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The Wisconsin Light

Baldwin Asks For Help In Fight For Domestic Partnership And Gay Marriage

Madison- Openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin has issued an appeal to Wisconsin's Les/Bi/Gay Community to help her fight against an expected attempt to ban recognition of Same Sex Marriage in the next session of the Wisconsin.

Baldwin, a Madison Democrat, urges Wisconsin's Gay community to vote for Democrats in races for the State Legislature.

Democratic Majority Urged

"A Democratic majority in the State Legislature is crucial to my efforts to derail anti Gay marriage legislation," said Baldwin. "Plus we need a Democratic majority if there is to be any hope of advancing our own Same Sex marriage and Domestic Partnership bills."

"No one is going to hand us Same Sex Marriage and Domestic Partnership, we have to fight for them and against those who would deny them to us. The best way to do that is with our votes on Tuesday November 5." said Baldwin.

Baldwin informed *The Wisconsin Light* that she plans to introduce her own bills allowing Domestic Partnership and Same Sex marriage.

Power of the Speaker

The majority party elects the Speaker of the State Assembly. The Speaker selects Committee Chairs and assigns bills to various committees where they can sit for an entire session without getting a hearing or where they can get expeditious treatment.

Speakers can and do use their power to bottle up legislation they don't like and to promote bills they want to have passed.

High Turnout Needed

Baldwin expressed concern that with President Clinton projected as the runaway winner of the Presidential race, some Lesbians and Gay may stay home on Election Day.

"People must realize that while the Presidency is important, it's only one office. We are also electing the entire State Assembly, half of the State Senate and a new Congressional delegation. This is the one time where all of us in and out of the closet can raise our voices together and strike a blow for equality with our votes," Baldwin said.

Other Issues

She added "In addition to the Marriage and Domestic Partnership issues, there are a myriad of other issues affecting our community. There is Ralph Overdahl's group trying to repeal AB 70 and AIDS funding for example."

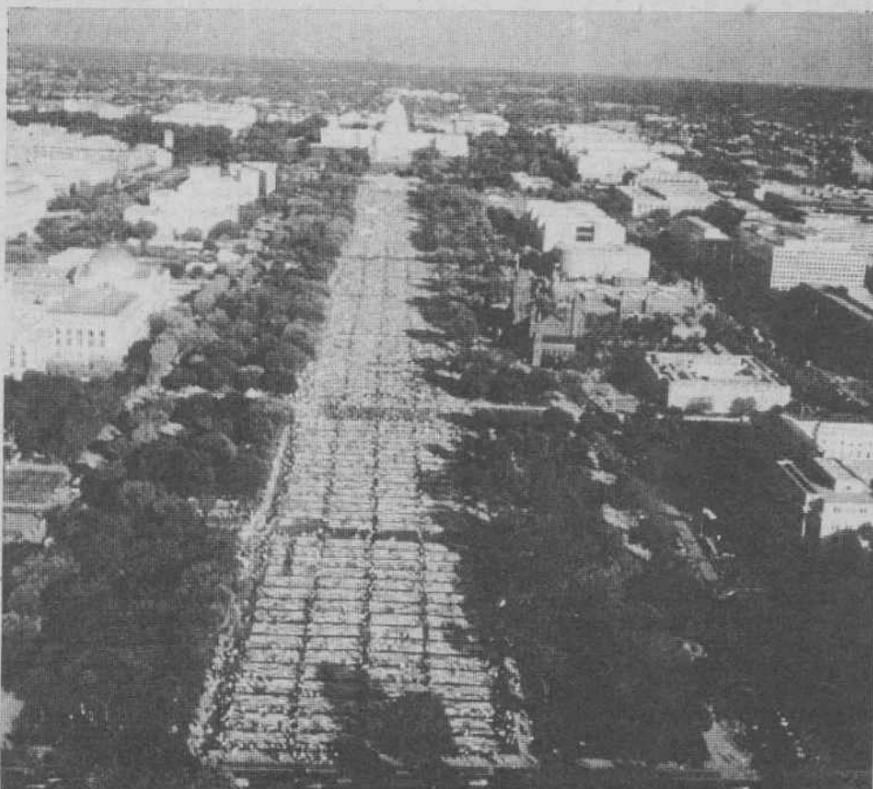
The State of Wisconsin provides money for AIDS programs around the Badger state. It also approves Medicaid payments for persons with AIDS.

A Right Wing Christian Group Wisconsin Christians United, headed by Rev. Ralph Overdahl has promised that it will try to repeal Wisconsin's Gay Rights law, AB 70, in the next session of the legislature.

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Human Rights Campaign, Victory Fund Urge High Turnout

Wisconsin Races Called Crucial



The AIDS Memorial Quilt stretches from the Washington Monument, from which this photograph was taken, to the U.S. Capitol building approximately a half mile away. The 45,000 panels of the Quilt overflow the National Mall into the tree-lined areas on the edges.

Vast Numbers Attend The Quilt Weekend to "Rage Against the Dying of the Light"

By Dan F. Schramm

(GLINN)- Over two million people, according to the Washington, D.C. Police Department, viewed the AIDS Memorial Quilt over the weekend of October 11-13 in Washington, D.C. This marked the first time the entire quilt, now at 45,000 panels, has been displayed since the National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights in April, 1993.

The Quilt, first displayed in Washington, D. C. in 1987 on the Mall near the Smithsonian Castle, then contained a modest 1,920 memorial panels stretching one city block. The Quilt became both the human face of AIDS and a battle flag against the ignorance and fear that surrounded the disease. Those displaying the Quilt in 1987, innocent and full of hope, believed that the nightmare would soon end.

The Quilt, as massive as it is in panels and weight (45 tons), represents only one in ten of the deaths from AIDS. Now, 15 years into the epidemic, AIDS has claimed 350,000 lives (including more than 9,000 in Wash-

ington D.C. compared to 2,031 for all of Wisconsin) and takes one more every 15 minutes.

Among the vast numbers viewing the Quilt were 55,000 school children, each of whom had to get parental permission to participate in the visit which included an orientation to deal with the emotions they might experience or witness, and frank discussions about AIDS. Half of all new HIV infections occur in people 25 or younger, and event organizers and educators said they hoped to drive home the point that AIDS can hit anyone.

The display of the Quilt required over 10,000 volunteers, beginning in San Francisco, where crews folded and packed one full railroad car per day for two weeks. 400 volunteers spent 3 days prior to the display criss-crossing the Mall with 21 miles of black fabric to create the giant grid of walkways.

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A Conversation With Openly Gay, Assistant Secretary Of Commerce, Bruce Lehman

During the National Democratic Convention in Chicago, Wisconsin Light Political Editor, Bill Meunier conducted a lengthy interview with Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Bruce Lehman.

Lehman is the highest openly Gay official in the history of the Federal Government. An articulate spokesperson for Clinton's new Democratic politics, Lehman minces few words in denouncing Right Wing Republicans and even some in our community while at the same time expressing his own broad vision of what government can and should do.

He is a passionate supporter of Bill Clinton and an unapologetic liberal with some fascinating insights. "The Wisconsin Light" is pleased to bring you some of the thoughts of this remarkable man.

You're the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks in addition to being the Assistant Secretary of Commerce is that correct?

"Yes, I have two titles, I am the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and I am the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. That's a 200 year old job. I am the keeper of the nation's intellectual property.

I have over 5,000 people that work for me. A budget that next year will be over \$750 million. You and Roberta Achtenburg were the first openly Gay people ever confirmed by the Senate. You had an easier time than she did.

"A lot easier I had no dissenting votes, although that was not as easy as it looks. One of the differences was that I was a Washington lawyer who worked on Capitol Hill. I knew that landscape and I lined up my support.

I will have to say this. As much I believe passionately that we have to have a Democratic Congress, its interesting to note that people like Orin Hatch and Strom Thurmond voted for me and they didn't vote out of ignorance. They knew I was a Gay man. We had discussed it very specifically.

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Pedro Zamora, AIDS activist and MTV television host, was remembered at the "Hands Around the Capitol" demonstration by his sister and his best friend who spoke about his short but very significant life. Shortly afterwards, nearly eight thousand people formed a link of humanity around the U.S. Capitol.



Gingrich Whips Up Fear Again

Washington -- House Speaker Newt Gingrich is trying to capitalize on anti-AIDS fear and prejudice by criticizing the Clinton administration for considering HIV status in some asylum cases.

"Gingrich is creating a volatile political mixture by whipping together the ostracism faced by people with HIV and Aids and the anti-immigration fever sweeping this country," said Winnie Srachelberg, HRC's deputy director for legislation. "This is a sorry effort to score political points off people with HIV and condemn President Clinton for showing compassion - a trait Newt Gingrich dearly lacks."

Earlier this month, an immigration judge in New York granted asylum to a 30-year-old computer engineer from Togo on the grounds that he is HIV-positive and feared he would be persecuted in his homeland. The case is believed to be the first such court ruling stemming from a change in immigration policy to allow the Immigration and Naturalization Service to consider HIV infection as a factor when considering asylum cases.

Last weekend, Gingrich accused the administration of creating conditions where "you can come to America, illegally sneak into the country, announce that you're HIV positive, be declared a political refugee and be eligible for \$120,000 in benefits."

Stachelberg said Gingrich was mischaracterizing the policy and twisting facts. "If you look carefully, the policy says 'where appropriate the INS shall consider HIV in asylum cases.' As for the \$120,000 in benefits, Gingrich just made that up."

N.Y. Court Rules Dentist Must Treat PWA's

New York- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund applauded a decision by the New York State Court of Appeals that said dentists cannot refuse to treat patients with HIV or AIDS.

"New York state's Human Rights Law protects not only access to ice cream parlors and skating rinks but also access to dentists and doctors," said Lambda AIDS Project Director Catherine Hanssens, quoting from the ruling. Lambda, the oldest and largest Gay legal organization, joined several disability and AIDS advocacy organizations in a friend-of-the-court brief that argued on behalf of the state Division of Human Rights (DHR) that dental and medical offices are public accommodations and, under state law, cannot discriminate against people who have, or are perceived to have, AIDS or HIV.

The state's highest court said that legislators did not intend "that persons with disabilities should be free from discrimination in such places as ice cream parlors and skating rinks, but that dental and medical providers could lawfully deny health care to them solely on the basis of their disability. The case was sparked when a Long Island dentist, Dennis Cahill, refused to treat a patient he believed had HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Clinton Accepts; Dole Ignores AIDS Pledges

Washington, D.C. - AIDS Action Foundation's and The NAMES Project's year-long voter education effort! Remember Them With Your Vote! culminated with a ceremony today in front of the White House of pledge cards signed by family, friends, lovers and care givers of people who have been lost to AIDS, that were intended for presentation to the Dole and Clinton campaigns

While the Clinton campaign responded by having Director of National AIDS Policy, Patsy Fleming accept the pledge cards, no Dole campaign representative attended the ceremony. The 120,000 pledges conveyed the message that American voters will remember AIDS when they vote this November.

Fred Miller, interim executive director of AIDS Action Foundation, said, "The message on these pledge cards is simple and powerful, yet it has been ignored in the election year frenzy: AIDS matters very very much to many, many Americans who will cast their votes in memory of the 320,000 Americans whose lives have been claimed by this insidious disease."

Remember Them with Your Vote combined AIDS Action's voter education efforts with The NAMES Project's displays of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in 27 congressional districts across the country. The campaign culminated with an intense voter education effort at the display of the entire 45, 000-panel AIDS Memorial Quilt which included the collection of signed pledge cards addressed to both President Clinton and Candidate Dole.

Mazda Threatens Pull Out If Ellen Comes Out

New York-- In the October 7 issue of Advertising Age, Mazda Motor of America said it would pull out of any "Lesbian episode" of the ABC show *Ellen*. According to the article, "When it comes to Gay TV characters, marketers may be more scared off by the controversy surrounding them than by the actual subject matter."

Linda Collieran, senior vice president and media director at Foote, Cone & Belding, which represents Mazda, said that "It's not the Ellen character. I like to see TV reflect reality it's all the press around it"

That makes the marketer skittish. Collieran said that Mazda would return when the controversy died down. According to the article, an informal survey of ad executives found that most would not flatly refuse to buy time on *Ellen* if the character comes out.

GLAAD urges you to thank Advertising Age for a well-written article that looks past the hype to the true bottom line of *Ellen* sponsorship. On the other hand, inform Mazda that instead of being fair-weather friends, they should have the courage to hold their ground and let Lesbian and Gay consumers know their dollars are important.

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"Chicago Hope" Gay Doctor Has New Friend

New York - On October 7, CBS's highly acclaimed hospital drama, *Chicago Hope*, explored the budding friendship between two doctors in a frank, open and comical way. In a previous episode Dr. Alan Shutt's (Adam Arkin) found himself in an uncomfortable situation when Robert, a new male colleague, makes a pass at Alan mistakenly believing that he was Gay. In this week's episode, the two grow to be good friends as they work on a research project together.

They discuss each of their respective failed marriages, their problems with relationships, and about some of Alan's problems dealing with Robert's sexual orientation. Their exchanges are often as comical as they are fraught with a sense of commonality. When Alan attempts to crack Robert's back, Robert warns him that "If you hurt me, I'll kiss you."

Utah Religious Coalition Advertises Respect

On September 29, the Coalition of Concerned Religious Leaders in Utah placed an advertisement in Utah's three major daily newspapers *The Daily Herald of Provo*, *The Salt Lake Tribune* and *The Desert News* of Salt Lake City, urging law-makers to treat Lesbians and Gays with respect and dignity.

"We believe it is against the best interest of all citizens to legislate intolerance against any group of human beings," the 14-member group stated. "We further believe that the purpose of education is to offer opportunities for all students to learn with one another in an atmosphere that nurtures and supports individual growth in our diverse cultures."

In *The Daily Herald*, the placement of the ad made surprisingly well-rounded front-page news, even though the conservative paper used the term "homosexual" instead of "Lesbian and Gay."

According to the article, the ad was partially prompted by the antics of the state legislature and Salt Lake City School Board earlier this year in attempting to ban a Gay-Straight Alliance from meeting at East High School.

Youth Column

A Young Gay Man Goes To Washington for the Quilt Weekend

By Jason Alan

I arrived to the airport early on Saturday morning. Today was to be THE DAY. Within 2 hours I would arrive in D.C. to witness an historic weekend. This would be the day of the first Gay youth march on Washington, the first political funeral held near the White House, and the first time an AIDS rally would encircle the Capitol building; among many other activities and conventions.

The weather in D.C. was crystal clear and it would remain this way throughout the weekend. (Kind of God's blessing if you ask me.) I hopped on the metro to Foggy Bottom. First stop, Georgetown to check in at my hotel. Next stop, the Capitol.

As I drew close to the Capitol, I realized I was surrounded by an incredible number of people. I have been to Washington many times in my young life, but I had never seen it this full. I was overjoyed.

The steps of the Capitol were overburdened by Gay people from all walks of life. There were young and old, families and, yes, even a few politicians turned out for this event. As I stepped to the capitol terrace, I was overwhelmed by an awe inspiring sight. From the lawn of the Capitol all the way to the Washington Monument there was nothing but people. Virtually everyone in the Capitol had stopped to witness the AIDS Quilt.

The Quilt, which started as not big enough to fill a poor man's yard, was now the size of over two football fields. Surrounded by people from all walks of life on this, clear, otherwise sunny day; this was indeed an awe inspiring sight- a sight which made many of our Nation's finest politicians realize how small indeed we are.

Directly under the terrace, on the steps of the Capitol, was the podium. Many important speakers were to take this podium. Whether they were powerful community leaders, corporate, presidents, or children, in the shadow or the Names Quilt, they and we all shared the same vision for our humanity.

There were thousands upon thousands of people who witnessed this historic weekend. There were the usual rallies, usual as well as extraordinary speeches, usual sense of pride this Community somehow manages to maintain in the face of the bigotry that often emanates from the very steps we were speaking on.

However, what was perhaps the most powerful sight and message was yet to come.

As the close of the day drew nearer, thousands of people came to the steps of the Capitol. They had come to march in memory of our dead. They had come to pay their owed debt to our lost loved ones and most endearing allies. They had come to light their candle in memory of the lives we have forever lost. Thousands upon thousands were to march this evening. However, we were not to be weary in the face of death. This candlelight vigil was to fight fire with fire. From the terrace of the Capitol, hundreds of thousands of candles marched.

Against the fire of a perfect Washington sunset, they marched on; providing a sight that shall never be recreated again.

It was a once in a lifetime event.

As I fly back home at 6 a.m. this Monday morning, I reflected on how many of my peers hadn't been in our Capitol to witness this weekend. I reflected on how many are still frightened, on how many are still people of the lie. I thought if only those people could have seen this weekend, if only they could have seen Gay young people speak on the steps of our Capitol for the first time, they would realize what their lives could be.

Please, if you are my age and still living the lie, join me. Don't listen to the rhetoric, do

not throw your life into the waste basket. Instead, embark upon the journey your life should be assuming. Come Out of that closet your hiding in, and help us make this Our Capitol once again.

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WARNING!!!

As we go to press, we have received word that the cops are at it again in Estabrook Park.

Callers have reported that an unmarked van sits in the north parking lot south of Hampton during daylight hours. People (lone men, especially) who have left their car to walk are accosted, sworn at and told to "get your ass out of here!" under threat of being arrested for loitering.

Callers have been urged to contact their County Supervisor and report the situation. Calls to the Sheriff's Office have produced no results whatever.

Please be careful out there.



Bill Meunier

Enjoying some time together at our Wisconsin Light Spotlight Party at This Is It are (L-R) Joe Coch, Wisconsin Light Editor Dr. Terry Boughner, In Step Founder, Ron Geiman and Club 219 DJ Kim.

Action Wisconsin Members, Evertz and Mohr Address Amnesty International

Madison— Action Wisconsin Board Member, Scott Evertz, addressed Amnesty International's Midwest Regional Conference held in Madison the weekend of October 11-12.

Evertz and Michelle Mohr, a member of Amnesty International Members for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, conducted a workshop entitled "The Struggle for Lesbian and Gay Rights Globally" during the two-day conference.

"It was awesome," was Evertz's reaction following the session which drew a standing room only crowd. "There were so many young people who were so concerned about the struggle for Gay rights here in the states and around the world. This gives me real cause for hope."

Evertz began his presentation by welcoming the audience, made up of individuals from throughout the Midwest, to the nation's First Gay Rights State.

This welcome was met with hearty applause and Evertz proceeded to present the audience with an update on advances that have been made on the state and national fronts.

Generally optimistic in tone, Evertz pointed out that increasingly public opinion is on our side with the notable exception being marriage. He characterized the Defense of Marriage Act as "mean-spirited, election year Gay baiting" and warned the audience that "as we make more and more advances, our enemies like the Wisconsin Christians United will grow increasingly frustrated and their attacks will become more vicious."

Asked what to do about such groups and their attacks, Evertz suggested that, "we

must expose them for what they are. If you get a piece of their literature, give it to your local press. Most Americans are fair people and when they see how vicious our opponents are, they will support us.

The most memorable event of the session for Evertz occurred when he asked a young man why he had gotten involved in Gay rights.

"In high school this kid sat there and proudly told us, 'guys in my all-boys high school say you're Gay if you're in Amnesty International, so I thought I had nothing to lose by getting involved in the Gay rights cause, they already think I'm Gay anyway.'"

New Harvest Dinner Dance on November 2

The New Harvest Foundation, Madison's Gay and Lesbian Foundation, will be holding an elegant evening titled "Black and White" Tonight at the new Starlight Theater of the Madison Civic Center.

A 7:00 social hour will be followed by Dinner at 8:00 and dancing until Midnight.

All your favorites will on the turntable manned by Tony Ritschard, of the Hotel Washington, Manoeuvres and the Cardinal Bar.

This event is a fund raiser to help New Harvest support Madison area Les/Bi/Gay organizations. The New Harvest Foundation is a Les/Bi/Gay organization dedicated to raising funds in support of educational, social and cultural activities for the Les/Bi/Gay community in Dane County.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For ticket information contact New Harvest (608 256-

An Evening's Conversation with Ron Geiman at a Cream City Foundation Fundraiser

By Terry Boughner

One of the nicest surprises I've had in a long time was seeing and talking with Ron Geiman the other evening.

The Cream City Foundation was holding a fundraiser at This Is It. I was sitting at the bar giving "bartender" Tony Rhodes a hard time when someone said, "There's Ron Geiman."

Surely, I thought, they must be mistaken. I knew Ron had been in the hospital for the past number of weeks and been awfully sick. But when I looked down to the other end of the bar, there he was.

He waved, smiled and came down to where I was sitting. We embraced and kissed warmly, like the two old friends we are. It was good, so very, very good to see him—and see him so hale and hearty, lively and joking as before.

We got drinks and went to sit together on one of the bench seats—and we talked—and talked—of all sorts of things.

There was Pennsylvania, native state for us both, and foods we'd both had when we were young. Corn relish. Soooo good. And we dished the dirt as we always had.

We talked about that steamy August day nearly 10 years ago now, when Ron and I and numerous others sat in Jerry's and my back parlor at a meeting, the outcome of which was **Wisconsin Light**.

Ron had his usual pack of cigarettes and I asked him how he managed not to smoke in the hospital.

"Honey," he replied, "I didn't manage. I wanted a cigarette and the only place to have one was outside. So I just got up and went out and had one."

I could just imagine it. There's Ron, well over six feet tall, marching down the hall, heading for the elevators, his hospital gown flapping out behind him and his IV bottle and stand trailing along behind.

When he got back, the nurses were all upset. "Where have you been?" etc., etc., etc. They got over it.

We talked about battles we had fought, standing together side by side. We talked until Bill came over with a camera and nothing would do except he take our picture—which he did. After that, Ron had to go, get something to eat, get some rest. Again we embraced and kissed, and then he was gone.

Caution

The fact that someone's name appears in this paper in no way implies sexual orientation.

I returned to my seat at the bar to wait for Jerry.

The fundraiser was a great success, but for the next hour or so I couldn't tell you what was going on with it. I just felt too warm, too good, seeing and talking with my old friend.

Ron, you say you read what I write. So let me take this opportunity to tell you that you are simply one of the finest, most thoroughly decent people it has been my good fortune to know. There are a lot of things I wish now I could have said to you, but I'm not put together that way, so this is the method I have to use.

You are, Ron, beloved of this whole community, but everyone in it must take second place to me. You are a beautiful person, Ron Geiman, the very best there is. I've said that to only a handful of people in my 50+ years and I say it now to you.

God love you, Ron. Have continued progress and may all the rewards of honor, devotion and integrity be yours.

CCF Fundraiser

I suppose I should make some mention of the CCF fundraiser—which is why I was there in the first place. It was, by all accounts, a great success, raising nearly \$1,000 for the philanthropic work of the Foundation in our community.

The fundraiser, which went from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at This Is It on Saturday, October 19, saw members of the Foundation's Board of Directors serving as bartenders—and being harassed unmercifully.

There was an on-going raffle of things such as novelty mirrors, a fine leather briefcase, champagne, brandy and much else both donated and gathered by Juan Rodriguez, a Foundation Board member.

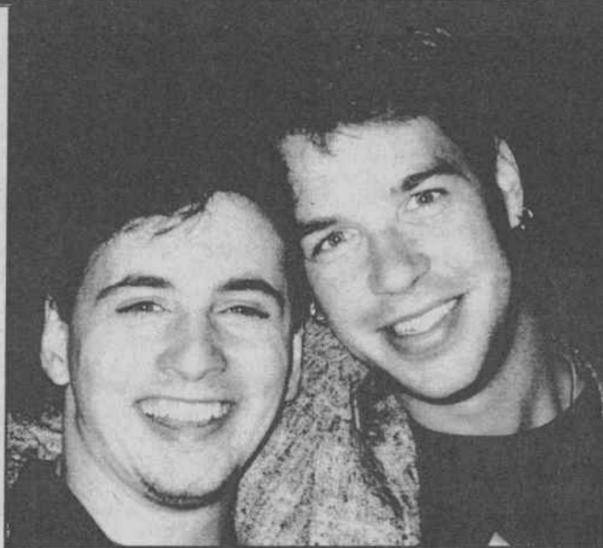
There was also a **First Wives Club** movie poster that was autographed by Bette Midler, one of the three stars. The poster was donated by **Wisconsin Light**.

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Endorsements

Its Our Turn

We are heartened by the Human Rights Campaign Poll showing that nationally nearly 80% of America's Gays and Lesbians are planning to vote. However, we believe that figure should be 100%, especially here in Wisconsin where you can register at the polls.

Organizations like the Victory Fund, the Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay Lesbian Task Force are working hard to drum up interest in the Badger State. The reason is obvious. With two open Republican seats, and one Republican incumbent in serious trouble, Wisconsin offers one of the best chances for Gays and Lesbians to help oust Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House.

More importantly it offers an opportunity to replace Homophobic Congressmen with candidates who believe in equal treatment under the law. Last but not least we have a chance to reject the politics of exclusion and division by supporting candidates who share our concern on civil rights for all Americans.

We have listened to the commercials, seen the literature, and gotten the phone calls. We have heard from the politicians and now they need to hear from us. It's Our Turn to raise our voices. We urge our readers to add their voice on Tuesday November 5.

National Office

Clinton Deserves Second Term

There is no question that President Bill Clinton has done more to advance the cause of Gays and Lesbians than all of his predecessors combined. In fact he is the first President to even use the words "Gay and Lesbian." Has he done enough to merit our support for a second term? We believe the answer to that question is a resounding yes.

In Bill Clinton we have a President who has stood up for his Gay supporters in many ways. He has lifted the ban on security clearances, made an honest effort to lift the ban on military service, actively opposed anti-Gay rights referendums, allowed Gays from other countries to seek asylum here, given Presidential appointments to over 100 openly Gay and Lesbian individuals, including two cabinet level appointments and the first ever Lesbian Federal Judge. In addition to these and other accomplishments, Clinton also increased AIDS funding at a time when other programs were being cut.

His opponent, Bob Dole, offers a stark contrast. Dole and his platform characterize Gay equality as "special rights." He and his running mate Jack Kemp, have pandered to the Christian Radical Right. Kemp even denounced the Supreme Court for overturning Colorado's Amendment 2. If they were somehow to win this election, we shudder to think about who they would owe that victory to.

Even without Dole's opposition to Gay Rights, we would still believe that Bill Clinton deserves another term. The economy is in good shape, the deficit has come down four years in a row, the nation is at peace and our defenses are stronger than ever. Clinton correctly recognizes that government does have to be downsized, but he also believes that downsizing should not come at the expense of those with the least political power.

Bob Dole deserves our contempt and scorn. Bill Clinton deserves a second term.

Congressional Race Endorsements

The Wisconsin Light makes the following endorsements in Wisconsin's Congressional races.

Spotswood For Congress

1st District - (Southeast Wisconsin) We wholeheartedly urge your support for **Lydia Spotswood** in her effort to defeat the homophobic incumbent Mark Neumann. Neumann who earned a richly deserved 0 in the Human Rights Campaign score card is a darling of what passes for the Christian Coalition in Wisconsin. In addition to his votes against equal rights, he has made many other objectionable moves. He voted to cut Medicare, to allow companies to raid their worker's pension funds and for most of the odious "Contract On America" promoted by Newt Gingrich.

Spotswood has been endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign, not only because of Neumann's out of date Conservative dogma, but also because of her own qualifications, and positions on issues critical to her district.

This district deserves a Congressperson who will represent all of it, Gay and Straight, blue collar workers and professionals, young and old. Neumann is not the person to give them that representation, Spotswood is.

Soglin Deserves A Chance

2nd District - (Central Wisconsin) Its time for a change in this district. For too long, incumbent Scott Klug has masqueraded as a moderate, while more often than not voting with the radical right wing of his Republican party.

For example, Klug although he represents liberal Madison has only a 56% rating from the Human Rights Campaign. His challenger, **Paul Soglin**, has a solid record of accomplishment as Madison's Mayor. Moreover Soglin has a solid record of support on issues of equality for all of America's citizens including Gays and Lesbians. Soglin is clearly the superior candidate and the better choice.

The polls and political pundits give Soglin little chance to win this race, but that should not stop Gay and Lesbian voters from showing their displeasure with Klug's refusal to stand with them on a consistent basis.

Kind Will Follow Gunderson's Lead

3rd District- (Western Wisconsin) This is the district that was represented by openly Gay Republican, Steve Gunderson. We are sorry to see Gunderson leave the Congress, but Gay voters in that area need not worry, in Democrat **Ron Kind**, they can have a representative who, like Gunderson, believes in supporting equal treatment under the law. Kind's thoughtful positions on a wide variety of issues make him the clear choice over his non-descript opponent, Jim Harnsdorf.

We fully agree with the Human Rights Campaign endorsement of Ron Kind and we urge our readers to endorse him with their votes on Tuesday November 5.

Klezcka Deserves Another Term

4th District-(Southern Milwaukee-Waukesha Counties) Incumbent **Jerry Klezcka** deserves another term. Unlike his Christian Coalition backed opponent, Tom Reynolds, Klezcka has shown a good grasp of the issues affecting his district.

While we believe that Klezcka could have and should have been more supportive of Gay issues, he is clearly superior to an opponent who comes from the far side of the Radical Right.

Had Mac Davis won the Republican Primary, this might have been a difficult race for us to pick. But Reynold's backing from the Christian Right makes this race an easier one for us to call.

Barrett Warrants Our Support

5th District-(Northern Milwaukee) This one is should be a no brainer for Lesbians and Gays living in this district. **Tom Barrett**, the incumbent is a consistent supporter of equal rights. He has done a fine job in representing the best interests of his constituents.

While we are still disturbed over his vote for DOMA, but we will give him credit for trying to keep it from coming up for a vote. We do not believe that one blemish should keep us from supporting a Congressman with an otherwise outstanding record.

50% Is Not Enough

No Endorsement in the 7th

7th District - (Northwest Wisconsin) We would have liked to endorse incumbent David Obey, however the 50% score card he received from the Human Rights Campaign prevents us from doing so. His conservative opponent, Scott West would be even less friendly than Obey. Nevertheless Obey's vote of Present on a successful move to deny Hospital Visitation Rights and Health Insurance at cost to Domestic Partners in the District of Columbia shows a total lack of political courage that astounds us. That vote along with other votes and his refusal to co-sponsor ENDA compels us to speak out.

The only factor to recommend Obey is that his re-election would mean one less for Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House. That however, is not enough. We will not endorse anyone who apparently feels we are deserving of equal treatment only half the time

Johnson Is Clearly Superior

8th District-(North East Wisconsin) This is one of three Wisconsin districts where the Democrats have a real chance to pick up another vote against Newt Gingrich for Speaker of the House. It is to Democrat **Jay Johnson's** credit that despite running in one of the most Republican areas of Wisconsin, he is in a tight race. Johnson has been endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign.

His opponent, Assembly Speaker Proesser, has at times indicated a willingness to talk about Gay issues, but during his long tenure in public office, we can not remember one public statement supporting equality for all of Wisconsin's citizens.

We prefer Johnson's non-ideological, pragmatic and refreshing approach to the issues to Proesser's dogmatic conservatism. He would be an able, effective and articulate advocate for his district and deserves our support.

Vote Democratic For State Assembly

There are many reasons why we would urge our readers to vote Democratic in elections for the State Assembly. First and foremost is Governor Tommy Thompson. Thompson has assumed so much power through his line item veto that State Government is out of whack. With Republicans in control of the State Assembly, the body is nothing more than a rubber stamp of Thompson's policies.

The framers of the State Constitution did not intend for the Legislature to blindly accede to the Governor. As representatives of the people, the members of the State Assembly have an obligation to thoughtfully examine proposals from the Governor. Far too often the GOP Leadership has raced through bills with little debate and even littler thought.

Its time for a change in the approach the Assembly has been taken. That change can only be brought about with a Democratic control House.

State Senate Endorsements

While we are electing candidates for Federal office, we are also electing half of the Wisconsin State Senate and all of the State Assembly. Space does not permit us to make an endorsement in every race, but there are some races that stand out.

There are five races that stand out in the battle for control of the Wisconsin State Senate where the Democrats hold a slim one vote margin **The Wisconsin Light** urges your support for the following incumbents, **Fred Risser** (D-Madison), **Chuck Chvala**, (D-Verona), **Alberta Darling** (R-Shorewood) **Lynn Adelman**, (D-Waukesha) and for Democratic challenger **Barbara Lawton** (Pulaski)

Fred Risser has a long history of service to his district and to his state. Known as the dean of the Senate, Risser's thoughtful, progressive approach is in tune with the voters of his district. He deserves another term.

Chuck Chvala doesn't have Risser's history of service, but he does have a nose to the grindstone approach to government. He works hard and he gets good results. He is worthy of our support.

Some may be surprised at our endorsement of **Alberta Darling** but they shouldn't be. When a Republican has a good record of service to their district and the state and has shown support for Gay rights, we believe that they should be supported.

Darling is one of only two pro-Gay voices in the Republican Senate Caucus. She was instrumental in helping ESHAC, a local neighborhood group build a new industrial park. Her opponent **Randy Nash** is also very good. In most circumstances we would be proud to offer him our support, but the chance to keep Darling's voice of moderation in the Senate makes her our choice.

Lynn Adelman has been a consistent supporter of individual liberties. He refuses to follow a party line and votes for what he believes is in the best interests of his district. He is an effective and articulate advocate for equality and deserves our support.

As a State Senator, **Barbara Lawton** would be an effective advocate for her North East Wisconsin District. She is an articulate and intelligent choice who is clearly superior to her opponent the Incumbent Senator **Gary Drzewiecki**.

Editor's Note

In This Election, the Time Has Come for LesBiGays to Split their Tickets

By Terry Boughner

For the last month or so, I've been more or less flat on my back. What was wrong? I haven't a clue—nor do I wish to find out. What I know is that nothing made any difference for awhile—and I lost 15 pounds (which I didn't need anyway). So, things are getting back to normal now, but I want to thank all those who wrote and called. Your kind thoughts were much appreciated.

One thing though, about just being bearly in the "land of the living," you get a lot of TV watching done. For example, I know we're getting close to the holidays because they've started advertising those Chia pets again.

I knew too, that we're having an election. Ad after ad after ad tells me that. So, for want of anything better to do, I started thinking how I would advise people to vote.

First, let me say I think its borderline insanity for our community to get stuck with one party. My strongest possible advice is for people to vote, not the party, but the candidate—the candidate who is best on our issues.

My God, that makes me a "single issue" voter, doesn't it? Yeah, I guess it does. And that's what I am. There is one issue and one issue alone in which I am interested—and that is our equal rights. I can and will swallow a lot from a candidate—if she or he is good on equality. If she or he is not, whoever it is won't get my vote, not at all.

Okay, now what?

Third parties? For some, one or another of them may be a way of registering a protest or taking a stand on principle, but the race is still between the Republicans and the Democrats. It is these two that will determine things in the next four years.

The Republicans?

There's a lot about the GOP that appeals to me: downsizing the government, fiscal conservatism, strong values and the rest. But I will say right now, I can't vote for Bob Dole.

Let me be most clear. Despite almost every national Gay organization and Gay publications' advocacy for the Democrats, I am not enamored of Bill Clinton, not at all. His handling of Gays in the military stunk to high heaven. His "midnight" signature of DOMA makes me sick (along with those people in Congress, Republicans and Democrats who voted for it).

So, I thought about Bob Dole. The man has been vocal against intolerance and discrimination. He's an honorable man, I have no doubt. Maybe he should be given a chance?

Enter the second of the two presidential debates. (Unlike the majority of Americans, I watched it. There was nothing else on.) One of the questioners brought up ENDA (job discrimination based on sexual orientation). Clinton's answer was swift and firm. He would support ENDA.

Dole, however, was another matter. Yes, he's against discrimination, but he's also against "special rights." And I thought, "My God, the man hasn't a clue. He doesn't get it. He thinks having a job is a 'special right.'"

I admit to being impressed with the President and the First Lady visiting the NAMES Quilt when it was on display in Washington. A symbolic gesture? Certainly. But impressive to me nonetheless.

So where was Bob Dole? How much would it have cost he and his wife to have gone there; by one simple gesture to have signified his break with the Reagan years. But Dole wasn't there. To me his absence said a lot.

So, I will vote for Bill Clinton. He's done a lot for us; not enough, not by far, but at least he's a known quantity. I would rather have Clinton and take what I can get, than have Dole and, from the way he's talking, get nothing at all.

Okay, what about the rest of the Republican party? After all, most of what's been done recently (welfare, etc.), the Republican Congressional majority did.

The problem is that, as I see it, there is a cancer growing in this country. It is a cancer operating under the guise of religion and is redolent of bigotry, hatred, homophobia, discrimination, racism and just about everything else I so fervently despise.

It is powerful, very well funded, and would cast the Bill of Rights into the ditch if it could.

The thing is that this "Christian" Fundamentalist movement seems to have fastened itself onto the Republican Party like a leech. So, the problem I have is that if I advise people to vote for the GOP, is this vote an implied endorsement of the forces behind

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Jerry Johnson

Four Supportive Politicians were caught on camera during the Public Officials Reception held at Milwaukee's Village Church on Tuesday October 15. (L-R) are Congressman Tom Barrett, County Supervisor Dorothy Dean, State Representative Tim Carpenter and State Representative Barb Nottstein. Mayor John Norquist and County Executive Tom Ament were also at the reception as were a number of other elected and appointed officials.

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In a sense my confirmation process was an education process for them. Now they are way way behind the Democrats.

That's why it's so important to continue to have a President like Bill Clinton to send people like me to Capitol Hill, because it forces the Republicans to confront the issue: Are they going to actively discriminate against Gay and Lesbian people? Will they continue to practice the politics of hate?

Eventually we will see a time when the Republican Party as they now accept, at least in theory the notion of racial equality. they will accept the notion of non-discrimination against us as well.

But that's not going to happen if we vote for Republican candidates.

You know Barney Frank said of the Log Cabin Republicans that they seem to be saying that if you ask Bob Dole and the other Republicans to come for us and they say no and we vote for them anyway, that somehow or other that will be a way of advancing our cause.

The only way Republicans will overcome around and support Gay Rights is to elect at this point in time, Democrats. So they will understand that there's not a political percentage in it.

Right now they think there's a political advantage to beating up on Gays and Lesbians, to beating up on immigrants and very subtly in other ways beating up on other groups like African Americans. They have to understand that there's no advantage to gay bashing.

The Republicans want to distract people and get people into the politics of exclusion. The American people in general are more interested in having a job, and a secure economic foundation, being able to send their kids to college, having access to Student Loans, if they got thrown out of work to keep their health care. Those are the kind of issues that are going to rule people.

Frankly I think they (the Log Cabin Republicans) must be into some of the more esoteric practices of the community.

"You're from Wisconsin aren't you? When did you leave?"

"In 1971. One of the reasons I feel personally strongly on the military issue, is because that was near the end of the Vietnam war. I was an officer in the military and I was stationed in Washington. I was going to come back to Wisconsin. I had an appointment as Assistant Attorney General. I met with Justice Department lawyers in Madison. This was called "accepted service" and the Attorney General could zap someone he didn't want. I had been involved in politics. It was a very rare thing to have happen, my appointment was vetoed by the then Attorney General Bob Warren, now a federal judge in Milwaukee.

So I stayed in Washington and worked with federal Justice Department. About nine months later another Wisconsinite, Bob Kastenmaier asked me to work with him on the Judiciary Committee as it was beginning the impeachment of President Nixon.

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Jerry Johnson

Coming Out Day Award winners at the annual Public Officials Reception in Milwaukee on October 15. posed for our photographer. Top row (L-R) are Bob Mazzacone and Joe St. Claire from the Alternative Business Association which won the award for new organizations, Steve Beyer, and Deb Proknow from Just Us Bottom Row (L-R) are Linda Payne Individual Award and Janet Mueller from Just Us. Just Us won the award for New Business.

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On Tuesday November 5, these parties will be linked with a live Internet video and audio feed to seventeen other Gay election night parties around the country. This is the first ever attempt to have a nationwide Gay and Lesbian party.

Currently 17 cities, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., New York, Boston, Atlanta,

Houston, Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco, and Minneapolis are signed on. Additional cities are expected to join as Election Night draws closer.

In addition to the exciting Internet feed, the parties will also feature exclusive returns and analysis on how pro and antiGay candidates are doing around the country.

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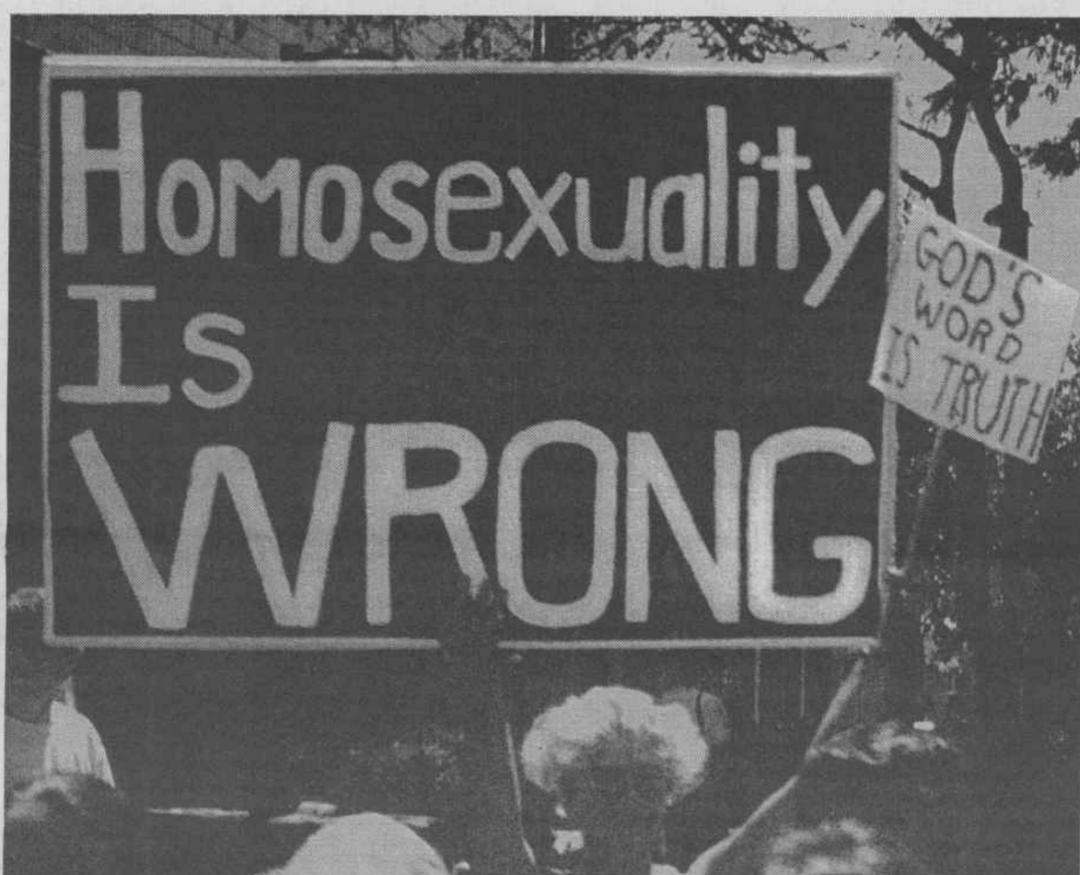
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In The 2nd District Congressional Campaign The LesBiGay Vote Will be Crucial

Commentary by Kathryn Kingsbury

Much has been made in Madison-area media about the upcoming Wisconsin 2nd district U.S. congressional race. Few pieces, however, have focused much attention on the candidates' positions on issues of importance to Gays and Lesbians.

The candidates are Paul Soglin, a Democrat who has served as Madison's mayor for a total of thirteen years; Scott Klug, the Republican incumbent who began his term in 1990; and Ben Masel, a Libertarian who has unsuccessfully run for Dane County sheriff on the Democratic ticket and for Wisconsin governor as a Republican.

Soglin has lived in the Madison area since 1962, when he came to study at the University of Wisconsin for his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He served on the city council from 1968 to 1972, and became mayor in 1973. In 1979, he took a hiatus from public service to practice law, becoming mayor once again in 1989. His accomplishments include beginning the city's day-care program and upgrading the bus system.

According to the Soglin campaign, "Madison's per capita spending has dropped below the statewide average, while the highest possible quality of city services has been maintained."

Klug was born in Milwaukee. He graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton in 1975, then moved out of state to work as a television journalist. He moved back to Madison in 1988 and ran successfully for the House of Representatives against the Democratic incumbent in 1990. Promoting himself as an "independent"

Republican, he advocates term limits and was rated as the second highest budget cutter in the 104th Congress by the National Taxpayers' Union.

Masel lives in Madison. He was the state director of the National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws (NORML) from 1988 until 1993. He is an Internet tutor and publisher of **ZENGER**, an underground paper that will soon be moved to the Internet.

Klug and Soglin have largely ignored Masel. Focusing mostly on each other in their campaigns, they have been less than chivalrous. Klug characterizes Soglin as a "tax-and-spend liberal"; Soglin's campaign

recently issued bumper stickers declaring "Newt Loves Klug" to counter Klug's image as a moderate.

Soglin argues that Klug has failed to be on the forefront of Gay issues. Klug did not co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would make illegal hiring and firing decisions on the basis of sexual orientation. Klug also voted for the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which prohibits the federal government from recognizing Gay marriages in the event that a state should legalize them.

Soglin says he would have voted the opposite way on both of these measures: "The Defense of Marriage Act is a real break with policy in this country, in that, traditionally, the federal government has stayed out of issues pertaining to marriage. The standard has been to allow states to set criteria for binding relationships and, in turn, each state recognizes what's valid in another state."

Klug has stated publicly that he is not opposed to Gay marriage per se, but he doesn't feel that states where Gay marriages are not legal should be forced to recognize Gay marriages from another state.

Masel wonders, "If Klug doesn't want to force states to recognize Gay marriages from other states, does he also not want to force them to recognize heterosexual marriages? Marriage is basically a business relationship. There's no reason to make distinctions. It's based on the role the parties want to play in each others lives. It's a matter of individual choice."

In the health arena, Klug has been active in promoting legislation that allows people to maintain health insurance coverage when switching jobs and defends the right to health insurance for those with documented pre-existing conditions, while Masel wants to legalize cannabis—an action which would make it available to people with AIDS who can benefit from its therapeutic aspects. Klug opposes the legalization of marijuana.

Scott Evertz, who lives in the 2nd district and is on the board of the Wisconsin Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay partisan group, defends Klug's record on Gay and HI issues. "He really has been, in some areas, a leader. He was an early co-sponsor of an amendment to the Defense Appropriation Bill that would undo [Representative] Bob Dorman's

attempt to exclude HIV-positive people from the military."

Klug also voted in the 102nd Congress to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military (though he subsequently approved the so-called "don't ask, don't tell" policy).

Evertz notes that, although Klug has not co-sponsored ENDA, "he's indicated that he would vote for it."

Asked what chance he thinks ENDA has of passing in the next Congress, Soglin says, "Two things have to happen: We have to get Democratic control of certainly the house and probably also the Senate, and we need leadership in regards to the adoption of ENDA. It's going to take more than just passive support.... I don't see [Klug] going out of his way to advance the interests of Gays and Lesbians. I don't see him, when the legislation comes up, ask the question, 'What's my responsibility to represent my constituents?'"

Percy Mather, the chair of the Lesbian/BVGay Task Force of the Wisconsin chapter of the National Organization for Women, thinks that Soglin will provide the much-needed active leadership. "Klug has been occasionally Gay-friendly" by showing up at events like the Pride weekend picnic last July, she says. "But Soglin has a track record. He's appointed Lesbians and has

been a supporter of the [Madison] domestic partnership legislation" that went into effect in May of 1990.

Evertz disagrees. "I don't see leadership from Paul Soglin and I don't see that Klug is a homophobe.... He's probably where most Americans are, which is kind of on the fence. He could easily be pushed over to the good side."

Many heterosexuals who agree that Gays should have equal rights nonetheless show signs of discomfort around Gay couples, but Klug doesn't display that kind of condescending behavior, says Evertz. "Scott Klug and his wife Tess are unbelievably comfortable with same-sex couples."

Soglin contends that, as mayor, he has provided leadership on Gay issues:

"Twenty years ago, Madison took the lead in expanding the Equal Opportunity Ordinance to include sexual orientation as a protected class. We were probably the first city government in the U.S. to do so."

Masel states his position on Gay rights clearly: "I am pro-choice on everything."

According to the Human Rights Campaign, Lesbians and Gays vote at a higher rate than the general population. The community's votes could be decisive in this year's election.

Announcements

Madison

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The New Harvest Foundation, Madison's Gay and Lesbian Foundation, will be holding an elegant evening titled "Black and White" Tonight at the new Starlight Theater of the Madison Civic Center.

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Speaking From the Right

Scott Klug Deserves The Support of the Second District Gay Community

Commentary by Scott Evertz

A curious and, quite frankly, alarming thing is happening in Madison this election season. Ordinarily intelligent, articulate and thoughtful members of the Lesbian and Gay community are making statements about the Second Congressional District race that they simply can't back up with any sort of proof.

It kind of goes like this: "Congressman Scott Klug is no friend of the Gay community and Madison Mayor Paul Soglin has done a lot for the Gay community."

On the surface these seem like two very good reasons for supporting Soglin over Klug, but if you ask someone making these accusations to explain why Klug is "no friend" the response is simply, "he just isn't."

Pushing the issue a little further, if you ask someone to explain what exactly Soglin has done for the Gay community, the response is invariably, "a lot."

The problem here in the Second Congressional District is that neither candidate is or has been the champion of Gay rights nor has either one been the opponent of our rights.

Consequently, it's difficult for Soglin supporters to say anything but "a lot" in answer to questions about what he has done and it's equally difficult for Klug supporters to argue that Klug deserves "friend of the community" status.

I will try, however, in the balance of this column to prove that Congressman Klug is

indeed more supportive than most Gay Madisonians may know and that he is worthy of consideration. I am hopeful that elsewhere in this issue of the *Light* someone will do the same for Paul Soglin because I am honestly looking for a more detailed response than "a lot."

Let's start with the bad Klug votes. Scott Klug voted once to restrict the District of Columbia from extending domestic partnership benefits to its residents and he voted for the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). In both cases, Congressman Klug would argue, he did so because he is a strong believer in states rights.

In the case of D.C. domestic partnership benefits he voted against the legislation because it involved Congress imposing funding requirements on the District government and Klug is an opponent of unfunded mandates.

His argument for voting for DOMA is that he does not believe that another state's decision to recognize same-sex marriages should be imposed upon Wisconsin: that Wisconsin residents should be allowed to choose whether they will or will not recognize such unions.

Quite frankly, like Klug's colleague in Congress, Steve Gunderson, I think this argument is bogus. I believe that Klug, like all of the members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation except Gunderson, the vast majority of Republicans and Democrats in the

House, and President Clinton felt he had to support this mean-spirited legislation given public opinion on the issue. That's no excuse. It's simply a reason.

Now, onto the good. Scott Klug did vote for D.C. Domestic Partnership when it didn't involve any funding impositions. Scott Klug, while not yet a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), has indicated that he is supportive of this kind of legislation recognizing that Lesbian and Gay residents of Wisconsin actually enjoy stronger civil rights protections than those included in ENDA.

Scott Klug has been a strong advocate for people living with HIV disease.

In the last Congress, Scott Klug was an early co-sponsor of an amendment to the Defense Appropriations Bill to correct an earlier amendment offered by Congressman Bob Dornan (R-CA) which would have kicked out of the armed forces all HIV-positive military service personnel and denied them future benefits.

Scott Klug signed onto numerous "Dear Colleague" letters to House leaders to ensure funding for AIDS was not gutted in the highly budget conscious Congress.

And Scott Klug played a key role in ensuring that the Ryan White Care Act got out of Conference Committee, refunded, and that more equitable funding equations were used in determining allocations to states and communities. His actions have resulted in more than 112 million more dollars coming into Wisconsin for services for people with HIV disease.

Try telling a Gay man living with HIV in Wisconsin that Scott Klug is no friend of our community.

At the beginning of this column I indicated that I was alarmed by discussions about the race for Congress here in the Second District. When a Lesbian citizen decides to cast her vote for Paul Soglin because she's simply heard he's done "a lot" for the Gay community but can't begin to tell you what he's done, that's alarming.

When a Gay man suggests that Scott Klug is a "homophobe" (yes, I've actually heard this) but has not even a single piece of proof that that is the case, that's alarming.

It suggests to me that a great many of the members of our community are making up their minds based on the sound-bite pronouncements of the "self-appointed 'leaders'" of our community. Those making such statements should be ashamed.

I have chosen not to say much about Paul Soglin in this column because, quite frankly, I

do not believe I know enough about his record as Mayor to categorically state he has not done "a lot" for the community. I do know, however, that he has repeatedly promised that he would push for real domestic partnership benefits for Madisonians (not just the symbolic "registration") throughout his career. He's taken a "just let me get through this next election and we'll do it in the next term" approach for a couple election cycles now and still there is no domestic partnership.

I know why I'm supporting Scott Klug and if you know why you're supporting Paul Soglin, that's great. If, however, as you step into the voting booth on November 5th and the only reason you can think of to vote for Paul Soglin is that you've heard he's done "a lot" for the community but you have no idea what that is, you may want to reconsider.

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Artisans Wanted For "We Are Family"

We Are Family, a new Gay owned and operated Gift shop is soon to open. The shop will have Gay and Lesbian merchandise, arts and crafts and even a coffee shop.

We Are Family could still use a few more artisans to provide merchandise for sale. For more information call Manoeuvres at (608) 258-9918 and ask for Ed or Tony.

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New HIV Support Group at BESTD

BESTD Clinic is beginning a new support group for Gay men who have recently learned about their HIV+ status or who are HIV infected by are asymptomatic.

The group will meet every Monday at 7:00 PM on the Clinic's Second Floor. There are no fees and it's not necessary to register. The group will be run by its members. For more information contact Ross Walker or Ery Uecker (414) 352-3798.

BESTD Clinic has expressed its thanks to B's and everyone at the bar who has been involved in helping raise badly needed funds for BESTD. B's regularly has fund raisers for BESTD to help the clinic pay for its wide variety of programs.

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Endorsements

Log Cabin-Wisconsin Releases Endorsements

The Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin have voted on endorsements in a number of races throughout Wisconsin. As a GOP organization, we cannot endorse Democrats and never work in support of Democrats. We can merely endorse Republicans or refuse to endorse them. Here are some of our endorsements (or non-endorsements) in key races where the Lesbian/Gay community can make a difference:

2nd Cong. District (Madison/Dane County, and numerous surrounding counties)

Endorsed: Scott Klug.

Cong. Scott Klug has been an extremely important leader on our issues in the last Congress. He has gone to the mat for us to make sure that the Ryan White Care Act was reauthorized with adequate funding increases. He also voted against Congress's effort to overturn the District of Columbia's domestic partners ordinance because he supported D.C.'s right of self-governance. In fact, other than the Defense of Marriage Act (which had the support of every other Republican in both houses except Cong. Gunderson and of most Democrats), Cong. Klug has a perfect record on our issues. At the same time, he has been voted by non-partisan taxpayers organizations as one of the most consistent fiscal conservatives in Congress.

On the other hand, when even Mayor Soglin's Gay supporters have been asked what Soglin has done for the Lesbian/Gay community, they cannot come up with anything. Maybe that is because Soglin's record on Lesbian/Gay issues consists of proposing a cut in funding for the Madison AIDS Support Network and opposing domestic partner health insurance for city employees. At the time that he opposed domestic partner health insurance, Soglin told then-Alderman Jim McFarland that he would support such a proposal after he was re-elected. Soglin, however, has since been re-elected twice and has done nothing regarding domestic partner health insurance.

1st Cong. District (Racine, Kenosha, Rock, and Walworth Counties)

Recommended: Mark Neumann.

While Cong. Mark Neumann has a mixed record on Lesbian/Gay issues, he has shown during his first term that he places a higher priority on economic and fiscal issues than he does on social issues. Neumann has been recognized as a fierce deficit-hawk, and has spent his time keeping the GOP leadership honest on the issue of reducing spending instead of handing out pork. We need someone in Congress who is more concerned about the future for our younger generations than about his own re-election. While LCR-WI did not feel Neumann's record on Lesbian/Gay issues deserved an endorsement, it does recommend a vote for this man of integrity.

4th Cong. District (Southern Milwaukee and Southwestern Waukesha Counties)

Not Endorsed: Tom Reynolds.

This is a man who tells his supporters that the average homosexual has over 500 sexual partners in a year. Enough said!

9th Cong. District (the remainder of Waukesha County, Ozaukee, Washington, Dodge and Jefferson Counties)

Not Endorsed: James Sensenbrenner.

By becoming a lead sponsor of the Defense of Marriage Act, Congressman Sensenbrenner placed himself in a new category as one who is willing to actively promote anti-Gay causes.

State Senate Races

8th Senate Dist. (North Shore Suburbs, Menomononee Falls, Germantown)

Endorsed: Alberta Darling

Senator Darling, a fiscal conservative who is moderate to liberal on social issues (she is pro-choice), has been a leader on our issues since she was elected to the State Senate. She was one of only two Republicans who signed a letter supporting lifting the military ban on lesbians and gays. She has assisted our efforts to ensure adequate funding for AIDS prevention and treatment and care for persons with AIDS. In addition, Senator Darling has been leading the fight for tort reform, which will help stem the tide of rising medical costs, and successfully enacted a law requiring notification of communities when the state prison system places someone convicted of sexual assault or child molestation on parole in their community.

State Assembly Races

22nd Assembly Dist. (Northern tip of the east side of Milwaukee, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay, Fox Point, Bayside, and River Hills)

Endorsed: Polly Beal

Polly Beal is a fiscal conservative who is moderate to liberal on social issues (she is pro-choice). She has stated that she opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and will fight against efforts to weaken or repeal this state's law banning such discrimination. Polly will also support legislation which would require hospitals to allow individuals to visit their domestic partners, and will consider other domestic partnership proposals. Polly supports the W-2 welfare reform proposal, and wants to take steps to ensure that it works if she is elected, as well as fight efforts by the Democrats to weaken it. She is also concerned about the quality of the Milwaukee public schools, and hopes to enact legislation which will improve the quality of public schools.

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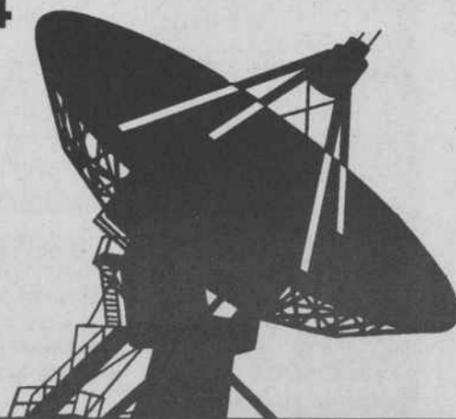
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Mary Richards: Another Star Leaves The Milwaukee Stage

By Dr. Suzie Shovelit

It's been a decade since Mary Richards first took the stage as a female impersonator. A roommate dared her to enter the Lip Sync contest at Milwaukee's Club 219. She was a theater major at UW-Milwaukee.

BJ Daniels pulled her aside after her number and said, in that throaty sexy voice of hers, "Girl, I think you might have a career here. But you better have a second job, being a female impersonator is expensive."

Ten years later, Mary Richards will give up her final crown at The Pageant, Sunday, November 3 at the Milwaukee Hilton. In her words, I've come full circle." Because she's not only preparing to give up her final crown, she's preparing to pack-up and leave town and move to Portland, Oregon right around the first of the year.

"Holly and Ginger Spice were my mentors. I looked up to them, and they nurtured the true performer in me.

Her current title, Miss Gay Wisconsin, is the last in a long line of drag titles: Miss Wisconsin USA, Miss Continental Wisconsin, Miss Southeastern, Miss Milwaukee, and perhaps even more than she can count.

Last year she set out to win The Pageant, and win it she did. It was the first time in The Pageant's history that someone had won with such an overwhelming cumulative score. She received almost a perfect score in interview, and won every other single category.

Her Fantasy Walk as Queen Marie An-

toinette had the audience screaming and on their feet. But the best was yet to come. "La Jazz Hot," from *Victor/Victoria*, complete with four dancers and authentic costumes, received a standing ovation from the crowd.

But her current title is not all she's giving up to join her true love, Scott, in Portland. She's currently a 219 Girl (a much coveted position) and Show Director at Club 219; has a lucrative job as a nail technician at Beauty; friends, fans and moral (& immoral) supporters.

Plus with BJ Daniels stepping down as Milwaukee's reigning Diva, perhaps she's even giving up her own Revue at the 1997 PrideFest.

What's really behind her move; what's truly her motivation? A good mix of reasons that leads me to believe it's truly the right thing for her right now, at this moment in time.

First and foremost, her main support network, that which she's dubbed, "all that I need," recently relocated to Portland for reasons of his own (one not being to get away from Mary).

Second, she's won (fair and square) every major title Wisconsin has to offer. Third, she wants to progress, not stagnate.

"Queens aren't respected here," she said. "People come to the Club, pay \$3 to see a show, and then don't even pay attention. I appreciate them paying my salary, but I live to perform and entertain the audience. At least they could have enough manners to acknowledge that."

Most people don't have a clue of the intense personal commitment and financial

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Photo By Francis Ford

Mary Richards

First Ever Coast to Coast Gay Party Make History With Us

On Tuesday November 5, you can make history and party with thousands of Gays and Lesbians attending at least 17 other Gay election night parties around the country while you watch the returns with your friends at Mama Roux in Milwaukee and R Place in Madison.

The Wisconsin Light Election Night parties will begin in earnest at 7:00 and continue to bar time at Mama Roux's, 1875 N. Humboldt Milwaukee and R Place 121 W. Main Street, Madison, will feature a live video and audio Internet hook up to the historic nation wide Gay Victory Fund party being held simultaneously in 17 cities from coast to coast.

This is the cutting edge of new Internet technology. Those in attendance will be able see and talk with people from all over the country.

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before," said Wisconsin Light Publisher, Jerry Johnson. "We of our role in making sure that Wisconsin was included in this truly historic event."

In addition to the Internet hookup, both parties will feature entertainment, free Miller Lite, plenty of TV's to watch the returns and our own projections. The Wisconsin Light will provide plenty of information you won't get on the networks such as how Gay and Lesbian candidates as well as how our straight friends and enemies are doing.

The networks aren't going to tell you how the candidates they are declaring as winners or losers stand on Gay rights and whether or not those candidates are Gay. We will.

Through our live video and audio feed, we will be able to see and talk to people

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Glen Berry as Jamie and Scott Neal as Ste in the new film *Beautiful Thing* which opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater on Friday November 1. The Gay themed film is a touching Gay Love story.

'Beautiful Things' is a Wonderful, Warm Gay Love Story that Tugs at the Heart

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Gay audiences are a indefatigable and persevering bunch, returning to the cinema time and time again, as each new and much heralded Gay film is released. Always there is that hope that this will be the time, that this will be that terrific film that finally speaks Gay audiences. In this respect, Gay audiences are much like the much maligned Chicago Cub's fans. Little surprise then that "Boystown" in Chicago is nestled in Wrigleyville. But Glenn digresses...

Sure Priscilla, Queen of the Desert was fun. Who couldn't guess that *To Wong Foo* was going to be a bust. Please, don't get me started on *The Birdcage*.

Remember back to last summer? Jeffrey was supposed to be that crossover film, not only speaking to Gay audiences but appealing to and entertaining straight ones. Wrong. So wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong!

Almost sneaking into town, sans the usual hype or media hoopla is a marvelous little Gay film, *Beautiful Thing*. This simply made, independent British film proves that a terrific film can be made without a big budget or million-dollar stars.

Beautiful Thing is a bright and sunny love story about two boys living and falling in love in a housing project in Southeast London. Jamie (Glenn Barry), a sensitive and quiet teen, prefers books and old movies to playing sports with the lads. He lives with his mother Sandra (Linda Henry) and her live-in boyfriend, Tony (Ben Daniels) in tiny three-room flat.

Paper thin walls separate Jamie's flat from that of Ste (Scott Neal), a boy whose popularity in school would appear at odds with his role as a human punching bag for his drunken and abusive father at home.

Innocently, inadvertently the stage is set. After a particularly bruising beating,

Ste is invited by Sandra to stay the night with Jamie. Initially Jamie and Ste try to sleep head to toe. Before long Jamie has coaxed Ste into sharing first a pillow and subsequently an awkward but touching romance.

As Jamie and Ste, Glen Barry and Scott Neal are natural, realistically awkward and hesitant. As they slowly begin to recognize their feelings and as their relationship develops, Harvey and first-time director Hettie Macdonald are there, beautifully capturing each of the boys' small traumatic, foolish, painful, joyous moments. Rarely has Gay love been portrayed so simply, so wonderfully.

Infectiously, doggedly upbeat, *Beautiful Thing* still manages to maintain a skillful blend of realism and fantasy.

Authentically filmed in the Thames mead area of London, the seemingly endless seas of cement of the housing project oppress, dwarfing the lives and spirit all of the characters. Jamie, Ste and even Leah (Tameka Empson), their rather peculiar friend with the Mama Cass fixation all come from broken homes. Drugs may stay on the film's periphery but not so the vivid bruises that tattoo Ste's body from the beatings at the hands (fists) of his father.

Similarly, examples of Jamie's persecution at the hands of his school mates for being Gay are only briefly alluded to in a scene in which Sandra discovers obscene, homophobia graffiti crudely scrawled over one of Jamie's notebooks.

In the film's final, exhilarating scene Jamie's tough, weary mother looks on, protective but wary. Like Sandra, we know, however marvelous the relationship between Jamie and Ste, any happily-ever-after ending of this wonderful fairytale would be beating the odds. But then again, just maybe....

Rating \$\$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)
Beautiful Things opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on November 1st.

OUT on Film



'Bound' is Blood and Guts and It Should be Named Lesbian Film of the Year

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

As Glenn left the cinema, Glenn asked his dear friend Eric: Who the hell are the Wachowski Brothers and how did they manage to create such a marvelously smart and erotic Lesbian gangster thriller?

The American cinema has long embraced the gangster film. Such actors as James Cagney, George Raft and Edward G. Robinson flirted with immortality on the wings of the bullets of dozens of classic 1930's gangster flicks. Loners they were. Sure, a few of them had their dolls. Didn't want to look queer, dontcha know?

But a woman gangster? Well, maybe. A hard-as-nails Joan Crawford circa her 1950s has-been days, perhaps. A steely-haired Barbara Stanwyck before becoming a goodie-goodie on the *Big Valley*. Certainly Depression-era America probably wasn't ready for a "Mafia-Mom", certainly not a Lesbian one.

In *Bound*, the Mafia is alive and well and living profitably in Chicago. Caesar (Joe Pantoliano) has profited nicely during his time with the family. Well, at least nicely enough to live in stylish comfort with the equally stylish Violet (Jennifer Tilly).

There is no film without some sort of conflict. Enter Corky (*Showgirl's* Gina Gershon), a tattooed butch hired to rehab the apartment next to Violet and Caesar. As the film opens, a dramatic overhead shot registers the electric moment when Violet and Corky's eyes meet for the first time in the elevator. A collective chill goes through the primarily Lesbian audience. It's magic. With Corky in the picture, it's clearly gonna be a quick adios to Caesar.

Immediately the scam begins to unfold. At stake: \$2 million. Shelly (Barry Kivel) has been embezzling funds for years. Mickie (John P. Ryan) and Johnnie (Christopher Meloni) have been given the

responsibility of bringing Shelly back into the fold. Shelly is understandably reluctant.

When Johnnie's method of persuasion proves to be, shall we say, enthusiastic, Caesar finds himself with some money to launder. Overnight he and Violet must wash blood from and then hang out to dry stacks and stacks of hundred dollar bills. (Glenn ponders: So this is what they mean by the phrase "laundering money"?)

With Caesar not likely to be a part of her future, Violet turns to Corky and together they get together a plan. No Lucy and Ethel nonsense, these are two sharp cookies. They have eyes only for each other. Still, business is business where \$2 million is concerned. But can even these two smart cookies outwit the mob?

As is so often the case in *noir*, character development takes a backseat to action, blood and cinematic style and *Bound* is no exception. Lacking pasts (Corky's time in the big house the critical piece of information to propel the narrative), Corky and Violet live in and for the moment. The immediacy of their relationship provides the necessary charge for the audience. A couple of hot sex scenes (Of course Glenn isn't perhaps the best judge), due sure in part to the expertise of "technical advisor" Susie "Sexpert" Bright don't hurt.

Jennifer Tilly is marvelous as the enigmatic Violet, so smart but is she as smart as she thinks she is. Glenn has long been a fan of Joe Pantoliano and here he smartly invests Caesar with the kind of smarts he would have needed to move up in the mob. Gina Gershon's Corky is all attitude.

All told, *Bound* proves to be one smart cookie. Don't miss THE Lesbian flick of the year!

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

Bound is now playing at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

It isn't that 'To Gillian' is Mindless, It's Just That there's No Magic To It

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn asks you to imagine this setting: A dark theatre. A capacity crowd of middle-aged women. A big-screen presentation of a Lifetime original film presentation. And Glenn. Fantasy or reality?

With the exception of the ever luminous Michelle Pfeiffer, *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday* is indistinguishable from any of the "television for women" cable network's original presentations. Bigger budget? Sure. No commercials. A mixed blessing. Big-screen entertainment. Sadly not.

Suffocating under the weight of its own sincerity and wallowing in earnestness, David E. Kelly's screenplay brings together Gillian's small but well-meaning family on the second anniversary of her death.

The film's first, okay only, surprise is that Gillian did not suffer the gloriously noble, dignified "disease-of-the-week" demise so common on the small-screen. No, hers was a foolish, irrational, reckless death occurring during a birthday, her birthday celebration.

Gillian's still-mourning husband David (Peter Gallagher) will not or can not let Gillian's memory go. Abandoning his career and increasingly becoming a recluse, David's only joy in life becomes his nightly walks on the beach where the still lovely Gillian (the still lovely Michelle Pfeiffer) comes to him.

A family tradition has this fatal weekend to replayed in subsequent years. Not content to continue in this charade, David's sister-in-law Esther (Kathy Baker) is determined to bring David to his senses or take matters into her own hands.

Adding further complications to the bleak prospects of this rather melancholy weekend is the inclusion of an outsider to this party of not-so merry-makers: Kevin (Wendy Crewson), an attractive divorcee who Esther hopes might help bring David out of his shell. As Glenn watched Kevin learn what was to be her role in this drama, Glenn wanted to shout to her to

get out while she still could. Kevin didn't. Nor sadly did Glenn.

More surprising is that Kelly's determined screenplay never explores the dramatic possibilities of Gillian's survivors facing the expected, necessary anger sure to accompany a death as senseless as Gillian's.

To Gillian on her 37th Birthday isn't a terrible movie. In a cinematic world dominated with mindless action films and special-effects laden epics, here is a deeply personal film about love and loss. Producer Marykay Powell and David E. Kelly should be commended on their attempt. Of course, they just must have had an eye on the (financial) success of *Ghost* a few years back.

But *To Gillian* is no *Ghost*. *Ghost* was a commercially magical blend of tears and laughter, the antics of an absolutely hilarious Whoopi Goldberg acting as a perfectly anecdote for the torrent of tears. Plus, while Ms Pfeiffer (Mrs. David E. Kelly) might be a happy stand-in for Demi Moore, Peter Gallagher is at best a "clearance sale" Patrick Swayze.

Romantically moonlit scenes between David and the ghostly Gillian are charming but cold, never particularly insightful and failing to raise the constant family bickering above the level of a routine telepudser. Even the best of intentions do not a great, or in this case, an especially good film.

Clare Danes is a marvelous actress and somehow manages to shine as the sensitive, introspective daughter Rachel. Wendy Crewson is fine, if looking a little bit lost as the sympathetic Kevin and Freddie Prinze, Jr. is positively yummy as the bad boy sure to steal innocent little Rachel from her overly protective Dad. Lead performances okay if not particularly inspired.

For devotees of weepies who are sure to happily leave behind a trail of moist tissues, others might want to wait for *To Gillian* to pop up on Lifetime.

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

'Secrets and Lies' Is One of the Best Character Studies to Come Along

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

The dramatic tensions that place the "dys" in front of the most functional families rarely get suitably illuminated by the cinema.

Comedy is usually Hollywood's route. Remember back to last year's surprisingly affecting *Home For the Holidays*. Who doesn't fantasize about pitching the "bird du jour" into the welcoming lap of a not so favorite sibling? Glenn certainly has. (It wasn't nearly as easy as Robert Downey, Jr. made it look!)

Occasionally directors become so mournfully moribund as to produce a feature of staggering boredom. Example: *Interiors*. ("Aren't Woody Allen films supposed to be funny?")

If the audience is lucky, by accident a marvelous cartoon grotesque might emerge as if by magic. Okay, who hasn't delighted in mimicking the "wire hanger" scene from *Mommie Dearest*. Fess up!

Mike Leigh eschews such easy outs in his brilliant new film, *Secrets and Lies*, a film that proves that behind the facade of even the most ordinary of families, there can be found more layers than contained in your basic puff pastry.

Revealed at a measured, leisurely pace, Leigh's characters appear to be an ordinary, sympathetic if not a particularly happy group. Maurice (Timothy Spall) has a nice but decidedly not spectacular business as a portrait and wedding photographer. Maurice's wife Monica (Phyllis Logan) has made a career of decorating and redecorating the family home, a showplace that Martha Stewart might want to visit on an upcoming program.

Cynthia (Brenda Blethyn) is Maurice's unhappily unmarried single mother little sister to Maurice. Cynthia works in a cardboard factory. Her equally unhappy live-in daughter, a permanently sneering Roxanne (Claire Rushbrook) works as a council sidewalk-sweeper.

The film's outsider, in more ways than one, is Hortense (Marianne Jean-Baptiste), a seemingly content professional (an optometrist) who decides in the wake of her adopted mother's death to look for her birth mother.

The marvel of *Secrets and Lies* is Mike Leigh's ability to gradually reveal each of

his unique, disparate characters and with sheer effortlessness, bring them all together.

At the center of *Secrets and Lies* is Leigh's simple premise that lurking behind even the most placid facade of the most ordinary of families lay a hotbed of lies, regrets, bitterness and despair. Not overwhelmingly original perhaps.

Still, Leigh manages some nifty touches. Suffocating under the weight of the facades of their own making, Leigh has each of his characters engage, to varying degree, in the business of appearances.

As a photographer, Maurice hides or reveals his subjects at will. Monica, unhappily unsuccessful in creating a family, obsessively compensates by creating a showplace home. Roxanne sweeps sidewalks. Like Maurice, it is at her whim what she sweeps and what she leaves behind. Even her twitchy beau Paul is engaged as a scaffolder, a profession which hides as it seeks to build.

Most deliciously, Hortense, an optometrist, proves to be Leigh's instrument in making each of his characters finally, at long last, begin to actually see their lives as they really are.

All might yet have been for naught without the right cast and here Leigh is truly blessed. Timothy Spall is marvelous as the decent, defensible Maurice. Phyllis Logan invests in Monica a fragile brittleness, a woman so tightly reigned, as if any step might send her hurtling into the abyss of feelings and emotion.

Yet it is Brenda Blethyn's tremendous, heart-felt performance as Cynthia, needy, unloved, loving but with no one upon which to bestow her love, which provides *Secrets and Lies* with its emotional center.

If there's any complaint, it is that as Mike Leigh's story winds down, some of the film's stunning clarity is clouded by a curious, surprising dose of the warm and fuzzies.

Glenn supposes that even Leigh's wan characters might deserve an opportunity at a "happily-ever-after."

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

Secrets and Lies opens Friday, October 25th, at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

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15 Years of Women in the Director's Chair To Be Shown At UWM on Nov. 8

A collection of films and videos by women will be shown 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Union Theatre, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

The program features a selection of films and videos that have been shown at the Women in the Director's Chair Film & Video Festival in Chicago during the past 15 years. The evening is sponsored by the UWM Women's Resource Center and Angles, a magazine about women working in film and video.

"This is a fine collection of independent work that we don't often get a chance to see," said Elfrieda Abbe, editor of Angles.

The program consists of several short pieces, from 3 to 40 minutes, including documentary classics, such as "Coal Mining Women" and "Suzanne Suzanne." The films reflect a variety of perspectives, subject matter and styles, including animation, documentary, diary and music video.

The following films will be shown:

Stereotypes by Freddie DeLoney and Katrina Vega (4 min., video, U.S., 1994).

Made in conjunction with the Community Media Project under the direction of Portia Cobb, the video examines black and white stereotypes through the eyes of two young women. Portia Cobb will attend.

"Gaia's Dream" by Rose Bond (3 min., film, U.S., 1982). This animated film was created by drawing and painting on 16mm film. The images suggest mythological stories of beginnings. The sound track features traditional music from Zimbabwe performed by musicians of Gwinyai.

Coal Mining Women by Elizabeth Barrett-Appalshop (40 min., film, U.S., 1982). This classic documentary traces the historical role of women in the mines, their significant contributions to coalfield struggles, and the importance of their position as working miners. Women miners are shown organizing among themselves, participating in union affairs and leading the fight for mine health and safety.

Suzanne Suzanne by Camille Billops and James Hatch (26 min., film, U.S., 1982).

This personal documentary profiles a young black woman's struggle to confront the legacy of a physically abusive father and her headlong flight into drug abuse.

Suzanne, who has survived years of physical and psychological abuse, is compelled to understand her father's violence and her mother's complicity as the keys to her own self destruction. Finally, Suzanne and her mother are able to share their painful experiences with each other in an intensely moving moment of truth.

If Every Girl Had a Diary by Sadie Benning (6 min., video, U.S., 1990) A video diary from Sadie Benning that affirms the power of thoughts and words. Sadie is a former Milwaukee resident.

Sari Red by Pratibha Parmar (12 min., video, U.K., 1988). Made in memory of Kalbinder Kaur Hayre, a young Indian woman killed in a 1985 racist attack in England, "Sari Red" examines the effect of the ever present threat of violence upon the lives of Asian women in both private and public spheres. In this visual poem, the title refers to red, the color of blood spilt and the red of the sari, symbolizing sensuality and intimacy between Asian women.

The Bath by Jodee Samuelson (8 min., film, Canada, 1992). Watching this animated piece about a relaxing hot bath is the next best thing to soaking in one. Samuelson whimsically captures the rejuvenating magic of one of life's simple pleasures.

Coraz Sangrante by Ximena Cuevas (4 min., video, Mexico, 1993). Performer Astrid Hadad offers an ironic view of suffering for love in this music video.

October-November Events at AfterWords

October Special

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Saturday, October 26th

Will Fellows reads from **Farm Boys** at First Unitarian Society 7:30pm \$8.00 in advance.

Tuesday, October 29th

Benefit Screening at the Oriental at 7:30p.m. of **Beautiful Thing** Tickets \$10, \$12 at door. Proceeds to PrideFest

Wednesday, October 30th

Join the AfterWords 3rd Annual Halloween Bash featuring author and editor Pam Keesy. Her latest book is **Women Who Run With Werewolves** Milwaukee's own Elaine Bergstrom will also make a return appearance. Elaine has written five books about vampires including **Daughter of the Night** and **Blood Alone**. The fun starts at 7pm.

Thursday, November 7th

A poetry reading by Milwaukee's own Carmen Alicia Murguía. Murguía's the author of her own self-published book of poetry **The Voices Inside: Mi Alma, Mi Cuerpo y Mi Espiritu**. The event starts at 7:30p.m.

Monday, November 11th

AfterWords Book Club Discussion 7:30p.m.

Book: **The Man Who Fell in Love With The Moon** by Tom Spanbauer

Thursday, November 14th

AfterWords Lesbian Book Club 7:00p.m.

Book: **Memory Mambo** by Achy Obejas

In 'Sleepers,' Four Young Men Reprise the 'Count of Monte Cristo'

Los Angeles--Dumas' classic novel of revenge, **The Count of Monte Cristo**, provides the theme of **Sleepers**, an engrossing, highly original film from Barry Levinson (**Rain Man**).

During a period of terrible degradation, a boy acquires a copy of **The Count of Monte Cristo**, in which an unjustly convicted man in later years plots recrimination against his tormentors in prison. The boy, and another companion who admired the book, grow up and devise an elaborate plot to bring doom to their own captors.

Levinson, who directed, wrote and co-produced **Sleepers**, managed to attract a dream cast of male stars. Yet, with two exceptions, he uses them only in the second half of the film.

Based on a book by Lorenzo Carcaterra, the story begins with four young buddies in New York's Hell's Kitchen, from which have emerged such achievers as James Cagney plus an array of candidates for the electric chair.

The boys, most of them from brutal households, band together and engage in street games and petty crimes. The parish priest (Robert De Niro) has come from such a background himself, and he tries to counsel the boys about right and wrong. His lessons seem to have little effect.

One day, the boys play a prank on a hot dog seller. The mischief results in a terrible accident, and the boys are tried and sent to a reform school. The place proves worse than anything Dumas pic-

tured at the Chateau D'If.

The four inmates are commandeered by a sadistic guard (Kevin Bacon at his nastiest). With three other guards, he beats and humiliates them, uses them sexually and revels in his cruelty. This is the sequence in which Levinson risks going over the edge. It is hard to endure without averting one's eyes.

Now the boys are adults. Two (Ron El-gard, Billy Crudup) are New York's most notorious hitmen. Another (Brad Pitt) has become an assistant district attorney. The fourth (Jason Patric) is a newspaperman and narrator of the events.

When his two friends are charged with murder, Pitt volunteers to try the case (no one seems to know of his association with the accused). He enlists Patric in a daring plan to throw the case and wreak vengeance on the vicious guards. Patric calls upon his underworld acquaintances and priest De Niro for help.

The plot and the trial are the most arresting parts of **Sleepers**, especially with the contribution of Dustin Hoffman as the over-the-hill defense attorney.

Levinson has drawn fine performances from all his actors, including the four boys. Minnie Driver adds a welcome note of compassion as the quartet's sweetheart. Vittorio Gassman is riveting as a suave old don.

Sleepers is a Warner Bros. release produced by Levinson and Steve Golin. It opened in the United States on Friday.

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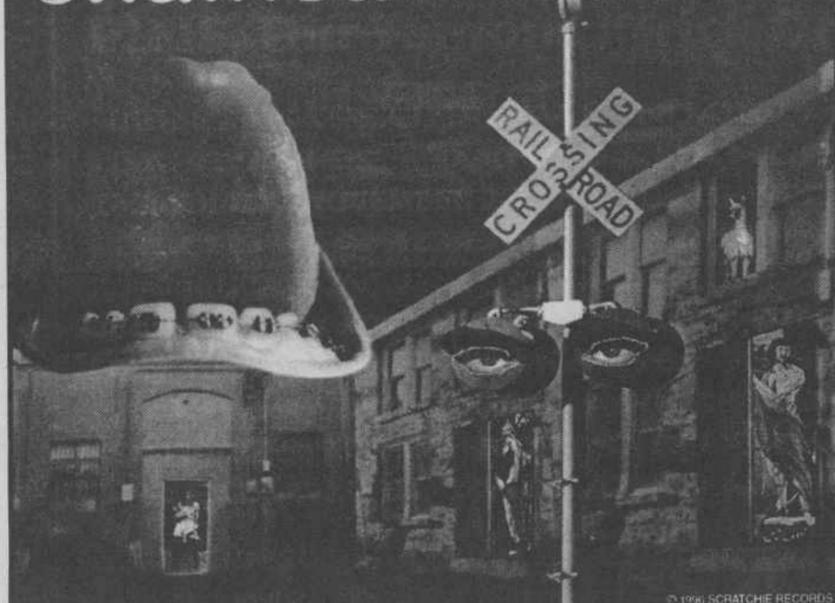
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'Hide and Seek' Is a Brilliant Film About a Young Girl's Maturing in Lesbianism

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Lesbian filmmaker Su Friedrich is known to audiences for such films as *Sink or Swim*, *Gently Down the Stream* and *Damned If You Don't*. Long associated with the exploration of autobiography and experimental filmmaking practices, Ms. Friedrich's latest film, *Hide and Seek* is not likely to disappoint.

Hide and Seek is the charming story of a 12 year-old baby dyke, Lou. Growing up in Brooklyn in 1966, Lou likes sports, hates her name "Lucy" and has a special girlfriend friend.

As adolescence approaches, Lou has reached that certain age when her friends are shedding their "tom-boy" personas in favor of more traditional (and accepted) behavior as "nice little girls."

Lou recognizes instinctively that not only does she not want to change, but that it is not within her to do so. Sensing her differences, Lou increasingly begins

to find frustration at every turn as she struggles to maintain the status quo in a world that seems to be changing right before her eyes.

Charming and most evocatively filmed in black and white and featuring some delightful intercuts with hilarious "period" pieces of educational films, hers is a poignant story faced by young Lesbians (and young Gay men as well).

Bringing immediacy to Lesbian audiences, at crucial stages in Lou's life, Friedrich adds clips of interviews with over twenty different Lesbians. They reflect, as most in the audience are like to do as well, on their own lives, the pain and joys of growing up different.

As these women share their experiences, their first loves, even the first time they heard words like "Lesbians (and of course worse), they provide a deeply moving resonance to the film and Lou's uniquely universal story.

Hide and Seek is a sweet and deeply heartfelt film. Highly recommended!

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

Please note: Filmmaker Su Friedrich will appear at UWM's Union Cinema during the screening of *Hide and Seek* on Saturday, November 2nd

AfterWords Plans a "Haunting" Good Time to Celebrate Hallowe'en

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

Joining in a "spirited" discussion of vampires, werewolves, and things that go bump in the night is Pam Keeseey and Elaine Bergstrom.

Keeseey is a celebrated vampirologist and has recently edited a new collection of frightening fiction: *Women Who Run With The Werewolves: Tales of Blood, Lust and Metamorphosis* (Cleis Pb \$12.95)

In *Women Who Run With the Werewolves*, the female werewolf, like the femme fatale, is dangerous and alluring, often using her sexuality to destroy men. Keeseey's intriguing premise is that werewolf mythology - as it applies to women - represents the animalistic drive towards lust and destruction that lay hidden in the hearts of all women. The Keeseey anthology features fierce and evocative stories from such a distinct and varied group of writers as to include Ursula K. LeGuin, Renee M. Charles, Melanie Tem and Thomas Roche.

Currently completing her thesis on Lesbian vampires at the University of Brad-

ford in West Yorkshire, England, Pam Keeseey has also edited two best-selling collections of Lesbian vampire stories: *Dark Angels*, and *Daughters of Darkness: Lesbian Vampire Stories*.

The flamboyant Elaine Bergstrom, a Milwaukee native, is the noted author of a series of vampire tales including *Blood Alone*, *Blood Rites*, *Shatter Glass*, and *Daughter of the Night*.

As the exotic Marie Kiraly, Elaine has continued the Dracula story with *Mina* and recently *Leanna: Possession of a Woman* (Berkley, Pb \$5.99).

For all looking for an alternative Halloween celebration, featuring scary stories, great refreshments and howling good time, stop in at AfterWords on Wednesday, October 30th. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m.

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>.

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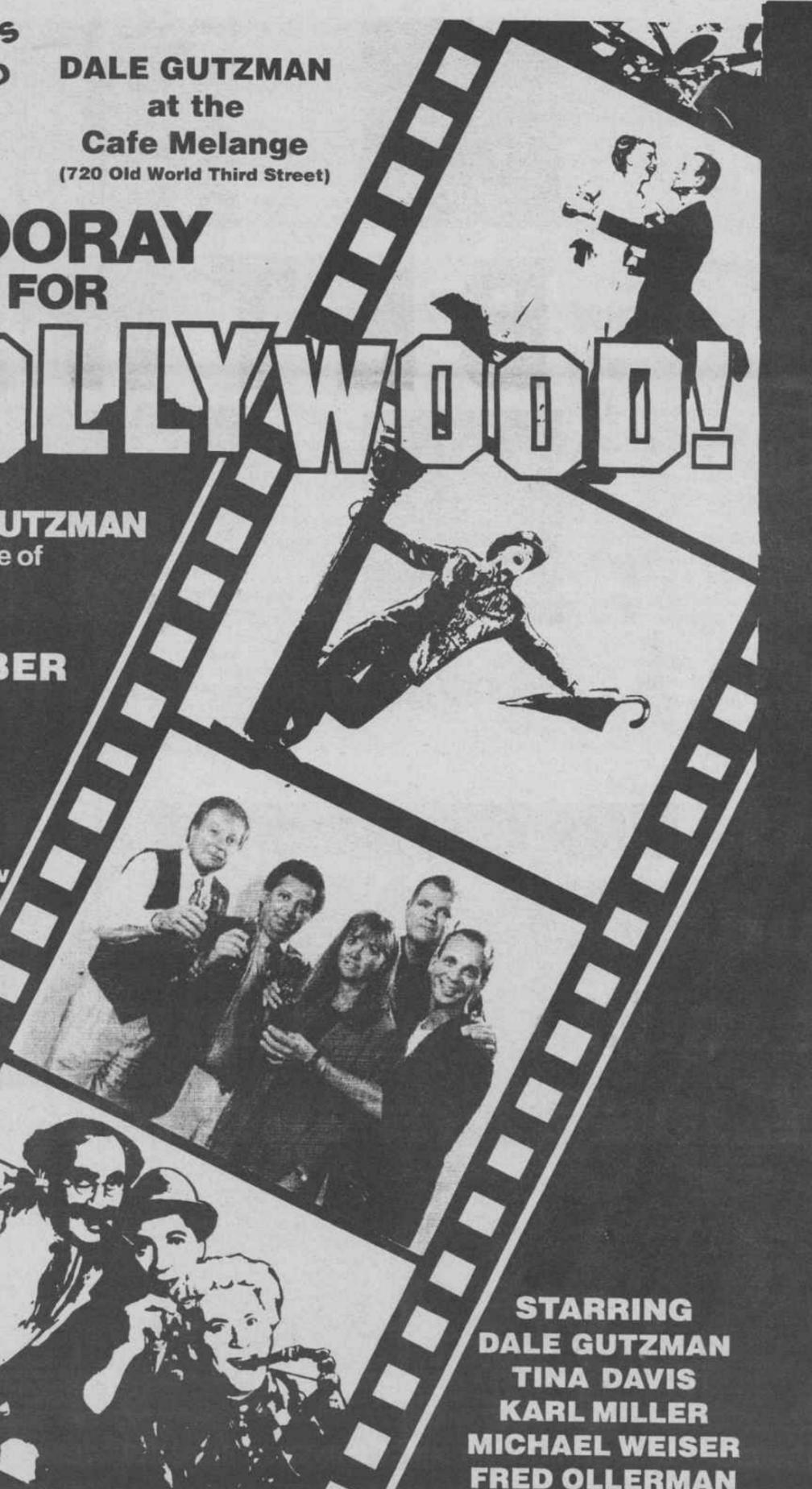
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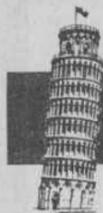


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New Train Service Through West Gives Americans a Taste of the Orient Express

Livingston, MT--After 17 years, it is once again possible for passengers to ride the train from here to Bozeman or Billings or beyond in grand style.

The Montana Daylight, run by Spokane-based Montana Rockies Rail Tours, is a trip back in time. The luxurious cars and sleeping compartments are the first passenger train service to the area since 1979.

The fancy cars --with teak and mahogany walls, brass fittings, ceiling fans, and sofas and chairs covered in fine English fabrics travel the route of the century-old Northern Transcontinental Railroad.

"I sort of liken it to a five-star hotel on the back of a semi heading down the road," said Marsha Pilgrim, who manages the Montana Daylight. "We have the linens, the porters, the wood, the flowers and other amenities."

For the past two years, the Montana Daylight and a handful of excursion trips have offered train enthusiasts and travelers a chance to ride the rails again.

"Everybody uses trains if they have them," said Warren McGee, a retired passenger train conductor who rode the Montana Daylight this summer. "We had seven cars and I was in all of them, witnessing and enjoying each one of them. Each had a little different feature."

"They are heritage cars, that's what we call them, the ultimate and the best that the private railroads owned prior to the coming of Amtrak in 1971," McGee said.

Like the Pullman cars, "the rich man's yachts on wheels," the sleeping cars are finished with wood interiors, private toilets and sleeping accommodations. In the evening, the porters convert the seats into beds and leave a batch of clean towels.

Every inch of space is used, for bathrooms, fold-up sinks and beds, liquor cabinets, linen closets, showers, a VCR and TV. Crew beds come out of the ceiling in the dining areas, with linen curtains to provide a little privacy for the porters and the chef.

For those who opt for a less expensive option, there are coach cars with wide, comfortable seats, an observation car, dining cars and a snack bar--all done with attention to detail, just a little less ornate than the sleeper cars.

"It is excellent accommodations, the ultimate in travel," McGee said. "I would classify it as the perfect transportation system. If you are going to travel and view the countryside, there is nothing like a passenger train."

And the views are a big part of the package, whether travelers seek scenic vistas, wildlife or historical markers.

The route from Billings to Spokane traces the path of the pioneers, along the Yellowstone River, to Livingston, across the Bozeman Pass, tracing the Missouri River from its headwaters to Helena, and then along the Clark Fork.

The route requires a fair amount of mountain railroading, including the climb to the mile-high summit of the Continental Divide at Mullan Pass. There are views of Cabinet Gorge, Alberton Gorge and the trestles at the Continental Divide. And the train chugs past old miner's camps and cattle ranches at an average speed of 55 mph.

"We get a lot of rail fans, but a lot of people just want to see the scenery," Pilgrim said. "There are other train routes, but I think we have the most diverse scenery. The sheep up around Paradise, the antelope, the pelicans along the Mis-

souri, the deer from Livingston to Laurel."

The rail tours run on tracks owned by Montana Rail Link and MRL provides locomotives and engineering crews.

"That's half of our expense," Pilgrim said. "We lease the rails, the locomotives and the engineers. This is their first experience with live freight."

And the other freight trains have priority. "We try to educate the passengers that one of those freight trains could be trying to meet a tide on the West Coast to deliver a shipment to a tanker. One or two freight trains provide more income than our whole season."

The cars are owned by California railroad historian John Kirkwood, who named each one after Spanish land grants -- the Yuerba Buena, Bella Vista, Monterrey, Monticedo. They came from the Great Northern's Empire Builder, Santa Fe's El Capitan, the Northern Pacific North Coast Limited, the Southern Pacific's Sunset Limited and other trains. Kirkwood and his investors bought the

cars at auctions, and spent millions refurbishing them, Pilgrim said.

A ride on the train comes complete with an ongoing narration of the area's history and sights.

"You take the ride, it's one of the most scenic rides in the U.S.," McGee said. "It is just one thing after another. It is really nice and enjoyable. People can sit there and look out the windows and don't have to worry about a big semi running them off the road or some other wildman driving past."

"I think this nation is going to rediscover passenger trains. I've seen it at its best and it is coming back. This country is going to rediscover them before they count them all out."

During the summer months, the Montana Daylight sticks to a 545-mile route from Billings to Spokane, although side trips to Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway are available by motorcoach from Livingston.

Trips can last two days, four days or six days, depending on the options a rider likes. You can go eastbound or westbound, or roundtrip.

The train provides three levels of service during the summer:

Coach: Reclining seats with leg and foot rests and at-your-seat meal service and boxed lunches. Travelers are free to roam around the cars during the day, but must get off overnight and stay in a hotel.

Big Sky: Reclining seats, the glass dome car or the lounge car. Meals are served in a private, well-appointed dining room. Overnight accommodations are also in hotels.

Deluxe: Private sleeping compartments in old Pullman sleeping cars with hardwoods, private bathrooms and closets and comfortable furniture. Each car has its own staff, including a chef who prepares gourmet meals in the galley and one steward for every eight passengers. Passengers remain on board overnight.

For the two-day, one-night trip, a Coach seat costs \$399, Big Sky is \$599 and Deluxe is \$1,049.

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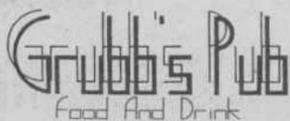


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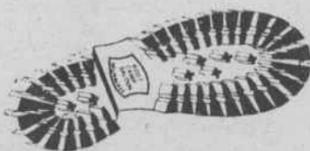


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So put on your best costume to win cash prizes for first, second and third places. In

addition to all the afore mentioned treats, hor d' uerves will be served along side a cash bar.

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Old and New

Milwaukee—Wishful Things announces the creation of its Web Page at : <http://bmark.com/wishfulthings.antiques/>.

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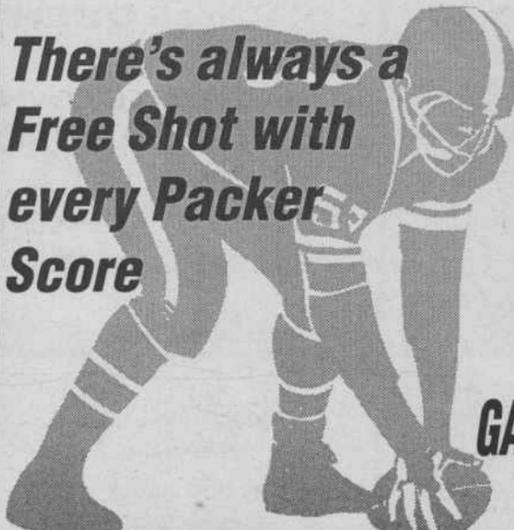
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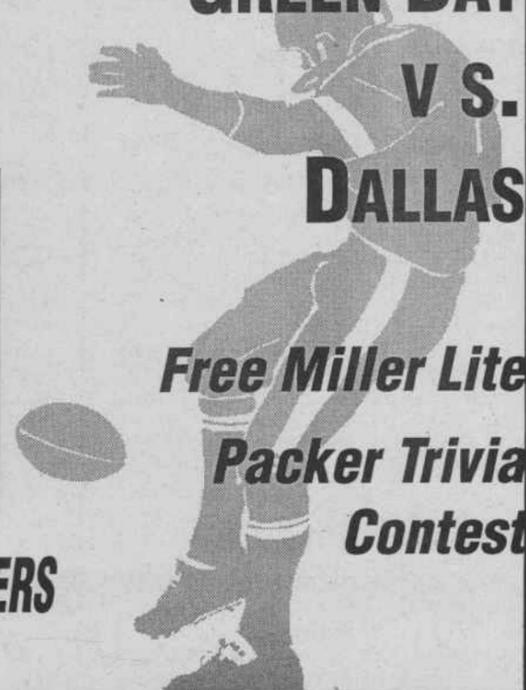
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SPOTLIGHT Party This Is It



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A great time was had by all (as usual) at This Is It during our SpotLight Party/CCF Fund Raiser. The party raised \$751.60 for Milwaukee's Les/Bi/Gay Foundation. Above are owner, Joe Brehm, CCF President, Tony Rhodes and Grand Prize Winner, Curt. Curt won an autographed Bette Midler poster donated by The Wisconsin Light. Next is Kimblery Anne buying some raffle tickets from (L - R) Kathy, Mary and Nel. At the bottom are Condom Elves, Yuri, Ted and Cathy. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, donated and volunteered. And a very special thanks to a very special bar and owner, This Is It and Joe Brehm.

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people like Tom Reynolds and Mark Neumann?

(In case you are not aware, Reynolds is running one of the most viciously, hate-filled, homophobic campaigns in Wisconsin's history. As far as I can tell, the man is beyond redemption and beyond hope. His candidacy should go into the trash bin where it so rightfully belongs.)

(You should also be aware that Neumann is a member of the Christian Coalition. To me, that says a great deal I don't like. When I hear someone's a member of that organization or one of its litter mates, I want to get out my flack jacket and count the silver.

So, what do you do? Vote straight Democratic? No. There are moderate Republicans who I would easily vote for. If we don't vote for good candidates on the right, we leave the field open to the totalitarian forces of the Far Right Wing.

Scott Klug

In Madison, for example, I would have no trouble whatsoever in voting for incumbent Scott Klug. Other than voting for DOMA

(in which he was joined by a lot of "liberal" Democrats), Klug's record on our issues, particularly AIDS issues, is very, very good.

I know. I don't live in Madison and I'm sure to get letters saying how they "whole" Gay community in Madison is supporting Paul Soglin. The problem with that is I can't get anyone to tell me what he's done. One Gay man did tell me that "the leadership here is for him." Big deal.

My considered advice to those in the Madison community is to vote for Scott Klug. At least I'd know why I'm voting for him, rather than just some vague kind of "he's good on our issues."

So save your ink. The "whole" Gay community on a national level is supporting the straight Democratic ticket. I'm not.

For example, if I lived in Massachusetts, I would be supporting Gov. William Weld. When it comes to our issues, he's very good.

And again, I strongly believe that we as a community have got to get away from this thing about always voting Democratic. It is not in our best interests—the interests of our equality—for any party to take us for granted. We have got to be more politically sophisticated than that.

RICHARDS

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risk it takes to become just a budding drag queen. Costumes, wigs, jewelry, make-up . . . I should know, I am a woman of just moderate maintenance and I don't even perform (for the public anyway).

Yet even with 10 years of performing behind her, Mary's still awed by the fact that she was a cast member with Holly & Company at La Cage; that she's one of the few impersonators still performing who worked with Holly Brown & Ginger Spice; and that the PrideFest crowd chanted her name before a performance one year.

"People go into drag as an extension of themselves. They want to hide behind that mask. It's okay to be yourself, right down to your imperfections."

"Holly Brown set the standard for drag in Milwaukee with her shows," Mary said. "Holly and Ginger Spice were my mentors. I looked up to them, and they nurtured the true performer in me."

Mary's ever so thankful she won Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA and had the opportunity to work with Jimmy King. She's proud of the fact she won that title with "Vanishing," an interpretive dance piece done with Chris Ellex that required not a single bit of lip synching. She went on to win Best Talent at Miss USA that year doing the same exact number.

"I respected Jimmy (King) because he never let anyone walk on him," said Mary. "He was determined to bring a first class pageant system to Wisconsin, and he did just that. There are so many queens in this state that owe a lot to Jimmy King for seeking out and showcasing high quality drag talent."

She's honored that she was photographed by Francis Ford and that he chose to use not one, but two of her pictures in his Elsa's display. "To be one of Frank Ford's muses is an incredible honor."

When I asked her what she's learned from the past ten years. What she's learned, not what she's been taught; It took her only a heart beat to switch gears and answer.

"To develop your own style; to become the best performer you can to please yourself," she said adding "To reinvent yourself, or people will get bored with you. People go into drag as an extension of themselves. They want to hide behind that

"Queens aren't respected here. People come to the Club, pay \$3 to see a show, and then don't even pay attention. I appreciate them paying my salary, but I live to perform and entertain the audience." - Mary Richards

mask. It's okay to be yourself, right down to your imperfections."

Milwaukee's own Diva, BJ Daniels, has also had a tremendous impact on her life, as a mentor and a friend. BJ told me at one time that he was incredibly proud of Mary for saving up the money to go through the Manicurist course at MATC and to make that 18-week commitment. And its paid off big time.

As a working nail technician, Mary is constantly exposed to current fashion trends, hair, nail and make-up techniques, and the world of beauty. That's an added benefit, and a smart place to be when one has a second job as a female impersonator and in my opinion, a deep sense of commitment in the truest sense.

She's not sure of what lies ahead, but she's excited and focused to make it in Portland. I asked her if she realizes that she's actually starting over, so to speak. "Oh yea," she responded. "But who knows, I could be going to Portland to set a new standard of drag there."

Mary will be making her last Pageant performance at The Pageant on Sunday, November 3, at the Milwaukee Hilton. She also performs every Tuesday and Sunday at Club 219 through December 15, which is the date for her final performance.



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It was 70's time again at Mama Roux's. The very popular East Side neighborhood bar held its Seventies Party Part 2 on Sunday October 13. At the top are Dennis, David and Mark doing their thing behind the bar. In the middle are four disco rejects, (L-R) Brittany Morgan and friend, Dennis and Mike. At the bottom are the tie dyed brigade. (L-R) Tim and Tom along with Condom Elves, Rob, Cathy and Yuri. Mama's will host our Wisconsin Light Election Night party with its live video and audio hook up to 17 Gay parties around the country, on Tuesday November 5.



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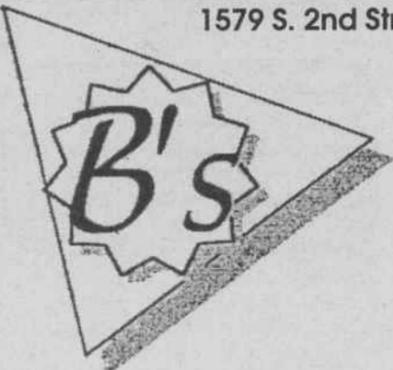
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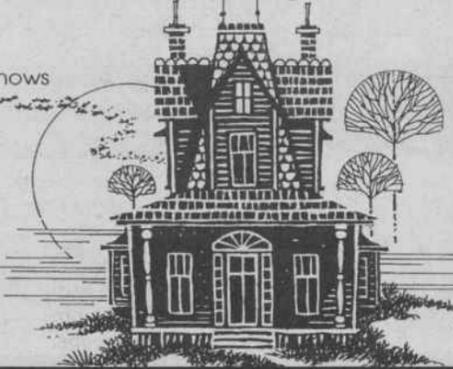
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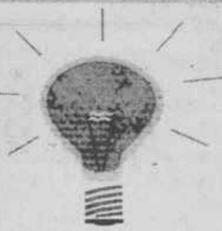

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The Night Light



By Dusty Sass

Sometimes life isn't fair and this is one of those times. I mean, how the hell am I going to get to all of the Halloween Parties that I want to attend when they are almost all being held on one of two nights!

Hey honey, I am good, but I'm not that good. Halloween seems to be the focus of the next couple of weeks, well that and our fabulous Election Night parties at Mama Roux's and R Place.

Friday October 25 you can find me at Melanec's Wheel House for the premier of the hilarious Nonsense. Anyone who has ever gone to Catholic Grade School will appreciate this one, which has a very Gay friendly cast.

Saturday October 26, you can find me flitting around Milwaukee to take in the costumes, entertainment and fun at **Mama Roux, Fannies, Just Us, B's** and **This Is It**. Thank the calendar gods for making this the night when we turn the clocks back an hour. I can use the extra time to get to everything I want to attend.

Fannies always has a great party and this year will be no exception. Sharon is putting up \$500 in cash and prizes. From there I will jet over to **Just Us** to see at least part of the Just Us Diva's fabulous

show, "Sitcoms Past and Present." There will be costume contest too. Dress up as your favorite sit com character and win!

Then it will be over to the fun at **This Is It**. Everyone in costume gets a prize from Joe and his staff. Halloween is always fun there. This bar doesn't do many parties, that's because they save it up and then go wild. (sorta like my sex life but that's another column). Joe and his fine staff can't wait to greet you and I can't wait to see all those great costumes.

Then I'll be off an running to **Mama Roux**. Mama has a costume contest and a buffet. The place is already decked out with some great decorations. (They raided my closet and pulled out some of my most frightening outfits)

B's is having a big Halloween Show. But beware to get to it you have to go through the bar's very own Haunted House which will be set up between the bar and show room. NO! I am not using it as a bedroom.

The show is a benefit for BESTD Clinic and it will be repeated.

Also going on that night is the Ninth Annual Womyn's Halloween Ball at the Transit Center Ballroom (that's in Milwaukee's O'Donnell Park) This is womyn's

only event sponsored by Full Moon Productions. And no I am not dressing in drag so I can get in.

Not only that but **Manoeuvres** is also holding a Halloween Party. I would dearly like to see my butch friends at the MAD bar get all dressed up, but I don't think that the laws of physics allow me to be at three parties in Milwaukee and one in Madison at the same time.

In addition to the above **Za's, Club 94** and **Sass** all have parties that night. I am sure that all of them will be fun.

And last but not least the Fire Birds will have their Halloween Party at the Hotel Wisconsin. Tickets are \$10.00 and include goodies. (No the goodies are food and refreshments not the men in a sling)

Sunday October 27 I will be at **The Pivot Club** for the big Miss Appleton contest.

Then on **Monday October 28** I will head up to Eau Claire for the opening of **The Trading Company's "Horror Film Fest."** The bar will be showing horror movies at 11:00 every night until its Halloween Party on Thursday the 31st.

On **Tuesday October 29**, I am gong to do something really important, **I am going to spend a few hours helping pro-Gay candidates get out the vote in the election.**

Wednesday October 30 you can find me at **Club 219** for its Halloween Costume Contest.

But **Thursday October 31st** is a really big day. No way would I miss **In Between's** costume contest which is held at 10:30. Its audience judged so if you are planning to enter, bring lots of friends.

Then its a short walk to **La Cage** for the biggest prizes offered for any contest in the state. George and Corey are putting up \$1,000 in prizes. Plus everyone gets one of those famous La Cage Grab Bags when they come in. The bags have a variety of surprises in them. (No I won't tell you what they are, that's what they mean by surprise!)

I do hope that the folks in Green Bay will stop by at **Za's** for their Rocky Horror Film showing. The bar provides a free popcorn and the movie and you provide the props. The flick is followed by a Super Bust and dancing.

The Pivot Club in Appleton will have a Pumpkin Carving contest. The bar will also have a contest and a show the next evening. Stop by and say hi to John, Randy and Ashely for me.

Friday November 1 I will start out at Mama Roux's for one of the great fish fries expertly prepared by Chef Thad.

Then I am going to the opening of the new Faulkenberg exhibit at **BESTD Clinic**. This is sort of an encore exhibit. The clinic held a Faulkenberg exhibit earlier in the year.

The opening night reception is from 6 to 9 PM and if the works on display at the earlier exhibit are any indication it is well worth your while to stop in. After opening night the exhibit will be on display during regular Clinic hours.

After taking in the exhibit, I am heading to Green Bay for Club Cheeks Rocky Horror Costume Contest. The new kid on the block in Packer town will also have a regular costume contest at the same time.

Saturday November 2, sees the big Halloween Masquerade Ball at the Hotel Wisconsin. Just \$7.00 gets you goodies, dancing and a chance to see three great acts, **FWEEP**, **The Resentments** and **Robert Nugent Jones**. **FWEEP** was at **PrideFest** a couple of years ago and they are wonderful. Jones performed at our BESTD benefit at La Cage last month and he is very talented as are the Resentments.

I will have make decision on whether to attend this ball or the one in Mad Town, which is a major fund raiser for another one of my favorite groups, **The New Harvest Foundation**. This is a \$40.00 a person affair at the Madison Civic Center. The money raised goes for **New Harvest Grants** to **Les/Bi/Gay** organizations.

Speaking of Madison, I had a great time at **Manoeuvres** during our **Badger Red Party** and a great time at **R Place** and the **Shamrock** as well as in the **Men's Room** of **Geraldine's**, (the upstairs bar not the can)

Sunday November 3, you can find me at **The Pageant**, Wisconsin's premier Drag event. Even if you don't like Drag you will love this event.

First of all its the only pageant where the winner doesn't have some initials after their title like **Miss Timbucktoo U.S. of A. Midwest Entertainer International**, or something like that.

No it's just simply **Miss Gay Wisconsin** and **Mr. Gay Wisconsin**. Nothing more needs to be said.

The Pageant will be held in an elegant setting at the **Hilton** and with a fine dinner to boot. The contestants in both the **Miss Gay Wisconsin** and **Mr. Gay Wisconsin** contests pull out all the stops.

After voting on **Tuesday November 5** I'll be heading over our **Wisconsin Light** election parties. We have two parties. One in Milwaukee at **Mama Roux** and one in Madison at **R Place**.

The parties provides an opportunity to cruise men at 17 different Gay election night parties in 17 cities via a live video and audio feed over the Internet.

After resting from the excitement of the election for a couple of days, I will be ready for the **Packer Game** at **In Between** on Sunday November 10.

Well that's it for the next couple of weeks. Imagine two scary things in the same time period, Halloween and the election.

Of course at least with Halloween you know that the next day things will be okay. With the election that all depends on us. Don't forget to vote. It does make a difference. And when you do, vote proudly for people who support equality. For a list of them see the endorsements page in this issue.

Hope to see YOU out and about soon. Meanwhile, remember to **STAY SAFE** and **BE PROUD!**

The Pageant Looking For Past Title Holders

The Pageant is putting out a call for all past title holders. Miss winners are asked to bring (not wear) their crowns or tiaras and Mr. Winners are asked to bring their sash or crown. The crowning ceremony this year will be majestic and regal. The Pageant wants these title holders to be a special part of the vent.

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The Pageant will be held on Sunday, November 3 in Milwaukee. For more information call 486-6233.

Entertainment Guide

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DOOR COUNTY	A Room of One's Own Book store 317 W. Johnson Madison, WI 53703 257-7888	1100 Club 1100 S. 1st St. Milw, WI 53204 647-9950	Walkers Point Cafe 1106 S. First St. Milw, WI 53204 384-7999
Black Smith Inn PO Box 220 Baileys Harbor, WI 839-9222	Geraldine's 3052 E. Washington Madison, WI 53704 241-9335	Fannies 200 E. Washington Milw, WI 53204 643-9633	Zippers 819 S 2nd St. Milw, WI 53204 645-8330
Chanticleer Guest House 4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay 54234 746-0334	Manoeuvres 150 S. Blair Madison, WI 54703 258-9918	In Between 625 S. 2nd St Milw, WI 53204 273-2693	RACINE
EAU CLAIRE	Praire Garden Bed & Breakfast W13172 Hwy 188 Lodi, WI 53555 1-800-380-8427	Just Us 807 S. 5th St. Milw, WI 53204 383-2233	JoDees 2139 Racine St. Racine, WI 53403 634-9804
The Trading Co. 304 Eau Claire St. Eau, Claire WI 838-9494	R Place 121 W. Main Street Madison, WI 53703 257-5455	Kathy's Nut Hut 1500 W. Scott Milw, WI 53204 647-2673	What About Me? 600 6th St. Racine, WI 53403 632-0171
The Wolfs Den 302 E Madison EauClaire, WI 54703 832-9237	The Shamrock 117 W Main St. Madison, WI 53703 255-5029	La Cage 801 S 2nd St. Milw, WI 53204 383-8300	ROCKFORD
GREEN BAY	Sunprint Cafe 638 State Street Madison, WI 53703 255-1555	La Perla Restaurant 734 S. Fifth St. Milw, WI 53204 645-9888	SHEBOYGAN
Brandy's II 1126 Main St Green Bay, WI 54301 437-3917	B's 1579 S 2nd St Milw, WI 53204 672-5580	Mama Roux 1875 N. Humboldt Milw, WI 53212 347-0344	Blue Lite 1029 N. 8th St. Sheboygan, WI 53081 457-1636
Club Cheeks 232 S. Broadway Green Bay, WI 54303 430-9854	Ball Game 196 S. 2nd Milw, WI 53204 273-7474	M & M Club 124 N. Water Milw, WI 53202 347-1962	STEVENS POINT
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FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

SHADESTOCK! AT BALL GAME

Just when you thought there were no new party ideas, the folks at the Ball Game have come up with one, Shade-stock!

The idea is to wear your favorite or most unfavorable lampshade to the bar. Decorated it, rip it, or just look pretty in it plain and you could win a fabulous prize.

So get out those lampshades and head down to the Ball Game at 196 S. Second St., Milwaukee.

The party starts at 7:00.

NUNSENSE OPENS AT WHEEL HOUSE IN MILWAUKEE

Melanac's Wheel House located at 2178 Riverboat Road (Just South of Mama Roux's and off Humboldt) will present Nonsense tonight through December 31st.

The hilarious musical depicts the lives of an order of Nuns, the Little Sisters of Hoboken.

Dinner is served at 7:00, show time is 8:00 on Fridays and Saturdays and Dinner is 2:00, show time is 3:00 on Sundays.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

Costume Contest At Fannies to Award \$500 in Cash and Prizes

Fannies, Milwaukee's oldest Lesbian bar will be celebrating Halloween a big way.

Their annual costume contest will award over \$500 in cash and prizes. The categories are scariest, most original and best group.

Just Us Presents Halloween Show and Costume Contest

Just Us will hold a wild Halloween Party with a special show. Entitled "Sitcoms: Past and Present" the show present by the Just Us Divas begins at 10:00. Come dressed as your favorite Sitcom character and you could win a prize in the costume contest at Midnight.

Just Us is located at 807 S. Fifth Street. The show, party and contest are free.

Manoeuvres Halloween Party

The butch men at Manoeuvres and the MAD bar will celebrate Halloween with a costume contest. The party includes \$2.00 Rolling Rocks, and prizes for the Best and Most Original costumes.

Manoeuvres is located at 150 S. Blair St, Madison

Halloween Party at Mama Roux

Mama Roux, is throwing a great Halloween Bash. With drink specials, a buffet, and costume contest at Midnight, Mama Roux's will bring the fall season in with style.

Mama's is known for its great food and wild parties. This one starts at 9:00. Mama Roux is located at 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee.

This Is It Has Best Halloween Party Ever

This Is It is throwing its biggest and best Halloween Party ever. The bar always attracts a good crowd of suitably costumed patrons and this year will be no exception.

Everyone in a costume will win a prize and there will a costume contest with judging at Mid Night.

The friendly folks at This Is It can be found at 418 E. Wells, Milwaukee.

All Hallows Eve Spooktacular at Brandy's II In Green Bay

Brandy's II will be throwing a Spooktacular bash to celebrate Halloween. There will be shot specials, a guest bartender and Sheeba Queen of the Desert will be doing specials as she turns "26" (yeah right)

The highlight of the evening will be a costume contest at midnight with prizes for the best costume.

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

Za's Halloween Ball in Green Bay

Za's is throwing its annual Halloween Costume Ball. Za's is located at 1106 Main Street. The party starts at 11:00 and goes to close. Costume contest winners will receive bar tabs for the Best Costume, the Most Original Costume and the Most Outrageous Costume.

There will be a \$2.00 cover and everyone in costume gets a free drink.

Dart Tourney and Halloween Party At Sass In Green Bay

It will be a busy day at Sass located at 840 S. Broadway in Green Bay. The bar

hosts a dart tourney in the afternoon and a Halloween Party in the evening.

The Dart Tournament starts at 2:00. Entry fees are \$20.00 per couple. The contest features a 1st place trophy and cash prizes. Anyone in costume receives a free drink.

Then in the evening, Sass presents its Halloween Party. There will be costume judging for cash and prizes at 11:00.

Ninth Annual Womyn Only Halloween Dance

Full Moon productions presents its Ninth Annual Halloween Dance beginning at 8 P.M. at the Transit Center's Harbor Lights Ballroom. (Located on the Southwest Corner of Lake Drive and Michigan)

Full Moon known for its promotions of womyn's music promises a good time for all who attend. The Dance will include a live DJ, and fabulous prizes for the scariest, most original and best group costumes. Tickets are \$7.00.

Halloween Party At Club '94

Kenosha's Club '94 will be holding a Halloween Party. The club located at i-94 and Hwy. C will have drink specials all night with food and a costume contest after Midnight. The contest will feature prizes for the Best Costume, Most Original Costume and Best Group of 3 or More.

Fire Birds Leather Halloween Party

The Fire Birds Leather Club will be holding their annual Fall Rendezvous and Halloween Party at the Hotel Wisconsin's Dance Room, 720 North Old World Third Street beginning at Midnight.

Tickets will be available at the door. Admission is \$10.00 and includes food and refreshments. There will be a costume contest as well.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 27

Spooky Halloween Show At B's

Join your friends at B's as they celebrate the spooky holiday by helping the BESTD Clinic fight a scary disease.

You'll be frightened by various ghouls as you enter the stage area. In order to get to the stage you have to enter and exit B's own "Haunted House" if you dare that is. Weak hearts stay away.

The folks at B's which is located at 1579 S. Second, (the corner and 2nd and Lampham) Milwaukee, are putting on the scariest, funniest and best Halloween show in their history.

Show time is 9:00, and your \$3.00 donation helps BESTD fight against AIDS and other STD's. "The Spooky Halloween Show" will be repeated on Thursday October 31 at 9:00.

Miss Gay Appleton US of A Pageant At The Pivot Club

Just in time to get you in a holiday mood, the Pivot Club is hosting the Miss Gay Appleton US of A Pageant.

The Pivot is known of its great shows and pageants and this one should be another in a long line of fun evenings.

Show time is 9:00. For entry information call (414) 734-2511. The Pivot is located at 4815 W. Prospect, Appleton.

MONDAY OCTOBER 28

Halloween Week Starts at Eau Claire's Trading Company

The Trading Company located at 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire. The films will be shown nightly at 11:00 through Wednesday October 30.

The film fest leads up to the Trading Company's big Halloween Party on October 31st. The party will feature a live DJ, food, games and a costume contest at midnight.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 29

Beautiful Thing Benefit For PrideFest

PrideFest will be the beneficiary of a special premier of a new Gay themed movie, *Beautiful Thing*, at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. Advanced sale tickets can be purchased at Afterwords, *The Wisconsin Light*, Video Adventures, *In Step*, The M & M Club or the Oriental Theater.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30

Halloween Party at Club 219

Club 219 located at 219 S. Second Street will hold its annual Halloween Party. The bash features male strippers, drink specials and a costume contest which will award

\$500 in cash and prizes.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31

The Ball Game Halloween Party

The Ball Game located at 196 S. Second, Milwaukee will be holding a Halloween Party anyone in costume gets their second drink free.

In Between Scare Fest

In Between located at 625 S Second St., Milwaukee will be holding a great Halloween party. Hot men, great prizes, drink specials and more await those celebrating the holiday.

The highlight of the evening will be 10:30 when a costume contest judged by the audience takes place.

La Cage Halloween Contest Offers \$1,000 In Cash and Prizes

La Cage located at 801 S Second St., is throwing Milwaukee's biggest Costume Contest. OVER \$1,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded in the categories of Best Overall, Best group or duo and Best Drag.

Judging is at Midnight. The party also features La Cage's famous Trick or Treat Grab bags for those in attendance.

Rocky Horror Show at Za's The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Gay America's favorite campy classic will be shown in a special screening at Za's. The flick starts at 10PM. The bar will provide free popcorn and encourages everyone to bring their Rocky props.

The film will be followed by a \$6.00 Super Bust and dancing until close.

Pumpkin Carving at the Pivot

You bring your creativity, the Pivot Club will supply the pumpkins and carving equipment at its annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

The Pivot is located at 4850 Prospect, Appleton.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1

Gutzman Does It Again At Cafe Melange

Dale Gutzman, Milwaukee's number Gay impresario brings his latest show, "Hooray for Hollywood," to Cafe Melange before he takes it Thailand for a run at that country's famed Gay resort, the elegant Le Cafe Royale.

The production will have two performances both starting at 8:00, on Friday November 1st and Saturday November 2

"Hooray" is musical comedy with a gay twist that will keep you rolling in the aisle is what this show entitled "Hooray For Hollywood" is all about. With a fine cast, and great material "Hooray For Hollywood" is a laugh a minute that will keep you smiling for weeks after.

The show is expected to be a sellout and anyone who has seen a Gutzman show knows why.

For reservations call Dale at 466-4049.

Faulkenberg Art Exhibit Opens

Faulkenberg: An Unfinished Life will open at BESTD Clinic with an opening night reception from 6 to 9 PM.

The exhibit features works that have not been seen by many in the past. The exhibit follows the very popular "Faulkenberg A Retrospective" shown at BESTD earlier this year.

BESTD is located at 1240 E. Brady, Milwaukee.

The Pivot Celebrates Halloween

Wisconsin's largest Gay night club, the Pivot will be celebrating Halloween with a special "Spooky Contest and Show".

See some of best as they take to the stage with their scary and not so scary routines. There will also be a costume contest with judging.

The Pivot is located at 4850 Prospect, Appleton.

Rocky Horror Look A Like Contest At Club Cheeks in Green Bay

Club Cheeks will hold its First Annual Best Rocky-Horror Look Alike Contest and Best Original Costume Contest all in the same night.

DJ Shannon will be on hand to spin all your favorites too.

And on Halloween Night, the Club will have a special Lip synch show and its first best dressed/best carved pumpkin contest. Club Cheeks is located at 230 S. Broadway, Green Bay.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2

Halloween Ball Benefit

The BESTD Clinic will be the beneficiary of a special Halloween Masquerade Ball to be held from 8 PM to 1 AM at the Hotel Wisconsin Ball Room, 720 N. Old World 3rd St.

The Ball will include live performances

from Robert Nugent Jones, the Resentments and the ever popular FWEED.

Admission is just \$7.00 or \$5.00 for students and includes music, dancing, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to BESTD Clinic, STD Specialties Clinic and Co-operative Therapies at MAP.

New Harvest Dinner Dance

The New Harvest Foundation, Madison's Gay and Lesbian Foundation, will be holding an elegant evening titled "Black and White" Tonight at the new Starlight Theater of the Madison Civic Center.

A 7:00 social hour will be followed by Dinner at 8:00 and dancing until Midnight.

All your favorites will on the turntable manned by Tony Ritschard, of the Hotel Washington, Manoeuvres and the Cardinal Bar.

This event is a fund raiser to help New Harvest support Madison area Les/Bi/Gay organizations. The New Harvest Foundation is a Les/Bi/Gay organization dedicated to raising funds in support of educational, social and cultural activities for the Les/Bi/Gay community in Dane County.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For ticket information contact New Harvest at (608) 256-4204

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3

The Pageant At the Hilton

Wisconsin's oldest Pageant is still its best. This year you can "Experience The Dream" at the Milwaukee's Downtown Hilton Hotel. (located on 5th and Wisconsin)

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5

ELECTION NIGHT SPOTLIGHT PARTIES

After you vote head over to one of the best election night parties anywhere in the State.

Our *Wisconsin Light* parties held from 7 to Close at Mama Roux, 1875 N. Humboldt, Milwaukee and R Place, 111 W. Main, Madison feature a live video and audio hook up to 17 different Gay parties in 17 cities.

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The parties will also feature free Miller Lite (while it lasts) entertainment and election returns that won't see on the networks, like how Gay candidates are doing.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

Women In The Director's Chair Film Fest At UWM

The Women's In the Director's Chair, Film Fest will be shown at the UWM Union Cinema.

The fest featuring films from several well known and not so well known, women directors begins at 7 PM.

ELECTION PARTY

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in Philadelphia, Washington DC, New York, Boston, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, San Diego, Seattle, Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco and Minneapolis. More cities are expected to join this historic network until 32 cities are involved.

In Milwaukee, the technical arrangements are being made by Dennis Hill PHD. Hill owns Nordic Systems and Crossroads BBS.

Nordic systems is a computer programming company that makes and sells software to manufacturing companies. Crossroads is a Gay Computer Bulletin Board service that offers free access to the Internet.

In Madison, *The Wisconsin Light* has arranged for computer consultant Stu Feider to provide the technical expertise and some of the equipment.

Joe St. Claire, Manager of Mama Roux told *The Wisconsin Light* that his patrons are excited. "Everyone is talking about it. We want to thank *Wisconsin Light* and Dennis Hill for making this possible.

St. Claire's sentiments are echoed by Rich Maden who with his lover Dan Neuman owns R Place. "This is going to be incredible. It will make election night an exciting evening. We want to thank *The Light* and everyone else who is involved."

So on Tuesday November 5, don't sit at home and be bored, come on out, make history and the get results that matter most to America's Gays and Lesbians. Join us at Mama Roux and R Place.

THE PARTY

Manoeuvres



Bill Meunier



Above are a few of the fans who attended our Badger Red Party at Madison's Manoeuvres. As you can see a great time was had by all. As you can see at the top all of the butch men at Manoeuvres read *The Light*, next are Tim, Terry, Tim and James, In the middle are the contestants in our Badger Trivia Contest, Second from the bottom is the Manoeuvres Chorus which gave a rousing rendition of Varsity after the game and finally are some of the Badger fans out on the Patio.

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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)

QUILT

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Each day 1,200 volunteers were needed to unfold and refold the Quilt, packing it away for the evening, and moving it to a secure storage site. Plastic was hidden under the corner of each section allowing the entire Quilt to be covered in under one minute in the event of rain.

According to the Quilt's founder, Cleve Jones, this is perhaps the last time it will be displayed in its entirety. Since that display in 1993, the size of the Quilt has more than doubled, filling all the space of the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol Building, and spilling off into the tree lined areas along the Mall's edge.

President and First Lady

Another first was the surprise appearance of President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary Clinton at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday who viewed the panels guided by Cleve Jones. Vice President Al Gore and wife Tipper Gore read names as the Quilt was unfolded at 8 a.m. on Friday. Tipper Gore was very warm and moved by the experience, giving hugs to just about everyone she came into contact with. The reading of names continued non-stop during the display of the Quilt from four stages, ending Sunday night with Cleve Jones reading the names of Quilt volunteers who had died and concluding with his best friend's name "Marvin Feldman", the Quilt's first panel.

With the quilt display as the centerpiece, Washington was Gay/Lesbian central for a wide range of activities and events. Of the thirty of more events, the largest certainly was the National AIDS Candlelight March, entitled "Rage Against the Dying of the Light" held Saturday evening. Over 150,000 candle-carrying marchers walked from the U.S. Capitol Building to the Lincoln Memorial where the multitudes heard speeches by Elizabeth Taylor, Judith Light, Steve Gunderson, and many others, plus enjoyed a range of live entertainment.

Thousands watched the event broadcast live on the Internet and on C-SPAN. At the same time two thousand more enjoyed a VHI sponsored benefit concert at the Warner Theater featuring Jon Bon Jovi, Chaka Kahn, Patti Smith, and the Metropolitan Community Church Choir of D.C., and hosted by Martina Navratilova, a portion of which was shown on the four huge projection screens at the Lincoln Memorial.

The Human Rights Campaign and other organizations held a National Coming Out Day celebration on Friday night, the highlight of which was a speech by Chastity Bono and her mother Cher. Aids Action, GMHC and Mothers' Voices held the "Hands Around the Capitol" demonstration Saturday afternoon.

The weekend's excitement was provided by ACT UP with a downtown demonstration against profiteering drug companies on Friday afternoon, and a major demonstration at the White House calling for national leadership on the AIDS crisis on Sunday afternoon during which the cremated ashes of loved ones were poured onto the White House lawn.

The highlight Sunday evening was the "Music for Life" concert at the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Constitution Hall put on by a 280 voice GALA Chorus.

Monday night, for those still in town, there was a Flirtations concert, and the only night there weren't long lines waiting to get into the most popular Dupont Circle bars.

Other notable events included the Sixth Annual National Skill Building Conference with a record turnout of 2,300 participants, PFLAG's 15th Annual Conference, the 2nd Annual Youth Festival and March, Youth Day, National Gay Pilot's Association conference, an Interfaith Service of Prayer and Healing at Washington National Cathedral, and a benefit for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. As if there wasn't enough to do, the city also held its annual "Taste of D.C." street festival.

October 11, Friday was National Coming Out Day. The date commemorates the March on Washington in 1987, as well as the inaugural visit of the Names Project Quilt to the nation's capitol. It also happens to be Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday. As one female speaker said, "If it's good enough for Eleanor, it's good enough for me." It was decided that October 11 would be the day to focus attention on coming out, raising the visibility of Gay people in their communities and in the media.

"YOU'VE GOT THE POWER - VOTE" is the message the speakers delivered to the audience of over 2,000 people led by Candace Gingrich, Chastity Bono, and Cher. Actress Judith Light introduced Elizabeth Birch, Human Rights Campaign executive director to the enthusiastic crowd. Speakers that followed included Patricia Ireland, president, National Organization for Women; Harold Phillips of the National Minority AIDS council; Sean Sasser, HRC spokesman

and Pedro Zamora's lover who appeared with him on MTV's "The Real World II"; Medlinda Paras, outgoing executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Daniel Zingale, HRC political director introduced Candace Gingrich, and then Richard Socarides, White House liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community.

All national Gay/Lesbian organizations were represented by speakers. Openly Gay, former major league baseball umpire, Dave Pallone spoke, followed by openly Lesbian LPGA golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin.

The highlight of the evening for most in the crowd was super-star Cher, introduced by her daughter Chastity Bono.

Chastity Bono is a writer for **The Advocate** and interviewed Cher for a recent issue, which she said was the most professionally fulfilling thing she has done. This National Coming Out Day appearance by Cher was the first in support of her daughter who came out on the cover of **The Advocate**, which Chastity said "was probably the greatest experience I've ever had ... I think much like the way we as Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals come out, parents also come out.... My mother recently did that."

Cher

Cher took the stage to thunderous applause. She smiled broadly and thanked the crowd. She said, "I'm here because of my daughter, and I think I had a particularly difficult time, as I've said in **The Advocate**, I was very un-Cher-like in the acceptance of my daughter's choice. It was real difficult for me, it had a lot to do with many things associated with Chastity but also things I was dealing with myself about what do you do when this person is not doing the normal thing, and they're supposed to be an extension of you and you have these ideas about them. So, I love my daughter, no matter what she does, because she's one of the coolest people I know."

She told the audience that this experiment we call America was built on coming together, on loving each other, and on tolerance for people, so people of unlike visions and natures could come together and enjoy one another. That the biggest problem is living up to this ideal.

She said, "When one of us doesn't get his human rights, we're all in jeopardy. Then, this experiment we call America doesn't work."

"I don't have much faith in the political system, I must say, I just think it sucks big time. If nothing else you have to vote against the person you like the least. Get out and vote. Either vote for the person who can do the most for you or against the one you think is going to hurt you the most. I would encourage you to get out and vote. Politicians have to realize that you are children of parents like me, and we just aren't going to take this shit any longer!"

Also on stage during her speech with Chastity Bono were her younger brother and sister, the children of Congressman Sonny Bono and his wife Mary, who also was there to show her support. After the rally, Cher attended a reception sponsored by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), a national organization offering advocacy, education and support for families and friends of Gay people. That event kicked off PFLAG's annual conference in Washington.

The rally, which was aired live on C-SPAN, ended with an emotional appeal by Patsy Clarke and Eloise Vaughn, the co-founders of Mothers Against Jesse in Congress (MAJIC), a North Carolina organization working to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms in this year's election.

Clarke said, "Our sons died of AIDS -- they're represented in that quilt that made us cry today. It's a terrible thing to say that my son had to die before my eyes were opened, but thank God they are open now.... We do hope, we really pray, that you will go to that ballot box."

Patsy concluded, "A young man asked us, in a group like this, what advice would you give to us in dealing with our parents. We stood there and thought a moment, and then we said, 'Give us a chance. We diapered you, we rocked you, we loved you then and oh, we love you now!'"

Hands Around the Capitol

During the Quilt display on Saturday, a number of events took place, chief among them "Hands Around the Capitol" starting at 1:30 p. m. Thousands of concerned Americans affected by AIDS gathered on the West Front Terrace of the U.S. Capitol for a rally.

Speakers included people living with HIV and AIDS, national AIDS advocacy leaders and concerned personalities. "Join Hands. Fight AIDS. Vote." was the solidarity message for this event which saw a joining of thousands of hands around the nation's Capitol to symbolize unity in the fight against AIDS. More than 200 young people - from senior high school through the college level - acted as event Marshals, including a Gay and Lesbian youth group from Indiana.

One of the young women from Indiana said: "if you got AIDS by using public toilet

seats, the government would put out a bill to pay the wages of a million janitors. Every kid would know about it, and anyone who spoke out against it, against education for kids, would be laughed at. But that isn't the way it is, and boy don't you and I know it."

Pedro Zamora, who walked the Capitol steps many times in his work as an AIDS activist, was present in spirit through the appearance of his sister and his best friend, and through his 13 panels of the Quilt.

Conceived as an active affirmation of the living struggle against the epidemic, the circle of hands presented a counterpoint to the viewing of the 45,000-panel AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Gay Men's Health Crisis' Ed Galloway said: "The quilt reminds us of the losses of the past, but we're here today to fight for the living." GMHCA's Andy Stern adds, "Thousands living with AIDS are counting on our government leaders. Just as we join hands today in unity, we will be united at the ballot boxes in November."

Mark Robinson, executive director of GMHC said: "When we join hands here today, we show America that each person in this land is linked to the next one. The circle is unbroken. Our voices must not be ignored. Our anger must not be ignored."

Candlelight March

Sunday evening tens of thousands gathered at the Capitol for the opening rally of the National AIDS Candlelight March. There were a few short speeches and the New York all-female group "Betty" performed a moving



Thousands of people joined together in "Hands Around Capitol" on Saturday afternoon to show they were united in supporting those living with AIDS and calling on Congress to take notice. The demonstrators also were protesting against the deafening silence of both presidential candidates on AIDS.

song they composed for a young friend who lost his lover of nine years.

During the opening ceremonies of this historic march, tens of thousands of people filled all available space in front of the Capitol, and once the march began, many tens of thousands more joined in, bringing the total to about 150,000 people. It took over two hours for the marchers to travel down Pennsylvania Avenue, to Constitution Ave., past the White House and onto the National Mall at the Lincoln Memorial for the main program. Six lonely protesters protected by far more police officers were a minor irritation while marching past the Washington Monument.

Soon after arriving at the Mall, the minister of Washington's Metropolitan Community Church gave an invocation, followed by DC representative Maxine Waters. A live video presentation from the Warner Theater was presented on the four huge projection screens, which featured a performance by the Metropolitan Community Church Gospel Choir backing singer Chaka Kahn. Candles moved with the beat, creating a massive wave of light, moving back and forth over the crowd. Country music star Kathy Matterna performed next.

Then, ten people, famous and unknown, stepped from the darkened stage set up in front of the Lincoln Memorial, into a brilliant spotlight holding a candle. Each identified their affiliation with the AIDS epidemic as a care giver, advocate, or person living with AIDS.

A young woman took the stage. She said: "AIDS is ravaging my body, but even as AIDS is destroying my body I must say, with the aid of God, it cannot have my joy. I will never surrender my joy."

A young male athlete, living with AIDS for ten years, told about pushing his body to the limits, as an example of how strong we can be in surviving AIDS. Cristina Saralegui, the Univision talk show host, spoke in Spanish and English.

The mother of Ryan White who died on April 8, 1990 spoke about her continuing efforts to educate the young about AIDS. An American Indian woman spoke about her struggles with being an AIDS educator in the Indian community. A HIV+ five year old girl spoke, saying: "I am the future. I am a face of AIDS."

The last two "faces of AIDS" stepping onto the stage were Judith Light, who starred in the ABC-TV hit comedy series "Who's the Boss?" and Steve Gunderson, the openly

Gay Republican congressman from Wisconsin.

Light said, in part: "We are the famous and the unknown. We are the young, we are the old. We are the HIV infected and affected. We are the care givers. We are all the face of AIDS."

Light and Steve Gunderson then took turns reading the poem of Dylan Thomas which inspired the theme, "Rage Against the Dying of the Light."

A triumphant Teddy Pendergrass was introduced and performed "I've Been Truly Blessed." Teddy was a member of the Cadillac before getting recruited by Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes in 1968. In 1977 he launched a successful solo career. Following a serious auto accident that left him confined to a wheelchair, he released four consecutive gold albums.

Thank You Mr. President

Quilt Founder Cleve Jones spoke, thanking President Clinton for visiting the Quilt, saying the four words he has been waiting for many years to say, "Thank you Mr. President." He implored him to approve more funding for AIDS research, and encouraged those in California to vote to allow the medical use of marijuana. He called on the President to support needle exchange, a theme echoed by 350 Act Up supporters at Sunday's demonstration at the White House.

"We know that politics requires compromise, but there can be no compromise when it comes to equality," Jones emphasized. He called upon the President to repair the wel-

fare safety net that was torn apart by the current Congress, and pledged that we will give him a better Congress to work with. He said, "In time Mr. President, I believe you will come to understand that the love shared between two men or two women is no less than the love you share with Hillary Rodham Clinton, and no different in the eyes of God!" He concluded: "Never Surrender!" Broadway star Betty Buckley then entertained, singing "Till the Days Go By."

Elizabeth Taylor, an advocate since the earliest days of the epidemic, was welcomed with loud applause and people hollering "Thank you," "We Love You" and Taylor saying back, "Thank you. I love you too."

"It is now time to unite all our energies into one pure and solid flame. I want you all to extinguish your candle. As you do, say aloud the name of a loved one. Please extinguish your candles. Please call out the name. (God Love You.) Bless you."

Jay Hanson and Rodney Scheel

I called out the name of a dear friend, Gregory Jay Hanson and also a friend loved by the entire community, Rodney Scheel, having cried over their Quilt panels earlier in the day. From the darkened stage, an Olympic-sized cauldron was lit shooting a flame high into the sky. "God Bless," Miss Taylor prayed.

The evening was brought to a conclusion by all the speakers and entertainers, and the audience, accompanied by D.C.'s Eastern High School Choir singing "We Shall Overcome" in an emotional finale.

The crowd was so massive that thousands were unable to make it into the Mall around the reflecting pool and stood in the street and upon the hill holding the Washington Monument. Countless thousands of candles continued to burn up and down the bordering street and up the walkways to the monument giving the impression of a sea of flames -- flames that we all wished could burn away this terrible disease. Until there is a cure: "ACT UP, FIGHT BACK, FIGHT AIDS." Be safe!

GLINN, the Gay/Lesbian International News Network, headquartered in Milwaukee, is producing a two hour video of weekend highlights, and additional photos of events are available on GLINN's site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.glinn.com>. For those without www access, call (414) 289-8640 for information about the video. The video will also be shown soon in a Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian nightclub.

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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

INTERNATIONAL LOVER I'm Mexican and Filipino. I'm 20 years old and I'm looking for friends around my age for dating, talking on the phone, and more. (Evanston) #14695

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

LET'S 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

LOVE THE CITY I'm 27 years old, 5'5, dark hair, Blue eyes, 135lbs, aerobic instructor. I'm looking for someone older than me, someone secure and fit. If you like to have fun call me. (Evanston) #8494

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT I'm looking for a straight acting guy 18 to 25 to have fun with. I prefer guys who are White or Hispanic. Call me. (Evanston) #6189

WEST SUBURBS I'm interested in meeting guys. I'm very oral and I will make your toes curl. Call me. (Evanston) #6295

SUBURBAN ESCAPE Professional Gay White male, 43 years old, 5'9, 150lbs, top. I'm seeking a Gay White male 18 to 23 for friendship and more. No drugs. You must be straight acting and not into the bar scene. (Evanston) #4253

BRING YOUR BUDDIES I'm a White male model, 37 years old, 5'9, 150lbs. I'm looking for a Black male or group of Black males who are hung, uncut, and ready to gang bang me. Call me. (Evanston) #21057

ROMANTIC Gay White male, 41 years old, 5'6, 130lbs, South West suburbs. I'm a loving and caring person. I'm looking for a Gay White male 30 to 45 for friendship or maybe more. Call me. (Evanston) #3198

BIGGER IS NOT BETTER I'm a beautiful Black female impersonator looking for men who are NOT well endowed. If you want to go out on a date and enjoy the night call me. (Evanston) #1176

LETS PARTY I'm a Gay White male, 20 years old, looking for a Gay White male who likes to go out and have fun. I like to party. Smokers OK. Call me. (Evanston) #36490

CARNIVAL DOG I'm a Gay White male looking for a Gay male for fun times, laughs, and entertainment. I enjoy carnivals and outdoor fun. Call me. (Evanston) #36868

UNDER THE BIG TOP I'm a 34 year old Gay White male. I'm looking for other Gay White men 24 to 34. I like movies and the circus. Call me. (Evanston) #38889

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

LOOKING FOR A BOTTOM I'm a 49 year old Gay White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, very muscular. I'm looking for a bottom man for good times and possibly relationship. Call me. (Joliet) #5473

WILING TO GO ALL THE WAY White male novice seeks White male companion. I will go all the way with the right person. Call me. (Joliet) #5916

LETS DO THINGS TOGETHER I'm interested in meeting someone who has a hairy chest and medium build. I want to get to know the person pretty good. If you are interested in meeting someone who likes to have fun call me. (Joliet) #1384

ANYTHING GOES I'm 21 years old, 5'11, 210lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, Bi, into everything. Call me. (Oakpark) #6182

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 will 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 endowed top. I enjoy cuddling, romance, and more. I'm tired of being lonely. Please call. (Princeton) #13283

Iowa

DRESS UP TIME I'm a 49 year old Bi male. I enjoy cross dressing and sex toys. I would like to get in contact with a TV or another cross dresser for a little phone rendezvous. (Cedar Rapids) #14683

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

THE MORE THE MERRIER I would like to meet lots of guys for fun and friendship. Call me. (Des Moines) #5035

YOUNG AND RESTLESS I'm a 19 year old White male looking for guys who are good looking. I have a nice body and a moderate income. Call me. (Des Moines) #2730

BIGGER IS BETTER I'm 6ft, 185lbs, nice build, large 9 1/2", top or bottom. I like trying new things. I'd like to meet well endowed men. (Iowa City) #14407

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

LET ME KNOW I'm looking for a person to have a friendship with. I'm pretty open. If you are 19 to 30 please respond. I'm single and free most of the time. (Elk River) #4903

ELK RIVER COMPANION WANTED I'm in my 50's. I'm looking to meet a younger man 19 to 30 for friendship and the possibility of a relationship. I look forward to your call. (Elk River) #5714

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. #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. #11004

SLENDER GUYS ONLY I'm looking for men 18 to 30 who are slender. I'm very active and I like golf, music, theatre, nature, etc. I'm an honest man looking for honest and sincere guys of any race. (Maplewood) #14722

PRIVATE DANCER I'm Blond, 6'1, 185lbs, attractive, in shape, smooth, late 30's. I'm looking for well hung Bi or married guys for discreet encounters. Privacy assured. #1067

SPANKINGS GIVEN To in shape college students to age 25. I'm a discreet teacher. Bottoms up! (Minneapolis) #14541

CHOCOLATE CITY Looking for a chocolate bar. I like men who are tall, 28 to 40, well endowed, tone, great head on his shoulders, etc. Let's spend some time. (Minneapolis) #14419

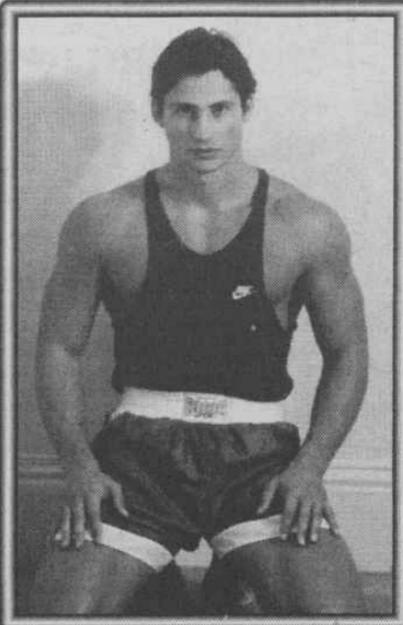
TAKE A BREAK FROM THE BOOKS I'm a college student looking for a person around 21 years old for dating and a relationship. I'm 5'11, 150lbs, good shape. I enjoy music, skiing, reading, writing, hiking, nature, etc. I seek a guy with similar interests who is clean shaven. (Minneapolis) #14576

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

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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

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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

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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

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WANTED MEN I'm 29 years old, 6'6, 200lbs, swimmers build, Blue eyes, Brown hair, fair skin, shy, very smooth, bottom. I love to serve uncut men of all kinds. Make me do what you want. Call me. (Minneapolis) #4916

LIMITS RESPECTED I'm a dominant Bi White male, 5'8, 155lbs, muscular, work out, 54 years old. I like men and women. Lets do it. I like to dominate men. I like bondage, discipline, water sports, French, and Greek. Call me. Limits respected. (Minneapolis) #1436

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

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 bells, 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

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. (Ashland) #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

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CHUBBY DADDY 48 year old top, chunky build, 5'11, Blond hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a male slave 18 to 35. If you want to be daddy's boy call me. (Milwaukee) #14429

TRANSEXUAL DOMINATRIX WANTED I would like to meet White, Hispanic, or Asian Transsexuals who like to dress up and get into new and exciting scenes. I'm 5'9, 175lbs. I would like to meet someone to dominate me. (Milwaukee) #14446

FINE YOUNG THING I'm in my late 20's, tall, slim, straight acting, cute. I'm looking for an older gentleman 35 to 50 who is clean, discreet, and masculine. I'm submissive and seek an in shape older man who is aggressive. (Milwaukee) #14334

FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE I'm new here from Chicago. I'm tall, 200lbs, work out, dark skin, live on the East side. If you would like a companion call me. (Milwaukee) #12586

DRESS UP TIME I'm a submissive, non passable cross dresser, mid 30's, Bi sexual, looking for a strong, attractive top to use as my toy. I also can be versatile. (Milwaukee) #14236

HOT BLACK BROTHER I'm an African American male, 5'11, 170lbs, Brown skin, bald head, nice body, well endowed. If you like this call me. (Milwaukee) #13995

WEST SIDE MESSAGE 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. #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

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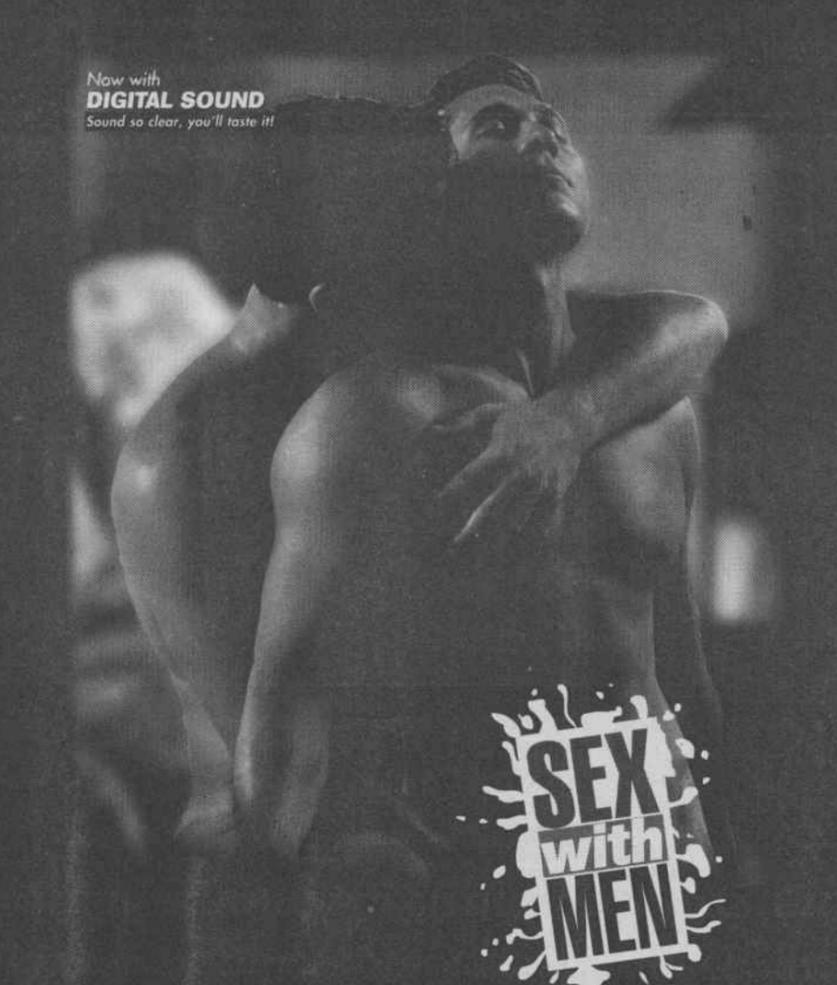
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Youth Conference Set for November 2
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Midwest Bisexuals To Meet At BESTD
 Bi Definition, a Milwaukee group for Bisexuals will host the Fall BiNet Midwest meeting on October 26 and 27 at the BESTD Clinic 1240 E. Brady Street. People from all orientations are welcome to attend. Participants from throughout the Midwest are expected. The meeting begins at 1:00 on Saturday October 26. The event includes presentations, meetings and socializing. For more information call Steve Butler (414) 483-5046.

LGBT Center Holds Group Caucus
 The Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgender Community Center Project will be hosting an "Organizational Caucus," Saturday, October 26, from 2pm. The caucus is an opportunity for representation.

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LBGT Center Holds Group Caucus
 The Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgender Community Center Project will be hosting an "Organizational Caucus," Saturday, October 26, from 2pm. The caucus is an opportunity for representatives and members of the various southeastern Wisconsin LBGT organizations to offer input about the services and facilities they feel are important and should be offered by the community center. These organizations are invited to ask questions and to be briefed as to the status of the LGBT Community Center Project to date. If you are an organizational leader or a member of a local LBGT organization, you are encouraged to attend this informational meeting. The caucus will be located at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, Room 300, 2521 N Fourth Street.

Bisexual Pot Luck
 Bi Definition has scheduled a Pot Luck for Saturday November 9 at 7:00. The event will be held at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street. Bring a dish, drink or snack to share and meet and socialize with some new friends.

Reach the Wisconsin LesBiGay Community

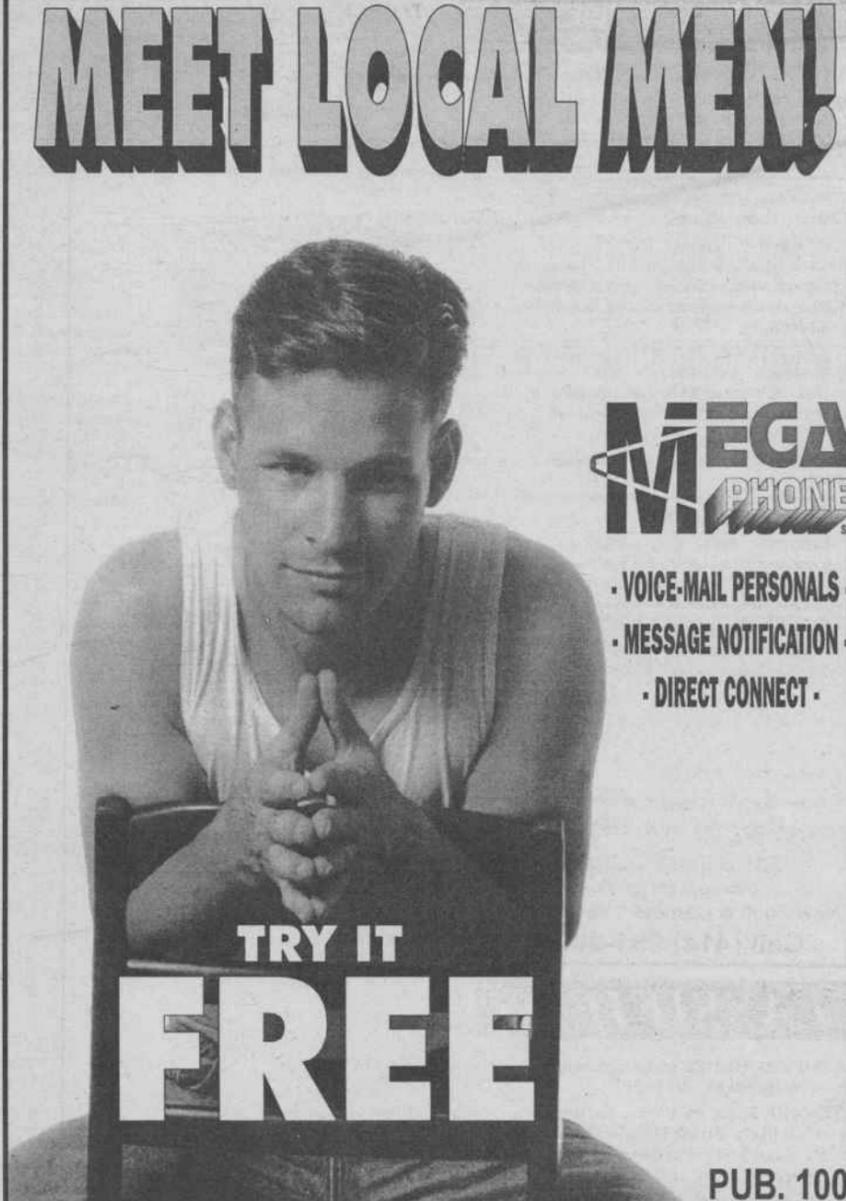
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MARRIAGE

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In the last session of the State Legislature, two bills to ban recognition of Same Sex Marriage were introduced by Republicans. Neither got very far.

State Representative Lorraine Seratti (R-Spread Eagle) has announced that she is planning a major push for a new bill banning Same Sex Marriage recognition in Wisconsin.

A number of states have passed similar bills in the wake of an Hawaiian Supreme Court case that is expected to result in that state recognizing same sex marriage.

Under the U.S. Constitution, states must recognize each others laws with regard to marriage. Some legal experts say that laws banning recognition of same sex marriages legally performed in Hawaii would be unconstitutional. Others, however, think that if a state specifically prohibits a particular type of marriage the courts might uphold that prohibition.

"A Democratic majority in the State Legislature is crucial to my efforts to derail anti Gay marriage legislation," said Baldwin

Like other statewide Republican Parties around the country, the Wisconsin party draws a substantial amount of its support for the Christian Right.

An Early Halloween

The National Republican Platform denounces Same Sex marriage and calls Gay Rights, "special rights." The platform was approved without any dissenting voices from Wisconsin during the Republican National Convention held in San Diego.

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"No one is going to hand us Same Sex Marriage and Domestic Partnership, we have to fight for them and against those who would deny them to us. The best way to do that is with our votes on Tuesday November 5." said Baldwin.

in August by putting on a mask of inclusion at their convention in San Diego" said Baldwin, "Behind those masks is a platform that is anything but inclusive."

Two Wisconsin Republican Congressional Candidates, First District Incumbent Rep Mark Neuman and Fourth District challenger, Tom Reynolds, both have received major support from supporters of the Christian Coalition.

In Reynold's case sources within the Republican party say that many Republicans are not helping him in part because of his Christian Coalition ties.

The polls throughout Wisconsin open early in the morning and remain open until 8:00 PM on Tuesday November 5.

Under state law, voters who are not registered may register at the polls by providing proof of their residency such as a utility bill, a picture ID with their current address or a copy of an apartment lease.

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ELECTION

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Because most experts predict that the race for control of the House of Representatives Jonathan Wilson, Interim Director for the Victory Fund, goes even further. He told **The Wisconsin Light**, "In addition to voting and volunteering we need to get the is a very close contest, Wisconsin could actually decide who will be in charge on the House during the next Congress.

Learn From ET?

Salkind told **The Light** that everyone should vote and anyone who can should volunteer to help. "These are all critical races. Wherever our people are they should get out and get active."

message from ET and CALL HOME. We need to come out and call mom and dad, brothers, sisters, neighbors, and fellow workers."

Wilson says that Gays and Lesbians have a built in advantage that sets them apart from other minority groups. "We have blood ties with members of the majority. We need to play to that strength."

He adds, "We are about to reach that point in this country where the moms and dads and the aunts and uncles rise up and say that's enough. Lets get on to substantive issues."

Get Involved

Like Salkind, Wilson and other leaders like Melinda Paras of NGTLF and Elizabeth Birch Executive Director of The Human Rights Campaign, urges Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians to get involved.

"That's how the Christian Coalition has attained its power, says Wilson, "Complacency is our friend if we are not complacent and the remainder of the electorate is."

Second District

In addition to the races HRC has targeted, leaders are urging Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians to get involved in the 2nd Districts where Madison Mayor Paul Soglin is facing Republican and somewhat pro-Gay Congressman Scott Klug. Most experts give Soglin little chance of winning.

Nevertheless, most local activists would find Soglin's solid record on issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians preferable to Klug's.

Ousting Newt

Nationally, most experts say that the Democrats have an even chance of regaining the House and removing Gringrich as Speaker.

Wilson agrees with that viewpoint telling **The Wisconsin Light** "Its neck and neck all over the country. I think that there is a reasonable chance that unless people get complacent and just content themselves with a Clinton victory that we could see the control of the House change."

Salkind says that Party control isn't the most important factor to consider.

"I don't think it comes down to party, she says, "It comes down to electing people who are concerned about the things we care about. It was a combination of moderate Republicans and not all the Democrats but certainly most of them that allowed us to be victorious on a number of issues," said Salkind.

Democratic House Desired

Others at least partly disagree with Salkind. Wilson says, "The Victory Fund is non-partisan, but given where the Republican party is on issues of concern to us, we would view a change in leadership as a very positive development."

Many observers say that Democratic control of the next Congress is viewed as crucial to those hoping to finally pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a meas-

ure designed to end job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, win continued support in the fight against AIDS and put a halt to Right Wing Republican sponsored Homophobic measures.

Wilson told **The Light**, "I read with great alarm the Republican platform. I understand that the Republican candidate for President is trying to distance himself from that platform, but the fact is that the people whom he would be most beholding to have announced their agenda in that platform and its frightening. It would be like going to the polls disregarding Mein Kampf."

Power of The Speaker

If the Democrats regain control of the House, Dick Gephardt (D-Missouri) would almost certainly be the new Speaker.

The majority party appoints the Speaker of the House. A more sympathetic Speaker like Gephardt could bottle up Homo-phobic legislation while helping to clear the way for pro-Gay measures.

Everyone agrees that the current Speaker, Newt Gingrich, has done the opposite.

Wisconsin Important

If the Democrats manage to pick up the 1st, 3rd and 8th Districts here it would be an important contribution to Democratic efforts to recapture the House., Wisconsin would have contributed nearly 1/6 of the the 20 seats the Democrats need to pick up to be in the majority

"Spotswood and Johnson could give Gays and Lesbians Rights Advocates a net gain of two seats if they are successful," said one local observer. "Considering how close some votes have been that would be a welcome change."

Presidential Effect on Races

One question at this point is how long will Clinton's coat tails be. Republican Presidential nominee Bob Dole has written off the Badger State and as of press time was not planning to appear or run any television commercials here.

That does not augur well for the rest of the local party ticket. If Dole loses Wisconsin big, (and he is running far behind in state wide polls), it could make the difference in a close race like the one pitting Neuman against Spotswood.

Unless Dole begins to work hard to energize Republican voters enough of them may stay home to give the Democrats a substantial boost.

Two Republican Congressmen Sensenbrenner in the 9th District who scored an 11 on the HRC score card and Petri in the 6th District who had a 0 are running unopposed.

GOP Targets

The Republicans were hoping to knock off Democratic Congressmen, Jerry Klezcka and David Obey.

Klezcka is opposed by Tom Reynolds, a Right Wing Christian backed candidate who among other things has denounced the minimum wage and called for repealing the ban on assault weapons. Tracking polls are predicting a Klezcka win.

Obey is opposed by Scott West, a Conservative he narrowly defeated in 1994. He is viewed as the favorite, although the race is tighter than his supporters would like.

Predictions Difficult

With all of these close races it's difficult to predict what will happen. Barrett looks like a sure winner. Klezcka looks like a winner as does Klug. Beyond that though it's difficult to tell what will happen.

Whatever happens one thing is clear, Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians will have had their chance to make a major impact on national politics. The question is, will they take advantage of it by voting and joining a campaign or two?

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COMMERCE

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When I made that decision, I knew that probably I would remain in Washington for most of my career, follow a different path, the path that I have followed. Work on Capitol Hill, be a lawyer in Washington and eventually to hold an important position in an administration, which is what I am doing now. But my commission from President Clinton says 'Bruce Lehman of Wisconsin' That's what will always be I guess.

Where do you stand on the political spectrum?

"I am a liberal. Other people may not characterize themselves that way, but I will. I don't want to make any apologies for it. Our state is characterized by its progressive history. In Wisconsin every good thing has come about because of its progressive tradition. It's not happened because of the Joe Mc Carthy's of this world or frankly because of the Tommy Thompsens of this world.

Speaking of which, Tommy likes to call himself a national player on the national stage. You are in the thick of things in Washington. Is Tommy Thompson really thought of seriously in Washington?

"No."

Why should Gays and Lesbians vote for Bill Clinton?

"Because Bill Clinton is the first President in our country who has ever taken a personal interest in our issues and tried to promote the cause of Lesbian and Gay rights. I think that it's quite clear in this election that there's no alternative.

The Republican Party, Sen. Dole, are not only not promoting Lesbian and Gay rights they are actively opposing them. Certainly Ross Perot has not take a position on our issues. So there really isn't any other choice in this election.

It's not simply a question of voting against the Republicans, the President has an unparalleled historic record and I am proof of it. My appointment, the fact that I am down here at the convention with an official role is all testament to the historic shift that Bill Clinton has brought about.

Did the homophobia in Washington take Clinton being by surprise?

"That was a huge part of it. I think President Clinton and all of us, we underestimated how strong and deep seated these forces of hatred and discrimination are in our society and even in the Congress.

That includes the Democratic Party. It was terrible to have the Democrats lose control of Congress. The reason I think they lost control wasn't because people were eager to have a Congress that would oppose President Clinton, it was because the Democrats in Congress were not united and did not support President Clinton.

Had people like Sam Nunn and many of these other Southern Democrats gotten behind him, we would be campaigning right now on a fabulous health care program for every American.

And now the Republicans are actually campaigning bragging about the fact that we have no national health care system.

Anyone in the Gay community who has to deal with the problems of AIDS, and I have had two very good friends including my best friend die from AIDS in the last year. He died on Christmas night. He spent the last six months of his life at my home and he had federal health insurance coverage. Anyone who has dealt with AIDS knows the problems with Health Care.

Yesterday at the Caucus, you talked about your first lunch with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown. Would you care to share that with our readers?

"Yes, he had some of us in for lunch. It was a remarkable thing. There were six of us in his private dining room and we were sitting around the table There were six us including five assistant secretaries of commerce there.

I looked around the table and half of us were black, half of us were women. Of the two white men that were there only one was straight and that wasn't me. That was something that would have been unthinkable when Robert Mossbacher (George Bush Cabinet Member) was the Secretary of Commerce.

Do you think there has been a Republican strategy of creating all distractions; the Whitewater hearings, the Flowers thing, all the rest?

"Oh, certainly. You know, I've worked on Capitol hill for nine years, since 1974. I was a counsel for the House Judiciary Committee. My boss was a wonderful man, a great, great Wisconsinite, Bob Kastenmeier, so I know Congress and have been following it ever since.

I have never seen anything like we are now experiencing.

When we've had Republican Presidents, Democrats have tried to work with them. This Congress has had absolutely no interest in that. This Congress has had one objective and one objective to defeat Bill Clinton, but not only Bill Clinton.

There is a hatred of all of the elements in our society including us that Bill Clinton represents. This something that is virtually new and its very very scary. This is something virtually new to have to deal with.

Is Wisconsin important to the campaign?

"Wisconsin is one of the battle ground states. We now have a majority Republican delegation in Congress that is contributing to this viciousness.

If Gay Wisconsinites want to return Mark Neumann to the House, who votes against us ; if they want to return Scott Klug who tries to take off some of the hard edges, but who really is a hard core supporter of Newt Gingrich, if they want to replace Steve Gunderson with a Right Wing Republican if they want to replace Toby Rot with a Right Wing Republican we are going to deserve what we get.

Will Gay and Lesbian issues take a back seat in the campaign?

"The American people don't want to hear about what they term "special interests" they want to hear about the broader societal concerns. That doesn't mean that special groups like ours are not going to receive attention. Our record is crystal clear on that.

We have a record of phenomenal change on Gay and Lesbian rights in the federal government to run on. I wouldn't look for Bill Clinton to talk about any particular group. I would be surprised if he says a lot about the problems of Latinos or Hispanics or the problems of African American women as a group, and I would be surprised if he talked about Gays and Lesbians as a group. He will talk about issues that have larger role in society. That's what I think he should do.

That's what a Presidential campaign is all about. Republicans want him to do just the opposite. They want us to go back to a politics where Democratic candidates have a laundry list of a hundred groups and every speech they gave they had to have five minutes for every group.

They will make mincemeat out of us on that. People who live in the suburbs don't want to hear that. That doesn't mean they are not good people, that doesn't mean we can't educate them to be better people, but we don't want to turn them against us.

Some say that the Gay community is not really politically mature enough to understand certain things; all the differences that have been made by the Clinton Administration. Would you comment?

"Yes. I see my role as not to be a member of the Clinton Administration trying to get votes. I am a Gay man who has long been interested in civil rights for Gay and Lesbian people.

I think it's extremely important to try and educate our community on how to be more sophisticated in asserting , protecting and promoting our own rights. Part of that is having a recognition of what the nature of the civil rights struggle is.

Jesse Jackson is playing a large role here. There are lots of disappointments that Jesse Jackson has had in his battle for a decent life for African Americans for economically deprived Americans, but he recognizes that the struggle is a process that's gone on for 350 years and they are not there.

You can open your eyes in Milwaukee and see that. Anyone who thinks Milwaukee is a fully integrated city with equal opportunity for all has got to have holes in their head.

African American leaders have been in the struggle for a long time. They know you don't get to perfection overnight. They also know there have been many Presidents who are sympathetic, but those Presidents have to govern a country of 250 million people, they have to re-elected.

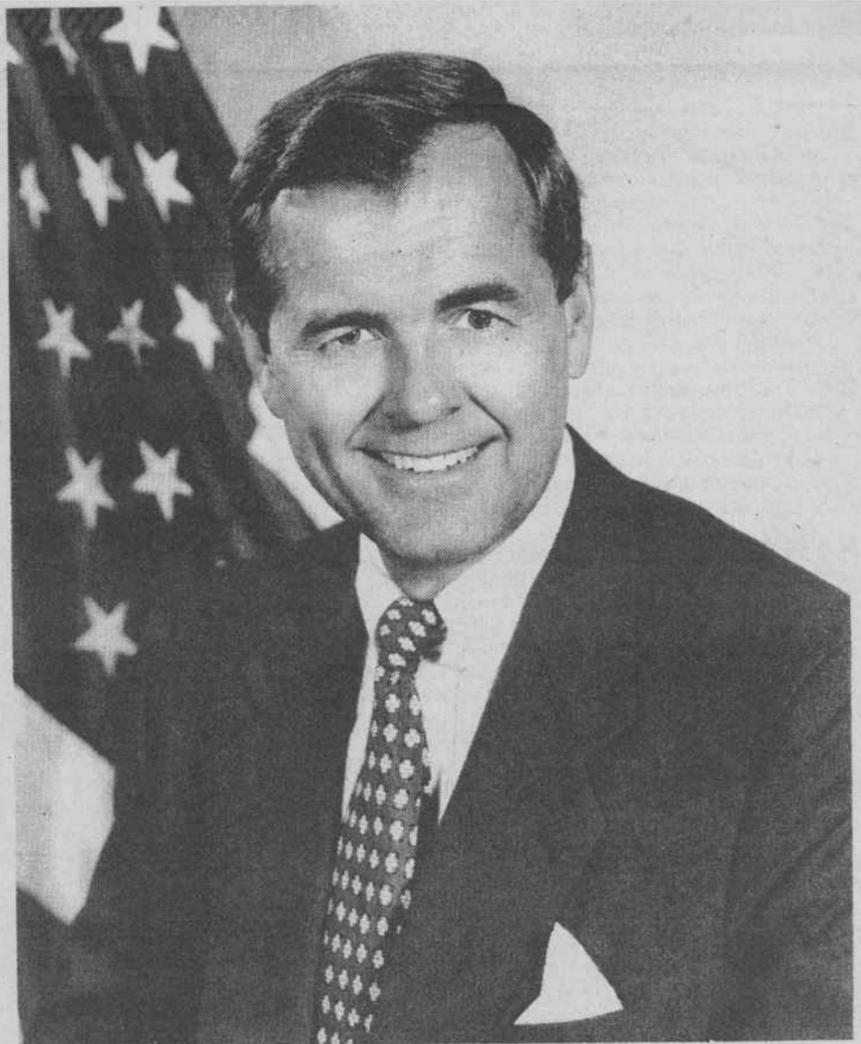
Our people aren't always where our presidents are. President Clinton has provided leadership. On certain things like DOMA (The Defense of Marriage Act) our people aren't there yet. We have to have other things in place.

We have to get ENDA, for example. The highest priority of the Clinton Administration in terms of Civil Rights is the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

That will transform the lives of Gay men and Lesbians in this country and lead them to the next step in our struggle. So Gay and Lesbian people have to be sophisticated about all this.

I am always surprised and there are many people who want to criticize someone like President Clinton or even leaders of our movement who don't have the guts to come out to their mother or father or even to their boss.

They should stand to think for a minute. Are we at the point where they want to walk down



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the aisle and put it in **The Milwaukee Journal**. When we are ready to do that, then we'll be at the point where we'll have it all?

Have our expectations been too high?

"I think there was a great deal of euphoria four years ago about Bill Clinton. That was justified in a way because Bill Clinton was the first Presidential candidate who had ever paid any attention to us.

He said he would have Gay and Lesbian people in his administration and he does. He said he would issue an order ending discrimination against Gays in the military. He tried. And he failed. Why? Not because he didn't want to. It was because of people like Sam Nunn, Colin Powell, viciously fought him and tried to destabilize his administration from the very beginning.

And I'm not sure but that our fellow Wisconsinite, Les Aspin, did him any favors. Where was he on that issue when it came back to Clinton.

The President tried to make the best deal that he could. Remember that the issue there was that Congress wanted to affirmatively say that Gays and Lesbians could never serve in the military. What President Clinton attempted to forge some kind of result that would save the basic idea that we would move away from discrimination.

That probably hasn't worked out as well as we would have like it. But the problem was not with President Clinton, the problem there was with Congress.

On this issue would Clinton have been better off just say "I tried folks, I know I promised this, I am sorry, but I just can't deliver it?"

"You know, I guess it's a question of semantics. Maybe I guess he would have been better to wait. The first two years of the administration were very chaotic. We failed at many things that were more important to millions of Americans than Gay and Lesbian rights.

We failed on one of the principle issues of the campaign: health care. But again, why did we fail? Not because Bill Clinton didn't want to do it, but because of Congress.

You can criticize us Health Care as well as on perhaps Don't Ask Don't Tell on the way we handled it. I think that people did not realize on coming into power in DC, that when you take the Presidency this is not a dictatorship.

A lot of people fell by the wayside in our administration very early on. It was so tough on Vince Foster that he committed suicide.

A lot of people weren't prepared for the viscous destabilizing tactics that took place. It took awhile for the President and the rest of us to get control of that very chaotic situation. In the meantime, we made a lot of mistakes in the way we handled some things.

I don't think there was ever on any of these issues an intent to break any promise made.

How much of the early chaos you mentioned was due to Bush's demanding and accepting the resignation of all of his appointees when Bill Clinton came into office?

"That was deliberate. In fact it happened in my area. We have three in fact four, Presidential appointments. Traditionally one of those has gone to a career person, not a political person.

One of the biggest parts of my agency is the Patent Operation, its got 3,000 people, its very technical. They had a career guy in there who had been appointed.

As part of that spite of President Bush, he fired that guy. I remember making phone calls on the day of the inauguration because I know some of the members of the Bush administration trying to stop guy from being fired, so the Patent Office wouldn't fall apart.

I was unsuccessful. That was a deliberate attempt on the part of the Republicans to destabilize this government. Now when you destabilize operations at the Patent office, and other departments that hurts every single American.

Has that ever happened before to your knowledge?

"Not to my knowledge. In fact that's one of those things that's not very well known. I think President Clinton expected to come to Washington and pursue the agenda the American people elected him to do.

I don't think he had any idea that waiting for me would be every kind of underhanded, vicious tactic to try and stop him from being successful.

What can we expect from a second term for President Clinton?

"President Clinton has shown that he learns from adversity. That will set us up to move forward. I think you'll see a more tempered Bill Clinton, a President who understands the limits of power, and knows how to move our society forward in a realistic and doable manner.

We are seeing that on Health Care and we will see it on Gay and Lesbian rights.

You can take any issue be it Gay rights or Welfare Reform. President Clinton said he wanted to end welfare as we know it.

He had a different vision of what that meant. It did not mean throwing 8 year children out on the streets to be prostitutes, which our Republican opponents would have us do.

Those who say they support family values and morality, should ask themselves how is an eight year kid going to support themselves if they have a parent who simply refuses to work?

Clinton is caught between two forces. On the one hand there is a most vicious Right Wing opposition in Congress since probably before the Civil War. On the other hand, he's trying to get through a Progressive agenda.

That has been the case on many things: Gay Rights, Welfare reform, and others. We are attempting to take what you can get and then working to go to the next level.

That's exactly what we are going to do on welfare reform. President Clinton is not going to let 8 year kids become prostitutes because their parents won't work.

I shudder to think what would happen if Bob Dole is elected. Not only would our rights be set back decades but think of that 8 year old kid on the streets of Milwaukee.

Have you thought about coming back to the state?

"Have I thought about it? Yes I have. You know that would require a major change in life style. It's hard when you've been away so long, I think to come back and set down your roots. I am not quite sure what I would for a living. Who knows may be some day after the Clinton administration, I will come back. I love Wisconsin.