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# The Wisconsin Light

## Latest Studies Show that New AIDS Drugs Fail in About Half of Patients

**Toronto, Canada**—Widely heralded new AIDS treatments that seemed to stop the virus' advance and revive patients from near death are now beginning to fail in about half of all those treated, doctors said Monday, September 29.

The disappointing reports suggest the tough virus is coming back after being knocked briefly into submission, just as many experts feared it would.

"Over the past year, we had a honeymoon period," said Dr. Steven Deeks. "The epidemic will likely split in two, and for half the people we will need new therapeutic options."

Deeks presented data from the University of California at San Francisco's large public AIDS clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

Prescriptions of so-called three-drug cocktails, two older AIDS drugs plus one of the new class of medicines called protease inhibitors, have clearly revolutionized AIDS care. In many places, more than 90 percent of AIDS patients are taking these combinations, and typically people start on them as soon as they learn they are infected, even before they get sick.

Patients whose disease-fighting T cells were ravaged by HIV have gotten out of bed, regained normal lives and even gone back to work. However, many worried from the start that the virus would eventually grow resistant to the protease inhibitors and resume its insidious destruction.

The latest data, presented at an infectious disease conference sponsored by the American Society of Microbiology, suggests this is indeed happening regularly.

Deeks and colleagues reviewed the records of 136 HIV-infected people who started on protease inhibitors in March. **Please See to AIDS Drugs Page 14**

## President Clinton Appoints Open Lesbian to Top Ranked Post in White House

**Washington, DC**—The White House announced Wednesday, October 1, the appointment of former (1983-1985) National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) executive director Virginia M. Apuzzo of Kingston, New York, as Assistant to the President for Management and Administration.



Virginia M. Apuzzo

Apuzzo has been serving as Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor at the United States Department of Labor since September, 1996. In her new position, she is scheduled to become the nation's highest ranking out Gay or Lesbian government official in history.

In the White House position, Apuzzo will direct all the management and ad-



**CCF Recognized**—Tony Rhodes, President of the Cream City Foundation received a plaque of appreciation given to the Foundation on behalf of the Saturday Softball League at the SSBL's Banquet held at the M & M Club on Sunday, October 5. CCF was a major sponsor of the league's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. The Wisconsin Light's Bill Meunier was given an award of excellence for his outstanding support of the SSBL.

## Roman Catholic Bishops Tell Parents to Love and Accept Their Gay and Lesbian Kids

**New York, NY**—A groundbreaking statement by U.S. Catholic Bishops advises that the parents of Gay males and Lesbians place familial love and support for their children ahead of anti-Gay church doctrine.

A spokeswoman for Milwaukee's Archbishop Rembert Weakland said that he had no comment because "the letter comes from the national office."

Chicago's William B. Kelley, a pioneer

of the Gay movement said that although he himself is not a Roman Catholic he sees the bishops' statement as hopeful.

Kelley predicts that "this action by the bishops will have (or can be used to produce) a big impact on public attitudes even though ostensibly the Church isn't easing its stand on how Gay sex is immoral."

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) welcomed the document as "an important step forward on the road to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation."

"This is another milestone on America's journey toward common ground where faith, family and fairness go together," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch.

Kerry Lobel, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), said that he welcomed the letter. "I hope this open discussion within the Catholic Church will ease the pain of young people coming to grips with their sexual orientation."

Lobel added, however, "I reject their (the Bishops) notion that our behavior is immoral." He called on the Church to end its "mixed message."

The bishops' statement, titled Always Our Children, was made in the form of a **Please See to Bishops Page 14**

## ENDA Senate Committee Hearing Scheduled for October 23

By Bill Meunier

**An Exclusive Wisconsin Light Report**  
**Washington D.C.**—The Employment Non-Discrimination Act, ENDA is slated for a Senate Committee hearing to be held the morning of Thursday October 24. The hearing has been called by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. That committee is chaired by Senator Jim Jeffords (R-VT). Jeffords is a major sponsor of the legislation.

ENDA would prohibit employment discrimination aimed at Gays and Lesbians. The bill provides an exemption for religious organizations and specifically prohibits the use of quotas or affirmative action.

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**An Exclusive Wisconsin Light Report**

**Washington DC**—Hopes that the Federal Judiciary would throw out the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy" appear to have been dashed when for the third time in the last year, the United States Supreme Court has refused to hear a case regarding the controversial policy of dismissing openly Gay or Lesbian service members even if the military has no evidence that they have engaged in homosexual conduct.

The Court without comment declined to hear the case of Richtenberg vs. The United States. In order for a case to be heard before the Supreme Court four justices have to vote to consider it. That means that at best only a third of the Court wants to consider overturning "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Air Force Captain Richard Richtenberg was a decorated Electronic Warfare officer. He received his commendation during the Persian Gulf War for detecting and countering an enemy threat. The nature of that threat remains classified.

Richtenberg was honorably discharged after telling his superiors that he was Gay. The Air Force offered no evidence of any misconduct. Under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy" the military can dismiss service persons who admit to being Gay unless those individuals can prove they have not engaged in homosexual acts.

In an interview with **The Wisconsin Light**, Kirk Childress, of The Service Members Defense League, a national organization which works with discharged Gay and Lesbian Veterans pointed out that when Captain Richtenberg came before a review board, those who served with him gave supportive statements to that Board.

It was hoped that those statements would convince the Court that the military is wrong when it says that the mere presence of openly Gay or Lesbian service members harms unit cohesion and morale. Childress expressed disappointment **Please See to Don't Ask Page 14**

## Add Your Name to "Light's" Nov. 5 Anniversary Issue

**Milwaukee**—Readers of this newspaper are invited to place their names in the November 5<sup>th</sup> keepsake, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collectors edition of **The Wisconsin Light**. As projected, that issue will be the largest GLBT publication ever published in Wisconsin.

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The deadline for the name listing is Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds from this listing will benefit **The Wisconsin Light**. See page 32 for the form you may use.

# News From The Nation



## Student Suing Over Lesbian Relationship

**Tuscaloosa, AL-AP-** A student who sued the University of Alabama over a lesbian relationship she had with a professor has dropped an appeal of a judge's decision to throw out the case.

Dale Gray's lawyers filed a voluntary dismissal of the appeal September 29 with the U.S. Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

U.S. District Court Judge Edwin Nelson threw out Gray's suit after a four-day trial in May. He said she had failed to prove any of her claims against UA or professor Alice Parker. The defendants didn't even present defenses.

In his order dismissing the suit, Nelson wrote that Gray "was as thoroughly discredited as any witness this court can recall in some 30 years of experience."

Stan Murphy, UA's lead lawyer, said Monday that he was pleased the appeal had been dropped, but declined to comment further.

## Mother Sues After HIV+ Child Was Barred from School

**Portage, MI-AP-** The mother of a child who was temporarily barred from school because she carries the AIDS virus has filed a lawsuit seeking more than \$10,000.

The woman said her daughter, 9, suffered humiliation, mental anguish, and emotional distress. She said she also wants to punish Portage Public Schools.

The girl was barred from Woodland Elementary School, near Kalamazoo, for two days while officials decided whether she posed a risk to other students. The Kalamazoo County medical examiner eventually said it was safe.

Officials declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Frederick Royce, an attorney representing the girl's mother, said one of his goals is to force the district to change its policy on students with disabilities.

"There are kids in her class that will not play with her," Royce said. "It never needed to come out. The school never needed to kick her out."

## Davenport Schools Won't Give Protection to Gays

**Davenport, IA-AP-** The Davenport School Board refused to add sexual orientation to its list of classes protected from harassment.

Under the proposed policy revisions, sexual orientation would have joined the list that bans discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, creed, age, marital status, veteran status and disability.

"The purpose was to let the people we employ and educate know that the Davenport School District is a safe place to learn and to work," said board member Susan Low. "They have a right to dignity. They have a right to feel safe. They have the right to not be afraid in our district."

Board members agreed that all people should be free from harassment and discrimination, but some said they could not vote for making sexual orientation a protected class before the city, state and federal governments do so.

## British Lesbians Win a Round

**London, England-AP-** A lesbian couple scored a victory in European courts today when an advocate-general said a British train company should have provided the same travel privileges heterosexual employees get.

The opinion from advocate-general Michael Elmer is not binding on the full European Court of Justice, based in Luxembourg. But if the court agrees with Elmer's findings, it could force changes in Britain's employment, pension and social security laws.

Lisa Grant, a reservations clerk with South West Trains, had argued her partner, Jill Percey, was entitled to the same travel privileges given to the husbands, wives and common-law opposite-sex spouses of other rail employees. The case was argued in July, with Grant represented by lawyer Cherie Booth, the wife of Prime Minister Tony Blair.

## Bishops' Letter Won't Affect Maine Church

**Portland, ME-AP-** A declaration by Roman Catholic bishops affirming the Church's acceptance of homosexuals does not signal a shift by the Diocese of Portland in favor of Maine's Gay rights bill.

The statewide diocese has remained neutral on the measure, which is expected to go to referendum before April. This week's open letter by the bishops will not affect that stance, said Marc Mutty, a diocesan spokesman.

The primary concern of the diocese is whether the bill endorses homosexual relations, Mutty said. If so, "the church is very much opposed," he said.

The bill was approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Angus King last spring. But conservative Christian groups were able to stop it from becoming law by submitting petition signatures demanding a statewide vote.

Mutty said the bishops' letter urging parents to accept and support their Gay children will not alter diocesan attitudes because the Church has for years told parishioners that being homosexual is not incompatible with being a good Catholic.

"This is not an earth-shattering, historic document," Mutty said.

## Ellen is Considering Children

**Philadelphia-AP-** First, she came out of the closet. Now, Ellen DeGeneres and her live-in girlfriend are talking children.

"For a long time, I wanted a baby. But right now, I'm too selfish. I just can't," the star of the ABC sit-com "Ellen" said in the Oct. 11 edition of "TV Guide." That may be all right with her girlfriend, Anne Heche, who wants to be the one to have their child.

"Yeah, Ann usually gets what she wants," DeGeneres said, laughing.

DeGeneres said she doesn't regret coming out of the closet, both in person and on her show. But she does have mixed feelings about coming back for what she hopes will be the show's last season.

"I never wanted to be the poster child" for lesbianism, she said. "I just can't be the Gay girl all the time. It's only part of who I am."

ABC entertainment president Jamie Tarses agreed, saying earlier this year that the show wouldn't be "the lesbian dating show." But DeGeneres took exception when Tarses said the show would take "baby steps."

"It's like they're saying, 'OK, you're Gay, and we're tolerating this, but don't show us how you really would be, don't kiss a girl on the lips.'"

## AIDS Can Strike Anyone, Activists Tell Kids

**Salt Lake City-AP-** The activist who started the AIDS Memorial Quilt told students at East High School not to let looks deceive them, that the next generation of AIDS victims will look "exactly like you."

Cleve Jones described himself as an "old, white Gay guy from the big city", exactly the stereotypical victim of the disease. "I look like AIDS cases from this decade, but the next decade of AIDS cases looks exactly like you."

When Jones hatched the idea of a memorial quilt, he gathered just a few of the lovingly decorated and often heartbreaking quilts. Then there were a thousand names, then 8,000 and then 16,000. This year, the quilt, bearing 40,000 names, stretched 40 acres on the mall in Washington, D.C.

Jones says his goal is not to teach tolerance for homosexuality. "Even if you think I'm a sinner, I want to teach you how to prevent AIDS," he said.

But the job in Utah is not easy.

The state board of education's policy on AIDS education prohibits teachers, counselors and visiting speakers from discussing contraception or sexual practices. The ban rankles many students.

## FDA Approves Combination Pill

**Washington, DC-AP-** The first combination pill for AIDS therapy could allow patients to cut six tablets a day from their complicated drug regimen.

Glaxo Wellcome announced Monday that the Food and Drug Administration has approved Combivir, combining two of the most common AIDS medicines - AZT and 3TC - into one tablet. The company's U.S. headquarters are in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Powerful anti-HIV drug cocktails often require patients to take as many as 20 pills a day at precise times. Combivir would let patients take two tablets a day instead of the up to eight pills required when taking AZT and 3TC separately, the FDA said.

The drug will be on pharmacy shelves by mid-October, and the annual wholesale price of \$5,240 will be similar to AZT and 3TC taken separately.

## Selenium Important in AIDS Survival

**Miami-AP-** A deficiency of the mineral selenium, found in foods including whole grains, seafood and liver, can dramatically lower the survival rate of people infected with HIV, says a new study released today.

Scientists say the mineral plays a key role in maintaining a healthy immune system and has been shown to fight cancer.

A study at the Center for Disease Prevention at the University of Miami's School of Medicine showed that HIV-infected patients with a deficiency of selenium were almost 20 times more likely to die of causes related to HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The study of 125 HIV-infected men and women demonstrated that selenium plays a critical role in the progression of AIDS. While other nutrients such as vitamins A, B12 and zinc affect survival, deficiencies in those nutrients produce a much lower risk of mortality, the study found.

## New York City Weighs Ban on Ads

**New York, NY-AP-** A state assemblyman is calling for a protest against a Metropolitan Transportation Authority vote on banning offensive advertisements from New York's subways and buses.

Assemblyman Scott M. Stringer of Manhattan said September 30<sup>th</sup>'s scheduled vote by the MTA board could remove AIDS-related, birth control and political advocacy advertising from the city's public transportation.

"Under these rules, because they're vague and they're not well thought out, the MTA could stop controversial advertising," Stringer told reporters at a news conference Sunday.

"This is New York City and we encourage debate and controversy and the ability to get different opinions across," he added.

The MTA wants to ban sexually explicit ads, those frightening to children, and those portraying children in sexually suggestive poses.

## Billy Graham's Homophobia Criticized

**San Francisco-AP-** A city supervisor has condemned the Rev. Billy Graham's remark that "homosexuality is a sin."

Supervisor Amos Brown told the Board of Supervisors that "at some appropriate time, we should issue a resolution appealing to Mr. Graham to back off his statement." The board took no action on Graham on Monday.

Graham, in Northern California for a series of evangelical crusades, including an Oct. 9 revival in San Francisco, made the comment last week when prodded by reporters.

Graham referred to homosexuality as a sin and said, "It is wrong ... it needs to be dealt with and needs to be forgiven."

He then tried to soften the condemnation by saying, "But why jump on that sin? There are bigger sins."

## ARCW's Art For AIDS Auction and Brunch Benefits Many on Different Levels

**Milwaukee-** What is there to do on a Sunday when the Green Bay Packers do not play? If you find yourself pondering this question in regards to Sunday, October 26, wonder no more. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) sixth Art for AIDS auction and brunch is your answer.

"Art for AIDS is a wonderful event for anyone, from first time buyers to more experienced buyers, to view and purchase artistic pieces in a comfortable setting," said Marge Beil, director of special events for ARCW. "It's a great way to spend a Sunday when the Packers don't play, plus timing is perfect to get a head-start on holiday gift shopping."

The event will feature more than 250 fine works of art donated by prominent artists and gallery owners from Wisconsin as well as several from across the nation to include paintings, sculptures, jewelry, drawings, pottery and photography. Art for AIDS begins at 10 a.m. with the silent auction and brunch, followed by the voice auction at 12:30 p.m. This all happens at the Milwaukee Hilton, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave.

"Our event shows the commitment artists have to the fight against AIDS along with our commitment to the artistic community," said Beil. "Art for AIDS exposes individuals who are dedicated to the cause but may not normally visit galleries or purchase art to become interested in local artists. It's a great venue to make people responsive to the art community and raise the much needed funds for AIDS care, research and prevention."

Art for AIDS is sponsored by Miller Brewing Company and is expected to draw many collectors, gallery owners, artists and art enthusiasts.

### Promotional Materials Feature Local Artist

This year's premiere piece is also being used on the event's promotional materials and was created by Kathy Kercheck, a Milwaukee artist whose works are shown

at the ArtCentric Inc. Gallery in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward.

Kercheck received her MFA in painting and drawing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1996. She currently teaches art classes at the Milwaukee Art Museum and works as a freelance mural artist.

Kercheck focuses on the nature of social interaction, group traditions and personal behavior through images ranging from holidays, celebrations and community events, to private moments and past times.

The featured painting for the 1997 Art for AIDS auction & brunch is the "Cream Puff Line." It is a humorous homage to fair-goers' desire for the prized pastry. Another piece of Kercheck's being featured is "Autumn." It is a touching scene of children experiencing the change of seasons. Both pieces will be available for bidding in the voice auction portion of the event.

Tickets for the event are \$30 each, or tables of 10 can be purchased for \$300, which include the brunch and art catalogue. For tickets or more information, call (414) 225-1549.

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## Consumer Advisory Panel To Hold Forum for MAP Clients

**Milwaukee**— The Consumer Advisory Panel is holding a forum on October 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for clients of the Milwaukee AIDS Project at its offices, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee.

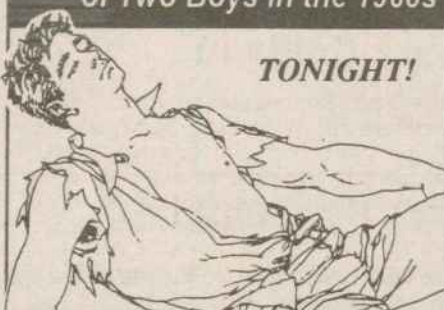
"This annual forum provides an opportunity for persons with HIV and AIDS in the Milwaukee area to increase their knowledge on new treatment standards, to discuss issues with other people living

with the disease and to provide input into the agency's programs and services through participation on the Consumer Advisory Panel," said Neil Albrecht, deputy director of programs for ARCW. "The Consumer Advisory Panel, which meets on a monthly basis, is a critical advisement group to the agency to ensure we are hearing and understanding the needs of the HIV/AIDS community and delivering quality services."

The forum's featured speaker, Brad Fairington, a nurse practitioner and clinical nurse consultant for the University of Illinois Infectious Disease Family Center for Immunodeficiency and Infectious Diseases will provide information on the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on treatment for HIV.

This forum is sponsored by the membership of the Consumer Advisory Panel and Bristol-Myers Squibb. For more information, call (414) 225-1523.

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## Wisconsin AIDSline Expands Target Audience

**Milwaukee**— The Wisconsin AIDSline, a statewide service of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), has expanded its service by including specific hours for teens to call and talk to teens regarding HIV and AIDS information.

"Teens are one of the highest at-risk groups for HIV and AIDS and we wanted to develop a supportive and educational link that teens would use to get accurate information," said Julie Bock, prevention specialist at ARCW. "Through surveys and group discussions with Wisconsin teens, we found one of the best tools to inform teens is via the telephone, but that they wanted to receive the information from a peer - not an adult."

The Wisconsin AIDSline is 800-334-AIDS and teen hours are Monday through Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All teens answering questions during these hours have completed a minimum 25 hours of training plus three, 3-hour shifts of observing other Wisconsin AIDSline operators. Teens staffing the AIDSline will be supported by an adult at all times.

Wisconsin AIDSline teen hours were made possible by a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supplemental grant and ARCW's Teen Peer Mentor and Resource Center.

## Blockbuster Video and ARCW Team Up to Fight AIDS

**Milwaukee**— The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) and BLOCKBUSTER have become partners in the fight against AIDS.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin may be over... but there is still one very important way you can help raise funds to fight AIDS. Now through October 21, you can join the BLOCKBUSTER GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM. You GIVE \$5 and GET a card allowing you to rent one get one FREE.

The card is good every Wednesday through December 24, 1997. Better yet, BLOCKBUSTER will donate the entire \$5 to AIDS Walk Wisconsin to benefit 18 AIDS service agencies throughout the state.

"By everyone purchasing their own GOOD NEIGHBOR card and getting the message out to friends and family members, we can all help raise more money for the 1997 AIDS Walk," said Steve Atwell, development officer-corporate for ARCW.

Cards are available at participating BLOCKBUSTER video stores throughout Wisconsin.

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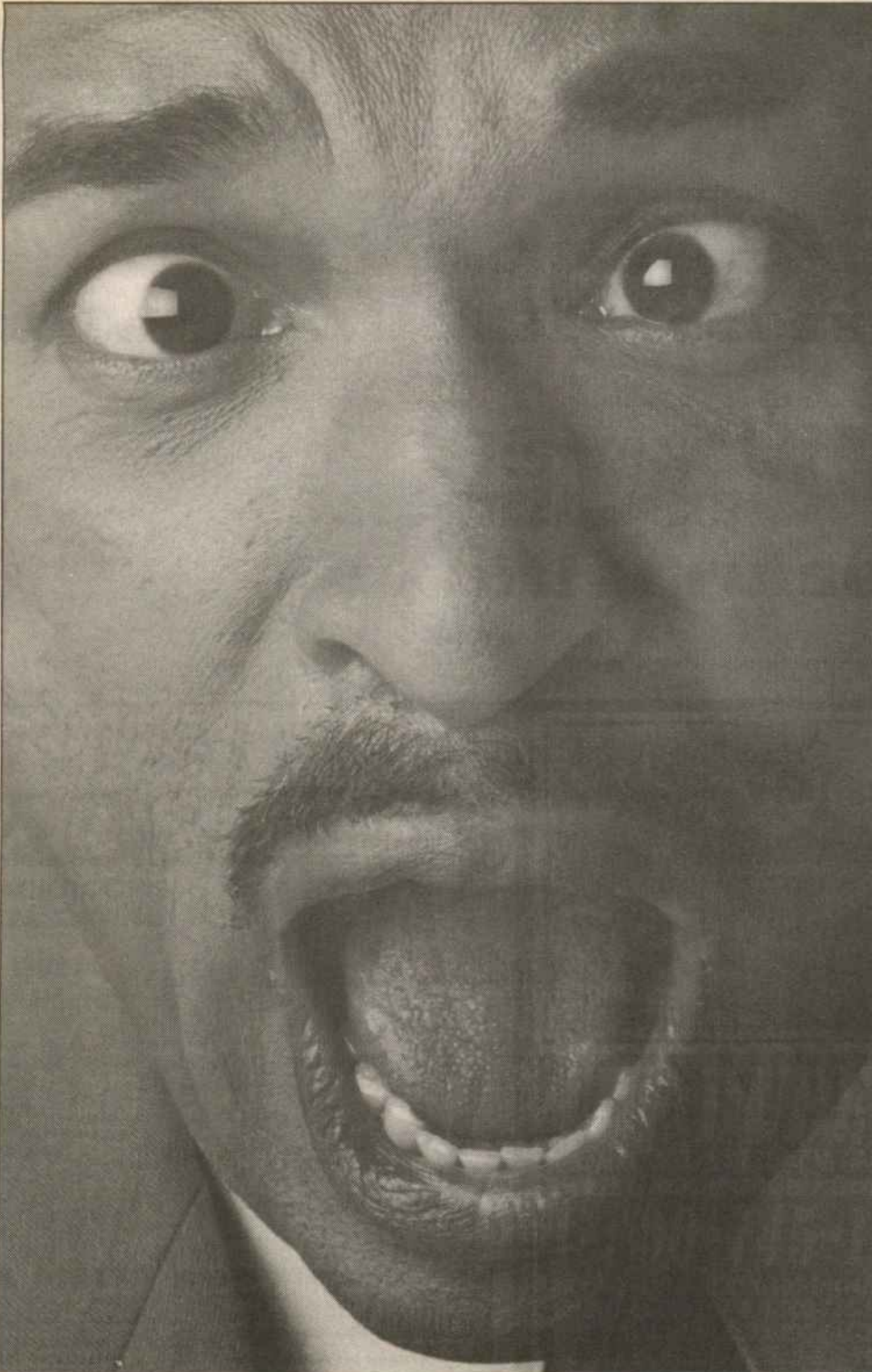
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## Editorial

### Support Tammy Baldwin

There probably be little debate in saying that State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) is the leader of the LGBT community in Wisconsin. She has achieved this in our notoriously fractious community by symbolizing in her person and her words what our struggle is all about. Her demeanor is gracious, yet assertive as we all need to be. More importantly, she has the ability to put into words what the rest of us wish we had said. All true leaders have this talent, an ability to define the moment that gives heart to the rest.

We need Tammy Baldwin in Congress. Not only in her District, but our community all over Wisconsin needs her to work and speak for us on the Hill.

She is in the race. Predictably, the forces of the Far Right have arrayed themselves against her. The kind of thing Baldwin is up against was evident at the recent AIDS Walk. While Baldwin was offering compassion and participating in the Walk, members of the Right Wing were out spreading hate. One of their leaders was heard to say that the reason a Milwaukee Gay man had drowned, was because he was Gay. God had killed him, the bigot said.

Like it or not, elections in this country are not fought and won without money. Rest assured that the Far Right will be well-funded, very well-funded indeed. We would strongly urge you to send \$50 or whatever you can contribute to **The Baldwin Committee, P.O. Box 696, Madison, WI 53701-0696.**

Tammy Baldwin's fight is our fight, too.

### Mayor Norquist is Right on Track

While light rail may not be a LGBT issue in the strictest sense of the word, it is, we believe, of importance to us. Members of our community have always been in the forefront in helping to make Milwaukee what it now is: a first class city with the social and cultural amenities that make it second to none. We cannot rest on our laurels.

To maintain its stature, metropolitan Milwaukee, as any city must do, needs to look to the future. Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist did this when he put himself behind an integrated metro transit system that included light rail.

There must be a limit on freeway expansion. Not only do they destroy neighborhoods, but fossil fuels are a non-renewable resource. As incredible as it may seem to many, the time may come when gas is a lot more expensive than it is now—or may not be available at all. Not tomorrow, not next week or next year, but that time may come.

To prepare for the future and maintain Milwaukee's status, a system of mass transportation that includes and bus and light rail inter county web that is connected to inter-city trains is the way to go. It is the only way to go if Milwaukee is to remain a world city. Norquist saw this. He saw this very clearly, we believe.

Unfortunately, he ran into retrograde ideas that can be paraphrased as, "If it doesn't exist now, don't build it, don't do it. Let's just sit pat." George Watts is an excellent example of that—not only in this, but in many other matters as well.

#### Racism

There is worse. We believe that the Mayor ran into what we have to think is racism. Out there in Waukesha County, in the back rooms, we can imagine a tremor that went down the spines. My God! Build light rail and "those" people will come.

It's happened in other cities. Those in the suburbs fled the city. They want to use the city. Some of them want to work in the city, but when they get in their cars for the drive home, they want to know that the city isn't coming after them.

The State Legislature's budget banning studies of light rail and the Governor's signature on that budget are short-sighted in the extreme. We urge Mayor Norquist to continue pursuing his vision. Some in the present—the short sighted, the stand paters, the racists, the city-haters—may not like it, but the future will say to the Mayor, "You done good."

## Editor's Note

### The Bishops' Letter, Being Gay and Christ

By Terry Boughner

After the Supreme Court handed down its decision declaring Colorado's Amendment 2 unconstitutional, I sought the late Tom Martin's advice as to whether, considering their length, we should print the opinions in their entirety.

He said that absolutely they should be printed. "A few will read them," he said, "and be informed." With a twinkle in his eye, he added, "As to the rest, they'll be led by those who are informed."

Remembering what Tom had to say, we have printed the pastoral letter, "Always Our Children", in its entirety.

It's a remarkable document. There's no doubt about that. I've heard words like "wonderful," "fantastic," "great advance," to describe it. Personally, I'm not willing to go nearly that far.

In my reading of it, while the bishops conceded that being Lesbian or Gay is innate, not a choice, they still insist that we who are born Gay should live celibate lives. As one person opined, the letter is a "call to chastity," a call that I think we have no need to heed.

Gay people, like everyone else, fall in love. That love is just as beautiful, just as powerful, just as ineffable as any other. There is no difference between Gay love and straight love, none whatsoever. Having fallen in love, it is therefore only right and logical that sex be the outward manifestation of the inward emotion.

As someone once said, "Love makes sex sacred. Gay love being sacred, which it is, sex is therefore sublime."

While the bishops, in conformity to Church teaching, insist that sex is only for the intent of procreation, I've never been able to understand that at all. It is out of line with experience.

Sex between two people in love is an overwhelmingly powerful bond of union between them. They each take pleasure from the other, each gives pleasure to the other and they share, in those moments, things that are uniquely their own as a couple.

If they are a non-Gay couple, children may result—or they may not. If they are a Gay couple, children will not result. But the point is, in my mind, the purpose of sex is not children. The purpose of sex is

the expression of love, the unification of two souls into one. It is beautiful. It is lovely beyond compare. In committing to another person soul and body, a couple participates in something divine.

How can it be otherwise? If, as it is written, humans are created in the image of God and God is Love, then only as we are in love, can we glimpse the reality of God. Since we are physical beings, love draws us, Gay or straight, into a physical expression whose intensity is like a burning that can not be put out.

A minor point of disagreement I have with the letter is in the use of the phrase "Gay lifestyle." It's a phrase that is used over and over again, but I have no idea what it means.

A sybaritic existence? Lying around on red velvet cushions sipping wine? Nights of wild abandon by the dozen? Orgies by the score? If that's so, there are times when I could say, "I wish." If this is what the bishops mean, I'd say it's time they get a reality check.

Or does it mean two men or two women, in love with each other, joined together, committed to each other, doing as best they can to contribute to society, as is the case with the vast majority of same-sex couples? If this is what it means, the pastoral letter doesn't want to "encourage" it.

Encourage it? The bishops ought to be doing everything in their power to increase it in society.

There is no doubt whatever that the letter is powerful and will do much good. While it isn't "wonderful," it is a giant step. Yet, I want more.

According to a story, which I'm sure the bishops know, there was a small town in which there lived a man and his male lover. The two men were much respected by the townsfolk for all the good that they did. Were they closeted? How could they be? If you've ever lived in a small town, you know that there are few secrets. Everyone knows what's going on with everyone else. It's difficult to believe that there could be an exception here.

One day the lover fell ill. Money would not have been lacking. Everything that could have been done for him would have been done, but medicine has its limits.

Nothing seemed to help.

The man was beside himself with worry. He loved his lover so very, very much.

There had reached the town stories of a man who had the power of healing. With what skepticism we can only imagine, the town elders came to the healer and begged for him to use his power to heal. The healer did and the lover was made well.

You probably recognize the story. It's in the Book of Luke, chapter 7 and it's meaning there hinges on the word that in the King James version of the Bible is translated "servant."

The Greek, in which the Book was written, doesn't read "servant," not as we would understand that term. The Greek word implies that the centurion and the man who was ill, were same-sex lovers. The healer to which the elders went was Christ.

It's been often said that Christ said nothing one way or the other about homosexuality. Actually, he couldn't, since there's no word for it in Aramaic, the language that he spoke—or in Hebrew of the day. Maybe, he didn't have to say anything.

If my translation is valid and I think that it is, and if Christ knew what the relationship was (the elders doubtless would have known), then his action speaks loud, I think. If Christ could sanctify marriage by attending a wedding and helping to provide the drinks, what could be said, I wonder, of his healing the lover of a Gay man?

No disapproval recorded, no judgement, no "You're going to hell," just healing, loving, compassionate healing.

Maybe what I want if for the bishops in their letter and all other Christians, too, to catch up with the founder of their faith.

Sometimes I wonder what the world would be like if more Christians actually followed the founder of their faith. Probably, I'll never know. No one will.

## Letters

### President Tammy Baldwin

TO THE EDITOR:

I seen your publication on the Net and it is very good. I think it would be good to live in Wisconsin because you are so close to New York. You go there often?

It is good many Gay people live in Wisconsin. You have fun there. Is Milwaukee a big city? It sounds big.

This Tammy Baldwin is your president? It is good to have a woman president.

Well, good by. Sorry I have many questions. I am copy some articles from your paper and give them to friends who read English. We all need to know English here.

Chin Sui Lin  
Beijing, China

### To Tammy Baldwin

TO THE EDITOR:

This is an open letter to Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison).

In the next twelve to fourteen months residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District will be faced with who will replace Congressman Scott Klug. It is no secret that Rep. Baldwin has been loading her war chest with money (\$85K) in her hopes to become, again, the first openly Gay/Lesbian elected official, this time to Washington, DC.

As reported in the last issue of **Wisconsin Light** on Assembly Bill 397, providing hospital visitation rights of domestic partners, Rep. Baldwin said "this bill is UNNECESSARY and had NO COMMENT nor did she sponsor or co-sponsor this bill! National Log Cabin Representative, Tim Russell, described Rep. Baldwin to a tee, "this unfortunately could be a classic case of Rep. Baldwin not being pleased with anyone other than herself getting the credit for advancing the Lesbian/Gay casue. In a Congressional campaign letter I received from Rep. Baldwin seeking financial support she states, "I have led the fight on many issues since my election."

My questions are the following to Rep. Baldwin:

Please See to Letters page 31

### Caution

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

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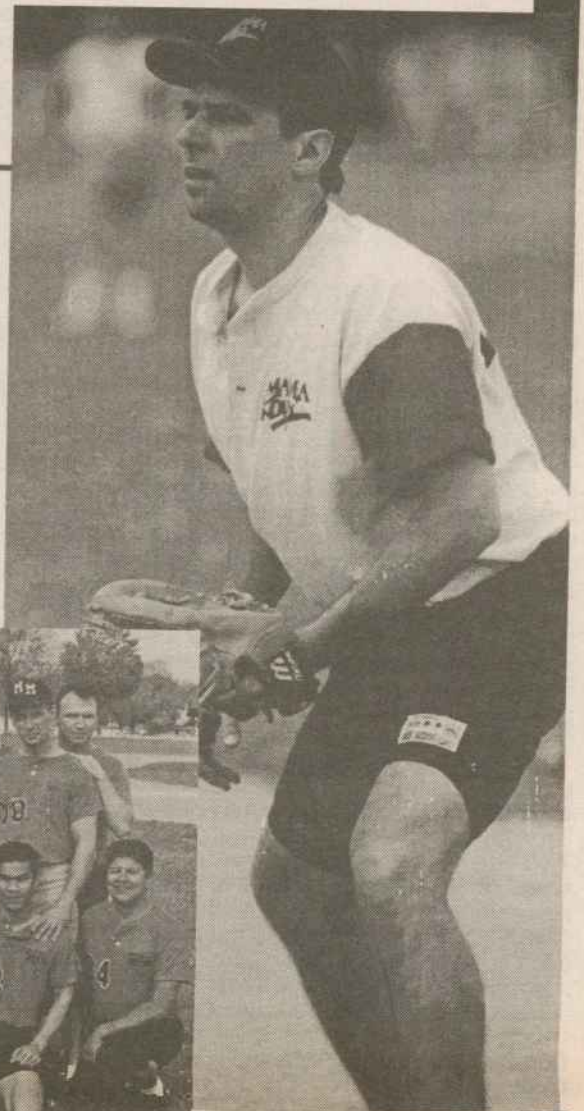
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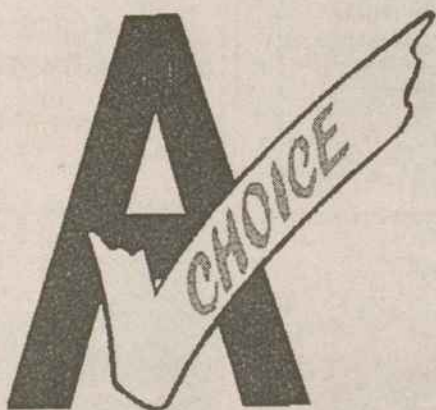


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## Evesdropping on Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition Conference is Frightening

Commentary by Matthew Freeman  
People for the American Way

The Christian Coalition's 1997 Road to Victory Conference got off to a fast start in September as an audience of approximately 1,000 conference-goers gathered in the Ballroom of the Atlanta Marriott Marquis to honor the group's outgoing executive director, Ralph Reed.

For several years now, Road to Victory has been the premiere event on the Religious Right circuit. A couple things have reshuffled the deck this year. First, is the departure of the group's master strategist and executive director.

Second, is that the group apparently misfired earlier this year when it announced that the event, a roaring success when staged in Washington for several years running now, would instead be converted into a road show, with separate events in three cities.

Later in the summer, perhaps in response to sluggish registrations, the group announced it was "collapsing" the three events into one, and so it is that the group's state and local leaders, joined by some of their most committed members, came to Atlanta.

The Reed dinner was in the hotel ballroom, and it had that certain Christian Coalition touch. A two-tiered head table stood at the front of the room atop a large platform, backed by pipe and drape with an enormous hanging Christian Coalition logo and the similarly large name of the group. On either side of the room were what looked to be 8 foot by 8 foot projection television screens, set up for a video presentation or two and also to display the in-house feed of the speakers.

After the diners were seated, the head table attendees were individually announced. Kremlinologists might be interested in two points here. First, Randy Tate, the new executive director, was seated on the lower of the two rows, and never got a chance to speak, while Don Hodel, the new president, emceed the event and had plenty of mike time.

Second, the most excited round of applause during the introductions (not counting that for Reed) went to House Budget Committee Chair John Kasich (R-OH).

### It's a Lesbo Thing

Dinner followed. At my table, the conversation had two particular low points. One came when one of the diners wondered aloud what picketers out front meant when they proclaimed that "hate is not a family value." The fellow next to her answered that it was "a Lesbo thing."

Later on, the same gentleman complained about C-SPAN letting Dr. Cornell West, an African American, "mouth off." Perhaps it was just my progressive ears that heard a little racial ugliness in the choice of words.

Don Hodel then introduced Pat Robertson saying that wise historians of the future will study "the profound impact of Pat Robertson." (Actually he initially misspoke and called him "Robinson," but quickly corrected himself. Still it did blunt the moment.)

Robertson used his time to sing the Christian Coalition's accomplishments, saying that the group was "the most powerful force in American politics." At one point he joked about the "lack of direction of the leadership in Congress," but then quickly withdrew, saying, "I won't get into that; it might sound critical."

Robertson drew a big ovation from the crowd when he declared that "we want an America where children are cared for by two married, heterosexual parents." Emphasis on the "heterosexual."

He cited what he described as two major issues for the group to work on. First was the "Religious Freedom Amendment" — some call it the "Christian Nation Amendment," because it would gut church-state separation.

Second was doing something about "judicial activism." Decrying activism "so intense it begins to call into question the very legitimacy of our judicial system,"

He went on to complain about there being too many "hyphenated Americans," by which he meant that we shouldn't think of ourselves as African American or Italian American but rather as American. The overwhelmingly white audience applauded loudly.

In the evening's only real news, and a slender reed of news it was (pun sheepishly intended), Robertson set as the goal for his new leadership team that they double the group's 1.9 million membership and double its \$24 million budget. And then in one of many thinly veiled acknowledgments of the group's partisan electoral mission, Robertson said that "we want to elect lots more people to office

who share our values."

Seconds later, he set his goal for "the next few years: we are going to have a pro-family conservative in the White House."

A video tribute to Reed was then offered. Included in the video were virtually all of the key leaders of the Republican Party in Congress: Sen. Trent Lott (MS), Speaker Newt Gingrich (GA), Dick Armey (TX) and Tom DeLay (TX).

And a picture of Sen. Jesse Helms (NC) drew spontaneous applause from the audience.

Finally, Reed rose to speak, and after a Buddhist Temple fundraising joke, he ran through a list of issues that still needed the group's attention. They included making a divorce more difficult to obtain, banning abortions, and more. And in a dig at President Clinton, he said that "Until this nation has a president that we can point to and say to our children, 'that is how you should behave,' our work is not done."

The following day, September 14, Robertson again addressed the group. Looking to the future, he praised his new leadership team of Don Hodel and Randy Tate, and said "we haven't even scratched the surface of what we're going to do in the next few years." Then, again shedding all pretense of nonpartisanship, he said that "We don't want to give the Congress back into the hands of the liberals in 1998," and said that the "time has come to clean house at the top of our nation and get a new president."

It wasn't clear whether he expected the president to seek a third term and wanted to nip it in the bud, or whether he had impeachment in mind! But he did note that when he was luring Hodel to the group's leadership, he told him that he hoped Hodel would play a role in choosing the next president.

America where "we know what a family is: it's a man and a woman, married to each other." He said the vision did not include an armed forces that has to "play out somebody's experiment of how the genders are going to relate to each other," and that his America was a place where "abortion is abolished." And he reiterated the group's opposition to international family planning, religious persecution abroad and gambling here at home.

The head of the Dade County, Florida, Christian Coalition said, "we are engaged in a culture war for the very soul of America, and to the winner goes the right to teach the next generation."

Another Florida Christian Coalition member offered a reading that complained that "Marxist professors" had taken over American campuses, that "religious institutions [had been turned] into cesspools of liberalism," and our "once great public schools turned into propaganda institutions espousing atheism."

Randy Tate then took the stage to introduce Speaker Newt Gingrich. Gingrich entered with the theme from "Rocky" playing loudly over the sound system.

The Speaker's remarks seemed a bit defensive. He took some pains to argue that the tax cuts that were part of the budget deal were sufficiently large. For those who weren't buying it, he said he intended to push for a tax cut every year, and the audience seemed to approve.

While in the neighborhood, Gingrich spent a bit of time bashing the IRS, and said he wanted to replace the existing tax code. He asked the Christian Coalition to join in a "dialogue with America about a simple and fair replacement for the Internal Revenue Code to get to a safe and fair" tax system.

Other elements of the speech included a standing ovation for his promise to bring another vote on the "partial birth" abortion bill; a veiled reference to the October 4 Promise Keepers march on Washington. He also announced that "we" had created a "Faith and Freedom Guide," that could be used by visitors to Washington to understand various Washington landmarks in the context of their "orientation to a Creator."

## October Schedule BestD Outreach

**Wednesday, October 15**  
Mama Roux—9:00 p.m. to Midnight  
**Sunday, October 19**  
Red Corvette—10:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m.  
**Friday, October 24**  
Ball Game—6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, October 25**  
B's—10:00 p.m. to Midnight  
**Friday, October 31**  
Ten Percent Club—8:00-11:00 p.m.

## Green Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Very Active in Wayside Sting Operation

Princeton, WI—The Princeton Times-Republic reports that three complaints were filed at the Green Lake County Circuit Court on September 17 in connection with the sexual assault cases at a wayside.

Michael J. Breister, 50, Richard L. Sedarski, 42, and Richard G. Jessup, 46, will all be appearing on charges of 4<sup>th</sup> degree sexual assault.

Breister and Jessup were arrested during a sting operation in August. Breister was brought in after a confrontation with an undercover officer on August 6.

The arrests were part of a sting operation enacted after the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department discovered that men had been meeting at the wayside for sex.

Detective Rick Julien of the Sheriff's Department headed up the operation at the wayside.

According to the unnamed officer's report, he approached the Breister vehicle after the lights were flashed on and off several times. Breister was reportedly stimulating himself as he spoke with the officer. He then stated that he was leaving and pulled around the wayside as the officer went into the bathroom.

## Cops in the the Parks

Milwaukee—By no means should anyone enter Juneau Park after closing and, to be safe, after dark, period.

The Milwaukee police are targeting that particular park for any activity, even simple walks, in force with the use of night vision binoculars and are ticketing violators approximately \$140 for "trespassing," "loitering," and who knows what else.

Breister is reported to have followed the officer into the restroom where the officer reported that Breister attempted to solicit him for sex.

Jessup was arrested in the same place on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He was charged with performing a sex act on the officer.

Sedarski was arrested on September 15<sup>th</sup>. He was approached by an officer after being found sitting alone at a table at the wayside at 10:45 p.m.

The officer reported that he and Sedarski engaged in small talk after which Sedarski "hugged and kissed" the officer. The officer then told him that he didn't like to be kissed.

Sedarski was arrested after he attempted to perform a sex act on the officer.

All three of the defendants are scheduled to appear in Green Lake County Court. The three face Class A Misdemeanor charges that result in a possible fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than nine months or both.

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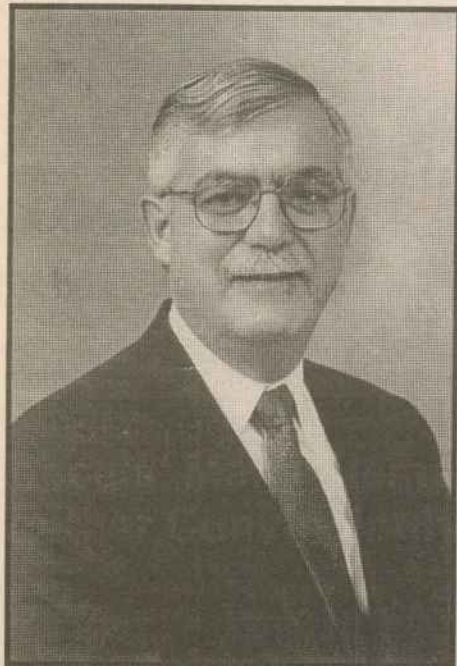
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## 1997 CAIR Conference Will Address Future Challenges in HIV Prevention

**Milwaukee**—The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin will hold its 1997 CAIR Conference on HIV/AIDS Prevention on November 5 at the Italian Community Center near Milwaukee's Maier Festival Park (Summerfest grounds).

The day-long event will include a keynote address by Michael H. Merson, M.D., former director of the World Health Organization's Global Program on AIDS, and discussion sessions focused on a variety of AIDS/HIV prevention related topics.



Michael H. Merson M.D.

"The conference provides people working in HIV prevention -- whether they work in education, service, or research -- with an opportunity to discuss future challenges in the AIDS epidemic and a chance to share strategies for successful prevention," says Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., director of CAIR and professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Medical College.

Dr. Merson's presentation, *Evolution or*

*Revolution: HIV Prevention in the New Millennium*, will outline technical developments and public health issues that will be important in achieving successful HIV prevention during the next decade.

Merson will discuss topics such as: named reporting; partner notification; the impact of new antiretroviral drugs; STD treatment; society change interventions; the influence of stigma and racism on prevention efforts; and the role of community-based groups in HIV prevention.

Dr. Merson is currently dean of public health at Yale University School of Medicine and director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale.

He was with the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1978 to 1995, including a five-year tenure as director of the WHO Global Program on AIDS.

In addition to the keynote speech, each conference participant will have the opportunity to attend two breakout sessions.

Topics for the sessions include: evaluating and assessing HIV risk reduction prevention programs; building and sustaining community rapport; determining the cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention programs; providing HIV services in rural areas; and developing individual, group, community, and societal HIV prevention interventions.

Each breakout session will be facilitated by representatives from a variety of community-based organizations, AIDS service organizations, health departments, and academic research institutions.

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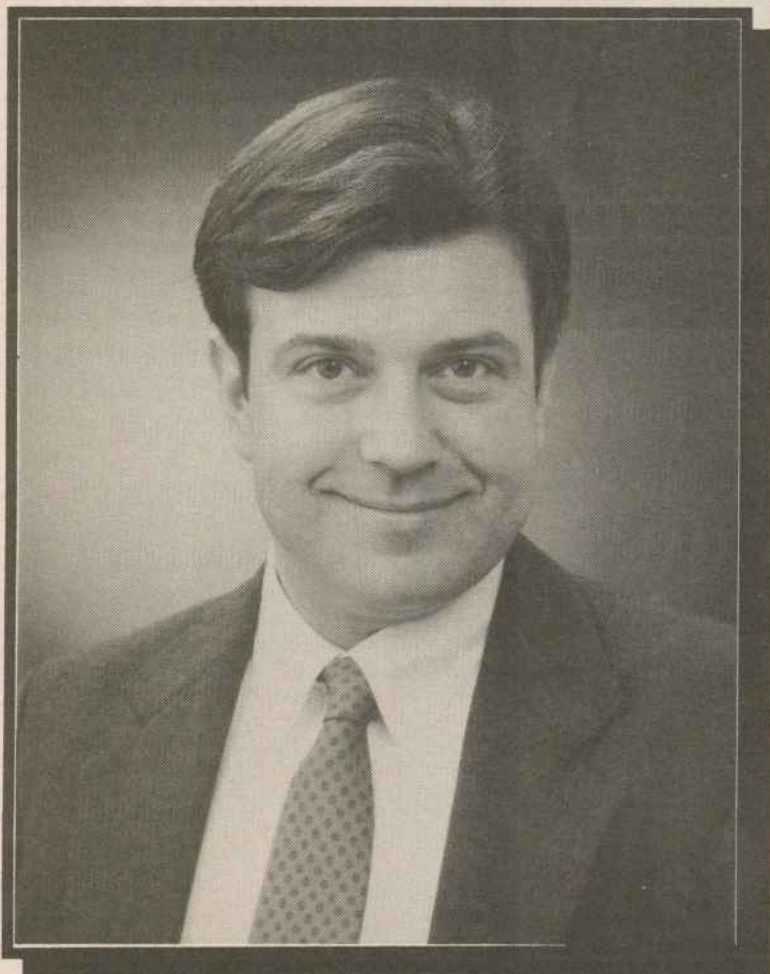
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## Only Two-Thirds of HIV-Infected People Know They Have the Disease

**Toronto, Canada—** A surprisingly high two-thirds of all Americans who are infected with the AIDS virus already know it, health officials reported Sunday, September 28.

Researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based in Atlanta estimate that about 775,000 Americans carry HIV, and at least 500,000 have been tested and know their status.

The CDC research is the first careful attempt to arrive at this figure using infection data collected by the states. Until now, many experts had guessed that about half of all HIV-infected Americans were aware of it.

"This is encouraging, because it suggests that the majority of persons with HIV have been tested," said Dr. Patricia Sweeney, who directed the study. "We need to continue to work to ensure these people have access to recommended treatment."

Some experts are pushing for more widespread AIDS testing now that treatments exist that can delay and perhaps stop HIV's destruction of the immune

system. Doctors believe that the sooner treatment starts, the better the chance of controlling the disease.

The new data suggest the problem of undiagnosed infections may be smaller than previously believed. Nevertheless, they also mean that roughly 275,000 Americans are unaware of their HIV infections and are not getting early treatment.

Sweeney presented her findings at an infectious disease conference sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology. Another CDC study presented Sunday demonstrates the importance of the new treatments for prolonging lives.

Sweeney's figures were based on the cases of infection reported to the CDC through June from 25 states where doctors are required to report the names of patients who carry the virus.

In these states, 240,000 people were known to be living with AIDS, and another 76,000 were infected but not sick. The researchers used these data to estimate the number of diagnosed infections in the states without mandatory reporting of HIV infections.

The researchers say their two-thirds estimate is conservative, since it does not include people who learned of their HIV status through anonymous testing. Among those whose infections are known to authorities, 80 percent were diagnosed in hospitals, doctors offices and clinics.

"We need to continue to stress the need for early testing to maximize the potential benefits of new therapies to extend people's lives," Sweeney said.

Nationally, AIDS deaths fell 23 percent last year. Combinations of AIDS drugs that include a new class of medicines called protease inhibitors are generally credited with this turnaround. However, until now, this belief was based more on anecdotes than on hard data.

Dr. Scott Holmberg analyzed the records of 2,957 AIDS patients who were seen in 10 HIV clinics. He linked their death rates with their use of combination therapy.

The first weak protease inhibitor became available in late 1995, and two stronger ones that are now mainstays of treatment arrived in the spring of 1996.

Through 1995, the death rate among these patients averaged 7 percent every three months. By the third quarter of 1996 this had fallen to 3 percent, and in the final quarter of last year it was just 2 percent.

Those who survived were also healthier. Every three months in 1995, 18 percent of AIDS patients fell sick with infections that are common complications in this disease. By the end of last year, just 3 percent got these infections.

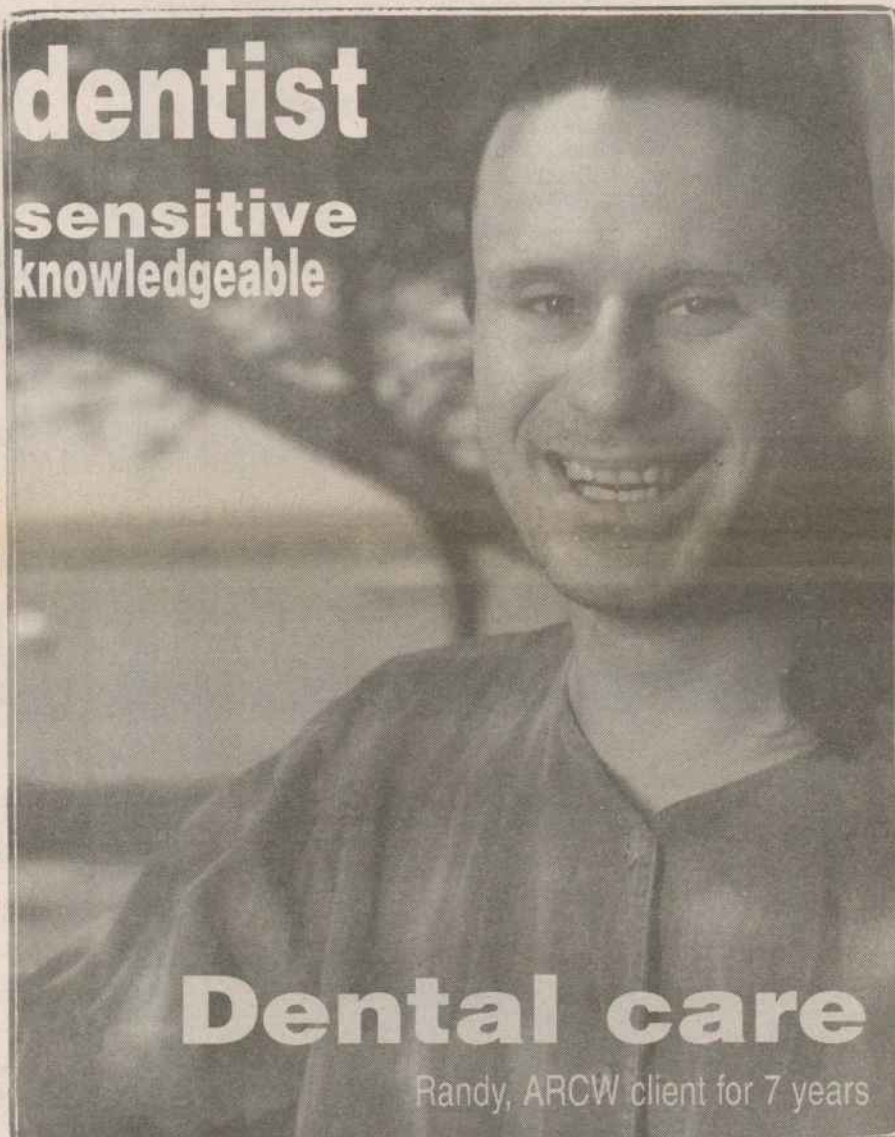
The declining toll of AIDS among these patients was matched by their increasing use of combination therapy, including combinations of AIDS drugs that were available before the advent of protease inhibitors.

During the first quarter of 1994, 15 percent took combinations. This increased to 29 percent in the first three months of 1995 and 87 percent in the first quarter of 1996. By the end of last year, 92 percent of AIDS patients were getting the combination treatment.

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## In Goethe's Case, Were the Tiger's Caresses Meant Solely for Another Tiger?

**Berlin**— He celebrated the feminine in verse and courted some of Europe's most beautiful women. But was Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, one of the giants of world literature, secretly Gay?

A new "erotic Goethe biography" by German historian and journalist Karl Hugo Pruys posits that the poet, novelist and playwright most famous for his "Faust" drama was at heart not a ladies' man.

The *Tiger's Caresses*, which appeared in bookstores last week, has already caused something of a stir, and not just in literary circles. The country's most-read newspaper, the *Bild am Sonntag* tabloid, devoted a whole page to the question: "Was Goethe Gay?"

The answer, says Pruys, is to be found in some 2,500 letters to, from and about Goethe, who married late in life, fathered one child and died in 1832 at age 82.

"I wanted to write a book about the love that Goethe felt, about love in general in Goethe's life," Pruys said in an interview. "Then I got onto a trail dominated by homosexuality."

For example, a letter written by Dr. Johann Georg Zimmerman, in which he describes his young friend: "To me, Goethe's caresses are like the caresses of a tiger. One always feels under his hugs the dagger in the pocket."

Or Goethe's own letters to philosopher Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi, who Pruys says was probably Goethe's first lover. "You felt that it was bliss for me to be the object of your love," the 25-year-old Goethe wrote to "dear Fritz" on August 21, 1774. It ends with a warning: "Don't let my letter be seen." More proof, Pruys says, of their secret passion.

No one can say for sure if they ever slept together, "but for me, the letters show the possibility that there was a physical relationship," Pruys said.

Pruys, a former spokesman for the conservative Christian Democratic Union, describes his current book, which comes out in English next year, as "a labor of love."

But his colleagues at the Goethe Society in Weimar were not impressed.

"Complete nonsense," says Lothar Ehrlich, a literature professor and Goethe expert.

Previous researchers have established that Goethe's celebrated courtships with the opposite sex were most likely un consummated until he was nearly 40, Ehrlich concedes.

"He shied away from intimate contact and didn't want to be tied down," Ehrlich says.

Ehrlich and other scholars say Pruys simply misunderstands the Sturm und Drang spirit of the times, when young, intellectual dandies expressed strong, even erotic emotion toward each other.

"But these relationships were of a purely spiritual nature," Ehrlich says. "It had absolutely nothing to do with physical love."

Pruys, however, says the letters point to something more than that.

The Goethe Society, he says, "simply doesn't like to see their idol as a man who persisted in this ambiguous sexual behavior."

Goethe, of course, would hardly be the first Gay literary giant. Walt Whitman celebrated it, Thomas Mann suppressed it, Oscar Wilde went to jail for it. Speculation persists about Shakespeare, who dedicated his sonnets to "Mr. W.H."

Alexander Hamilton's letters to a young officer on George Washington's staff are replete with erotic references and protestations of love. That Washington himself felt far more for the 18 year-old Marquis de Lafayette than he did for Martha was well known to contemporaries, Pruys said.

Goethe Society President Werner Keller says Goethe's sex life is irrelevant to appreciating his work, which every schoolchild here reads from an early age.

"It's not greater if he's hetero(sexual), nor diminished through homosexuality," Keller says. "Those are all categories expressed today by our sex-obsessed society, and I have only contempt for such a society."

Dr. Matthew Tomhold, professor of Psychology at the University, said that Gay and non-Gay are "mostly artificial categories" foisted on society by religion.

"If religion were abolished," Tomhold said, "and people were free to love who they would, we would probably see a great many more open and happy same-sex relationships than is otherwise now the case."

Pruys says he feels closer to Goethe after uncovering the "masquerade" of heterosexual prowess surrounding him.

"An unbelievable amount has been written, but they all copy each other," he says. "I hope that, after so long a time, we can finally get to know him better."

## President Names Wisconsin Native as Acting Chair of NEH

**Washington, DC** — President Clinton has announced the appointment of Wisconsin native and an openly Gay man, Bruce A. Lehman, as Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

In making the announcement, the White House emphasized that Lehman will serve in this capacity only on an interim basis in order to give the President time to select a permanent Chairman.

Lehman will remain fully engaged in serving as Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

As Commissioner, Lehman has been responsible for the protection of American intellectual property. This experience will serve him well at the NEH, which fosters and recognizes the work of America's artistic and creative community.

During his four years in the Clinton Administration, Lehman has compiled an outstanding record of accomplishment, and has been a leader in the effort to streamline and reengineer the Federal government.

He has been the Administration's point person on intellectual property issues, particularly as they relate to the National Information Infrastructure.

His work and public service have been honored on numerous occasions, including by the *National Law Journal* which named him "Lawyer of the Year" for 1994.

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## ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN

*Editor's Note: The following is the full text of the Pastoral Message of the National Conference of Bishops to parents of Lesbian and Gay children.*

### Preface

The purpose of this pastoral message is to reach out to parents who are trying to cope with the discovery of homosexuality in a child, who is an adolescent or an adult. It urges families to draw upon the reservoirs of faith, hope, and love as they face uncharted futures. It asks them to recognize that the Church offers enormous spiritual resources to strengthen and support them at this moment in their family's life and in the days to come.

This message draws upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the teaching of Pope John Paul II, statements of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and of our own Episcopal Conference. The message is not a treatise on homosexuality. It is not a systematic presentation of the Church's moral teaching. It does not break any new ground theologically. Rather, relying on the Church's teaching as well as on our own pastoral experience, we intend to speak words of faith, hope, and love to parents who need the Church's loving presence at a time which may be one of the most challenging in their lives.

We also want to be helpful to priests and pastoral ministers who often are the first ones parents or their children approach with their struggles and anxieties.

In recent years we have tried to reach out to families in difficult circumstances. Our initiatives took the form of short statements, like this one, which were addressed to people who thought they were beyond the Church's circle of care. Always Our Children follows in the same tradition as these other pastoral statements.

This message is not intended for advocacy purposes or to serve a particular agenda. It is not to be understood as an endorsement of what some call a "homosexual lifestyle."

Always Our Children is an outstretched hand of the Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family to parents and other family members offering them a fresh look at the grace present in family life and the unfailing mercy of Christ our Lord.

An even more generous, intelligent and prudent pastoral commitment, modeled on the Good Shepherd, is called for in cases of families which, often independently of their own wishes and through pressures of various other kinds, find themselves faced by situations which are objectively difficult.

### A Critical Moment, A Time of Grace

As you begin to read this message you may feel your life is in turmoil. You and your family might be faced with one of the difficult situations of which our Holy Father speaks:

You think your adolescent child is experiencing a same-sex attraction and/or you observe attitudes and behaviors that you find confusing or upsetting or with which you disagree.

Your son or daughter has made it known that he or she has a homosexual orientation.

You experience a tension between loving your child as God's precious creation and not wanting to endorse any behavior you know the Church teaches is wrong.

You need not face this painful time alone, without human assistance or God's grace. The Church can be an instrument of both help and healing. This is why we bishops, as pastors and teachers, write to you.

In this pastoral message, we draw upon the gift of faith as well as the sound teaching and pastoral practice of the Church in order to offer loving support, reliable guidance, and recommendations for ministries suited to your needs and those of your child. Our message speaks of accepting yourself, your beliefs and values, your questions and all you may be struggling with at the moment; accepting and loving your child as a gift of God; and accepting the full truth of God's revelation about the dignity of the human person and the meaning of human sexuality.

Within the Catholic moral vision there is no contradiction among these levels of acceptance, for truth and love are not opposed. They are inseparably joined and rooted in one person, Jesus Christ, who reveals God to be ultimate truth and saving love.

We address our message also to the wider church community, and especially to priests and other pastoral ministers, asking that our words be translated into attitudes and actions which follow the way of love, as Christ has taught. It is through the community of his faithful, that Jesus offers you hope, help, and healing so your whole family might continue to grow into the intimate community of life and love which God intends.

### Accepting Yourself

Because some of you might be swept up in a tide of emotions, we focus first on feelings. Although the gift of human sexuality can be a great mystery at times, the Church's teaching on homosexuality is clear. However, because the terms of that teaching have now become very personal in regard to your son or daughter, you may feel confused and conflicted.

Possibly you are experiencing many different emotions, all in varying degrees, such as:

**RELIEF:** Perhaps you had sensed for some time that your son or daughter was different in some way. Now he or she has come to you and has entrusted something very significant. It may be that other siblings learned of this before you did, and were reluctant to tell you. Regardless, though, a burden has been lifted. Acknowledge the possibility that your child has told you this not to hurt you or create distance, but out of love and trust and with a desire for honesty, intimacy, and closer communication.

**ANGER:** You may be feeling deceived or manipulated by your son or daughter. You could be angry with your spouse, blaming him or her for "making the child this way" -- especially if there has been a difficult parent-child relationship. You might be angry with yourself for not recognizing indications of homosexuality. You could be feeling disappointment, along with anger, if family members, and sometimes even siblings, are rejecting their homosexual brother or sister. It is just as possible to feel angry if family members or friends seem overly accepting and encouraging of homosexuality.

Also -- and not to be discounted -- is a possible anger with God that all this is happening.

**MOURNING:** You may now feel that your child is not exactly the same individual you once thought you knew. You envision that your son or daughter may never give you grandchildren.

These lost expectations as well as the fact that homosexual persons often encounter discrimination and open hostility can cause you great sadness.

**FEAR:** You may fear for your child's physical safety and general welfare in the face of prejudice against homosexual people. In particular, you may be afraid that others in your community might exclude or treat your child or your family with contempt.

The fear of your child contracting HIV/AIDS or another sexually transmitted disease is serious and ever-present. If your child is distraught, you may be concerned about attempted suicide.

**GUILT, SHAME, AND LONELINESS:** "If only we had...or had not..." are words with which parents can torture themselves at this time. Regrets and disappointments rise up like ghosts from the past. A sense of failure can lead you into a valley of shame which, in turn, can isolate you from your children, your family, and other communities of support.

**PARENTAL PROTECTIVENESS AND PRIDE:** Homosexual persons often experience discrimination and acts of violence in our society. As a parent, you naturally want to shield your children from harm, regardless of their age. You may still insist: "You are always my child; nothing can ever change that. You are also a child of God, gifted and called for a purpose in God's design."

There are two important things to keep in mind as you try to sort out your feelings. First, listen to them. They can contain clues leading to a fuller discovery of God's will for you.

Second, because some feelings can be confusing or conflicting, it is not necessary to act upon all of them. Acknowledging them may be sufficient, but it may also be necessary to talk about your feelings. Do not expect that all tensions can or will be resolved. The Christian life is a journey marked by perseverance and prayer. It is a path leading from where we are to where we know God is calling us.

### Accepting Your Child

How can you best express your love -- itself a reflection of God's unconditional love -- for your child? At least two things are necessary.

First, don't break off contact; don't reject your child. A shocking number of homosexual youth end up on the streets because of rejection by their families. This, and other external pressures, can place young people at greater risk of self-destructive behaviors, like substance abuse, and suicide.

Your child may need you and the family now more than ever. He or she is still the same person. This child, who has always been God's gift to you, may now be the cause of another gift: your family becoming more honest, respectful, and supportive.

Yes, your love can be tested by this reality, but it can also grow stronger through your struggle to respond lovingly.

The second way to communicate love is to seek appropriate help for your child and for yourself. If your son or daughter is an adolescent, it is possible that he or she may be experimenting with some homosexual behaviors as part of the process of coming to terms with sexual identity. Isolated acts do not make someone homosexual.

Adolescence is often accompanied by anxiety or confusion about sexual identity. Sometimes the best approach may be a "wait and see" attitude, while you try to maintain a trusting relationship and provide various kinds of support, information, and encouragement.

In many cases, it may be appropriate and necessary that your child receive professional help, including counseling and spiritual direction. It is important, of course, that he or she receive such guidance willingly. Look for a therapist who has an appreciation of religious values and who understands the complex nature of sexuality. Such a person should be experienced at helping people discern the meaning of early sexual behaviors, sexual attractions, and sexual fantasies in ways that lead to more clarity and self-identity. In the course of this, however, it is essential for you to remain open to the possibility that your son or daughter is struggling to understand and accept a basic homosexual orientation.

### Sexual Orientation

The meaning and implications of the term, homosexual orientation, are not universally agreed upon. Church teaching acknowledges a distinction between a homosexual "tendency" which proves to be "transitory" and "homosexuals who are definitively such because of some kind of innate instinct" (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics, 1975, n.8).

In light of this possibility, therefore, it seems appropriate to understand sexual orientation (heterosexual or homosexual) as a fundamental dimension of one's personality and to recognize its relative stability in a person.

A homosexual orientation produces a stronger emotional and sexual attraction toward individuals of the same sex, rather than toward those of the opposite sex. It does not totally rule out interest in, care for and attraction toward members of the opposite sex.

Having a homosexual orientation does not necessarily mean a person will engage in homosexual activity.

There seems to be no single cause of a homosexual orientation. A common opinion of experts is that there are multiple factors -- genetic, hormonal, psychological -- that may give rise to it. Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen. By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes the freedom to choose.

Some homosexual persons want to be known publicly as Gay or Lesbian. These terms often express a person's level of self-awareness and self-acceptance within society. Though you might find the terms offensive because of political or social connotations, it is necessary to be sensitive to how your son or daughter is using them. Language should not be a barrier to building trust and honest communication.

You can help a homosexual person in two general ways. First, encourage him or her to cooperate with God's grace in order to live a chaste life.

Second, concentrate on the person, not on the homosexual orientation itself. This implies respecting a person's freedom to choose or refuse therapy directed toward changing a homosexual orientation. Given the present state of medical and psychological knowledge, there is no guarantee that such therapy will succeed. Thus, there may be no obligation to undertake it, though some may find it helpful.

All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique persons we are. One component of our sexual identity is sexual orientation. Thus, our total personhood is more encompassing than sexual orientation. Human beings see the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart (cf. 1 Samuel 16:7).

God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual. God's love is always and everywhere offered to those who are open to receiving it. St. Paul's words offer great hope: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

### Accepting God's Plan and the Church's Ministry

For the Christian believer, an acceptance of self and of one's homosexual child must take place within the larger context of accepting divinely revealed truth about the dignity and destiny of human persons. It is the Church's responsibility to believe and teach this truth, presenting it as a comprehensive moral vision and applying this vision in particular situations through its pastoral ministries. We present the main points of that moral teaching here.

Every person has an inherent dignity because he or she is created in God's image. A deep respect for the total person leads the Church to hold and teach that sexuality is a gift of God. Being created a male or a female person is an essential part of the divine plan, for it is their sexuality -- a mysterious blend of spirit and body -- that allows human beings to share in God's own creative love and life.

"Everyone...should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2333).

Like all gifts from God, the power and freedom of sexuality can be channeled toward good or evil. Everyone -- the homosexual and the heterosexual person -- is called to personal maturity and responsibility. With the help of God's grace, everyone is called to practice the virtue of chastity in relationships. Chastity means integrating one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, in the area of human sexuality, in a way that values and respects one's own dignity and that of others. It is "the spiritual power which frees love from selfishness and aggression" (Pontifical Council for the Family).

Christ summons all his followers -- whether they are married or living a single celibate life -- to a higher standard of loving. This includes not only fidelity, forgiveness, hope, perseverance, and sacrifice, but also chastity which is expressed in modesty and self-control. The chaste life is possible, though not always easy, for it involves a continual effort to turn toward God and away from sin, especially with the strength of the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Indeed God expects everyone to strive for the perfection of love, but to achieve it gradually through stages of moral growth (cf. John Paul II, On the Family, 1981, n. 34). To keep our feet on the path of conversion, God's grace is available to and sufficient for everyone open to receiving it.

To live and love chastely is to understand that "only within marriage does sexual intercourse fully symbolize the Creator's dual design, as an act of covenant love, with the potential of co-



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creating new human life" (U.S. Catholic Conference, Human Sexuality: A Catholic Perspective for Education and Lifelong Learning, 1991, p. 55). This is a fundamental teaching of our Church about sexuality, rooted in the biblical account of man and woman created in the image of God and made for union with one another (Genesis 2-3).

Two conclusions follow. First, it is God's plan that sexual intercourse occur only within marriage between a man and a woman. Second, every act of intercourse must be open to the possible creation of new human life. Homosexual intercourse cannot fulfill these two conditions. Therefore, the Church teaches that homosexual behavior is objectively immoral, while making the important distinction between this behavior and a homosexual orientation, which is not immoral in itself.

It is also important to recognize that neither a homosexual orientation, nor a heterosexual one, leads inevitably to sexual activity. One's total personhood is not reducible to sexual orientation or behavior.

Respect for the God-given dignity of all persons means the recognition of human rights and responsibilities. The teaching of the Church makes it clear that the fundamental human rights of homosexual persons must be defended and that all of us must strive to eliminate any form of injustice, oppression, or violence against them.

It is not sufficient only to avoid unjust discrimination. Homosexual persons "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2358). They, as is true of every human being, need to be nourished at many different levels simultaneously.

This includes friendship, which is a way of loving and is essential to healthy human development, as well as one of the richest possible human experiences. Friendship can and does thrive outside of genital sexual involvement.

The Christian community should offer its homosexual sisters and brothers understanding and pastoral care. More than twenty years ago we bishops stated that "Homosexuals...should have an active role in the Christian community." What does this mean in practice? It means that all homosexual persons have a right to be welcomed into the community, to hear the word of God, and to receive pastoral care. Homosexual persons who are living chaste lives should have opportunities to lead and serve the community.

However, the Church has the right to deny public roles of service and leadership to persons, whether homosexual or heterosexual, whose public behavior openly violates its teachings.

The Church recognizes the importance and urgency of ministering to persons with HIV/AIDS. Though HIV/AIDS is an epidemic affecting the whole human race, not just homosexual persons, it has had a devastating effect upon them and has brought great sorrow to many parents, families and friends.

Without condoning self-destructive behavior or denying personal responsibility, we reject the idea that HIV/AIDS is a direct punishment from God. Furthermore:

Persons with AIDS are not distant, unfamiliar people, the objects of our mingled pity and aversion. We must keep them present to our consciousness as individuals and a community, and embrace them with unconditional love.... Compassion--love--toward persons infected with HIV is the only authentic Gospel response.

Nothing in the Bible or in Catholic teaching can be used to justify prejudicial or discriminatory attitudes and behaviors. We reiterate here what we said in an earlier statement:

We call on all Christians and citizens of good will to confront their own fears about homosexuality and to curb the humor and discrimination that offend homosexual persons. We understand that having a homosexual orientation brings with it enough anxiety, pain and issues related to self-acceptance without society bringing additional prejudicial treatment.

### Pastoral Recommendations

With a view toward overcoming the isolation that you or your son or daughter may be experiencing, we offer these recommendations to you as well as to priests and pastoral ministers.

To parents:

1. Accept and love yourselves as parents in order to accept and love your son or daughter. Do not blame yourselves for a homosexual orientation in your child.
2. Do everything possible to continue demonstrating love for your child. However, accepting his or her homosexual orientation does not have to include approving all related attitudes and behavioral choices. In fact, you may need to challenge certain aspects of a lifestyle which you find objectionable.
3. Urge your son or daughter to stay joined to the Catholic faith community. If they have left the Church, urge them to return and be reconciled to the community, especially in the Sacrament of Penance.
4. Recommend that your son or daughter find a spiritual director/mentor who will offer guidance in prayer and in leading a chaste and virtuous life.
5. Seek help for yourself, perhaps in the form of counseling or spiritual direction, as you strive for understanding, acceptance and inner peace. Also, consider joining a parents' support group or participating in a retreat designed for Catholic parents of homosexual children. Other people have traveled the same road as you, but may have journeyed even further. They can share effective ways of handling delicate family situations such as how to tell family members and friends about your child, how to explain homosexuality to younger children, how to relate to your son or daughter's friends in a Christian way.
6. Reach out in love and service to other parents who may be struggling with a son or daughter's homosexuality. Contact your parish about organizing a parents' support group. Your diocesan Family Ministry Office, Catholic Charities, or a special diocesan ministry to Gay and Lesbian persons may be able to offer assistance.
7. As you take advantage of opportunities for education and support, remember that you can only change yourself; you can only be responsible for your own beliefs and actions, not those of your adult children.
8. Put your faith completely in God who is more powerful, more compassionate and more forgiving than we are or ever could be.

To church ministers:

1. Be available to parents and families who ask for your pastoral help, spiritual guidance and prayer.
2. Welcome homosexual persons into the faith community. Seek out those on the margins. Avoid stereotyping and condemnations. Strive first to listen. Do not presume that all homosexual persons are sexually active.
3. Learn about homosexuality and church teaching so that your preaching, teaching, and counseling will be informed and effective.
4. Use the words "homosexual", "Gay", "Lesbian" in honest and accurate ways, especially

from the pulpit. In various and subtle ways you can give people "permission" to talk about homosexual issues among themselves and let them know that you're also willing to talk with them.

5. Maintain a list of agencies, community groups, and counselors or other experts to whom you can refer homosexual persons or their parents and family members when they ask you for specialized assistance. Recommend agencies that operate in a manner consistent with Catholic teaching.

6. Help to establish or promote existing support groups for parents and family members.

7. Learn about HIV/AIDS so you will be more informed and compassionate in your ministry. Include prayers in the liturgy for those living with HIV/AIDS, their caregivers, those who have died, and their families, companions and friends. A special Mass for healing and anointing of the sick might be connected with World AIDS Awareness Day (December 1) or with a local AIDS awareness program.)

### Conclusion

For St. Paul love is the greatest of spiritual gifts. St. John considers love to be the most certain sign of God's presence. Jesus proposes it as the basis of his two great commandments which fulfill all the law and the prophets.

Love, too, is the continuing story of every family's life. Love can be shared, nurtured, rejected, and sometimes lost. To follow Christ's way of love is the challenge before every family today. Your family now has an added opportunity to share love and to accept love. Our church communities are likewise called to an exemplary standard of love and justice. Our homosexual sisters and brothers -- indeed, all people -- are summoned into responsible ways of loving.

To our homosexual brothers and sisters we offer a concluding word. This message has been an outstretched hand to your parents and families inviting them to accept God's grace present in their lives now and to trust in the unfailing mercy of Jesus our Lord. Now we stretch out our hands and invite you to do the same. We are called to become one body, one spirit in Christ. We need one another if we are to "...grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love" (Ephesians, 4:15-16).

Though at times you may feel discouraged, hurt or angry, do not walk away from your families, from the Christian community, from all those who love you. In you God's love is revealed. You are always our children.

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## Clinton To Convene First White House Conference on Hate Crimes

Colorado Springs, CO—In a meeting that will bring together the victims of hate crimes, law enforcement officials, educators and community and religious leaders, President Clinton in November will convene the first White House Conference on Hate Crimes on November 10, 1997.

Clinton announced his plans Saturday, September 27, in a videotaped message for the annual meeting of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment, a six-state organization that promotes equality and justice.

"Thanks for the work you do to overcome the forces of hatred and division that are still at large in our society. In America, we are many people, but one nation, bound together by shared values. As we become an increasingly diverse society, our very future depends upon finding new ways to come together across the lines that divide us," Clinton said.

"Because I share your commitment, on November 10, I'm convening the first ever White House Conference on Hate Crimes," the president added.

The Seattle-based coalition monitors suspected hate groups in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and Oregon.

The group's 11th annual meeting, billed as "Facing the Fear Together," included keynote speakers Democratic Party strategist Celinda Lake, Columbia University African-American scholar Manning Marable, and Mexican-American feminist and Lesbian writer Gloria Anzaldua.

Organizers said it was held in Colorado because members have seen a growth in the number of hate groups in the state.

"More than ever, we know we'll be strengthened when we honor the dignity and use the talents of all our people, regardless of race, or religious faith, national origin or sexual orientation, gender or disability," Clinton told the coalition in

his taped message. "We know that thousands of hate crimes are still committed each year.

"As a nation, we must stand against all crimes of hate. We must move closer to the day when acts of bigotry and injustice are no longer a stain on our community or our conscience. We must fight the fear together and I thank you for your courage and your commitment," Clinton said.

### Rev. Troy Perry

Among those whom the President has invited to attend the November 10<sup>th</sup> conference is the Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), the world's largest Gay and Lesbian spirituality organization.

In a letter to the President, Perry noted that, "UFMCC members and congregations have suffered a two-fold victimization by hate crimes — crimes against our worship facilities because of our faith and crimes against our predominantly Gay and Lesbian members because of their sexual orientation.

"Since its founding in 1968, more than 20 UFMCC churches have been bombed or arsoned," said Perry, "while many others have been vandalized, desecrated or threatened. Proportionally, no other institution in America has been the recipient of as much arson, bombing, vandalism and desecration motivated by hate crimes as have the churches of UFMCC. An astounding and shocking seven percent of our congregations have been targets of bombing or arson."

Perry will represent the more than 42,000 members of UFMCC congregations at the White House Conference. "I intend to use my voice to call for enactment of broad protections for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered citizens," said Perry.

among heterosexual black women.

"Younger people think they can participate in risky behavior again. They have no fear," said McDonald, who gives speeches to schools and businesses for the Columbus AIDS Task Force. "Heterosexuals still think this is a Gay disease and not as their disease, too."

Education about AIDS is more important than ever, said Daniel Zingale, director of AIDS Action, a national organization that represents 2,000 AIDS groups.

"It'll be a tragedy if people start walking away from prevention," he said. "The worst is not over. The drugs aren't a cure and don't work for many people."

Zingale said protease inhibitors fail for at least 30 percent of patients who take them. The cost, \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year, is prohibitive.

And it's not easy to take so many pills. McDonald downs a total of 98 pills at 10 different times a day. Some require food, while others don't. The side effects include diarrhea, heartburn and nausea.

Another question is how long the drug cocktail will be effective. Russell said some patients show no sign of HIV for a year or two. But then for some unknown reason, the virus and infections return, killing them.

McDonald knows all about that. "I still live with the fear in the back of my mind that tomorrow I could become sick again. That the virus will grow again," he said.

"For the past 12 years, I have watched all my goals crumble in front of my eyes. I was on my way to osteopathic school but didn't go because of my impending death. Now that I have hope, I'm thinking of going to nursing school. I just have to make sure I don't overdo it."

## An Exclusive Wisconsin Light Interview

Comedian and Author  
**Bob Smith**

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## The United Hosts First Annual Masquerade Ball

Madison—Marques Bovre and the Evil Twins will be featured entertainment at The United's First Annual Masquerade Ball set for Saturday night, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Ball will be held at the Dane County Exposition Center, 1881 Expo Mall East in Madison. Doors will open at 9:00 p.m. and the event will run until 2:00 a.m., with dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

The United will sponsor a costume contest, with prizes awarded in several different categories. Awards will be announced during the dance intermission.

The Ball is a fundraiser for many of the outreach and support programs The United provides to the LGBT community.

Tickets are available in Madison at the Exclusive Company, Community Pharmacy, Magic Mill and Room of One's Own bookstore, or call (608) 255-8582 to charge by phone.

The Ball is being sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, Triple M 105.5, Q-Voice and In Step.

## Sale of Holiday Cards to Benefit the New Harvest Foundation

Madison—The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support LGBT well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, announces an exciting new project.

The Foundation will sell holiday cards designed by local Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual artists, done in a variety of styles and media. Six different designs were chosen, including pieces done in watercolor, photography, mosaic, woodcut and graphic art. Some designs are holiday-specific, others are appropriate for all occasions. All cards are non-denominational and are blank inside.

Cards are \$1 each, or 85 cents for orders of 20 or more. Orders will be taken from now until November 17. Cards will be delivered no later than December 5. Bro-

chures showing the card designs and order forms can be obtained from the Foundation or from selected Madison area businesses.

Proceeds from the sale of the cards will be used to support the Foundation's grant-making activities throughout the coming year.

For more information, contact the New Harvest Foundation, P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786 or phone (608) 256-6204.

## St. Camillus Drops Plans to Buy Building In Wauwatosa for Elderly and Disabled

Wauwatosa, WI—The Executive Management Team of St. Camillus Campus decided on September 30<sup>th</sup> to abandon plans to purchase an apartment building adjacent to its Wauwatosa campus because of the difficulty it was having with Wauwatosa Mayor Maricquette Walsh in securing tax exempt status for the facility. Management recognized that they would have to commit to spending significant resources if efforts to secure tax exempt status for the facility continued to be blocked by the Mayor's office.

Members of the Roman Catholic Order's management team point out that the purpose of the acquisition of the building was to enable the Order to expand its mission and provide additional affordable housing for the elderly, the disabled, people living with HIV/AIDS and persons preparing for ministry in the Order. They note that the intended use was undeniably for benevolent and charitable purposes.

Regardless, the Mayor vowed to strongly oppose any attempt to claim the necessary tax exempt status which would be vital to its establishment.

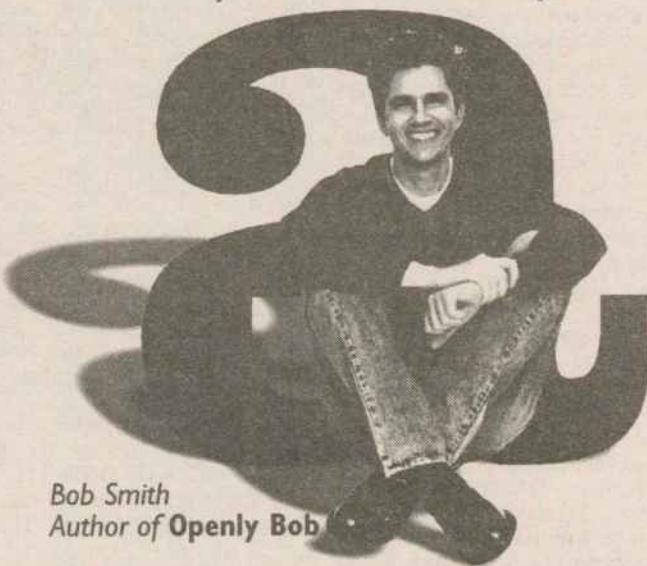
"Although I am confident that St. Camillus would prevail in this dispute, I cannot in good conscience authorize the spending of precious dollars which we would otherwise direct to serving persons in need," commented a disappointed Brother Stephen Braddock, O.S. Cam., Chair of the Board of St. Camillus Campus.

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to more appointments and nominations of openly Gay people in Clinton's second term.

"This is historic," said Kerry Lobel, NGLTF's current executive director. "She has impeccable professional credentials—that she's an activist is icing on the cake. Her tenure with NGLTF brought impressive visibility to the movement. Her solid perspective on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender issues will be a tremendous asset to the Administration."

Before taking the top Gay leadership position at NGLTF, Apuzzo held positions as Executive Director of the Office of Trials and Hearings for the City of New York and as Assistant Commissioner, Office of Operations, City of New York Department of Health.

After her NGLTF tenure, between 1985 and 1991, Apuzzo served as deputy executive director of the New York State Consumer Protection Board. For part of that time, from 1986 to 1989, she served concurrently as the governor's liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community.

Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Apuzzo was also President of the New York State Civil Service Commission and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Civil Service.

She spent most of her professional career in New York where she worked in both the public and private sector.

**ENDA**  
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Last September, Democrats were able to force the Republican leadership to schedule a vote on ENDA. The measure lost by just one vote. All but four of the Senate's 48 Democrats voted for the bill, all but four out of 52 Republican Senators voted against it. As they did last year Republicans outnumber Democrats in the current Senate (56 to 44) and control which bills will be voted on and which will not.

Winnie Stachelberg, Field Director of the Human Rights Campaign is looking forward to the hearing. In an interview with *The Wisconsin Light* she said "I expect to have a fair hearing. There will be plenty of opportunity for the proponents of the bill to continue to educate members of the Committee and the Senate as to why this bill is needed. And also to clarify the record on what this bill is not about."

Stachelberg said that last September's vote on the bill brought out "a number of concerns" from members of the Senate. These concerns she said were based on misunderstandings. For example some Senators thought that passage of the bill would require the EEOC (Employment Equal Opportunities Commission) to maintain statistics on anti-Gay job discrimination.

In reality, ENDA does not mandate the EEOC to do that. Stachelberg said that when ENDA was reintroduced a provision stating that it did not require EEOC to maintain employment information on Gays and Lesbians was written into the bill. This was one of several provisions that were added to ENDA to clarify what the bill would and would not do.

In a brief interview with *The Wisconsin Light* during the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Breakfast, Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) reiterated his support for ENDA and said that he believed the bill would pass during this session of Congress. "It's time has come. In fact it's long overdue," he said.

Stachelberg was unable to say what strategy would be employed to get a vote on ENDA. Last year, the bill was brought up for a vote as part of an agreement worked out between opponents of the Domestic Partnership Act (DOMA) and the Republican leadership led by Senator Trent Lott (R-MS). Under that agreement, Democrats agreed not to filibuster DOMA which prohibited federal recognition of same sex marriages in return for an up or down vote on ENDA.

When asked how Lott could be enticed to schedule a vote for a second time, Stachelberg said, "We need to take ENDA one step at a time. Then we will work with the sponsors and the leadership as to what the next steps are. It is clear that ENDA's time is coming soon."

Stachelberg said that there are nine firm votes in favor of the bill on Jeffords' Committee. This includes all of the Committee's Democrats and Jeffords. She said that HRC and other groups are working hard to convince other Republicans to join with Jeffords. "We have nine favorable votes, we are looking for one more vote. HRC is working the committee answering questions."

Among the tools being used are a bipartisan survey showing that the overwhelming majority of the American peo-

ple support the measure and the US Catholic Bishops recent Pastoral letter calling for an end to discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

"The Bishops letter will help. One of the arguments is that people of faith can not support this bill. That's not true. This hearing is another opportunity to let people of faith know that this bill is no threat to their beliefs."

Stachelberg points out that a Committee recommendation is not necessary for ENDA to be brought up for a vote before the full Senate. "It was voted on last year without a recommendation and that may happen again."

Among the options available to supporters is the ability to offer ENDA as an amendment to other legislation. Unlike the House of Representatives, amendments offered in the Senate do not have to be germane to the legislation.

On future plans for ENDA Stachelberg's only comment was "It is up to the lead sponsors to come up with the strategy. There is a small handful of Senators we are working with. The bill has changed, the climate and the culture of this country are changing. We don't want to put anyone in the no column."

Even if the Senate passes ENDA it still must get through the House of Representatives before it can be sent to President Clinton who has pledged to sign it and who is said to be giving it strong support from behind the scenes.

Stachelberg is cautiously optimistic about the House, "I think the House is very eager to see what the Senate Hearing looks like. I think the Senate hearing will serve as encouragement for the House."

**Don't Ask**  
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with the Court's decision. "This case showed that the rationale of the military is fallacious. Here is one more example of a fine officer whose unit members knew he was Gay and it didn't affect their service."

He added, "If anyone was going to prove (that he hadn't engaged in sexual acts) it would have been Captain Richenberg. The Captain said he didn't violate any laws. He met every other criterion for retention."

Many legal experts, say the military's requirement that service members prove they haven't engaged in homosexual sex acts is a nearly impossible task.

In an exclusive interview with *The Wisconsin Light*, Richenberg's lawyer, David Keyser, of the Minneapolis law firm, Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Cirssi called the Court's decision "A terrible injustice. This case presented the court with one of those defining moments in American constitutional history. This is on a par with the Dred Scott Decision, Plessy vs. Ferguson or Brown vs the Board of Education."

Keyser said "If you can say that Congress can pass a statute based on the bigotry of a small group of people and stop someone from pursuing their livelihood, I don't know what the limits are on anything Congress wants to do."

Keyser, a retired, heterosexual, Air Force Reserve Colonel who served eight years on active duty denounced "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" as a policy saying it "is based on bigotry and empowers discrimination."

When asked what effect the Court's refusal to hear Don't Ask Don't Tell would have on other cases currently in the courts, Keyser said "It will have a chilling effect."

Keyser also said that he was not allowed to review the records of the handful of hearings where service members were retained even after admitting their homosexual orientation.

Childress was unwilling to say that this latest decision means the Court agrees with "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." He noted that the Supreme Court hears very few of the cases appealed to it. "There is no way to tell why the Court doesn't want to hear a case. They don't have to give a reason."

Childress said "One of the reasons why the court would hear a case would be in instances where various appeals courts disagree with the each other. No one has won a case before a Appeals Court on this issue."

In fact the Supreme Court is expected to hear only about 100 of the roughly 7,000 cases brought before it on appeal this year.

This is the third time in the last 12 months, the Court has refused to hear a Don't Ask, Don't Tell case. It also turned down appeals filed by Navy Lt. Paul Thomasson and Navy Lt. Jg, Dirk Selands. Both of those cases were filed Virginia.

In the Thomasson case the Lieutenant appealed his dismissal from his job in a Pentagon office that enforced "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." His superior Admiral Kinnet-

sky, wrote a supportive evaluation stating that Thomasson was "one of the finest young officers I have ever met."

In three previous cases filed by Army Sargent Perry Watkins, Washington State National Guard Lt. Colonel Margaret Cannemeyer and Petty Officer Keith Meinhold the Supreme Court did rule in favor of reinstatement.

In the Watkins case, the Court ruled that he must be reinstated because the military knew of his homosexuality before allowing him to re enlist. In the other two cases, the Court ruled that a simple statement of homosexual orientation was not enough to justify dismissal from the service.

All of those rulings were based on military policies in existence before "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Childress said that the first Federal Appeals Court decision against the policy may come in *Abel vs. the United States* which is currently before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. If that court ruled against "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the Supreme Court may feel pressure to issue a ruling.

Meanwhile former Air Force Captain, decorated war veteran Richard Richenberg is selling real estate in Omaha. Like so many other Gay and Lesbian ex-service members, his service to his country apparently is at an end.

**Bishops**  
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pastoral letter. It emphasized that homosexual desire is not produced because of an individual's free choice. This stance conflicts sharply with recent religious fundamentalist propaganda emphasized in "ex-Gay" heterosexual recruiting ministries.

The pastoral letter reads: "All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique person we are...God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual."

(See full text of the letter in this issue.) It is unclear as yet how the Vatican will react to this latest departure from papal dogmatism.

A letter from the Vatican, intercepted and published in *The Washington Post*, (November 1, 1992) ordered American bishops to oppose legislation that promotes civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians, labeling homosexuality, in opposition to the American Psychiatric Association's policies, "an objective disorder."

The *Post* said that the Roman Catholic Church declared its support "for discrimination against Gay people in such areas as public housing, family health benefits, and the hiring of teachers, coaches and military personnel."

The Vatican, it reported, insinuates that Gay men and Lesbians are mentally ill and insists that the denial of rights to Gays will promote family values.

European governments evoked the pope's ire by ignoring his ploys. John Paul II upped the ante in his war on Gay men and Lesbians in a 1994 homily marked by fury, attacking the European Parliament for its non-binding resolution recommending that Gay and Lesbian couples be granted marriage and adoption rights.

The resolution, in spite of the pope's previous warnings, had been passed 159-96 on February 8, 1994. It inappropriately conferred, said the pope, "institutional value on deviant behavior."

Vatican disciplinary measures were instituted against two American clerics in the 1980s. Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen was upbraided for allowing a group of Gay Catholics to meet at St. James Cathedral, while Catholic University (Washington, D.C.) revoked Father Charles Curran's license to teach moral theology because he'd said that homosexual acts "are sometimes morally acceptable."

In contrast to anti-Gay Vatican propaganda, a group of American bishops—responding to the anguish caused to Roman Catholic parents with Gay children, requested, in 1992, guidance from their Committee on Marriage and Family.

The result, the newly published pastoral letter, describes mothers and fathers suffering guilt, shame and loneliness due to the Church's stances.

Bishop Joseph Imsch, chair of the Committee on Pastoral Practices, explained that the American bishops had produced their pastoral letter to urge parents to "accept the fact that their son or daughter is Gay or Lesbian," and that their children are not "damned forever."

The letter, in spite of its finer points, retains the church's distinction-making between an individual's sexual orientation and any sexual behaviors emerging from that orientation.

The bishops do urge parents to encourage an atmosphere, they urge, in which

a child becomes willing to discuss his or her orientation.

Demonstrating love for Gay and Lesbian children must be a priority among Roman Catholic parents, says Always Our Children. The bishops' statement also suggests the formation of parents' support groups and the welcoming of Gay children into church settings.

Chaste homosexuals, they say, should be allowed church leadership positions.

"Generally, homosexual orientation is experienced as a given, not as something freely chosen," the bishops announced. "By itself, therefore, a homosexual orientation cannot be considered sinful, for morality presumes the freedom to choose."

age their Gay children to live celibate lives and to challenge any aspects of those lives they find unacceptable by church standards. There is no need, however, say the bishops, to enforce rules at the expense of their child.

"First, don't break off contact, don't reject your child," say the bishops, suggesting the creation of a home atmosphere in which the closet is no longer an option.

**AIDS Drugs**  
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1996, when Crixivan and Norvir, the first two powerful protease inhibitors, came on the market.

Most patients responded dramatically. Their virus levels dropped so low they could not be found on standard tests. But since then, the virus has returned to detectable levels in 53 percent.

Although this is ominous, no one knows exactly what it means.

"All of our 'failures' are clinically feeling very well," said Deeks. "It's very important to understand we have no idea of the prognosis of people who have resistant virus."

Deeks said other doctors and large AIDS clinics are having similar experiences, although his is the first to present the data publicly.

Failure of these drug combinations means that some patients now "are out of options," said Dr. Brian Buggy, medical advisor to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) "We're just going to hope that something better comes along."

"There is a whole mixture of explanations" for the failures, said Dr. David Ho of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York City.

Ho said that for people who had relatively low virus levels when they started taking the drugs and had not used other AIDS medicines, failure almost always means they did not take their pills on schedule. Even missing a few doses can ruin the treatment.

"Compliance is absolutely critical," Deeks said. "When we say compliance, we mean rigid adherence to over 20 pills a day."

Some physicians are refusing to prescribe protease inhibitors for patients they don't believe will be able to comply with the regimen—people who are drug addicts, the homeless or who have other major social problems.

Blowing a drug regimen can cause a patient to develop lifelong resistance to those and other medications, leaving them and their doctors with no treatment options.

"If they are not compliant, I will not give them," Buggy said of patients and the new drugs.

"The biggest problem," Buggy added, "is compliance—patients taking the medications as needed. It's very hard to do. It's confusing, it's difficult and it's tough to time."

For example, one drug regimen, if taken at breakfast, would mean that the patient would need to eat lunch at 3:00 and dinner at 10:00 to fit in all the pills at the right time, Buggy said.

Also at high risk of failure are those who were on other AIDS drugs before starting protease inhibitors or whose T cell counts were very low.

Deeks said his data are far different from the carefully controlled drug experiments sponsored by pharmaceutical companies to demonstrate the medicines' potential. These studies show far more encouraging results.

Among the longest-running of these is a study of 28 patients who have been taking Crixivan, AZT and 3TC. Dr. Roy Gulick of New York University said Monday that after almost two years, the virus is still undetectable in 22 of them, or 79 percent.

Deeks said real-world experience is not as promising as the trials because patients in the studies are less sick to start with and more highly motivated to scrupulously follow their drug regimens.

Also presented was the first large study of the use of protease inhibitors in children. Just over half appeared to be responding well after three months of therapy.

## PrideFest '97 is a Glorious Prelude To Next August's PrideFest '98

Milwaukee—The Rainbow flags along Milwaukee's downtown streets came down one-by-one during the evening hours of September 28. Unlike the other festival flags that flew along Wisconsin Avenue and were maintained by city work crews, the six colored flags that have come to represent the Les-Bi-Gay-Trans community were hung, maintained and removed by volunteers.

As PrideFest council member Rick Finger lifted the flags from their brackets and passed them down the ladder to Co-Director Michael Hall and council member Sheldon Schur, the task created a solemn feeling as the last vestiges of this year's festival were removed.

While the flags may now be gone, the memories are still vivid. Here are just a few snippets:

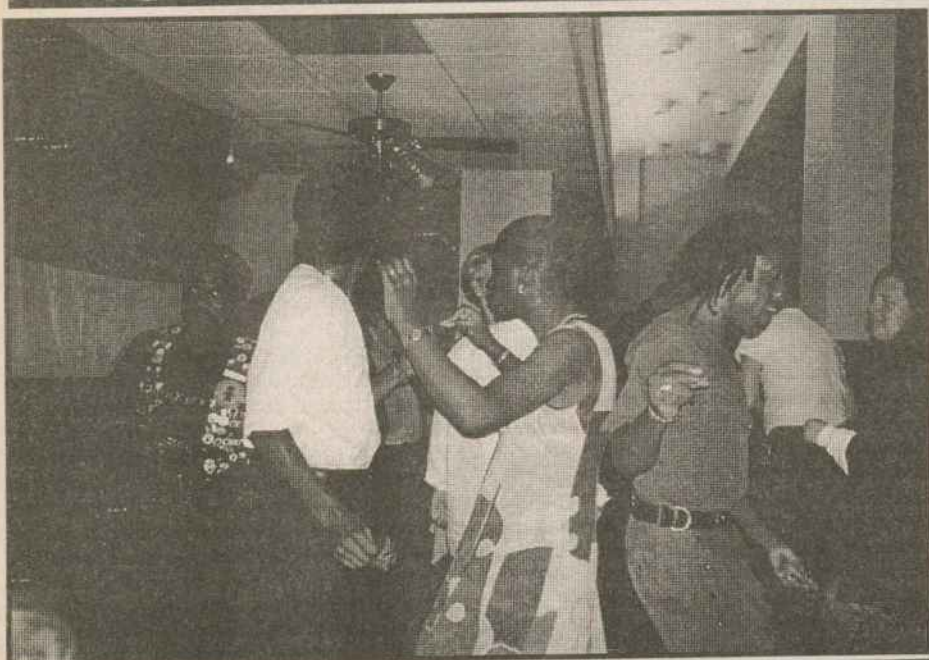
Friday night's Possum Queen final

show was a smashing success. While many of the acts were done with tongue-in-cheek, the outcome was a record setting fund raising effort for AIDS service providers, with over \$25,000 in donations collected during the campaign.

And who can forget Saturday night when the Miller Oasis was filled to near-capacity and the band, *Bjorn Again*, took us on a journey to our past? The crowd was on its feet and table dancers were everywhere. As the last strands of music wafted across the lakefront, it was greeted by a volley from the Bartolotta's fireworks. All of this was preceded by a full day's worth of entertainment, activities, socializing and shopping.

Sunday's perfect weather brought out the crowds, especially when the parade

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Celebrating PrideFest Milwaukee's PrideFest held a party for their volunteers on Saturday, October 4. At the top are volunteers from the Castaways, next are the Fest City Singers performing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" next are some volunteers dancing to the music of Singational and at the bottom Openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin flanked by Sharon and Cheryl from Singational.



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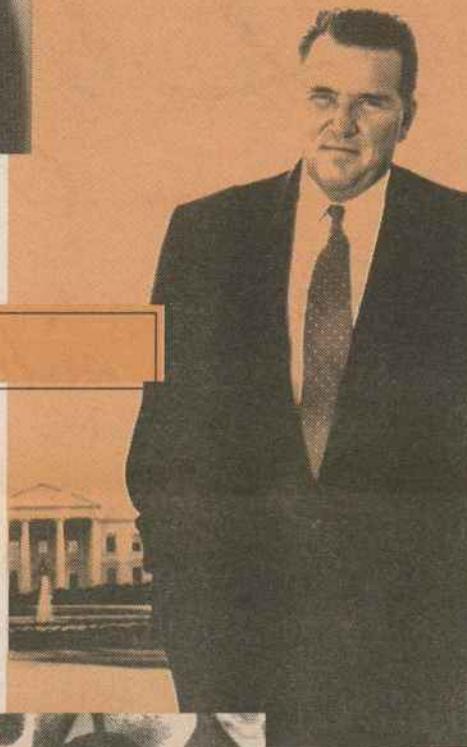


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## Brash Gay Quartet "Men Out Loud" to Perform at "Decade of Light" Party

By John A. Jahn

"Men Out Loud" is an openly Gay *a cappella*-based vocal quartet with a West Hollywood look, a sound which is both classic and contemporary, and a wide-ranging repertoire encompassing danceable pop, doo-wop, R&B, show tunes, and more.

The group's first album, "Sweet Enuf 2 Eat," was released to critical acclaim (including this critic) on Mercury/Pure Records last June.

"Men Out Loud" are Steve Steinberg (bass), Santo Ragno (1st tenor), Joseph Pearce (2nd tenor) and Rob McElroy (baritone).

The L.A.-based group first established themselves on the Gay & Lesbian scene in 1995. They were nominees at the 1st Annual Gay/Lesbian American Music Awards, were featured on the nationally syndicated TV program "Scoop with Sam & Dorothy" last December, and performed at the Triangle Presidential Inaugural Ball in Washington, D.C. last January.

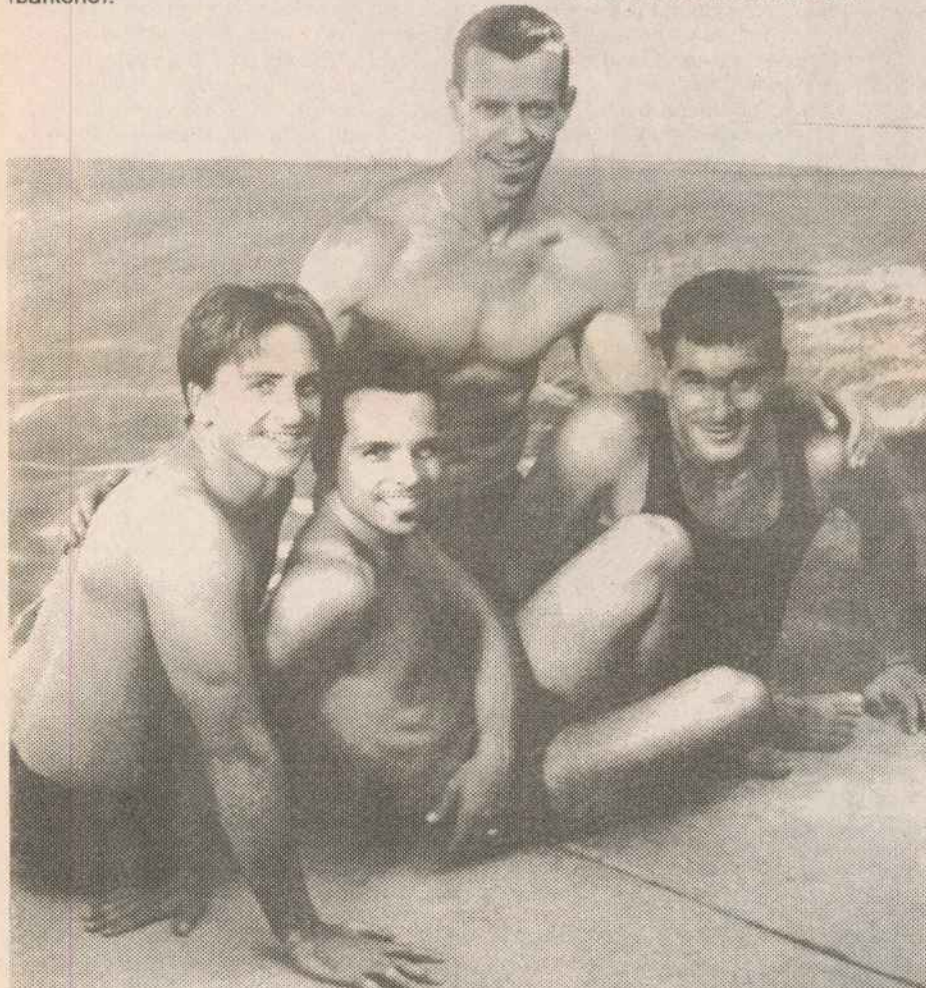
They then toured the country this summer, performing at Pride Festivals from coast to coast.

Larry Flick of *Billboard Magazine* has described "Men Out Loud" as a "brash and appealing out-Gay male vocal quartet (with) a potential mainstream hit... Their harmonies are as smooth and seamless as those of any Boyz II Men smash..."

"Men Out Loud" is now going to perform at the upcoming "Decade of Light" party celebrating *Wisconsin Light's* 10th anniversary.

Meanwhile, check out the "Men Out Loud" website at:

[www.1bc.com/menoutloud](http://www.1bc.com/menoutloud)



The fantastic Gay Quartet "Men Out Loud"



The Fabulous Disco Diva Joi Cardwell

## Singer-Songwriter Joi Cardwell To Perform at "Decade of Light" Party

By John A. Jahn

Joi Cardwell is a complete package: singer, songwriter, producer, and performer. From her humble beginning as a 5-time winner of Amateur Nights at the Apollo all the way to #1 on the music charts, Joi has been wowing fans with her emotive and uplifting performances, selling over 1.5 million records worldwide thus far.

She's released 3 albums in the past 5 years and writes 95% of her own material. Each of these albums has produced at least two Top 5 hits, and of her 20-odd singles, 9 have reached *Billboard's* vener-

able club chart.

She sings without accompaniment as well as with her full, 8-piece band, and her music spans the range from the surreal to the best of music on the edge.

As a writer, her songs have been performed on five continents and used in commercial formats, underlying adverts for radio and featured in film soundtracks such as "The Watermelon Woman" and "Brazen."

Joi is currently touring the U.S. promoting her latest single, "Soul To Bare," and averages over 50 live performances a year. This November, she'll perform at the "Decade of Light" party.

Guests will experience what *Billboard Magazine* meant in December, 1996 when it said of Joi: "She can squeeze more depth and emotion from a simple phrase than any other diva working in Dance Music at the moment, as evident in a vocal here that is rife with subtext and drama."

## Anniversary Parties Scheduled For Milwaukee And Madison

By Dusty Sass

The big *Wisconsin Light* Party of the Decade, Sunday November 9 at the Hilton Hotel, is, of course, the centerpiece of *The Light's* 10th anniversary celebration. I for one can highly recommend buying a ticket to the party which will include nationally known entertainers and celebrities. All proceeds will benefit the Cream City Foundation.

Now before you keep reading pull out those calendars and get ready to mark down some other important anniversary celebration dates.

You don't have to wait until November 9th to begin celebrating The Decade of Light. There will be several preliminary events leading up to the big bash.

Things get underway with two CD Release parties held in Milwaukee on October 14 and 15th at La Cage and Mama Roux.

The October 14th party will be part of La Cage's Tuesday night prize night. CD's posters and videos from Disco artist Joi Caldwell will be given away along with the regular prizes given each week by the bar.

And don't forget, in January La Cage Prize Night winners can win a fabulous trip for two to South Beach. Ms. Caldwell will be flying in from New York to perform at

Then on Wednesday, November 5th, as *The Wisconsin Light* comes out with its huge 10th Anniversary Issue, there will be a series of "Delivery Night" parties at various clubs in Milwaukee.

I can't give you all the delicious details about these parties (even though I am dying to) because I've been told they are not to be formally announced until the next issue.

However, I can tell you that these parties will be fabulous and will trace much of the route the *Light* makes when it gets delivered. I can also tell you that many of the parties will be benefits and include entertainment, food and drink specials.

I can also tell you that La Cage will host "The Last Stop" party, the last stop of the first ten years for the *Wisconsin Light* in Milwaukee. The La Cage party will include a fab show, the famous La Cage Super Bust, prizes and so much more.

Now there is one more date, I want you to mark down, October 22nd. That's the day the next issue of *The Wisconsin Light* comes out. That issue will contain all of the information they won't let me tell you now.

"The Decade of Light" party.

La Cage has already given away trips for two to Las Vegas and to San Francisco

this year. Of course I didn't win either of them, but that doesn't stop me from trying.

On Wednesday, October 15, Mama Roux will host a CD release party for Men Out Loud. Men Out Loud is an LA based Gay men's a cappella group that will also be featured at the "Decade of Light" party.

In addition to a chance to get some great music, videos and posters, Mama's will offer its regular Wednesday night 2 for 1 drink special.

The weekend of October 25 and 26, it will be Madison's turn. Two parties, one at Kirby's Klub, (formerly Scandals) and one at Manoeuvres will be part of Madison's salute to *The Wisconsin Light*.

Kirby's Klub will host a CD release party for Men Out Loud on Saturday October 25. The party will include many surprises and will be a benefit.

Manoeuvres will host a Joi Caldwell CD release party on Sunday, October 26. The party will feature the Naughty But Nice strippers and other entertainment, drink specials and raffles. All of the raffle ticket money and proceeds from the \$5.00 cover charge will be donated to The United to help it provide the wide variety of services it offers to Madison's Gay and Lesbian community.

So have you got all that written down

now? Good because we don't want you to miss any of these great events.

### Jerry Grillo to Debut CD at "Decade of Light"

**Milwaukee**—Jerry Grillo, vocalist, with Jack Grassel on guitar and Doug Hayes on bass will be performing in the Juneau Room of the downtown Milwaukee Hilton Hotel as part of *Wisconsin Light's* 10th Anniversary Party.

The trio will appear from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the "Decade of Light" party on Sunday, November 9, 1997.

Grillo will be debuting songs from his new compact disc, *Goody For You!*, which features the Lynne Arriale Trio from New York City backing him on 12 classic tunes.

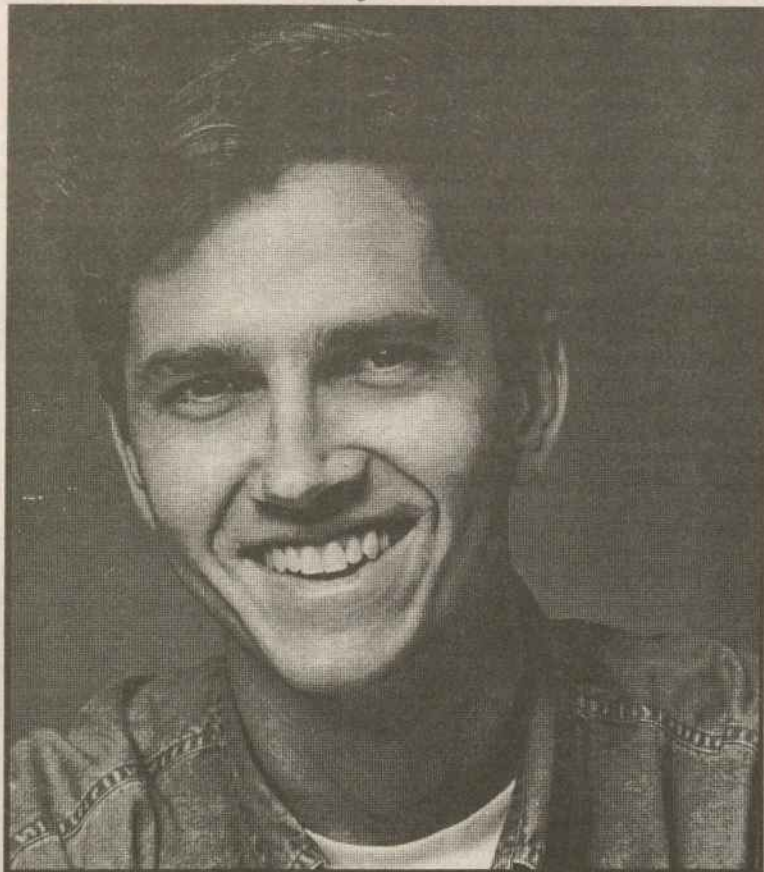
The CD will be officially released and available for the first time that evening a part of the celebration.

A portion of the proceeds from the sales of *Goody For You!* will be donated to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.



## Talking to the Stars

### Crystal Waters, an Icon in the Gay Scene, Rises to New Jazz Heights



Bob Smith

#### "Light" Interviews Author Bob Smith, of "Funny Gay Males"

**Carl Szatmary:** What is it like to be a Gay stand-up comedian?

**Bob Smith:** It's not a job you tell your high school counselor. "Hey, I want to be a Gay stand-up comic." I started writing comedy and I knew I was Gay in high school and eventually put the two together.

I love doing it...I work in straight comedy clubs and I do a lot of benefits and events that are geared to the Gay community which is great.

The disadvantages are that I never sit down and think that I'm writing a Gay joke. I just try to write what's funny. Sometimes people assume that you only write something called Gay humor.

**CS:** Is there such a thing as "Gay humor"?

**BS:** I think that there is a Gay sensibility. What it is I have no idea. There are times that I think there's something here. Our community is so diverse that it would be hard to pin down. I never honestly thought, "This is a Gay joke."

**CS:** Performing before both Gay and straight audiences, which do you prefer, which is more fun?

**BS:** Definitely it is always going to be fun in front of a Gay audiences but I also have fun with straight audiences. You just have to lead straight audiences.

Whereas Gay people, you say you're Gay and they're right with you. Not that you don't have to have good material or jokes.

With straight people, you not only have to win them over by being funny but some of the people might be homophobic or they might not know many Gay people...

**CS:** Can you tell us about your first stand-up experiences?

**BS:** I was in Buffalo. I was just out of high school and I knew that I wanted to work in comedy. I had written a sketch in high school, a Tarzan sketch for the captain of the football team because I thought that he would look good in a loin cloth. Then a local jazz club started to do comedy.

**CS:** How long have you been doing stand-up?

**BS:** I really started in 1986.

**CS:** A most embarrassing moment?

**BS:** The worst show I ever did was in Seattle. As soon as I walked onstage and began my material, half of the audience for this Saturday night early show, mostly college guys in this straight comedy club - totally packed 250 seat club and half of the audience at the end of my set walked out.

**CS:** You, Danny McWilliams and Jaffe Cohen formed "Funny Gay Males"

**BS:** It was in the late 1980's. We were like the only out Gay comics in New York. Jaffe was offered a chance to do a show at The Duplex, a cabaret/comedy club in New York that Joan Rivers and Woody Allen started at. We put together a show. We were going to do two weekends and we called ourselves Funny Gay Males. We got reviewed.

Someone came to review us which is really unusual in New York to get reviewed, especially if you don't seek out the review. We got a good review, we came

back the next month for three weekends. Then we got more reviews. We eventually started a run of performing every weekend for a year and a half.

It was really fun. We still have a really great relationship.

**CS:** Now going solo in *Openly Bob*?

**BS:** They've been really supportive. I thank both of them in the acknowledgment. We still work together on occasion.

**CS:** Were you prepared for how well received *Growing Up Gay* would be?

**BS:** Well, I hoped it would be. There were serious books, we wanted to take a humorous look at it. I was surprised that it was published by Hyperion, because it's owned by Disney.

It was definitely very jokey. There are some things I would change now. But it was a great first try and a fun thing for all of us to do together.

**CS:** *Openly Bob* is a more thoughtful, personal book. What do you hope to communicate to Gay/lesbian readers?

**BS:** Make people laugh and think. I definitely want people to enjoy it. I want to expose people to different ideas, about being in a relationship, about Gay love, humor.

I don't know that there is an underlying message. I hope that people respond to it. I'm really proud of it. I feel like of everything I've ever done, it is the best thing I've done.

**CS:** What has been the reaction of your boyfriend, family, friends to *Openly Bob*?

**BS:** Tom, who I dedicate the book to, he kept reading the book and he would joke to me, "Can you change my name to Timmy?"

**CS:** So, you are still together, then?

**BS:** Yes (laughing), the writing didn't break us up. And my mother wishes I change Tom's name to a woman's. "Why can't you not be Gay?" I'm kidding, my family has been very supportive.

**CS:** How different is writing stand-up from the types of essays in? Is one more difficult than the other?

**BS:** In the essays you can expand your ideas, you can be clever, witty without boring the reader.

**CS:** You mentioned that you are working on a new Gay sketch comedy series for Showtime, starting in November.

**BS:** It's going to include Gay and Lesbian performers like Lea DeLaria and Suzanne Westenhoefer, some Canadian comedians (co-production with the Canadian Broadcast Co.).

The producer is a straight man who put it all together, wanting a Gay and a Lesbian sensibility, whatever the heck that is and I sort of volunteered to be the head writer.

**CS:** Long-term plans for Bob Smith?

**BS:** I like working in television, so something in television. Then I'd like to do another book, I don't know if it would be another collection of essays or possibly be a novel I sort of have an idea for a novel.

**Bob Smith will be appearing at Afterwords Bookstore on Wednesday October 22nd at 7:30pm to promote his new book, *Openly Bob*.**

By Jeffrey L. Newman

Crystal Waters is not your typical dance diva. She is not a belter and she doesn't whip on to the stage screaming at the top of her lungs. But then, that's part of her charm and what has helped to set her apart from the pack of faceless vocalists in the crowded world of dance singers.

In the six years since the singer broke on to the music scene with the catchy, "Gypsy Woman (la da dee, la da da/she's homeless)," her ode to the plight of the homeless through club grooves that sent the dance world into a hypnotic trance, she has landed three top dance hits and two gold albums.

With her third solo recording, the newly released self-titled, club-infected opus on Mercury Records, the 32-year old singer is aiming to solidify her spot among clubland's reigning divas. She also out to prove that she is more than just the voice behind the song, having written all but two of the album's 12 songs and produced two of them.

"It's a very well written album and very well produced, and it shows that dance music can be done [successfully] with live instruments," Waters says of her new release. "The album was very relieving for me. I was going into a certain part of my life when I began working on the album, where I started going on a spiritual search to find that some thing that was missing from my life. I was learning about myself and what makes me happy. This album helped me to write about it and let it out."

Waters is currently readying remixes for the album's next two single releases—the rousing "Spin Me," a funky dance ditty that's sprinkled with samples from Dead Or Alive's "U Spin Me Round (Like A Record)" and a quick groove by basketball bad boy Dennis Rodman, and the house-infused "Mamma Told Me."

The latter track, produced by the Basement Boys, is a reality-spun take-off of various nursery rhymes Water's heard during her childhood.

sells records. Labels don't like to record issue-related, heavy stuff. So, I'm trying to make it not so hard on the mind."

Among the album's other tracks are the Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis produced "Say...If You Feel Alright," and a cover of The Artist Formerly Known as Prince's "Uptown." She originally wrote her own version of the Prince track, using only samples from the original classic, but the Purple one would not give clearance to Water's new version, so she chose to record his original version, rather than look for a replacement.

Still, despite her deeply-rooted club ties, she doesn't want to be labeled just a club performer.

"I don't think of myself as just a dance artist. Other people do. With this album, I went intentionally to work with other producers to try different styles. But everyone kept saying, 'Crystal Waters? Have I got a great dance song for you.' Everyone wanted me to do dance. That's how they see me," she says. "I started out as a jazz singer. And I'm still a jazz singer at heart."

Born and raised in south New Jersey, Waters grew the daughter of a jazz musician father and a school teacher mother. After graduating from Howard University in Washington, D.C., in 1987, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business, with a minor in computer programming, Waters took a job with the parole board as a programmer.

But, one day on the urging of her mother, Waters went to see a psychic, who told her that she need to find a vocation that allowed her to use her voice.

"I fell in love with singing right after that and I realized that this is what I wanted to do," she recalls, noting that she was extremely shy as a child. "After that I hooked up with a keyboard player and went into the studio and made a demo."

Waters began shopping around her demo to labels. She also started writing for other dance artists, including Ultra Nate and the Basement Boys. "I was writing



Crystal Waters

"I wrote the hook for this song a long time ago. I changed the lyrics from various fairy tales to reflect real life," she says. "Things like, 'my mama told me I was pretty and I'd find someone to love me, but she didn't tell me he'd leave me and break my heart.' I jotted down my version and created a story of reality."

Waters says that it's very important for her to include social commentary and snippets of reality into the music she writes. "I like to look at things from different directions. With 'Gypsy Woman,' the homeless are always looked at as bad. I wanted to show that they are the same as you and me, if you just look under the surface."

Not everyone gets Waters' message on the first listen. Most of the time, all people here are the melodic sounds and catchy hooks.

"Sometimes it take a little time. Some people just take it on the surface and only get the musical value of it. Sometimes it takes a while for them to understand that I'm trying to say a little more," she says. "I write a lot stuff that gets to the point and that stuff is never recorded. It's not what

Sade type of stuff. I always thought it was fun to put jazz vocals over dance beats and try to do different things."

In late-1987 she signed with A&M in London, but it wasn't until 1991 that the label released her first single, "Gypsy Woman." The song went on to sell more than a million copies and become an international smash. It also landed her a recording contract in the U.S. with Mercury Records.

Her first album, "Surprise," was certified gold, selling more than 500,000 copies in the U.S.

"Gypsy" was the last song that we recorded. I had other demos I thought were better. I thought the song was good and that it might be a local hit [in the U.K., but not more than that," says Waters, who didn't quit her parole board job until more than a year later.

Her sophomore release, which also was certified gold, spawned two club hits, "100% Pure Love" and "What I Need." "With '100% Pure Love,' I proved that I'm not a one-hit wonder. But I have a feeling

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# Curtain Calls

## Chamber Theatre's Free Lecture Series to Feature Oskar Eustis

**Milwaukee**--Milwaukee Chamber Theatre presents a free lecture/discussion series entitled MCT VIEWPOINTS prior to every production during the season.

The first installment of MCT's 97/98 series will feature Trinity Repertory Theatre's artistic director, Oskar Eustis on Monday, October 13 at First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor St. at 7:00 p.m.

Best known for commissioning Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* in 1987, Mr. Eustis will speak of his experience "Getting Angels Airborne." Admission is free, and no reservations are necessary. Call Milwaukee Chamber Theatre for more information at (414) 276-8842.

Eustis directed the world premiere of *Angels in America* at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles in 1991. Eustis, then Artistic Director of San Francisco's Eureka Theatre Company, saw a workshop production of one of Tony Kushner's early plays in New York.

Impressed, he asked Kushner to write a 90-minute, one-act comedy for the Eureka. Instead, Kushner created a 250-page draft of what turned out to be the first half of an eight-actor, multiple-character play.

The production received six Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Awards and 11 Drama-Logue Awards.

Originally from Minnesota, Eustis began his career as a child actor. In 1976 he moved to NYC and founded the Red Wing Theatre Company. Eustis has worked as a director, dramaturg and artistic director for theatres around the world, including the Eureka Theatre Company in San Francisco, where he was resident director and dramaturg from 1981 through 1986 and Artistic Director until 1989, when he moved to the Mark Taper Forum as Associate Director. This year marks his fourth season as Artistic Director at the Trinity Repertory Theatre in Rhode Island.

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre presents Tony Kushner's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama *Angels in America*.

**Part II: Perestroika** October 18-November 9, 1997 in the Cabot Theatre of the Broadway Theatre Center.

*Perestroika* concludes, with miraculous splendor, the epic begun at Milwaukee Repertory Theatre. Ticket prices range from \$16-29 and are available at the Broadway Theatre Center box office, 158 N. Broadway or by calling (414) 291-7800. This production is generously sponsored by Miller Brewing Company.

The only play to win the coveted Tony Award for Best Play two years in a row -- 1993 and 1994 -- *Angels in America* has been hailed by critics and audiences alike as the most significant theatrical event since the premiere of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* in 1947. *Angels in America* has changed the face of American theater with its passionate look at the political, sexual, and spiritual landscape of contemporary America.

*Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* will open Saturday, October 18 and close Sunday, November 9, 1997. Wednesday and Thursday performances are at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 & 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.

Ticket prices for *Angels in America, Part Two: Perestroika* for Friday & Saturday performances are \$18-27 (\$20-29 for Opening Saturday Night), and Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances are \$16-24. \$2 senior discounts and \$10 & \$15 student tickets are available on all performance dates. Purchase tickets in person at the Broadway Theatre Center box office, 158 N. Broadway, or by phone at 414/291-7800. Group rates are available by calling the Chamber Theatre office at (414) 276-8842.

Milwaukee Repertory Theatre is currently presenting *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches* through October 19 at the Powerhouse Theatre. For ticket information, call (414) 224-9490.

## Gutzman's "Coward Revue" Reveals Gay Roots of Stage and Screen

**Milwaukee**--Noel Coward may have been the last Renaissance man. He wrote over forty plays, a best-selling novel, three autobiographies, hundreds of songs, composed a ballet, was a successful painter and became the highest paid cabaret performer in Las Vegas history. Although everyone knew he was Gay, his private life remained a mystery throughout his life and, for many years, after his death in 1973.

Now Producer/Director Dale Gutzman strips the veil of mystery from Coward's life. In *Coward's Last Concert: A Musical Revue*, Gutzman plays Coward, returning from retirement to give one last performance and to tell the truth about his life.

That life had an intimate connection to Wisconsin. Coward had a close friendship with Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine. Often he would visit them at their home in Genesee Depot, Ten Chimneys.

Once, so the story goes, Coward was supposed to have written a play for Lunt and Fontaine. Time went by and the play wasn't finished. At last, in exasperation, he was summoned to Ten Chimneys. When he got there, he found a room supplied with writing materials, cartons of cigarettes and a case of the best scotch. He was put in there and told he wasn't getting out until the play was done.

Apart from Wisconsin, he lived a fabulous life. According to another oft told tale, he was attending the funeral of Britain's King George V. Enconced on a balcony overlooking the procession, he was surrounded by a bevy of beautiful young men.

A carriage passed by. In it were a rotund woman and the diminutive Emperor of Ethiopia. One of the young men asked Coward who the woman was.

"That's the Queen of Tonga," he answered.

"And who's the man with her?"

"Her lunch."

By rights, Coward should have been knighted by the Crown. He was not because of a dalliance with a male member of the royal family.

Both the Noel Coward of legend and the Coward of history will be dealt with in Gutzman's *Coward's Last Concert*. The show contains over 25 of Coward's most famous songs including: "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," "Don't Put Your Daughter on

the Stage, Mrs. Worthington," "I'll See You Again," "London Pride," "Dance Little Lady," "A Room With a View," and "Made About the Boy."

Joining Gutzman on stage will be Milwaukee favorites Diane Sotski, Karl Miller, Lisa Dames, Vince Lombardo, Sarah Sokolovic, and Annie Mater. Newcomers Christian Boy Tyson Kamikawa and Trunf Tieu give the show sparkle and verve.

Here is a mainstream show that explores the Gay roots of the entertainment industry. Straight audiences may be shocked to learn that Cole Porter, Mary Martin and Janet Gaynor were Gay, but the Gay community can finally proudly claim as their own some of the finest performers of the world stage and screen.

*Coward's Last Concert* plays Friday and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Hall of the Milwaukee Public Library at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (\$13 for seniors and students.

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# THE NIGHT LIGHT

**News...**We hear that a new Women's bar is opening in Milwaukee. The new club will be located at the site formerly occupied by the old Phoenix. The place is in the process of being remodeled. An opening date has not yet been set.

**Recaps...**Patrick's Birthday party at **In Between** was a great time. We were all tempted to cut something off and count the rings to see how old he REALLY is, but no one could agree on which appendage he could do without.

The **Just Us** Anniversary Show was another fine effort. The shows at this bar are always fun. They have their own charm and best of all they are always free.

The Firebirds Club night at **The Boot Camp** was really great. The place was packed. This was one of the few times when all the leather clubs got together for a night of fun. Here's hoping it happens again and soon!

Although I couldn't make it up there, I heard that the US of A on Parade Show at **Manoeuvres** was very well done. Like when are shows at Manoeuvres not well done?

I also had a great time at **The Chanticleer** Bed and Breakfast in Sturgeon Bay. If you have never been there, consider making the trip. This is one fine place and the owners Byron and Darrin are wonderful hosts. Plus there is lots to do (even in the winter) and it's so romantic.

The **SSBL Party** at **M & M's** was also a lot of fun. The food was great (like when isn't it great at Milwaukee's first Gay restaurant and we were very honored by the league's recognition of **The Wisconsin Light** and Bill Meunier for their support. (We hear that Bill is sleeping with his plaque.)

**Coming Up...** So you think that with Halloween coming up there isn't going to be much activity at the bars for the next few weeks? Think again honey and get ready to party!

**Saturday October 11** I will be up at **Scandals** for Mike and Nancy's farewell party. Even though Mike and Nancy are not Gay, they saved this bar for Madison's Gay and Lesbian community. It's a real shame that some people said they wouldn't go in there because the place had straight owners, especially since no one from the Gay community offered to come forward to make sure the place survived.

It's really too bad that some people (and they know who they are) think that by tearing down others they can make themselves look bigger. Actually those kinds of tactics never work and the people who

## B's Bar To Go Out With a Grand Style Good Bye Show

**Milwaukee**—In over 6 1/2 years, B's has made a lot of friends and, yes, some enemies too, but on October 25<sup>th</sup>, the folks at B's hope that everyone can let bygones be bygones, putting hard feelings behind them, and attend the closing show to wish B's a fond farewell.

At 8:00 p.m. sharp, "Miss Bobbi" will lead off a star studded cast of performers who have been a success in helping raise a lot of money for different organizations such as MAP, BestD Clinic, Breast Cancer, Kids with AIDS, Soul Mates, PrideFest and H.I.T.

There will even be a salute to Miss M and Mandi McCall, both of whom performed in many of the benefits at B's.

Bruce and Bobby want to thank everyone who has given them support over the last years and what better way to do it than with a show with friends. They want everyone to walk away feeling good about the years B's has been around.

They'd also like to thank the great staff they've had over the years: Rob, Gary, Billy, Lori, Mike, Kevin, Lenny, Timm, Jenny, Wayne, Cheri, Earl and Little Jeffie. Without them, B's could not have given the good service that it has over the years.

One more "BIG" thank you goes out to the Walker's Point Café Girls and the show directors who have made all the shows a great hit at B's.

Bruce and Bobby with the best to Steve and Ray. May they have many great years together as "Woody's."

So now, let's get to it. For one last time, come to B's on October 25 at 8:00 p.m. and say "Good bye."

engage in them only wind up looking smaller than they already were.

The party also gives you a chance to meet new owner Sheldon Kirby. Sheldon will be renaming the bar "Kirby's Korner." I have spoken with him and I am sure you will like him as much as I already do. He intends to get the bar even more involved in the community. I for one am confident that Kirby's Korner will become a must stop for everyone in Mad Town.

Speaking of must stops I will of course check out the action at **The Shamrock** and **Manoeuvres**. Both of these places are great stops on any bar crawl.

**Sunday October 12** you can find me at the Packer Parties at **In Between** and **The Ball Game**. Someone finally won the "Be Brett Farve For A Day" half time contest at **In Between**. Here's hoping for two winners in a row.

**Monday October 13** I will be at **Café Melange's** Closing party. This is really sad since the Café was a great source of fine entertainment. The party begins at noon and continues "until the cows come home." Not being a farmer I am not sure when that is, but I am told that it is fairly late.

**Tuesday October 14** I will be at La

**Cage** for the big Tuesday Prize Night and our Joi Caldwell CD release party. In addition to the regular prizes La Cage gives away every week, you could also win a free Joi Caldwell CD. Ms. Caldwell is considered one of America's fastest rising Disco Divas. Plus don't forget that you can win that fabulous trip for two to South Beach Florida.

**Wednesday October 15**, I will be visiting **Mama, Mama Roux** that is. Mama's is hosting a **Wisconsin Light Men Out Loud** CD release party. Men Out Loud are a fantastic group out of LA. They have a growing national following (sort of like me, except they don't have bill collectors following them) and they have won raves from the critics. The party includes Mama's Wednesday night 2 for 1 drink special till Midnight. The party gets underway at 9:00.

**Thursday October 16**, I'll stop in at one of my favorite places, **This Is It** to say hi to owner Joe and his fine staff. This is a great place to go for a good drink and some friendly conversation.

And while I'm on the subject of **This Is It**, do you remember Steve Kelso? Well, just who can forget that buming hunk of muscle man, bronzed, with smoldering eyes and that simmering, come hither smile? He's coming back to Milwaukee on November 22 and will be at **This Is It** and **Water Street Docks** and **Designing Men**, so I am told.

As before, Steve's appearance will be a benefit for the Cream City Foundation.

Now here's something. On that same evening, **This Is It** will be hosting a fundraiser for H.I.T. Mark your calendar and let

the good times roll.

**Friday October 17**, I will be off to **Just Us** for a great fish fry. Don't forget this place has some fine country dancing on Saturdays.

**Wednesday October 22** is **Wisconsin Light** delivery day. Get those Miller Lite beers ready for me.

**Thursday October 23** I am going to stop in at **The Station 2** I always have a fun time at this bar, which as you know is the home to the woman who founded hot Lesbian sex.

**Friday October 24** I'll be stopping in at **Fannies** to say hi to Sharon and my friends there. Forget the idea that this is a "women only bar" Yes there are more women there than men, but so what. It's still a good time guys.

**Saturday October 25** I will be in Madison for our big Madison Salutes The Wisconsin Light weekend. **Kirby's Klub** is hosting a CD Men Out Loud CD release party. Owner Kirby Sheldon will be there to help you feel at home.

**Sunday October 26**, I will be at **Manoeuvres** for the second half of our Madison Salutes **The Wisconsin Light** weekend. The party includes the Naughty But Nice Strippers, raffles and a Joi Caldwell CD Release Party. It's a benefit for The United.

One last thing. The next issue is our Halloween issue and word has it that there's a special article planned that will make you conjure with the spirits—and the spirit. 'Nough said.

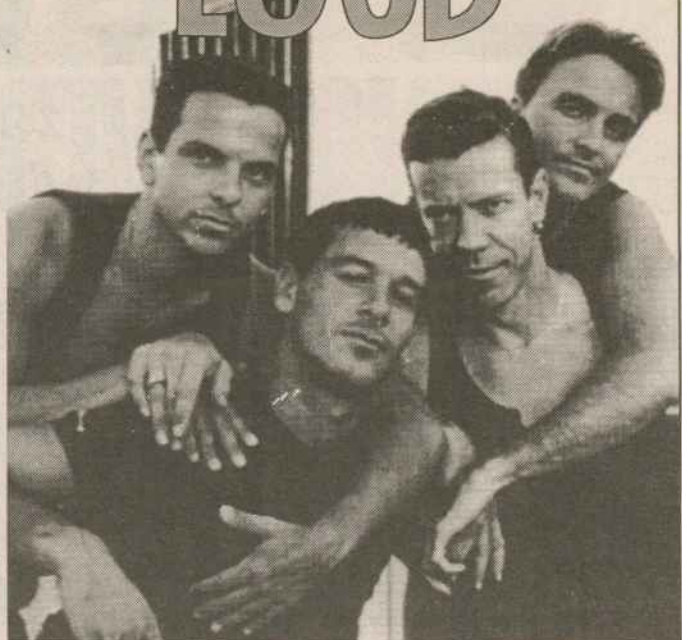
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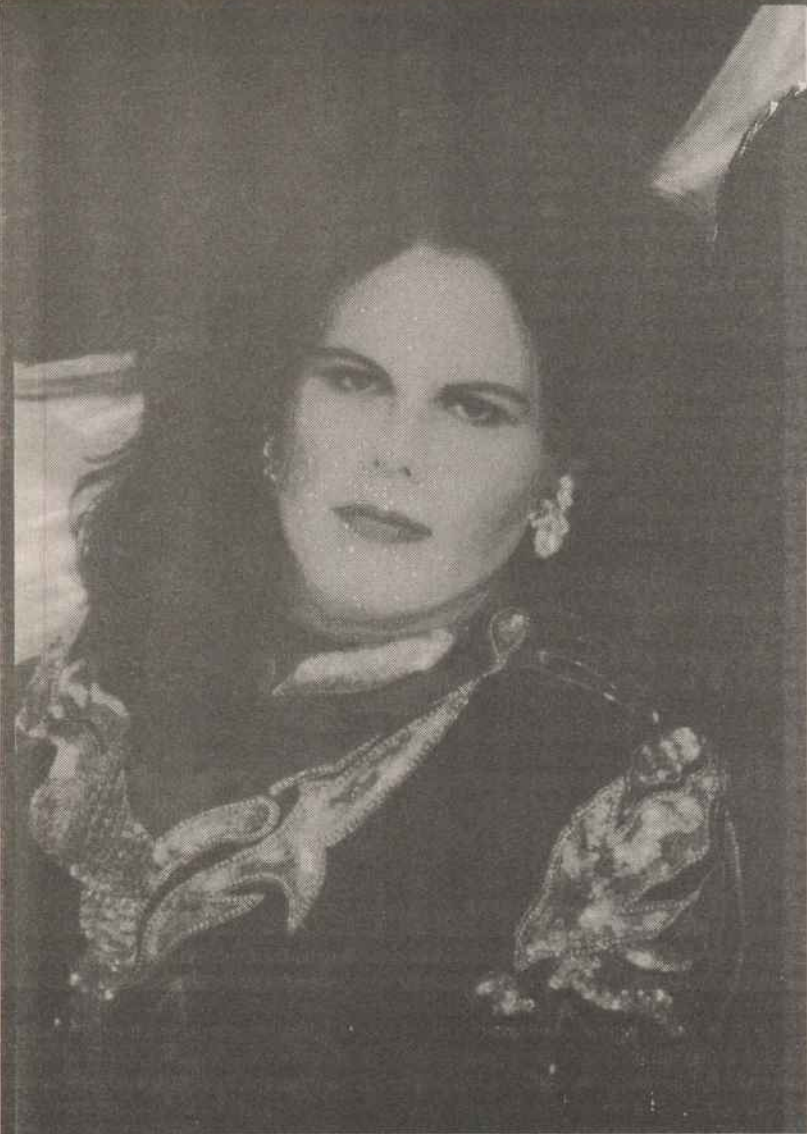
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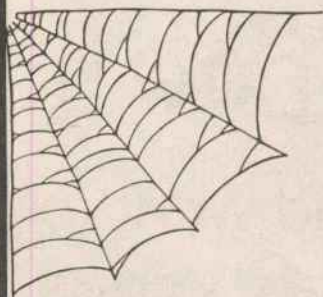
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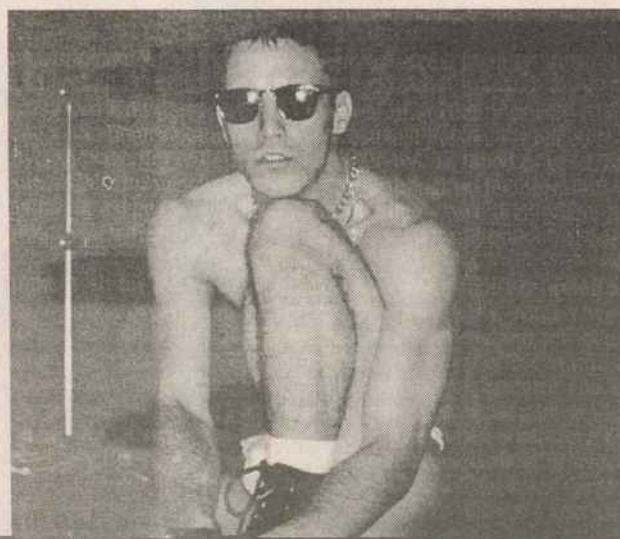
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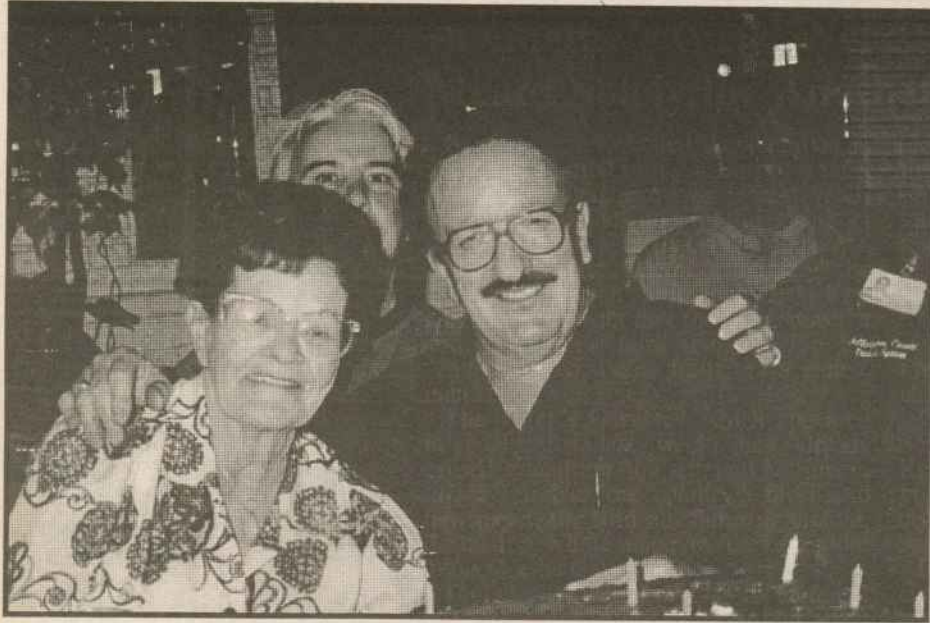
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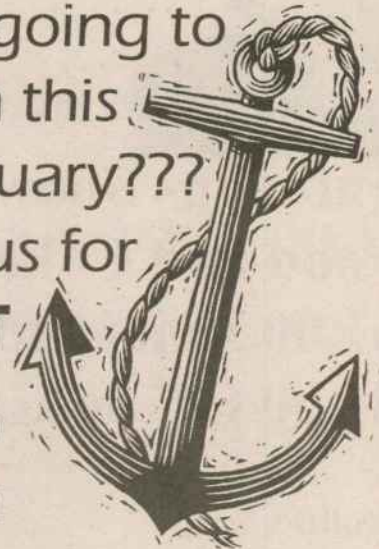
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## SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

### MIKE AND NANCY'S FAREWELL PARTY AT SCANDALS

They say that all good things must come to an end and that includes Mike and Nancy Neuman's stay at Scandals. They have sold the bar and will be moving onto other opportunities in Florida.

But in the spirit of their tenure at Scandals, they are throwing one last party. There will be plenty of food, cake, drink specials and a fabulous show.

Stop by and say thanks to the two people who worked so hard to make sure that Madison didn't lose this gem of a bar and say hi to new owner, Kirby Sheldon.

### SEND OFF TO STATE SHOW AT OZ IN WAUSAU

Everyone (even Auntie Em and Toto) will be Oz for its big send off to show to help Fifi LaMour, Miss Central Gay Wisconsin US of A and Killi Jo Kelin Miss Gay Wausau US of A get to the State Pageant.

The dazzling performances will begin at 10:30 PM. Oz is located 320 Washington Street, Wausau.

### ZA'S B-DAY PARTY!

Mark Za is going to celebrate his birthday by presenting you with a bunch of packages. We don't want to spoil the surprise but we should tell you that those packages will be attached to the Portfolio Men who will be at Za's for a special Birthday show.

The party gets underway at 11:00. Stop by and give Za a spanking, a hug, a kiss and a big Birthday hello.

Za's is located at 1106 Main Street, Green Bay.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

### M & M HOSTS AIDS BENEFIT

Milwaukee's M & M Club will host the second annual Absolut Vodka benefit for the Wisconsin AIDS Fund.

The benefit which begins at noon and runs until 5:00 includes drink specials, entertainment, food and more.

The M & M Club is located at 124 N. Water Street, Milwaukee.

## MONDAY OCTOBER 13

### CAFÉ MELANGE SAYS GOOD BYE

Café Melange known as a great place for good food and great entertainment will be closing its doors forever. But that doesn't mean there can't be one last big bash to remember this landmark bar by.

There will be no cover, but there will be plenty of great entertainment including John Schneider, Claire Morkin, David Carol and Mrs. Fun.

The party starts at noon and continues "Unitl the cows come home." Café Melange is located inside the Hotel Wisconsin, on Old World Third Street just north of Wisconsin Ave.

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

### JOI CARDWELL CD RELEASE PARTY, PRIZE NIGHT AT LA CAGE

It will be hot time at Milwaukee's La Cage. In addition to the regular Tuesday Night Prize night (where you can win a trip for two to South Beach in Florida), The Wisconsin Light and Landmark Enterprises are sponsoring a special CD release party for Joi Cardwell.

Ms. Cardwell has had a number of big hits over the last year and her new album is sure to be a dance favorite. You can win your own copy. La Cage is located at 801 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The party gets underway at 10:00.

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

### MEN OUT LOUD CD RELEASE PARTY AT MAMA ROUX

Hey you! Your Mama wants ya. She wants ya to come to her fabulous Men Out Loud CD Release party from 8 to 11 PM.

Men Out Loud is that fabulous Gay acapella group out of LA that has been taking the critics by storm. The party sponsored by The Wisconsin Light and Landmark Enterprises includes a chance to win a CD of the group's new album, as well as some hot posters and videos.

Of course your Mama knows that you might be thirsty so she will also offer you her weekly Wednesday night special of 2 for 1 drinks until Midnight.

Mama Roux is located at 1875 N. Humboldt.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

### MISS WISCONSIN US OF A PAGEANT BEGINS AT ZA'S

It's that time again. All of the local pageants have been held and it's time for the weekend long finals to see who will win the coveted crown of Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A.

The preliminaries will be held at Za's located at 1106 Main Street, Green Bay. There is a \$5.00 cover and a \$10.00 table charge.

The finals will be held in the Crystal Ballroom in St. John where tickets will be \$20.00. For more information contact, Randy at (920) 751-0640 or Vickie (920) 993-8683.

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 25

### MADISON SALUTES THE WISCONSIN LIGHT PART ONE AT KIRBY'S KLUB

The bar now known as Scandals, will become Kirby's Klub in mid-October, when new owner, Kirby Sheldon takes over. The Wisconsin Light is honored that one of the first major events held at the new bar, will be part one of our Madison Salutes The Wisconsin Light celebration.

The party which will include entertainment, a CD release party for Men Out Loud and more will be a benefit for a Madison based organization.

Stop by and say hi to Kirby, win a CD or

other prize and enjoy the friendly atmosphere at Mad Town's newest Gay and Lesbian club.

Kirby's Klub will be located at 121 Main Street Madison.

### THE FINAL SHOW AT B'S

A star studded tribute to B's and all of the benefits held there over the years will bring down the curtain at the near South Side Milwaukee Gay bar which will become Woody's under new ownership in November.

All of your favorites from throughout the years will be there for this final evening show. B's is located on the corner of South Second and Lapham, Milwaukee.

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

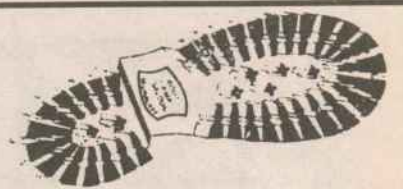
### MADISON SALUTES THE LIGHT PART TWO AT MANOEUVRES

It will be a hot time at Manoeuvres as Madison salutes the Wisconsin Light on its tenth anniversary.

A great show from the Naughty But Nice Strippers, plus a CD release party for Disco Diva Joi Cardwell will wind up your weekend in fine style.

The party is a benefit for The United and all of the proceeds from the \$5.00 cover and raffles will support that group's diverse services to Madison's Gay and Lesbian community.

Manoeuvres is located at 150 S. Blair Street, Madison.



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## Performances to Benefit BestD and STD Clinic

**Milwaukee**—The Boulevard Ensemble will hold a staged reading of a new play by Playwright's Studio Theatre Artistic Director Michael Neville, **Schoolgirls in Uniform** to benefit the BestD Clinic on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Neville, who is living in Milwaukee, has done work for both the off-Broadway and Broadway stages, is arguably one of the finest and most talented playwrights working in America today.

The reading will be directed by Boulevard Ensemble Artistic Director Mark Bucher. The suggested donation is \$10. For more information, call (414) 672-6019.

### STD Clinic Benefit

The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre will present a special benefit preview performance of **Angels in America Part II: Perestroika** on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds from the benefit will be donated to STD Specialties Clinic. All donations received will be used to provide direct medical services to HIV/AIDS clients.

The benefit performance will be held at the Broadway Theater Center on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. with a dessert reception starting at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for this benefit are \$36 and are available only through STD Specialties Clinic at: (414) 264-8800.

## Uyvari Art Sought for Show

**Milwaukee**—Members of Milwaukee's Café Society would like to hold an art show featuring the works of Milwaukee native Robert Anthony Uyvari. Uyvari worked in a variety of media. He lived both in Milwaukee and San Francisco, where many of his works are displayed in local bars in those cities.

A committee is forming to select a site and a date to display the art. Proceeds from this show will benefit the Cream City Foundation's endowment fund.

Posters have been put up in Milwaukee's bars, requesting both Uyvari art works and Uyvari memorabilia to be used in this show.

For more information, call Gerald E. Meyers, (414) 483-6167.

## Art Works of Pate and Hurley Shown at BestD Gallery

**Milwaukee**—BestD Gallery opened a new two-person show on October 6 that features the works of long-time partners Ralph Hurley and Willy Pate. Pate's work had been the subject of a previous successful single artist show at the Gallery. This time, Pate offers 12 of his latest works in a variety of media, many of them whimsical and seasonally specific.

Most of Pate's work during the previous show was sold during its two month run.

Hurley features a number of prints he has selected and hand framed. He is a meticulous craftsman and has been making frames for his prints and Pate's works for twenty years.

Their partnership in the arts, both visual and musical, results from their 45-year partnership in life. As a duo, they have vocalized and danced around the US. They will be participating in the farewell show at the closing of Café Melange in the Wisconsin Hotel.

The public, in addition to BestD clients, is welcome to come and view this exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup>. All of the exhibited work will be for sale.

BestD Gallery is located on the first floor of the BestD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, with off street parking directly east of the building. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Call BestD at (414) 272-2144 for more information.



It's always a good time! at In Between. Above is a shot taken during one of In Between's famous Packer parties. The Near South Side bar opens a half hour before game time and offers free shots with every Packer score, 75 cent taps, snacks, food and even a chance to be Brett Farve for a day! Below is a picture of Owner Curt Peck with one of our favorite people, bartender Patrick. This shot was taken during Pat's B-Day party at the bar.

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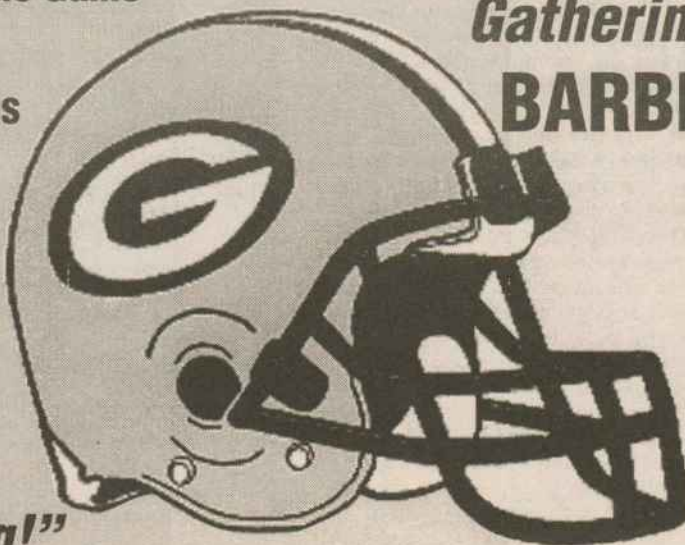
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# OUT on Film



Ovidiu Balan in "Mondo" It opens a one week run at Milwaukee's Downer Theater Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.



"Two or Three Things but Nothing" a film by Tina Di Felicianantonio will play at the Great Lakes Gay and Lesbian Film Fest at 7:00, in the UW-Milwaukee Union Cinema on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 'The End of Violence's' Many Elements Fail to Come Together Convincingly

By John A. Jahn

Director and producer Wim Wenders seems to have had several good ideas for a movie all at once, and with writer Nicholas Klein put them all together into one package, **The End of Violence**. What they ended up with is an unfortunate conglomeration of characters, plots, subplots, and meandering down ultimately dead end alleys which, for all of its 2 hour length, fail to come together as a convincing, interesting narrative.

Bill Pullman plays a high-powered Hollywood producer so plugged into his career that he fails to see his marriage to Andie MacDowell falling apart. He receives a 400-page e-mailing of some classified government document from an unnamed source, but it's erased before he can download it.

Eventually, he's kidnapped by two bumpkins hired by another unnamed entity, but escapes when they're shot down by some unknown, unseen means. Now, Pullman's a wanted man, a suspect in their deaths by the cops, obviously still sought by the hirer of the kidnappers, too. He hides out with Mexican immigrant laborers while trying to sort out what's hap-

pened to his life.

Then, **The End of Violence** is also about Gabriel Byrne, a government operative working on some top secret project to help curtail crime by monitoring every street and alley in America via videocameras. His HQ is an old observatory, and he witnesses the scene of Pullman's kidnappers' executions, but not who pulled it off.

**The End of Violence** is also about a star-struck cop on Pullman's trail (Daniel Benzali) who gets involved with an actress in one of Pullman's violent films (Traci Lind).

It might've been interesting to see all these elements come together in some cohesive, convincing, entertaining way. Instead, the film strings you along with all these meandering characters (I left out still more of them!) and events for two hours.

You'll fruitlessly wait for the big payoff and explanation as to what this awful film is supposed to be about. Not that films have to be easily accessible and "about" something to be good, but they do have to succeed on some level somehow.

**The End of Violence** opened October 3rd at the Downer Theater. \*



Resting Comfortably- Joanna (L) and Kathleen Chalfant in Yvonne Rainer's "Murder and Murder" The film will be playing at the Great Lakes Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at 7:00, in the UW-Milwaukee Union Cinema on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Uninteresting Villains is What Ultimately Sinks 'Kiss The Girls'

By John A. Jahn

The plot of the new psycho-sexual thriller **Kiss the Girls** is certainly and interesting one. Dr. Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman), a Washington, D.C. police detective and forensic pathologist, learns that his niece Naomi (Gina Ravera) has disappeared from college in Durham, NC, an



Ashley Judd in "kiss the girls" apparent kidnapping victim. Cross heads down south to tap into the ongoing investigation, well outside his jurisdiction, and risking the wrath of the local cops.

Cross learns to his shock and dismay that his niece is only one of several missing young women from the area. These disappearances are ultimately linked to

similar ones in the Los Angeles area. The prospect of a bi-coastal serial killer begins to emerge.

The investigation takes a leap forward when one of the intended victims, Dr. Kate Mctiernan (Ashley Judd), escapes from her abductor and provides vital information to the unraveling mystery. She joins Cross in the hunt as they race against time to find his niece and the chilling truth behind the disappearances of these many young women.

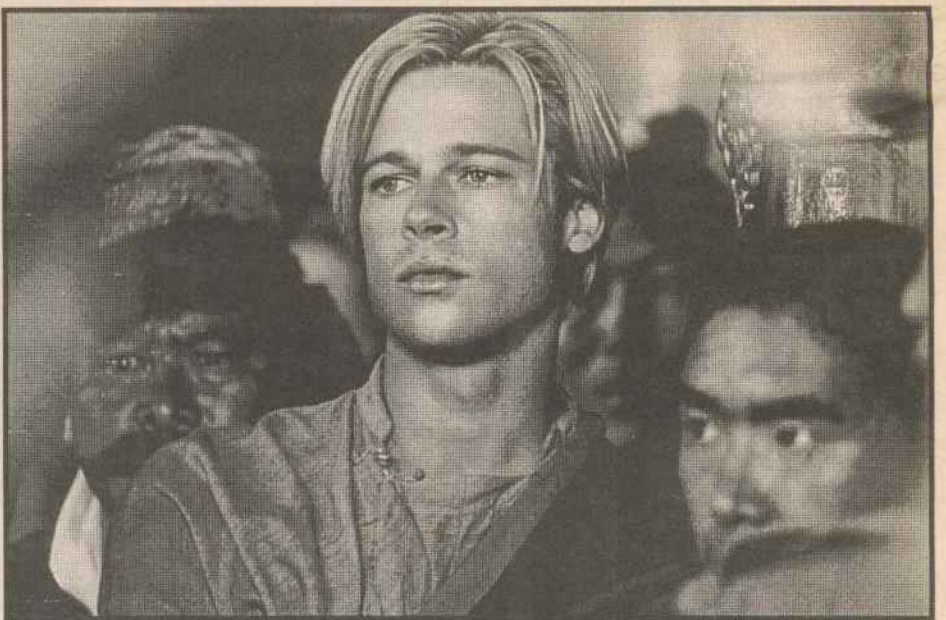
**Kiss the Girls** boasts a strong cast; the aforementioned, plus Cary Elwes, Tony Goldwyn, Jay O. Sanders, and Bill Nunn, and excellent performances which are very convincing. The film's details and settings are likewise commendable.

What **Kiss the Girls** lacks, however, is an explanation. We never really know what drives the two (yes, two!) serial kidnappers/rapists/killers to do what they do.

This unfortunate flaw, which prevents you from really getting absorbed into the supposedly gripping and chilling events, makes this a rather dull movie in the final analysis. The film will of course be compared to 1995's **Seven** because they both are quite similar (serial killing, Morgan Freeman-as-cop).

**Kiss the Girls** fails utterly by comparison to that earlier film, which had everything this one does not: an original plot, interesting and intriguing villain, an ability to grip you and hold you in suspense throughout the picture.

**Kiss the Girls** has its moments of brilliance and suspense, but they are too few in number, and separated by dullness and predictability. An unfortunate waste of the considerable talents of Morgan Freeman. **Kiss the Girls** is currently in release. \*\*



The hunk! Brad Pitt stars in the new release "Seven Years In Tibet." The movie opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



In Thought Rupert Graves plays Harold Guppy in "Intimate Relations" The film opens at Milwaukee's Downer on Friday October, 10<sup>th</sup>.

# OUT In Print



## New on the Shelf at Afterwords

### Non-Fiction

**Keith Haring** by Elisabeth Sussman Bulfinch HC \$75.00

In 1980, mysterious chalk drawings of simple outline figures began appearing on unused advertising space in New York City's subway stations. These bold, primitive, subversive underground renderings were unmistakably the work of one man - Keith Haring. This is the first comprehensive look back at a unique talent.

**Walt Whitman: A Gay Life** by Gary Schmidgall Dutton HC \$32.95

Drawing on Whitman's poetry, private journals and intimate letters, renowned scholar Gary Schmidgall explores Whitman as artist, lover and friend. What emerges in **Walt Whitman: A Gay Life** is a fascinating portrait of a man of a deeply sexual nature, ardently pursuing the objects of his desire in erotic encounters which would inspire some of his classic literary achievements.

**Making it Big: Sex Stars, Porn Films and Me** by Chi Chi LaRue Alyson Publications Pb \$12.95

**Making it Big** tells the classic American rags-to-riches story -- with a decided twist. Larry Paciotti, a young lad from Minnesota would take the plunge, travel to California and become a part of the world he had always fantasized: Gay porn. In record time he transformed himself into the flamboyant Chi Chi LaRue and transformed the industry with polished, steamy movies.

In **Making it Big**, Chi Chi tells how a Gay porn film is made, how the stars are found and gives the bios of people like Hal Rockland and Joey Stefano. In the process, Chi Chi dishes the dirt on many of the "legit" stars as only she knows how! This is one book the belongs on the shelf of every Gay porn flick aficionado

**Feathering Your Nest** by Gwen Leonhard & Jennie Mast Rising Tide Press Pb \$14.99

Finally there is an interactive workbook and guide for Lesbian relationship. Gwen Leonhard and Jennie Mast have created exercises based on proven techniques that will help to re-ignite the romantic spark as well as offering suggestions as to how to create meaningful goals and resolving conflicts.

### Fiction

**Prozac Highway** by Persimmon Blackbridge Press Gang Pub Pb \$14.95

An over-forty cleaning Lesbian/Lesbian performance artist, Jam, is hitting mid-life head-on. While she may be too depressed to walk to the corner store, her forays onto the internet are providing the perfect escape route.

Her best friend, Roz, thinks Jam is losing it, Jam's doctor thinks Prozac is the answer. Only Jam doesn't remember the question. From the author of **Sunnybrook**.

**Vermilion** by Nathan Aldyne Alyson Publishers Pb \$10.95

A much welcome re-print of this long unavailable Gay mystery classic. In **Vermilion**, a dead hustler is found with a lipstick-smudged handkerchief on the lawn of a queer-baiting legislator.

Best friends Daniel Valentine, Gay bartender by night, detective at any hour and Clarisse Lovelace, unmotivated real estate agent team up and hit the streets of Boston to find the killer.

**Apparition Alley** by Katherine V. Forrest Berkeley HC \$21.95

Katherine Forrest scores again in this clever who-do-it once again featuring her popular Lesbian sleuth, Det. Kate Delafield. Kate is shot when she serves a warrant on a teenaged suspect. But there is homophobia on the force and Kate soon finds herself looking into the case of a fellow police officer who thinks he is being set up because his partner was going to reveal the identity of many homosexual officers.

## October 11 National Coming Out Day

### Recommended Coming Out Titles compiled by Afterwords Bookstore

Bass, Ellen and Kate Kaufman, FREE YOUR MIND HarperCollins Pb \$14.00

Bernstein, Robert STRAIGHT PARENTS/GAY CHILDREN Thunder Mouth Press Pb \$12.95

Berzon, Betty POSITIVELY GAY: New Approaches to Gay Life Celestial Arts Pub. Pb \$12.95

SETTING THEM STRAIGHT: You Can Do Something About Bigotry and Homophobia in your Life Plume Pb \$10.95

Borhek, Mary V. COMING OUT TO PARENTS The Pilgrim Press \$14.95  
MY SON ERIC The Pilgrim Press \$10.95

Chandler, Kurt PASSAGES OF PRIDE Lesbian & Gay Youth Come of Age Alyson Pb \$11.95

Clark, Don LOVING SOMEONE GAY Celestial Arts Pb \$9.95

Coles, Matthew TRY THIS AT HOME! A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Winning Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights The New Press Pb \$14.95

DeCrescenzo, Teresa HELPING GAY & LESBIAN YOUTH: New Policies, New Programs Harrington Park Press Pb \$19.95

Dew, Robb Forman THE FAMILY HEART Ballantine Pb \$11.00

Dickens, Joy FAMILY OUTING: A Guide for Parents of Gay, Lesbians and Bisexuals Peter Owen Pub. Pb \$19.95

Due, Linnea JOINING THE TRIBE: Growing Up Gay & Lesbian in the '90s Doubleday & Co. Pb \$12.95

Eichberg, Rob COMING OUT: An Act of Love NAL/Dutton 1991 Pb \$12.95

Fairchild, Betty NOW THAT YOU KNOW Harcourt Brace & Co Pb \$9.95

Ford, Michael Thomas THE WORLD OUT THERE: Becoming Part of the Lesbian and Gay Community The New Press Pb \$14.95

Fricke, Aaron REFLECTIONS OF A ROCK LOBSTER Alyson Pub Pb \$5.95  
SUDDEN STRANGERS: The Story of a Gay Son & His Father Saint Martin's Press Pb \$8.95

Isay, Richard A. M.D. BECOMING Gay The Journey to Self-Acceptance Owl Books Pb \$13.95

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## Author Appearances, Book Discussions and Much, Much More at Afterwords

With so many different events taking place at Afterwords during the month of October, it is almost impossible to keep all of the dates straight?!

### Bob Smith

Highlighting the next few weeks is an appearance with Bob Smith, the first openly Gay comedian to perform on The Tonight Show, the star of his own HBO special and now the author of **Openly Bob** (Rob Weisbach Books, HC \$23.00), a smart and funny book rife with insightful humor, offering a delightfully unapologetic look on growing up Gay and becoming a rising star of the comedy world.

Part of **Funny Gay Males**, Bob Smith has toured extensively, performing across the country and will be appearing at Afterwords Bookstore on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:30pm. The event is free and everyone is welcome to bring along their sense of humor.

From bringing your boyfriend home to your father's funeral, to being the only Gay couple at a family wedding, to surviving couples counseling, Smith brings to **Openly Bob** a distinctly, utterly unique perspective on the often ordinary events of our lives.

Along with Danny McWilliams and Jaffe Cohen, Bob Smith wrote the hilarious, Lambda nominated **Growing Up Gay**, a popular title which humorously explores coming out in the 1960's.

### Nancy Manahan

Later that week, on Friday, October 24th comes an appearance by the author of this intriguing title, **On My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on Their Scouting Experience** (Pb. \$18.95). Nancy Manahan is also the co-author of the classic, **Lesbian Nuns: Breaking the Silence**. Manahan will be visiting Afterwords on Friday, October 24th at 7:30pm to read from her book and discuss the Girl Scouts from a Lesbian perspective.

### Becky Bohan

Also appearing on Friday, October 24th is noted lesbian author Becky Bohan who will read from her latest novel, **Fertile Betrayal** (Madwoman Press Pb. \$10.95).

### Xena-Mania

Xena-mania arrives at Afterwords on Wednesday, October 8th. Xena episodes will provide the background entertainment throughout the day. Then in the evening, beginning at 7:00pm, a host of activities will take place including skits, Xena merchandise give-aways and much, much more.

### Ronald L. Donaghe

The coming of age of two high school boys in rural New Mexico is the subject of Ronald L. Donaghe's moving first novel, **Common Sons** (Commonwealth Pub. Pb \$5.99). Tom and Joel are best friends but neither are ready for the the out-cry following a very public kiss.

Ronald L. Donaghe's appearance at Af-

## Afterwords Events

Wednesday, October 7th

Xena-mania arrives at Afterwords

Thursday, October 8th

Author Appearance: Ronald Donaghe

Common Sons

Sunday, October 12th

Afterwords' Special Packer Sunday Join us for the Packers-Bears game Open at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 13th 7:30pm

Afterwords Book Group

Autopornography by Scott O'Hara

Wednesday, October 15th 7:00pm

Lesbian Reading Group

Am I Blue: Coming Out of Silence edited by Marion Bauer

Saturday, October 18th

10:30a.m. 12:30pm

Poetry Writing Workshop Offered by Laurel Mills author of **I Sing Back**

Wednesday, October 22nd 7:30pm

Author Appearance

Bob Smith **Openly Bob**

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My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on Their

Scouting Experience & Becky Bohan --

Fertile Betrayal

Monday, October 27th 7:30pm

Author Appearance

R.D. Zimmerman -- **Hostage**

Wednesday, October 29th 7:00pm

Lesbian & Gay Writer's Group

terwords on Thursday, October 9th at 7:30pm will mark the store's first event to tie into National Coming Out Day.

### Packer Sunday

Looking for someplace to enjoy the rematch between the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears on Sunday, October 12th? Think about stopping by Afterwords. October 12th is the first scheduled Afterwords Packer Sunday which will feature several televisions, special refreshments and a friendly, non-bar atmosphere to watch the Packers again trounce the Chicago Bears.

### Book Club

On Monday, October 13th the Afterwords Book Club will discuss Scott O'Hara's autobiographical, **Autopornography** at 7:30pm and then on Wednesday, October 15th, the Lesbian Reading Group will discuss **Am I Blue?** at 7:00pm.

### Laurel Mills

Celebrated poet Laurel Mills, who proved so popular at the Afterwords/Wisconsin Light Literary Coffee House at Pridefest this past June returns to Afterwords on Saturday, October 18th to offer a poetry workshop which will begin at 10:30 am and run for two hours. Space is limited. Please contact Afterwords for further information.

### R.D. Zimmerman

Afterwords' final event in October comes on Monday, October 27th with the appearance of mystery writer R. D. Zimmerman. Following the tremendous success of **Closet and Tribe**, Zimmerman has completed the third entry in his popular Todd Mills series, **Hostage** (Bantam HC \$21.95).

In addition to the above events, The Afterwords Book Club, The Lesbian Reading Group and the monthly Lesbian & Gay Writers' Group will continue to meet on their usual days and times.

For further information concerning any Afterwords event, please call (414) 963-9089 or check our web-site, [www.afterwords.com](http://www.afterwords.com).


## Latina Poet Carmen Murguia to Read at UW-Milwaukee

**Milwaukee**—Carmen Murguia, Milwaukee poet and Lesbian and Latina activist, will present a reading of her work on October 9<sup>th</sup> as part of UW-Milwaukee's GLBT Speakers Series. Her reading will be at 7:00 p.m. in the UWM Union, Room E240.

Murguia's work has been published in such national publications as **Voices Seen**, **Contar Historias** and **Zink** magazine. In the early '90s she was one of six emerging Latino writers to be selected for the prestigious "Inroads: Writers of Color" Mentorship program sponsored by The Loft: A Place for Writing and Literature.

She has traveled widely in support of her 1995 self-published collection, **The Voices Inside: Mi Alma, Mi Cuerpo y Mi** Please See to Poet Page 28

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# Dear Ruthie

Hello all you studs and studettes across the country. I was just sitting here in my trailer drinking a few martinis and watching the hair on my legs grow so I decided to answer a letter.

I don't shave my legs very often since my last divorce. I figure, why bother? It's the same as paving a dirt road in a ghost town. Why go to the trouble if no one is going to ride me? I mean, ride it - I mean, drive it - you know what I mean.

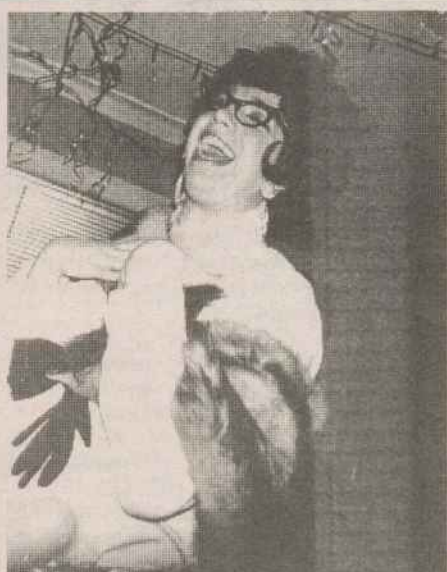
This afternoon, I invited my old friend Pearl over to watch some "CHIPS" reruns and play a hand or two of poker. Ever play poker with gals my age? I don't have poker chips so we play with old medication.

"I'll meet your vitamin B, and raise you two laxatives." We got together last week and I struck oil. The pot was high. It was up to 17 Geritols, some Peppid AC, half a jar of Prozac (we really have to invite Harriet more often), a couple of corn pads, and an enema kit.

I looked down at my hand and saw three handsome kings smiling back at me. In my younger days, I was lucky enough to entertain three real kings (and, no, I wasn't raking hay in a manager on the first Christmas - you little SOB's), so I was able to keep my cool.

I laid those boys down - the cards not the real kings - although I did that too - and won so many drugs, I could open a pharmacy.

Looks like Pearl has had too much tequila again. She's passed out in the bean bag chair which is just as well 'cause we'd never get her out of that thing anyway. Oh



Ruthie

well, I guess it's just me and Erik Estrada for the rest of the night. "C'mon Erik! Hop off that bike and into my heart. I'll be your meter maid on the highway of lust. I've got a yen to drive fast and a handful of Roloids - let's rock!"

Dear Ruthie,

Recently I started a new job. I started this job hoping to start new, with a clean slate, make a positive change in my career path. The position offered more travel, more aggravation and as it turns out less room for personal career growth. I put my personal life on hold

pending the start up of my career....about a year. I have dated a couple of times but nothing to write home about. Now, I am out and about and have found that the town I am living in is a social nightmare.

Meeting good people is difficult. I recently turned 31 and have found that I am questioning my career choice yep the job has turned out to offer limited opportunities. I have been thinking about moving back to Milwaukee - yes I dared to move away! I have a nice weird group of friends there who I miss dearly...and besides I think that they miss me too!

Should I stick it out in this provincial social waste land or should I try to return to beer, brats, and summer-fest????

Signed,  
Missin' Milwaukee!

Dear Missin',

Well, I've got to tell you, I've been in Milwaukee for about a year now and, I have to say there's nothing like it. Home of Laverne and Shirely. Home of the Packers. Home of some of the hottest men alive. Well, I suppose Milwaukee shares that last honor with the backyard of Sigfred and Roy, but it's still a great town.

I even survived the Wisconsin winter - the cat froze to the siding of my trailer a few times, but we peeled him off just fine (God - I wish they would make Rogain for cats). Anyway, yes, Milwaukee is a heluva town and I'm sure you miss it.

However, I think you left town to grow and that's good. New job, new challenges, blah, blah, blah. That's all good. Is the job that bad? You've only been

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Espiritu, which is now available at the UWM bookstore as well as by direct order.

A native of Milwaukee, Murguia has served as Public Affairs Specialist for 9 to 5, and has recently been appointed Community Relations Director of the Greater Milwaukee YWCA.

As a Latina poet, she conducts writing workshops to encourage other young Latinas to pursue their writing. She plans to develop a workshop focussing on healing through writing for Latinas and other People of Color.

Waters

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people are always going to ask whether I'm going to be a flash in the pan with every album. They always ask that," she says. "But look at Madonna. It took 10 years of having hits until she got her respect and people stopped wondering if she'd be back."

With her third release, the songstress says she has experienced a lot of personal growth since her earlier releases. "I think I've gotten much better. I know what I want to do," she says. "I've been going through these years trying to please everybody else, now I'm just trying to make myself happy."

The singer is also not concerned about her songs being perceived as producer-driven, rather than vocal-driven.

"Because I write a lot of the lyrics, a lot of me comes across in the music. I'm also the one in there bitching and producing. I'm the one up at the label pushing and fighting for my songs, so I don't think I get lost in the production like a lot of the diva dance singers today do," she says. "Most of the time, after I'm finished with an album, I don't see the producers until the next album."

Waters has also a core following within the Gay community, as she is a regular staple on the Gay pride and club circuit.

"When I came out [in the music scene], the Gay community was the one who supported me the most, and they're now my main group. I think they appreciated that I wasn't trying to shout like other dance divas, I was just being myself," says Waters, who grew up in small factory town, where she didn't know a lot of Gay people.

"I know a lot of Gay people identify with 'Gypsy Woman,'" she says. "A lot of Gay people still come up to me and tell me about how their family deserted them and are angry with them because they're Gay. And they identified with the song."

As for the future, Waters hopes for her next project to veer from the safety zone of the dance world to return to her jazz roots.

"It's going to happen very soon, you can put money on it," says Waters, who has a love for the likes of Lena Horne, Betty Carter and Esther Phillips. "I like that home-grown sound, that sitting in a smoky bar singing sound."

But don't expect her to channel Billie Holiday, she's not that kinda girl. "It'll be more of an Ella (Fitzgerald), swing thing," says Waters. "Billie is far too sad for me. I want something up and snappy and has some swing."

there a year! Perhaps you should talk to your supervisor if you're not sure what opportunities the company could provide for you in the future. A performance appraisal would be a good time to do this. Set some work goals for the future.

Don't let your sex-life make or break your happiness. Are you unhappy because you're not dating, or because you are having a hard time making friends there? If it's the sex-thing (I love that phrase "sex-thing"), let it go. It'll happen.

Maybe "meeting good people" is difficult because of where you're meeting them. Out of all of my husbands, I had the shortest marriages with guys I met at casinos, horse tracks, strip-joints (don't ask), circuses, and Republican conventions.

Husbands I snagged at parties, volunteer functions, and church events (yes, I said church events) lasted longer. Think about where you're trying to meet people - that may be the problem. I said it before - go be a volunteer for something.

I'm sure your friends miss you. Hell - I would miss you too if I knew you. Why don't you vacation in Milwaukee for before making the move. See how you feel while you're there; then go back home and weigh the options again.

If you've tried all of this, and things still aren't working out, get you keester back to Milwaukee. I don't suppose you're a poker player with high blood pressure are you?

Please send your questions and letters to Ruthie's attention at: The Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer, Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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## Lifetime's First "Intimate Portrait" Will Portray Dr. Susan Love

By John A. Jahn

The cable television station Lifetime will launch a new series dedicated to women of fame and accomplishment in their fields of endeavor called "Intimate Portraits," with an hour-long documentary on Dr. Susan Love. The program will air Wednesday, October 22 from 6-7 p.m. (repeated Tuesday, October 28 6:00-7:00 p.m.).

Dr. Love's story is that of one woman who has fought two battles - one private, one public. It is the story of a woman who crusaded to save women's lives for years from the ravages of breast cancer; and it is the story of a woman who, with her Lesbian lover and their child, fought to be a legally-recognized family.

The program is narrated by award-winning journalist Linda Ellerbee.

Dr. Love is the most famous breast cancer surgeon in America today. What started for her as a career became a mission. One part surgeon, another part tireless advocate, Love believes political action is the only real hope for stemming the increase in breast cancer.

She has never hidden her sexuality, and



Dr. Susan Love

found immediate acceptance from her family. Her relationship with fellow surgeon Helen Cooksey began in 1982, and their daughter, Katie, arrived in 1988. This began a 4-year battle with the courts for joint adoption, ending in a ground-breaking decision for all same-sex couple that ensures the non-biological parent's legal rights to the child in case of separation or death.

Dr. Love's remarkable story is but the first in a series. Upcoming episodes will focus on TV legend Mary Tyler Moore (October 26), country great Wynonna (November 9), and actress Anjelica Huston (November 23).

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437-3917

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Green Bay, WI 54304  
437-7277

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## KENOSHA

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Kenosha, WI 53140  
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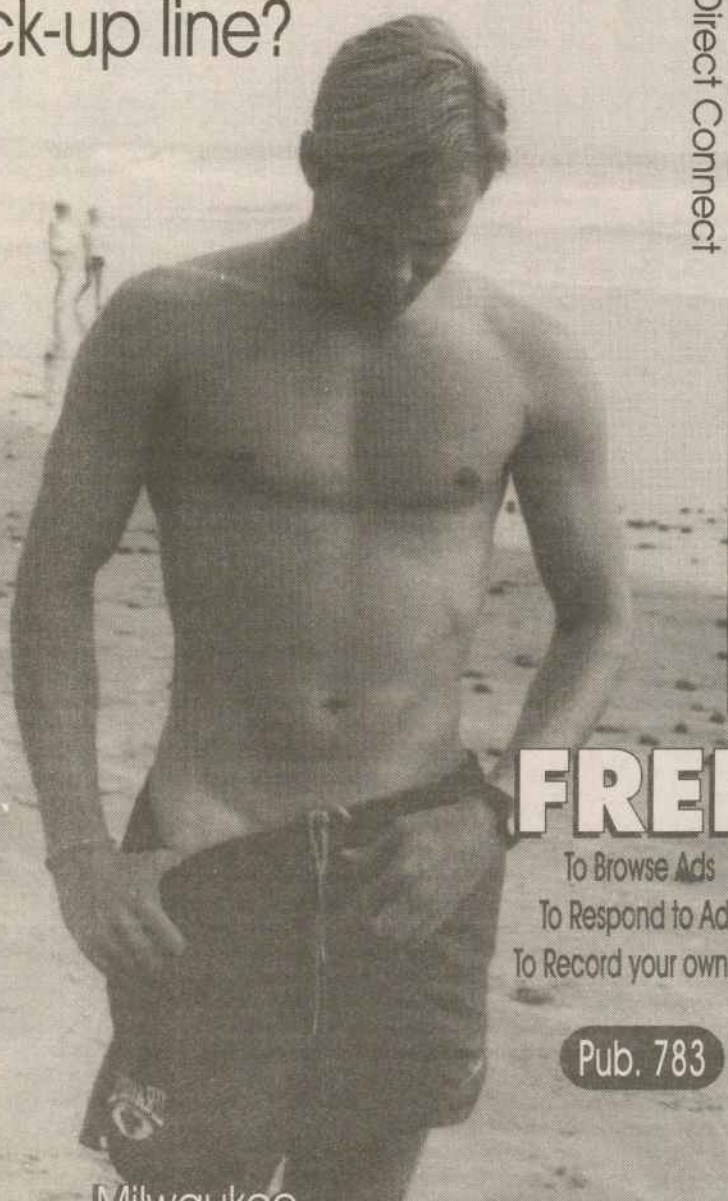
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### Illinois

**I WANNA LEARN IT ALL** Novice, White male, 45 years old, 5'10, 186lbs, is interested in exploring all realms, including B&D and S&M. (De Kalb) #6241

**SCULPT A FUTURE** This big guy is looking for friendship and love with a tall, dark haired, hairy, gentleman, 21 to 39, preferably with a mustache and goatee. I'm a talented sculptor, interested in movies, theater, and cooking. You should be respectful and able to say "I love you". No drugs or alcohol, please. (Evanston) #7291

**HOT FUN** I'm looking for hot fun with White and Hispanic men, between 18 and 21. I'm a very good looking, well built, 18 year old, White male, 6ft, 165lbs, with short, dark, Blond hair, Brown eyes, and a masculine demeanor. (Joliet) #6921

**ARTY PLEASURES** This art loving, White male, 28, 5'10, 140lbs, into movies, music, hanging out with friends, drawing, painting, and taking classes, wants to meet an interesting, down to earth, intelligent guy for a friendship or relationship. I hope you're comfortable with yourself and enjoy talking. (Joliet) #6766

**BREAK ME IN SLOWLY** This masculine, Gay, White male, 5'9, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, is sort of new to this. I'd like to meet a guy who shares my interest in movies, quiet dinners, long walks, and getting to know each other. You should be in your 20's or 30's. (Matteson) #6436

**HEART UP FOR GRABS** I'm new in town and looking for love. This attractive, 40 year old, White male, 6'3, 180lbs, with long, light Brown hair, Green eyes, and HIV positive, seeks a long term relationship with a well built guy, 40 to 50. Touch me, hug me, kiss me all over, and steal my heart. (Oak Park) #6747

**INTRICATE LADY** This beautiful, intricate lady, a Transvestite on the way to becoming a Transsexual, wants to meet a dominant, but passionate, Black male, for a one on one relationship. I'm Black, 5'6, 165lbs, with long, Black hair. I can't wait to meet you. (Rockford) #7317

**MELT IN MY HANDS** Very fit, Bi curious, Married, White male, 38, 5'10, 170lbs, seeks discreet, safe encounters with other healthy guys in the area. I'm interested in mutual massage, light oral sex, and clean fun like that. (Rockford) #7527

### Iowa

**A LITTLE KINKY** This 44 year old, leather top, a little on the chunky side, loves hot bottoms, into oral and anal pleasure. I love sexy men in leather. I can also be a little kinky. (Cedar Rapids) #7400

**ORAL IOWAN** I'm an extremely well endowed, White male, 28, 5'10, 165lbs, with shaved chest and crotch. I love oral sex, both top and bottom. I need a hot dudeto help me get off. (Des Moines) #6701

**LEMME GIVE YOU A HAND** I'm looking for a real hard bodied, muscular guy to have fun with. I love giving massages. (Des Moines) #6413

### Minnesota

**METAL HEAD** Good looking, masculine, White male, 5'10, 140lbs, with Brown hair and Hazel eyes, into partying and heavy metal, wants to get serviced. Do me. (Austin) #6122

**STIMULATION SOURCE** This very attractive, well built, White male, in my 40's, 6'1, 195lbs, loves to give massage and any other stimulation necessary, for the occasion. I like Black and White men, 20 to 40, who are in very good shape. (Minneapolis) #7313

**NOT ONE, BUT TWO** My wife and I are looking for two, well hung studs, for friendship. Cum join us. (Minneapolis) #7628

**TENDER IN YEARS** I get to Minneapolis pretty often and I'd like a slender, young friend to play with when I'm there. I'm a handsome, 49 year old, White male with a special taste for Asian men, but race isn't a problem as long as you're slim, smooth, and young. (Minneapolis) #6478

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# Tune Reviews

By Jeffery Neuman

## "Kiss Me Guido" Album Is Much Better Than the Movie

Soundtrack  
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While the recent Gay flick, "Kiss Me, Guido" was a real yawner (and that's being kind), its accompanying soundtrack is anything but boring. Mixing new and classic dance songs into one upbeat package, the soundtrack packs all the energy and gusto that the film lacked and keeps the pulse beating with lots of energy.

On the new front, notable songs include the red hot "Stand Up," which recently topped Billboard's dance charts, by Love Tribe, the fun, feel good summer ditty "Can U Feel It," by 3rd Party and "I'm Gonna Shout," by former Madonna boy toy and "Guido" star Nick Scotti.

Also making a notable splash is Panic Patrol, with the upbeat, twirly "Out of Control" and the sensational and highly underappreciated Martha Wash, who soars with her delicious "Magic Charms."

On the classic front, the album treats dance birds to disco faves from Machine ("There But For The Grace Of God Go I"), La Flavour ("Mandolay"), Miguel Brown ("So Many Men, So Little Time"), Edwin Starr ("Contact"), Carol Jiani ("Hit 'N' Run

Lover"), The Gap Band ("Burn Rubber On Me") and Gloria Gaynor ("I Am What I Am").

## Miss America Visits Beloit to Help Raise Money for AIDS

Beloit, WI—Newly crowned Miss America Katherine Shindle kept her promise to an AIDS fundraiser, despite more national requests for her time.

"I'm thrilled to be here," she told the audience at "Spotlight on Wisconsin," which raises money for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the Beloit Hospice. "I've been so into HIV prevention for a couple of years."

"I can't wait to get out and start speaking, because there's so much to be done," the theater and sociology student at Northwestern University added.

Shindle, 20, booked her performance months ago, when she was only known as Miss Illinois. She kept her word, performing a few musical numbers, including "Don't Rain on My Parade," Saturday at the Beloit Memorial High School theater.

After the show's final number, Shindle was off to the Beloit Country Club for a reception. She also used her visit to clear up a few misconceptions.

Shindle said she doesn't have a boyfriend, carries three pieces of luggage (not ten), and considers Illinois her home. She is a New Jersey native.

"She seems really down to earth — very outgoing, very real," said Miss America 1983 Debra Maffett, one of the performers at the event that raised about \$50,000. "I can tell she's very passionate about her cause. She really wants to be doing good in the world."

## PrideFest

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was snaking its way to the front gates. Every person who surged through the turnstile was grinning ear-to-ear and squeals of laughter peeled out as friends found each other. It was truly a huge "family" reunion.

Attendance set an all-time high of 12,278, a 28 percent increase from the previous year. While the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel festivals article did not come right out and say it, PrideFest was one of three festivals that had an increase in attendance, and the other two (Asian Moon and Mexican Fiesta) both had fund-raising walks that ended on their festival grounds.

## Volunteers Outstanding!

The volunteer support that made the festival happen numbered 1,014 strong, another record. Over 49,000 volunteer hours were logged during the 2 1/2 days, or roughly 2 years worth of 40-hour work weeks.

The PrideFest volunteers have even been noticed by others and were referred to by the Journal Sentinel as the "...army of well-organized volunteers who have impressed Summerfest officials from the outset." And 183 of them jammed the Park East Atrium during the PrideFest Volunteer Appreciation party on Saturday, October 4.

For the organizations who recruited volunteers and staffed specific work areas, there came added benefits. These organizations earned a percentage of sales with PrideFest paying out \$5225.13 in 1997 alone.

The organizations that provided assistance included Washington Heights Rainbow Association; Sherman Park Rainbow Association; Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee; PFLAG-Milwaukee; AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; Castaways MC; UWM Gay/Les/Bi Community; Marquette University Gay and Lesbian Student Group; and GALANO Club. The total contribution PrideFest has made to volunteering organizations over the past three years now totals \$15,222.60.

## August Dates in '98

Perhaps the most significant change for PrideFest '98 will be the dates.

To accommodate the 95th anniversary celebration of Harley-Davidson, PrideFest has been moved from its traditional June celebration to August 28, 29 and 30. For those who yearn for hot summer days for the festival, '98 may be the year for Old Sol to come out and acknowledge the sun-worshippers.

Members from the community have shared their desires for a Sheepshead tournament; gospel music; bingo tent; 50's rock 'n roll bands; and an open Dance Tent on Friday night. Others would like to see the Family Day activities expanded; a coat/package check-in service; and plays or skits. Plans are being made to shift stages and activity areas to reduce the amount of noise interference and possibly make room for new venues.

Organizers will begin to work with these ideas and try to make some of those wishes come true.

Entries for the 1998 slogan will be accepted until November 15 and the PrideFest Council will vote on the entries soon after. The person who suggests the winning slogan will be a parade Marshall in

the '98 Pride Parade. If you have an idea for next year's slogan, write it on a piece of paper and mail it to 1998 Slogan Contest, c/o PrideFest, PO Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

PrideFest thanks the many sponsors and friends who helped make the 1997 festival a huge success. And while everyone is still savoring the memories, remember, PrideFest '98 is already in the making!

## Letters

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Baldwin: What have you done LEGISLATIVELY to further the cause of the Gay/Lesbian community? Where is the "PROMISED" legislation on domestic partnership/same-sex marriage bill you would introduce if elected in 1992?

Kinda sounds like former Mayor Paul Soglin when he promised to introduce and get health care benefits for domestic partners of city employees way back when.

Other than being an over-invited emcee, master of ceremonies, and leading Gay pride marches, SPECIFICALLY, in DETAIL, what have you done for our cause?

If you are unable to be a leader in introducing legislation on a State level, then how can you possibly be an effective Congresswoman on a national level? And just what would the people of the 2nd Congressional District be gaining with you in Washington?

The constituents need to know the true facts and not be so engulfed with just the same old rhetoric of you being the first openly Lesbian politician from Wisconsin.

Andrew R. Brett  
Madison

## 'In & Out'

### TO THE EDITOR:

Oh my, why so wry (and lame) a review of the movie *In & Out*? "Glenn" groaned that it stereotyped, etc. Did "Glenn" miss not only its inherent comedy, but also its power as a new "smart bomb" weapon in the old war against our foe, homophobia?

Consider the many non-Gays who saw the film. Unaware, anxious, did the soon relax because *In & Out* deftly deployed the secret weapons of wit—irony, humor—comedy as true, agile "guerilla warfare" which surely banished back the moralizing, trivializing, stereotyping—and is more effective than the "direct strafings and bombings" of preaching-lecturing, of melodrama. Didn't humor's light touch, inflict heavy casualties on bigotry, liberate more space for the democratic civilization of tolerance?

It might be—because, how can you keep on fearing-and-hating, what you are subtly made to laugh at—er, no, to laugh ALONG WITH?

Brian Kevin Beck  
Whitewater, WI

## From Another World

### TO THE EDITOR:

The new hit movie *IN & OUT* has been Hollywood-ized within an inch of its life, desperately trying to make us Gay people palatable for the mainstream with cheap, cutesy gags and stock stereotypes. I chuckled a couple of times, but overall I felt really let down. I expected a smart comedy which poked insightful, good-natured fun at Gay and straight people alike, but for the most part the movie just really, really dumb.

I mean, what planet are these people ON? They LOOK human, but it sure isn't planet Earth.

Comedy is so much better when it springs from real characters and at least semi-believable situations, with some wit attached, rather than out of cardboard cut-out idiots.

Plus, I'm so tired of being portrayed as less than "normal" in film and on TV. I know that African-Americans suffered through the same process, but how far do we finally have to come before we can learn from past mistakes, get over ourselves and treat the world with fairness and openness? We are all people, regardless of race or religion or sex or orientation.

Better humor can be found in genuine human situations and emotions, Gay and straight, than going for what is cheap, offensive, insulting or demeaning.

I also had a major problem with the "hmm, I never thought of it before but maybe I am Gay" angle. It was confusing and absurd.

There was no attempt at all to make some sense of this Gay man's situation for the audience. Even a one or two line explanation, like "I realize I've been repressing it all these years; I've been fooling myself, too" would have helped.

Bottom line: *IN & OUT* is just more over-hyped Hollywood junk. Some say it's a good sign of progress that a film with a Gay theme like this was even made, much less become a #1 hit, but I say "what a disappointment."

What a lost opportunity to make a truly good and funny film.

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