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The Wisconsin Light

Sheriff's Undercover Operation in Juneau and Estabrook Parks

Milwaukee—The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department has initiated plainclothes investigations in the Milwaukee County Parks targeted at Gay men allegedly engaged in "public lewdness." Numerous arrests occurred in Estabrook Park on Friday, October 11, Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19, and at Juneau Park on Saturday, October 26.

These arrests for public lewdness result not from chance encounters with the police, but from undercover police operations.

It appears that the Milwaukee County Sheriff has identified certain areas as "cruising" spots—places where men seek sex with men. Plainclothes officers are being assigned to loiter in the targeted area.

Note: Not all of the men seeking sex in the parks with other men, identify themselves as Gay or Bisexual. Some do not identify as either orientation.

Often these officers follow people around, engage men in conversation, and appear interested in sexual activity by their verbal and non-verbal conduct. If the man touches the plainclothes officer provocatively, an arrest follows immediately.

Charges being filed by the District Attorney's office include 4th Degree Sexual Assault and Lewd and Lascivious Conduct. Both are criminal misdemeanors, and carry with them a maximum possible penalty of a fine not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment for not more than 9 months or both.

Any man "cruising" the parks in Milwaukee County today is at risk for arrest and criminal prosecution. If you don't know where the line is, please stay as far away from the line as possible.

Editor's Note: The above, with the exception of the note and the headline, was written by Attorney Thomas E. Martin and passed out in the bars on Thursday evening, October 31st

New Study By Medical College Researchers Shows Cost Effectiveness of AIDS Programs

Milwaukee—A new study by Medical College of Wisconsin researchers has found that AIDS prevention programs not only work, but are also cost effective. The study was published in the current issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*.

Medical College researchers have been national leaders in developing AIDS prevention programs that work and save lives. They took the research one step further to see if the programs were also cost effective.

"We know that the best prevention programs in the world will not be effective if they cost so much that no one can afford them," explained David R. Holtgrave, Ph.D., associate professor of psychiatry who led the cost effectiveness study.

In an attempt to find out just how much it

Clinton Wins Big, House and Senate Stay Republican, Activists Concerned

Democrats Gain Two Seats In Wisconsin, State Legislature Looks the Same

Milwaukee—Helped by the retirement of two Republican incumbent Congressmen, the Democrats picked up a net gain of three seats in the Badger State with one race too close to call. Those seats represent a tenth of the seats the Democrats needed to regain control of the House of Representatives.

Of importance to advocates of Gay and Lesbian rights is the fact that one of the Democratic gains came in a district where a pro-Gay Democrat will replace a Republican whose Human Rights Campaign Score was 0.

The results are as follows:

1st District - A heated campaign marked by charges and counter charges resulted in a very close race between the incumbent homophobic Congressman Mark Neumann, and Kenosha City Council woman Lydia Spotswood.

Neumann was recommended by the Log Cabin Club which said he had a mixed record on Gay rights. Neuman's HRC Score Card rating was 0, because he voted against Gay rights on every graded vote.

Neumann's opponent, Lydia Spotswood put up a spirited fight, but could not overcome some of the most negative campaign ads ever seen in Wisconsin. Neumann's ads were roundly condemned by local media.

Spotswood got a late start in the campaign. Democrats had hoped that former Congressman Peter Barca would take on Neumann who had unseated Barca in 1992. Barca, however, surprised the party when he announced last May that he would not run again.

Neumann a millionaire, backed by the Christian Coalition was the subject of attack ads paid for by labor unions and senior citi-

zens groups. The ads pointed to his voting record on worker's issues and Medicare. In the end the voters went with Neuman to the disgust of many Gays and Lesbians.

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Lawyers Submit Final Briefs in Hawaii's Same-Sex Marriage Case

Honolulu—Final legal papers have been submitted to Circuit Judge Kevin Chang in the landmark same-sex marriage case.

Attorneys for the state and three same-sex couples who sued the state for the right to be married submitted written legal arguments by Friday, October 25th, which was the deadline set by Chang.

The judge must now decide if the state showed a compelling state interest in denying marriage licenses to the three couples in 1990.

Hawaii's Supreme Court in 1993 ruled that denial was gender discrimination unless there was a compelling state interest to do so.

Chang, who in September heard the two-week trial that focused on experts on family and child development, took the case under advisement and expects to rule before the end of the year.

The losing side will appeal and the case will go back to the state Supreme Court to rule if the state met its burden.

Attorney Dan Foley, who represents the same-sex couples, said Chang's ruling could come in about a month.



Four Presidents are shown in this picture taken at the home of Tom Reed on October 29 during a CCF fund raiser held there on October 29. The current and past CCF Presidents were present. Shown above are top row Warren Breitlow, and Don Schwamb and below are Tony Rhodes and Bill Frank.

Milwaukee—President William Jefferson Clinton has become the first Democratic President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt to win re-election. Clinton's victory climaxed a one of the longest, some would say most endless, Presidential campaigns in American history.

The Clinton tide started early in the evening as Eastern states began closing their polls at 7:00, CST.

Clinton's victory celebration was tempered by the fact that both Houses of Congress will remain firmly in hands of the Republican Party.

Gay Rights activists have reason to be concerned about the lack of turnover in either the House or the Senate. In the last Congress, 157 members of the House rated a 0 on the HRC score card, the vast majority of these members were Republicans. In addition over 40 members scored less than 25%, so from all appearances Congress will remain in the hands of homophobic politicians.

During the Republican primary campaign, GOP Presidential candidates worked hard to convince the Christian Right that they were more conservative on issues of concerns to the Gay community. Denouncing Clinton's attempts to open up the military, calling Gay rights special rights and endorsing local referendums on Gay rights laws, the GOP candidates seemed to go out of their way saying "Me too!" to the Right Wing Christian movement.

During their convention in San Diego in August, the Republicans mindful of the disastrous image created by their 1992 convention in Houston, tried to portray themselves as an inclusive party. But the party's platform called Gay civil rights "special rights" and put the Republicans on the record in opposition to Gay and Lesbian civil rights legislation.

At one point, prior to the GOP convention, a minor fire storm erupted when the Gay Log Cabin Republican Club sent a \$1,000 donation to the Dole Campaign. The campaign publicly returned the funds. Despite Dole's public rebuke, the Log Cabin Club endorsed him in August.

Gay and Lesbian Rights played only a small part in the general election campaign for President and only towards its end. GOP nominee, former Kansas Senator, Bob Dole, ran radio commercials blasting Clinton for trying to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military.

During the final Presidential Debate, the candidates answered two questions about the Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA), which would ban job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Clinton made it clear that he supported ENDA, while Dole called it "special rights."

A Human Rights Campaign poll showed that America's Gay population favored Clinton over Dole by an overwhelming margin of 70% to 11%. In the poll, Dole's popularity even trailed the Republican Congress among Gays and Lesbians.

Clinton's popularity among Gays and Lesbians came despite what some said were broken promises to their community. Others pointed out that Clinton kept his word on nearly everything but lifting the ban on military service, something they insisted he tried to do, but was prevented from accomplishing by hostile Republicans in the Congress joined by enough Democrats to make a majority.

Gay civil rights activists were nearly universal in hailing the Clinton win.

Clinton had maintained a double digit lead in most pre-election polls for months. When the Republican congress shut down the government in a budget bill showdown last Spring, voters gave Clinton high marks for standing on principle and vetoing Republican budget bills.

In the closing days of the election, Dole and other Republicans became increasingly shrill in attacking the President's character

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News From The Nation



"IGGY" Awards Announced

The International Gay and Lesbian Archives will hold the First Annual "IGGY" Awards in Los Angeles to honor outstanding men and women who have contributed to Lesbian and Gay history and who have helped to create and contribute to our culture.

The first two recipients are writer Armistead Maupin, author of the Tales of the City series, and Ivy Bottini, a longtime Los Angeles Lesbian activist. The awards will be presented at a special event, dubbed "An IGGY Is Born." The event will also feature cabaret-style entertainment headlined by comics Kathy Najimy and Scott Thompson. Also performing will be Barbara Eden in a duet with pianist/singer Tom Carlisle. For more information contact Jeanne Cordova (IGLA) at (213) 856-9055.

Texas Pro-Gay Billboards Vandalized

Houston—A large billboard on the Gulf Freeway in Houston which reads "Someone You Know and Love is Gay" was spray-painted over the October 19-20 weekend with the message "God forgive us and save us!!" The billboard, one of eleven in a campaign by the local chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), will be replaced.

At an October 22 City Council meeting, PFLAG co-president Barbara Winston said that the person who sprayed the billboard was motivated out of ignorance. Co-president Pat Rickey noted that, "Gay people are part of our community and our families. The person who defaced the billboard is attacking my child and my family. When parents of Gays and Lesbians realize the prejudice our children face every day, we can't stand by anymore. The billboards are a positive way for us to take action, and a little spray paint isn't going to stop us." For more information on the billboard project contact Kyle Young (PFLAG) at (713) 521-7793.

Mad Magazine Protests DOMA Passage

Los Angeles—In the November issue of *Mad* magazine, the famous back-page fold-in features a group of protesters standing before the Congress holding a sign that says "Stop Merger Mania" and asks the question "What Proposed Merger is the Federal Government Moving Quickly to Block?"

The answer, once the page is folded together so that "A" meets "B," reads, "SAME SEX MARRIAGE." The folded image is of two men being married before a priest with a supportive crowd looking on. The fold-in clearly supports same-gender marriage and is a satire of how, in the face of many real issues, the Congress has created the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) to ban Gay marriage.

How to Hate an American Quilt Bama Style

Birmingham, AL—A patently offensive editorial cartoon in Alabama's *Birmingham News* dishonors those who have died from AIDS-related causes and the powerful message of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt. The cartoon shows the Quilt on the Washington Mall. In the foreground are two headstones, one with "Self-Restraint" written on it, the other saying "Personal Responsibility." The caption below reads, "Names missing from the AIDS Quilt."

A statement from GLAAD says the cartoon is "a cruel indicator of our society's ignorance about HIV when a large city's newspaper prints such a hateful and insensitive cartoon. Clearly, the tens of thousands of people memorialized by the Quilt did not choose to be HIV-positive, though many of them were courageous activists who exhibited a great deal of 'personal responsibility' in battling the disease and fighting AIDS-phobia, homophobia and small-mindedness. While some people would prefer to give excuses for their intolerance towards this pandemic, the tragedy of AIDS should not be belittled by such a crass message of dismissal.

GLAAD urges you to inform the *Birmingham News* that this kind of hate is intolerable and inexcusable. **Contact:** Readers Opinion's, *Birmingham News*, P.O. Box 2553, Birmingham, AL 35203, fax: 205.325.3346, e-mail: 70550.3405@compuserve.com

San Francisco Chronicle Blasts Sex Club Regs

San Francisco—The lead editorial of the October 21 *San Francisco Chronicle* disputes recent proposals to regulate the city's sex clubs, but critics say the paper is missing the reasoning behind regulation. According to the editorial, "Supervisor Tom Ammiano's latest brainstorm of licensing group sex clubs in the city would be absurd, except that it is getting serious consideration from Mayor Willie Brown, the Health Department and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. We...are surprised that [they] seem to be ignoring the grim local history of AIDS and the part that Gay bathhouses played in spreading HIV in the early 1980s before they closed." The editorial continues by saying that "San Francisco has seen the sad results of tolerating bathhouses and sex clubs, and should not license or endorse the kind of promiscuous, anonymous and potentially deadly dangerous activity that Ammiano's proposed law would sanction and encourage."

In San Francisco, sex clubs are not illegal. Critics say that if the *Chronicle* thinks they should be, they should say so. But the actual issue of licensing is never really addressed by the editorial. Instead, it relies on the assumption that "Gay 'promiscuity' causes AIDS," when experts say it is the unsafe sexual practices the licensing would work to prevent which increases the chances of HIV transmission.

Four Arrested In Alleged Gay-Bashing

West Hollywood, CA-AP—Four men who allegedly yelled anti-homosexual slurs at a pair of Halloween revelers, then beat them, were arrested for investigation of civil rights violations. The arrested men allegedly yelled insults in English and Spanish at the two victims "regarding their sexual orientation," then began striking them, said Deputy Carrie Stuart, a Los Angeles County sheriff's spokeswoman.

No other problems surfaced during the annual Halloween parade and celebration in West Hollywood.

Some 110,000 revelers attended the street festival in the city that prides itself on being a Gay Camelot.

Arrested for allegedly interfering with the exercise of the victims' civil rights were Francisco Martinez, 22, and Jason Rodriguez, 18, of Wilmington; Pedro Pirante, 18, of San Pedro; and Eric Garcia, 18, of Carson, Stuart said. Each was held in lieu of \$150,000 bail, Stuart said.

Encouraging Results from Interleukin 2

Boston, MA-AP—A new study confirms that a natural protein can help restore immune systems that have been damaged by the AIDS virus.

Last year, doctors from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases reported that regular injections of interleukin 2 can boost the body's production of blood cells that are a primary target of HIV.

Now, in today's *New England Journal of Medicine*, the team has duplicated the findings in a more rigorous comparison study in a larger group of patients.

Donna E. Shalala, secretary of health and human services, called the report "new evidence that our national investment in AIDS research is paying off."

Despite the encouraging findings, doctors have yet to prove that the treatment actually helps people live longer or reduces the risk of AIDS complications. A study to investigate that is planned.

The latest study was conducted by Dr. Joseph A. Kovacs and colleagues on 60 HIV-infected people. All of the participants got standard anti-AIDS drugs, and half also received interleukin 2, or IL-2.

After one year, the IL-2 patients' helper T cells had doubled from 428 to 916 cells per cubic millimeter of blood. In the comparison group, levels fell from 406 to 349.

Side effects included flu-like symptoms and headaches, although these were not as severe as had been seen in earlier experiments with the drug.

The IL-2 used in the study is produced by Chiron Corp. and is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating kidney cancer.

AIDS Buzz in the Beehive State

Salt Lake—An editorial in the October 22 edition of the *Salt Lake Tribune* viciously and inexplicably attacked the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt organizers as "radical AIDS activists" and accused those lobbying for greater healthcare funding for people with AIDS as being selfish.

In an editorial, the paper made the accusation that AIDS research and healthcare receives a disproportionate amount of government health funding. "How many other disease sufferers are guaranteed access to treatment or medications?" The editorial says, "What kind of government facilitates drug addiction with free needles?"

The editorial goes on to link the NAMES Project with ACT UP's recent action at the White House where activists spread ashes of their loved ones on the White House lawn, saying, "These distasteful, in-your-face stunts generate less sympathy than resentment—especially among the many Americans touched by other chronic or fatal diseases who realize AIDS has long been a federal priority."

Bowers Gay Bashes Again

Atlanta—On October 24, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard Shahar V. Bowers, a case in which a Lesbian was withdrawn as a candidate for a job as a Georgia State Attorney. Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers, infamous for his role in the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court case *Bowers v. Hardwick*, which upheld the criminalization of homosexual sex acts between consenting adults, offered a state attorney position to Robin Shahar and then withdrew it when he learned that Shahar was planning a Jewish wedding ceremony with another woman.

Bowers claimed that the hiring would violate the state's sodomy law. Shahar and her lawyers are arguing on three constitutional points: her right to religious freedom, her rights to equal protection under the law and her right to intimate association without government interference. A 3-judge panel of the Circuit Court has already ruled in Shahar's favor. The full Circuit Court decision is pending.

Human Rights Campaign Score Card

Below is the Human Rights Campaign Score Card for the 104th Congress. Each Congressional Rep was graded on his/her response to nine different issues or votes. The score card lists the issue, the HRC position, the vote, the party breakdown and how Wisconsin's Representatives voted on it. - Compiled by THE WISCONSIN LIGHT

AIDS Training for Federal Workers - HRC SUPPORTED AMENDMENT

Amendment to the Treasury Department fiscal 1996 appropriations bill, H.R. 2020, to maintain federal AIDS prevention programs that provide accurate information about the transmission of HIV. On July 19, 1995, the amendment was defeated 201-223:

YES 159 (Dem) 41 (Rep) 1 (Ind), NO: 34 (Dem) 189 (Rep)

YES: Klug, Gunderson, Kleczka, Barret, Obey. NO: Neuman, Petri, Roth, Sensenbrenner.

D.C. Domestic Partners - HRC OPPOSED AMENDMENT

Amendment to the District of Columbia fiscal 1996 appropriations bill, H.R. 2546, that would have repealed the D.C. law offerin hospital visitation rights and health benefits at cost to domestic partners. The amendment passed 249-172:

YES 200 (Rep), 49 (Dem) NO 141 (Dem), 30 (Rep), 1 (Ind)

YES: Neuman, Petri, Roth, Sensenbrenner NO: Klug, Gunderson, Kleczka, Barrett

Voting Present: Obey

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS - HRC SUPPORTED AMENDMENT

Amendment to the Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development fiscal 1997 appropriations bill, H.R. 3666, to increase funds for the Housing for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program by \$15 million. The amendment was defeated 177-236

YES 126 (Dem) 50 (Rep), 1 (Ind) NO; 178 (Rep) 46 (Dem)

YES: Gunderson, Kleczka, Barrett, Obey NO: Neuman, Klug, Petri, Roth, Sensenbrenner.

Amendment to the "Defense of Marriage Act - HRC SUPPORTED AMENDMENT

An amendment stating that if a state, through its legislature or by a vote of its citizens, allows same-sex marriages, the federal government would recognize and provide benefits for those marriages. The amendment was defeated 311-103:

YES 99 (Dem), 3 (Rep), 1 Independent NO; 88 (Dem) 223 (Rep)

YES: Gunderson, Barrett NO: Neuman, Klug, Kleczka, Obey, Petri, Roth Sensenbrenner.

"Defense of Marriage Act," Motion to Recommit HRC SUPPORTED MOTION

A motion to send DOMA back to committee with instructions to commission the General Accounting Office to study the relative benefits of marriage and domestic partnership.

The motion was defeated 164-249:

YES 133 (Dem) 30 (Rep), 1 (Ind) NO; 196 (Rep) 53 (Dem)

YES: Klug, Gunderson, Kleczka, Barrett, Obey NO: Neuman, Petri, Roth, Sensenbrenner

"Defense of Marriage Act," Final Passage HRC OPPOSED THIS BILL

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., introduced a new law aimed against gay marriage, despite the fact that no state allows gay or lesbian couples to wed. The House passed DOMA 342-67: YES: 224 (Rep) 118 (Dem) NO: 65 (Dem), 1 Republican, 1 (Ind)

YES: Neuman, Klug, Kleczka, Barrett, Petri, Obey, Roth, Sensenbrenner. NO: Gunderson

Non-Discrimination Policy HRC SUPPORTED PROJECT

Representatives were asked to voluntarily adopt a written policy for their congressional offices indicating that sexual orientation is not a factor in their employment decisions. A total of 241 representatives has adopted a non-discrimination policy: 166 (Dem) 73 (Rep) (Ind) 2

Wisconsin Members Agreeing Not to Discriminate: Klug, Gunderson, Kleczka, Barrett, Obey, Sensenbrenner Refusing to Agree: Neuman, Petri, Roth

Employment Non-Discrimination Act HRC SUPPORTED THIS BILL

HRC lobbyists and members asked all 435 members of the House to co-sponsor legislation prohibiting anti-gay discrimination in the workplace.

ENDA has 139 Co-sponsors: 123 (Dem), 14 (Rep), 2 (Ind) - 2.

Wisconsin Sponsors: Barrett, Gunderson

Non-Sponsors: Neuman, Klug, Kleczka, Petri, Obey, Roth, Sensenbrenner.

Repeal Discharge of HIV+ Service Members HRC Supported This Bill

Representatives were asked to co-sponsor a bill to reverse a law that would have ousted HIV+ Service members from the military. Co-sponsors of the repeal 128 (Dem), 32; (Rep), 2 Independents

Wisconsin Co-Sponsors: Klug, Gunderson, Kleczka, Barrett.

Non-Sponsors: Neuman, Petri, Obey, Roth, Sensenbrenner

Wisconsin Scores

Neuman (R) - 0, Klug (R) - 56, Gunderson (R) - 100, Kleczka (D) 67, Barrett (D) - 89
Petri (R) - 0, Obey (D) - 50, Roth (R) - 0, Sensenbrenner (R) - 11

Composite Score for Wisconsin Republicans 26

Composite Score for Wisconsin Democrats 69



The Cream City Foundation held a fund raiser at the home of Tom Reed on October 29. Shown above (L-R) are Tom Reed, CCF President Tony Rhodes and Margaret Flood.



Safe Sex—Volunteers from the Milwaukee AIDS Project passed out condoms in the bars on Halloween in their continued effort to promote safer sex.

CAIR Center's Kelly Receives Grant to Study HIV Prevention Among Young Males

Milwaukee—The Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) was one of only five recipients nationwide of a two year grant to develop programs to reduce the incidence of HIV infection among 15 to 25 year old males. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the \$1,449,412 grant to Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and director of CAIR.



JEFFREY A. KELLY, PH.D.

With this grant, CAIR faculty from the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine will work in partnership with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) in Milwaukee and the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project in Detroit to develop HIV prevention programs for both cities.

"Although the incidence of HIV continues to level off among older age groups of Gay men, the rate among young Gay males, particularly minorities, continues to rapidly increase—as much as three to four percent a year," Dr. Kelly said.

In the first part of this two phase project, Medical College Researchers will examine how to make HIV prevention efforts more effective in Milwaukee and Detroit.

Researchers will address the need for behavioral changes, focusing on factors such as the link between alcohol and unsafe sex and low self-esteem and risk vulnerability. Researchers will also address "how to

maintain pride while behaving responsibly."

In each city, surveys, focus groups and interviews will be conducted with as many as 400 young men from bars, coffee houses and other community settings. Additional input will be sought from public health professionals and advisory panels of young Gay men.

In the second part of this project, prevention programs will be implemented.

College researchers will collaborate with colleagues at the four other institutions with CDC grants for similar HIV prevention projects. The other grant receiving institutions are the University of California-San Francisco, Georgia State University, the University of Minnesota, and Columbia University in New York.

SOS, A Secular Approach to Alcohol and Drug Abuse Recovery

Milwaukee—The Gay and Lesbian Milwaukee chapter of SOS (Secular Organizations for Sobriety/Save OurSelves), will be moving its weekly meeting above the BestD Clinic from Fridays at 7:00 p.m. to Sundays at 6:00 p.m. beginning November 17, 1996, in an effort to attract more Gays and Lesbians in recovery. SOS is hoping this new night will be more convenient for those who wish a secular (non-religious, spiritual) approach to sobriety.

SOS was founded in 1986 as an alternative recovery method for alcohol and drug abusers who are uncomfortable with the spiritual-religious content of widely available twelve step programs.

Since its inception, SOS has attracted secular and religious humanists, atheists and agnostics, as well as religious liberals. Mostly, however, SOS attracts ordinary people without any particular philosophic predisposition, who because of their own experience, have found the common sense, "down to earth" approach of SOS to be more effective than that of the spiritual, religious programs.

SOS is not interested in debating the theories of the origins of alcohol and drug abuse. The organization deals what is known and leaves speculation to others. SOS is concerned about shaking the image of people as victims and developing control over their decisions.

SOS knows that as sober alcoholics and addicts, they cannot drink or use, no matter what. They take a reasonable approach to recovery and credit the individual for achieving and maintaining their sobriety without reliance on any higher power, however perceived.

There are no "gurus" at SOS. Everyone is invited to join the group at becoming and staying sober. Sobriety is not easy to achieve, but there are those at SOS who will tell you that it has been well worth the commitment.

At SOS meetings, diversity is encouraged. Political and religious views are checked at the door. The priority is sobriety, not goodness or piety or even quality of life. These things may be very important, but a person must not lose sight of the priority, which is sobriety itself.

SOS welcomes you. Join them on the upper floor of the Brady STD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady Street.

Remember the new night and time will be Sundays at 6:00 p.m. (Enter via the side door nearest the street.)

For more information, contact Paul at (414) 224-9423 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

Sabatino-Smith Warns Rich and Poor of the Dangers of AIDS

Racine—Juana Sabatino-Smith goes to rich neighborhoods and poor ones to tell people they may be carrying the HIV virus.

Sabatino-Smith, who has a black belt in karate, talks to people from all walks of life—doctors, dentists, priests, principals, prostitutes, teachers, brand-new brides and cross-dressers.



JUANA SABATINO-SMITH

"All of us are going to be touched by someone with HIV. If you think there will be nobody you know or care about that will be affected with AIDS, you are wrong," she said.

Attempt to Cut MASN Funds Beaten Back by Alderman Verveer

Madison—As *The Wisconsin Light* went to press we learned an attempt was made to eliminate funding for the Madison AIDS Support Network from the Madison City Budget.

Three Conservative Alderperson, David Schneider, Dorothy Borchardt and Susan Hamilton attempted to amend the proposed City Budget to delete \$26,000 in case management funding for MASN.

They were opposed by Openly Gay Alderman Mike Verveer who secured a 5 to 1 vote from the Board of Estimates in favor of granting the money.

Ald. Schneider contended that the City should not be funding groups that are well established. Furthermore Schneider said that since MASN has a \$1,000,000 budget, the City would be better served by giving the money to a group that was not as well funded.

In an exclusive interview with *The Wisconsin Light* Verveer said that he would continue work make sure that the money is granted when the full City Council votes on the budget.

"The City of Madison must not back away for its involvement in the number one health crisis we face today," said Verveer. "If we are not willing to help MASN, we would be sending a very poor signal about our City's concern for the problems posed by HIV and AIDS."

The Wisconsin Light will continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

Sabatino-Smith said her introduction is enough to shock some people.

"I work with sexually transmitted diseases and I'm here to tell you that you have been named as a partner of someone who has HIV," she tells the people she contacts.

She tells them that her visit doesn't mean a person has AIDS, or even HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. It means they may have been exposed to the virus.

"That's what I have done all day long for 8 years. My job is to go find these people. I'm a trained investigator," she said.

Sabatino-Smith recently stopped off at a conference to tell teen-agers how to avoid AIDS. After they were given the facts, Paulette A. Davis, 35, of Racine, taught about the emotional side of the disease. She watched her twin brother die of AIDS in July, at 34.

"AIDS isn't a game," she said. "AIDS is a dangerous thing to deal with."

The teen-agers who heard their message at a local hotel took it seriously.

It was a message that 98 people with full-blown AIDS and 156 people carrying the HIV infection in Racine County didn't take seriously enough.

"I didn't think there were that many people with AIDS. I thought maybe 15," said Jenny Moser, 16, a student at Union Grove High School.

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Editorial

WARNING! WARNING!

There is no way that we can emphasize this too much. **Men seeking sex should stay out of the Milwaukee County parks.**

This warning applies to Gay men, Bisexual men and those who do not identify themselves as either Gay or Bisexual, but who go to the parks seeking sex with other men.

In the last issue we carried a warning about what was going on in one of the County parks. Since then, we have gotten numerous phone calls from men who do not wish to give their names, but saying that there are plainclothes cops patrolling in other County parks as well.

In addition, on Thursday evening two public spirited citizens, Attorney Thomas E. Martin and a friend, put out piles of information statements in the bars warning about the situation.

Plain clothes cops are carrying on a sting operation, going up to men, indicating in one way or another that they want sex. If the offer is accepted, arrest follows quickly, with the possibility of public exposure and prosecution.

Expect little or no mercy if you are arrested. D.A. E. Michael McCann is notorious for treating cases like these as harshly as the law will allow.

There is another danger as well, a danger we have written about before.

The danger of having unsafe sex should be known to all. While the possibility of contracting HIV should send shivers down everyone's back, it should especially frighten those men who are married, men who may not think of yourselves as Gay or Bisexual, but who are seeking sex with other men in the parks.

It is not only yourself who you are placing at risk, it is your wife and your children. Contracting this disease is a far worse penalty than the acute embarrassment and penalties of arrest.

The message here is simple: Stay out of the parks.

Take a Page from Houston's Book

We are sure that others in cities elsewhere read what the cops are doing in the Milwaukee County parks, they will find it wondrous.

"How fantastic it must be to live in Milwaukee," they will say. "A place where there is so little crime of any kind that the cops have time to dress up and go cruising around the parks seeing if there's any lasciviousness and all sorts of lewdness going on."

We hate to disabuse those in other cities of this illusion, but there is crime in Milwaukee County, lots of it. But it seems the cops have time for the parks, so may we make a suggestion.

While back, police in Houston, Texas there was a wave of Gay-bashing going on in the bar area of the city. The Gay community protested to the authorities, demanding that something be done.

The police sent men into the area. Some dressed in denims, some in drag, and they got attacked.

As one young hood was being dragged off to the paddy wagon, he was reported to have snarled back, "How th' hell I know you wasn't no fag!"

Our suggestion to the Milwaukee County authorities is this: Take a page out of Houston's book. You might learn something—and catch some real criminals in the process.

Editor's Note

On Being Gay in the Face of Hatred

By Terry Boughner

Do you remember what it was like?

You were in junior or senior high. Most of your friends were going ga-ga over some member of the opposite sex—a movie heart throb or someone in class. But you were not. You were different. You'd known that for a long time, even if you couldn't put a name to it.

And then, suddenly, there she was or there he was, and though you were both of the same sex, it made no difference, not to you. You had fallen head over heels in love with those big luscious eyes and that luminous smile.

Maybe it was reciprocated, but probably not. Nevertheless, you longed, you pined, you dreamed. You were in agony, you were in bliss. A mere smile from the object of your affection and life was worth living again.

That's over now, maybe long over, but will you ever forget the person's name?

This is what it is to be Lesbian, Bisexual or Gay. It's called love, as sacred and sublime, as irrational and tempestuous as love shared by members of the opposite sex. You didn't ask for it to happen, you can't control it when it does. There is no difference in the feeling between straights and Gays, none whatever at all.

But along comes the Religious Right with their large ad in October 31's **USA Today**. Here they rant on about the "Gay lifestyle" and "Gay sex." It always amazes me about how much these people think they know about us, when, in reality, they know nothing at all.

While the Religious Right always defines us by sexual acts, but being Gay is not about that at all. Being Gay is about being attracted to and falling in love with a person of the same sex. It is state of being, not an act. A Gay person can have sex with a member of the opposite sex, but afterward they'll be just as Gay as before. Nothing's changed. It can't be changed.

Being Gay is knowing down deep inside you, that only a person of your own sex can fulfill you emotionally, psychologically, physically, and in ever other way.

Being Gay is longing for that fulfillment, hoping against hope that love, true love, will come your way.

You may not believe it, but it will. Often when you least expect it, love will happen to you—and it will be good. When you have sex together, that, too, will be good.

A young man told me recently that he was glad he was Gay. I was curious and asked why.

"Because," he answered, "if I weren't Gay, I wouldn't have his love." He nodded

to another young man near him who just beamed.

But all the Religious Right ever talks about is sex. Sex is fun. It's really great as a unifying factor between two people. But I've never understood, as puritanical as they claim to be, why they're so caught up with sex? They seem absolutely obsessed with it. That's not healthy.

As to the "Gay Lifestyle" they keep talking about, I guess again they mean sex—and again, they are wrong.

If "lifestyle" is defined as how a person lives their life, then the Gay lifestyle is pretty much like everyone else's. It is dating. It is falling in love. It is commitment. It is working hard, very hard, to build a home and keep your relationship intact. If all that sounds like heterosexual marriage, that's because the two are the same.

As I've often said, in a committed relationship, the "Gay lifestyle" comes down to who's going to do the dishes and who gets to take out the garbage. Really lascivious, huh?

When it comes to talking about Gay people, the Religious Right and its political allies, is wrong. Proceeding out of ignorance or bigotry (probably both), they do not know what they are talking about when it comes to Gay people.

If you are Lesbian, Bisexual or Gay—perhaps just coming to know you're orientation, you should understand that it is an integral part of who you are. It cannot be changed. Live with it, accept it because it is part of you.

There is nothing to be ashamed about being Lesbian, Bisexual or Gay, nothing to despise. You are a human being, worthy and good as any other, and your being Gay is part of that. It too is worthy and good.

Contrary to what the Religious extremists would have us believe, love is not gender oriented, nor are marriage and family solely heterosexual affairs. I speak from experience.

As a Gay person, you will know love, know it in all its tempestuous profundity and sublime ineffability. You can have marriage (not in the legal sense, not now, anyway), but it won't be any different from that of your non-Gay friends, so you may as well use the word. And you can have family, a loving family (that takes a lot of work to build). It's worth it, believe me.

The next time you see an ad such as the one in **USA Today**, remember it's full of lies.

The next time you hear a minister or someone else rage against we who are Gay, remember that they are speaking from ignorance and spreading lies. They are imagin-

ing a vein thing. It is they who should be bowing their heads in shame as they contemplate their God, not you.

If you believe in God, believe, too, that God loves you just exactly for who you are. If God does not love you as a Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Gay person, then

that Being isn't God.

As a Gay person, there is absolutely nothing whatever wrong with you. You are a good and worthy person. Your Gayness is good. Your love is good, and as you go into love and need to express your love physically, that, too, is good.

In the Middle of the Bible Belt, the 'Forum' is an Oasis of Freedom for Gays

Birmingham, AL—The non-profit **Alabama Forum** serves as a vital link for Gays and Lesbians in conservative Alabama, where homosexuals are regularly derided on radio talk shows and a state sodomy law remains on the books.

It isn't an underground newspaper after nearly two decades in existence, but it's not quite above ground, either.

Many of the newspaper's writers use pseudonyms, partly to protect against harassment and to preserve their regular jobs.

"If it wasn't there, there would be a major void," said David White, state coordinator of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama. "It's the only way we can get a lot of our news out there."

Billing itself as the state newspaper for Gays and Lesbians, the smart-looking tabloid is put together by volunteers and distributed mainly through bars, stores, health clinics and churches that cater to Lesbians and Gay men.

Most of the 3,500 copies printed each month are given away, but about 250 people have mail subscriptions. Advertisements from stores, nightclubs, lawyers, doctors and counselors fill nearly half of each 24-page issue.

"We've gotten a lot of business through it," said Yvonne Boudreau, owner of Rainbow's Ltd., a Gay and Lesbian bookstore in Huntsville. "It's very informative, very important."

Indeed, the **Forum** has a lot of news that doesn't appear in mainstream papers.

White recently wrote a front-page article about his group's effort to raise \$20,000 for a lawsuit challenging the state sexual misconduct law, which prohibits types of sex common among both homosexuals and heterosexuals.

As studies indicate, though heterosexuals seldom admit it, there is little that Gay men or Lesbians do sexually, that they (straights) do not do themselves.

Another story told of an upcoming beauty pageant for female impersonators, and a one-paragraph blurb announced a statewide "coffeehouse" for Lesbian and Gay youth.

Libertee Belle, a Birmingham-area drag queen, writes a campy column about Gay nightlife titled "Under the Barstool." There are sports stories devoted to Gay bowling leagues and softball teams.

On the last two inside pages are phone-sex ads. Thought, as White admits, many Lesbians and Gay men don't like these ads appearing in the paper. "The ads pay for a lot of it," he said. "If it weren't for the phone sex ads, the complainers might not get the news they want."

There are also classified ads from Gay men seeking companionship in big cities like Birmingham, Mobile, Huntsville and Montgomery, plus towns like Athens, Boaz, Gadsden and Leeds.

Not unlike what would be expected at any newspaper, there have been a few complaints about the most flamboyant classifieds from some of the paper's most conservative readers.

Again White dismisses the complaints, but adds that "(The classified pages) are definitely out of character with the rest of the paper."

The **Forum** began in 1977 as a newsletter of Lambda Inc., a Lesbian and Gay male support organization. It switched to the tabloid format in 1981, and June Holloway has been the editor for nine years.

Holloway, who works a regular job at night, spends her days in the paper's cramped, one-room office, located in a downtown office building that also houses Birmingham AIDS Outreach.

Holloway and others put the **Forum** together by computer, and a contractor prints it.

"Because we don't have a lot of money we can't do a lot of the things we'd like to do as far as the way the paper looks," said the soft-spoken Ms. Holloway. "It was a big deal when we ran our first four-color picture."

Publishing a Gay newspaper in Alabama presents unique challenges, but not as many as some might believe. Holloway said problems have been minimal through the years, with only a handful of harassing phone calls.

"It may be they don't know we're here," she said.

Associate editor Mark Moore said the **Forum's** biggest problems are similar to those faced by any small publication trying to serve a widely dispersed population.

"It's definitely challenging to keep it going

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Conference Paints Bleak Picture of Future of AIDS Epidemic in Black Community

Cambridge, MA—Warning of a worsening AIDS epidemic among minorities, African-American leaders from the worlds of government, academia, religion and medicine gathered on October 23rd at Harvard University to urge African-Americans, who they said had been in denial about the crisis, to mount a campaign against the disease.

Henry Louis Gates, chair of the Afro-American Studies department at Harvard, told the group: "In part because of a traditional homophobic tendency in our culture, in part because of ignorant stereotypes about HIV and AIDS, our people, our leaders, our culture, have long been in denial about AIDS in the Black community."

"This is a human tragedy of monstrous proportions, which could have been, and could be avoided—and that's what this is all about," Gates said after the conference.

The Harvard AIDS Institute, which co-sponsored the conference, released figures projecting that by the year 2000, more than half of all AIDS cases in the United States will be among African-Americans.

By the same year, an African-American person will be nine times as likely to be diagnosed with AIDS as someone who is not African-American, according to the Institute's figures.

The Institute estimated that nearly 100 African-Americans and Hispanic-Americans are diagnosed with AIDS every day in the United States.

After the conference, Dr. Alvin Pouissant, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Harvard Medical School, said: "Prevention pro-

grams have not been as strong in the Black community as the white community. There is a taboo about talking about it. And there is still a lot of despair. This is one more problem: We've got crime, violence, teenage pregnancy, homelessness, now we've got AIDS."

By the year 2000, half of those with AIDS are expected to be Black

The New York Times reported that other speakers emphasized some alarming figures that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released more than a year ago: AIDS kills twice as many African-American men aged 25-44 as homicide; African-American women constitute two thirds of all women infected with HIV; and more children with AIDS are African-Americans than all other ethnic groups combined.

Dr. David Satcher, director of the Centers, attended the conference, as well as Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; Patsy Fleming, director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, and the Rev. Canon Frederick P. Williams, chair of the National Clergy Advisory Committee.

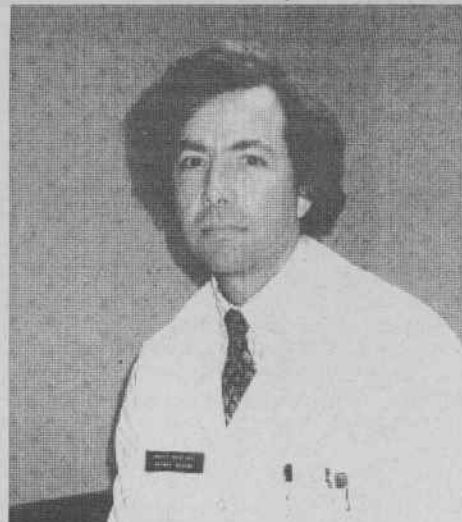
Mario Cooper, a former chair of the Board of the AIDS Action Council, and a member of the Board of the Harvard AIDS Institute, said government organizations must do more to deliver resources to fight AIDS among African-Americans.

Cooper added that the conference was the beginning of an effort to bridge the gap between "the lack of engagement on behalf of African-American leaders and organizations and the sense of ownership around the issues and the funding that Gay white males generally demonstrate."

MAP Names

Dr. Brian Buggy as Medical Director

Milwaukee -- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has appointed Brian P. Buggy, M.D. as the Medical Director of MAP, a move intended to strengthen MAP's role in providing health care services for Milwaukee's HIV/AIDS community.



BRIAN P. BUGGY, M.D.

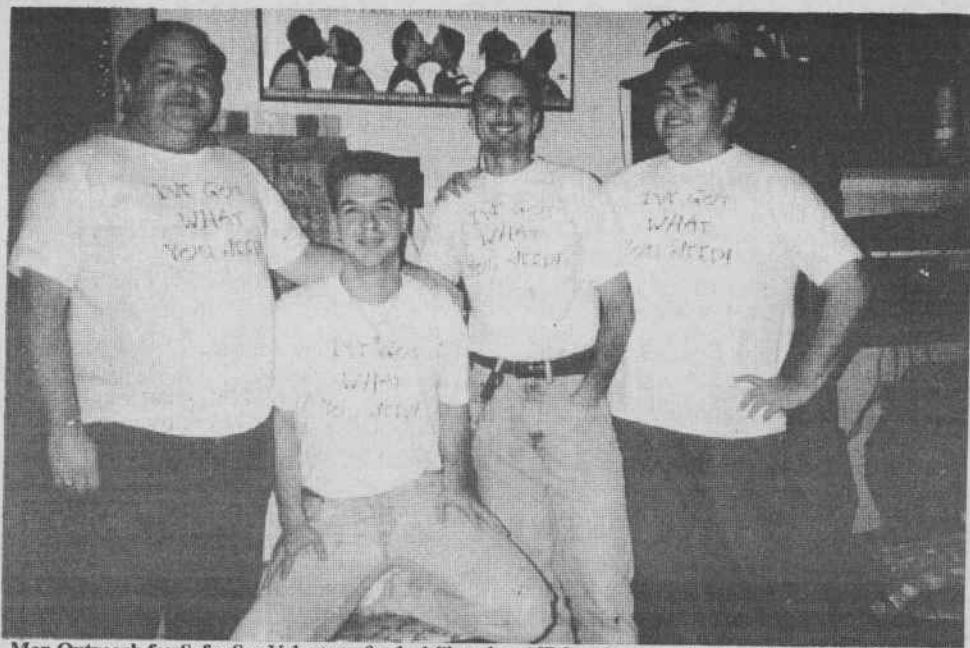
Dr. Buggy is a well-respected infectious disease physician at St. Luke's Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital, who has provided medical care for Milwaukee's HIV/AIDS community since the beginning of the epidemic. He is also Scientific Committee Chairperson of the Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium (WARC) providing strong leadership to the recruitment and implementation of clinical drug trials in Wisconsin.

Doug Nelson, MAP's executive director, praised the selection of Dr. Buggy. "He's the perfect choice to advise our staff and guide the development of our health care services," Nelson said. "We will benefit greatly from his treatment expertise, his leadership on HIV research and his deep commitment to his patients and the fight against AIDS."

Dr. Buggy will provide medical advice for MAP's early intervention, cooperative therapy, counseling and testing services. His main responsibilities will include reviewing protocols/guidelines for all health care services, serving as a medical advisor to the Health Services staff, consulting with staff on patients and reviewing patient charts.

"As a goal, I would like to help shape the direction of the agency and its medical mission as it evolves," said Buggy. "One of the best ways for me to do that is by being available as a resource for the agency and its staff on medical issues."

MAP and WARC are service agencies of ARCW. ARCW is dedicated to the fight against the worsening AIDS epidemic through prevention, care, research and advocacy. For information on AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDS line at 800-334-AIDS.



Map Outreach for Safer Sex Volunteers for the Milwaukee AIDS project passed out condoms during the Halloween celebrations at Milwaukee's bars in their continuing effort to promote safer sex. Shown above are Ted Berg (volunteer), Yuri Keegstra, and Andy Bagnall, staff members, and Ed Barrera, volunteer. (See related article below)

MAP's HIV Prevention Outreach Program Extends its Reach

Milwaukee-- In a continuing effort to maximize its effectiveness as well as meeting the requests and needs of the Gay Community, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Gay/Lesbian Outreach Program is extending its hours and offering more safer sex options.

The Outreach Program has received a small donation of Aegis Barrier Pouch condoms (more commonly known as the Reality Female Condom) as another option in barrier protection for Gay men during anal sex. The Aegis Pouch which is distributed by Wisconsin Pharmaceutical, Inc. in Jackson, Wisconsin, is being utilized by Gay men on the East and West coasts with much success. Along with the Aegis Pouch comes an instruction booklet and lubricant.

"Safer sex for Gay men is all about options," said Andy Bagnall, manager of the Gay Community Outreach Program. "The Aegis condom is one more tool that we can offer Gay men who may prefer alternatives to traditional condoms, yet still want effective protection from HIV."

Currently, the Outreach Program distributes condoms, information and lubricants at 22 area Gay and Lesbian bars via fishbowls, staff and volunteers, however, there is no set schedule. So far in 1996, Outreach staff and volunteers have distributed nearly 90,000 condoms.

In order to be more accessible for Gay men and Lesbians to ask questions and receive information and materials, the Outreach Program is expanding its hours. There will now be set times as to when volunteers can be expected in specific Gay bars. The goal is for more Outreach staff and volunteers to become regular, reliable sources of materials and information. All interactions are confidential and non-judgmental in nature.

Currently, M&M and Triangle are the two bars participating in the extended hours program with In Between to begin by the end of November. Upcoming Outreach dates scheduled are Wednesday, November 20 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Triangle and Thursday, November 21 from 8 to 10 p.m. at M&M with these set days and hours to continue every other week. There are plans to expand to other bars as the interest and volunteer staff grow.

"We selected the bars to begin the extended hours based on our experiences in the past," said Yuri Keegstra, Gay Community Outreach Specialist. "However, we definitely plan to expand this scheduled presence in the future."

If anyone in the community is interested in volunteering in the Outreach Program, participating in the extended hours program, would like an Aegis Pouch sample or needs information, please call Andy Bagnall at

(414) 225-1502.

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New ARCW HIV Prevention Collaboration Program Targets Gay Teens

Milwaukee -- Today's teens are one of the fastest growing populations at risk for contracting HIV, with Gay teens at an even greater risk. In the United States alone, two teens are infected with HIV every hour. And one out of every four new HIV cases are among teens, with 55 percent of teen HIV cases occurring since 1992.

To address the rising and serious concern of HIV infection in teens, the Teen Resource Center (TRC) for HIV prevention was established recently by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) as part of the Wisconsin AIDS Library. The goal of this statewide initiative is to increase the number of community agencies and schools statewide that can effectively facilitate skills-based HIV prevention programming with a strong teen peer component. This is done by having the TRC operate as a centralized clearinghouse for teen and HIV related materials. Now all statewide training collaborators can follow the same curriculum and use the same information to educate teens on HIV and AIDS.

"It is especially important to reach the Gay teens of today and help them deal with important issues such as their sexual orientation and the danger of contracting HIV," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of ARCW. "Some Gay teens believe that HIV is an older man's disease, while others believe that HIV infection is inevitable, leading them to engage in high risk sexual activity. The TRC will help Gay teens take pride in themselves to make healthy choices as they become adults."

The TRC for HIV prevention provides:

- * Assistance in establishing a teen peer program where teens teach teens about HIV and AIDS. The TRC for HIV prevention works with a number of Wisconsin training collaborators who represent the state's geographical and cultural diversities.

- * Access to a resource center offering a large selection of teen HIV prevention information, videos, posters, brochures and more.

- * Assistance with starting-up a new program; modifying or adding to an existing one, reviewing curricula; and/or consulting.

Coordinators of the TRC for HIV prevention will work to reach all teens as well as target high risk teens such as Gay teens, gang members, females with current or previous pregnancies, individuals with hearing impairments, individuals with developmental disabilities, STD clientele, teens who do not attend school and African-American and Hispanic communities.

Wisconsin educators and organizations who work with teens can make a difference in reducing the spread of HIV.

"It is important to make adults aware that they can stop the spread of HIV by offering prevention education. Teens need accurate information so they can make informed decisions," said Nelson.

Part of the reason teens are at high risk for HIV and other STDs appeared in results from a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Youth Risk Behavior Survey of 347,289 teens. Eighty-five percent reported using alcohol and other drugs that impair judgment and are associated with the sexual transmission of the HIV disease.

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.

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A great time was had by all at the New Harvest Foundation's annual Dinner Dance. The dance held at the elegant Starlight Theater in the Madison Civic Center on Saturday November 2 attracted over 250 people. Shown at the top are Madison Muni Judge Shelly Gaylord, Event Chair and Openly Gay Alderman Mike Verveer, Openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin, former Dane County Board Chairman, Dick Wagner and New Harvest Co-Chairs, Cris Derrick and John Fensler. In the middle are three pictures of New Harvest supporters having a wonderful time. At the bottom are the executives and friends from Miller Brewing. As usual when there is a need, Miller is there.

Madison's New Harvest Foundation Dinner Dance Says "Thank You" to Supporters

Madison—The New Harvest Foundation thanked its past supporters with an elegant Dinner Dance titled "Black and White Tonight" at the Starlight Theater in the Madison Civic Center.

"This event is not held as a fundraiser," said Openly Gay Madison Alderman and Dinner Dance Committee Co-Chair Mike Verveer, "It's a thank you for our supporters."

Over 250 of those supporters joined together to form the largest crowd the annual dinner dance has had in recent years.

They ate a delicious dinner, danced until the wee hours of the morning and heard a fund raising pitch from Openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin.

Those in attendance included local public officials, Miller Brewing Company Executives, students and business owners. There were, in fact, representatives of all segments of the community.

After the dinner, the party goers watched a new professionally made video highlighting the achievements of New Harvest. The video featured individuals who have been helped by programs funded by New Harvest as well as Foundation leaders. It was very well received by those in attendance.

Denise Matyka told *The Wisconsin Light* that the video will be used at "Ambassador Parties." These parties will be held at the homes of New Harvest supporters who will attempt to expand the Foundation's funding base by introducing more members of the community to New Harvest.

Baldwin asked the diners to make a monthly donation to New Harvest through a checking account deduction. By the end of the evening dozens of contribution envelopes

had been turned in as Madison responded to its favorite daughter's appeal.

New Harvest was founded in 1984 in former County Board Chairman Dick Wagner's living room. Wagner is currently running for the office of Dane County Executive. If he succeeds he would be the first ever openly Gay County Executive. The election is in April, 1997.

Since 1984, the Foundation has awarded over \$175,000 in grants to various Madison area Les/Bi/Gay organizations such as The United, the Lesbian Parents Network, GALVANize's Pride celebration and various arts projects.

New Harvest currently gives \$25,000 a year in grants. "We hope to raise that figure to \$30,000 this year" said Matyka. "We have so many good qualified proposals that we are not able to fund right now. We are determined to increase our ability to help."

The group has begun an endowment campaign that includes setting aside 10% of its donations for an endowment fund.

"We need people to help us plan and build for the future," said Matyka. "It would be wonderful if in addition to increasing our donor base, our supporters could help us build for the future by increasing their donations by just 10%."

Verveer proudly told the *Wisconsin Light* that the 1997 Dinner Dance will be held in November at the elegant new Monona Terrace in the Frank Lloyd Wright inspired Madison Community and Convention Center.

To volunteer time, money or both contact New Harvest at (608) 256-4204 or write to PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701.

Chastity Bono Joins GLAAD to Give Gays New Insights into Hollywood

Los Angeles—Chastity Bono, writer and former spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), has been named Entertainment Media Director for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Chosen after a national search, she assumed her role with GLAAD on November 1.

Bono Is Excited

"This is an exciting time in Hollywood," said Bono. "With Ellen's imminent 'coming out' and with more than twenty Lesbian and Gay characters already out on television, GLAAD is uniquely positioned to take a proactive approach to how we are represented on television and in film."

As Entertainment Media Director, Bono will act as GLAAD's lead representative in dealings with entertainment industry professionals and will develop strategies addressing Lesbian and Gay concerns. Bono will design public forums and educational events that focus on Lesbian and Gay issues and trends unfolding from within the entertainment industry.

A Natural Fit

"We are putting Chastity Bono's lifetime of experience in the entertainment industry to work for GLAAD -- it's a natural fit," said William Waybourn, GLAAD's Managing Director. "Chastity's personal experience as an out Lesbian in Hollywood gives her firsthand knowledge of what it takes to promote fair and accurate images of Lesbians and Gay men in the media."

Bono is accustomed to being in the lime-light. Viewers of the quintessential '70s television classic "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour" will remember a young Chastity's cuddly cameos at the end of her parents' popular variety show. In 1990, as a young adult, Bono became acutely aware of the other side of the entertainment industry: a 1990 *Star Magazine* cover story proclaimed Chastity's sexual orientation, "outing" her as a Lesbian. She has since become one of the nation's most visible advocates for Lesbian and Gay rights.

Bono received national recognition in 1995 for "coming out" on the cover of *The Advocate*. This past summer, she interviewed her mother, Cher, in an acclaimed *Advocate* cover story.

Bono Worked With HRC

As a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, she traveled the lecture circuit making stops at major universities and Lesbian and Gay events nationwide.

"Working with GLAAD provides Chastity with a wonderful opportunity to work in an environment she grew up in and with which she is very familiar," said Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign. "I believe Chastity will flourish in her new duties and we look forward to working closely with her and GLAAD, as together we continue to educate America about its Lesbian and Gay citizens."

Bono Sees Job As Important

Bono says "Growing up in the entertainment industry and working in the Gay rights

movement enables me to combine two worlds to have an impact and change things for the better."

According to Waybourn, Bono is an important addition to GLAAD's national team. "Chastity has grown up with the best and the worst of media coverage and it is exactly that perspective that GLAAD was seeking: someone that can go beyond an abstract articulation of the power and influence of media on our lives. Chastity speaks from the heart," concluded Waybourn.

GLAAD is the nation's Lesbian and Gay news bureau and the only national Lesbian and Gay media watchdog organization. GLAAD promotes fair, accurate, and inclusive representation as a means of challenging discrimination based on sexual orientation or identity.

SAGE/Milwaukee to Hear Speaker and Discuss Goals for 1997

Milwaukee—On Thursday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the Eastside Library, 1910 E. North Avenue, SAGE/Milwaukee will hear William Straub, MSW give a short report to the membership on his attendance in late September at a four-day conference of SAGE International held in New York City. Straub is the Coordinator of Social Services for SAGE/Milwaukee.

After Straub's presentation, the floor will be open to a discussion of goals and plans for the year 1997 for SAGE/Milwaukee. Bring your ideas of what you would like to see SAGE accomplish in the coming year. The public is invited to attend this event.

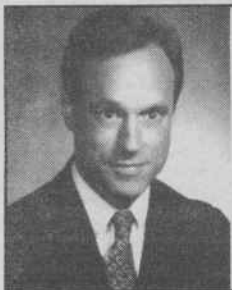
HIT to Hold Guest Bartender Fund Raiser at This Is It

Milwaukee—The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) Board members invite you to attend of fun. The HIT Board members will try their hand at guest bartending on Saturday, November 9th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at This Is It, located at 418 E. Wells.

Monies raised during this and other events will help ensure another successful and enjoyable tournament held over the Thanksgiving weekend.

There will be raffle prizes, pull tabs and a give-away for the person who can come the closest to telling the number of pieces of hard candy in the HIT candy jar. Stop in and place your guess for only a dollar between now and November 9th. You need not be present to win.

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Gay Discussion Group Meetings for November and December

Milwaukee—On Sunday, November 24th, the Gay Men's Discussion Group will be discussing Internalized Homophobia. This can be defined as incorporating the irrational fear of homosexuality or of Gay people into one's own value system.

How do you define internalized homophobia? Are our actions and attitudes both as a sub-culture and as persons affected by this?

The discussion will be facilitated by Adrian Wade and Mark Robers, both on the Steering Committee of the Gay Men's Discussion Group. They will share their journeys through homophobia.

Surviving the Holidays

On Sunday, December 22nd, the Gay Men's Discussion Group will gather to share with each other how one copes with the "family" holidays as Gay persons.

How does your relationship with your family affect you today? Are there still unresolved issues left unsaid between you and your family?

Joining the group will be representatives from the Gelano Club. Please bring a holiday treat to share. Hot cider will be provided.

The Gay Men's Discussion Group meets at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. Preregistration is

not required and the cost is a \$3 donation. All discussions meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Holiday Gala Fete To Be Held as MAP Benefit at the Rep

Milwaukee—A Holiday Gala Fete will be held Tuesday, December 3, at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

Start the evening at a reception featuring some of Milwaukee's finest restaurants and caterers in addition to vodka bars sponsored by Skyy Vodka, followed by the final dress rehearsal of *Inspecting Carol*, a hilarious twist on the classic tale of *A Christmas Carol*.

Then end your evening with coffee and desserts from some of Milwaukee's finest chefs. All proceeds to benefit the education, research and advocacy programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

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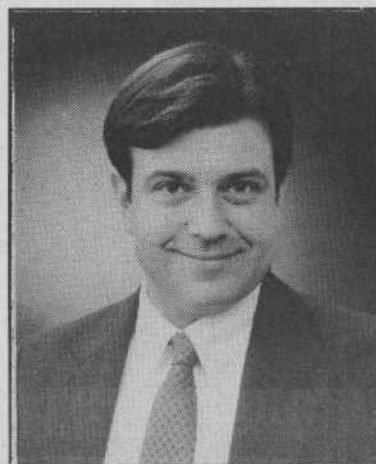
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T H E S P O T L I G H T

Acclaimed Gay Comedian, Jason Stuart, Brings Standup Comedy to a Fine Art

By Lester Strong

"I enjoy working with really talented people who care about their work, who care about making it the best they can make it."

The speaker is comedian/actor Jason Stuart, interviewed after hosting the First Annual Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards (GLAMAs) in New York last October. And as anyone who sees him on stage can attest, Stuart is himself a class act who throws himself into his performances without reservation, projecting an in-your-face presence where the comedy emerges not just from his verbal delivery, but from his body language.



JASON STUART

At this year's GLAMAs, he was equally hilarious, introducing award presenters, dishing Gay and straight foibles, or mimicking a middle-aged Jewish woman walking in high heels down a stretch of sandy beach.

"No, I'm not reserved," comments Stuart when asked about his performance style. "My father's a northern European Jew, my mother's from Brooklyn. I come from yelling and screaming. I don't come from reserved people."

That lack of reserve has led to a burgeoning career. Hailed on a recent episode of the TV show "In The Life" as an "up and coming young Gay comic," he has appeared at comedy clubs all over the country; was featured last summer on Queer Comics Night at Montreal's Just For Laughs comedy festival; and has headlined at Harrahs in Las Vegas. Recently, he was also tapped to host a series of Human Rights Campaign dinners, which will take him to most of the major American cities in the coming year.

Says GLAMA producer, Tom McCormick: "We were very pleased with Jason's hosting. He was able to roll with every event and improvise as needed. He also brought a sensibility to his hosting that we thought necessary for this first year of GLAMA presentations. The audience was mixed—Gay, non-Gay, women, men, young, and old, yet his comedy appealed to everyone."

On stage, Stuart's comedy does look highly improvisational, involving not just comic routines clearly written beforehand, but humorous comments on the day's events, interactions with the audience, and even one-liners about unexpected events that occur during the performance.

Yet Stuart insists: "It may look impromptu, but everything I do on stage is scripted, even interactions with the audience. I'm like a Rolodex or a computer, with a large number of responses in my head. A situation comes up, and I see the response that would be right for it. If I don't have a response, I don't say anything."

From the Bronx to Hollywood

Stuart grew up in Los Angeles, transplanted there shortly after his birth 32 years ago in the Bronx, when his family moved west. The Hollywood influence is clear: A glance at his resume indicates, not just standup comedy club experience, but a growing acting career on TV and in film.

On TV he's guest starred on "Murder, She Wrote," "SeaQuest" and "The John Larroquette Show," among others; the movies in which he's appeared include **Kindergarten Cop** with Arnold Schwarzenegger and **Cross My Heart** with Martin Short. Currently he's in the farcical comedy, **Gay TV: The Movie**, which premiered at the USA Film Festival in Dallas during late October and will be released nationwide next year after its exhibition at several other film festivals around the country; he's also in **Vegas Vacation** with Chevy Chase, scheduled for release next spring.

In his acting, Stuart is often slotted into comic roles. "It's what I'm known for," he says. But he has done drama: "I had a recurring role in ABC's "Sunset Beat," where I played this tough-talking New York nightclub owner. Earlier this year, I did a play, **Scenes from My Love Life** by Ronnie Larson, where I played Chris, a man who falls in love with the wrong people and is always getting dumped. It was a chance to explore what it means to be a lover, which I enjoyed."

Asked whether he'd like to do more drama, he says, "Sure. I'd like to do some heavier roles. I'd like to develop that side of myself professionally, as I have the comedian side."

But even here his sense of humor makes itself felt: "I'd also like to be the comic relief in some of today's action movies. They need me there. I should have been in **Cliffhanger**, with Sylvester Stallone, to say, 'Look, if you push me one more time, that's it! I'm Gay and Jewish. There's nothing more you can do to me. Shoot me! Go ahead! I'm sitting down for a minute. I'm tired!'"

Coming Out on "Geraldo"

Stuart came out as Gay several years ago on the "Geraldo" show—an incident he now includes as part of his standup routine.

Asked how that has impacted on his acting career, he answers: "It's just caused me more of the same problems I've always had—but now I can talk about them openly. People want to keep me in a certain place. I've always been typed. I don't think people see me actively in life. They just see me on the sidelines. In many of my roles, I'm a servant of some sort. It can be frustrating, but I'm working on it. **Gay TV: The Movie** is a breakthrough. It's the first time I've had a major role in a film. It's an ensemble company and I'm one of the leads."

Asked what, as a comedy performer, makes him funny, Stuart replies: "The way I think. I don't try to be funny. I just think funny. It's the way my mind works."

The way Jason Stuart's mind works is already making him a success on the standup comedy circuit. Clearly it's only a matter of time until it moves him from the sidelines into the spotlight in other areas of his career as well.

Jason Stuart will be appearing at the **Funny Bone**, 2801 s. Oneida, Ashwaubau. For more information, call (414) 498-2663.

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We want everyone to join us as we get together to watch In Between's six TVs as our Green Bay Packers beat the tar out of the hated, sniveling, low life slime that goes by the name of the Dallas Cowboys.

That's right, it's a SpotLight Packer Party at one of our favorite places to watch a Packer Game, In Between, located at 625 S. Second Street in Milwaukee.

But this won't be like just any Packer Party, this will be a very special Packer Party. In Between owner, Kurt Peck and his wonderful staff will be pulling out all of the stops.

Kurt and his staff have a variety of surprises in store for those in attendance, including a chance to literally walk on the Cowboys, win cash in the Monday Night Balloon toss, free Miller Lite and more.

Of course In Between will be serving a free shot every time the Pack scores, (Which we all know will be very often) on those Dallas Daisies.

Not only that, but In Between will also run its normal Monday Night Balloon Game that evening. With \$400 in cash prizes on the board ready to won by breaking a balloon.

As you enter you will have a chance to walk on an authentic Dallas Cowboys jersey. You can also take a whack at the Cowboy hanging in effigy.

We will have a Packer trivia contest with some great prizes and of course free Miller Lite (while it lasts) to be poured beginning at the kick off.

And that's just a few of the many things in store for those who attend.

Anyone who has ever watched the Pack at In Between knows what a great place it is to cheer on the Green and Gold. The **Wisconsin Light's** Dusty Sass, (a rabid fan himself) says it's one of his favorite places to take in a game.

"The fans there are real fans, they understand the rules, they get excited and they love the Pack," he says.

Dusty adds "True Packer fans hate the Cowboys, those pampered jerks who had the gall to say they are 'America's team.' Their very existence is offensive to any real Packer fan."

So don't sit at home, cheering our Packers onto victory by yourself. Stop on in and join the legion of happy Packer fans at In Between. Go Green and Gold!

Jason Stuart to Bring Gay Comedy to Green Bay's Funny Bone

Los Angeles—Actor/Comic Jason Stuart brings his hilarious act to Funny Bone in Green Bay on Wednesday, November 13 through Sunday, November 17, 1996. Show times are 8:00 p.m. nightly, with a 10:15 show on Friday and Saturday.

On Wednesday, November 13, Stuart and Funny Bone will be donating proceeds from the show to Center Project of Green Bay. These funds will help assist the Center Project's many clients with their HIV/AIDS related needs.

Recently, Stuart completed filming on National Lampoon's **Vegas Vacation** with Chevy Chase, coming to theaters in the spring of 1997. Stuart is also looking forward to the release of **Gay TV: The Movie**. You can also find Stuart on your TV, starring on "Fire Co. 132." Stuart also headlined at the Montreal Comedy Festival this past summer.

For more information, call Funny Bone at (414) 498-2663.

Curtain Calls

'Benito Cerano' is Not Only Good Historical Drama, it is Great Theatre

Reviewed by Bill Meunier

Milwaukee--Every so often one attends a play that is powerful and so moving that the scenes, feelings and emotions it evokes come back to mind for days even weeks after the performance.

If truly successful theater is as some say, the experience the audience carries out of the theater, then the Milwaukee Repertory Theater and Ko Thi Dancer production of **Benito Cerano** is wildly successful.

Based on the Robert Lowell play, which, in turn, was based on the Herman Melvin novella, **Benito Cerano** dramatizes a true incident that occurred off the coast of South America in the early part of the last Century.

The title character is a hapless Spanish slave ship captain who has been overthrown when his "cargo" revolts and seizes his ship. The ship is found by a New England Sealing Ship, "The President Adams." Captain Delano and his Ensign Perkins offer their assistance to help it get back in repair.

An elaborate game takes place. The Americans do not know that the ship has been seized by the captives. The slaves try to hide that fact as best as they can and prop up Cerano as a figure head to keep the American curiosity at bay.

Eventually the Americans find out what is going on, kill the leaders of the revolt and sail the ship to Lima Peru.

In lesser hands, **Benito Cerano** might flay around and be a moralistic and pretentious bit of theater. In the capable hands of the Rep and Kho-Thi, it is nothing short of spectacular theater.

When Lowell wrote his play in the mid sixties he said that it was an allegory of modern America. Thirty years later it still is.

But **Benito Cerano** is more than that. It succeeds on many levels.

As a collaboration between two fine troupes, **Cerano** works beyond any reasonable expectation. The incorporation of dance, drums and music into Lowell's work is at once a stroke of genius and a bold risk.

This type of collaboration is one that will either work well or be a disaster.

That it works is testimony not only to the talents of the performers, but also to the abilities of Kho-Thi's Ferne Caulkner and Dumah Saafir. Their music and dances blend together seamlessly with the dialogue and underscore the emo-

tions of the Lowell's work.

It is also testimony to the vision of the Rep to bring the rhythms of the Ko-Thi to its audience.

There is also an historic layer with this production. In a sense it is a meeting of three cultures, a young brash American culture, a decaying Spanish culture and a proud African culture. The dialogue, ably delivered by a fine cast, underscores the attitudes each held about the others.

Benito Cerano also raises some serious questions.

The Spanish regret losing the ship but not their treatment of its hapless victims.

For their part, given the chance to be the masters, the slaves treat their captives little better than they themselves were treated.

For example although Captain Delano and his Ensign are opposed to slavery, they consider the Africans to be inferior and have no problem turning the slaves over to the Spanish authorities.

In fact with dialogue, expressions and line delivery, it is clear that each of these three groups considers the others to be its inferior.

Do moral beliefs take a back seat to legal obligations, even when those obligations are themselves recognized as immoral? Is there something in the human condition that requires us to feel superior no matter what race or nationality we may be?

It is questions like these along with some spectacular dancing and drumming sequences and a dialogue that really portrays the attitudes of the period that makes **Benito Cerano** more than great theater.

It is at once a historical drama, a commentary on human nature and a metaphor for the times we live in. **Benito Cerano** is powerful, moving, exciting and relevant theater.

Special credit goes to set designer Kent Dorsey for a spartan yet effective set, Choreographer Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker, Director Edward Morgan and a fantastic crew of drummers.

All of the cast deliver good performances. Worthy of particular mention are Chuck Patterson as Babu, the leader of the revolt, Kurt Rhoads, the self-assured American Captain and Robert Patrick Benedict, the homesick American Ensign Perkins.

Benito Cerano continues at the Rep through November 24.

Hooray for Gutzman's "Hooray For Hollywood"

Reviewed by Dusty Sass

If you were fortunate enough to catch one of two preview performances of Dale Gutzman's "Hooray For Hollywood" before it went to Thailand you know that it isn't Shakespeare. And you realize it won't make you ponder the mysteries of life. No it doesn't have some over riding socially acceptable theme addressing some critical issue either.

What it does address is the need to have fun at the Theater. That's what "Hooray" is, pure fun.

Picture four guys and one woman, performing decades of highlights from Hollywood musicals and you have a good image of this production. Gutzman joined by three other able singers and a fine pianist has put together a romp through some Hollywood's finest hours.

And if you think that Gutzman's troupe treats the material with too much respect

Playwrights Studio Theater to Hold Auditions

Milwaukee--Playwrights Studio Theater will hold auditions for its 5th and 6th annual Festival of Ten Minute Plays on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, 108 East Wells Street.

Fifteen directors are seeking 35 actors for the two festivals, which will run in repertory January 30th through February 16th at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

For an audition appointment, call (414) 573-4674.

then you don't know him. There were many hilarious highlights as Gutzman stereotyped and exaggerated the same form he was paying tribute to.

Beginning with the opening medley from the Wizard of Oz and continuing with some very funny routines such as Karl Miller's Marlene Dietrich and Carmen Miranda songs through a Groucho Marx, Margaret Du Pont bit and on to Gutzman's Jimmy Durante, "Hooray" kept its audience thoroughly entertained.

There was Shirley Temple singing "Things Could Be Worse," during which the curly haired sweet heart says that being homeless isn't so bad or at least its better than having a home six feet underground.

Throughout the evening, the cast involved the audience in the show giving the whole production an air of spontaneity.

But spontaneous this wasn't. Whether it was a comedy routine or a Broadway show medley, none of the performances came across as being less than polished. From the facial expressions, and dance steps, to the dialogue and musical arrangements, it was obvious that this show was very carefully planned.

Alas "Hooray For Hollywood" had a very limited run at Cafe Melange. Just two performances were needed for a shake down cruise before it goes to Thailand for a holiday run at the elegant Gay resort, Cafe Royale.

That's too bad because more people here at home should have seen this show. Perhaps as more people become aware of Gutzman and his talented cast, next year's version of "Hooray For Hollywood" will have an extended run in Wisconsin.



The Good Sisters of the Little Sisters of Hoboken are captured above after their performance in "Nunsense" currently in production at Melanac's Wheel House in Milwaukee. (See our review below)

Catholic or Not, You'll Love "Nunsense," a Play Sparkling With Wit

Reviewed by Bill Meunier

Milwaukee--You don't have to be Catholic to love **Nunsense** which opened a six week weekend run at Melanac's Wheelhouse recently. All you have to be is someone who likes good music, great humor and fine performances.

The Wheel House, located a few blocks North of Brady Street on Milwaukee's East Side, off of Humboldt Avenue is well known for its "Murder Mystery Dinner Theater" productions.

Nunsense marks the first musical comedy production the Wheel House has undertaken. A full house was on hand for opening night on Friday October 25.

The dinner served before the show was adequate. Several of the diners at our table commented they thought it was quite good. But the service was unevenly paced. There was a large gap between the time the salads were served and the time that other food arrived.

In fairness, however, it should be pointed out that in addition to the full house at the Dinner Theater downstairs, another full house was upstairs at a private "Murder Mystery" party.

Given the large crowd some lapses are understandable.

There were no lapses with the main draw of the evening, Ray Bradford's production of **Nunsense**. The play sparkled with fine individual performances, good choreography and very funny songs and dialogue.

Nunsense is the sad story of the poor Sisters of St. Wilfred. The Order used to run a leper colony in the South of France. Then they were run out of business by the Protestants who recruited the lepers away by offering "leper condos."

The Order fled to New Jersey and changed its name to "The Little Sisters of Hoboken" and set up shop in the New World.

Things were going along fine until Sister Julia, "Child of God," cooked some bad soup killing off most the Order. The surviving Sisters had enough money to bury all but four of the dead.

Now desperate to remove their four former members from the freezer, the good Sisters are forced to hold a fund raising show in the cafeteria of their school, Mt. Saint Helen's.

The cast for this fund raiser consists of five wacky nuns all of whom show an amazing amount of talent for School Teachers.

For **Nunsense**, Melanac's brought together an experienced cast of actresses who have made the rounds of several local musical theater troupes. The effort was well worth it, for this cast was more than adequate. Under Bradford's direction it sparkled.

Karen Zimmerman shines in her role of Mother Superior, Sister Mary Regina Her comedic moves when she gets high on "Rush" are especially hysterical.

Vicki Drake is very good as Sister Mary Hubert. In fact several patrons commented that she looked and acted just like a nun.

Janice Matsoff, is a delight as the streetwise Sister Robert Anne. Robert Anne comes complete with a pair a high heel tennis shoes and a smirk on her face that betrays her upbringing in a tough Brooklyn neighborhood.

Laurene Lembre is wonderful as Sister Mary Amensia. Amensia lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head.

The other nuns hope that Amensia regains her memory and remembers that she is a Franciscan.

Fortunately for us, she really belongs with the "Little Hobo's." Otherwise we might have missed out on some wonderful vocals and deadpan deliveries.

Last but not least is Joanne Monte, Sister Mary Leo, who could have been a famous ballerina, but chose to be a nun

instead. Her poignant "Benedicte" is very well done.

Flat notes, and badly delivered lines tend to detract and distract from good comedy. This cast correctly recognizes that good material is not enough if that material is not delivered properly.

As a result the show's success is due as much to the talent of the performers and director as it is to the talents of the writers. Song after song, routine after routine, the cast as individuals and as a whole meshed together so well that you really believed they had spent years together in the convent.

There are many highlights to this show,



Ray Bradford

too many to mention in one review. Some, however, stand out. The bit on the "Cooking With the BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary) Cookbook" is hilarious.

So too is the a fore mentioned encounter that Mother Superior, has a with a bottle of poppers.

Musical highlights include Lembre's "I Could Have Gone to Nashville," Zimmerman's "Turn Up the Spotlight" and the entire cast singing "We Gotta Clean Out The Freezer."

Nunsense is scheduled to run on the weekends through New Year's eve. To make reservations call (414) 264-6060.

Boulevard Theater to Present "Little Egypt"

Milwaukee--The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only micro theater, will present Lynn Siefert's **Little Egypt** as the second production of its 1996-'97 season.

Little Egypt investigates the loves and triumphs of two waitress sisters and their less-than-matronly waitress mother. Directed by Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's artistic director, **Little Egypt** will be staged December 26 to January 12 at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, Bay View.

For tickets and other information on **Little Egypt**, call Mark Bucher at (414) 672-6019.

Auditions

The Boulevard Ensemble is seeking two experienced actors, ages 30 to 50, for the third production of its 1996-'97 season, Eugene O'Neill's **Hughie**.

Auditions for the production are by appointment only and will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on November 23rd at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. Auditioners must call and schedule an interview time.

Hughie will be directed by Maureen Kilmurry and will be staged mid-February through mid-March.

Call (414) 672-6019.

The Movie Version of "Romeo and Juliet" is The Bard Brought Up to Date

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Those blindly stumbling into the darkened cinema might expect to find another Kenneth Branagh-driven Shakespearean adaptation and at most a smattering of anglophiles or other assorted academics types. Not so with Baz Luhrmann's flashy-trash, "The Bard meets MTV" style **Romeo and Juliet**.

Glenn cannot imagine that there are many, if any, readers of the **Wisconsin Light** not familiar with either the tragic tale that is **Romeo and Juliet** nor with the illustrious Bard. So what's up with putting ol' Billy's name in the title? Perhaps it is to act as a clue to those drawn to see heart-throb Leonardo DiCaprio and the fresh and lovely Claire Danes but inadvertently left their Cliff's Notes at home.

In amidst a theatre crowded with rowdy teens, Glenn settled down to hear the magic and poetry that is Shakespeare. The result? Well, the language was right but it sure did look strange.

There's nothing new in attempting to bring the immortal Bard's masterpieces into the 20th century. Occasionally the results have been brilliantly conceived and thrillingly executed. **West Side Story** immediately comes to mind.

More often though, the Bard is dragged kicking and screaming, boldly going where no Bard has gone before.

All of which brings Glenn back to Leonardo and Co. in Baz Luhrmann's current **William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet**.

Acknowledging television's role both in our collective lives and in particular in revealing news and current affairs, Luhrmann's opens the film with a capsule news report delivered by a news anchor speaking in iambic pentameter on a tiny television.

From that unsettling beginning comes an explosive reel in which the Montagues and the Capulets are introduced. Imagine, if you will, the grandiose pretensions of opera baldly slapped together with a MTV mentality. It sure ain't pretty.

As familiar as is the story of the poor, doomed, star-crossed lovers, surely no synopsis is necessary. Romeo (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Juliet (Claire Danes) fall in love. Tybalt (John Leguizamo) and Mercutio (Harold Perrineau) quarrel and end up as so much dead meat. Romeo is banished. So on and so forth. Blah, blah, blah.

As exciting and imaginative as much of the film is initially, eventually the ideas begin to appear forced, content increasingly sacrificed in favor of affected pyrotechnics.

Eventually Luhrmann must return to Shakespeare and the simple story of his young, innocent, romantic lovers.

Unlike those golden MGM days, when an aging Leslie Howard could play Romeo opposite a thirty-something Norma Shearer, audiences today want their young lovers to be, well... young. Luhrmann obliges by casting DiCaprio and Danes.

While neither are likely to be rushing off to Stratford upon Avon any time soon, given the circumstances, both make game attempts at Shakespeare's verse. Danes in particular brings such a youthful radiance and a splendid spontaneity to her lines as to make even one as jades as Glenn dazzled. As hard as he tries, Leonardo simply looks uncomfortable.

Better are Miriam Margolyes as Juliet's loyal nurse (admittedly a nearly fool-proof role) and Harold Perrineau's cross-dressing Mercutio. Paul Sorvino seems to wandered into the wrong movie (most likely Madonna's *Evita*), while poor Brian Dennehy's appearance as Ted Montague involving only a few fleeting moments which seems to consist of the opening and closing a car window.

While purists are likely to quibble and complain about the film's excesses and inconsistencies, **William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet** does have it's moments and if it's not entirely successful, it's always interesting.

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

In 'Michael Collins', the Irish Battle for Independence Comes to Life

By John A. Jahn

English actor Liam Neeson seems to be building a career on portraying heroic figures from history. Not the familiar ones we all know, but the more obscure.

In 1993, he played Oscar Schindler in an Academy Award-nominated performance in **Schindler's List**. Last year, in addition to his everyman hero role in **Nell**, he also played the title in **Rob Roy**, a movie somewhat overshadowed by the far more successful **Braveheart**. Nevertheless, Neeson seemingly has a way with tragic-heroic figures. Such is surely the case with Writer-Director Neil Jordan's new film, **Michael Collins**.

So, who is Michael Collins? Even I, a social studies teacher, didn't have a very clear answer to that question going into this movie. Collins, born in 1890, was a member of the Irish nationalist movement founded in 1905 called Sinn Fein. Collins was a leading figure in the Irish Republican Army's fight for independence from Great Britain during and after World War I, and was the main force behind the IRA's campaign of "general mayhem."

The film begins with the 1916 Easter Rebellion being ruthlessly crushed by the British army. While the rebellion fails and several Irish nationalist leaders are executed as a result, it stimulates future growth of the IRA and reorganization under the sly, somewhat paranoid and jealous Eamon De Valera (Alan Hickman).

"General mayhem" is bloody and a deadly serious business. While striving for peace and freedom, the IRA forces murder, gangster-style, any and all British agents in Irish collaborators the can get their hands on. British reprisals are equally ruthless.

The viewer of this terrible bloodletting is left with very mixed emotions, while pondering the same questions the world has asked itself for many, many years: Are IRA tactics justified? Are British counter attacks on Irish civilians justified? The movie goer is dropped into the middle of this violent struggle, neither side seems to be completely right or utterly wrong. It's all gray area—just like the dimly lit, foggy, dreary atmosphere of 1920's urban Ireland.

Writer-Director Neil Jordan gives us several strong performances in **Michael Collins**. Neeson as the title character; Aidan Quinn as his trusted sidekick and rival for the affections of lovely Julia Rob-

erts; Alan Rickman as Collins' political rival De Valera; and Stephen Rea (**The Crying Game**, **Citizen X**) as an Irishman working for the British who gives Collins vital information and ends up paying for his patriotism in a terrible fashion. These are vivid, anguished performances.

Michael Collins is serious stuff. Hard hitting historical drama minus the usually obligatory Hollywood fluff. It gives the audience a real sense of the problems facing Ireland even today, as well as just how horrible things can become for all concerned when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object.

Michael Collins was the founder of the Irish Free State, the basis for modern, free—yet divided—Ireland. Neeson invokes this elusive character in a most compelling way. Whether you leave feeling Collins was a hero or a villain, you're sure to feel that **Michael Collins** is what film making is all about.

On a 1 to 10 scale, this film rates an 8.



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Al Pacino's Version of "Richard III" Leaves One Hungry for More

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Until the recent Jane Austen euphoria began to sweep Hollywood (as well as cinemas across America), filming a classic invariably referred to the latest multi-episode offering on PBS's acclaimed (and of late, rather less than masterful), **Masquerade Theatre**. No longer.

Sure, anglophile favorite Kenneth Branagh has dabbled with Shakespeare on the big screen and his delightful **Much Ado About Nothing** has come as close as any cinematic Shakespeare to reach and appeal to a mainstream moviegoing audience. Likewise, a hip and happenin' **Romeo & Juliet** will soon find it's way into a cinema near you. (Please see adjacent review.)

In **Looking for Richard**, admittedly a most unlikely film to break any box office records, Al Pacino seeks to bring to life one of Shakespeare's most difficult historical plays, "Richard III."

Glenn recently had the opportunity to see the world's premiere interpreter of Shakespeare present on stage this Elizabethan melodrama. Gloriously mesmerizing that it was, at four-plus hours, Glenn's butt was still getting mighty sore by the time Richard cried for his horse.

Al Pacino, one of the few Hollywood stars to maintain ties to the legitimate theatre, clearly loves Shakespeare and clearly loves the unlikeable Richard. Perhaps obsessively so.

Opening this documentary, Pacino seeks to learn what Shakespeare means to the man on the street. Few in the audience are likely to be surprised by the typical "blank" responses Pacino received.

Utilizing interviews with such acting legends as Sir John Gielgud, Vanessa Redgrave and Mr. Kenneth Branagh plus the opportunity of a dream cast which includes Kevin Spacey, Alec Baldwin (?), Winona Ryder (??) and he himself as

'Sleepers' Poses the Question: Can Murder Ever be Justified?

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

A whirlwind of controversy has surrounded Barry Levinson's **Sleepers**, an all-star cinematic exploration of Lorenzo Carcaterra's equally controversial best-seller. As faithful readers of the **Wisconsin Light** have learned, Glenn loves controversy and immediately set forth to discover all of the whys and the wherefores.

At its most primitive, **Sleepers** is another epic revenge fantasy with a generous helping of "Innocence Lost" thrown in for good measure.

The place: Hell's Kitchen. The time: The late 1960's. Four youthful friends trying to grow up as best they can. Typical boys. Sure, they're not afraid of a good prank or two. Sneaking into a confessional booth to listen to the confessions of their friends and neighbors. Well, no harm done. Maybe occasionally ripping off the local hot dog vendor. No big deal, he's just a hot dog vendor after all, right?

Wrong. When on a hot summer afternoon they carry the hot dog vendor scam a little too far, an innocent bystander is killed. Now all their previous harmless little pranks don't look quite so harmless. Despite a fabulously earnest character reference from Father Bobby (Robert De Niro), the four boys are sent "up the river", to the Wilkinson Home for Boys, a reformatory the like of which Adolf Hitler would have been proud.

Waiting with an evil gleam in his eyes and a bit of drool hanging from his lower lip is the corrupt and sadistic guard Sean Nokes (Kevin Bacon) who, along with his ineffectual little toady (Terry Kinney), instinctively senses the arrival of fresh (and young, very very young) meat. Any boy under their care who misbehaves (and most likely even those that don't) face disciplinary action certain to involve at least some form of humiliation which is just as likely to be of a sexual nature. They may arrive young and innocent boys but when they leave, if they leave at all, they are broken and battered men.

Jump fifteen years and we learn that two of the boys have moved on with their lives. Lorenzo (Jason Patric) has a small job in journalism while Michael (Brad Pitt) has become a disillusioned (as if there could be any but) assistant district attorney. Their youthful cohorts John (Ron Eldard) and Tommy (Billy Crudup) conversely are described as "professional killer".

With just the sort of coincidence that films such as this are typically based, John and Tommy inadvertently discover a disheveled Sean Nokes, looking for all the world like one who has been chewed

Richard, Pacino explores the magic of Shakespeare and the challenges in bringing this magic to the screen. Simply put, **Looking for Richard** is fascinating.

Under a confusing jumble of characters and lurking beneath the surface of courtly intrigue, Shakespeare's world seethed of passions and betrayals, of heroism and cowardice, of absolute ambition and ultimate failure. Almost sounds like *Melrose Place*, doesn't it?

Amidst Pacino's search for locations, the occasional rehearsal battle-royals and other assorted production problems, **Looking for Richard** includes wonderful nuggets of Shakespeare: marvelous explorations of some of the key scenes from this play and some of the most vital in Shakespeare's canon. Richard, the mis-shapen Duke of Gloucester does indeed come vividly to life.

As fascinating as Pacino makes Richard and indeed the entire process of approaching and exploring Richard III, **Looking for Richard** is not without its flaws.

With an eye more clearly focused on box office than to the Bard, Pacino casts such lightweights as Alec Baldwin as Clarence and Winona Ryder as Lady Anne. Still, it was a joy to see the marvelous Estelle Parsons finally allowed to do something worthy of her talents after years of silliness on *Roseanne*.

Nevertheless, flaws aside, one hungers for more, an entire production by Pacino and company from start to finish by the time the credits roll.

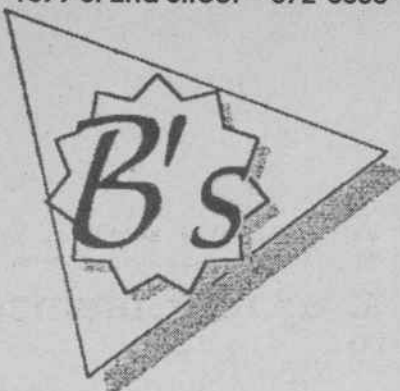
Pacino celebrates the drama and the poetry of Shakespeare in **Looking for Richard**. Let's hope this brave little film doesn't suffer the inglorious fate as mere fodder for A&E's early morning Classroom series.

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

up and spit out. When John and Tommy discover Nokes, they are astonished to learn that Nokes does not recognize

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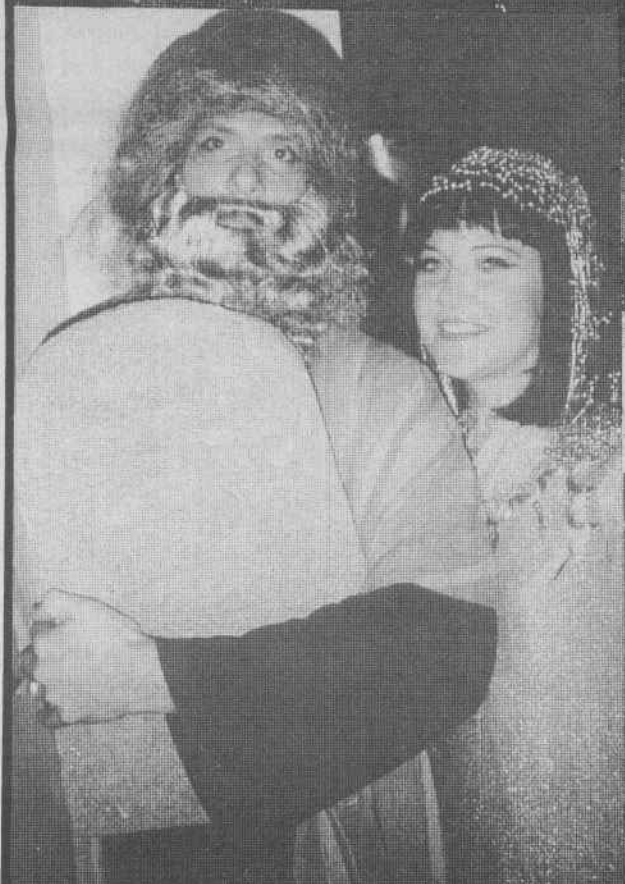
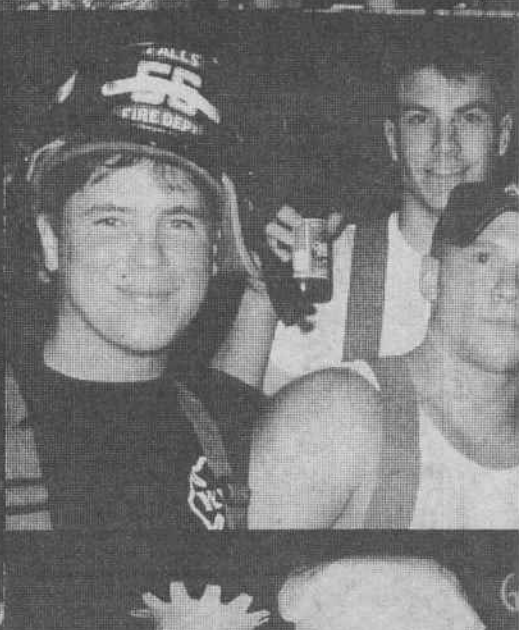
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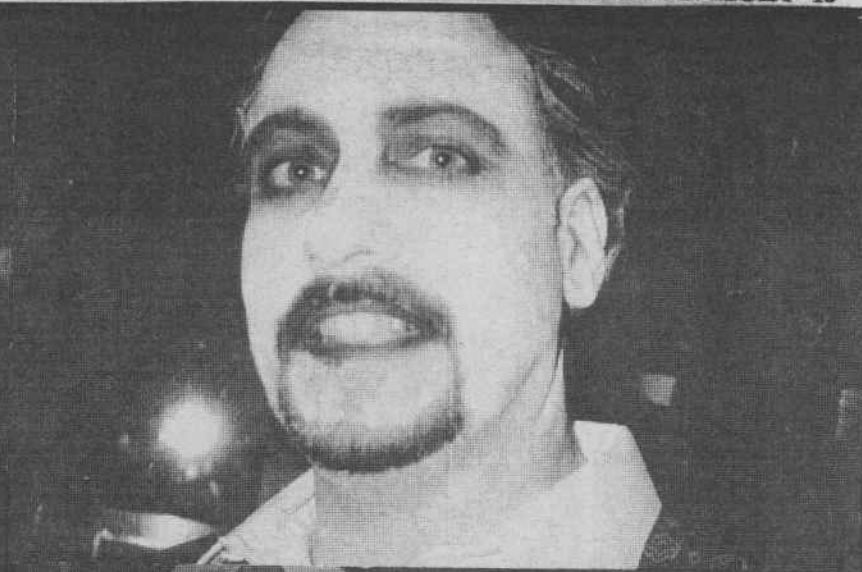
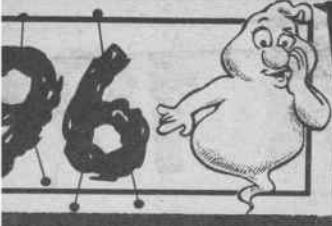
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Bill Menner

Carmen Miranda made a surprise appearance during Dale Gutzman's very well done revue "Hooray For Hollywood." Gutzman is taking the show to Thailand for a return engagement at the elegant Gay resort, The Café Royale.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9

PATTERSON TRIO PLAYS AT M & M'S

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

NUNSENSE PARTY AT MAMA ROUX

Mama Roux and the Wheel House are throwing a "Nunsense Party" at the bar and the popular dinner theater which is located just down the street from Mama's.

Enjoy a pre-show cocktail at Mama Roux's beginning at 1:00. Dinner at the Wheel House is at 2:00 and will be followed by a special performance of "Nunsense" a wonderfully hysterical play about the trails and tribulations of an order of nuns known as the "Little Hobos." (See our review in this issue)

Dusty Sass of the Wisconsin Light raves about this show and you will too.

Tickets can be purchased at Mama Roux's, 1875 N. Humboldt.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18

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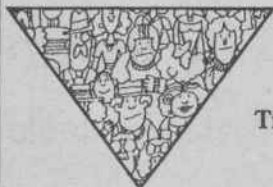
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The event starts at 7:30pm.
Monday, November 11th

AfterWords Book Club Discussion
 7:30pm

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

Thursday, November 14th

AfterWords Lesbian Book Club
 7:00pm

Book: *Memory Mambo*
 by Achy Obejas

Thursday, November 21st

Gay & Lesbian Writers' Group - Initial Meeting
 7:00pm

All interested writers welcome to join in this proposed monthly group.

Friday, November 22nd

Author Appearance: Gary Pool
 7:00pm

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Sunday, December 1st

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Gary Pool, Debut Novelist, to Read at AfterWords

Milwaukee—AfterWords Bookstore is pleased to present an appearance with debut novelist Gary Pool on Friday, November 22nd at 7:00pm. Mr. Pool has recently published a powerful new work titled, *The Bread of Wickedness* (Brownell & Carroll, Pb \$12.95).



GARY POOL

they can protect themselves by lying about their own identities."

Gary Pool's articles, criticism and short fiction have appeared in *Christopher Street*, *The Humanist* and many other

publications. One of Mr. Pool's short stories, "The Victims of Circumstance" appears in *Reclaiming the Heartland: Lesbian & Gay Males Voices from the Midwest* published by The University of Minnesota Press.

Mr. Pool will read from and discuss *The Bread of Wickedness* as well as sign copies of the book.

This event is free and is open to the public.

For further information concerning Mr. Pool's appearance or any AfterWords event, please call (414) 963-9089.

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Acclaimed author, Gary Pool, will be reading from and signing copies of his new novel at A Room of One's Own Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson St. Madison, 6:30 pm on Nov. 21st; and AfterWords Books, 2710 N. Murray, Milwaukee, 7 pm on Nov. 22nd.

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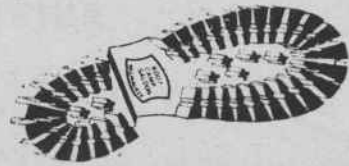
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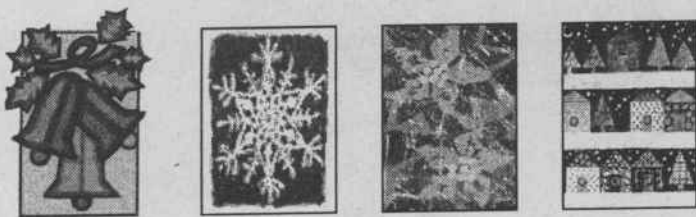
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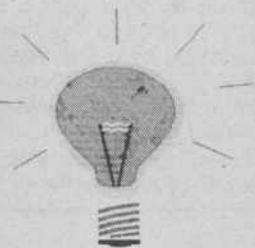


Evening Finery Milwaukee's Mama Roux's bar had a large contingent at the Pageant including those shown above.



All Dressed Up—Milwaukee's B's Bar had a table at the Pageant held in Milwaukee. Those representing the bars are pictured above.

The Night Light



By Dusty Sass

Well thank goodness for big favors. After Halloween and the election everyone seems to be partied out and there aren't many special events schedule.

That gives me a chance to check out some of the regular weekly specials that I sometimes have a hard time finding the time for.

For example on **Saturday November 9**, you can find me at **This Is It** for the big HIT fund raiser. HIT Board members will be behind the bar to serve my needs (and give me a few Miller Lites too). There will be raffles and great prizes. The party starts at 3:00 and goes to 7:00.

After that I will head down to the **M and M Club** for their Saturday Night prime rib special. Everything at M's tastes great, but as a Prime Rib lover, I especially like Saturday nights at M's. I also appreciate the great service at M's. Plus I really love the atmosphere in the Glass Menagerie.

After dinner I'll be in the bar listening to the Patterson Trio.

Sunday November 10 you can find me having an Ab Fab brunch at **Mama Roux's**. They'll be playing Ab Fab videos while serving up a delicious assortment of brunch foods.

Then it will be off to **In Between** to watch our Packers play and to help them wind up their week long anniversary celebration.

Stop on in and help this popular bar celebrate their first year in business. And a great it has been too. Thanks Kurt, James, Patrick, Doug, Tommy, Noel and all the rest for a full year of good times!

Monday November 11 I'll be at **La Cage** for their Comedy Night. If you haven't seen some of these videos (and even if you have) you simply have to stop by.

Thursday November 14, I'll head back to **M & M** for their 2 for 1 Cocktail night. The place is always packed on Thursday nights (and quite a few others as well)

Friday November 15, I will be at **Just Us** for their fabulous fish fry, which I rate as one of the best in town. Deb, Steve and Jan do a fantastic job and everyone at this bar is always so friendly.

Sunday November 17 I'll be up for some "Nunsense" nonsense at **Mama Roux**. The very popular East Side bar has put together a collaborative effort

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Jerry Johnson

Pageant Finalists Several of the runners up winners at Pageant 96 are shown above. For Miss Gay Wisconsin the runners up are first Trey C. Share, Second Lillie White, Third Billie Blaze, and Fourth Vanity Fair. The Mr. Gay Wisconsin runners up are First Johnny B. Good, Second Kelvin Heyden, Third Charles Daniels, Fourth Juan Rodriguez.

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them. How could the man that ruined their lives not remember them? But how could he? During his time at Wilkinson, Nokes might have gone through dozens, if not hundreds of other, similar boys.

As is his due, Nokes is pumped full of lead in front of five witnesses. John and Tommy are "professional killers" after all.

Despite his closeness to the defendants, Michael accepts the assignment as prosecuting attorney. Determined to get his two boyhood friends off, Michael proceeds to orchestrate the subsequent murder trial, knowing all too well that John and Tommy are guilty and quite unrepentantly so.

Debate continues over the veracity of many of the facts contained in Lorenzo Carcaterra's book. Glenn imagines that a high profile production featuring such prominent actors as Robert De Niro and Dustin Hoffman will add necessary respectability, silencing all but the most determined critics.

As with John Grisham's recent *A Time to Kill*, Levinson's *Sleepers* proposes that murder can morally justified. Killers are exonerated. Clever and resourceful lawyers are exalted. Justice is served. Or is it?

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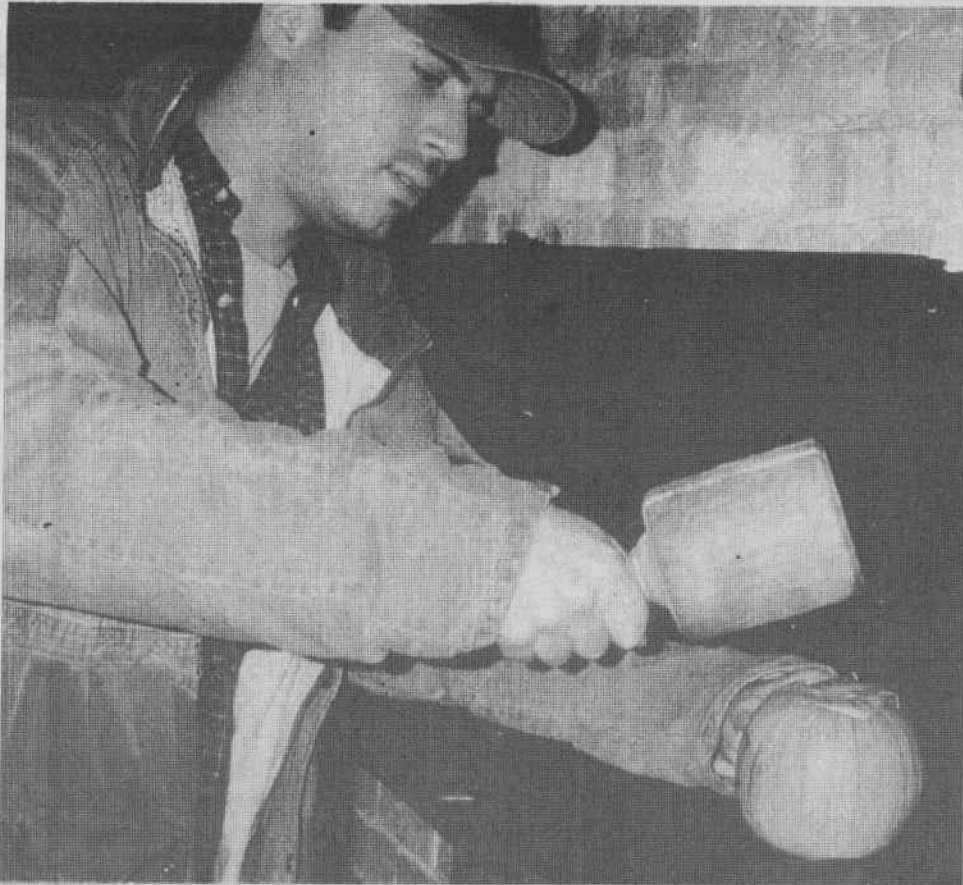


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Bill Meunier

It was Pumpkin Smashing time at In Between. The popular bar located at 625 S. Second St. in Milwaukee had a new twist on its weekly Monday Night balloon toss game. On October 29 they used pumpkins instead of balloons. Contestants won the cash hidden inside the pumpkin

Cream City Chorus Announces Its Winter Concert

Milwaukee—The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will be holding its annual Holiday Concert at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14th at Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th Street, Milwaukee. This musical celebration will bid tribute to the dreams, hopes and faith of the many peoples who find joy and inspiration in the Winter season and its holidays. Whether you're looking for a great variety of Christmas melodies, seasonal tunes, or a

little something different, you'll find it here.

Tickets for "Christmas (is not) For Everyone" are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and are available through Chorus members, and at The M&M Club, Designing Men, AfterWords Bookstore, and This Is It.

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, a non-profit choral organization, is dedicated to the positive promotion of Gays and Lesbians throughout the community. The Chorus is currently in its 10th Anniversary season. For more information on the concert or the Chorus, call (414) 344-9222, or write to PO Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201.



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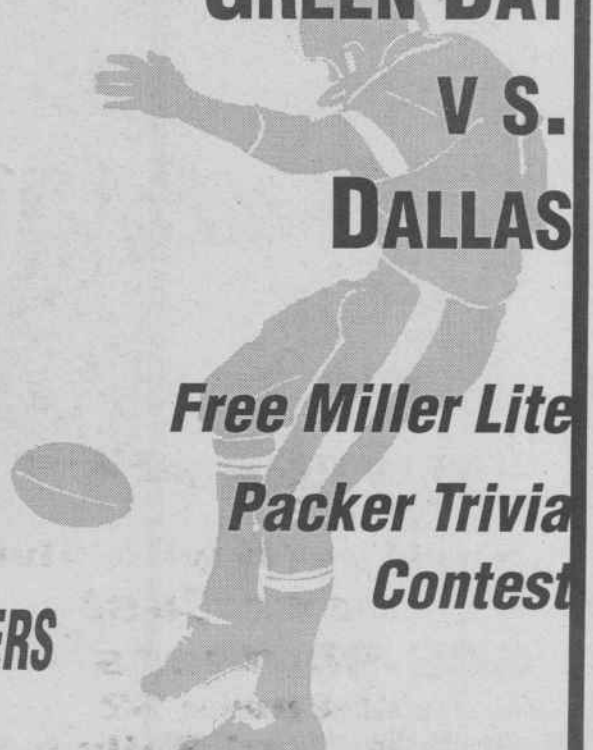
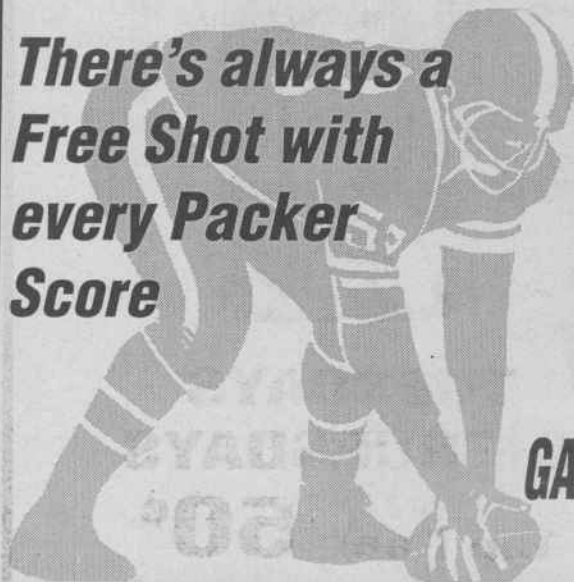
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GAY MILWAUKEE'S PACKER HEADQUARTERS





Bill Meunier

The Pride Gallery is now open in Madison. The store is Madison's first Gay Boutique and will feature, Arts and Crafts, Pride merchandise, plants and floral arrangements. Its located at 229 North Street. (near North and Johnson)



Jerry Johnson

Several bar and restaurant owners and managers attended the Pageant in Milwaukee on November 3, from Milwaukee, Green Bay and Appleton including those shown above.

Announcements

Madison

MASN FUND RAISER

MASN will have a unique fund raiser. Area merchants will come together for the Eighth annual, "Make A Difference" fund raiser. The merchants who can be identified by "Stop Here and Make a Difference" signs in their windows will donate 10% of their sales to MASN.

Milwaukee

SAGE MEETS

The Milwaukee chapter of SAGE will hold its next meeting on Thursday November 14 at 6:30 at the East Library, 1910 E. North Ave.

Bill Straub will give a report on the four day SAGE International Conference he attended.

Straub's report will be followed by a group

discussion on the goals and objectives of the organization.

SAGE also asks that you mark your calendar for its annual Free Holiday Dinner which will be held on Sunday afternoon, December, 22.

GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

The Gay Men's discussion group will meet on Sunday November 24 to discuss Internalized Homophobia. The discussion will be facilitated by Adrian Wade and Mark Robers.

It will be held at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett, Milwaukee. Pre-registration is not required and the cost is a \$3.00 donation.

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

WOMYN ARTISTS SOUGHT

Our Space is looking for Womyn Artists and Craftspersons for its annual Womyn's Holiday Craft Fair which will be held on Sunday, December 8.

To sign up contact Chris Martin at 873-6623.

GRAPEVINE LICKS IT

Grapevine is inviting all Lesbians to join in a "Lick In" at Leon's Custard on Thursday November 17 at 7:00 PM.

Leon's Custard is located at S 27th Street and W. Oklahoma, Milwaukee

AFTERWORDS SCHEDULES EVENTS

Afterwords Books has several events scheduled for the month of November. They include:

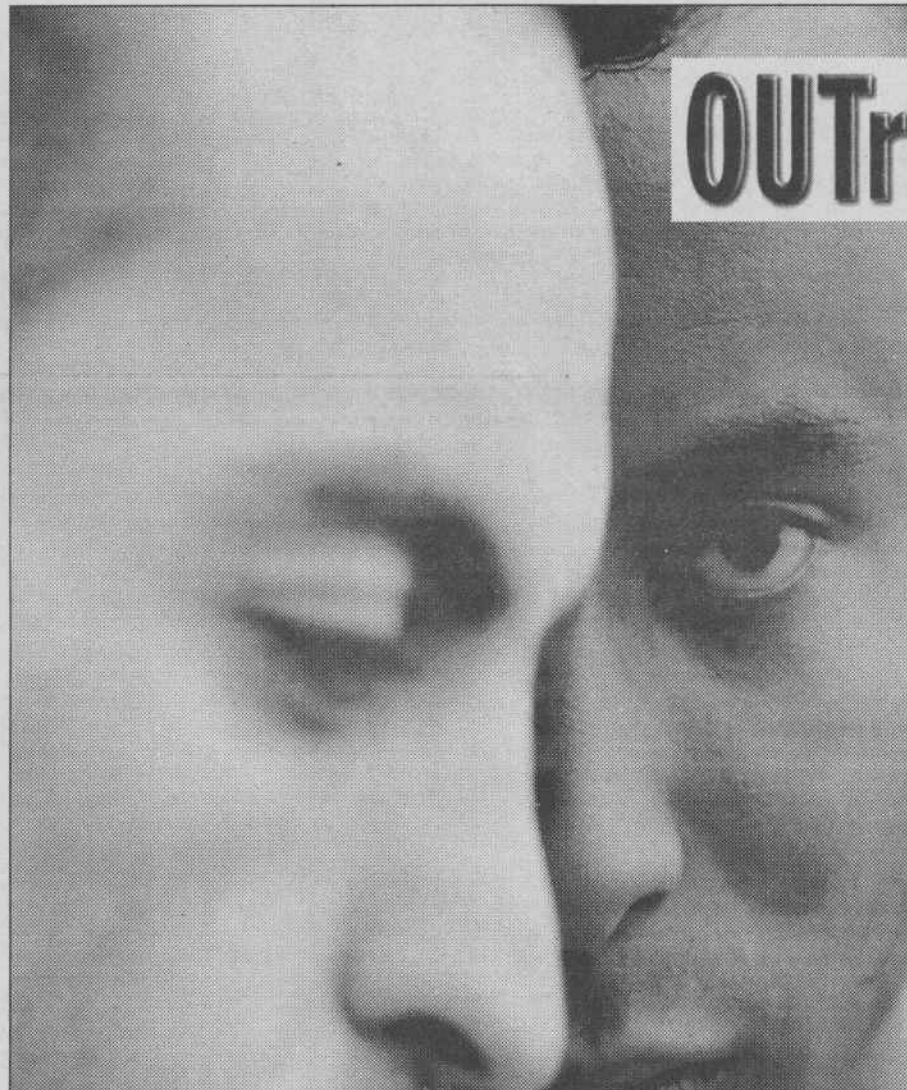
November 14 The Lesbian Book Club will meet and discuss Memory Mambo by Achy Obejas

November 21 The initial meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Writers Group

November 22 Gary Pool, author of "The Bread of Wickedness."

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Illinois

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YOUNG AND RESTLESS I'm 18 years old, 5'10, 150lbs, light Brown hair, light Blue eyes. I'm into every thing and anything. Let me be your slave. I'm new at this. Teach me. (Addison) #19784

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

ADORED AND EXPLORED 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

BATMAN SEEKS ROBIN I'm a healthy Gay White male top in search of single Gay or Bi White male bottoms 21 to 35 to play Robin to my Batman on the weekends. If you have an open mind and an active imagination call me. (Evanston) #10435

STINKY I have a foot fetish. I love young guys. I might even buy your dirty socks. Call me. (Evanston) #1050

NORTH WEST SUBURBS I'm searching for other men in the suburbs or Chicago who have access to public places where we can watch other guys taking showers. I'm looking for guys 18 to 41. I'm 41 years old, slender, 135lbs, dark Brown hair. Call me. (Evanston) #31818

YOUNG AND READY I'm an 18 year old Gay White male. I'm looking for someone who is no older than 19 for a relationship. Call me. (Evanston) #44464

TEDDY BEAR WANTED I'm looking for teddy bears. People who like to hug and love. I'm 230lbs and masculine. Call me. (Evanston) #22921

NEW AT THIS I live in the Omaha area and I'm looking for new friends. Call me. (Evanston) #7935

YOUNG PUP SEEKS OLDER MAN I'm 19 years old, 5'7, 200lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I've never been with a man. I would like to meet an older man 30 to 45 for fun and more. (Evanston) #20939

I'M A PLEASER, NOT A TEASER I'm 5'10, 150lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 18 years old. I'm really hot and horny. Let's please each other. (Evanston) #20383

FLY THIS FRIENDLY GUY I'm 20 years old and I'm looking for guys around my age. I'm 5'11, 140lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. I'm looking for fun and someone to hang out with. Call me. (Evanston) #16585

LEARNING AND YEARNING I'm a 22 year old college student, 6'2, 220lbs, Black hair, Brown eyes. I'm seeking discreet men 22 to 30 who are attractive and intelligent. Call me. (Evanston) #7623

STRAIGHT ON TO YOU I'm a divorced Gay White male, 51 years old, look mid 30's. I'm very versatile, discreet, and straight looking and acting. I would like to meet men for fun and relaxation (Evanston) #8598

TELL DAD ALL ABOUT IT I'm a White male, 40 years old, good looking, discreet, and honest. If you are 18 to 24 and want a new future please call me. (Evanston) #10547

HELLO OUT THERE I'm 33 years old, 6'1, 170lbs, 44" chest, 30" waist, dark hair, dark eyes, mustache, hairy, good tan. I get into lots of music, outdoors, romantic movies and dinners. If you are interested please call me. (Forest Park) #34692

ROMANCE MY STONES I'm 36 years old, 5'10, 165lbs. I like biking, roller blading, and romantic dinners. I'm looking for someone with similar interests. Call me. (Hickory Hills) #22547

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

SUBMIT TO THIS I'm a 31 year old totally dominant top man, 5'10, 175lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, and goatee. I'm looking for a totally submissive guy under 35 years old. Call me. (La Grange) #16412

WE CAN WORK OUT TOGETHER I'm 25 years old, 6ft, 175lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes, well built. I enjoy movies, golf, night clubs, etc. I seek a White male 21 to 30 who is a non smoker and drug free. I'm also looking for a workout partner. Call me. (Lombard) #16627

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

WHY DONT YOU AND ME? I'm a 32 year old good looking Gay White man, 175lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, and straight acting. I would like to meet a nice, honest, and healthy White man for a monogamous, long term relationship. Please call me. (Wood Dale) #10801

Indiana

ARE YOU 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

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

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

ACTIVE ENDEAVORS I'm a Gay, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, neat, clean, discreet, well built, dark hair, Green eyes. I'd like to meet anyone, 18 to 35, who is in shape and very slender. I like biking, roller blading, and talking. (Mankato) #15752

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

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

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

MAKE OUT MAVERICK I'm 30 years old, 5'7, 155lbs, long Brown hair, Brown eyes, good shape, runner, cyclist. I'm looking for my first Bi experience. If you like to make out and you are very good looking and horny, call me. (Marshall) #15797

CAT LOVER I'm 5'11, 265lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, clean shaven, hairy. I seek men, 22 to 35, who like a little extra padding. I love cats, music, and more. I like White and Hispanic men who are clean shaven tops. Call me. (Minneapolis) #15360

AND THE KITCHEN SINK TOO! Attractive, 41 year old, Gay, White male, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, masculine, with a hairy chest and stomach. I seek an attractive, Gay, Black male, 30 to 50 year old top, who has a nice build, is well endowed, drug free, down to earth, and sincere. (Minneapolis) #15424

MY AGE I'm a student, 21 years old, Brown hair, Hazel eyes, 5'11, 150lbs. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. I enjoy tennis, skiing, hiking, movies, and concerts. I'm only looking for men around my age. (Minneapolis) #15497

DROP YOUR PANTS If you are a bad boy and need some firm discipline, my belt and paddle are ready to put you in line. This dominant male knows what you need. I'll treat you the way you deserve. (Minneapolis) #15725

PASSABLE TV OR TS WANTED I'm a 38 year old White male, 6'2, Brown hair, Brown eyes, attractive, muscular, work out. I like music, dining out, movies, casinos, travel, and quiet times with someone special. I seek a passable Transvestite or Transsexual. I'm seeking friends for good times and casual dating. (Minneapolis) #9438

FRIENDLY TAQUITOS WITH MEAT I'm looking for friends. I am 26 years old, look much younger, Mexican, cute. If you want to meet me please call. (Minneapolis) #12820

VINO MAN Do you speak Italian? Check out this mailbox. This guy sounds really hot!! (Minneapolis) #13128

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. (Minneapolis) #1067

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHUBBY HUBBY I'm 28 years old, 5'11, 270lbs, chubby. I'm looking for young Hispanic men 22 to 29 who are hairy, clean shaven, and in shape. I'm looking for good times and a possible relationship. Call me. (Minneapolis) #35021

ATTORNEY IN BRIEFS I'm a 38 year old seeking to share bottom lines for friendship and possible relationship. I'm looking for someone 30 to 40 who likes the outdoors and more. Call me. (Minneapolis) #23244

NORTHERN EXPOSURE I'm a 53 year old Bi White male looking for a slender guy to serve me on the weekends. Call me. (Minneapolis) #23782

READY FOR THE WEEKEND I'm 53 years old and I'm hoping to meet some younger guys for early morning phone fun and intimate weekend get togethers. Call me. (Minneapolis) #20150

EAST OF ST PAUL I'm a White male, 5'8, 175lbs, looking for guys 25 to 30, 5'8 to 5'9, 165 to 170lbs, who like the outdoors as well as indoors. Call me. (Minneapolis) #18859

READY FOR A CHANGE? I'm a tall, well built, cross dresser, who is looking to be submissive for you. Train me and get to know me. (Minneapolis) #18960

HAIRY MAN WANTED I'm 28 years old, 5'11, 270lbs, chubby. I'm looking for young guys 22 to 29 who are hairy and in shape. I'm ready for a good time. (Minneapolis) #19712

THE BUDDY SYSTEM Gay White couple seeking other young couples or singles for friendship, camping, outdoor sports, and good conversation. Call us. (Minneapolis) #15314

CURIOUS BI MALE I'm a 32 year old Bi curious White male. I'm looking for someone to have some fun with. (Minneapolis) #33292

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD I'm a Gay White male looking for guys in my area. I'm 5'8, 160lbs, clean cut, great shape, good looks. I'm looking for a buddy to kick back with. I'm versatile, rugged, outdoor type. (Moorhead) #19183

STRAIGHT MEN ONLY I'm a Gay White male, 49 years old, 160lbs, drug free, light drinker, non smoker. I'm looking for a Straight male for morning fun. (Plymouth) #13194

LET'S 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

MAKE ME LAUGH I'm 32 years old, 5'9, 150lbs. I'm new to the scene. I like progressive rock and politics. I'm looking for a smooth, safe, in shape, masculine man with a sense of humor. (St. Paul) #14766

Wisconsin

BE MY SECRET LOVER I'm a 27 year old Gay, White male with a good looking, smooth body. I'm straight acting and discreet. I'm looking for a male, 18 to 29, to be my secret lover. Satisfaction is guaranteed. (Appleton) #9712

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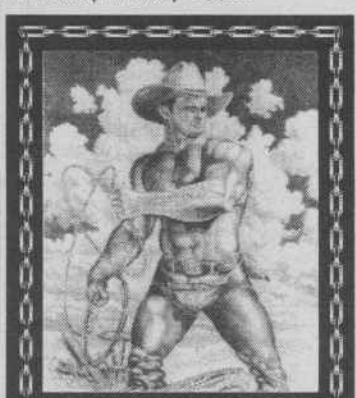
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New Study Shows Gay Men Have Low Incidence of Antibody that Stops AIDS

Los Angeles—Some people may have some natural resistance to the AIDS virus because of a common antibody known to fight off infections like the flu, researchers reported Wednesday, October 16.

The antibody, called VH3, occurs throughout the population in varying levels.

But what is particularly significant was the finding that Gay men who were highly susceptible to HIV infection from even a single sexual contact had very low levels of that antibody.

"Are there any immunologic traits that protect you from becoming infected in the first place? This study suggests, although it certainly doesn't prove, that these antibodies have a protective role, or the lack of them increases susceptibility," said Dr. Jonathan Braun, lead author of the study appearing in October's Journal of Clinical Investigation.

He said the next step is for researchers to determine whether it is possible and beneficial to raise VH3 antibody levels in those individuals at risk for AIDS, possibly through a vaccine.

"It's been controversial whether antibodies are protective in HIV infection. This study is a fresh piece of evidence that they may be," Braun said.

"We think this is one factor that can make people more or less susceptible to the initial infection by the virus," said Lee Goodglick, a study co-author. But, he cautioned: "We don't want to give false hope to anyone."

Braun is chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. The new work builds on his previous study showing that the VH3 antibody has a natural affinity for gp120, the protein coating on the AIDS virus.

But in an interview, Braun said he and his

collaborators still don't know precisely what VH3 does once it binds to the AIDS virus. With other infections, antibodies can prevent viruses from entering cells or lead viruses to cells that will kill them.

Braun said researchers found the strongest correlation between Gay men with low levels of VH3 and low resistance to HIV.

But when they looked at Gay men who didn't become HIV-infected even though they practiced high-risk sex, only some had high levels of the VH3 antibodies. Others with strong resistance had only moderate or even low levels of antibodies.

That leads him to believe that for those men, "there must be other factors which account for their resistance," Braun said.

Researchers throughout the AIDS community have been looking for multiple factors that allow some people to remain uninfected despite exposure to the virus. Just weeks ago, scientists reported that a mutated form of a gene called CCR5 protects men exposed to infected sex partners.

Braun concedes the further research into VH3 could show that it is actually some other mechanism that is influencing resistance and VH3 levels at the same time. But for now he's hopeful that VH3 has a role.

Susan Zolla-Pasner, scientific director of the AIDS Research Center at the New York Veterans Affairs Medical Center, said Braun's study "adds a piece of information about one of the many factors that probably correlates with sensitivity, susceptibility or resistance to HIV infection."

She said the presence of VH3 antibodies in the blood of people before they're exposed to HIV "makes it an interesting and tantalizing finding" that deserves pursuit.


Bonnie Mathieson, head of the coordinating committee for AIDS vaccines in the Office of AIDS Research at the National Institutes of Health, also welcomed the research.

"It may potentially lead to something important," Mathieson said. "This is another factor in the whole list of things that might be important for preventing infection."

Braun's group analyzed blood samples from 252 men enrolled in the Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study, an ongoing national study that has tracked thousands of Gay and Bisexual men before and after exposure to HIV.

Braun's study was funded in part by NIH, UCLA, and the Chiron Corp.

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In the end Klug's popularity with the voters helped by the moderate image he portrayed won the day for him. Klug's score on the Human Rights Campaign Score card was 56%

3rd District Democrat Ron Kind picked up this seat for the Democrats and will replace retiring Republican Steve Gunderson.

Kind a moderate Democrat who was endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund will now represent the Western portion of the Badger State.

His opponent, Conservative Republican, Jim Harnsdorf faced an uphill bill in a district where voters said they disapproved of the Republican led Congress by a wide margin.

4th District Incumbent Congressman Jerry Kleczka easily won re-election outdistancing Christian Coalition backed candidate, Tom Reynolds in a rematch of their 1994 race.

Kleczka rated a 65% on the HRC Congressional Score Card.

Kleczka made an issue of Reynold's extreme positions on health insurance, pensions, assault weapons and the minimum wage.

Reynolds came closer in 1994 than he did in 1996. The West Allis printer was counting on thousands of flyers to counter Kleczka's aggressive television campaign.

5th District Democratic incumbent, Tom Barrett rolled over his Republican challenger, Paul Melotik.

Barrett who rated a 89% on the HRC Score Card hardly worked up a sweat in this race in which neither side ran any television commercials.

Melotik, a conservative Republican had little visibility in the race against the popular Barrett.

6th District Republican incumbent Tom Petri rolled to an easy victory of Democrat Alver Lindskoog, a civil engineer.

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Petri who had 0 on the Human Rights Campaign Score Card easily won over Lindskoog who raised less than \$5,000 for his campaign stood little chance.

7th District Incumbent Democrat David Obey won re-election in this North Western Wisconsin district. Obey was opposed by Republican Scott West in a rematch of their race in 1992.

Obey who earned a 50% score on the HRC Score Card, held one of the seats the Republicans thought they could win. West was heavily outspent by the incumbent and his campaign never really seemed to catch on.

8th District Democrat Jay Johnson seized this seat which was held by the Republicans for over 20 years. Johnson who was endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign defeated Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, David Prosser.

This North East Wisconsin district includes some of the most conservative areas of the Badger State.

Prosser was badly bloodied in a bitter primary fight against a Right Wing candidate leaving the door open for Johnson.

Even a two to one advantage in fund raising was not enough for Prosser to overcome Johnson.

9th District Congressman James Sensenbrenner was unopposed in his bid to continue representing this district just North of Milwaukee.

Sensenbrenner rated a 11% on the HRC Scorecard.

Wisconsin State Assembly - As of press time it was impossible to give exact figures on the outcome of the race to control the Wisconsin State Assembly. However, all indications were that it will remain in the hands of the Republican Party

Wisconsin State Senate - As of press time it was impossible to give exact figures on the number of Democrats and Republicans in the next State Senate, but it appeared that the Democrats would hold onto their control of the upper House in the State Legislature.

CLINTON

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and ethics. These attacks fell on deaf ears with most voters saying that both sides had ethical problems.

One pundit observed that the Republicans may have been "snake bit by their own venom." For years the GOP has been telling people that government is their enemy and under the thumb of special interests. Now they expect people to believe that that only applies to Democrats, but the voters didn't buy it.

In his victory speech Clinton did not specifically mention Gays and Lesbians but he did speak for tolerance and unity in the country.

Although pre-election polls shows a narrow lead for the Democrats in Congress, the results on election day did not bear that out.

A number of Republican candidates, especially in the South campaigned on anti-Gay themes and ran ads accusing their Democratic opponents of being too pro-Gay.

As of press time it was not yet known how those homophobic Republican candidates had done.

One fact that was clear was that the Republican Party was well positioned to make

good on its promise to investigate Clinton and tie up his administration with investigations and hearings in the new Congress.

This fact does not bode well for advocates of Gay Rights. During the Democratic Convention in Chicago, openly Gay Congressman, Barney Frank (D-Mass) told **The Wisconsin Light** that without a Democratic controlled Senate, it would be impossible for Clinton to get through any Gay or Lesbian appointments. "The Republicans simply won't let it happen," he said.

MEDICAL COLLEGE

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medicine, developed an HIV prevention program for women at risk for AIDS and seen in inner city primary health care clinics. The program consisted of five sessions designed for a group of six to eight women.

Topics covered included HIV risk education, sexual decision making, communication with a sexual partner about safer sex, and training in condom use.

An effectiveness study done as part of that program compared the sexual behavior of women who attended the prevention program with women who did not. It found that condom use more than doubled in women who attended the prevention program.

In the present study, Drs. Holtgrave and Kelly took the results of that earlier study and retroactively applied a cost analysis to it.

"We tried to find out what it costs to offer a program like that, balanced with its effectiveness," said Dr. Holtgrave. "We asked: What does it really cost to run a program like this? Can we really afford it?"

They added up all the costs of the program—staff hours, facilitators' hours, transportation and child care costs—and determined it cost about \$269 per client.

Then they used the percentage of increase in condom use in women who attended the program to predict the number of HIV infections that were being averted. Using a standard research mathematical formula, they calculated the cost per life-year saved at about \$2,000.

"It turned out that this program actually is cost-effective health care dollars," Dr. Holtgrave said. "Every time you avert a case of AIDS, you are saving society money; AIDS is an expensive disease."

He points out that these results can be compared to similar cost effectiveness studies done on other kinds of prevention programs. Programs for education on helmet use for motorcycle riders, for example, also cost about \$2,000 per life-year saved.

Contrast that with kidney dialysis programs which can cost up to \$46,000 per life-year saved, and the cost of the AIDS program is reasonable. "This program is clearly in the zone of being cost effective," Dr. Holtgrave said.

The three researchers have jointly won the C. Everett Koop National Health Award for their work, which was presented in Washington, DC on October 18, 1996.

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Pressure Build on Chrysler to Adopt Pro-Gay Anti-Discrimination Policy

New York—While attention is focused on General Motors Corp.'s labor negotiations, Chrysler Corp. is facing allegations from some workers that it is anti-Gay.

The No. 3 U.S. auto maker has come under fire from Gay and Lesbian employees over its recent refusal to include the words "sexual orientation" in its anti-discrimination policy. General Motors added such language to its anti-discrimination policy years ago. But Ford Motor Co., like Chrysler, said it hasn't done so because it feels its anti-discrimination policy covers everyone.

That used to be the prevailing view among U.S. corporations. In recent years, however, growing numbers of major companies—including AT&T Corp., Chase Manhattan Corp. and Coca-Cola Co.—have explicitly added "sexual orientation" to their anti-discrimination statements.

Some are going even further. Last week, GM's Canadian unit agreed to extend benefits to same-sex partners of its 26,000 employees. So have more than 350 other corporations, including International Business Machines Corp., Levi Strauss & Co. and Adolph Coors Co. GM, which is now in new contract negotiations with the United Auto Workers, hasn't said whether it will offer same-sex benefits to its 220,000 U.S. employees.

The issue came into the spotlight at Chrysler this fall when a group of Gay and Lesbian employees persuaded UAW leaders to make it part of the union's wish list of contract demands. At the same time, the Canadian Auto Workers were demanding that Chrysler extend benefits to Gay employees' partners. But the demands never made it beyond the bargaining table in either country.

Officials at Chrysler maintain that the company doesn't need to add sexual orientation language to its anti-discrimination clause because it already has a strong policy prohibiting discrimination or harassment of any kind against any employee. It reads in part: "Chrysler prohibits discrimination and will not tolerate harassment or retaliation against any person in the workplace." Tony Cervone, a Chrysler labor spokesman, says that "by singling out any one group, we would be implicitly excluding others. That's the fundamental reason why we didn't see a need to make the change." He wouldn't discuss Chrysler's decision in Canada.

Even with the contract talks now concluded, Chrysler's failure to adopt the anti-discrimination language has ignited the Gay community. A few workers picketed at different times each day outside Chrysler's sprawling headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan, and some of them show up at area Chrysler dealers from time to time. Gay civil rights groups from Detroit to Colorado are planning a national day of protest at Chrysler dealerships for November 13. The issue has also turned into a hot debate on the Internet.

Meanwhile, Franklin Research & Development Corp., a Boston-based investment firm, is petitioning Chrysler Chairman Robert J. Eaton to reverse the decision. The firm, which earlier this year helped to pres-

sure Johnson & Johnson into adopting a corporate policy banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, is seeking a meeting with Mr. Eaton and other Chrysler executives to discuss the issue.

"As investors, we think discrimination is a significant hidden labor cost that ultimately cuts into share value," says Shelly Alpern, a research analyst with Franklin Research.

Gay and Lesbian workers say Chrysler's stance only underscores the hostile climate that exists on many factory floors in the auto industry. "It's not an atmosphere that encourages diversity," says Martha Grevatt, an openly Lesbian employee at a Chrysler plant in Twinsburg, Ohio.

"The auto industry has been dead last in protecting the rights of Gay people in the workplace," says Sean Stroub, a co-author of **Cracking the Corporate Closet**, a book detailing the 200 best and worst corporations for Gays and Lesbians to work for, buy from and invest in.

In the nine years she has worked as a tool-and-die maker at the Twinsburg stamping plant, 39-year-old Ms. Grevatt says she has endured a steady barrage of harassment because she is a Lesbian. Male co-workers have glued pornographic photos to her tool box and scrawled hate messages at her work station, Ms. Grevatt says.

Her worst experience, she says, came in 1990, when someone posted a series of articles at her station about Gays in the Middle East who had been beheaded because of their orientation. Along with the articles, a block of wood was left behind with a note that read, "Place your neck here," Ms. Grevatt says. Though she says she reported the incident and got some support from the union, she says no formal action was ever taken. "This isn't a case of one or two people being mistreated. Chrysler has a major problem," she says.

Chrysler says it investigated the incident but was unable to determine who was responsible. However, Cervone, the Chrysler labor spokesman, says the company did reiterate its statement of zero tolerance for harassment of any kind, and made training on the issue available to workers at that plant.

Ron Woods, who drafted the petition that became part of the UAW's contract demands at Chrysler, says he had thought the toughest opposition would come from fellow union members. But when the union unanimously backed the demand, Woods, an electrician at Chrysler's technical center, says he was certain that the company would accede. When it didn't, he was offended.

"It's a slap in the face," he says. "I've given this company more than 10 years of my life." Woods, who has been picketing Chrysler daily since the company rejected the proposal, started campaigning for a specific policy on Gay rights a few years ago after he became the focus of harassment that he says included co-workers gluing his tool box shut and painting vulgar statements around his work area.

Chrysler officials wouldn't comment other than to say the company bans all forms of harassment.

Around the World, a New Idea is Gaining Ground: Gays are a Normal Minority

After the former Yugoslav army moved out of its barracks in Ljubljana, the Gays moved in. The gutted compound in Metelkova Road is hulking, derelict, folded in icy blackness on a winter's night because the electricity has been cut off. But make your way through a fresh-painted door and you enter Klub Magnus, another world.

The curtains are a smart yellow, the walls cheery red; generators and portable heaters banish the Winter night. Twenty or 30 young Gay people gather at café tables smoking, drinking, chatting. One of them, sits not far from a sign saying "All Different, All Equal."

Slovenia, population 2 million, is a shard of the former Yugoslavia; not surprisingly, older Gay people in this corner of Europe mostly stay out of sight. Robert, who is 25, does not.

Robert knew he was Gay at 15 and began telling others at 20. "I didn't want to have a double life," he says. "It's more important to take the consequences and live like you want to live."

Nearby is Matej, 21, who will soon come out to his family. "I don't like to hide," he says. And Zoren, behind the bar, 26, and living with his lover; "2QT2BSTR8" his T-shirt says.

Homosexuality was legalized in Slovenia in 1974. The first Gay men's organization appeared ten years later, and a Lesbian group was organized in 1988.

In August, 1995, the two groups hosted Slovenia's first international conference on Gays and Lesbians which was attended by several prominent politicians and was well re-

ceived in the local press. A Gay Pride march is in the planning stages.

Most striking, however, are these Slovene youths. In their casual attitude toward their sexual orientation and in their indifference to straight disapproval, they might as easily be in London or New York as in Ljubljana.

Or, in a few years, in Lahore. A Gay group has opened its doors in Pakistan—and so too have Gay groups in Bolivia, Kenya, Moldova, Portugal, South Korea and Sri Lanka.

In Tomsk, in Siberian Russia, last May saw the city's first Gay Pride parade. Eastern Europe has many Gay groups and People's China has sprouted two.

The International Lesbian and Gay Association began with 17 member organizations in 1978; it now has about 300, representing 70 countries.

Something New in the World
Sometimes, for reasons that remain but dimly understood, cultural tides wash round the world. Janez and Zoren and Matej and Robert are part of such a global cultural shift. Something new has arrived in the world: the ordinary Gay person, male or female.

For the ancients, and for many people since, homosexuality was a behavior and perhaps a proclivity, but not a defining trait.

To this day, many people maintain that homosexual behavior exists, but that homosexuals, as such, do not.

Ironically, this "behavioral" view is now mainly espoused by two bitter enemies: Right Wing, anti-Gay religionists who believe that

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



everyone is naturally straight, and left-wing pro-Gay activists, who believe that sexual categories themselves are crimping and repressive.

But these two views, held to for so long, are in the process of being swept away. Worldwide, homosexuality is coming to be accepted as an orientation like any other.

A bland word, "orientation." But it flags the radical re-drawing of an idea. For to call homosexuality an orientation presupposes that it is a neutral trait or disposition, life being left handed; not changeable without destroying the bearer's personality; not innately harmful; not chosen.

In a quiet way, this latest view is more radical than any of its predecessors because it treats Gay people as both fundamentally distinct from the straight majority and, at the same time, quite ordinary. As a minority, on this view, Lesbians and Gay men must be statistically odd, but they are behaviorally normal.

In the past, the 19th Century, homosexuality was linked to strangeness and cultural rebellion. It was associated with artists, writers, Bohemians and others of the kind. Much of that is gone or going now.

What is new is the advent of "banal" homosexuality. If being Gay is, at root, an orientation, then it may just as easily be gray tweed as purple chiffon, middle class conservative as revolutionary. It can be counter-cultural, but it doesn't have to be.

What is emerging is, for example, the young woman of 20 who realizes she is a Lesbian but, after a period of adjustment, shrugs her shoulders, informs her family, and gets on with her otherwise mundane life.

The conclusion that must now be reached is that if homosexuality is just an orientation and not some kind of sin or disease, there is no reason for Lesbians and Gay men to hide—and, increasingly Gays are not hiding.

Today, social repression against Lesbians and Gay men remains oppressive all over the world. But, that being said, the direction of change is unmistakable.

In Japan, for example, where being Gay is traditionally viewed as weird, but not immoral, more and more young Gays and Lesbians are living openly with their partners.

Last year, the first Gay page appeared in a mainstream Turkish newspaper; an openly Gay Pakistani poet published the first book of Gay verse in Urdu; Latin America's first Gay resort opened in Brazil.

In Zimbabwe
Last August, Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's president, said he did not believe Gays "have any rights at all," called them "sub-animal" and threatened all Gays with arrest. Instead of diving under the furniture, Zimbabwe's Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe, rallied in self-defense.

Part of the reason for all this is economic. The world as a whole, rather than just the richest bits of it, is now developing its first mass middle class: people who can afford to live well. These are the people who, studies

indicate, are most likely to accept the "different but equal" model of Gays that has come to the fore.

To all this, add the Internet. Gays are not isolated anymore. A Gay young man in Birmingham, Alabama, for example, can "chat" with peers in Birmingham, England; a fledgling group in Portugal or Pakistan may consult instantly with activists in London or Sydney.

In the Zimbabwean situation, Gays responded to Mugabe's attack by jumping on the Internet and dispatching alarms in all directions.

In Wisconsin, the state's Gay newspaper, **Wisconsin Light**, gets hold of the news and spreads it across the front page, with the result that a planned Mugabe visit to Milwaukee is made very embarrassing indeed.

The "orientation" view of homosexuality, smashes through gender-crossing notions. It sees Gay men as unambiguously male and Lesbians as unambiguously female. Being Gay or Lesbian implies neither effeminacy or "butchness" nor indeed any kind of role. It is this view that is radiating throughout the world. It is not that Gays and Lesbians are coming out, it is that they are learning to understand themselves as "Gay."

Research increasingly shows that for some 5% to 10% of the population, same-sex love is not a diversion, let alone a perversion, but a basic emotional need: so basic that it persists in the face of repression of even the most violent kind.

As the notion of the ordinary Lesbian or Gay man spreads, the ancient veil of secrecy and shame that was drawn over this love is dissolving into the air.

The churches, those which oppose this, had better think up some new doctrine, or they shall, indeed, be left behind.

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