1985 and is now the second largest sanctioning rodeo association in the country. In the past eleven years, it has raised nearly \$2 million for a variety of charities including AIDS and breast cancer research.

PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has protested the event in years past, and some adjustments have been made. The IGRA, for example, was the first rodeo organization to require a vet on site at all events.

For information on travel packages, contact your local IGTA travel agent or call North-South Travel, the official IGRA Finals travel agency, at 1-800-456-1479.

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on, offering both cruises and land-based vacations worldwide.

Tens of thousands of Gay men and women, including myself, have enjoyed RSVP cruises, yet the company's impact goes well beyond providing a fun vacation. As it entered new ports and initiated new crews, RSVP sometimes encountered resistance based on anti-Gay stereotypes. But these attitudes quickly faded in the face of reality.

A waiter from eastern Europe summed this up on my RSVP Caribbean cruise: "At first we weren't sure what the Gay cruises would be like. But now we love them. You're great tippers, you know how to have fun, and you don't pass out drunk on the floor." Then his gaze shifted to a stack of luggage awaiting delivery to cabins, and he shook his head. "But why does everybody bring so much luggage?"

Send questions or comments about Gay travel to Sasha Alyson, Alyson Adventures, P.O. Box 180179, Boston, MA 02118, or via email at AlyVenture@aol.com.

Over-The-Rainbow: New On-Line Resource for Gay/Lesbian Travelers

Chicago, IL — The most complete on-line travel resource exclusively for Gay and Lesbian travelers, *Over the Rainbow*, debuts on America Online (AOL) in September.

The cyberspace newsletter is being produced by Rémy Publishing Company, publishers of *Passport Newsletter* and creators of AOL's *Passport Newsletter Online*.

Travelers interested in locating Gay Lesbian-friendly neighborhoods, establishments, attractions, activities and more will be able to get instantaneous, up-to-date information on the specific destinations they intend to visit. From restaurants and accommodations to tourist sites and nightlife, *Over the Rainbow* will provide information from the perspective of Gay men and Lesbians.

The on-line newsletter will include evaluative reviews, feature stories and up-to-the-minute news briefs about places of particular interest to Gay travelers, including popular destinations such as Key West and Amsterdam, as well as more off-the-beaten-path and exotic locales. Featured will be a guide to cities around the world, from hotspots to hometowns.

Listings will be continuously updated to assure the latest information — no more searching for a bar described in a recently published guidebook only to find that it is no longer in business. In addition, *Over the Rainbow* will include a complete travel

calendar, providing information about major events around the world — Mardi Gras in Australia, the White Party in Palm Springs and the International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago, for example. The calendar will cover the coming twelve months, so plans can be made well in advance.

Over the Rainbow is produced by the travel experts at *Passport Newsletter*, a private report for upscale travelers published for more than 30 years. Working with the *Passport* staff are Gay writers and editors experienced in covering the Gay community.

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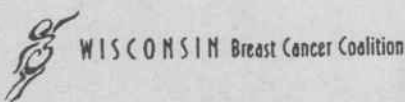
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OUT on Film



Though Not for the Meek, 'Trainspotting' is a Haunting, Must-See Film

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn must admit that *Trainspotting* wasn't particularly high on his list of must-see films this summer. First, Glenn is always wary of films surrounded by relentless pre-release publicity. Glenn has seen far too many others, truly, madly, indeed impetuously seduced by the maelstrom of hype. No such fate for Glenn.

Second, one of Glenn dearest friends, who chooses not to be immortalized by name in the pages of this fine publication, has been eagerly, avidly, okay, yes, desperately awaiting *Trainspotting's* arrival in Milwaukee. No film could possibly warrant such blind devotion. Or could it? For those of you have been out of the country for the past several months, here's the poop.

A phenomenon in England, *Trainspotting* is a hyper-realistic portrait of the wayward denizens of Edinburgh's youthful heroin scene. First a book by ex-punk rocker Irvine Welsh (who also appears in the film in a small role as a sleazy drug dealer), *Trainspotting* was later adapted with tremendous success for the stage and now as a film with a screenplay by John Hodge.

Featuring central characters with names like Sick Boy, Spud, Rent and Bergie, *Trainspotting* is not a film that is going to set particularly well with the *Masterpiece Theatre* crowd. Nor are the *Masterpiece Theatre* crowd (nor most others in the audience, for that matter) likely to be terribly successful in deciphering the film's seemingly indecipherable mix of drug inspired colloquialisms, foul language and working class Scottish accents.

The opening sequences, featuring an acerbic voice-over by Mark "Rents" Renton (Ewan McGregor) effectively and quite succinctly sets the stage for the drama about to unfold. In a monologue dazzling equally for its wretched imagery as for its caustic brevity, Rent introduces his world, from the sensuously obsessive craving twisted to need for heroin to the other miserable restless souls that likewise occupy this woeful underground milieu.

There's Sick Boy (Jonny Lee Miller), a sardonic, narcissistic heroin addict whose "golden-boy" looks perfectly mask the darkness of his soul.

Spud (Ewen Bremner) is the film's only real lost soul, a guileless, amiable heroin

addict, a perpetual loser even amongst the film's other consummate perpetual losers.

Bergie (Robert Carlyle) may not do drugs but is an excessively violent psychopath when drunk, which is just about all the time.

Tommy (Kevin McKidd) is the last of Rent's associates to turn to heroin, an innocent whose turn to drugs leads to one of the film's most poignant sequences: his succumbing to AIDS.

Then there is Rent himself. The product of a caring if smothering household, Rent more consciously than his mates is aware of the squalor and despair that exists at every turn. As *Trainspotting's* most accessible (and intelligible) character, Rent dispassionately charms the viewer into supposing that he may, if no one else in the film, actually possess some semblance of a conscious.

All in all, Hodge and director Danny Boyle have created a truly mesmerizing, exhilarating filmgoing experience. An astonishing rollercoaster ride of imagery, *Trainspotting* neither glamorizes drug use, nor preaches against it. Instead, the goal seems to have been to confound the audience: monologues of the drug's hypnotic, idyllic, virtually orgasmic effects effectively transcended by hauntingly desolate images, from Rent's white-hot agony as he attempts to quit cold turkey to the cold horror of a junkie mother discovering her starved baby's little corpse.

Still few scenes will remain as indelible on poor Glenn's psyche as Rent's desperate plunge (literally) into thoroughly foul and fetid sewage of "the worst toilet in Scotland" to retrieve an opium suppository he's inadvertently just shat out.

Trainspotting is definitely not for the meek or the weak of heart or stomach.

Performances are universally striking, particularly McGregor's Rent, Carlyle's violent Bergie and a dazzling turn by Kelly Macdonald as the all-too worldly Diane. A pounding, powerful soundtrack featuring the likes of Lou Reed, David Bowie and Iggy Pop act as a perfect complement to the filmmakers' dynamic visuals.

Incidentally, the film's title refers to the ultimate useless hobby popular among British males: watching trains arrive and depart while keeping meticulous notes that they are unlikely they'll ever have any use for, often becoming an obsession. Gee, kinda like drug use.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$)

Excellent Cast And Script Make "Emma" An Enchanting, Must See Comedy

EMMA: starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Toni Colette, Jeremy Northam and Juliet Stevenson written for the screen and directed by Douglas McGrath A Miramax Release

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

It is perhaps not particularly surprising that a film adaption of Jane Austen's most popular novel, *Emma* should so quickly follow on the heels of the successes of last year's adaptions of her *Persuasion* and *Sense and Sensibility* (not to mention the delightful Emma-inspired *Clueless*). Yet it does seem remarkable that Douglas McGrath should be the first to bring Austen's most endearing heroine to the big-screen.

Emma is Mr. McGrath's directorial debut and here he film's his own screenplay. Not exactly the expected career move for someone who began his show-biz career as a "Saturday Night Live" writer. Seems like Austen aficionados can pop up in the most surprising places.

For those who can only faintly recall *Emma* (or more likely the Cliff's Notes version), *Emma Woodhouse* (Seven's Gwyneth Paltrow) is the beautiful, accomplished, pampered, self-absorbed daughter of the doting, albeit a bit dotty Mr. Woodhouse (Lou Coulson).

As the film begins, *Emma* has just seen the culmination of her first matchmaking endeavor, the happy marriage between her devoted governess Miss Taylor (Greta Sacchi) and the distinguished Mr. Weston (James Cosmo).

Once she catches the matchmaking bug, no one is safe in The quiet, little, rural town of Highbury. Next in line is orphaned Harriet Smith (*Muriel's Wedding's* Toni Colette), a plain, penniless girl Emma has befriended. Mr. Elton (Allan Cummings) is the first Emma envisages as a suitor for Miss Smith but Mr. Elton apparently has eyes for another.

The arrival of Frank Churchill (*Trainspotting's* Ewan McGregor) brings forth another potential suitor but his intentions too lay elsewhere...

And what about romance in Emma's life? For all of her matchmaking fervor, Emma actually seems quite completely clueless relative to her own admirers. But this is still Jane Austen after all and somehow, no matter how many and varied the hurdles that Austen places before Emma and the rest of her characters, you just know that everything is going to work out in the end.

What has given the novels of Jane Austen, particularly *Emma*, their timeless appeal is Austen's sharp eye for the foibles of romance, her keen observation of the absurdly arbitrary dictates of social manners and especially her unerring ear for dialogue. But above all Emma is a surprisingly deft comedy, a quality which Mr. McGrath has captured perfectly.

If Emma, Mr. Knightley, Harriet and Austen's other young lovers seem to occasionally careen wildly, helter-skelter through their romantic paces at

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Angela Joli and Heddy Burgess share a roof in this scene from *Foxfire*, an edgy film about young women growing up, finding independence and making a difference. It opens August 23 at theaters nationwide.

Put in Some Schmaltz, Add a Little Slapstick, and You Have 'Jack'

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Following the successes of the gender-bending *Mrs. Doubtfire* and *The Birdcage*, Glenn ponders if Mr. Robin Williams might just be a wee bit uncomfortable playing roles that require him to be a middle-aged heterosexual male. Certainly no answers are forthcoming in his latest cinematic vehicle, *Jack*.

With acclaimed Oscar-winning director Francis Ford Coppola at the helm, *Jack*, at least on paper, seems like a sure bet. Another tailor-made part in which to tap Mr. Williams' seemingly unlimited comedic potential. Who in America, after all, wouldn't rush to see Robin's hilarious antics as an over-grown little boy?

The film begins simply enough. At long last Mr. and Mrs. Average/Ordinary America (Diane Lane and Brian Kerwin) are about to have a much desired addition to their "American Dream" household. A little boy. They name him Jack. Everyone lives happily ever after? Well, not quite.

Let's pause here for a moment. Let's, for just a moment then, think back upon an earlier era.

There was a time when the simple antics of such a familiar American family, just the sort of family that would, every weekend pile into the family station wagon with bug spray, blankets, lawn furniture, and assorted snacks as dusk approached and speed off to the nearest Drive-in, was typical cinematic fare.

Wholesome family entertainment dominated the double-bill then and Walt Disney ruled the big screen. The small screen, too, for that matter.

Here was a time before we learned just how dysfunctional we all were. Before we learned what dysfunction even meant! A kinder, gentler world...

Or so Mr. Coppola would have us believe. Mr. Coppola is no stranger to the seductive urges of a more innocent America. Remember back to his *Peggy Sue Got Married*, a film in which middle-aged Peggy Sue (a delightful Kathleen Turner) magically gets the opportunity to escape her present, middle-aged crises and re-live a moment in her life when the day's toughest decisions had more to do with choosing the right outfit for "the dance" than with marital infidelity, divorce and the prospects of growing old alone.

In *Jack*, Coppola again manipulates time. But instead of fantasy time travel, a

worn cliché ill-suited for the cynical 90's, Coppola chooses the sci-fi driven conceit of "accelerated aging."

The baby Jack appears normal to mom and dad but is actually growing, physically aging, at four times the normal human rate. Bing, bing bing and suddenly it is 10 years later and a full-sized (and quite hairy) Robin Williams is playing ten year-old Jack.

A curious premise to be sure but one rich in potential for the marvelously creative Williams to exploit the comedy of a little boy in the body of a fully-grown adult male. But hey, wait a minute, haven't we seen this already in *Big* and *Vice Versa*.

Okay, maybe not the most original idea, so Coppola adds the wistfully sad notion that poor little Jack is never really going to grow up. By the time he's 20, should he live so long, he will have the body of an 80 year-old.

Much of the film focuses on Jack's attempts to fit in as just another kid in the neighborhood, albeit a "giant kid." Here Williams is so good at times that even the most cynical viewer will become convinced.

Where *Jack* and indeed, Mr. Williams are let down is with a screenplay that just can't seem to make up it's mind. The final film is part slapstick comedy, part existential ruminations on the oh-so fleeting quality of life. Throw in a schmaltzy, baldly tear-jerker of an ending and there you have it.

In addition to Williams, acting kudos go to television's Fran Drescher and Michael McKean who shine in a couple of showy, scene-stealing cameos.

Young Adam Zolotin is absolutely adorable as Jack's best friend, Louis, although Glenn is reluctant to say so for fear of being labeled a sex-crazed pedophile. Diane Lane and *Torch Song Trilogy's* Brian Kerwin are fine in the thankless roles of Jack's ordinary mom and dad.

Only Bill Cosby, looking ready to offer Jello pudding to one and all at almost every turn, seems uncomfortable as Jack's initial mentor.

Fans of Robin Williams are sure to be entertained, others are likely to leave the cinema scratching their heads and wondering just what *Jack* was supposed to be about.

Rating \$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$)



Jennifer Jason and Miranda Richardson are shown in this scene from the new film *Kansas City*, a Robert Altman movie about political corruption and mobster rule in Kansas City in the 1920's. The film which also stars Harry Belafonte features some great jazz and a fascinating story line. It opens at Milwaukee's Downer Theater on Friday August 16.

In 'Chain Reaction,' Chicago Blows Up, the World Gets Saved--Again

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Despite recent and urgent insistences of his 100% heterosexual masculinity, Keanu Reeves remains an exceedingly popular Gay boy toy fantasy assuring his latest cinematic effort a sizable alterna-

tive audience. Certainly Glenn is loath to let any new Keanu Reeves flick slip by unnoticed.

Here director Andrew Davis (he of Harrison Ford's *The Fugitive*) has clearly recognized that Mr. Reeves' talents lay in roles not dependent upon elegant readings of poetic monologues. Hoping to capitalize on Reeves' success in *Speed*, Davis has placed Reeves into the role of a strong but silent action hero, playing Eddie Kasalovich, a brilliant scientist (about as inspired and effective casting as having Patrick Swayze play an astute banker in *Ghost*).

Eddie's mentor (and a pretty gosh darn brilliant scientist in his own right) Dr. Alistair Barkley has the utopian dream of cheap, plentiful energy for one and all. Just how this actually achieved is not explained but seems to have something to do with boiling water in a big tank, a really big tank to be sure.

Within the first reel, success is theirs. Amidst the celebration, the characters are oblivious to the doom that is clearly in the air. This is an action pic, for heaven's sake. The arrival of an asbestos removal van spells doom: Heroic utopian Dr. Barkley is found dead by our innocent hero. Then, an explosion rocks the lab. A really big explosion. In fact the explosion takes out an 8-square block chunk of the south side of Chicago. Imagine just how many recent mayors of Chicago must



Ellen Barkin stars in *The Fan*. The film also stars Wesley Snipes as a baseball star, John Leguizamo as his agent and Robert De Niro as a deranged fan who kidnaps Snipes' son. The suspenseful drama opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater and other theaters around the state on Friday August 16.

have had that very same fantasy.

The explosion does allow for one really cool shot of Keanu on his motorcycle, wind in his hair, exploding fireball nipping at his butt. Still, most in the audience this summer has probably grown weary of the tired old "exploding fireball" schtick and would have much rather had a human fireball nipping at Mr. Reeve's butt. But Glenn digresses...

Enter the FBI who decides that fast Ed-

die and gal pal Dr. Lily Sinclair (Rachel Weisz) are a possible link with the bad guys. Adding to the complicated snarl, someone is out there trying to implicate the innocent Eddie and Lily. See Eddie and Lily run. See Eddie and Lily chased through the streets of Chicago.

Soon *Chain Reaction* settles into a comfortably predictable action formula, i.e. lots of action, little character devel-

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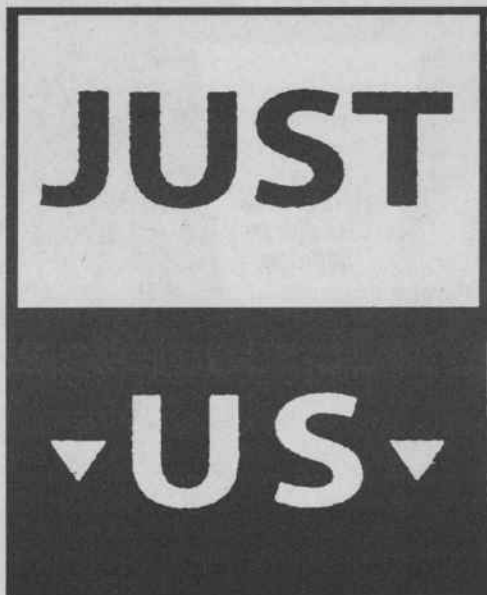
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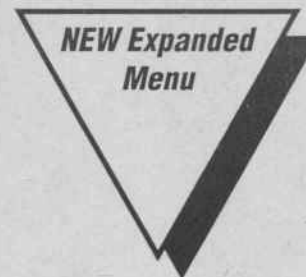


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Bill Meunier

Milwaukee's Triangle Bar celebrated its Eighth anniversary on Wednesday July 31 with a festive party. Shown above (top) is the Midnight Balloon drop. Some of the balloons contained prizes and the crowd scrambled to break them. Also shown is a grouping of the old and new. Current owner Rob Bruckner (second from the Left) is congratulated by former owner and bar founder, Al Thomas (second from the right) and two of the many people in attendance. The Light congratulates Rob and all of his staff.

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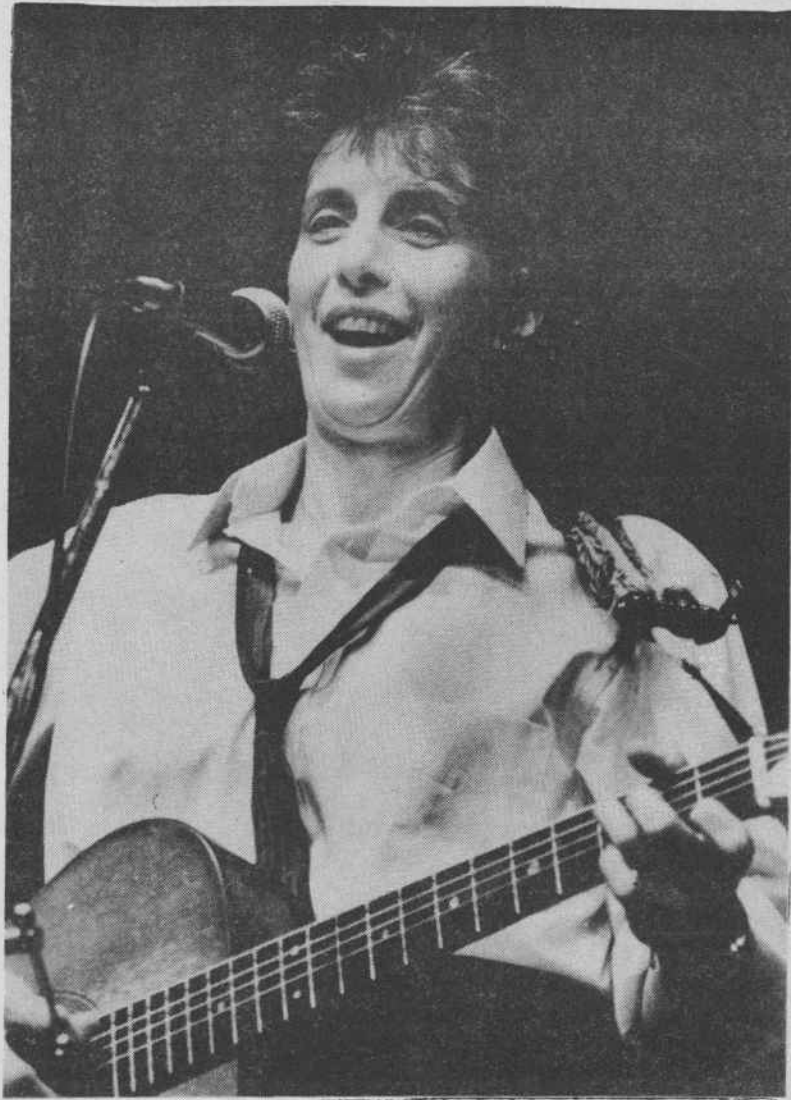


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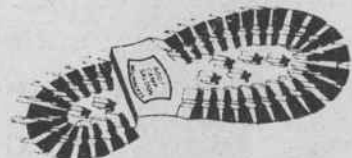


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SATURDAY AUGUST 17

SSBL PARTY AT IN BETWEEN

A very special party for SSBL players begins at 4:00 at In Between, 625 S. 2, Milwaukee. There will be free tap beer for all SSBL players wearing jerseys and other supprises too!

GUERNSEY GALA AT NAPALESE

The Center Project Guernsey Fund raiser, which helps the Center Project provide services for those with HIV, concludes with the annual Guernsey Gala at the Napalese Lounge 515 S Broadway, Green Bay.

SUNDAY AUGUST 18

70'S PARTY AT MAMA ROUX

Those weird and creative minds at Mama Roux, 1875 N. Humboldt want you to relive the Golden Age of Gay Disco at their seventies party from 4 to 9.

There will be plenty of great 70's music and if you wear clothes from that era you can get drinks at 70's prices. There will be a 70's Dress contest and other fun happenings too.

So drag out that Leisure Suit, put on those platform shoes and get ready to party at Mama Roux.

SATURDAY AUGUST 24

LAMM VARIETY SHOW

See article on Page 12

LA CROSSE PRIDE DANCE

Rainbow Ridge Farms, a Lesbian owned Bed and Breakfast in Onalaska will host a Les/Bi/Gay Pride Dance. from 7 to Midnight.

There is no charge but donations to help with youth activities and the community development efforts of the La Crosse Alliance for HIV/AIDS are

appreciated.

To get directions to the Dance call (608)781-2783.

CASTAWAYS BEER BUST AT 1100 CLUB

The Castaways, one of Gay Wisconsin's premier Leather Clubs will be holding a beer bust at the 1100 Club, 1100 S. First Street, Milwaukee.

The bust starts at 10:00 and goes to 1:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

Curt's Birthday at In Between

Owner Curt Peck is celebrating his birthday with a party where the guests get the gifts. The Birthday Boy is ready for his spanking. All his friends and customers are sure to be there lining up so they can get a whack at that cute bottom. Get there early for the first crack!

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

SPOTLIGHT PARTY AT JUST US

The Wisconsin Light SpotLight Party, the Shore Line Round UP, is a great way to get your labor day weekend off to a good start.

Hosted by Just Us, 807 S. 5 St., Milwaukee, the party includes dance lessons, an all you can eat Taco Buffet fom 4 to 7 PM. dance contests and a gala show with performances by four great dance troupes, The Purple Creek Cloggers, the Borderline Dan-cers, the Rainbow Dancers and of course Wisconsin's own Shoreline Dance troupe beginning at 10:30.

**RAINBOW OVER WISCONSIN
9 PIN TAP TOURNEY**

(See Article on Page 12)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

PRIDE PICNIC IN APPLETON

(See Article on Page 12)

LINKS BLOCK PARTY

(See Article on Page 12)

Singsational At Rascals

Rascals, 702 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton is determined to keep the party going.

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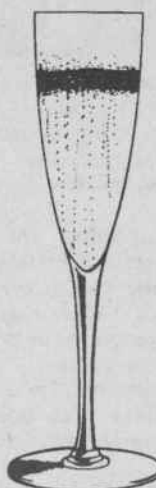
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Some of the stars who will be out at the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund's **Starry, Starry Night** fundraiser on Saturday August 24 at the Milwaukee's Skylight Theater, 158 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, are shown above.

Shown at the top is Lu Shanti. The popular cabaret style singer will perform at the After the Show party. You can also see Lu every other Thursday at Mama Roux's, 1875 N. Humboldt in Milwaukee. Next is pop singer Penny Wiler who will be featured in the Variety Show. Third from the top is Variety Show performer, Linda Smith. Last but not least is Carmen Alicia Murgia who will recite some of her published works during the show.

See our article on page 12 for more details about **Starry, Starry Night**.

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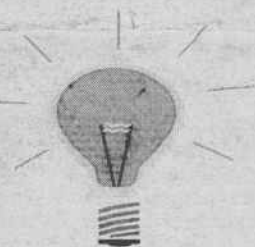
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The Night Light



By Dusty Sass

So you thought it would be safe to read this column because with summer winding down you wouldn't be tempted by all those tantalizing events going on huh? WRONG!

The next couple of weeks are just as busy as any so hang on to edges of these pages and get ready for a great ride.

Thursday August 15 I certainly want to be there for the **Triangle's "True to Desire"** Party. There will be a special screening of the popular Gay soap opera and you can even meet some of your favorite soap stars.

Then on **Friday August 16**, I'll stop in at **Rascals** in Appleton to enjoy a fish fry. They have perch and shrimp fries, too! I hear they are all lip smacking good.

Then its off to Green Bay for the **Dee Dee Winters Benefit** show at **Za's**. I am not sure who Dee Dee is or why she needs a benefit, but hey what difference does that make. If the guys at Za's think she's worth supporting so do I! Besides, its been a while since I've been up there checking out all of the hot men at one of Wisconsin's hottest dance bars.

On **Saturday August 17**, I'll start at **In Between**. They have an SSBL party with free tap beer for softball players in jerseys. Then back to Green Bay for the **Guernsey Gala** at the **Napalese Lounge**. Don't worry guys, I practiced my milking techniques at the State Fair so I'll be ready.

Sunday August 18, the place to at is **Mama Roux's**. Yup, once again they have put their heads together and come up with yet another excuse for a party. This time it's a 70's party! From 4 to 9 relive the glory days of Gay disco. There'll be 70's music, and if you dress in 70's attire you can even get drinks at 70's prices. (Why is it that you can never find a Leisure Suit when you need one.) There will be also be a 70's Dress Contest.

On **Wednesday August 21**, you can see me at **La Cage** where I will be taking in their fabulous Superbust. **La Cage** is always a great place to party but even more so on Superbust nights, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Friday August 23 will begin at **The 1100 Club** for one of their fish fries. At just \$5.50 it's a bargain.

Saturday August 24, the LAMM Education Fund Variety Show **Starry, Starry Night** at the Skylight Theater is a must go to for anyone who loves great entertainment and a great party. (Yes that does include me!) You don't have to be a Lesbian to enjoy this event.

After the show I'll take in some of the post show party with the fabulous **Lu Shanti**, it will be off to the **1100 Club** for the **Castaways Beer Bust**. Its just \$5.00 and it gives me a chance to give my dead animal skin an airing out.

Being in Milwaukee means I will miss out on going to the **La Crosse Pride Dance** at **Rainbow Ridge Farms**. This is a very special event that supports an important AIDS prevention project for area youth. If you live ANYWHERE near La Crosse (or even if you don't but want a change of scenery) call (608)781-2783. for directions and details.

On **Sunday August 25** Believe it or don't: Dusty is going to be hitting the road again. No, I am not going to be thinly spread as the center line for some highway to nowhere, I am going to be just too busy covering the Democratic Convention in Chicago.

Yes, Dusty is going to Chitown to help the **Wisconsin Light** cover all the doings of the Clinton re-election party. It will be rough but someone has to do it.

I will just have to put up with all those smoke filled rooms, and all that maneuvering, the jockeying for position, and the strategic planning that goes along with it. Not only that, but I may have to go to some convention meetings or cover some political types too.

Oh the sacrifices we journalists must make to keep our readers informed.

Thank goodness, openly Gay Madison Alderman Mike Verveer will be there. Besides being a great guy, he's a hard worker and he's promised to keep me supplied with tips on what's going on so I don't miss any good stories by partying too much. (Gee thanks Mikel!)

Oh, the hospitality suites, the parties, the gourmet food etc. that I will be forced to endure just so I can come back and complain about how "hard" I worked. (I said "work hard" not "get hard" so get your mind out of the gutter I am feeling crowded.)

On **Tuesday August 27** I will be in Chicago so I will miss the fab party of the week at **In Between**. It's Owner Kurt Peck's B-Day party. Don't you miss it and give him a hug, a kiss and a whack for me!

Thursday August 29 I won't be around for **Wisconsin Light** distribution night. I'll be getting the scoop on what went on at the party with Bill and Hillary. Be sure to read all about it in our September 12 issue.

On **Friday August 30** It'll be great to get a fish fry in Milwaukee. I'll head over to **Mama Roux** for its Friday Fish fry feast. They have Cajun or regular, catfish or cod.

I'll won't have much time to rest up before the big **SpotLight Party at Just Us, Saturday August 31**. The **Shore Line Round Up Party** will include plenty of fun for everybody.

There will all those hot, butch, country dancers from Milwaukee, Minneapolis and other spots, plus an all you can eat Taco Buffet, all those hot cowboys, and Country dance lessons and Country dance contests, all those boots attached to butch legs stamping on the floor and raffles with fabulous prizes

Did I mention that there will be lots of butch, hot, handsome men? Oh I did. Sorry. BTW, there will also be plenty of fun Lesbians there, too. The party starts at 2:00 and goes to close. Its our longest SpotLight party to date so you have absolutely NO EXCUSE for anyone not showing up.

That means that I won't be able to make the **Rainbow Over Wisconsin Bowling Tournament at the Riviera Lanes in Green Bays**. It's a nine inch, I mean a nine pin event.

Your \$25.00 donation gets you the games, a buffet and the gratitude of ROW, a wonderful organization of businesses from Northern Wisconsin and the Fox Valley. ROW supports a variety of Les/Bi/Gay charities.

The next day **Sunday September 1**, I have a real problem. There are two great events, **The Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride Picnic at Appleton's Memorial Park** and **The Link's Block Party** on East Washington in front of **Fanny's**.

Both will have fabulous entertainment, both will have great food and both support a variety of worthy causes. If anybody has a spare corporate jet they won't be using that weekend, pleezee let me know! I'll try to make them both (where is that jet powered Bat Car when you need it!)

If I do get up to Appleton of course I will have to stop at **Rascals** to see my friends, the sensational **Singsational**. They will be performing on the Patio beginning at 6:00.

And then of course I will finish the weekend by dancing the night away at **The Pivot**. Its a fabulous place and if you're ever in the area don't miss going in.

Whew! and here you thought with summer winding down that there would be nothing to do. Silly you. I hope to see you out and about soon. Mean-while, **PLAY SAFE AND BE PROUD!**

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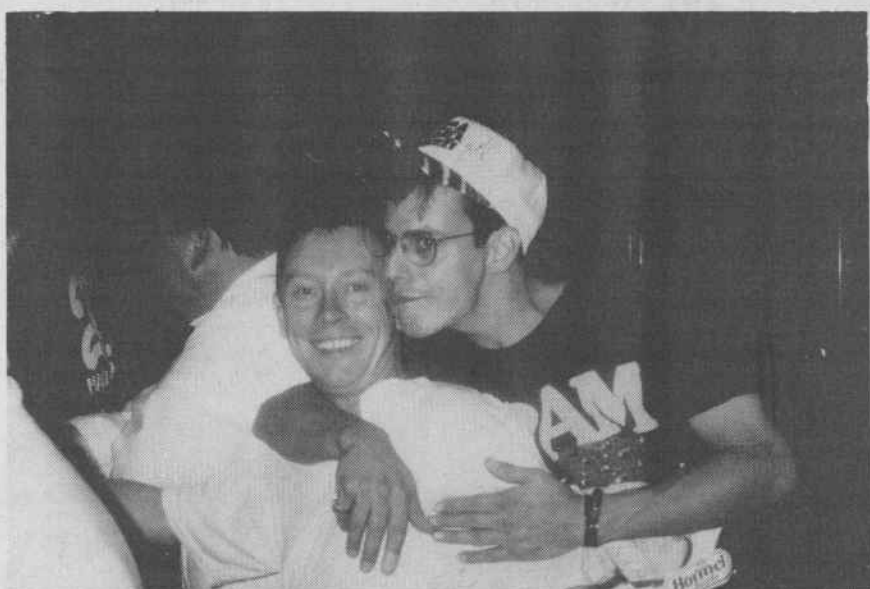
OUT & About



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Bill Meunier



Jerry Johnson

Getting Trashy At In Between! A great time was had by all at our Wisconsin Light SpotLight Trailer Trash party at the festively decorated, In Between in Milwaukee on Thursday Aug 1. Shown above are several of many the trashy types that attended. Including Scratch who is comparing his "meat" to Andy's, In Between Owner and Spam chef extraordinaire, Curt Peck. At the bottom are the Condom Elves, Yuri and Ted who were busy making sure everyone was well equipped thereby preventing the birth of any trailer trash babies.

Summer Continued from page 12

attention.

A Busy Schedule

In fact there are so many top flight major events that we couldn't decide which one to feature in this issue so we decided to feature them all! (How's that for taking a bold, firm stand!)

Conserve your energy and get ready for the big finish. A very memorable Summer is about to get even better!

Between the LAMMEF Variety Show on August 24, our HUGE SpotLight Party at Just Us on August 31, the Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride Celebration in Green Bay and Appleton on August 31 and September 1 and the Links Block Party in Milwaukee on September 1 there will be plenty to keep everyone busy, and happy as we head into the cold winter.

LAMM Variety Show August 24

The LAMM Variety Show on Saturday August 24 at Milwaukee's Skylight Theater, 158 N. Broadway will be an entertainment and social highlight of the summer.

This is more than a Variety Show, its an occasion. With wonderful acts, exhibits, an after the show party and more its the event of the weekend and the perfect opening to the big finish of the Summer of '96.

SpotLight Party August 31

Next up is our August SpotLight Party., the, Shoreline Round Up Party, at Just Us, 807 S. 5th, Milwaukee. This is going to be one heck of a party. It will last for over 10 hours.

Between the all you can eat Taco Buffet, dance lessons, performances by troupes from three different states, dance contests and more, there will be something for everyone. As usual there will be plenty of fun people and some free Miller Lite to wash down all that great food.

Summer's not over until I say it is and I say 'Its NOT over.' SpotLight Columnist and Calendar Watcher **Dusty Sass**

ROW Pride Weekend

Even as the SpotLight Party is going on, Rainbow Over Wisconsin's first Pride celebration will be starting in Green Bay.

On Saturday August 31, the celebration will include a 9 Pin Tap bowling tournament. On Sunday September 1, ROW will be sponsoring a Pride Picnic with fabulous entertainment, food, drink, merchandise sales and more at Appleton's Memorial Park.

Both the Bowling Tourney and the Picnic benefit ROW, and is various charity projects.

Links Block Party

Last but not least is the 2nd Annual Links Block Party held on E. Washington and 1st Street in Milwaukee. With two entertainment stages, food, games, booths and more. The Block Party benefits a variety of organizations.

For details on all of these events see this issue of the Wisconsin Light SpotLight section which features articles about all of them.

So conserve your energy and get ready for the big finish. A very memorable Summer is about to get even better!

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opment, countless implausible plot twists. Most curious of the plot twists focuses on the mysterious Paul Shannon (played by the always wonderful Morgan Freeman). Despite his outward professions of friendship for the wayward Eddie, Paul Shannon's allegiances are deliberately and quite distinctly nebulous. Is he a good guy or is he a bad guy? Inquiring moviegoers want to know.

It is Morgan Freeman's compelling enigmatic performance that provides **Chain Reaction** its only source of dramatic tension. Keanu Reeves makes a likable Eddie Kasilovich but seems a bit light here on the all important male beefcake pedometer. Nor are there any particular fireworks between him and Rachel Weisz.

The prerequisite happy ending occurs on cue. Boy gets girl. World gets saved. Bad guys get caught. Blah, blah, blah.

For the many summer moviegoers who prefer to leave their thinking caps at home and mindlessly watch mindless entertainment (and given how successful Independence Day has been, it is clear there are a few of you out there), **Chain Reaction** will prove to be pleasant, diverting if predictable entertainment.

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News Briefs

City Hints at Settling Anti-Gay Suit

Cincinnati-AP- The city may settle its costly legal battle to defend a voter-approved ballot issue barring the city from offering legal protection to gays and lesbians, a councilman said Friday, August 9th.

The City Council discussed the issue during an executive session Thursday. "It's fair to say ... it appeared as if they are a majority of members of council who want to pursue a settlement," Councilman Todd Portune said Friday.

Portune said he wants to settle the federal lawsuit, which is before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, to save money.

The amendment, known as Issue 3, was immediately challenged in U.S. District Court as violating the free-speech rights of homosexuals after it was passed in 1993.

U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled in 1994 that the amendment was invalid. But a federal appeals court reversed that decision, saying homosexuals were not an identifiable group and could not therefore be entitled to specific legal protection.

The U.S. Supreme Court, after striking down a similar Colorado law, ordered the 6th Circuit to reconsider its ruling.

Jury Rules Against Gay Man

Woodstock, VT-AP- A Woodstock Superior Court jury has ruled against a gay male nurse's aide in a \$1.8 million multiple discrimination suit.

Darryl J. Warwick, 35, of Brattleboro claimed a Woodstock nursing home discriminated against him in scheduling, salary and personnel matters because of his gender and sexual orientation between June 1990 and July 1992, according to court documents.

When he complained to superiors about the mistreatment, Warwick claimed, he was fired in retaliation.

Administrators and nursing home staffers at the nursing home, Mertens House, had argued throughout last week's four-day trial that Warwick, who has a history of emotional and psychiatric problems, continually harassed other employees until he was fired.

House. On Tuesday, a 10-person jury rejected Warwick's claims and ruled in favor of Mertens House on all five counts of discrimination, wrongful dismissal, and emotional distress.

Jenny Jones Ruling to be Appealed

Pontiac, MI-AP- Attorneys for the man accused of killing a man after he confessed that he had a crush on him during a "Jenny Jones" show said they will appeal a ruling that keeps Judge Francis X. O'Brien on the case.

James Burdick, attorney for Jonathan Schmitz, said he was disappointed but not surprised by the decision of Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick.

Burdick and co-counsel Fred Gibson claimed that O'Brien called them liars in a **Detroit News** report, that he was unwilling to move to a speedy trial, and that he had prevented them from calling certain witnesses. O'Brien had refused their request that he remove himself.

The trial is expected to be held sometime in O'Brien's next term, which begins in late September.

Gay paper Sued by Religious Organization

Baltimore, MD — "On behalf of religious persons who oppose homosexuality," Ellis Harley Barber of the South Carolina-based International American Indian Ministries (IAIM) has filed a lawsuit in Howard County District Court against the **Baltimore Gay Paper** (BGP) for slander and defamation.

In a two page statement filed with the lawsuit, Barber alleges that the BGP has denied him the free exercise of religion by slandering and defaming persons who oppose homosexuality. Despite that declaration, Barber does not detail any specific instance in which the paper has defamed or slandered him.

The IAIM maintains a local chapter office in Columbia, Maryland, according to Barber, who says the local group has approximately 1,000 members.

In his petition, Barber writes, "The act of homosexuality is still criminal in its action and violates state laws and federal laws. These actors [sic] are forbidden by partners of the opposite sex, and forbidden with same sex. The idea that homosexuals can slander and defame [sic] persons opposing what is criminal is slanderous and denies many constitutional rights." Among the rights Barber lists that the BGP is denying him are: "free exercise of religion, freedom of choice, and freedom of speech."

He goes on to state that "homosexuality requires a death penalty from God for all concerned parties...many of these homosexuals are under hundreds and thousands of death penalties."

"We are not executing homosexuals we are separating from them, if they choose to repent and pray, they have homosexual churches and ministries they can go to, we do not want to associate with their kinds."

Barber is seeking \$9,999.99 for each instance of slander. He also is demanding an "open apology and no further straight bashing by these homosexual beings."

During a brief telephone conversation on July 30, Barber called the IAIM "a scientific Christian, civil rights organization."

"We will vigorously defend ourselves against this lawsuit," commented BGP Managing Editor Mike Chase. "We fully believe Mr. Barber's suit is without merit and is a waste of the court's time."

A September 30 trial has been set and the BGP will be represented on a pro bono basis by attorney Randy Knepper.

Mr. Knepper has filed a motion asking the court to dismiss the suit. One ground is that Mr. Barber has no standing to sue on behalf of religious people who oppose homosexuality. The second basis is the failure of Barber to state a claim. The third is the absence of any specific example of defamation.

FDA Approves Urine Test for HIV

Washington, DC-AP- The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first urine test for the AIDS virus.

Calypte Biomedical Corp. of Berkeley, Calif., created the test, which detects antibodies to HIV present in simple plastic-cup specimens of urine.

The urine test approved Tuesday, August 6th, is safer, easier and more accessible than traditional HIV blood tests, because it doesn't require needles or specially trained health-care providers to administer it, and because urine, unlike blood, poses no risk of infection, said Calypte President Jack Davis.

The urine test becomes Americans' second painless alternative to standard HIV testing. Doctors already could offer an oral test that uses a cotton pad to scrape tissue from between the cheek and gum.

But urine testing is not as accurate as blood testing, and anyone who tests positive must then undergo standard blood testing to confirm whether he or she really has HIV, the FDA said.

In asymptomatic people, the urine test is expected to miss one or two HIV infections out of every 100 people tested — while a routine blood test would miss one or two out of 1,000, the FDA said.

Judge Sides With Paper in Same-Sex Marriage

Portland, OR-AP- A judge has ruled that forcing **The Oregonian** to include notices from same-sex couples among its wedding announcements would be a violation of free speech.

"The courts and legislatures cannot tell newspapers what to print," Joe D. Bailey, Multnomah County district judge pro-tem, said in a written opinion issued Monday.

Bailey also rejected claims that the newspaper's policy of restricting wedding announcements to state-licensed marriages is discriminatory.

"There is a rational basis for choosing to have 'wedding' mean 'the marriage ceremony of persons of opposite sexes,'" Bailey wrote.

Oregon law does not recognize same-sex marriages.

A lesbian couple, Sandra Linebarrier and Charlene Morris, had sued **The Oregonian** in July, seeking to force the newspaper to publish their notice.

Bailey's ruling denied the injunction.

Politically Speaking

A Convention Of Things That Go Bump In The Night

By Bill Meunier

As I write this, we are in the middle of the Republican Convention. Is it just me or are there others out there who hesitate at eating too much, just in case they accidentally watch too many of the speeches on the television?

I really shouldn't mind them all that much. After all wasn't there a philosopher who said "Without the existence of evil, there could be no good."

Then again I always thought that all evil should come under the cover of darkness. Call me an old fashioned conservative but I just don't believe that horror shows should be shown on prime time television where they can scare little children.

In the darkest recesses of his imagination, John Carpenter could never have dreamed up a movie plot as frightening as the Republican platform.

Its really scary if you are Gay, a person of color, an innocent child of an illegal immigrant or someone who has worried about the assault weapons used by drug dealers around the country. The GOP platform is solidly against those people but for those guns.

It is especially frightening if you are an economist trying to find a way out of the massive debt left that the last time, the GOP held the White House and implemented the Supply Side Economics their 1996 Platform embraces.

Supply side economics is another name for Reagan's "Trickle Down" theory. The idea is that by letting the rich out of paying taxes everyone will get richer. The wealthy will simply spend the money they would have paid in taxes giving jobs to the poor.

Sounds great but as we found out in the 1980's it doesn't work. The poor weren't "trickled" on they were "tinkled" on and it wasn't money that came down.

The GOP says that around 90% of the Republican delegates make over \$100,000 a year while less than 1% make under \$20,000 I'm sure that has nothing to do with their economic stance. Of course I also believe in the tooth fairy.

The nominee, Bob Dole, has denounced supply side economics throughout much of his lengthy political career. Now he embraces them. And he says that Clinton has no principles.

Politically these people almost make the Nazi's look tolerant. They have publicly proclaimed that anyone who doesn't agree with their platform can (and according to Pat Robertson will) go to hell.

New Home HIV Test Has Gone on Sale Nation Wide

Washington, DC- A second test for the AIDS virus that Americans can take at home went on sale nationwide Wednesday, July 24.

Home Access Health Corp. of Hoffman Estates, Ill., began taking orders via a toll-free telephone number for its Home Access Express test kits Wednesday, two days after approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

The kits let people take a blood sample at home, mail it to a laboratory and, three business days later, learn by telephone if they have the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Johnson & Johnson began limited sales of its Confide home test this spring, but the new competition sparked New Brunswick-based J&J to announce Wednesday—about a week earlier than planned—that people in every state except California and New York could now order Confide by another toll-free number.

Also, Confide will be sold in drugstores in most of the nation as early as September 1.

Home Access also will sell in drugstores later this year, a test that differs from the \$49.95 Express phone-ordered test only in that it offers results in one week and is \$10 cheaper.

To conduct the Home Access test, the person pricks a finger, places drops of blood on a test card and mails it in a protective envelope to a laboratory. The sample has a personal identification number.

To get the results, the person calls a toll-free number and gives the identification number. People with positive or inconclusive results get the news from counselors who can refer them for long-term counseling and medical treatment. Home Access usually gives negative results by a recording, although the caller can request a counselor at any time, 24 hours a day.

Editor's Note: The number for the Home Access Express test is 1-800-HIV-TEST. The number for Johnson & Johnson's test is 1-800-THE-TEST.

Their idea of a "tolerance plank" is an appendix that lists some of the platform planks that were defeated.

Its sort of like a hunter displaying his trophies on the wall. "We shot that Tolerance for Pro-Choicers Plank as it came out of the East. Got that liberal 'Let's make sure poor children have enough to eat idea' with the same gun about an hour later."

Its not surprising that tolerance on Gay Rights supporters is not even in that appendix. They never considered that idea at all.

It's also not surprising that three of the more moderate Republican Governors have rejected invitations to address the convention. Now when is the last time, you heard of a politician turning down five minutes of prime time?

Apparently the saner elements in the Party will have no part of publicly boosting the nominee, even if they don't have the guts to fight for their principles.

Of course the Party hacks will spend a great deal of time telling you that THEY are really a party of inclusion. One recent Sunday morning, I sat in disbelief as Pat Robertson insisted that everyone is welcome in the GOP.

Anyone looking for something true to life would have been better off watching the Scooby Doo show on the Cartoon Channel.

My other half who is as unpolitical as I am political made some kind of comment about how he shouldn't have had that second piece of toast as he ran for the bathroom.

When he was through, he came back to complain that everybody he saw on TV that morning was a Republican telling us about how they love everyone.

Of course they are going to say that. They know that "everyone" includes a hellava lot of voters. Voters are kind of funny that way, they don't vote for parties who are open about their contempt for them. (Unless they are a Log Cabin Republicans)

And then there is the Kemp factor. Many Republican activists say they are "thrilled" over Dole's choice of a running mate. They marvel over how Kemp is someone who can appeal to racial and ethnic minorities.

That's because during his abortive bid for President in 1988, Kemp actually campaigned in poor minority areas. He was rewarded by getting about 5% of the total minority primary vote.

That may not seem like much to you, but for a Republican that's a major achievement. Which in and of itself offers sad proof of just how rich and how white the Republican party is.

Getting back to the frightening aspect of all this is the fact that despite Clinton's current lead the Republicans still might win. Don't laugh. Just two years ago, this column predicted that the GOP could win control of Congress and look what happened.

These people are masters at propaganda. They have learned how to couch their real positions in euphemistic terms, like "Contract With America," and other catchy slogans.

Its only after the election that the voter finds out what those sunny slogans really meant. Its sort of like buying a car and learning that the low financing rate only applies if you signed the contract on the seventh Sunday of the eighth week of the month.

Lets hope, pray and work to make sure that this time the American people know about the fine print before they sign on the dotted line.

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HRC Unveils TV Ads Slamming Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

Washington, D.C. — Capitalizing on the fact that Americans are divided over a federal bill aimed at outlawing Gay marriage, the Human Rights Campaign unveiled two TV spots on the issue that will air during the Republican National Convention in San Diego.

Entitled **Marriages and Campaign Guys**, the 30-second advertisements will air in the San Diego market on CNN, ABC's **Good Morning America**, NBC's **Today Show**, and CBS's **CBS This Morning** during the convention, August 12-15.

"The Republican strategy of creating new laws legislating against Gay relationships has the potential to backfire on them," said David M. Smith, HRC's communications director. "Americans are divided when asked if there is any need for this bill. Plus, voters tell us that they are turned off by politicians trying to score points off Gay and Lesbian Americans."

"Voters think Congress has much more important business than attacking Gay people."

The first ad points out that marriages that should have been honored were once considered controversial, if not illegal.

It opens with a picture of GOP presidential hopeful Bob Dole and his second wife, Elizabeth. Then it focuses on Senator Phil Gramm (R-TX) and his Asian-American wife, Wendy. Next up are U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and his wife, Virginia, an interracial couple.

An announcer says, "There was a time when some marriages were so shocking to the majority that they were not legal." The spot closes with a shot of a Lesbian couple, as the announcer says, "Some still are not. Why are Bob Dole and Congress wasting our time with new laws attacking Gay relationships? They have better things to do."

A Gramm spokesman said the ad was drawing attention from the real issue of whether one state must recognize a gay marriage that is legal in another. The House has passed a GOP-backed bill saying states could refuse to recognize same-sex marriages, and President Clinton has said he would sign it.

"With all due respect, the question of permitting same-sex marriage isn't about love, race, height ... or taste in clothes for that matter," said spokesman Larry Neal. "It's about Texas recognizing marriage between one man and one woman and nobody else."

Spokespersons for Dole and Thomas said they had no comment.

Meanwhile, the conservative Family Research Council was outraged. Spokeswoman Kristi Hamrick said laws that used to bar mixed-race marriages in the United States were meant to suppress blacks and have nothing to do with whether homosexuals should gain the legal right to marry.

"These ads really are offensive," said Ms. Hamrick. "Marriage is fundamentally for the bringing together of two sexes."

The second ad features a conversation between two campaign operatives, one an older, cynical type and the other young and idealistic. As the "old campaign guy" talks about how "this new law against Gay marriage is great" and is "going to take us all the way to the White House," the "young campaign guy" asks why they aren't targeting issues like crime, education and Medicare.

"Who cares about Medicare?" the old campaign guy asks.

It closes with an announcer saying: "Tell Bob Dole and congress to stop trying to score political points by attacking Gay Americans. Americans want solutions to bring us together, not drive us apart."

"We know that there is no consensus among Americans on the Defense of Marriage Act," Smith said. "The Republican strategy of using the Gay marriage issue as a political strategy is failing to gain traction with voters."

According to a national poll conducted for HRC by The Mellman Group, 37 percent of Americans said they support the bill "defining marriage as only between men and women for the purposes of federal law," while 29 percent said they oppose it.

This lack of agreement was confirmed in another line of questioning. A total of 39 percent of those polled said they think this legislation is unnecessary, while 31 percent termed it necessary; a full 30 percent said they were not sure of the importance of such a law.

The anti-marriage bill was introduced in April in both the House and the Senate. One of its lead co-sponsors was then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who will clinch the Republican nomination for president at the San Diego convention.

The bill passed the House on July 12 by a vote of 342-67.

With the exception of Steve Gunderson, all of Wisconsin's House delegation voted for the bill.

The Senate could take up the bill at any time once it returns from the August recess.

When the bill comes up in the Senate, Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), James Jeffords (R-VT), and Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), plan to introduce the Employment Non-Discrimination Act as an amendment. That measure would outlaw job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

While opinion on the Defense of Marriage bill remains muddled, an overwhelming majority of those surveyed agreed there are more pressing issues facing Congress than attempting to outlaw same-sex marriage. Only 13 percent said that "passing this law should be an important priority." A total of 73 percent said "there are lots of other issues" that are much more important than creating a federal statute to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

The poll results were based on a national survey of 1,022 adults interviewed by telephone between May 31 and June 2. The study was based on a random-digit dialing probability sample of all telephone households in the continental United States, which ensures that every telephone household had an equal chance of participating in the survey. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. The margin of error for subgroups varies and may be larger.

The ads were created by Linda Semans of the Semans Company based in Alexandria, Virginia. V

John Scagliotti Leaves "In The Life"

New York, NY — John Scagliotti, the Executive Producer and creator of **In The Life** left his position August 1, 1996. Scagliotti brought **In The Life**, the first nationally broadcast series on Gay and Lesbian issues and culture, to PBS in 1992 after a ten-year effort. His desire was to "create a sense of community in a national way."

Scagliotti said feels he has accomplished that goal with the success of **In The Life**. The series, which began showing on just six stations, is now broadcast on over 90 PBS stations nationwide.

"Mr. Scagliotti's contribution to Gay visibility and Gay media is unparalleled," says Ben Prayz, Executive Director of **In The Life** Media, Inc., the not-for-profit producing organization of **In The Life**. "We look forward to watching for John's next project, which will no doubt challenge the national media once again. His creative contribution to **In The Life** will be greatly missed."

Scagliotti received an Emmy Award for **Before Stonewall**, the landmark documentary on Gay history leading up to the 1969 Stonewall riots.

He was featured in the book **Uncommon Heroes**, edited by Phillip Sherman, for his contribution to the Gay community.

Charles Dominic Ignacio, who has been with **In The Life** as the program's producer since its inception, succeeded Scagliotti. Ignacio became the Executive in Charge of Production after serving as Co-Executive Producer for the past two years. He came to **In The Life** in 1992 after working in

production at HBO and Thirteen/WNET, the PBS flagship station. His award-winning work has broadcast on A&E, Comedy Central, and Showtime. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and studied writing and directing under Milos Forman at Columbia University. V



A hot man in a hot bar! Gay porno star Alex Austin heated up a packed house at Appleton's Pivot Club during the Pivot's Ultimate Red Party on Friday August 9. The party also celebrated Sage La Rue's birthday. As is always the case with the Pivot, it was a great show and that a great time was had by all.

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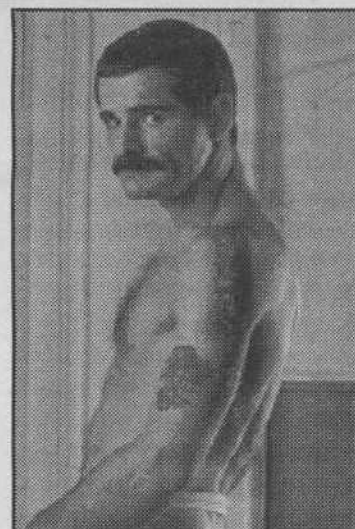
414 SM 28, 6', brown hair, brown eyes, straight-looking, young-looking. I'm looking for someone who is outgoing & likes animals. Preferably someone between the ages of 25-35. Someone to spend time with. Call Ext. 32579

608 SM 6', 165 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy hiking, swimming, watching TV, dining out & movies. I would like to meet someone 18-30, to talk to & develop a relationship with. Leave a message if you are interested. Call Ext. 32929

608 SWM Professional, 42, fit, attractive, brown hair & green eyes. I have a Fu-Manchu mustache. I'm looking for young White males, 18-45. Must like to have a good time. I'm a Harley-Davidson driver. I enjoy sports. Looking for a pal to have fun with. Call Ext. 32361

715 SM 30 years old, I'm new to the area. Looking for other males, who are between 25-45 years of age, who are very confident in their lifestyle. I love quiet evenings at home & spoiling that special someone. I like to fix a home-cooked meal & treat a man the way he should be treated. Please call and leave a message. Call Ext. 33714

715 SWM I am looking for some other White males who are between the ages of 20-40 years old, who would like to have a fun time getting to know each other. I'm a smoker & a social drinker. I like quiet evenings at home, going to the movies & being spoiled. Please give me a call. Call Ext. 33098



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LOOKING FOR YOU GWM, 20, 5'8", 170, light brown hair, blue eyes, straight appearing and attractive, seeks others into friendship first and then possibly more. (Columbus) =19397

DISCRETION A MUST I'm a 33 year old professional Bi male. I enjoy sporting events. I tend to be shy. My profession does not allow me to meet people freely. I look forward to meeting someone. Please be discreet. (Fond du lac) =32076

NO GAMES NO TRIPS I'm 6'1, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 178lbs, slim, good shape, good looking. I would like to meet someone for a long term relationship. Casual friends welcome. I enjoy sporting events and masculine men. (Fond du lac) =32136

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE I'm a health minded individual interested in meeting sincere and honest people 18 to 40 in the Fox Valley area. Call me. (Fox Valley) =21186

ORDINARY GUY looking for companionship with someone who is honest, sincere, and has a good outlook on life. Call me. (Fox Valley) =21201

WAITING FOR A MASTER I'm looking for a dominant master to train me to be a very passive boy. I'm into all aspects of B&D and I will submit to you sir. Please call me. (Green Bay) =24298

SONNIE DELIGHT We are a super hot bottom couple who want to meet Gay, bi, White males for adult fun and to have delights with. Call us. (Green Bay) =20254

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm an attractive 22 year old Gay White male, 6'2, 190lbs. I'm looking for friends to have fun with. Call me. (Green Bay) =19235

BUILT TO LAST I'm a 38 year old Gay White male. I would like to meet guys for fun and games. I'm muscular, masculine, and well equipped. Call me. (Green Bay) =19358

GOOD LOOKING GUY IN GREEN BAY I'm very good looking and I'm looking for someone to spend time with. I'm into what ever you want to do. Nothing kinky. Call me. (Green Bay) =18366

LETS PLAY BALL I'm a 22 year old Gay White male interested in meeting someone for friendship or other reasons. I have dark blond hair and blue eyes and I love sports. If you are interested please call me and leave a message. (Kenosha) =43128

JUST FUN I'm 6ft, 155lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, hairy, 21 years old. I'm looking for guys 18 to 23 in my area. I'm not interested in a relationship, just fun. (Kenosha) =28952

BIG AND BOLD I'm 6'1, 250lbs, linebacker build, big not fat. I'm 38 years old, attractive, healthy. I'm looking for a Gay White or Hispanic male. I have many interests. I'm looking for a friends first relationship. Call me. (Kenosha) =19888

I'LL DO ANYTHING I'm a 19 year old Bi sexual male looking for open minded Bi guys for friendship. If you want more than friendship please be 18 to 28. Call me. (La Crosse) =22123

TORRID ENCOUNTERS I'm a Gay Latin male, 6ft, 195lbs, 26 years old. I seek muscular, lustful, Gay White males or couples 20 to 40 for torrid encounters. Call me. (Madison) =4016

ARE YOU KIND HEARTED? I'm 23 years old, Asian male, 5'7, 135lbs, dark hair, dark eyes, very healthy, very athletic and good looking. I enjoy weight lifting, biking, and summer movies. I'm looking for a White male 20 to 32 who is fit and muscular. (Madison) =3688

ARE YOU IN KNEED? I have Brown hair and Blue eyes, moderate build. I love to have sex and give and receive massage. If you are into having fun or a possible relationship call me. (Madison) =4127

MISSING LINK SOUGHT I'm late 40's, husky build, beard, mustache. I would like to meet a bear type 30's to 50's who is very hairy. Call me. (Madison) =4366

HAIR WE GO I'm 18 years old, 6'4, 210lbs. I'm looking for someone 18 to 30 who likes to do just about anything. Hairy men are a plus. (Madison) =3262

ARREST ME I'm a submissive Gay White male, 5'11, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a dominant man 21 to 45 who is in law enforcement. Call me. (Madison) =2840

ISN'T THAT YOU ON THE SCREEN? I would love to get together with some guys in my area. If you are into adult videos call me. Lets watch together. (Madison) =1314

MADISON BEAR I'm 28 years old, 6'2, heavy set, short Brown hair, hairy all over. I like big hairy men like myself. I'm into movies, theatre, reading, and good conversation. Call me. (Madison) =1163

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME I'm a Gay White male, 6'1, 175lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, 30 years old, fit, clean cut. I'm looking for a top Gay male for fun, friendship, and possibly more. Try me. No disappointment (Madison) =34680

I NEED A HOT TOP MAN I'm 5'10, 180lbs, 34" waist, Brown curly hair, dark Brown eyes, football player build, very strong. I'm a bottom looking for a top. Call me. (Madison) =18377

LOCAL MOTIVE I'm a 34 year old Gay White male looking for friends in my area and a possible relationship. Call me. (Marion) =1989

LIGHT ME UP I'm a White male looking for friendship and whatever. I'm a smoker and I enjoy the outdoors. Call me. (Marshfield) =19302

THIS BOTTOM WANTS YOU I'm 27 years old, 5'10, Auburn hair, Green eyes, glasses, mustache. I'm looking for men around my age for fun and more. Call me. (Menomonee) =3939

PLOW THIS BOY I'm 6ft, 190lbs. I'm looking for an interesting top man to plow me. (Menomonee) =20561

LIVE IN SLAVE WANTED I'm 48 years old and I'm looking for a slave boy or she slave 18 to 35. I'm willing to train someone. This is a possible live in situation. (Milwaukee) =3680

THE WILD NIGHT IS CALLING I'm a very attractive 32 year old Gay White male, Blonde hair, Hazel eyes, 6'1, 165lbs, trim muscular build. I enjoy working out, camping, etc. I'm looking for guys in my area for fun and friendship. Call me. (Milwaukee) =3897

THE COLOR OF MY DREAMS I'm a 29 year old Black male, 6'3, 180lbs, mustache, attractive. I'm seeking other men of color in my area. Call me. (Milwaukee) =3985

NO CRIMINAL RECORD I'm a Bi White male, 6'1, 29 years old, 217lbs, athletic build, Blue eyes, handsome, GQ looks, drug free, disease free, no criminal record. I'm looking for a Bi White or Hispanic male 21 to 35 who is muscular and good looking. (Milwaukee) =3378

MORE THAN THIS I'm a caring Gay White male looking for the same for friendship and possibly more. I'm 51 years old, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'8, 145lbs. If you are interested please call me. (Milwaukee) =1720

LOOKING FOR A HOT HUNG TOP I'm a Gay White male, 25 years old, Brown hair, Blue eyes, slender build. I'm looking for a hot hung top man. Call me. (Milwaukee) =1774

SMALL ENDOWED BOTTOMS WANTED I'm an older young looking 44 year old Gay White male, 5'9, 165lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven, hairy chest, nice legs, top man. I'm looking for younger guys who are small endowed bottoms. (Milwaukee) =1878

LETS PLAY A GAME Lets turn up the heat together. I'm 41 years old, honest and caring. I enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, black jack, and cribbage. Call me. (Milwaukee) =2582

TOP MAN WANTED I'm a 20 year old Gay White male, Reddish Brown hair, Brown eyes, 6ft, 200lbs, freckles. I'm looking for a top man 18 to 25. Call me. (Milwaukee) =2611

DANCES WITH NATURE I'm a Gay White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 6'1, 25 years old, nice body. I love dancing and the outdoors. Give me a call. (Milwaukee) =1538

I LOVE TRANSESTITES If you enjoy cross dressing call me. I enjoy the company of another guy when he is in drag. (Milwaukee) =1626

MAKE ME LAUGH I'm 57, 180lbs, well built. I'm looking for the same in a guy with a good sense of humor. Lets go out. (Milwaukee) =1316

BLACK MEN ONLY I'm a 21 year old Drag Queen. I have Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'9, 155lbs, flexible. I'd like to meet a very fun loving and caring guy who likes to do a lot of things as well as cuddle. I'm only interested in Black men. Call me. (Milwaukee) =42795

LEATHER TRAINING I'm into leather. I'm looking for a slave boy or she male. I'm in my 40's, good build. I'm looking for someone to train. (Milwaukee) =32154

FUZZY LITTLE LEATHER BEAR? I'm 47 years old, 5'7, 178lbs. I enjoy working out, hiking, biking, staying fit, etc. I'm looking for fuzzy little leather bears 5'10 and under. (Milwaukee) =3544

MANS BEST FRIEND I'm a 40 year old Gay White male, 6ft, 185lbs, HIV positive. I'm seeking other men 30 plus for friendship and companionship. Call me. (Milwaukee) =4327

OH NO! IT'S MR. BILL I'm 47 years old, 5'7, 178lbs, and hairy. I'm looking for another hot leather man to be in touch with. I'm willing to experiment and explore. I like to dominate. Call me. (Milwaukee) =20606

CUMING STRAIGHT ON TO YOU I'm looking for straight acting friends to hang out with. I'm 24 years old, 6'2, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. If you want to get in touch with me please call. (Milwaukee) =19828

SUB DUDE I'm 31 years old, 5'7, 140lbs. I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for an aggressive top. (Milwaukee) =19337

CHUBBY HUBBY WANTED I'm 5'9, 160lbs, 40 years old. I'm looking for a heavy set man for cuddling, movies, and popcorn. (Milwaukee) =19486

LET ME BE YOUR LITTLE GIRL I'm a Bi white male, 23 years old, shy, mature, and submissive. I'm looking for dominant men to make me submit. make me dress like a girl and use me. (Milwaukee) =19867

ARE YOU READY FOR A STEADY? I'm 33 years old, 5'11, dark Brown hair, Hazel eyes, 165lbs. I'm looking to meet a man for good times and a possible long term relationship. Please be honest, sincere, and caring. (Milwaukee) =18019

MORE THAN THIS I'm a straight acting Gay White male, 29 years old, 5'7, 140lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes, clean cut, and attractive. I'm seeking a straight acting Gay White male 1 to 35 for a sincere relationship as friends or maybe more. (Osh Kosh) =19970

LET'S GO FOR A BIKE RIDE I'm a White male, 40 years old. I like country music, bike riding, and long walks. Call me. (Rocine) =19586

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT I would like to meet some guys in my area for fun and more. Call me. (Stevens Point) =19640

DAD WANTS BOY I'm a Gay White male retired professional seeking a cute young dude, son, brother, for affection, companionship, and more. Call me. (Sturgeon Bay) =34420

HEY GUYS I'm a Bi guy looking for a male 18 to 30 who is in for a long term or short term relationship. Call me. (Wausau) =2950

WE CAN WORK IT OUT I'm 25 years old, 6'1, 185lbs, medium build, Blonde hair, Blue eyes. I enjoy tennis, movies, biking, and exercising. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Wausau) =11144

OPEN TO NEW THINGS I'm 26 years old, 6'1, Blond hair, Hazel eyes, well built, big guy. I like to party. I'm looking for someone to hang out with. Call me. =3143

GOOD TOP WANTED I'm a bottom looking for a top. If you are good and would like to meet me, please call. =31407

TOP THIS BOTTOM I'm a Gay African American man, 5'3, 170lbs, Brown eyes, stocky, solid. I'm seeking a very dominant person who loves sports, walking, movies and more. Call me. =32768

SMALL TOWN BOY I'm athletic and I like to play sports. I live in a small town. I would really like to get to know some guys out there. Call me. =22493

USE AND ABUSE THIS BOTTOM I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for a physically dominant top for wrestling, bondage, S&M, and more. If you would like to use and abuse me please call. I'm 35 years old, 5'9, 190lbs, clean, and discreet. =21247

LETS DO THINGS TOGETHER I'm interested in meeting someone who has a hairy chest and medium build. I want to get to know the person pretty good. If you are interested in meeting someone who likes to have fun call me. (Joliet) =1384

Iowa

YOUNG AND RESTLESS I'm a 19 year old White male looking for guys who are good looking. I have a nice body and a moderate income. Call me. (Des Moines) =2730

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ELK RIVER COMPANION I'm looking for companionship with a young man. If you are interested please call me. (Elk River) =2832

DO IT WITH ME I'm a total bottom looking for someone to do something with me. (Grand Forks) =21532

START ME UP I'm 5'7, 155lbs, 30 years old, long Brown hair, Brown eyes, good shape, Bi curious. I'm looking for Bi or Gay guys to help get me started. Call me. (Mankato) =23982

MAN IN MANKATO I'm 30 years old, 5'7, 155lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm Bi curious and I'm looking for Bi or Gay men in my area who are nice and very discreet. (Mankato) =22567

HOPELESS ROMANTIC I'm a Gay White male, 46 years old, young looking, good looking, young acting, good shape, hairy chest, good looking, passionate, loving, caring, etc. If you are interested please call me. (Minneapolis) =1515

WANTED MEN I'm 29 years old, 6'6, 200lbs, swimmers build, Blue eyes, Brown hair, fair skin, shy, very smooth, bottom. I love to serve uncut men of all kinds. Make me do what you want. Call me. (Minneapolis) =4916

BEND ME OVER YOUR KNEES SIR I'm a Gay male, 33 years old, into bondage, leather, and S&M. I'm looking for a hot top to bend me over his knee and to his will. Call me. (Minneapolis) =4569

CUTE YOUNG BOY Hot 28 year old Blond, long hair, very nice, honest, decent job, versatile, fun, adventurous, party, drink, (but never create problems), mellow. I will do anything I can to please a cute young boy 18+. Please call me. (Minneapolis) =4664

HOT 28 YEAR OLD BLOND long hair, honest, decent job, versatile, fun, adventurous, party, drink, mellow, been in naked magazines. I want to experiment with servicing you and your friends. If you are real I will send nice photos. Call me. (Minneapolis) =4665

I NEED A TOP MAN I'm 5'10, Auburn hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for a top man for fun and good times. If you are interested please call me. (Minneapolis) =3940

THE REAL THING I'm 29 years old, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 6ft, 190lbs, smooth, cute. I'm looking for honest and real people who are not into games for good times and more. (Minneapolis) =4186

LETS WORK IT OUT I'm a 38 year old Gay male looking for some fun times this summer. It can be totally casual with no strings or it can be more than that. I'm open the possibility of a relationship. Call me. (Minneapolis) =4424

DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY I am a deaf White male looking for good clean fun, sex, and more. If you would like to know more about me please respond to this mailbox. Thank you. (Minneapolis) =4483

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm a Gay White male in Minneapolis looking for friends. If you are out there reading this ad please call me. (Minneapolis) =2187

WHERE ARE YOU? I'm an attractive 41 year old Gay White male, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, masculine, nice body. I like weight lifting, running, etc. I'm looking for a Gay Black male 30 to 45 for fun, friendship, and more. (Minneapolis) =2319

THIS TOP WANTS YOU I'm a Gay White male, 26 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 6'1, 200lbs. I'm looking to meet bottom men in St. Paul or River Falls. If you are 21 to 29, straight acting, attractive and interested in a top man please call me. (Minneapolis) =3158

LIMITS RESPECTED I'm a dominant Bi White male, 5'8, 155lbs, muscular, work out, 54 years old. I like men and women. Lets do it. I like to dominate men. I like bondage, discipline, water sports, French, and Greek. Call me. Limits respected. (Minneapolis) =1436

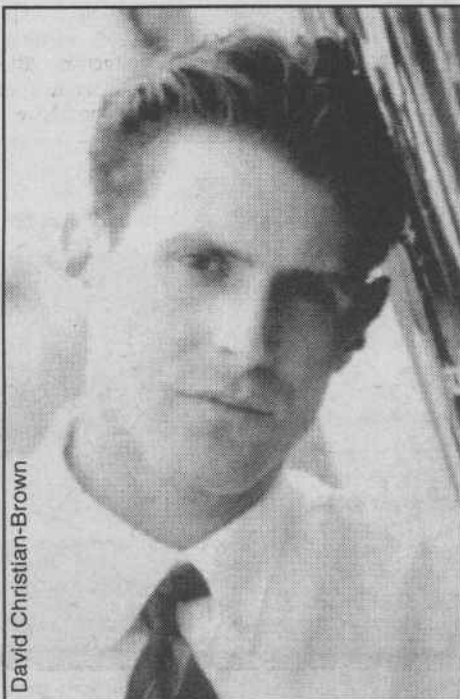
BOUND TO PLEASE I'm a submissive Gay White male, 6'1, 185lbs, 35 years old. I'm a slave looking for a master who can give me the discipline I need. I'm into bondage, water sports, verbal abuse, etc. Call me sir. I'm made to take orders. (Minneapolis) =33462

CHUBBY HUBBY I'm 28 years old, 5'11, 270lbs, chubby. I'm looking for young Hispanic men 22 to 29 who are hairy, clean shaven, and in shape. I'm looking for good times and a possible relationship. Call me. (Minneapolis) =35021

NEW KID IN TOWN I'm 34 years old, 6'3, transplant. I'm looking to make some friends and a possible lover. I like dining out, movies, walks, video's, etc. I'm easy going and I'm looking for a friend. (Minneapolis) =29791

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LETS GET EXCITED I'm a 40 year old White male, 6'2, 195lbs, Blonde. I'm looking for single or couples 30 to 40's for fun, friendship, and excitement (Minneapolis) =24661



Illinois

SUBURBAN ESCAPE Professional Gay White male, 43 years old, 5'11, 165lbs, top. I'm seeking a Gay White male 18 to 23 for friendship and more. No drugs. You must be straight acting and not into the bar scene. (Evanston) =4253

BRING YOUR BUDDIES I'm a White male model, 37 years old, 5'9, 150lbs. I'm looking for a Black male or group of Black males who are hung, uncut, and ready to gang bang me. Call me. (Evanston) =21057

ROMANTIC Gay White male, 41 years old, 5'6, 130lbs, South West suburbs. I'm a loving and caring person. I'm looking for a Gay White male 30 to 45 for friendship or maybe more. Call me. (Evanston) =3198

BIGGER IS NOT BETTER I'm a beautiful Black female impersonator looking for men who are NOT well endowed. If you want to go out on a date and enjoy the night call me. (Evanston) =1176

BATMAN SEEKS ROBIN I'm a healthy Gay White male top in search of single Gay or Bi White male bottoms 21 to 35 to play Robin to my Batman on the weekends. If you have an open mind and an active imagination call me. (Evanston) =10435

STINKY I have a foot fetish. I love young guys. I might even buy your dirty socks. Call me. (Evanston) =1050

LETS PARTY I'm a Gay White male, 20 years old, looking for a Gay White male who likes to go out and have fun. I like to party. Smokers OK. Call me. (Evanston) =36490

CARNIVAL DOG I'm a Gay White male looking for a Gay male for fun times, laughs, and entertainment. I enjoy carnivals and outdoor fun. Call me. (Evanston) =36868

UNDER THE BIG TOP I'm a 34 year old Gay White male. I'm looking for other Gay White men 24 to 34. I like movies and the circus. Call me. (Evanston) =38889

NORTH WEST SUBURBS I'm searching for other men in the suburbs or Chicago who have access to public places where we can watch other guys taking showers. I'm looking for guys 18 to 41. I'm 41 years old, slender, 135lbs, dark Brown hair. Call me. (Evanston) =31818

YOUNG AND READY I'm an 18 year old Gay White male. I'm looking for someone who is no older than 19 for a relationship. Call me. (Evanston) =44464

TEDDY BEAR WANTED I'm looking for teddy bears. People who like to hug and love. I'm 230lbs and masculine. Call me. (Evanston) =22921

HELLO OUT THERE I'm 33 years old, 6'1, 170lbs, 44" chest, 30" waist, dark hair, dark eyes, mustache, hairy, good tan. I get into lots of music, outdoors, romantic movies and dinners. If you are interested please call me. (Forest Park) =34692

ROMANCE MY STONES I'm 36 years old, 5'10, 165lbs. I like biking, roller blading, and romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone with similar interests. Call me. (Hickory Hills) =22547

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME I'm a muscular Gay White male, 5'8, 32" waist, 44" chest, great legs. I like movies, theatre, eating, and more. I'm educated and fun to be around. I'm looking for other hot guys for fun and more. (Minneapolis) =21098

PRIVATE DANCER I'm Blonde, 6'1, 185lbs, good shape, late 30's. I give erotic massage. I'm looking for Bi, Gay, or married men for discreet encounters. Privacy assured. I have my own place. (Minneapolis) =22490

LET MY GIRL WATCH ME SERVE YOU I'm a submissive 30 year old male searching for large endowed men to dominate me while my girlfriend watches. I'm very open minded. I'm looking for someone who enjoys being serviced. Call me. (Minneapolis) =22912

THIS BI MALE WANTS YOU I'm a 44 year old Bi White male looking for other males or couples. Call me. (Minneapolis) =23052

ATTORNEY IN BRIEFS I'm a 38 year old seeking to share bottom lines for friendship and possible relationship. I'm looking for someone 30 to 40 who likes the outdoors and more. Call me. (Minneapolis) =23244

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SEEKING FRIENDSHIP Bi White male, 60+, 6'2, outdoors, seeks friendship with same. Call me. (Minneapolis) =21818

BLACK ON BLACK Bi Black male, 5'9, 150lbs, nice tone body, good shape. I'm looking to hook up with another well built, masculine, and well endowed Black man for discreet encounters. Call me. (Minneapolis) =21238

NEED A GOOD SPANKING? I'm a Gay White male teacher looking for in shape college student 18 to 25 to spank. Let me put some discipline back into your life. (Minneapolis) =21554

FRENCH EXPERT I'm a French expert looking for straight or Bi curious men, mid 30's to mid 50's, who like to receive. I'm 35 years old, nice body, healthy, and discreet. You should be similar. (Minneapolis) =18393

OUR LITTLE SECRET I'm an attractive Blonde, 6'1, 180lbs, good shape. I'm looking to hook up with Bi and married guys for massage. If you are very discreet and well endowed please call me. (Minneapolis) =16203

MASTER WANTED I'm a submissive Gay White male, 6'1, 185lbs, 35 years old. I'm a slave looking for a master who can give me the discipline I need. I'm into water sports, bondage, abuse, etc. Please call me sir. I'm here to take orders. (Minneapolis) =16519

I GOT THE MUNCHIES I'm 5'11, 150lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, smooth, slender. I'm looking for hairy, muscular men who like to be serviced and butts munched. Call me. (Minneapolis) =16590

HOT FOR TEACHER I'm 21 years old, 6'1, 210lbs. I'm new at this. I'm looking for someone to teach me the ropes and to do things with. (Minneapolis) =16916

BOY TOY WANTED I'm a 40 year old Gay male, 6ft, 170lbs, good shape. I'm looking for a baby queer who is into bondage, dominance, and S&M. I'm serious and you should be too. If you are 18 to 26 and want to service a master call me. (Minneapolis) =17601

ATTRACTIVE AND SUBMISSIVE I'm a submissive male in my early 30's looking for a dominant hung top man. If you like to take control please call me. I'm into French, Greek, golden showers, body worship, and many other kinky scenes. Call me sir. (Minneapolis) =17731

NEW KID IN TOWN I'm a 22 year old Gay White male, 6ft, 200lbs. I like to ride my bike, camp, go to amusement parks, etc. I seek men 18 to 35 to have fun and hang out with. Leave me a message. (Minneapolis



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Madison Man Living With HIV Takes Life One Day at a Time

Madison—Donn Colee learned eight years ago he carried the virus that causes AIDS and has decided life is worth living.

He takes a vacation whenever he pleases, smokes cigarettes in defiance of health warnings, eats cholesterol and saturated fat and does not bother to save money for retirement, he said.

Colee, 43, is among the estimated 5,300 people in Wisconsin who the state Center for Health Statistics says have HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome).

"I'm at the point where I could wake up in the morning, cough and end up in the hospital," he said.

"I'm not going to stop smoking. I like my meat rare and I like my eggs runny," Colee said.

Because he has the virus, he could develop the disease at any time.

"I decided I've got that much time left," he said, holding his thumb and index finger about 4 inches apart. "Don't waste it."

The Center for Health Statistics said last week that 2,000 people in Wisconsin have died of AIDS since officials began keeping track of the disease about 15 years ago.

One-half of the 2,000 died within just the last 3 1/2 years, an indication the death rate is increasing.

The AIDS death toll is low, compared with other diseases. For example, 184,475 people in Wisconsin died of heart disease and 115,908 died of cancer between 1982 and 1993, the center said.

Colee, a former free-lance photographer who collects disability checks, lives on Madison's east side in a subsidized apartment complex for people who have tested positive

for HIV.

Rent is one-third of a resident's income. An applicant must be needy and disabled, said Colee, a former member of the complex's board of directors.

Colee takes an anti-viral pill, D4T, twice a day.

"In a year, I could be the same as I am now, I could be sick or I could be dead," he said.

"I'm at the stage now where I feel like 85 to 90 percent of the people I've known in my life are dead. I've lost whole circles of friends."

For a while, Colee said, he lived in San Francisco where the health care system was "breaking down" under the number of people with the virus.

Insurance premiums tripled in just two years because of AIDS, he said.

When he moved to Portland, he said, one of the city's biggest hospitals closed after caring for too many uninsured AIDS patients.

So three years ago, Colee "threw a dart in the map" and moved with his partner to Platteville.

He wanted to make sure he and his partner, who had AIDS, would get medical care.

The stress of the disease forced the pair to part, he said.

"It affected us both severely, him worse than I," Colee said. "We disagreed on treatments and stuff."

When you're sick, "some parts of your personality come seething to the surface that are scary," Colee added. "So the divorce was inevitable."

Colee moved to Madison to be nearer his doctor at the University of Wisconsin hospital.

People in Platteville tended to accept them "as long as we kept the grass mowed and the sidewalk shoveled."

In Madison, Colee has been outspoken about AIDS, talking to radio, television and newspaper reporters, speaking to church and school groups.

"I'm not ashamed of this. I'm not going to hide it. For some people, it's a dirty little disease. Well, it's not dirty to me. It's no weirder for me than if I had cancer."

"That's the worst part of this disease: Not only are you dying but society makes you feel like a dirtball. So I just decided to be vocal."

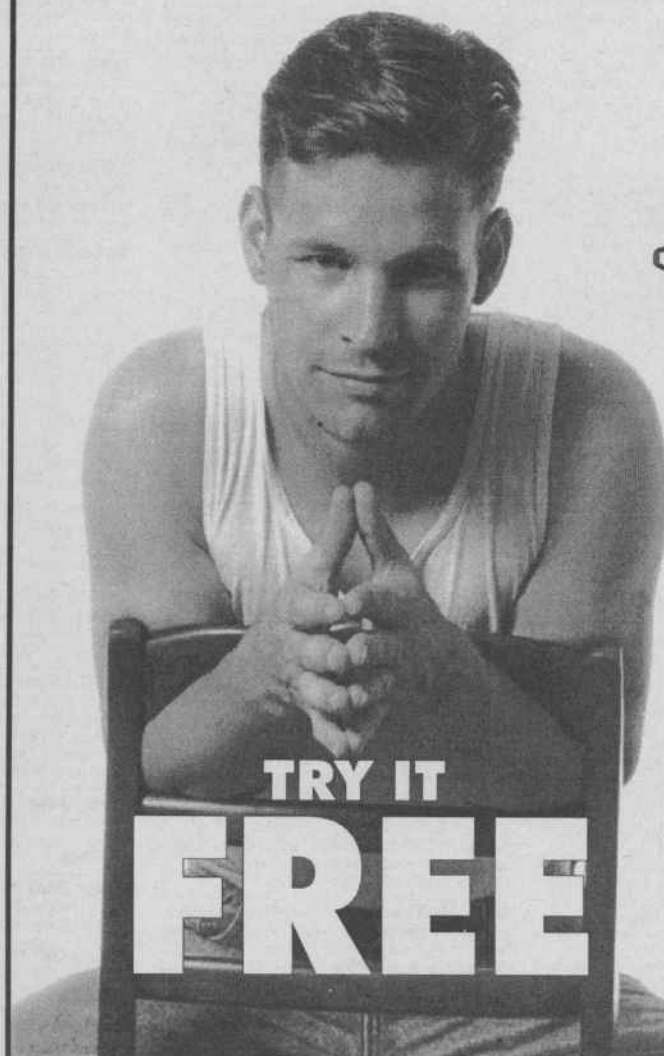
Occasionally Colee thinks that, with gains in medicinal research, he may live long enough to be a "crotchety old man."

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"Rob and I are giving the speech together because we have decided this year it is important for us to show everyone, I guess, the value and the positive aspects of long-term relationships," Gunderson said.

David Greer, a spokesman for the Log Cabin Republicans, said the Gunderson-Morris relationship "debunks the myths" that Christian conservatives try to create against Gays.

"One, that we're a promiscuous group who cannot maintain long-term relationships," Greer said.

Gunderson has been in Congress since 1980. Having announced plans to retire from Congress at the end of the current term, he recently rejected his supporters' efforts to organize a write-in campaign, saying he feared Gay bashing.

Farm interests and his aides started a write-in campaign, hoping he would stay in Congress and become chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Gunderson said he was informed that conservative groups would wage a well-financed campaign to make false allegations regarding his health status and AIDS, and he didn't want to put his family and friends through that.

Asked why he came out, Gunderson said: "Him, number one," motioning toward Morris.

"Friends getting sick and dying of AIDS, and the convention four years ago and Pat Buchanan's speech of intolerance and hate," he added.

"It's important that people understand in our offices, in our home, with our neighbors, we were an open Gay family," Morris said.

The pair met in Washington during Gunderson's third term when Morris, a student at Auburn University in Alabama, was vacationing.

The first year, they were just friends because Gunderson was getting used to the idea of a homosexual relationship, Morris said.

"It's an awful place to come to terms with one's sexuality," Morris said of Congress, "because you're in the public spotlight and you have to come to terms with things you should have come to terms with sooner."

Anne Gavin, spokeswoman for the Republican National Convention, said the party has room for different viewpoints.

"The party's position on discrimination is that we're against discrimination but we're not for special rights for any group," Gavin said.

Morris, 36, was correct when advising him



Patry Casady

The Miss Great Lakes At Large Pageant was held at the Pivot Club on Sunday August 11. A great show and a great pageant made for a very entertaining evening. Shown above are (L-R) Chelsea Pearl, the reigning Miss Gay At Large US of A, Pageant winner, Celeste Olds, 1st Runner Up, Sybil Le Storm and Sage La Rue who gave her Miss Gay Great Lakes Crown to Celeste.

to make his orientation public, Gunderson said.

"It's a better place and I firmly believe that we cannot expect middle-Americans to support us politically until they know us personally," Gunderson told his audience.

Their relationship in the nation's capital with Morris was known in the western Wisconsin 3rd Congressional District and throughout the state, for several years before he openly acknowledged it in a 1994 article in the *New York Times Magazine*, they said in a prespeech interview.

Wisconsin voters in Gunderson's rural congressional district are big-hearted people who care more about politics than about his homosexuality, they said.

The pair recently wrote a book about their relationship titled *House and Home*.

accepted behavior. Ms. Paltrow's radiant performance will surely be remembered come Oscar time.

Amongst the uniformly fine supporting cast, a few standout performances deserve special mention. As poor, plain, penniless Harriet Smith, Toni Colette (whom Glenn found a positive fright in *Muriel's Wedding*) here is a marvel, wonderfully fleshing out one of Austen's more sketchily drawn characters.

Sophie Thompson (Emma's sister, that is Emma Thompson real-life sister) brings an unexpected depth to Miss Bates, a poor chatterbox spinster who cares for her silent mother (Phyllida Law, Emma Thompson's real-life mother). Juliet Stevenson is a marvelous horror as the vulgar, pushy Mrs. Elton.

And finally, as perhaps Austen's most knightly romantic hero, Jeremy Northam proves himself more than equal to the task.

Wonderfully authentic settings, beautiful cinematography and an appropriately romantic, nicely understated musical score all add to make *Emma* an enchanting evening and certainly a worthy successor to other recent Austen adaptations.

Highly recommended!

rating \$\$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)
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SSBL Final Standings

Club 219	15	1
Ball Game	12	4
In Between	10	6
M & M	8	8
Balistreri's	7	9
Manoeuvres	6	10
Wreck Room	4	12
Triangle	2	14



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