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Scheels Deny Rumors of Relocation to New Main Street Site for Hotel Washington Bars

Madison— Contrary to rumors circulating in the community, the Scheel family, owners of the Hotel Washington say they have not purchased or leased an alternative site for the Hotel's bars and restaurant at 111 W. Main Street. (just off the Capitol Square)

They have, however, applied for a license transfer to that location.

According to Sherry Scheel Nelson "We have looked at the building, but we have NOT decided to lease or purchase it. The building needs a lot of work."

When asked why they applied for a license transfer Scheel Nelson stated "We did apply for a license transfer so we can stay ahead of the game. We have been stuck behind the paperwork too many times and if we decide to make the move there we want everything to be in place."

The Search Continues

Scheel Nelson explained that she and her brother Greg, are looking at other sites as well. "We expect to look at three or four new sites in the near future. This building needs a lot of work in order for it to be suitable."

Papers filed with the Madison City Clerk on October 4th asked for a liquor license transfer to the new site. According to these papers the new complex would be called 'The Main Place.' "We put 'The Main Place' on the papers because we had to put something down," said Scheel Nelson. "It'd be a beautiful thing to have happen but I don't think that site is as promising as it looked at first."

The Scheels, owners of the Hotel Washington, had told **The Light** they were planning on opening as many of the former Hotel's businesses as they could at a new site.

The Main Place

The Main Street site was formerly occupied by "Going My Way" a Madison Gay bar that closed over 10 years ago.

According to openly Gay Madison Alderman Mike Verveer, plans filed with the Madison City Clerk state that The Main Place will include a lounge in the basement, a bar and restaurant on the first floor and a dance night club on the second floor. The papers said that the Main Place would open on Christmas Day, 1996.

Verveer said he was very optimistic that the Madison Alcohol License Review Committee will grant the license transfer at its hearing on Wednesday November 13. "The Scheels are wonderful, responsible business people. I expect that the City will recognize that and grant these licenses ex-

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HRC Poll Predicts 77% Turnout Among Gay and Lesbian Voters

Gay Poll Says Clinton 70% - Dole 11%



Bill Meunier

Jim Schief, Doug Seres and Karen Goetzler during the Town Hall Meeting on the proposed GBLT Community Center for Milwaukee. Approximately 50 people heard Seres, Co-Chair of the National Association of Les/Bi/Gay Community Centers praise Milwaukee's efforts.

Paras Leaves NGLTF With Stellar Record

Kerry Lobel Named as Replacement

Washington D.C. Melinda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), has announced she will step down from the helm of the nation's oldest Gay and Lesbian civil rights group, upon completion of her term, to pursue personal goals.

NGLTF was founded in 1973. The group organizes, lobbies, advocates and educates for the civil rights of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people. It has a staff of 21 and 35,000 members.

Replacement Named

Paras' two-year term will end Dec. 1, 1996. The NGLTF Board of directors announced that Kerry Lobel, NGLTF Deputy Director, has been named new Executive Director, effective Dec. 1.

As second-in-command of the Task Force and a former chief executive herself, Lobel brings years of grassroots and national expertise and leadership to her new role.

Paras Praised

"Melinda has been instrumental in stabilizing the Task Force and in setting a new vision for NGLTF," said Joe Hall and Sue Anderson, NGLTF board Co-chairs. "She distinguished herself by reinvigorating the Policy Institute -- the movement's think tank -- stabilizing the organization and its

management team, and emphasizing NGLTF's commitment to building a stronger grassroots movement."

Paras, 43, said she and her partner, Barbara Englis, will move back to their home in San Francisco to have children, build a family and pursue other personal and professional goals. Englis is returning to her work on behalf of homeless veterans.

The board Co-chairs said Paras was brought in to stabilize NGLTF administrative operations and shore up its political work. During her term, Paras took a leadership role in numerous battles for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (g/l/b/t) equality and responsible federal HIV/AIDS policy.

Paras Thanks NGLTF

"It has been a time of pride and empowerment for me to serve NGLTF and our community in what will go down in history as possibly the most important period of our movement for social change," said Paras. "Despite the ups and downs we have witnessed and been a part of -- from the Supreme Court victory on Amendment 2 to the Defense of Marriage Act, from promising new life-prolonging AIDS treatments to attacks on Medicaid -- it has been a profoundly significant time for us. More and more people are coming out and creating change in their communities. It has been an honor for me to play a role in that national movement."

NGLTF Made Progress Under Paras

During her term Paras directed several important new initiatives. She reinvigorated the NGLTF Policy Institute when she hired noted historian and author Dr. John D'Emilio of the University of North Carolina to direct the research, analysis and publishing arm of NGLTF. Under her direction, the Policy Institute published a series of path-finding activist tools, including "To Have and To Hold: Organizing For Our Right To Marry;" "Power At The Polls: The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Vote;" "Here to Stay: A Working Paper on Lesbian and Gay Family Issues;" "Beyond the Beltway: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote;" and the NGLTF Campus Manual.

Under her leadership the Task Force sponsored two groundbreaking Youth Leadership Trainings that attracted some of the brightest g/l/b/t young talent in the nation. NGLTF co-sponsored "All God's Children," the award-winning video by filmmakers Dr. Dee Mosebacher,

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By Bill Meunier
Washington D.C.—The results of the first ever statistically valid poll of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans have been released by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

The poll shows a picture of Gay and Lesbian life in America that is not very different from that of the population as a whole. It backs up Gay activist's claims of a large voting block of Gays and Lesbians and provides good news for Democrats hoping for Gay support in the November 5 election.

The HRC commissioned research was conducted by ICR, a well respected polling firm. Lake Research assisted HRC in formulating the questions and tabulating and interrupted the data.

High Turn Out, Support for Clinton

The data shows that over 3/4 of all Gay voters are planning to participate in the November elections and that 70% of them intend to vote for President Clinton versus only 11% who selected GOP nominee Bob Dole. Ross Perot polled 9%, other candidates garnered 2% and the rest are undecided or declined to answer.

The HRC poll also shows that Gays and Lesbians turn out at the polls in higher numbers than the rest of the population does. In 1994, only 38% of the electorate turned out at the polls. Over 66% of the poll's respondents said that they voted in that election.

The ratings for Clinton and Dole are nearly reversed in the poll. While 74% said they had a favorable opinion of President Clinton, 69% said they had an unfavorable view of Dole.

Dole Fares Poorly

Dole's numbers in the poll are so poor that he even trails Clinton among Gay Republicans and he runs well behind the GOP controlled Congress in terms of popularity.

Some clues to Dole's low ratings among Gays and Lesbians can be seen in answers given to some of the other questions in the poll.

Nearly 50% of those polled said they were liberal versus only 20% who defined themselves as conservative. Nearly half of the sample identified itself as Democrats but only 12% said they are Republicans.

In addition almost half of the respondents said that they would not vote for a candidate who was opposed to Gay rights.

Dole is viewed as the more conservative of the two major Presidential candidates. Party affiliation plays a major role in determining which candidate to support for President. Furthermore, Dole is widely seen as opposing equal rights proposals for Gays and Lesbians and has characterized such measures as "special rights."

But party affiliation and political leanings are not enough to explain Dole's poor showing. Among Gay Republicans and Independents, he runs well behind Clinton. The poll also show nearly double the number who said they supported Dole intend to support a GOP candidate for congress.

Negative Image Has Stuck

The low ratings given to the Republican Presidential nominee and his party may be the result of the highly publicized role that far right Christians played in the nominating and platform writing processes. Throughout the primaries, Dole and other candidates for the GOP Presidential nomination denounced the concept of Gay rights.

The Republican platform opposed Gay rights as well.

The GOP was burned by an image of intolerance that resulted from its convention in Houston in 1992. The Party went to great lengths during its 1996 convention to make a case that it was "the party of the big tent."

The HRC poll, seems to show that at least among Gay voters, the image of the party's presidential candidates pandering to the far Christian right has stuck.

Support For Democratic Congress

The research data also contained good news for those hoping the Democrats will

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Photos by Patty Casady

The Queen has been crowned. Our photographer captured these beauties during the Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A pageant held at Appleton's Pivot Club. Shown above (L-R) are Celeste Olds, Miss Gay Great Lakes At Large, Neely O Hara, First Runner Up, Josie Lynn, the new Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A and Nastasha Richards, Miss Gay US of A, Duanna Moore, Miss Gay Great Lakes and Loretta La Mour, Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A 95-96.

HRC Poll Results

Below are some of the results of the precedent setting poll commissioned by the Human Rights Campaign. The statistically valid sampling asked a series of questions to self-identified Gays and Lesbians.

Likely hood of Voting

Almost Certain to Vote 65%
Probably Will Vote 12%
50-50 10%
Probably Not 11%
(Refused/Don't Know) 1

Choice For President

Clinton 70%
Dole 11%
Perot 9%
Other 2%

Political Leanings

Very Liberal 18%
Somewhat Liberal 32%
Moderate 25%
Somewhat Conservative 11%
Very Conservative 9%
(Refused/Don't Know) 4%

Voting For Congress In 1994

Republican 13%
Democrat 54%
Independent 2%
Did not vote 18%
Ineligible 1%
(Refused/Don't know) 13%

Voting For Congress 1996

Democratic 61%
Republican 21%
Don't Know/Refused 19%

Party Affiliation

Democrat 47%
Independent 32%
Republican 12%
(Other/DK/Ref) 8%

All answers should be within 5.2% of the answers that would be given if every Lesbian and Gay voter were interviewed.

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Frances Reid and Dr. Sylvia Rhue on Lesbian and Gay in the African-American community.

Paras Recruited Management Team

Paras also brought together a management team that has strengthened the Task Force organizationally, including executive director-designate Kerry Lobel, seasoned lobbyist Helen Gonzales as NGLTF Public Policy director, Mary Farmer as NGLTF Director of Finance and Administration, and Michael Rogers as Director of Development.

Building Partnerships

Identifying the need for stronger grassroots organizations and networking, Paras worked to build partnerships with local Gay and Lesbian groups through NGLTF's Cooperating Organizing program and Creating Change conference. NGLTF now has more than 120 groups in its Cooperating Organization program, and hundreds more represented in its "activist alert" network.

At the 1995 Creating Change conference, Paras convened a gathering of state gay and lesbian groups to strategize around better coordination between national and local groups. The meeting of state groups will be repeated at this year's Creating Change conference, Nov. 6-10 in Alexandria, VA. More than 2,000 grassroots activists are expected to attend the conference.

The Fight For Health Care

Paras often joined in on battles around health care reform, in particular attempts to weaken Medicaid/Medicare and the disastrous impact that would have on people with AIDS and HIV. In a letter to President Clinton upon the signing of the Health Care Coverage Act, Paras said the bill was an "important step in protecting the health care of all Americans, including people with AIDS." Paras was invited to the White House for the signing of the bill.

Paras directed NGLTF to launch a massive "Undo 2" visibility and organizing campaign around the Supreme Court case on Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2. Vigils, protests and, ultimately, celebrations were held in dozens of communities around the nation.

Recent Accomplishments

Most recently, Paras spearheaded NGLTF's coalition efforts as part of L/G/B/T VOICES '96 at the GOP Convention in San Diego. Under the banner, "Stop the Scapegoating -- Immigrants, Poor People, People of Color, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/ Transgen-

der: Equality and Justice for All!", NGLTF sponsored a protest against Patrick Buchanan and the Radical Right's domination of the GOP. Later, she briefed gay delegates at the Democratic Convention.

Paras personally intervened in recent anti-gay violence cases, including the murders of two lesbians in Medford, OR, by meeting with Department of Justice officials and urging Attorney General Janet Reno to fully investigate suspected hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

In addition, Paras lent her voice to other progressive campaigns for justice, including opposition against the dismantling of welfare and attacks on immigrants and the poor.

Lobel's Qualifications Detailed

Kerry Lobel, 43, was former lead organizer of the Women's Project in Little Rock, Ark., from 1985 through 1994. While there, she focused on bias violence, women and AIDS, women in prison and domestic violence. Lobel was responsible for fundraising and financial planning for the organization.

She has served as an organizational consultant to some 200 groups around the country to help them clarify purposes and goals and strengthen internal operations. Prior to moving to Arkansas, Lobel was executive director of the Southern California Coalition on Battered Women from 1979 to 1984.

She is editor of "Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering (Seal Press, 1986); co-author of "Lesbian Teens in Abusive Relationships" in "Dating Violence: Young Women in Danger"(Seal Press, 1990); and co-author of "HIV, AIDS, and Reproductive Health: A Peer Trainer's Manual" (1992). She was chair of the National

Coalition Against Domestic Violence (1988, 1989); is a board member of the National Network on Women in Prison; and was a board member of the Ryan White Center, a service agency for people with AIDS in Arkansas.

"I'm excited to be leading NGLTF through our 25th anniversary and into the next millennium," said Lobel. "I believe our movement is on the threshold of profoundly changing how this society treats Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people. I commit myself to furthering our struggle to end discrimination and intolerance, and to building a nation that extends compassion, fairness and equality to all its citizens."

"Kerry has a terrific combination of politics and organizational skills," said Anderson and Hall. "She's an effective administrator, a political organizer, a superb fundraiser and a true leader. She brings a wealth of experience with an activist vision and a commitment to building a true grassroots movement." The board Co-chairs said they will work with Paras and Lobel to ensure a smooth transition.

NGLTF Announces New Grants

Washington D.C. -- NGLTF has been awarded almost \$425,000 in the recent fiscal period from prestigious foundations, including a \$330,000 bequest from the Messenger estate and a grant from the IBM Corporation, which recently extended domestic partnership benefits for its Gay and Lesbian employees. Other gifts are from the IBM Corporation; Out: A Fund for Gay and Lesbian Liberation at the Funding Exchange; Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation for the NGLTF Creating Change Conference; Gillmour Foundation; Bills Foundation; Van Amerigen Foundation for the NGLTF Youth Leadership Institute; Paul Rapoport Foundation; and the Ms. Foundation. The Board said NGLTF will end the year with a balanced budget of \$2.3 million.

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Photo - Warren Breitlow

A few friends of Ross Draegart and Dr. Robert Starshak gathered at the couple's Fox Point Home for a farewell portrait. Shown above are (L-R) Top Row: Julie Kleppin, Blaine Roberts, Don Schwamb, Andy Cicero, Cliff Heise, Jerry Johnson, Tom Reed, and Jon Martin. Second Row: Bob Fieblekom, Bob Melig, Joe Brehm, Margaret Flood, Ken Watt, Ron Geiman, Scott Gunkel, Gus Grivalva, Bill Frank and Paul Malokovich. Bottom Row: Carol Kurtz, Dawn Krueger, Tony Rhodes with "Sunny," Mary Messerlie, Nel Johnson, Jack Cramer, Schott Munoz, Dr. Terry Boughner, and Warren Breitlow.

SpotLight Party At This Is It 4 to 9 Saturday October 19

Our next Spotlight Party will be held at This Is It, 418 E. Wells. The popular downtown bar will be hosting a special day dedicated to the Cream City Foundation, (CCF).

CCF Board members will be tending bar and there will be raffles throughout the event which runs from 4:00 to 9:00. A special raffle for an autographed Bette Midler poster donated by **The Wisconsin Light** will also be held.

CCF is the midst of the annual Combined Giving Campaign sponsored by United Way, this party is a good way to remind people that they should be asking for a donor option card and giving their money to CCF," said SpotLight editor, Bill Meunier.

This Is It and its staff have given major support to CCF and other groups over the years so holding this party there is a

natural choice. "We are always glad to help the community in any way that we can," said owner Joe Brehm.

So join us at the bar that our own Dusty Sass says he "absolutely loves" and find

out why it's such a popular place for people of all ages and tastes.

Come to the SpotLight Party 4 to 9 at This Is It.

October 29 "Beautiful Thing" Premiere In Milwaukee to Benefit PrideFest

Milwaukee—AfterWords Bookstore is sponsoring a screening of a new Gay film titled **Beautiful Thing** on Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30pm at the Oriental Theater. The screening will benefit PrideFest.

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Tickets for this PrideFest benefit screening will be \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Advance tickets will be available beginning Tuesday, October 14th at AfterWords Bookstore, The M & M Club, Video Adventures, the Offices of **The Wisconsin Light** and at The Oriental Theater.

For further information about this benefit screening, please call (414) 963-9089.

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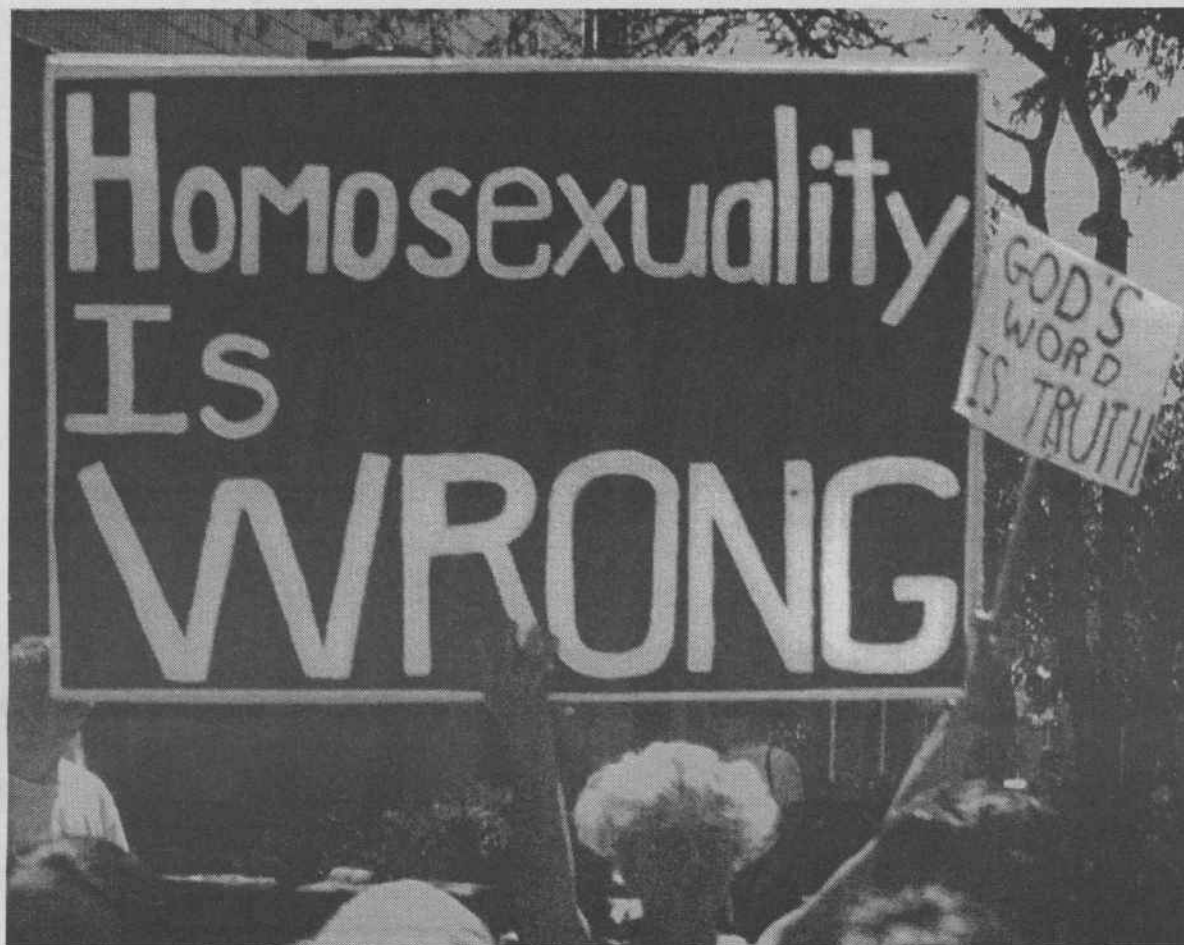
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Scientists Find More Evidence that Male Sexual Orientation Is In the Genes

New York, NY—A study of pairs of Gay brothers has produced new evidence that a gene inherited from mothers helps influence whether a man is Gay, supporting a similar study that made headlines in 1993.

"Our result says that genes are involved in male sexual orientation, although they certainly do not determine a person's sexual orientation," said Dean Hamer, an author of the study, which involved University of Colorado scientists.

"There probably are other biological factors like hormones, for example, and other variables we simply don't know anything about yet."

The study follows others that have suggested a biological influence in sexual orientation, but scientists still can't explain what makes a person Gay, Heterosexual or Bisexual.

The study does not identify any gene. But like Hamer's 1993 study, it suggests such a gene resides in a particular portion of the X chromosome, one of the microscopic thread-like structures that carry genes. Men inherit the X chromosome from their mothers.

Hamer said there was no way to know how strongly the gene influences the development of homosexuality in men. Researchers looked for such an effect in women but found no evidence for it.

Hamer, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute, reports the work in the November issue of the journal *Nature Genetics* with colleagues at the institute, the University of Colorado and the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. Elliot Gershon, chief of the clinical neurogenetics branch of the National Institute of Mental Health, said the work does not prove such a gene exists in the chromosome segment, but it is suggestive.

The study focused on a region of the X chromosome that had been identified by the 1993 study.

In a man, this region can get its genetic material from either of the two X chromosome versions in his mother. As a result, two brothers normally have about a 50-50 chance of

inheriting the same version of the genetic material. The study showed that was the case in nine of 11 families studied.

Hamer said that by focusing on families with two Gay brothers, the researchers were more likely to find a genetic effect on homosexuality than if they studied a broader population. The study also excluded Bisexual people to simplify analysis.

"This study is an important addition to the growing body of evidence indicating a biological basis for homosexuality in some people," said Beth Barrett, spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "And it shows that homosexuality is a naturally occurring and common variation among humans—a fact that Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people have known all along."

Right Wing Christian groups have claimed that homosexuality is not genetically based and some groups therefore, encouraged "reparative therapy" to "cure Gay people of their "abnormal behavior."

For the most part, these "reparative therapy" sessions are designed to get people to act like Right Wing Christians.

Upon release of the LeVay brain study four years ago, homophobic minister Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition, insinuated that if homosexuality were proven to be biologically based, he believed medicine and science should seek to genetically alter Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people.

sharing the same version of the genetic material within this region.

But if two brothers share a trait linked to a gene in this region, they will run a higher chance of having inherited the same version. Hamer and colleagues examined 32 pairs of exclusively or mostly Gay brothers from unrelated families. Twenty-two pairs, or two-thirds, shared the same version of the genetic material, suggesting that it contains a gene predisposing to homosexuality.

By the same logic, Hamer said that if Gay brothers shared a version containing a homosexuality gene, then any heterosexual brother of theirs would probably have a different ver-

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End Military Gay Ban, Allow Gay Marriage, Says Libertarian Party Candidate

By Chris Thomas

Harry Browne, the Libertarian Party's candidate for president this year, is remarkably focused on his core message - one that he says the two larger parties mostly ignore.

If Browne were to overcome tremendous odds and become the next President, what would become of the fight for Gay equality? Browne gives answers that, at first glance, might cause an activist's hair to stand on end. But as he continues to explain his philosophies and how they all center on the freedom of individuals to live their lives free of government interference, the consistency and fairness of Libertarian philosophy can begin to emerge.

Browne, 63, lives in Tennessee with his wife Pamela. His running mate, Jo Jorgensen, is the president and owner of a software duplication company in South Carolina.

The Libertarian Party, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, is once again on the ballot in all 50 states this year. Their candidates have never received more than a million votes in a presidential election. At the local level, however, the party has been much more successful; about 140 Libertarians currently serve on elected bodies such as school boards, city councils, and state legislatures.

Chris Thomas: Let's talk about any distinctions that you care to draw between the roles of government and private institutions in bringing about an end to discrimination. For instance, one side of the Libertarian position would be in not passing sodomy laws. But the other side of the coin would be that private individuals would have the right, presumably, to discriminate.

Harry Browne: I don't think that anybody can do that. I don't think any government can do it. All it is going to do is create more problems. People cite the Civil Rights Act of 1965, but they don't realize that all the lawsuits we have today - people suing because they were fired for being a drug addict and all of these things, all of the litigation explosion is the direct result of that.

First of all, the whole purpose of the civil rights movement was to do away with segregation laws in the South. But the federal government never stops. It didn't just do away with the segregation laws; it imposed integration laws in effect and said that nobody can discriminate, not just the state, but private business, and it was against the law to discriminate on the basis of hiring and so forth.

Well, once that was in place, why shouldn't women have the same coverage? Why shouldn't handicapped people? Why shouldn't Gays? Why shouldn't obese people? Why shouldn't elderly people? And the next thing you know, everybody is covered in effect, and you can sue on the basis of almost anything, because all of these laws have provisions to sue other people. And the final result is what we have today.

The slow way is just simply, over a period of time, things are going to change, and they have changed tremendously. Major League Baseball was desegregated in the '40s, twenty years before the government did anything. But everybody thinks that nothing happened until the government did it.

Now there will be those who will take a stand on the cost and say, "I don't care, you know, I'll pay it, I'm going to indulge my prejudices."

But the vast majority of businessmen simply can't afford to do that because their profit margins are about that thick and they're living on the edge every week, trying to meet their bank loans, trying to do all the other things, and they just do not have the margin of error to be able to make those kinds of personal choices.

CT: How would you conduct your own administration in terms of hiring policies?

HB: It would be completely on the objectives I want to reach, and not on any kind of quota system or any kind of basis that would try to display diversity or anything else.

In the armed forces, if somebody disrupts things, then he should be censured or even discharged. But if he does his job and he doesn't disrupt things, then he should be commended for what he does.

When I say "disrupt," it might be anything. It might be a Gay making a pass at somebody, it might be a heterosexual making a pass at a woman officer, whatever it may be. It may be a slacker, it may be anything. But if somebody disrupts the operations, then he should be dealt with. But as long as he does his job, he should be treated like anybody else.

CT: Would you take action to change the policy on Gays serving openly in the military?

HB: Yes. I see no reason for the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

CT: A concern that some people have expressed in dismantling agencies such as the FDA is that AIDS research might suffer as a result.

HB: It's actually a separate question, but AIDS research by the government would suffer, but for a different reason. The FDA isn't involved in that at all.

But what the FDA is concerned with is approving drugs and making them available. It is such a perfect example of everything that we face with government.

CT: AIDS research; that's a separate department of the government.

HB: It's easy when you deal with the Post Office, and then compare that with Federal Express if you have courier mail. You see the difference, and you can imagine, "Gee, if Federal Express could deliver first-class mail, we might get two or three deliveries a day, who knows what it would be."

The comparison is stark. You go to get a drivers license at the motor vehicle department, and you know it's a bureaucratic nightmare. It's the last place you want to have to go and spend your afternoon.

But you don't deal with the Centers for Disease Control or the FDA or any of these other agencies, so it's easier to imagine that these are well-oiled machines that are engaging in scientific research. But it's just the Post Office in white smocks. It's just another DMV, only at a federal level.

The only thing I can say is that, if we could get research out of the hands of government and put it in the hands of people who can only succeed if they find the cures we do that by repealing the income tax, by repealing the Social Security tax, leaving a trillion dollars a year in the economy, which will make it possible for much more research by private companies who have a vested interest in getting something to market as just as soon as they possibly can.

Every time there's been any kind of a com-

parison between private and government research, the private research has always been way ahead.

CT: How about government support systems, such as the Ryan White CARE Act, which is providing funds to local communities. Obviously, those types of funding would disappear completely.

HB: Yes.

CT: What would be done in its place to take up the slack?

HB: If you realize how generous the American people are, 48 percent of our income goes to taxes: federal, state, and local, hidden taxes, direct taxes like income, property, sales, taxes - 48 percent. And yet there seems to be somehow enough money left to finance hundreds of thousands of churches without any government aid whatsoever.

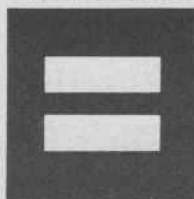
And when you think of putting a trillion dollars a year back into the economy and lowering, overnight, that tax burden from 48 percent to 25 percent - which in effect means that, instead of keeping half of what you earn, you'll keep three-quarters of what you earn, which means really a 50 percent increase in disposable income - a tremendous amount of that is going to go to care of that kind. It's going to go into research, it's going to go into all of these things.

CT: What's your position on the Defense of Marriage Act?

HB: The position is very simple. There's nothing in the Constitution that authorizes the federal government to be setting rules for marriage in any way whatsoever. It has absolutely nothing to do with the federal government.

Now you can't say that on a state and local level. It would be up to a state constitution as to whether the state of California or somebody else could outlaw same-sex marriage and do it in a legal way.

As far as family values is concerned, is Bob Dole reviewing movies going to make America better? Is Bill Clinton talking about school uniforms and curfews going to make America better? What business is that of the President of the United States, what they do in local school districts? No business whatsoever.



HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

CLINTON vs. DOLE: A Study in Contrasts on Lesbian and Gay Issues

The outcome of this year's presidential contest will determine whether gay and lesbian Americans continue to make progress toward an equal place in society or are shoved backwards. Who sits in the Oval Office makes a critical difference in our lives - as it already has under President Clinton.

The Human Rights Campaign has examined the records of Clinton and Bob Dole and found stark contrasts between the two candidates. Here are some of the highlights of how the two candidates compare, based on their own words and deeds.

CLINTON

DOLE

SUPREME COURT and other Appointments

- Appointed first open lesbian federal judge, Deborah Batts, to the 1st District in New York.
- Appointed more than 100 openly gay and lesbian individuals, including first confirmed by U.S. Senate, Roberta Achtenberg, as an assistant housing secretary.
- Appointed justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court, both of whom provided crucial votes against Colorado's anti-gay Amendment 2.

- "(Clinton's judges) are precisely the ones who are dismantling those guardrails that protect society from the predatory, the violent, the anti-social elements in our midst." - *Chicago Tribune*, 4-4-96
- Voted against confirming Roberta Achtenberg, siding with Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who led opposition to her as "a damned lesbian."

CIVIL RIGHTS

- First president ever to endorse federal gay civil rights statute, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would bar employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- Implemented non-discrimination policies covering sexual orientation in all non-military Cabinet-level agencies and departments.
- Lifted the long-standing ban on openly gay people obtaining security clearances to deal with secret federal documents.
- "We continue to lead the fight to end discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, age, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation. We support efforts like the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, to end discrimination against gay men and lesbians and further their full inclusion in the life of the nation." - *Democratic Party Platform*

- "I oppose the special interest gay agenda that runs from gays in the military and reaches as far as to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes." - *Washington Times*, 3-21-95
- Signed an HRC non-discrimination policy covering his Senate offices.

GAYS IN THE MILITARY

- Promised but failed to lift ban, offering instead the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.
- "It's fair to say that I have thought a lot about this and that there are some things I think I should have done differently. I now believe that we needed to build a broader consensus on this important issue before moving forward. Sometimes change comes best when it is achieved through incremental steps." - *The Advocate*, 6-25-96

- Voted against lifting ban.
- "I oppose lifting the ban on gays in the military. I haven't moved one inch on the issue." - *Abortion Report*, 3-21-95

GAY MARRIAGE

- Agreed to sign so-called "Defense of Marriage Act."
- "I have no intention of being a party to letting this legislation moving through Congress become an excuse for diverting and dividing the American people and getting into a round of gay-bashing. I am bitterly opposed to that. I will not participate in it." 6-7-96

- Was an original co-sponsor of "Defense of Marriage Act."
- Endorsed anti-gay marriage resolution promoted at a rally of religious political extremists during the Iowa presidential caucuses.
- "In fact, the (anti-gay marriage) Resolution does not go far enough. 2-8-96 letter to National Campaign to Protect Marriage, sponsors of the measure promoted in Iowa.

AIDS

- Increased public health spending for HIV/AIDS programs by 40% since taking office, including a 108% increase for Ryan White CARE programs, a 26% rise in funding for AIDS-related research, and a 33% expansion of prevention program funding.
- "The gay people that have AIDS are still our sons, our brothers, our cousins, our citizens. They're Americans, too. They're obeying the law and working hard. They're entitled to be treated like everybody else." Georgetown University, 7-8-95
- "We can't let our homophobia blind us to our obligations." First White House Conference on HIV and AIDS, 12-6-95

- Co-sponsored the Ryan White CARE Act.
- Voted for Sen. Jesse Helms' amendments to the Ryan White CARE Act, to cut off all funding to gay community health organizations and to freeze Ryan White spending at 1995 levels despite rapidly growing case loads. S.641, Amends. 1854 and 1855.

MEDICAID

- Protected Medicaid as a federal entitlement.

- "We'll end Medicaid as an entitlement program." The Associated Press, 9-14-95

YOUTH

- Initiated research on suicide and sexual orientation to identify gaps in scientific knowledge on lesbian, gay and bisexual youth suicides.

- Voted for a Helms amendment to cut off federal funds to local schools with programs aimed at preventing anti-gay violence, HIV transmission and gay teen suicide.

LESBIAN HEALTH

- Invited openly lesbian health advocates to policy formulation meetings for the first time in history.
- Expanded National Institutes of Health research for lesbians and bisexual women by including lesbians in current studies and questions on sexual orientation in women's health research.

- Nothing on record.

THE SPOTLIGHT

Creating Change Gayla November 9

Milwaukee-- Saturday, November 9, 1996 will see one of the elegant events of the season. On that night The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee & Education Fund will be hosting the Second Annual Creating Change GAY'LA Gala.

This year the evening includes dinner, auction and a dance. This year, LAMM has extended an invitation to the following recipient hosts who will share a portion of ticket proceeds from the event: Lesbians of Color, Wisconsin Outdoor Women, Waukesha Area Lesbian Network and the new proposed L/G/B/T Community Center.

The event, to be held at the posh, newly remodeled Milwaukee Hilton Hotel, 5th floor, Regency Ballroom, begins at 6pm with the opening of the silent auction.

After the opening, you can feast on sumptuous dinner of fresh pasta, prepared to order by a chef and Caesar salad greens. Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Guest are encouraged to arrive promptly at 6pm to enjoy an open bar, courtesy of the supportive friends at Miller Brewing Co. At 8pm, guests will view "Visible Women, Invisible Lives," an educational video produced in 1996 by LAMMEF.

The voice auction begins at 8:30pm with State Assembly Woman, Tammy Baldwin, as auctioneer. The voice and silent auctions will wrap-up at 9pm. Then the joint will be jumping to music of "Purple Ties," featuring Ashlee Brawley with dancing until 11:30pm.

Tickets are available to charge by phone

from the LAMM office at 264-2600. Tickets will be sold at different dollar levels depending on each individual's preference for investing in this worthy cause. Ticket prices are , \$25, \$35, \$50 and \$100.

Tickets may still be available at the door, but guests are encouraged to arrive early as the seating in cabaret style.

Any questions can be directed to the LAMM office 264-2600 and/or to Auction Steering Committee chairs, Cathy Priem and Shelli Marquardt.

LAMM is very fortunate to have acquired major sponsorship from Miller Brewing Co. and supporting sponsorship of Pridefest, Genesis Healthcare Inc. and Cream City Foundation.



Boulevard Opens Eleventh Season with Puccini's Opera Gem "Gianni Schicchi"

Milwaukee--The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's premiere studio theatre, will again introduce Milwaukee audiences to challenging and entertaining theatre by staging Giacomo Puccini's famous comic opera "Gianni Schicchi" This fifty minute musical gem will be sung in English and will play October 18 through November 10 at the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, located 2252 South Kinnickinnic.

Veteran director Timothy X. Troy will stage the production with Steven Folstein contributing his talents as Musical Director. Ticket prices will prove to be an exceptional value, as tickets for Thursday performances remain at \$9, Fridays & Sundays are only \$10, and Saturday evenings will be priced at \$12. And student and group rates are available (for as little as \$5!). Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursdays, 8 p.m. for Fridays & Saturdays, while Sunday times vary (Sunday, October 20 and Sunday, October 27 are 7:30 p.m., while Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, November 10 are 2:30 matinees). For reservations or firther information, please call the Boulevard Box Office at (414) 672-6019.

The production will benefit from the delightful costume designs of Jacque Troy, the scenic designs of James Ross and Dana Fralick. Mary Bailey, the Boulevard's Production Stage Manager, will stage manage this terrifically exciting production.

"Schicchi" tells the tale of a greedy family attempting to overturn the final will and testament of their late patriarch. In

order to get their hands on the palatial estate, the disappointed heirs throw their luck in with a crafty lawyer (the title character, Gianni Schicchi) who proves to be craftier than the hapless family could have ever predicted.

Add a pair of star-crossed lovers and a surprise ending and a charming evening is the result. And, of course, Puccini's beautiful music marries seamlessly with the complicated plot twists and broad character humor.

The very talented cast contains many new faces to both the Boulevard audiences and the Milwaukee community (Janet Riordan, Julie Alonzo-Calteaux, Jessica Hlavacek, Janet Macklin, Terrence Wollin, Shannon Glynn, Bob Balderson, James Konicek, Shawn Murphy, Greg Flegel, and James Skiba). Production Stage Manager Mary Bailey will stage manage the entire production.

Auditions

Auditions for 3 men and 3 women (ages 20 to 50) will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on October 26 and 27th for the Boulevard Ensemble's (December 19 to January 12) production of playwright Lynn Siefert's dark romantic comedy "LITTLE EGYPT". All roles are open at this time. The production will be directed by Mark Bucher. Those auditioning are asked to prepare one modern comic monologue. Readings from the script may be featured. For more specific information concerning the requirements of the audition; to schedule an audition appointment, please call (414) 672-6019.

"Stonewall" Appealing Cast, Worthwhile

Stonewall
starring **Guillermo Diaz, Frederick Weller**
and **Duane Boutte**
directed by **Nigel Finch**
Strand Releasing

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Stonewall begins with an adorable Midwest boy, Matty Dean (Frederick Weller) just off the bus and arriving in the Big City (New York). Immediately our handsome hero finds his way to Greenwich Village where he is immediately befriended by a group of drag queens and taken for a drink at, you guessed it, The Stonewall Inn. Ah, fate does move in mysterious ways.

LaMiranda (Guillermo Diaz) might be a tough-talking drag queen but she finds that her heart's a melting when the simple, idealistic Matty Dean comes to her aid. (Glenn asks you to imagine a Gay John-Boy Walton falling in love with a drag queen!).

Meanwhile, Matty is befriended by Ethan, a handsome middle-aged teacher who is involved in one of the early "homophile groups" planning a demonstration at Liberty Hall in Philadelphia. A demonstration where Gay men were "men", Lesbians wore dresses and drag queens were not invited. (Imagine a party without drag

queens?)

If Rikki Beadle Blair's screenplay weighs heavily on melodramatic histrionics, there remains an appealing undercurrent of dignity and respect for all of the film's characters, however broadly drawn. Even better, there seems to be few concessions made to make them acceptable for mainstream audiences.

Perhaps it is impossible to translate the events leading up to those sultry June evenings in 1969 onto the silver screen, necessarily balancing historical fact with entertainingly fictitious pleasures. Finch, Blair and company do try really, really hard and if their efforts are not always successful, there at least is truly never a dull moment!

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

Stonewall opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater on Friday, October 18.

A complete review of "Stonewall" appeared in our September 12 issue.



OUT on Video

'Wild Reeds' is Possibly the Best Gay Coming of Age Film Ever Made

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Lyrical and rather unsentimental, **Wild Reeds** focuses on the relationships of a group of teenagers. The year is 1962 and France is still caught up in the Algerian War, much as America would soon find itself entangled in the Vietnamese War. Amidst this turbulent political period, Francois, Serge, Henri and Maite face their often conflicting sexual desires and relationships.

Francois (Gael Morel) and Maite (Elodie Bouchez) have been boyfriend/girlfriend for ages and ages. Maite is truly in love with Francois and is confused by his lack of physical, sexual advances.

Francois sees in Maite a confidante and best friend but soon finds physical yearnings for his fellow classmate, Serge (Staphane Rideau). Their relationship briefly turns sexual and Francois realizes that he has fallen in love with Serge. This he confides in Maite, who is disappointed but who, with great maturity, encourages her friend to come to terms with his sexual orientation.

Serge does not share similar feelings for Francois and has in fact grown very attracted to Maite. Maite however soon finds herself attracted to Henri (Frederic Gorny), a very angry young man, whose political beliefs and opposing sympathies in the Algerian War have alienated him from the majority of his instructors and classmates.

Upon learning that Algerian resistance has suffered several severe defeats at the hands of the French army, he leaves the boarding school in a rage. Determined to burn down

the local Communist Party headquarters, he spots Maite inside. She welcomes him and offers him coffee but as Henri reveals his original intentions concerning his appearance at the headquarters, she becomes shocked and orders him out.

Writer/Director Andre Techine has crafted a beautiful film highlighting the many and varied emotional and sexual struggles that we all face in our youth. Lacking the sniggering innuendoes and sophomoric humor so typical Hollywood's usual treatment of teen love (see **Threesome** for example), **Wild Reeds** is a refreshing change.

There may be no forced, fairy tale-like happy ending (no pun intended) in the stars for any of the film's four attractive leads. Still Techine manages to bring **Wild Reeds** to a splendidly satisfying conclusion.

As the youth just coming to terms with his Gayness, Gael Morel makes Francois an especially appealing and sympathetic character.

Equally attractive are Stephane Rideau and Frederic Gorny as the straight yet still confused and conflicted Serge and Henri.

Wild Reeds has played in just about every major International Film Festival to acclaim and has won numerous awards, including four Cesar Awards (the French equivalent to our Oscars) and quite deservedly so. **Wild Reeds** is a wonderfully engaging and entertaining coming of age film and quite possibly the best Gay film of 1995. A must see!

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



Matty Dean (Fredrick Weller) with Gay Rioters in this scene from **Stonewall** a romantic love story set against the historic 1969 riot. The movie opens at the Milwaukee's Oriental Theater, Friday October 18

"The Ghost And The Darkness" Is A Thrilling If Comfortable Film

The Ghost and the Darkness starring Michael Douglas, Val Kilmer, Brian McCardie directed by Stephen Hopkins Paramount Pictures

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

True-to-life stories and the Hollywood Dream Factory have always maintained a tenuous, decidedly uneasy relationship. Entertainment rules in Tinseltown. Always did, always will.

When chasing domestic and worldwide grosses exceeding \$300 million, who's going to worry about accuracy? Annoying, inconsequential facts getting in the way of a good story? Change 'um. An unhappy ending causing bad test results with preview audiences? Turn that frown upside down!



MICHAEL DOUGLAS

Glenn isn't sure if it's a matter of art imitating life or life imitating art but Glenn has begun to notice how "true-to-life" stories seem to be a whole lot more fiction than fact. Those looking for an example need to look no farther than the recent, entertaining *Stonewall*.

Which brings Glenn to another "true-to-life" pic, *The Ghost in the Darkness*. Clearly here was a story tailor-made for Hollywood.

Long, long ago. Far, far away. In deepest, darkest Africa, the white man sought to bring all that was good in Western Civilization to the "Dark Continent." This presumably meant Christianity and

good, old-fashioned exploitation of the native populations. Had McDonalds been around in 1896, there certainly would have had one springing up near Tsavo, the locale for *The Ghost in the Darkness*. But Glenn digresses...

Ghost's protagonist is Colonel J.H. Peterson (Val Kilmer), required to build a bridge over the Tsvaro River, completing an extraordinary representation of the British Empire: a 580-mile railway from Mombassa, on the Indian Ocean, to Lake Victoria.

On his first night on the continent, Peterson slays a lion with a single rifle shot, emerging as an honest to goodness hero. This Great White Hunter is handsome, has great teeth and by golly, has that bridge building way ahead of schedule. Why, Peterson must be some sort of superman. Still, something's gotta happen otherwise you haven't got the makings of much of a blockbuster.

Soon their camp's peace and tranquility are again disturbed. More lions. A justifiably smug Peterson is hot to once again sort things out. Only this time, things don't sort themselves out quite so nicely. The new lions are a force, a forced to be reckoned with, not like the pussycat Peterson bagged.

Sadly, this is all formula stuff. It takes half the film (and a whole lot of dead natives) but sure enough, Michael Douglas shows up as Remington, another Great White Hunter, this one sure to save the day.

Natives that didn't end up as "cannon-fodder" soon flee camp, leaving the stage set for the climatic show-down between our heroes (plus their faithful servant/companion/sidekick, Samuel) and the almost mystical, devil-like pair of lions.

That *The Ghost and the Darkness* is so effective and so entertaining is due largely to some spectacular background scenery, a stirring musical soundtrack and some fine performances from Val Kilmer as the idealistic Great White Hunter, John Kami as the wise, dependable Samuel and Brian McCardie as the briefly seen missionary Starling.

In less capable hands, one might easily dismiss *The Ghost and the Darkness*. Yet, thanks to director Stephen Hopkins, here is an adventure pic that is refreshingly familiar. Thrilling? Sure. But as comfortable as an old shoe.

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

From the Journals of Jean Seburn Worth Seeing. Don't Miss It!

From the Journals Of Jean Seberg A film by Mark Rappaport starring Mary Beth Hurt Couch Potato Productions

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn must admit that he has long been curious about Jean Seberg, an actress he knows only from her performance in that pinnacle of all disaster flicks: *Airport*. An all-star, thoroughly soap-sudsy melodrama with wings, *Airport* was so completely stolen by the elfin actress Helen Hayes that they should have jailed the octogenarian actress and thrown away the key. Ms. Seberg too might have been lost in the shuffle but had the unfortunate job of playing Ms. Hayes' on-screen foil.

Playing romantically opposite the likes of Burt Lancaster, plus her high billing suggested that Ms. Seberg too was indeed a star. But who was she? What films had she made? Which road had brought her this point, to be forced to stoop so low as to play stooge to Ms. Hayes?

Forget "world cinema", movies are as American as pizza and apple pie, as Betsy Ross and the flag, as indeed as Hollywood. Hollywood, the dream factory, was a place where anyone, at anytime, might be discovered, sitting for instance at a drug store lunch counter and overnight turned into a star. Everyone knows that. Ask Jean Seberg!

Ask Jean Seberg is exactly what innovative filmmaker Mark Rappaport does in his innovative film essay, *From the Journals of Jean Seberg*.

Jean Seberg, in a fairy-tale scenario similar to that of Vivien Leigh, was chosen over literally thousands of other young actresses to play rebellious Joan of Arc in Otto Preminger's big-screen epic based on George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*. Over 18,000 girls sent in their photos, including Barbara Streisand. Yes, Barbara Streisand, a possibility Jean and Mr. Rappaport amusingly ponder.

Unlike traditional fairy-tales, there would be no knight in shining armor to rescue Jean Seberg. *Saint Joan* flops, as will her follow-up *Bonjour Tristesse*, also helmed by the great Mr. Preminger. Perhaps all might have been well if Jean Seberg had returned in disappointment to Marshalltown, Iowa. Perhaps...

Instead a young Jean-Luc Goddard cast Seberg in *Breathless*. A has-been at 19, at twenty she becomes an international sensation and admittedly, the first modern movie star. But her star would shine only briefly. Soon Jean Seberg is back on the long and lonely road that would lead from bad films and bad marriages into a descent into addiction to pills and booze before ultimately committing suicide in 1979 at the age of 40.

Mr. Rappaport allows Jean Seberg, as impersonated by the splendid Mary Beth Hurt, to have a final, if bittersweet say in *From the Journals of Jean Seberg*.

Whether exploring the misfortunes awaiting other screen Joans (of Arcs), pondering the careers of other such 1960's actress/rebels as Jane Fonda and Vanessa Redgrave or exposing her own cinematic degradations at the hands of her real life husbands, Rappaport and Hurt offer a Seberg who is shrewd, wise and above all, brutally aware that her weary, cynical, insightful perspectives would not, indeed could not have occurred to the disturbed, ravaged Jean Seberg who lived.

In a clip from *Saint Joan*, Joan/Seberg declares, "But I am wiser now and no one is the worse for being wiser." Mr. Rappaport has generously given Jean Seberg, as if a ghost from fallen-movie star heaven, a chance to prove it.

From the Journals of Jean Seberg is a cautionary tale, exposing the underside of the American dream. In star-crossed, movie-made America, Jean Seberg died for all of our sins.

Unmissable!
Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$)



Gina Gershon and Jennifer Tilly discuss their options in *Bound*, a new film that now showing at Milwaukee's Downer Theater.

"Girl's Town" Is A Typical Revenge Fantasy

Girl's Town starring Bruklin Harris, Lili Taylor, Anna Grace directed by Jim McKay written by Jim McKay and members of the cast An October Films release

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Fresh from screening the all-star *First Wives Club*, Glenn found himself at *Girl's Town*, a low budget (grainy look, bad sound quality low budget) independent film following three high school friends in the aftermath of the suicide of a fourth friend. A similar scenario perhaps but a decidedly different approach.

As in the all-star venture, the three remaining friends in *Girl's Town* struggle to bond together; they fight, they drink, they seek to wreck havoc on the men (boys?) that have used them up and then thoughtlessly discarded them. Or worse. Only here, their respective stories aren't played solely for laughs.

Although presented as the best of friends, there initially seems little common ground amongst them. Racially, intellectually and socially diverse, Glenn wonders how these four would have become best-friends in the first place. In Glenn's day, high school cliques were based on sameness not diversity. Of course, that

was the pre-history and the times they are a-changing.

The marvelous stillness of the initial moments of the film is shattered by the suicide of Nikki (Aunjanue Ellis). On her way to an Ivy League school, Nikki seems to have her entire future before her.

When the three friends steal Nikki's (Aunjanue Ellis) journal, they are shocked to learn that she had been raped by an editor at a magazine where she had had an internship. Initially incredulous, they discover that each has been harboring secrets from each other.

Amidst the drinking and swearing, fighting and reconciling, the three promise each other that they will share their lives more fully with each other. They will not end up like Nikki.

Unfortunately, in the wake of Nikki's suicide, our three protagonists seek some concept of justice, using whatever means available in seeking to right the wrongs they've endured. Initially this involves trashing the car of a boy who also date-raped one of them. The moment is exhilarating and yet disturbing. It will not be an isolated moment.

Breaking into the apartment of the man who fathered Patti's (Lili Taylor) baby, the three steal every piece of electronics in the apartment they can get their hands on. Particularly amusing is what ease Patti carries off the large screen TV. They will later pawn these items for food and baby clothes (shades of Robin Hood). Eventually they confront the man who raped Nikki in a curious scene, one filled with violence but which offers them little satisfaction

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"TAKES YOU TO THE BRINK AND PILES TWIST UPON TWIST WITH A PLOT INVOLVING MURDER, TRIPLE-CROSSES, CLOSE CALLS, AND STEAMY SEX. FUN, SMART AND VERY WELL DONE"
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JENNIFER TILLY GINA GERSHON JOE PANTOLIANO

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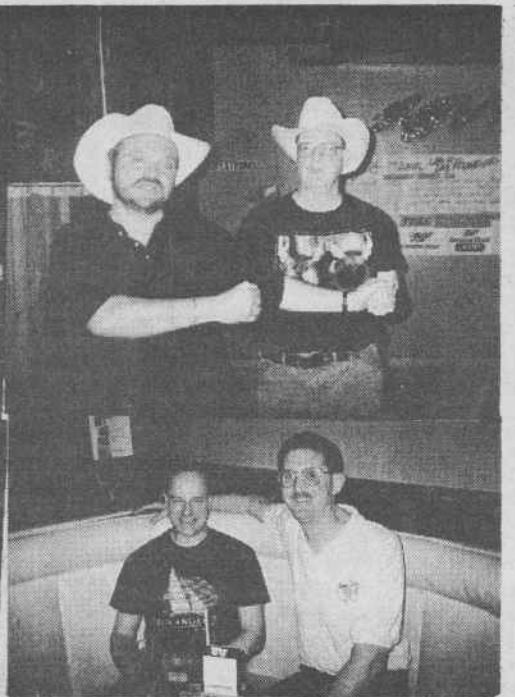
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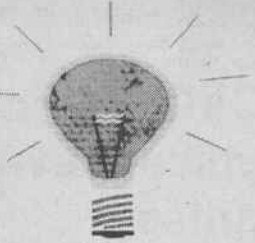
For a haunting good time visit AfterWords at 7pm. on Wednesday, October 30th for our third annual Halloween Bash.

Joining us for a "spirited" discussion of vampires, werewolves, and things that go bump in the night is Pam Keesy and Elaine Bergstrom. Keesy is editor of *Women Who Run With The Werewolves: Tales of Blood, Lust and Metamorphosis, Dark Angels, and Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories*. Bergstrom, a Milwaukee native, is author of *Blood Alone, Blood Rites, Shatter Glass, and Daughter of the Night*.

The Halloween Bash is free and open to the public. For further information, please call 963-9089 or visit our webpage at <http://www.afterwords.com>.



The Night Light



By Dusty Sass

Well we got through those anniversary parties, the Packer Parties and a whole lot more in the last couple of weeks and now its off the races for more fun.

Before I get into the future I do want to say something about the last couple of weeks. First off we are very grateful to all

of those who performed at and attended our SpotLight party at La Cage. It was a wonderful show.

Second the Anniversary Parties at **Just Us, Fannies** and **Café Melange** were really great.

Third, How about them Packers! I had my usual great time at **In Between's** Packer Party. It always more fun to watch the game with other people and beating up on the Bears (the wimps of the Midway) made it even more enjoyable.

On to the new stuff and there is lots of it.

Don't miss the Coming Out Day Dance at UWM on **Friday October 11**. The party held on the Union Terrace of the UWM Union should be a real blast.

Of course I will precede the dance with a fabulous Fish Fry at the **M & M Club** you can't beat this place for atmosphere.

Of course we have another one of our infamous SpotLight Parties on **Saturday October 12** at **Manoeuvres** in Mad Town. Of course I will be there in my finest Badger Red to watch the Badgers



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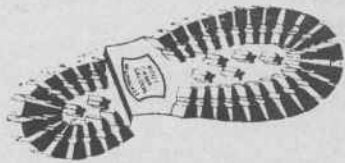
Its always a fun time at Just Us as you can see by these scenes from recent events there. Shown above are scenes from our SpotLight Party held there in August plus the three co-owners, Jan, Deb and Steve relaxing with their special guest during their anniversary pig roast.

stomp on Ohio State. The party starts at 2:00. The Badger game comes on the telly at 2:30. There will be free Miller Lite for those wearing Red and there will be brats to much on too. Not only that but Ed and his crew will be serving free food

as well.

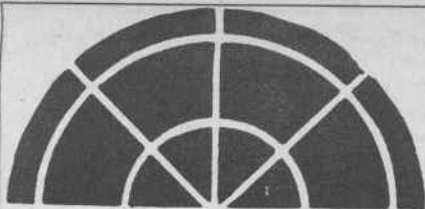
After the party (and a brief rest from all the excitement) you can find me carousing in my favorite Madison bars, **R Place, Manoeuvres** and **The Shamrock**.

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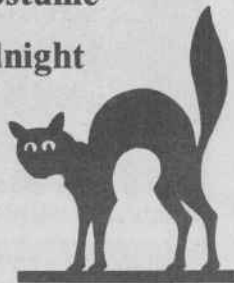
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Margaret Erhart will be reading from her latest novel, *Old Love* at Madison's Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

COME OUT AND DANCE AT UWM

The Gay/Les/Bi Community at UWM is holding a Coming Out Day Dance at the UWM Union.

The event will be held on the Union Terrace beginning at 11:30 PM. Admission is \$4.00.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

SPOTLIGHT PARTY AT MANOEUVRES

Mark your calendars for our Spotlight party debut in the Mad City as we throw a red hot event, Badger Red that is.

Watch our favorite College team as they invade Columbus Ohio and beat the pants off the hated Ohio State Buckeyes.

There will be free Miller Lite for those dressed in Badger Red and a Badger Fan contest too!

So be on hand for a great afternoon and watch our Badgers stomp the enemy with all of your friends at Manoeuvres, 150 S. Wilson St. Madison.

The party gets underway at 2:00, game time is 2:30.

SEWAP BENEFIT AT CLUB 94

The Club 94 Follies Girls present their annual action and benefit for SEWAP, the South East Wisconsin AIDS Project. Show time is 10:30 PM.

Club 94 is located at 9001 120 Ave, Kenosha.

OBERONS RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS WITH AIDS AT B'S

The Oberons Leather Club will be holding the first of three Guest Club Nights to raise money to provide a great Christmas for Kids With AIDS.

This is an annual project put on by the Oberons. Guest club nights include beer busts, raffles and donations. The event begins at 10:00 and goes until 1:00 AM. B's is located on S Second and Lapham, Milwaukee.

ARGONAUTS CLUB NIGHT AT BRANDY'S II

Time to get out your leather and head over to Brandy's II for the Argonauts Club night. There will be drink specials, food and raffles throughout the evening.

Brandy's is located at 1126 Main Street, Green Bay.

CELESTE OLDS BENEFIT AT THE TRADING COMPANY

The Trading Company, 304 Eau Claire St, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, will be holding a benefit to get Celeste Olds down to the Miss At Large US of A pageant.

This fun evening will feature some dazzling performances. Show time is 10:00.

GUERNSEY QUEEN MEDICAL EMERGENCY BENEFIT

Sass will host a special benefit for Miss Mona, the 96-97 Guernsey Queen, Medical Fund.

Many if not most of your favorite performers including Elsie Bovine, Becky, Brad, Jeff Jennings, Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Gloria Holloway, Katrina Kaye, Lasha, and Kelly Jo Klein, Miss Emerald City, will be on hand to help out Mona.

There will also be a great Silent Auction. A \$2.00 cover, plus all those large bids you are going to put in at the Silent Auction brings you a fun filled evening for a worthy cause.

The Auction runs from 9:00 to 10:15. Showtime is 10:30. Sass is located at 840 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

MAMA ROUX DOES THE 70'S!

We don't what it is, but we have seldom seen a bar that likes to party as much as this one does. The 70's party the bar threw in August was a big hit, the popular East Side Neighborhood Bar is holding another 70's bash so that all of those who have come in and asked them to do it again can be satisfied.

There will be a Mr and Ms. 70's dress contest, a buffet and lots of surprises.

Whether you want to dress up for the occasion or not, don't miss this party which our Dusty Sass gave 4 1/2 rips on his party scale of 1 to 5.

Mama Roux's is located at 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee. The fun gets underway at 4:00.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15

PUBLIC OFFICIALS RECEPTION

The annual reception for elected and appointed public officials will take place at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, Milwaukee.

The free event which runs from 5:30 to 7:30 provides the perfect opportunity to meet, greet and speak to those who are in charge of our government.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 17

NGLTF DIRECTOR HAS MEETING IN MILWAUKEE

Melinda Paras, Executive Director of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force will be in Milwaukee for a meeting at the International Building, 611 W. National Ave.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss local and national issues. The meeting gets underway at 6 PM and last until 8:00.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNEY AT RASCAL'S

Rascals located at 702 E. Wisconsin Appleton will host a Sheepshead Tournament. Sign up is at 2:30, play begins at 3:00.

PAJAMA PARTY AT ZA'S

Za's the place where Green Bay goes to party is holding a special evening. Its Holly Hot Damn's Pajama Party and show.

Wear your PJ's and get drink specials and twinkies.

AIDS BENEFIT IN EAU CLAIRE

Sweetwaters restaurant will be the site of an elegant dinner benefiting efforts to fight AIDS in North West Wisconsin. The "Harvest of Hope" is co-chaired by Congressman Steve Gunderson and his partner Rob Morris.

Tickets are \$50.00. For ticket information call 1-800-750-2437.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24

IN THE LIFE SEASON PREMIERE IN MILWAUKEE

The nationally syndicated "In The Life" television show made by and for Gays and Lesbians will be on Milwaukee's Channel 10 this evening at 11:00 P.M.

The show has its season premiere on public televisions in Madison (Channel 21), Green Bay (Channel 38), Wausau (Channel 20) Eau Claire (Channel 28), La Crosse (Channel 31) and Park Falls (Channel 36) on Monday October 28 at 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

MANOEUVRES HALLOWEEN PARTY

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Manoeuvres is celebrating Halloween with a big bash. \$2.00 bottles of Rolling Rock, a costume contest at Midnight and more will make this an enjoyable evening at this Madison hot spot.

Manoeuvres and the MAD Bar are located at 150 S. Blair Street, Madison. The costume contest begins at Midnight.

MAMA ROUX CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN

The party animals will be out in force at Mama Roux's, 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee, as the popular East Side neighborhood bar celebrates Halloween. The party begins at 9:00 with a costume contest at Midnight.

COMMUNITY CENTER FUND RAISER

The Community Center Trust fund, which was established by the Beer Town Badgers will be holding a special cocktail reception for the fund at the Boot Camp Club house.

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The Just Us Anniversary Show was a real hoot. Shown above (L-R) are Starry E. Nite, Joey Black, Sandy Beach, Mong, and Lana St. James, the new Miss B's. A packed house, hooted, whistled and cheered these and other fine performers during the anniversary show held on Saturday September 26th.

Photo - Sherric Howe



The Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A pageant held at Appleton's Pivot Club was a very special event. Shown above are Kieraa Nicole, Second Runner Up receiving her flowers and (L-R) John Jacob- Manager of the Pivot, Josie Lynn, the new Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A, Neely O' Hara, First Runner Up and Randy Haddock from Jingle Productions and the Pivot Club. The two day long pageant was the culmination of a year's worth of pageants held at clubs around the state. Congratulations to all of the Contestants and welcome to our new Queen, Josie Lynn.

Photos by Patty Casady

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Sturgeon Bay 54234
746-0334

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304 Eau Claire St.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
838-9494

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Eau Claire, WI 54703
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437-3917

Laona Hostel
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Laona, WI 54541
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Napalese Lounge
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Green Bay, WI 54304
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Green Bay, WI 54301
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9001 120th Ave
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The SpotLight Party held at La Cage on Friday September 27 really was an "Evening With the Stars" The benefit for the BESTD Clinic raised over \$500 to support the Clinic's work in HIV prevention. Shown above from the top L-R are Sasha Mitchell, Lena Chavez, SpotLight Editor Bill Meunier, his co-emcee, Karen Valentine, La Cage owner George Prentice, and Ross Walker from BESTD, Brittany Morgan, In Between Owner Kurt Peck, Garret James, Lu Shanti, Teri Wedner, Robert Nugent Jones, Lena Chavez, Jasmine and Jackie Roberts. The Wisconsin Light thanks you and La Cage for making it very memorable evening.

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A \$50 entry fee, check or money order payable to Pageant Productions must accompany this entry form. You will receive an entry pass at rehearsal on Sunday morning, November 3. Official Pageant rules will be mailed to all contestants. All entry forms must be mailed, post-marked and received on or before October 27, 1996. You must be a Wisconsin resident as of May 1, 1996. You must be at least 18 years of age. Maximum 10 Mr. contestants / maximum 10 Miss contestants allowed. **PENALTIES:** You will lose 10 judging points for any deviation from the above instructions or the official rules: Non-mailed entries (-10 points); Late for rehearsal (-10 points); No tape at rehearsal [unless performing live] (-10 points)



Fannies, Milwaukee's oldest Lesbian bar celebrated its 14th anniversary with a weekend long bash. Shown above are some of the performers from the special anniversary show on Friday October 4. A packed bar was on hand to congratulate Sharon and her staff on another fine year. From Left to right are Jodi and Monica, Penny and Diana Jones. Fannies has great Packer Parties too! The bar is located at 200 E. Washington.



Jerry Johnson

hear the Follie Girls have some special numbers cooked up for this one.

The Oberons launch their annual Kids With AIDS holiday drive at B's in Milwaukee. There will be a beer bust, raffles and fun. Things get going at around 10:00.

The Trading Company, in Eau Claire is holding a benefit for Celeste Olds to help her get to the Miss At Large US of A pageant. Anyone within shouting distance should come on down and help her get out of town.

Last but not least is the Miss Mona Medical Fund benefit at Sass in Green Bay. I am not sure why Miss Mona has a medical emergency because we didn't get any information from the bar on this one.

What I can say is that given the entertainment line up I would be there if I could. Mona is the reigning Miss Guernsey. She kicked in for us, now let's kick in for her.

Then on Sunday October 13, I'll be back in Milwaukee for Mama Roux's hot 70's party. The bar did a 70's party a couple of months ago and it was a real hit. Ever since then people who missed it have been coming in begging for an encore. Be careful what you wish for you might get it.

The fun starts at 4:00. Don't miss it. Monday October 14 you can find me at In Between for their fabulous Monday Night Football Packer Party. In addition

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Happenings

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Unfortunately being in Madison means that I will miss four fine benefits. (Hey I am talented but even I can't be in three places at once). Kenosha's Club 94 is hosting a benefit for SEWAP. The fun includes a show and an auction. (No I am not giving up my toys for this, I will send in a check) Show time is 10:30. I



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LONELY IN WEST CHICAGO I'm 27 years old, 145lbs, 5'8, dark Brown, extremely handsome, and masculine. I seek a man who is relationship minded, sincere, and knows exactly what he wants. (Chicago) #13305

I DO KNOW WHAT I WANT I'm a 23 year old Gay White male, Black hair, Brown eyes, 6ft, 140lbs, attractive. I'm seeking a Gay White male 22 to 31 for a possible long term relationship. I like dancing, movies, water skiing, etc. Call me. (Chicago) #11147

TURN TO THE LEFT I'm 47 years old, White male, very dominant. I'm looking for young guys who like to show off and pose. Call me. (Downers Grove) #9371

OF HIGHER INTELLIGENCE I'm a Gay male, 5'11, 155lbs, Brown eyes, bald head, mustache, goatee, 21 years old, Black and Filipino, very attractive. I'm a very intelligent young man. I'm looking for a Gay or Bi black man who is attractive and stable. Call me. (Evanston) #10512

LETS GET WET I'm a 37 year old White male, 5'5, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 158lbs, clean shaven. I would like to meet White men 30 to 50 for water sports and oral fun. Call me. (Evanston) #9831

SHOW ME A SIGN I'm 19 years old, Blond hair, Brown eyes, 5'10, 170lbs, very good looking. I'm seeking the same. I'm not interested in games. (Joliet) #13938

ARE YOU THE CURIOUS TYPE? I'm a White male, 45 years old, 5'11, 185lbs. I'm looking for married or Bi curious men. (Joliet) #11920

I LIKE EM SWEET AND STRONG I'm a Gay White male, 24 years old. I like hiking, computers, swimming and sports. I'm looking for a gentleman 26 to 30 who is masculine and muscular. If you would like to know more about me please leave a message (Joliet) #10808

THIS CREAM TEAM WANTS YOU I'm 5'9, 185lbs, very muscular, dark hair, Green eyes, goatee. My other half is 6'4, Brown hair, goatee, Brown eyes, furry. We are into singles or couples for hot fun. If you want something different to do call us. (Joliet) #9538

SISSY FRENCH MAID I'm a sissy French maid, submissive Gay white male Transvestite 25 years old. I am looking for aggressive dominant men to service. Treat me like your little girl. Call me. (Joliet) #10398

LET ME BE YOUR LITTLE GIRL I'm a sissy French maid. I'm very submissive. I'm a Gay Transvestite not out of the closet yet. I'm 25 years old and would love to meet a very masculine man who would dominate me and treat me like a little girl. I will do anything I'm told. (Rockford) #8129

INDIANA

ARE LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT MAN? I'm an honest, mature, kind, and sensitive man. I have Brown hair, Blue eyes, 6'3, 190lbs, Scorpio, non smoker, non drinker, clean cut, smooth, well ended top. I enjoy cuddling, romance, and more. I'm tired of being lonely. Please call. (Princeton) #13283

IOWA

ON THE CREST OF A WAVE I'm a 25 year old Gay male looking for a good time. I'm willing to adventure all of life's fantasies. Call me. (Des Moines) #12865

OUT AND ABOUT I like to camp and spend time outdoors. I would like to meet some male friends to have fun and do things with. Call me. (Des Moines) #9509

CUM AS YOU ARE I'm a young man looking for fun. I like to camp and have lots of guy friends. If you are interested call me. (Des Moines) #8213

MINNESOTA

CONVERSATION BUDDY I'm a Gay man looking for any Gay men who want to talk with me. (Albert Lea) #13130

BOTTOM LINE I'm looking for a friend and a possible relationship. I'm a bottom looking for a top person. Lets chat. (Brooklyn Park) #10665

YOUNG AND WILLING I'm a 20 year old male. I have never done anything like this before. I'm not into kinky stuff but I'm willing to try anything new. I would like to meet guys to have fun with. I like to have sex all the time. Call me. (Chaska) #9069

TIRED OF PLAYING GAMES I'm very athletic, Brown curly hair, hairy chest. I like athletic dudes and I'm looking for a long term relationship. Its cold here and I'm willing to drive. I'm 30 years old, 185lbs. I love scuba diving and wrestling. (Duluth) #7480

ALONE IN ELK RIVER I'm a single man looking for a friendship and relationship. I live alone and have lots of hobbies. I'm looking for a guy 18 to 25. Call me. (Elk River) #10450

JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS I'm a divorced White male, 43 years old, 5'10, 175lbs, Blond hair, Blue eyes, clean and discreet. This is a new experience to me. I like videos, toys, and mutual massage. I'm looking for men to explore with. (Mankato) #11710

GIVE US A CALL Gay White couple, 30's, looking for fun with guys 18 and over. You must be trustworthy and honest. Call us. (Mankato) #11004

LET THE GOOD TIMES BEGIN I'm looking for a Gay White male who is straight acting and nice looking. I'm into good times and cuddling. (Minneapolis) #13430

ROMANCE THIS TRANSEXUAL I'm a 35 year old Transsexual looking for a well endowed man around 35. If you want to treat me like a lady call me. I'm looking for romance and candlelight. (Minneapolis) #13653

GUESS WHERE I'M PIERCED I'm a 22 year old Bi White male, 5'10, 185lbs, Blondish Whitish hair, Blue eyes, pierced, good looking, good build, average shape. I'm looking for other Bi guy's to hang out with. Let's connect. (Minneapolis) #13292

SOUTHERN SUBURBS I'm looking for a discreet relationship. If you are interested in please let me know. (Minneapolis) #12188

SOUL MATE WANTED I'm 28 years old, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 5'7. I like to work out, go to movies, eat, and have fun. I enjoy the outdoors as well. I'm looking for a special soul. (Minneapolis) #12527

READY FOR A CHALLENGE? I'm a 37 year old disabled male looking for someone who would like to have a good time. (Minneapolis) #12680

LET'S PAINT THE TOWN Very good looking, 28 years old, Blond hair, Blue eye, 5'8, 160lbs, muscle jock, professional. I like working out, the outdoors, and going out. Let's paint the town stud. (Minneapolis) #12797

SHY MAN SEEKS LOVER I'm a shy 34 year old man, a little overweight and I smoke. I'm looking for a long term relationship with a man around my age or older. I'm a total bottom looking for a lover. Call me. (Minneapolis) #12048

RICAN RUMBA I'm a 35 year old Puerto Rican male, a top, 5'8, 190lbs, looking for other Puerto Rican guys, hairy men a plus, chubby ok. Give me a call. (Minneapolis) #10625

RAUNCH MASTERS WANTED I'm 35 years old, 6'1, 180lbs, nice trim build, dark hair, clean and healthy. I'm seeking masculine raunchy men who are dominant. I'm ready to serve your every need. (Minneapolis) #7374

PUNISH ME I'm a 25 year old slave looking for a master who is into heavy leather, bondage, and discipline. I want to be your boy and I want to serve you. Please sir I'm ready and need to be punished very heavily. (Minneapolis) #8479

DO AS YOUR TOLD BOY!!! I'm a 32 year old Gay white male, 6ft, 195lbs. I'm looking for bottoms 18 to 29 who are into bondage, discipline, and obedience. Call me. (Minneapolis) #10925

REGULAR BUDDY WANTED I'm a Gay White male, 39 years old, 6'1, 160lbs, Hazel eyes, Brown hair, goatee. I'm average looking and have an easy going nature. I like passion, dining out, long walks, etc. Call me. (Minneapolis) #10926

HEY BROTHER I'm a Bi Black male looking for another Black male. I'm 5'9, 150lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes, nice tone body, very attractive. I'm looking to hook up and have sex with a masculine and well endowed Black man. (Minneapolis) #10934

ONE MORE SATURDAY NIGHT I'm in my mid 40's. I like cooking, antiques, travel, reading, and Saturday nights with someone special. Call me. (Minneapolis) #11013

LOOKING EAST I'm 25 years old, 5'6, Blond hair, Blue eyes. I'm searching for an Asian man 18 to 30 for dating and a possible long term relationship. I'm fun, outgoing, and very good looking. Call me. (Minneapolis) #11045

BEST OF FRIENDS I'm interested in meeting wonderful people to be my best friends (Minneapolis) #11237

JOIN ME I'm just hanging out and looking for someone fun. Call me. (Minneapolis) #11250

ALL AMERICAN JOCK I'm 29 years old, 6'1, 180lbs, short Strawberry Blond hair. I like to work out. I'm looking for other guys to work out and have a possible relationship with (Minneapolis) #11415

ANYTHING TO PLEASE I'm an attractive and submissive White male, tall and thin, early 30's, Blond hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for a big dominant top to have fun with. I love being kinky. I will please your kinkiest and sweetest desire. (Minneapolis) #28443

SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL I'm a good looking Latino, 28 years old, 5'8, 145lbs, great shape. I'm looking for another good looking guy under 30 for a long term relationship. If you are interested in a monogamous relationship call me. (Minneapolis) #10680

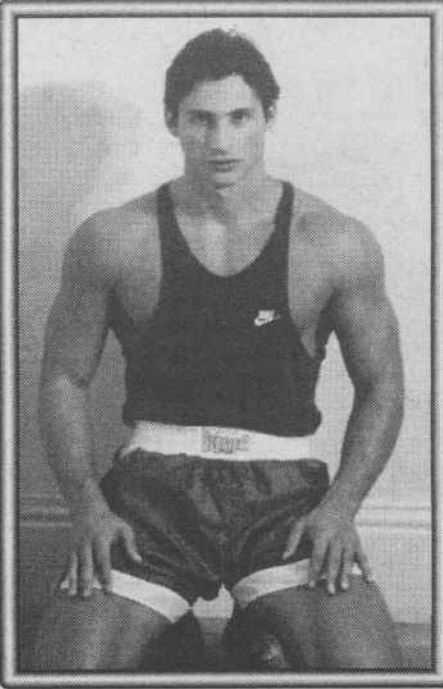
LOOK WHO'S COOKING I'm a 28 year old Gay black male, 5'8, 220lbs. I'm looking for a similar Gay Black male 25 to 30. I like going out, cooking, etc. (Minneapolis) #10722

EASY TO GET HARD I'm a 23 year old White male, very friendly, easy to get along with. I'm hoping to have good times with men 20's to 30's. Call me. (Minneapolis) #10775

SHOW OFF I'm a master masturbator. I'm 39 years old and very well hung. I would love to perform for you. Call me. (Minneapolis) #9534

WE'LL HAVE A GAY OL TIME I'm looking for a single Gay male 18 to 29 for a good time. If you are him call me. (Minneapolis) #9611

READY FOR A CHANGE I'm interested in meeting Transsexuals and cross dressers. I'm interested in you. Please call me. (Minneapolis) #9782



AS YOU WISH I'm a single White male, 35 years old. I'm looking for a dominant Bi White male to do with me as he wishes. I will do anything. I love to cross dress and submit to my master. There is nothing I won't do for you. Call me. (Minneapolis) #9890

MILD TO WILD I'm a 55 year old Bi White male looking for Gay males who have day time play time. I enjoy everything from mild to wild. Call me. (Minneapolis) #9930

WEEKEND BOYFRIEND WANTED I'm a 50 year old cute bearded cub seeking a big bear for long term relationship and tender loving care. I would like to meet one special man. Call me. (Minneapolis) #10179

PICTURE THIS I'm a Gay White male, Blond hair, Blue eyes, hard of hearing, attractive, 34 years old. I like communication, walks, outdoors, etc. (Minneapolis) #8207

KINKY RAUNCHY UNINHIBITED I'm a 27 year old Gay White male with HIV looking for other HIV positive Gay men for hot, raunchy, kinky, uninhibited sexual encounters. Call me. (Minneapolis) #8220

WEIGHT TRAINING BUDDY WANTED I'm a 38 year old Bi White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 5'10, 180lbs, muscular, 32" waist, 46" chest. I'm looking for a weight training buddy for training sessions at the gym and maybe more. discretion assured. (Minneapolis) #7613

ROMANCING THE LATINIS I'm a 24 year old Spanish and French male, 6'2, 165lbs. I like roller blading, movies, romance, etc. I'm seeking Latin men 21 to 24 for a relationship. Call me. (Minneapolis) #7752

WHY DON'T WE DO IT IN THE ROAD I'm a Black Transsexual, very beautiful, very sexy. I'm in search of very well endowed men who are clean, sexy, open minded, and like to do things outdoors. (Minneapolis) #5538

LETS CUDDLE I'm 6ft, 175lbs, very good shape, beard, hairy chest. I enjoy the outdoors, movies, dinners, quiet evenings, cuddling, etc. I'm looking for a hairy man who is in shape and is drug free. Call me. (Minneapolis) #6834

BROTHER TO BROTHER I'm a Gay Black male, 6ft, 195lbs, nice body, good shape. I'm looking for other well built masculine Black men. Call me. (Minneapolis) #7556

GOOD TIMES ARE WAITING I'm 40 years old, 6ft, 180lbs, dark, masculine, good looking, discreet. I'm looking for a friend under 50 who is in shape and good looking. Call me. (Minneapolis) #5635

CHANGE OF PACE I'm a Transsexual interested in guys who are masculine, straight appearing, well endowed. I like to dance, dine out, cook, shop, look sexy all the time. (Minneapolis) #5678

DOMINANT ALL AMERICAN TOP I'm a dominant, all American, clean cut, White male. I'm hot, horny, hung, 30's, 5'11, 180lbs, work out, great looks, disease free, booze and buds are OK with me. I demand a curious, obedient, slender male under 35 to service me. (Minneapolis) #6202

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

ON THE MAKE IN NORTHFIELD I'm 29 years old, 5'10, 210lbs, Green eyes. I like going for walks and dining out. I would like to hear from men 18 to 35. Call me. (Northfield) #10171

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL I'm 29 years old, 5'10, 210lbs. I'm looking to meet other people in my area for good times and a possible relationship. Call me. (Northfield) #10170

LETS DO A PHOTO EXCHANGE I'm 30 years old, 5'7, 155lbs, good shape, orally Bi curious. I'm looking for Bi or Gay men. I'm interested in anything. If you are too call me. (Rochester) #10654

TRUCKER SERVICE I'm a 44 year old White male, 6'2, 180lbs. I'm looking for Bi or Straight truckers to service. You must be clean, healthy, and good looking. Call me. (Rochester) #8607

YOUNG PUP SEEKS OLDER DADDY I'm looking for big older men over 30 years old. I'm 19 years old and I like racing, dining out, music, etc. I'm 6'3, 245lbs, sandy Brown hair, goatee, glasses, nice build. If you are an older man and want to meet me please call. (Rochester) #5352

TAKE ME I'M YOURS I'm a Gay White male, 5'6, Blue eyes, dark curly hair, good shape, good body. I'm looking for an experienced man to have fun with. I'm looking for a dominant man to take charge of me. (Saint Paul) #7824

Wisconsin

WORK IT GIRL I'm a cross dresser, good looking, 6ft, 180lbs, 38 years old. I love to wear silk stockings, garter belts, and high heels. I would like to meet other cross dressers. (Appleton) #13646

MORE THAN THIS I'm a Gay male, straight acting, straight looking, 35 years old, 5'10, 160lbs. I'm looking for friends and possibly more. I live just South of Appleton. If you are interested give me a call. (Appleton) #10875

SECRET LOVER I'm a Bi White male, 27 years old, smooth, good looking. I'm looking for a younger White male 18 to 29 to be my secret lover. I can travel the whole state. Call me. (Appleton) #8732

APPLETON GUY I'm 22 year old Gay White male looking for someone to have fun with. Call me. (Appleton) #6976

LOOKING FOR A GOOD FRIEND I'm a 22 year old Gay White male new to the area. I'm attractive, 5'9, 150lbs, Brown eyes. I'm looking for someone 18 to 25 who loves to have fun and who can be a good friend. Call me. (Appleton) #6949

ORDINARY GUY I'm an ordinary guy from Appleton looking for someone who is fun and sincere and likes to do a variety of things. If you are interested please call me. (Appleton) #21201

COLLEGE KID I'm a student at Northland college. I'm 20 years old, 6'2, 180lbs. I like swimming, walks, bike rides, bowling, ice skating, etc. If that sounds interesting to you please respond. (Ashlan) #12484

EAGLE RIVER COUPLE We are looking to meet other men in our area or men who are willing to travel. I'm 28 years old, 6'1, 190lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. My boyfriend is 29 years old, Brown hair, Blue eyes. Let us know if your interested. (Eagle River) #12856

HOMO ALONE I have a hairy chest and nice body, Blond hair, Green eyes. I would like to meet Gay men in my area. (Eau Claire) #6870

FEATURE PRESENTATION I'm looking for new friends and buddies to connect with on an occasional basis. I like dark hair and features. I'm a young looking 34 year old White male, 6ft, 190lbs, masculine. Call me. (Eau Claire) #7099

SUBMISSIVE BOY SEEKS MASTER I am looking for a dominant master. I am clean and want to serve a very dominant man. I will follow your every command. Make me do things your way. Please call me sir. (Green Bay) #13475

TOUCHING AND HUGGING I'm 5'11, 180lbs, single Gay White male. I like quiet times and going out. I'm looking for friendship first. (Kenosha) #13604

DISCREET FUN IN MADISON I'm looking for a good looking Gay White male. I'm 31 years old, 5'11, 170lbs, nice body, Blue eyes, friendly and easy going. I'm interested in very discreet fun. Call me. (Madison) #5829

I'M LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm new to the area. I'm a cute 22 year old Gay Asian male, 5'6, 120lbs. I'm looking for White guys 18 to 25 for friendship and maybe more. Call me. (Madison) #10278

LETS GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER I'm in my early 30's, well built, tall, clean shaven, healthy. I would like to meet men 18 to early 30's to get to know and have fun with. Call me. (Madison) #8996

MUSCLE MADNESS I'm 5'8, 155lbs, Blond hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for muscular and hairy men who like to have fun. Call me. (Madison) #8511

LETS CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY I'm looking for someone to have a good time with. I like to do lots of different things. Call me. (Madison) #6750

WISCONSIN DELLS I love to 69. Call me if you are 35 and under. (Madison) #5610

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

WHAT'S UP BROTHERS I'm 5'11, 170lbs, Brown skin, bald head, 23 years old. I'm looking for someone similar. I have a fair build and a nice personality. I'm also respectful and clean. Call me. (Milwaukee) #13995

WEST SIDE MASSAGE I'm 26 years old, good looking, Gay White male, Brown hair, blue eyes, smooth, clean shaven, swimmers build. I'm looking to get together with someone who will give me a massage. I will reciprocate (Milwaukee) #13563

MILWAUKEE MAN I'm looking for another gentleman into foot and boot worship, giving and receiving. Serious replies only. (Milwaukee) #13168

REACH NEW HEIGHTS I'm a good looking 33 year old White male, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'11, 175lbs. I'm looking for top men. I'm more of a bottom. (Milwaukee) #5873

CONDOM SENSE I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for top men for clean safe sex. I am a Bi male. Lets get together and talk. (Milwaukee) #12022

SLEEPLESS IN MILWAUKEE I'm new here from Chicago. I'm looking for someone who can show me Milwaukee and a good time. I'm tall, dark skin, 210lbs, very nice guy. (Milwaukee) #12586

ATHLETIC WHITE MALE I'm a very good looking White male, 5'10, Brown hair, Brown eyes, nice build, very athletic. I'm into movies, volleyball, and anything athletic. I'm seeking men with similar build and interests. Please call me. (Milwaukee) #12112

WATCHING AND WAITING I'm 38 years old, 5'11, 175lbs, 32" waist, Brown hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for someone intelligent and sincere. I like boating, good food, books, music, hiking, poetry, politics, etc. If you have similar interests call me. (Milwaukee) #12129

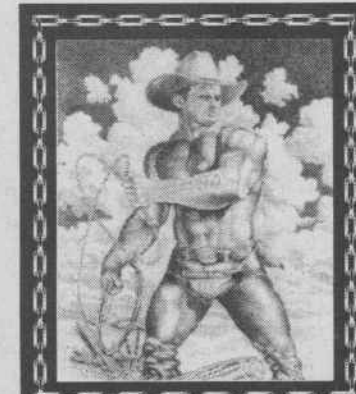
FOX VALLEY MAN I'm a 36 year old Gay White male, 6'1, 190lbs, Brown eyes, hairy chest, masculine, very straight acting. If you are looking for just sex move on. I'm in the closet and plan to stay that way. I'm looking for a long term relationship. (Milwaukee) #11862

POSITIVE AND HEALTHY I'm 31 years old, HIV positive, healthy. I'm looking for men in my area. If you have left a message in the past please leave one again. Thanks. (Milwaukee) #7328

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT I'm a 33 year old White male, 5'10, 165lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, handsome. I'm looking for men 29 to 35 who are attractive and straight acting. I'm interested in casual dating and a possible relationship. Call me. (Milwaukee) #10017

COOL CALM AND SLICK I'm 6ft, 160lbs, nice looking, clean shaven, 23 years old, lonely. I enjoy movies, exercise, travel, etc. I'm seeking a very attractive bottom. 18 to 22. Call me. No games. (Milwaukee) #9613

CLEAN AND INTELLIGENT? I'm a 27 year old Bi Black male looking for friendship. I like racquetball, fishing, working out, etc. I'm looking for someone 18 to 31 who is clean, intelligent and a non smoker. (Milwaukee) #10181



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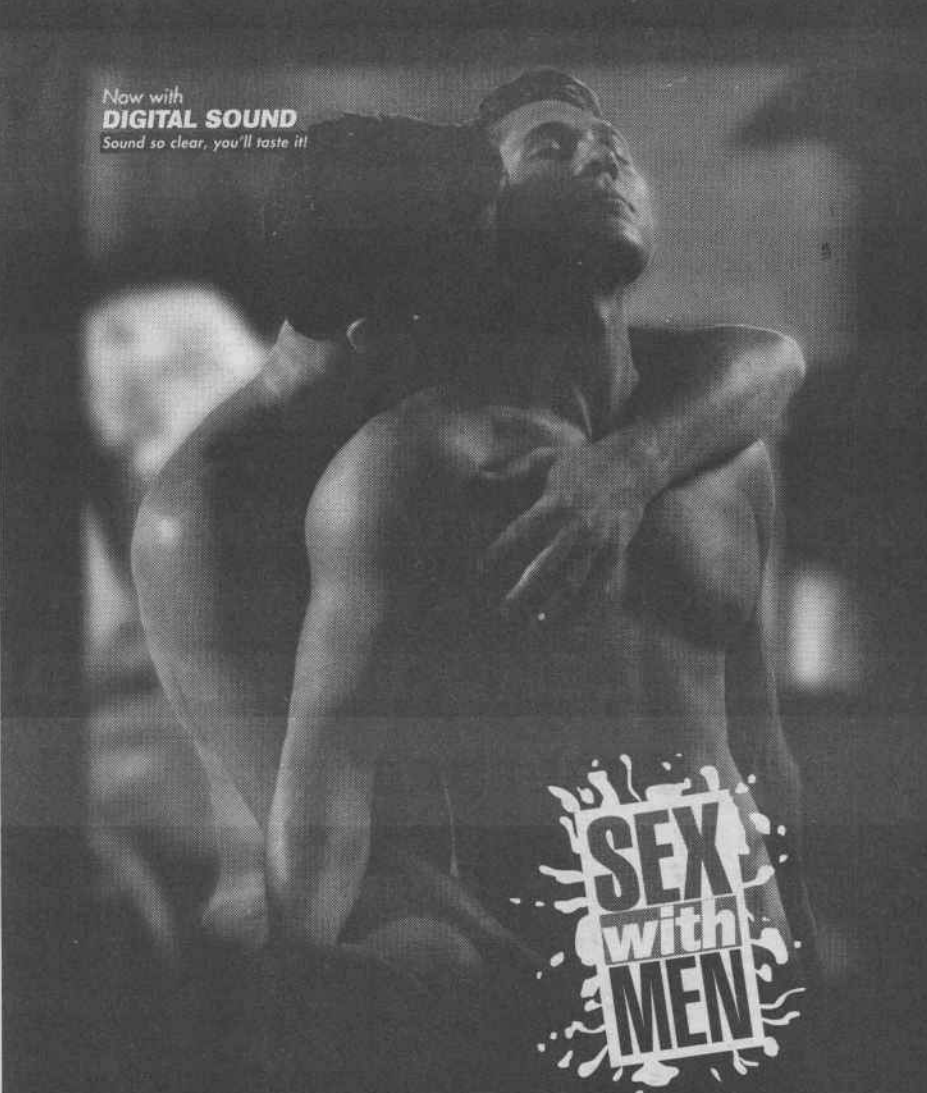
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STATE WIDE

Pageant Looking For Men
 The Pageant 1996-1997 is looking for a few good men (ten to be exact) for the title of Mr. Gay Wisconsin.
 If you are 21 or over, have intelligence and poise and talent and your swimsuit doesn't have a hole in the knee you are eligible to enter.
 It doesn't take a body by God, but it does take a commitment and desire to win.
 The Pageant is also putting out a cattle call for all past winners. Miss winners are asked to come with their crowns or tiaras and Mr. Winners are asked to bring their sash or crown. The Pageant would like as many former winners as possible to participate in a majestic crowning ceremony that will culminate this year's festivities.
 The Pageant will be held on Sunday November 3 in Milwaukee. For more information call 486-6233.

RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZING
 Are you a returned volunteer from the Peace Corps? Do you know someone who is? A new group united former Peace Corps volunteers is forming in Wisconsin.
 The group will be holding a pot luck picnic on Sunday October 20 at Madison's Tenny Park at 1:00 PM. All Les/Bi/Gay Peace Corps Volunteers from Wisconsin, and Northern Illinois (outside of Chicago which has its own chapter) are welcome to attend.
 For more information call Earl Bricker (608) 244-0289.

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MADISON

WE ARE FAMILY TO OPEN IN MADISON ARTISANS WANTED
 Manoeuvres and the MAD Bar have announced that they will be opening a new Gay Boutique in the Hotel Wilson at the end of October.
 The new store "We Are Family" will be the only Gay Gift, Clothing, & Coffee Shop in the Madison area designed by and for the Gay and Lesbian community.
 We Are Family will sell items that will interest men and womyn alike. The shop will be managed by Manoeuvres DJ Tony Ritschard.
 We Are Family is looking for Gay and Lesbian Artisans to sell their wares through the shop. Ed Grunewald, Manoeuvre's owner says "I want the best for the Gay and Lesbian community so when they walk through the doors they can find merchandise they want with the best prices and most importantly that they will be satisfied with their purchases.
 We Are Family will also serve premium coffees, cappuccinos, and espresso.
 Anyone interested in using the shop as an outlet for their wares should write to We Are Family, 524 E. Wilson Street or call Ed or Tony at Manoeuvres at (608) 258-9918.

NEW HARVEST GRANTS
 The New Harvest Foundation is beginning its Fall/Winter grant cycle. The Les/Bi/Gay Foundation will accept applications until its deadline, November 30. Grant decisions will be made at the end of January, 1997.

WANNA BE A COUNTRY DYKE?
 The Rural Dyke Association will be holding a Country Dyke Pot luck, pumpkin carving, story telling party on Sunday October 13. Bring a vegetarian dish to pass, some carving tools and a story to tell. For more information call (608) 437-3637.

SAGE MADISON MEETINGS
 SAGE Madison will be hold high tea and talk sessions at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, on Friday October 18 and October 25 at 3:30. The group welcomes people of all ages.
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LECTURE ON OUR HISTORY

George Moss, Professor Emeritus of the UW-Madison History Department will give a lecture on "The Importance of Gay History." The talk which begins at 5:00 will be held at the State Historical Society Auditorium.

FILM ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISCRIMINATION, OCTOBER 20 AT THE BARRYMORE

It's Elementary a film about discrimination in the public schools will be shown at the Barrymore Theater on Tuesday October 22. The program sponsored by GLADE, GLSTN and PFLAG includes an address by openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin and one of the members of Jamie Nobozny's legal team at the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

General admission tickets are \$10.00, student admission is \$5.00.

Vet's Gathering, a new group of veterans has recently gotten underway in Madison. The group meets every Wednesday from 5 to 6:30 PM at the Madison Vet Center, 147 Butler St. For more information call Susan Knoedel (608) 264-5342 or Michael Sweet Phd. (608) 262-7084.

INTERWEAVE GETTING ORGANIZED IN MADISON

Interweave an organization of Gay Unitarians will meet on Sunday October 27 at the lower meeting house of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, 900 University Bay Drive at 12:30 PM.

A pot luck will be held and the group will

meet to formally approve its buy laws and establish a Board of Directors.

For more information on Interweave contact Mayee Aspuro (608) 833-1237 or Richard Whitmable (608) 241-5014.

MILWAUKEE

BESTD LIVE ANNOUNCES LINE UP FOR OCTOBER

BESTD Clinic Live has announced its line up for October.

Thursday October 10, Guest Linda Plagman PHD will speak on "Taking Another Step Toward Freedom"

Thursday October 17, Jim Schlieff will give an update on the proposed LBGT Community Center for Milwaukee

Thursday October 24, Holly Holman, MSW will speak on "Can Toxic Relationships Be Neutralized."

Thursday October 31, Guest Bobby Groth will discuss the topic "When Love Turns to Violence."

BESTD Live airs on cable channel 47 at 7 PM. Shows are rebroadcast the following Saturday at noon and on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS RECEPTION

The annual Public Officials reception will be held at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau on Tuesday October 15 from 5:30 to 7:00.

Admission is free and this event provides a great opportunity to chat with people Alderperson, County Supervisors, Mayor Norquist, County Exec Tom Ament and others.

PFLAG MEETS OCT. 20

PFLAG will hold its next meeting on Sunday October 20 from 6:30 to 9 PM at Martin Luther King Church 9235 W. Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee. The topic will be "Every Day Life-Coming Out" Guest speakers Laurie and Judy from LAMM will give a talk followed by a question and answer period.

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Organizations

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Public Notices

Wisconsin Light seeking writers to cover local news in Madison, the Fox Valley and Northern Wisconsin. Call Jerry or Terry (414) 372-2772.

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TWIN PORTS PRIDE COMMITTEE GETTING ORGANIZED

An organizational meeting for the Duluth-Superior Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgender Pride Committee will be held on Tuesday October 15 at Trepanier Hall-YWCA Annex 202 West Second Street, Duluth.

Everyone who has ideas, concerns or input is welcome to attend especially if they would like to volunteer. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

INVITED

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to the Packer game the bar has its weekly balloon toss. There are \$400 in cash prizes up for grabs.

Tuesday October 15, I'll be at the Public Officials Reception, for the annual Coming Out Week meeting with the high and mighty. It's at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau. I do hope that if those protestors show up again this year, they learn how to spell. Last year's signs were a night mare of bad spelling and grammar. (They probably needed to have a Gay teacher)

Wednesday October 16 its off to La Cage for its Super Bust. If you haven't tried this one, come on down. A great bargain, great music and a great bar.

Thursday October 17 its a big meeting with Melinda Paras at the International Building, 611 W. National. Paras is the Executive Director of NGLTF.

Friday October 18 is Latin Dance Mix

October 10, 1996—October 23, 1996—WISCONSIN LIGHT—19

Night at Just Us. The bar has Latin Dance mix Nights on the first and third Fridays of the month. If you like Salsa music, you'll love this.

Saturday October 19 I will head to Appleton for the Sheepshead Tournament at Rascals. The popular spot has great fish fries too!

After winning the tourney, I will drive over to Green Bay and Za's Pajama Party. Only a really twisted minds like Mark Za's and Ken Fondot's could have come up with this one.

If you are near Eau Claire don't miss the "Harvest of Hope" benefit for AIDS projects in Northwest Wisconsin. I'd like to give you more details on this, but unfortunately, no one bothered to tell us about it. All we know is that it will be held at Sweetwater Restaurant, costs \$50.00 and is chaired by Steve Gunderson and his partner Rob.

Saturday October 26, it's time to drag out the costume. **Manoeuvres** in Madison and **Mama Roux** and **Fannies** in Milwaukee are holding their Halloween Parties that evening. Since they are in different cities I won't be able to attend them all. But I am sure that they all will be a great time.

Well that's it for another column. One final note, remember to come out and not just on Coming Out Day. AND if you are out do what I do, wear a pin, a t-shirt, a hat or anything that lets the world know who you are. Let's make this year's Coming Out Day extra special.

GAY MEN WITH HIV/AIDS

Are you currently receiving help from your parents, and/or brothers and sisters? Are there obstacles which prevent you from getting the help you need from your parents and siblings?

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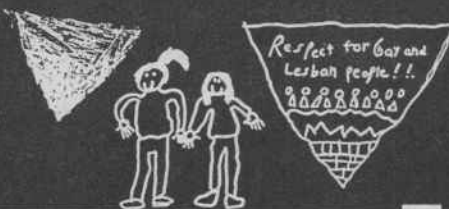
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A reception will follow the film.

Hosted by Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) and Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN).

Tickets (\$10; \$5 for students) will go on sale on Sept. 19 at the Barrymore outlets (Exclusive Company on State St. and in the High Point Centre/Magic Mill on University Ave./Star Liquor on Williamson St./Green Earth next to the Barrymore) and A Room of One's Own Bookstore.

Proceeds will help fund distribution of the film and the GLSTN scholarship for high school students.

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POLL

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regain control of Congress in November. Over 60% of the respondents said they planned to vote Democratic in the Congressional elections. Republican candidates for Congress were chosen by 21% of respondents.

Democratic control of Congress, especially the House of Representatives is viewed as vital for Gay rights legislation to pass. Last month a bill to outlaw anti-Gay job discrimination lost in the Senate by just one vote.

Most experts give the Democrats an even chance of regaining control of the House, but a poor chance of recapturing the US Senate.

Gay Life In America

On demographic questions, the poll results show a picture of Gay America that is not all that different from the rest of the country.

These questions regarding race, relationships, home ownership, income, and educational levels, showed figures that were very close to what the U.S. Census Bureau projects for the population as a whole.

In addition to questions on the election and politics Gay respondents were questioned on being out at work. The results showed that while 61% of all Gays and Lesbians have told a co-worker of their sexual orientation, only 44% have actually shared that information with their employer.

Poll Is Significant

Kim Mills, spokeswoman for HRC in an exclusive *Wisconsin Light*, said "The importance of the poll is that it confirms some things we suspected about our community, but that we could not statistically prove until now."

Mills said that the data concerning the demographics of the community is especially important. "We were being judged by religious political extremists on the basis of marketing research. That's like judging the entire population of the United States based on a survey of people who read *Vanity Fair*."

"We have been saying that the Gay electorate is an engaged electorate. The numbers of Gays and Lesbians who say they are going to vote in this election and who say they voted in the last one far exceed the population as a whole."

Mills adds that the poll was taken during the DOMA controversy. "Those being

polled clearly knew that the President was planning to sign the Defense of Marriage Act. Yet they still supported him in overwhelming numbers."

That is good news for Gay and Lesbian activists who accused the Republican Party of promoting DOMA to drive a wedge between the President and his Gay supporters. The numbers show that the strategy did not work.

Poll Methodology

The poll was conducted through a series of interviews with 365 self-identified Gays and Lesbians from June 7, 1996 to September 2. ICR used professionally trained, paid, independent interviewers for the poll.

IRC conducted the research as a "piggy back" poll. That means that in the course of taking other polls, IRC asked respondents if they were Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual. Those who answered yes were asked questions prepared for HRC by Lake Research.

The margin of error is 5.2%. That means that if everyone who is Gay or Lesbian were interviewed the results would be within 5.2% of the results shown in the sample. In other words 70% of the respondents said they intend to vote to re-elect the President. If all Gays and Lesbians were asked that question, there is a 95% probability that between 67.4% and 72.6% would say they are supporting the President.

Editor's Note: This poll was released as the *Wisconsin Light* went to press. We will provide detailed information on the non-election questions in our next issue.

SCHEELS

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peditionally. I certainly hope that this project gets off the ground. It would be wonderful Christmas present for Madison's Gay and Lesbian Community."

Anxious But Capitol

The Scheels admit they are anxious to get something underway but at the same time they are being cautious. Knowledgeable sources say they want to make sure that when they make the move; it is the right move to make.

GIRL'S TOWN

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Jim McKay and his talented cast clearly have the best of intentions at heart. Emphasizing realism, the language of the film positively bursts with vitality (and profanities). Performances are uniformly

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



fine, particularly the splendid Lili Taylor. Yet such care has been taken to imbue *Girl's Town* with such sincerity and such truth that their efforts are so overwhelming, leaving their message thwarted.

Perhaps a bit disturbing is their satisfaction, indeed the triumph they experience in their theft and vandalism. One

moment pondering their next escapade, they joke about pulling a bank heist. Forget lofty pretensions to the contrary, *Girl's Town* proves to be, as did *First Wives Club*, little more than a typical revenge fantasy.

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

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TRIAL NO. 2 - DELAVIRDINE

This is a double-blind, randomized study. The study compares the responses of individuals taking varied doses of Delavirdine (DLV) and AZT, AZT and 3TC or a combination of DLV, AZT & 3TC.

ELIGIBILITY - If you are 14 years of age or older, HIV positive, have a CD4 count greater than 200 but less than 500, and haven't been on AZT more than 6 months, you may qualify for this study.

TRIAL NO. 3 - STAVUDINE PLUS DIDANOSINE

This is an open-label study of the safety and biological effects of Stavudine (d4T) taken in combination with Didanosine (ddI) in HIV positive patients who have had prior therapy with AZT.

ELIGIBILITY - If you are over 18 years of age, HIV positive, have a CD4 count between 100 and 500 and have taken AZT as single drug therapy for more than 3 months, you may qualify for this study.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ENROLLING IN THESE TRIALS, PLEASE CALL JACQUE KACZINSKI, R.N. AT WARC, 414-225-1578.

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