

A DECADE OF LIGHT



Gary Hawkins

1996—Bette Midler, the Divine Miss M, cuts the ribbon to begin AIDS Walk Wisconsin while Congressman Gerald Klezka (D-Mil), joins in the applause.



Jerry Johnson

1988—Reading Time. The late Divine was caught on film reading one of her favorite papers during her last visit to Milwaukee in February, 1988.



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1996—Congressman Steve Gunderson and his longtime companion, Rob Morris, were in Milwaukee for the Challenge Party fundraiser held on Friday, June 7. The event raised thousands of dollars for several Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian groups.



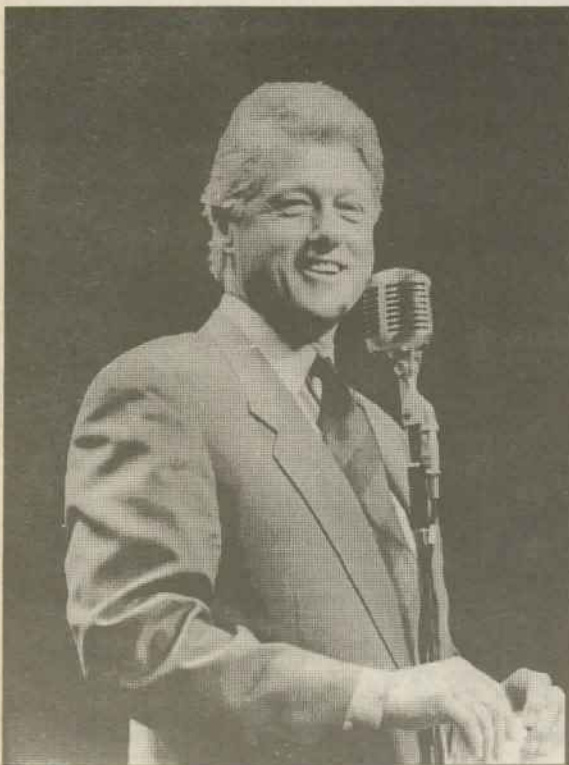
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1988—Jesse Jackson



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1996—David Mixner



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1996—President Clinton



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1997—Cutting the Ribbon—A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony began the 1997 AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Shown (l-r) are University of Wisconsin Basketball Coach, Dick Bennett, Congressman Tom Barrett, Honorary Chair, Greg Louganis, Jim Schleif of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and ARCW Executive Director, Doug Nelson.

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Over the year's *The Wisconsin Light* has published countless stories, pictures and reports about Gay and Lesbian life here and around the country. In a very real sense, we have taken GLBT Wisconsin to the world and brought the GLBT world to Wisconsin. Below is compendium of some of those stories. While not all inclusive, we believe that it will give our readers an understanding of the important events, trends and people of the last decade.

With a few exceptions this listing deliberately excludes articles about the AIDS crisis. In order to allow our readers to follow the progress and issues concerning the AIDS epidemic it was necessary to list those articles separately.

would be forced to "apply some sort of AIDS quarantine."

Group Leaves Church A faction of the Episcopal church has seceded due what it called the Church's pro-Gay, pro-women policies.

1987

The *Wisconsin Light* began publication with a 16 page issue dated November 20, 1987. Our first issue gave the paper a baptism of fire as it were. The printer with whom we had contracted, realized that our publication was for Gays and Lesbians when we delivered the boards. He claimed he was a "born again" Christian and refused to print the paper. Some last minute scrambling saved the day and a new force for equality, *The Wisconsin Light* saw the light of day.

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

Domestic Partnership Introduced in Madison Madison Alderman, Jim McFarland (who later would become a *Wisconsin Light* columnist writing "From the Right") introduces an "alternative families ordinance" which if passed would extend traditional family benefits to unmarried Gay and straight couples. At the same time, McFarland publicly came out of the closet becoming just the fourth openly Gay elected official in the country.

Congressman Admits Mistake In Casting Vote Madison area Congressman Bob Kastenmeier (D-Wisconsin) stated in a press release that he had erred in voting to approve a Jesse Helms amendment prohibiting the Center for Disease Control from using Federal funds to provide information or prevention materials that promote or encourage directly or indirectly homosexual sexual activities.

Lesbian Variety Show in Madison A capacity crowd filled Madison's Barrymore Theater for the annual Lesbian Variety Show in Madison. The annual Lesbian Variety Show is the most popular Lesbian event in Wisconsin.

MCC-Milwaukee Celebrates 1st Anniversary New Hope Metropolitan Community Church celebrated its first anniversary with a banquet at Jet's Place in Milwaukee.

Pageant A Success Over 500 people attended the Pageant at Milwaukee's Marc Plaza hotel. Miss M won the Miss Gay Wisconsin title while Scott won the Mr. Gay Wisconsin crown.

Hit Comes to Town Milwaukee is gearing up to host the annual Holiday Invitational Bowling Tournament, HIT. It is the largest and oldest Gay/Les/Bi Bowling Tournament in the county.

NATIONAL NEWS

AIDS May Have Started Here Sooner Than Thought A report published by the *Chicago Tribune* states that AIDS may have killed a St. Louis teenager in 1969.

Pro-Gay Supreme Court Justice? President Reagan has nominated, Anthony Kennedy for the Supreme Court. According to published reports, Reagan was on the verge of nominating Kennedy earlier when a number of conservative senators objected. Those objections centered on Kennedy's opinion in a Gay military discharge case. Kennedy wrote that the military's rule "requiring discharge of all who have engaged in homosexual conduct is perhaps broader than necessary to accomplish some of its goals."

The March on Washington An estimated 400,000 Gays and Lesbians joined together for the second Gay Rights March on Washington in October. The crowd included over 250 individuals from Wisconsin who were cheered along the entire route as they spelled out Wisconsin followed by the chant "The Gay Rights State."

December

STATE WIDE NEWS

CCF Opens Office - The Cream City Foundation opened a new part time community center. The Center is located between Club 219 and Cest Le Vie.

Milwaukee Cable Show Starts Mark Behar and Bryce Clark announced that their Milwaukee cable show "Tri Cable Tonight" would broadcast on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Cream City Chorus Gets Invite- The Cream City Chorus announced that it had been invited to sing at the annual Martin Luther King Day celebration at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center. The Fest City Singers sang at Milwaukee's Grand Avenue Mall and on WOKY Radio.

The World of Sports - The SSBL announced that Tom Salzsieder had been elected commissioner, Suzi Arnold was elected Women's commissioner and the Milwaukee Classic will be held May 27-29. HIT announced that 275 bowlers had participated in the annual Thanksgiving Day weekend tournament.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hate Crimes Bill Advances- A Hate Crimes bill that included Gays and Lesbians passed the House Judiciary Committee in Washington DC on a 21 to 13 vote. Committee member Rep Barney Frank (who later would come out of the closet) led the fight to defeat an amendment which would have dropped "sexual orientation" from among the groups protected by the bill. The bill is high on the list of priorities for the National Gay Lesbian Task Force.

Presidential Candidates Debate Gay Rights, AIDS Presidential candidates made their positions known during a pre-primary debate. Republican Jack Kemp said he favored mandatory testing for a number of groups, Vice President Bush favored premarital tests as did Democrat Bruce Babbitt.

Babbitt however denounced President Reagan saying "We have a President who can send battleships to the Persian Gulf but who can't say the word condom in public." Senator Al Gore (D-TN) denounced the burning of Florida family's home when it was learned that two children in the home had contracted AIDS through a blood transfusion. Massachusetts Governor Dukakis said he would resist calls for mandatory testing but not rule it out "in strictly limited situations." Pat Robertson said that the states



Milwaukee's Fest City Singers sang on December 13 at the Grand Avenue and Bay Shore Malls. The Chorus also sang on WOKY Radio, on Monday morning, December 14.

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CONGRATULATIONS on a "Decade of Light"

Shelia A. Aldrich

Elizabeth Coggs-Jones

Dorothy K. Dean

Karen M. Ordinans

Penny E. Podell

Roger Quindel



1988

1988 was an election year, so it should come as no surprise that many of the major stories dealt with the election. Nationally, George Bush won the right to succeed Ronald Reagan much to the chagrin of activist everywhere. Locally Wisconsin Gay activists for Jesse Jackson were outraged over being denied a spot on the Wisconsin delegation.

But the news wasn't all bad.

1988 saw the first ever Coming Out Day celebration. Milwaukee elected a pro-Gay Civil Rights State Senator, John Norquist in the Mayor's office and Milwaukee had its first Pride celebration in nearly 10 years, while Madison began planning for a big march in May of 1989. These and other stories took up the pages of "The Wisconsin Light."

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

Man Attacked at Fort Atkinson Bar - The owner of a Fort Atkinson Gay Bar, "The Old Fort Lounge," alleged that his ex-lover was grabbed and attacked outside of the establishment. The man was allegedly dragged into a bar adjacent to the Lounge, beaten and raped by three assailants. The victim has refused to report the incident to the Police.

Villains Named- The Wisconsin Light named its top villains for 1987. At the top of the hit parade was Senator Jesse Helms. He was followed by Rep. Bill Dannemeyer (R-Cal), Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Gary Bauer (Reagan's Chief Domestic Policy



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1988—Marie Williams and son Wade Williams, owners of the Old Fort Lounge.

Advisor), Jerry Falwell, Arizona Governor Evan Mecham, Philadelphia Reporter Ray Berens, Paul Cameron (America's leading homophobe) and Lyndon LaRouche.

Pride Week Committee Meets - Milwaukee Pride Week Planning began when 25 people representing 15 Milwaukee organizations came together for a January 10th meeting chaired by GPU President Bill Meunier. The new Committee will operate as a GPU project.

UW-Madison Committee Questions ROTC on Campus The Ad Hoc Committee studying the role of ROTC on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus recommended that a solid effort be made to force the program to comply with University



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1988—The Milwaukee Beer League playing at Mitchell Park.

rules prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Lamb, Turner Speak to Hotel Union About AIDS Karen Lamb and Dr. Paul Turner spoke to union members at the Hotel, Motel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union local 122 regarding the Pageant Banquet held at the hotel in November. During the banquet for the Pageant a number of the staff members wore rubber gloves stating that they wanted to protect themselves from AIDS. Many of those present were offended. Lamb and Turner were credited for preventing a repetition of the incident at the HIT tournament banquet which was also held at the hotel.

NATIONAL NEWS

Study Shows Hate Crimes Widespread - A US Justice Department Study showed that hate crimes are "widespread" and that "homosexuals are the most frequent victims."

Jack Kemp Calls for Gay Teacher Firings- Presidential Candidate Jack Kemp publicly stated that he supported the "right" of school boards to fire Gay teachers.

Legal Association Gives Preferences- NLADA, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, voted to give preference to states that have repealed their sodomy laws when selecting sites for future meetings. The group is comprised of over 1,000 legal organizations and has 15,000 attorney members.

February

STATE WIDE NEWS

Hate Crime Bill in Trouble? Wisconsin's Hate Crime Bill was reported to be in serious trouble. A source close to State Senator Lynn Adelman told The Wisconsin Light that the Senator intends to bottle up the bill in his committee. Adelman, a staunch civil libertarian, is concerned that the bill would impinge on free speech rights. When asked about the report Adelman said that he was not planning on holding an Executive Session to vote on the bill, and didn't think there was enough time in the current session to pass it even if he did.

McNaught Speaks in Appleton Nationally known Gay activist Brian McNaught spoke at a two day conference on homophobia held at Appleton's Lawrence University. He told a crowd of 200 out of 1,000 students. "I believe that ignorance is the parent of fear and fear is the parent of hatred."

Madison Group Attracts Attention - Madison's Gay Men's Chorus is receiving national attention. The group has performed in Minneapolis and in New York, where they were part of the first Gay group ever reviewed by the New York Times.

Calling All Female Players - The Saturday Softball Beer League announced that it was forming a Women's Division. In other sporting news, Dallas will host the Gay world series, August 23-28.

600 GAYS AND LESBIANS RALLY AND MARCH IN DUBUQUE



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Scores of Wisconsinites participated in the Dubuque, Iowa Gay/Lesbian Rights Rally and March on April 30. The events organizers, Ginny Lynns and Stacie Neldaughter are

NATIONAL NEWS

AIDS Increasing- In AIDS news statistics showed that the number of AIDS cases doubled in 1987.

Ad Campaign Fights Homophobia The Alexandria (VA) Gay Community Association took out a series of unprecedented ads in *The Washington Post* calling for acceptance and understanding of Gay people.

Movie Criticized The movie "The Last Emperor" is coming under criticism for failing to mention the fact that the title character, the Pu Yi Emperor, was Gay.

Conference Called- A group of activists have called for a n invitational only "War Conference" to be held at the Arlie House, a conference center near Warrenton, Va. The call to the conference stated "This is a call to...war conference because indeed we are at war."

March

STATE WIDE NEWS

Rawhide Amendment a Victory? Wisconsin State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) denied reports that the Gay community had lost on the so called "Rawhide Amendment." The amendment was proposed to legalize discrimination



Several thousand people attended MAPfest in Milwaukee on Labor Day. The record breaking crowd enjoyed the food and entertainment with proceeds going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

based on "sexual orientation." Clarenbach claimed that he had worked out an agreement to "permanently kill" the amendment by passing a compromise that exempted religious and not for profit organizations from the provisions of AB 70, Wisconsin's landmark Gay rights law.

Hate Crime Bill Passes Assembly The Hate Crime bill passed the State Assembly on a 97 to 0 vote. The bill would add increased criminal penalties for anyone convicted of committing violence against an individual based on their minority status. It's future in the State Senate is uncertain due to Senator Lynn Adelman's apparent opposition.

Local Election Primaries - Local Elections heated up in Milwaukee and in Madison with primaries held in both cities. In Milwaukee State Senator John Norquist and former Acting Governor, Marty Schrieber won the Mayoral primary. In a pre-primary forum Schrieber stated that "Gays can't not have moral relationships." The lions share of Gay votes are expected to go to Norquist in the General election. Norquist is currently running about 11 points behind Schrieber.

In Madison- State Representative Joe Weinecke will take on Rick Phelps for the Dane County Executive seat. Both candidates are considered to be supportive of Gay rights.

In sporting news, The Milwaukee Volleyball league concluded its winter season. Fannies took first place followed by Gamma, Your Place and La Cage. In the B Division the winner was the Beer Garden followed by Gay Street Station, the M & M Club and W&B/Acapulco House. A new Gay biking group (the pedal variety) was announced. The purpose of the group is to organize rides throughout the year.

NATIONAL NEWS

Divine Dies Divine, who was arguably the most famous American female impersonator in history died in his sleep in a Los Angeles hotel room. The film star of such cult classics as "Pink Flamingos" and "Polyester" had recently appeared at Milwaukee's Club 219 where he gave what was believed to be his last print interview to *Wisconsin Light* editor, Terry Boughner.

April

STATE WIDE NEWS

Election Results Please Activists Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Activists were pleased with the election results as John Norquist won the Mayor's race and Dave Schultz defeated incumbent County Executive Bill O'Donnell. Both men had promised to work with the Gay community. Statewide Jesse Jackson finished second to Massachusetts Governor Mike Dukakis in Wisconsin's Presidential primary. Gays and Les-



Mark Leister, Evlynn and M.C. Chris Klein at Jet's Place.



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The Cream City Business Association presented Hall of Fame awards to Peter Johnson, accepted by Jose Morales (second left) and to the Cream City Foundation, accepted by Chuck Brotz (second right) while several board members looked on.

bians were credited by the national press for carrying the Jackson campaign with hundreds of volunteers around the state.

At a Milwaukee Auditorium rally held shortly before the election, Jackson told a wildly cheering crowd of 6,000 people, "On October 11th when 600,000 Gays and Lesbians marched against AIDS in Washington, when no other national leader would come forward, I was there."

NATIONAL NEWS

Rights Group Refuses to Help Gays Amnesty International again refused to expand its human rights work to include Gays and Lesbians imprisoned for being homosexual.

First National Coming Out Day Set for October 11 Activists have called on Gays and Lesbians around the country to observe Coming Out Day by coming out of the closet. The idea came from the "War Conference" held in Virginia and has been endorsed by every major national organization. The idea came about as result of the perception that a lack of visibility has hurt efforts to fight against AIDS and homophobia.

held at Mitchell Park and West Milwaukee fields. Teams from Toronto, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York and Boston will join teams from Milwaukee.

Pastor Callentine Dies David Luther Callentine, Pastor of Milwaukee's MCC New Hope Church died from complications due to AIDS. New Hope intends to continue meeting at the Kenwood United Methodist Church.

By a strange coincidence, the last picture of David in *Wisconsin Light* shows him standing in front of the fireplace in his home. On the mantle is a large clock that hadn't worked in years. As was noticed after his death, the old clock showed the exact time that David died weeks later.

Wagner Wins Dane County Chairmanship Openly Gay County Supervisor Dick Wagner was elected as Chairperson of the Dane County Board by a 25 to 16 vote.

Norquist Appoints Burke - Wisconsin Light reporter, Sue Burke has been appointed by newly elected Mayor John Norquist to serve on the Common Council's Task Force on Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse.



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A portion of the Wisconsin delegates at the Omni Center during the Democratic National Convention.

May

STATE WIDE NEWS

Pride Committee Announces Dates After several months of infighting the Milwaukee Pride Committee has moved forward with plans for Milwaukee's first ever Pride Week. With the theme "Rightfully Proud" the celebration will include a parade and week of events later in the year.

Tri-Cable Praised By The Advocate The Advocate, the national Gay/Lesbian news magazine gave a favorable notice to Milwaukee's Tri-Cable Tonight Program. The article written by Kate Walter points out that Gays using cable is not "a bicoastal affair" and cites Tri-Cable as proof that Gay programming can be "a strong force in the Midwest." Walter made special mention of the segment "Gaystory" narrated by *Wisconsin Light* editor, Dr. Terry Boughner, calling it "a particularly interesting feature."

Many Cities Sending Teams to Milwaukee Over 20 teams have committed to enter the annual Milwaukee Classic Softball touney on May 27-29. The tournament will be

NATIONAL NEWS

AIDS Brochures To Be Sent - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that it will mail its 8 page brochure, "Understanding AIDS" to every household in the United States.

Dubuque Marches Over 600 people rallied and marched in Dubuque Iowa's second annual Gay Pride March. The march sponsored by the National Organization for Women and the Friends of Lesbians and Gays had a much higher turnout than last September's march of only 60 people. That march was cut short when locals hurled eggs, rocks and obscenities at the demonstrators. Gays from New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Wisconsin joined in the march in response to last year's violence.



1988—Mr. International Leather 1988 Michael Pereyra, (center); first runner-up Peter Morrison (right) of the Gauntlet II, Los Angeles; second runner-up Brian Dawson (left) of Florida, Long Beach, CA.

The Wisconsin Light Goes Bi Weekly The Wisconsin Light which had been publishing on a monthly basis announced that beginning with this month, it will be published as a biweekly.

Gay Man Receives Appointment from Mayor - Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist has appointed community activist, Bob Moore to a position on the Safety Commission. Moore who is the Director of the Executive MBA Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is well known in the Gay community. The Safety Commission advises the City on methods of providing for the safety of the public, and city employees in traffic and other matters.

Milwaukee's Pride Celebration Held - Two weeks of events under the heading "Rightfully Proud" constituted Milwaukee's first Pride celebration since the early 80's. Activities included the SSBL All Star Game, a dance, lectures, films, an appearance by the nationally known Romanoffsky and Phillips, a Veterans Memorial and other events.

Pastor Wants to Perform Same Sex Marriages Pastor James Bartos of the Village Church in Milwaukee has asked his congregation for permission to perform same sex wedding ceremonies.

Judge Holds Army in Contempt - Federal Judge Myron Gordon issued a contempt citation to the US Army for failing to re-enlist Sergeant Miriam Ben Shalom of Milwaukee. Ben Shalom had won the right to re-enlist in an earlier decision.

Madison Passes Part of Alternative Family Rights Ordinance - Before a record crowd of 300 people, the Madison Common Council passed into law two parts of the "Alternative Family Rights Ordinance" proposed by openly Gay Alderman, Jim McFarland. It will now be legal for two unrelated people with children to live together in Mad Town. Madison City Employees with same sex partners will be granted family sick and bereavement leave in the same manner as those benefits are provided to heterosexual employees.



Alderman Jim McFarland

such as ABC and CBS news, The New York Times, and National Public Radio.

Chicago, New York Win Milwaukee Classic Chicago Side Tracks defeated Milwaukee's Your Place Flamigos to win first place in the Milwaukee Classic's Competitive Division. Milwaukee's Raiders finished third. In the Recreation Division, Ty's Chelsea Transfer from New York won first place. Second place went to the La Cage Blue Boys and third was won by Club 1270 of Boston.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report Documents Anti-Gay Violence The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has issued a report that documents over 7,000 incidents of Anti-Gay violence in 1987 alone. Those incidents included 61 homicides.

Republican Platform Committee To Hear From Gays The Human Rights Campaign made history by testifying for Gay and Lesbian rights before the Republican Party Platform Committee.

Lobby Days Set in Washington NGLTF, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has set October 6-7 as Lobby Days to support Gay Rights in Congress. Among the items currently before Congress are bills on keeping Hate Crimes Statistics, and legislation to increase funding for AIDS and to end discrimination against those with AIDS.

July

STATE WIDE NEWS

Polly Williams' Ouster Demanded - After a 9 to 7 vote putting former Gephardt supporter Richard Condon on Wisconsin's Jackson for President Delegation to the national Democratic conven-

vention outraged labor and Gay activists demanded the ouster of the delegation's chairperson State Representative Annette Polly Williams. One activist said "They have just cut the lavender strip from Jesse Jackson's Rainbow. Gay Area coordinators were also angered that the NAACP Chairman voted for Condon as did the representative from Patrick Cudahy's Union despite Gay and Lesbian support for their organizations. Many said they wouldn't work for Jackson again as long as Williams was his overall Chairperson.

CCF Shows Off New Center - Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation held an open house at its new center located at 225 S. Second Street. The Center will be used for meetings, referrals and to facilitate better communication between organizations.

Beer Garden Wins Tournament Milwaukee's Beer Garden team took home the first place trophy from Chicago's MSA Women's Tournament held over the Fourth of July weekend.

Three New Bars in Milwaukee - Three new Gay and Lesbian bars opened in Milwaukee. The Triangle located at the former site of DK's, the Alternative, located at 1100 S. First Street and the Short Circuit located on 22nd and National.

NATIONAL NEWS

University Can Not Deny Funds to Gay Groups - The University of Arkansas can not discriminate against Gay and Lesbian groups by denying them funding according to a ruling issued by the Eighth Circuit US Court of Appeals. The university lost a suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union's Gay and Lesbian Rights Project.

Ohio Gay Man To Run For Congress - Mike Gelpi, an Army vet, announced that he is running as an Independent for Ohio's 12th District which is located in the City of Columbus. Delphi has reportedly been endorsed by the Democratic Party of Franklin Party. In the election he will face arch conservative Republican congressman John Kasich and Lyndon La Rouche supporter, Mark Brown. Brown won the Democratic primary.

Pro-Gay Policies Advance in Democratic Platform - The preliminary draft of the 1988 Democratic Platform calls for increased spending on AIDS research and treatment and adds the words "sexual orientation" to the list of groups that "should be free



1988—Al Thomas, (center) celebrates the Grand Opening of the Triangle bar. Al is surrounded by a few of the hundreds of well-wishers who turned out.

from all forms of discrimination and governmental intrusion." In a separate section the platform calls for "equal access to government services, employment, housing, business enterprises and education.

August

STATE WIDE NEWS

Goals Rejected A 12 page document entitled "Lesbian/Gay Goal Setting Project 1989 and Beyond" was rejected during a meeting held at the Cream City Foundation Community Center.

Gay Republican Club to Form Here Madison Alderman, Jim McFarland, announced that he plans to start a Gay Republican group in Wisconsin. The group tentatively named Wisconsin Republicans for Equality and Privacy would seek to promote

MILWAUKEE'S BEER TOWN BADGERS STEIN IV RUN



The Milwaukee Beer Town Badgers hosted out-of-town visitors to a fabulous German dinner and after dinner show during their recent Beer Stein IV at the Boot Camp Saloon.



1988—Marco Weger, Mary Shafer and Brigid Epona helped celebrate leather night at Milwaukee's Boot Camp Saloon during the city's first Pride Celebration.

concerns of Gays and Lesbians within the Republican party.

MAGIC Picnic Sets Record - Over 2,000 people attended Madison's 16th Annual Magic Picnic held on July 23 at Birmingham Park. The crowds enjoyed food and drink as well as entertainment, picnic games, and dancing.

Boot Camp Hosts Successful Run - Fifteen Leather Clubs participated in the Boot Camp's annual Leather Run, Beer Stein IV. Participants included clubs from Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Western Michigan and of course Milwaukee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Violence at the Democratic Convention - Atlanta Mayor Young apologized for the actions of Police at an ACT UP sponsored Kiss In during the Democratic Convention held in that city. The Police attempted to drive the demonstrators back into the so called "free speech area" but Police behind the group refused to give way catching the demonstrators in a vise. Earlier the Mayor had told the media "With a name like ACT UP they were obviously looking for trouble."

When informed of the groups fight against AIDS, Young apologized and sent an aide to the convention's Gay and Lesbian caucus. The Aide said "At this point the Mayor is so embarrassed that he will apologize for the sun rising in the East if you want him to."

Jesse Got Major Support From Gays and Lesbians A recently released exit poll conducted by ABC News shows that Jesse Jackson won votes from the majority of Gays and Lesbians voting in Democratic primaries in states where its exit pollers asked about sexual orientation and received a statistically valid sample of responses. In California for example, Jackson got 62% of the Gay vote compared to only 29% for eventual nominee Massachusetts Governor Mike Dukakis.



1987—The Madison Gay Men's Chorus is pictured above at a recent performance.

September

STATE WIDE NEWS

Senate Candidates Announce Support For Gay Rights - Two of the major candidates for the Democratic nomination to fill the Senate Seat of retiring US Senator Bill Proxmire, have announced their support for Gay and Lesbian Rights. Former Governor Tony Earl and former Assistant Wisconsin Attorney General, Ed Garvey answered a questionnaire sent to them by **The Wisconsin Light**. Both gave answers indicating they would work for an end to discrimination directed at Gays and Lesbians. The third major candidate Herb Kohl did not respond.



1987—Bob Jansen and Inez Wildwood

NATIONAL NEWS

Republican's Reject Gay Rights In stark contrast the Democratic Convention, the Republican Party passed a platform that was nearly totally devoid of any support on issues to the Gay and Lesbian community including ending discrimination and issues related to the AIDS crisis.

Methodists Denounce Gays The United Methodist Church's quadrennial General Conference meeting in St. Louis banned practicing homosexual clergy, and placed homosexuality in class by itself distinct from adultery or fornication.

National Coming Out Day Suggestions The first ever National Coming Out Day has been set for October 11th. The event is being promoted to help Gays and Lesbians come out of the closet. A number of activities ranging from telling your family to writing a letter to your statewide newspaper are being suggested.

October

STATE WIDE NEWS

Mader's Sued For Discrimination- Mader's, a landmark Milwaukee restaurant is the target of a lawsuit filed by a former employee. The employee charged that the restaurant discriminated against him because of his "Gay appearance." The suit seeks \$30,000 in lost wages, interest and punitive damage.

Flyers in Wisconsin Mailboxes - A homophobic flyer entitled "Official Legislative Census" is being received in mailboxes in Wisconsin (and presumably other states as well.) The so called census was sent by a group calling itself "Christian Family Renewal." It asks the recipient to agree or disagree with 10 statements or questions related to House of Representatives bill HR-709 a Gay Rights bill.

Madison Cable Show Celebrates 10 Years- "Nothing to Hide" aired on Cable 4 in Madison will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 1989. The show which started with a Gay male focus now includes a rainbow collection of issues. NTH receives funding from the New Harvest foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, donations from individuals and coat check at the Hotel Washington.

Tri Cable Wins Awards - Tri Cable Tonight won several awards at Milwaukee Cable's Annual Community Programming Banquet and Awards Ceremony.



1988—Carl Cliver and Ginger Spice, Mr. and Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant

NATIONAL NEWS

Shouting Match in California- A "town meeting" in arch conservative Orange County turned into a shouting match between Gays and a GOP Congressman's wife. Sallie Doman, wife of U.S. Rep. Robert Doman shouted at one of the Gays "Shut up Fag." The incident occurred at Doman's town meeting held to help him win re-election. An estimated 30 activists interrupted the meeting. They were escorted out to shouts of "Sodomites" from Doman's supporters.

Pride Theme Selected for 1989 - The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators met in St. Louis for their annual conference. The conference selected "20 Stonewall: A Generation of Pride" as the 1989 Theme for Pride Celebrations held around the country.



1988—Pat Prudlow and Ronnie Marks, Co-Chairs of 1988 Make A Promise Dinner.

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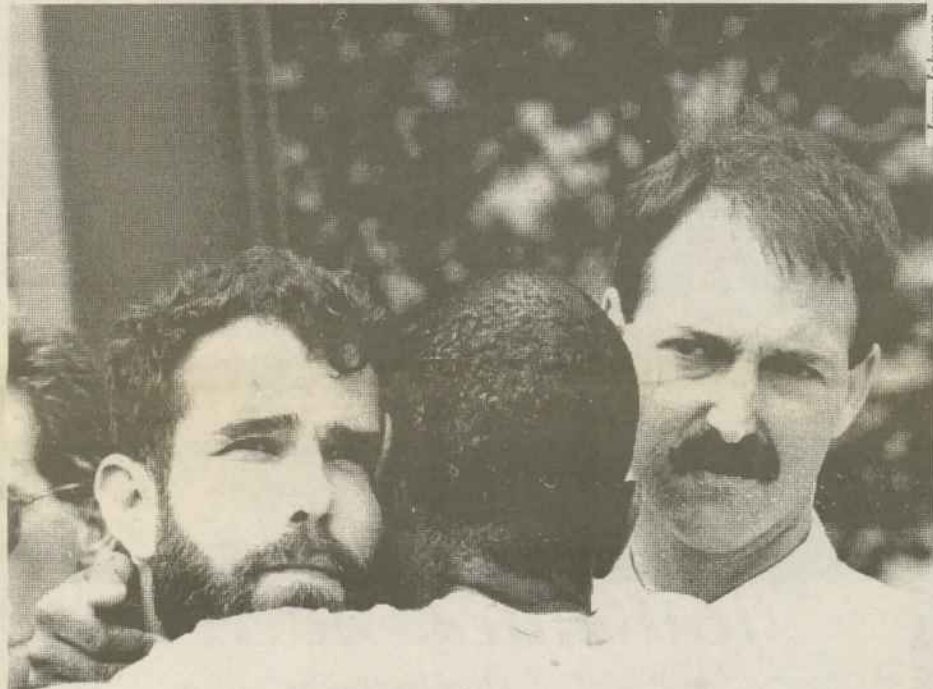
1988—Atlanta riot police and prison guards recruited for riot duty marched by the dozen, shocking and frightening conventioners.

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

Boughner's Book Published - Dr. Terry Boughner, Wisconsin Light Editor In Chief, has announced that his new book "Out Of All Time" has been published by Alyson of Boston, the largest Gay and Lesbian publishing house in the east. The book covers Gay/Lesbian history over the last 3,500 years and includes only Gay and Lesbian historical figures whose orientation can be proven. Illustrations by Michael Whilhoite, nationally known artist for *The Washington Blade* accompany each of the books 50 chapters. The first book signing is hosted by This Is It.

HIT Opens November 23, The annual Holiday Invitation Tournament will celebrate



1988—Tears and grief-stricken people were everywhere at the Democratic Convention Die-In as several hundred people remembered loved ones who had died of AIDS.

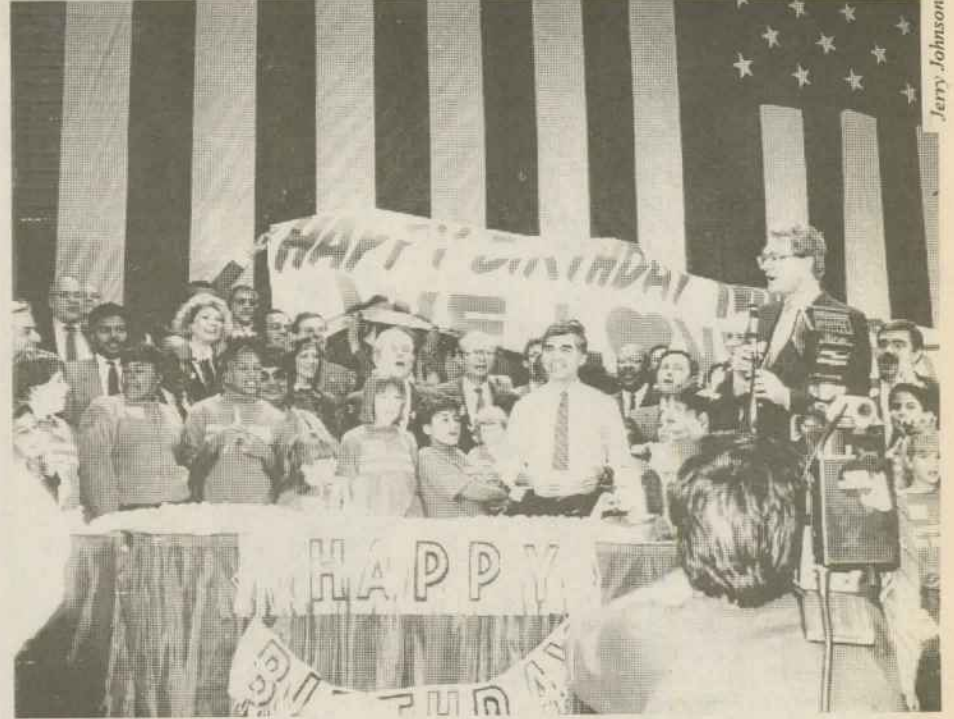
its 10 Anniversary this year. HIT was the first ever Gay/Lesbian bowling tournament. This year's even is scheduled for November 23-27 at the Red Carpet Regency Lanes. The host hotel is the Marc Plaza.

Madison Plans March- A group of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals organizing under the name "Madison March Committee, is planning to hold a march on May 6, 1989. The committee says the march will be "a massive and visible coming out in the Midwest to affirm the Gay and Lesbian culture, to celebrate our differences and to prevent the erosion of our hard won rights.

Ben Shalom Wins Award - Miriam Ben Shalom has been given an award by the Wisconsin Equal Rights Council. The Council is honoring Ben Shalom for her fight to



Hundreds of persons who died of AIDS were remembered outside the Democratic National Convention during July in Atlanta. Pictured, are two men who could not contain their grief as they remembered loved ones who had died.

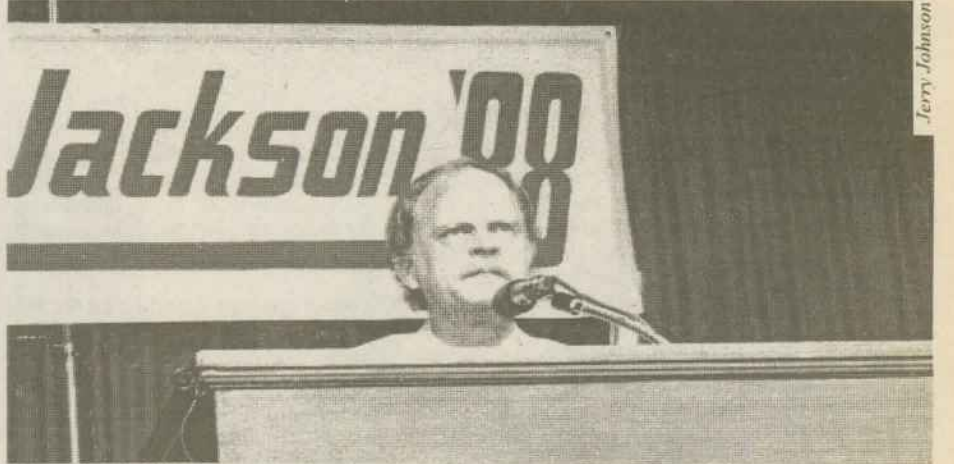


1988—Mayor John Norquist led an overflow crowd in singing Happy Birthday to Governor Dukakis at Milwaukee's MECCA auditorium.

remain in the military as an open Lesbian

Nelson To Head MAP - Doug Nelson was named the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

United Considers Name Change - The United is considering changing its name. The move is in response to criticism that its name does not reflect its mission to serve Madison's Gays and Lesbians.



1988—Light's Editor, Terry Boughner, speaks in Milwaukee in support of Jesse Jackson.

CCBA Launches Food Drive - Milwaukee's Cream City Business Association is working with the Hunger Task Force to help feed Milwaukee's hungry families. The group has set up collection barrels in various Gay businesses to collect food items which will then be given the Hunger Task Force for distribution to food pantries around the city.

Concert a Success - Over 300 people jammed into Milwaukee's First Unitarian church to attend a program billed as "A Celebration of Women's Voices In Song." The program included the Mukwonago Feminist Singers, Madison's Maiden Voyage and Womonsong Chorus

NATIONAL NEWS

NGLTF Gives Report Card - The National Gay Lesbian Task Force gave a Report Card evaluating the voting records of all 535 members of Congress. The group said the report cards were a way of "holding Members of Congress accountable to their Gay and Lesbian constituents. Over half of the members of the House earned an A or B and 72% earned a passing grade by voting with the NGLTF position at least 60% of the time. Only one third of the Senate earned a passing grade and 66 Senators earned an F.

December

STATE WIDE NEWS

Teen Workshop in Madison- A workshop for understanding of adolescent homosexuality will be held on the UW Campus on December 7. The workshop sponsored by the UW- Madison Division of University Outreach Health and Human Issues will be held at the Inntowner Hotel. The purpose of the workshop is to explore issues, and concerns related to the sexual preference and sexual identity and to grant exposure to chosen options.

Chorus Going to Seattle Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus is asking for support so that it can attend G.A.L.A. in Seattle in July. G.A.L.A. is the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses which will be holding its Third Music Festival in Seattle from July 1 - 9. A total of 67 Choruses are expected to attend.



1988—Many Wisconsinites attended the Democratic National Convention, held during July in Atlanta. Among those was Leonard Sobczak (left) of Milwaukee. He is shown at a party with openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) (right) and Frank's spouse, Herb Moses who is formerly of Milwaukee.



Jerry Johnson

1988—The Fest City Singers received a standing ovation from the audience on opening night of "Abra-cadazzle" at Milwaukee's Ballgame bar.

Milwaukee Pride Week To Be Held in June - Milwaukee's Pride Committee announced that next year's celebration will be held June 17 to 26. The events will include a parade and rally, an interdenominational Christian Service, a bus trip to Chicago's Pride Parade and a run commemorating the Stonewall Riots.

Bashings Increasing And Going Unreported - A spate of Gay bashings in Milwaukee including beatings with baseball bats has raised concerns in the Cream City. Most of the beatings including several documented by *The Wisconsin Light* are going unreported.

Madison's GALVANize Is Born - The Madison March Committee has reorganized under the name GALVANize. The new group has announced several fundraisers to support its efforts to hold a March in Madison in May.



1988—Milwaukee's Feminist Singers, Milwaukee's Maiden Voyage and Madison's Womansong Chorus entertain at the First Unitarian Church.

NATIONAL NEWS

Poll Finds Supreme Court, Economy Top Gay Issues - A poll conducted by *The Washington Blade* through its own newspaper and various other Gay Papers around the country (including *The Wisconsin Light*) found some interesting results. 80% of the respondents said they voted for Mike Dukakis while only 15% said they voted for President -Elect George Bush.

The most frequently cited issue of concern for respondents was future nominees to the US Supreme court. 19% of the respondents said that the economy was the prime factor in motivating their vote. Recent Supreme Court decisions including decisions upholding State Laws that ban Gay sex and allowing the US Olympics Committee to forbid organizers of the Gay Games to call their event the "Gay Olympics" were cited as reasons for the concern about future nominees.

In third place was concern about social welfare (18%). Gay related issues rated fourth (17%) and AIDS was in fifth place (14%)

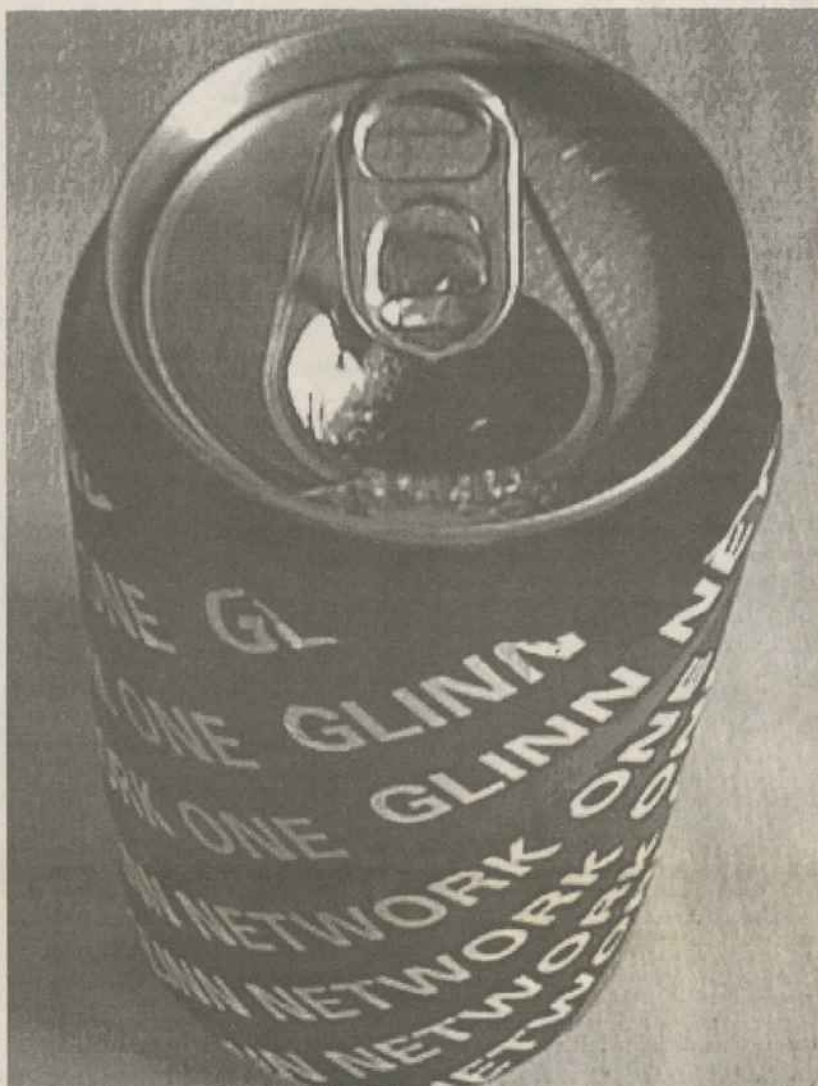
Woman Marine Gets 1 Year- Cpt Barbara Baum, 23, was sentenced to a year in prison after her conviction on charges of sodomy, obstruction of justice and committing indecent acts with another woman. Baum's conviction is part of an ongoing investigation of Lesbianism at the Marine's Parris Island facility.



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1988—Mark Reister (aka Jungle Red), Evelyn and MC Chris Klein at Jet's Place benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project

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1989

1989 was a year that saw the beginnings of many issues that are still with us today. ACT UP protested the high cost of AIDS drugs (an issue that rings true in 1997 with the high cost of protease inhibitors), our Wisconsin AIDS organizations showed remarkable growth and anti-Gay violence was a major issue especially in Milwaukee and Madison.

On the other hand, Wisconsin was joined by Massachusetts as a Gay Rights state and all over the country Gays and Lesbians were beginning to stand up proudly. That included Wisconsin where Gays and Lesbians convinced the UW-Madison faculty to vote to ban ROTC from the campus because of the military's anti-Gay policies and Marquette where Gay and straight students protested the University's ban on the use of the words "Gay" and "Lesbian."

The Chairman of the US Civil Rights Commission was forced to resign over his anti-Gay remarks. A Texas Judge got in hot water and two Gay men were shown in bed together in prime time.

All that and more happened in 1989.

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

Nursing Homes- Slammed Four Democratic Wisconsin lawmakers, Tom Barrett (who would later become a Congressman), Peter Bock, Tim Carpenter, and David Clarenbach denounced Milwaukee area nursing homes for refusing to admit persons with AIDS.

Baths Closed - Milwaukee's Club Baths were permanently closed by the City Health Department after refusing to cooperate in the investigation of an outbreak of tuberculosis which emanated from the facility.



Jerry Johnson

1989—Among those at the Milwaukee AIDS Project's news conference to announce that Milwaukee area nursing homes will begin accepting AIDS patients were: Richard Lesjack, the administrator of the Mt. Carmel Nursing Home; John Nedaeu, who is living with AIDS; and Joe Higdon, the Wisconsin director of American Medical Services/Green Tree Nursing Home.

relates the story of three loves in the life of a New York drag queen.

Dallas Judge Condemned - Dallas Judge Jack Hampton was denounced by the leaders of law enforcement and civil rights groups to sentencing Lee Bednarski to 30 years in prison for the murder of two Gay men. At Bednarski's sentencing the Judge said "I don't much care for queers cruising the streets. I put prostitutes and Gays at about the same level and I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute." The Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct is conducting an inquiry into the Judge's handling of the case.

February

STATE WIDE NEWS

Madison Mayoral Race Heats Up Gays and Lesbians in Madison are saying that they do not have a strong candidate to support. They are disappointed with former Mayor Paul Soglin and with current Mayor Joe Sensenbrenner despite the candidates attempts to solicit Gay support. Most Gay leaders have endorsed Soglin.

Gay Author Appears in Milwaukee - David Leavitt, author of "Family Dancing" and "The Lost Language of Cranes" two Gay themed books appeared at Harry W. Schwartz Bookstore in Milwaukee, where he read from his latest book "Equal Affections."

Rona's Birthday - Rona, bartender at the M & M Club held a Birthday bash as a fundraiser for the Cream City Chorus. A packed house enjoyed a great show and much money was raised for a good cause.

NATIONAL NEWS

Civil Rights Bill Introduced - Sixty Three Congressmen (including Wisconsin's Jim Moody and Robert Kastenmeier) and Eight Senators (including neither of Wisconsin's Senators Herb Kohl and Robert Kasten) have reintroduced a bill to grant civil rights to Gays and Lesbians.

UN Says Gays Are Object of Hatred Lesbianism Results from Men's Lack of Tact. A report from the UN Commission on Human Rights says that Gays face discrimination in social situations, jobs and housing and that many are forced "to hide or establish groups in an attempt to lead normal lives outside of the workplace." The report also describes homosexuality as 'a failure to conform to the social model' and that Gays are people 'who refuse to play the role assigned to them as men or women.' It also claims that many women become Lesbians because of "bad experiences with men."



Jerry Johnson

1989—Pictured are the Madison GALVANize Committee. From left to right are: (backrow) Meg Gaines, Richard Kilmer, Tony Sheehan, Tom Otto, Robert James, Susan Knoedel, John Quinlan; (Center Row) Mary Myers, Christina Clough, Ellen Barnard, Tim O'Brien, Ceyvn Godre, Mary Klobukar; (Front Row) Terry Cremmin, Elizabeth Fadel, Nancy Graham, Jo Bussler, Pam Jacobson and Cheri Maples. Not shown: Ed Cortez.

New Harvest Grants - Madison's New Harvest Foundation has awarded nearly \$7,000 in grants to four Madison area organizations, the United, (\$2,100) GALVANize, (\$2,400), PICADA Youth Project, (\$2,100) and the Madison School Employees Support Group (\$320). This brings the New Harvest Foundation total grant awards to \$57,000 since its inception.

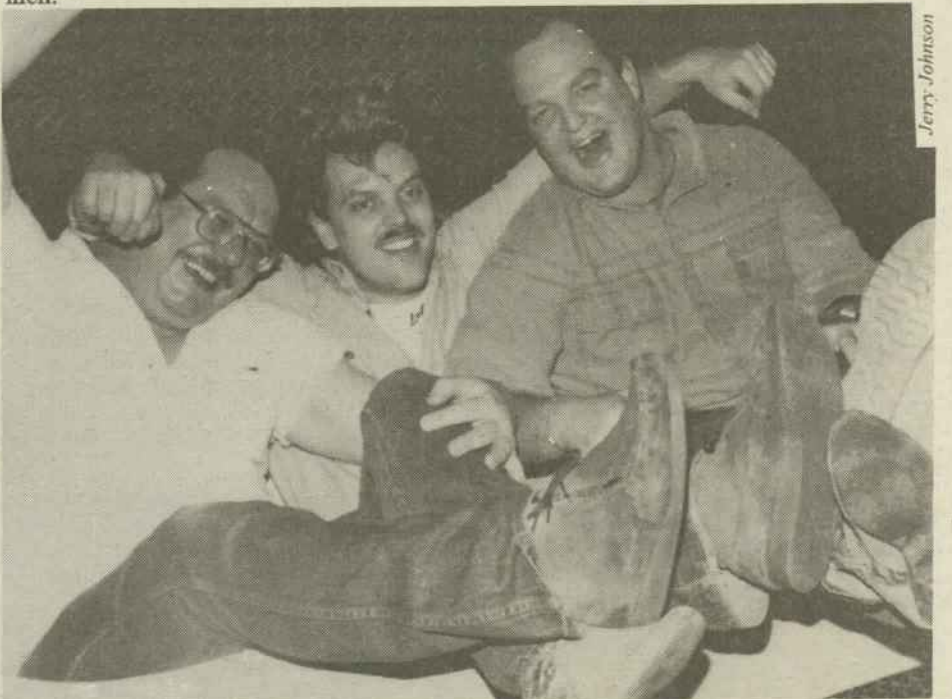
Dane County To Host Conference - Dane County and Madison's openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials announced that the national fifth Annual Conference for openly Gay and Lesbian officials will be held in Madison on November 17 19, 1989.

NATIONAL NEWS

Torch Song Trilogy - The film version of the hit Broadway play "Torch Song Trilogy" is opening around the country to generally good reviews. The film like the play



Photo by Robert Mapplethorpe titled "Self-Portrait", 1980. (Silver Print, 20 x 16). From the Artist's Collection and currently on exhibit in Chicago.



Jerry Johnson

Uncle Al from Your Place, Corry of La Cage Aux Folles and Al Thomas of the Triangle were having a great time at the Touche' bar as part of the Milwaukee bars annual bar crawl to Chicago on March 14.

HRCF Gives Out Bigger Bucks - The Human Rights Campaign Fund (now called the Human Rights Campaign) gave out more than \$400,000 in cash and in kind donations to supportive candidates in the 1988 Congressional elections. That's 60% more than it was able to provide in the 1986 Congressional Elections.

Elies Wear Pink Triangles to Interviews- Hundreds of Yale Law School Students sported Pink Triangles at their job interviews to show their opposition to job discrimination directed at Gays and Lesbians. An organizer said that a number of job interviewers also wore the Triangles.

March

STATE WIDE NEWS

Two Milwaukee Nursing Homes to Accept AIDS Patients - Two Milwaukee Nursing Homes have announced that they will begin accepting AIDS patients as of March 15th.

Teachers Organize in Madison - In response to harassment, Gay and Lesbian teachers in Madison have organized and formed "The Gay and Lesbian Educational Em-



1989—"Hunter and the Headliners" entertained a large crowd at Milwaukee's Club 219 on May 23.

housing based on HIV status. The law took effect on March 12.

Helms Is At It Again - Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) killed legislation that would have extended by six months the Federal government's funding of AZT programs that provide the drug to low income people with AIDS. As a result a number of states have run out of money to keep their programs going. Helms along with two other Republican Senators William Armstrong from Colorado and Don Nickels of Oklahoma refused to provide the unanimous consent needed for the AZT bill to be considered.

April

STATE WIDE NEWS

Galano Club Finds New Quarters - Milwaukee's Galano Club, an drug free alcohol free organization will relocate into a new facility located at 2406 N. Farwell. The Club hosts close to twenty Gay AA, N.A. Al Anon and other 12 step recovery groups.

SSBL Opens Play The Saturday Softball Beer League opened play on April 29 with three divisions composed of 12 teams. This year there will be a competitive division, an open division and a women's division.



1989—Teresa Cruz, Ginger Snaps and Brittany Morgan will appear in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at Milwaukee's PAC beginning August 18.

Mayor Norquist to Meet With Milwaukee Gays - Mayor John Norquist met with a group of Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians at the Cream City Foundation Center to discuss issues of concern to the community. Discussion at the meeting centered on the need for better sensitivity training in the Police Department and more LGBT police.

Alyn Hess Dies - Alyn Hess, a national and local Gay activist died from complications due to AIDS. Hess was a founder of the Gay movement in Wisconsin. His funeral was attended by a large number of elected officials including Judge Fred Kessler, Milwaukee County Executive Dave Schultz and Milwaukee County Sheriff Richard Artison. Others who were unable to attend including Mayor John Norquist and Congressman James Moody sent letters of condolence to be read at the service.

Madison Election Results- Gays and Lesbians in Madison cheered the re-election of openly Gay Alderman, Jim McFarland as well as the election of Ricardo Gonzales to the Madison City Council. Gonzales owns the Cardinal bar, a popular stop for Madison area Gays and Lesbians. The Mayor's race was won by Paul Soglin.

UW Given Power Against Bigotry- Assembly Bill 169, which directs the UW Board of Regents to adopt an emergency administrative rule to discipline students who attack or threaten other students, faculty or guests of the university because of the race,



1989—(l-r) Commissioner of Milw.'s Dept. of City Development Ricardo Diaz; Howard Fuller, Ph.D., Milw. Co. Health and Human Services Director; Joan Zeiger, Past President WI NOW; and Dave Begel, P.R. Director of Milwaukee Public Schools, gather at the "Community Speakout" Forum during Gay/Lesbian Pride Week.

sex, sexual orientation or other factors passed the State Assembly unanimously. The bill introduced by State Representative Spencer Coggs, was put forth in response to several incidents believed to be motivated by bigotry at system campuses.

New Harvest Five Years Old - Madison's New Harvest Foundation which provides grants to Gay and Lesbian organizations celebrated its fifth anniversary with a gala banquet and dance on April 22nd.

NATIONAL NEWS

Dutch Activist Arrested by US Immigration Service - Hans Paul Verhoef, 31, a public official from the Dutch cities of Delft and Rotterdam was jailed by the U.S. Immigration Service officers in Minneapolis. Verhoef was detained after INS officials noticed items in his luggage that led them to believe he was Gay. A Federal Judge ordered his release on the condition that he post a \$10,000 bond and leave the US promptly on April 28 following his participation in the 11th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. Verhoef is an AIDS educator. The bond was posted by the Minnesota AIDS project. Verhoef was arrested in accordance with the George Bush policy prohibiting the entrance of Gays into the United States.

Helms Foiled, AZT Program Funded - The Department of Health and Human Services has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue a Federal drug subsidy program that helps low income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS. Approximately 7,000 people are receiving government assistance under the program.

May

STATEWIDE NEWS

Tommy Thompson Says No to AIDS Victims- Governor Tommy Thompson refused to issue a proclamation remembering those who have died of AIDS. The proclamation was to have been read at the opening of the AIDS Name Quilt exhibit in Madison on May 5, 1989. It was requested by the Madison AIDS Support Network. Thompson gave no reason for his refusal to lend comfort to those who had lost loved ones to the AIDS epidemic.



1989—After the Pride Week Proclamation Victory, many of the celebrants went to the M&M Club to watch the TV news reports of the event.

Milwaukee Pride Parade Route Announced- The first Milwaukee Pride parade since the early 1980's will take place on June 17th. Among the marchers will be the Great Lakes Freedom Band, a group of Gay and Lesbian musicians from throughout the Midwest who march in Pride parades throughout the region. The parade will begin on 1st and Washington and proceed to Second street, head north to Pittsburgh Street, East to Water Street, North to Kilbourn Blvd and then East to Cathedral Square.

Alyn Hess Remembered - Governor Thompson may not wish to remember AIDS victims but the Milwaukee County Board does. It issued a proclamation of sympathy on the loss of Alyn Hess.

Thousands March in Madison- An estimated 7,000 marchers filled the streets of Madison despite temperatures that hovered that were only in the 30's (without counting the wind chill). Speakers at the Pre-March Rally included State Representative David Clarenbach, (D-Madison), Openly Lesbian Dane County Supervisor, Tammy Baldwin, Madison Alderman Ricardo Gonzales and Openly Gay Dane County Board Chairman, Dick Wagner.

UW Faculty Pushes For End to ROTC - Over 260 UW Madison Faculty members have signed a petition to overturn a Faculty Senate's vote to oppose Anti-Gay discrimination by the ROTC program but reject its own Committee's recommendation that ROTC be kicked off the UW campus.

Casino Night Fund Raiser Hits It Big - Over 300 people attended the fourth annual Casino Night fundraiser for the Cream City Foundation. Attendees were treated to a

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sumptuous buffet, played casino games and won dozens of prizes.

Milwaukee Classic Has Record Field - Thirty Three teams from throughout the country will participated in the 11th Annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament held on the Memorial Day Weekend. The Competitive Division was won by Burharts of Atlanta GA, the Rec Division crown was gamered by New York and the Women's Division was won by Club 1270 of Boston.



Jerry Johnson

The Miss Gay Wisconsin-U.S.A. Pageant was held at Appleton's Pivot Club on August 20. Pictured above are: Netasha Edwards, Miss Gay U.S.A.-1988; Tanya Michaels, winner of the pageant; Jody Hanvey (Mr. Gay U.S.A.-1988; and Candy Stratton, Miss Gay West Virginia-U.S.A. and MC of the pageant.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lobby Day At Home - The National Gay Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is recruiting individuals and organizations to lobby their Congressional Representatives to support the Gay Rights bill before Congress. NGLTF has prepared "Lobby Day Kits," to help in organizing letter writing campaigns, provide talking points for face to face meeting and give ideas for other means to get more Congresspeople to support the bill.

Candlelight Memorial Set - MAA (Mobilization Against AIDS) has succeeded in organizing candlelight actions in support of people with AIDS in over 170 cities in 31 countries around the world. The Milwaukee AIDS project will participate with a vigil on May 28.

Women's Music Fest Planned - The 15th Annual National Women's Music Festival will be held June 1-4 at the Bloomington Campus of Indiana University. A star studded line up is expected to perform to thousands of women.



Jerry Johnson

New York ACT-UP members visited Milwaukee with Milwaukee ACT-UP August 20. Pictured at Jet's Place are: (l to r) Bob (Jet's Manager), Chris Fons, Lester Williams, Joey Nelson (N.Y. ACT-UP), Dan Trzebiatowski, Andy Velez (N.Y. ACT-UP) and Ric Oquita (seated).

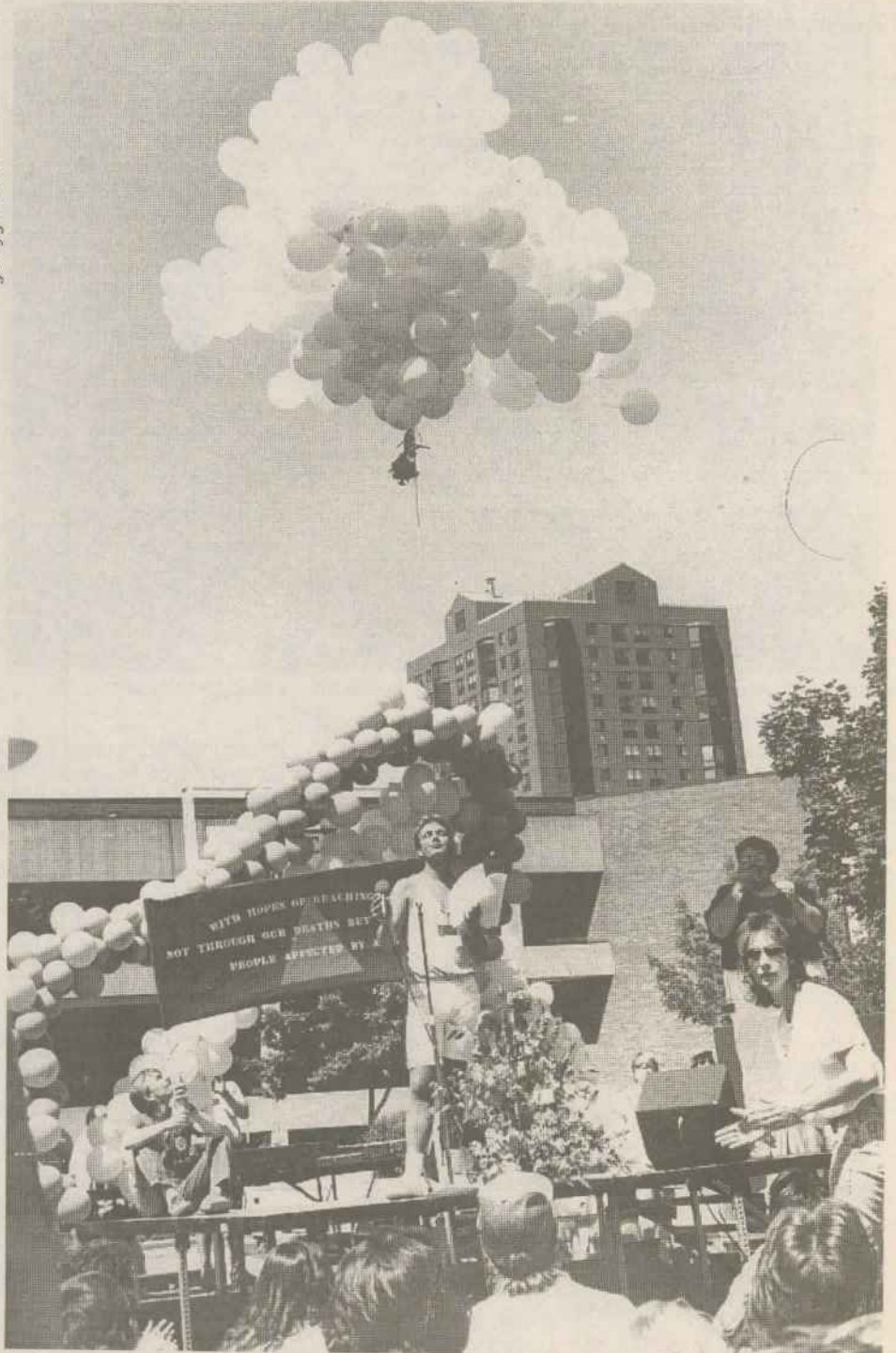
June

STATE WIDE NEWS

Wisconsin AIDS Initiative Proposed - A group of Wisconsin lawmakers have proposed a new law wold seek to guarantee health care and insurance coverage and to extend anti-discrimination and privacy protections to those with AIDS. The bill, AB400 would prohibit doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and other health care professionals from refusing treatment or providing a lower standard of care to any person based on their HIV status. The bill also would ban health insurance companies from excluding or limiting AIDS coverage and increase criminal penalties for the intentional disclosure



The Milwaukee Pride ad-hoc Committee members met at a picnic meeting to begin planning for 1990. The planning will officially begin with a general meeting and elections on Sept. 7 when everyone is invited. (See article on page 5 of this issue). Pictured above are: front row (l to r) Alan Eslinger, Gary Wells, Scotter Kennedy, Dennis Thomas and Jim English; Back row (l to r): George Keen, Scott Gunkel, Bob Robison, John Hogen, Derek Christiansen, Mike Lisowski and Don Clabots. Not pictured are: Miriam Ben- Shalom, Cheryl Williams and Jerry Johnson.



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Balloons were released at the Milwaukee Pride Rally on June 17th in honor of those who have died of AIDS, as Dan Trzebiatowski spoke.


of confidential AIDS test results.

"Wisconsin Light" Has First Ever Pride Issue - The Wisconsin Light published it's first ever Pride Issue. The Issue full of information about the upcoming Pride Week in Milwaukee was well received by readers throughout the State. It marked a tradition that has taken place with the first issue every June.

Tri Cable Gets National Recognition- Tri Cable Tonight, Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Cable show is a finalist in the 1989 Hometown U.S.A. Video Festival. Home Town U.S.A. recognizes outstanding local programs that are produced by or for local cable systems and by public educational and governmental cable access facilities. The Festival received over 1,750 entries from 285 cities in 38 states.

NATIONAL NEWS

HRCF Speak Out Campaign Goes National - The Human Rights Campaign Fund's "Speak Out Campaign" is hitting the road by going to Pride events around the country. The campaign enlists people to sign up so that brief hard hitting messages can be sent



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in their name to their Congressional Reps. HRCF organizers are concerned that people not confuse their effort with that of the New Alliance Party, NAP. NAP is signing up people to support a non-existent "AIDS Bill of Rights."

Domestic Partner Bill In San Francisco- San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos signed into law the first ever piece of legislation prohibiting discrimination based on marital status. The law about which openly Gay Supervisor Harry G Britt said "This law is about human rights as much as it is about anything else. No one should be treated as a second class citizen," allows for unmarried couples to register as "domestic partners" with the County Clerk. Domestic Partners must then be granted the same rights as married couples when using public facilities such as hospitals.

NGLFT Demands Apology From Republican Party - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has demanded an apology from the Republican National Committee. The controversy began with Republicans spreading rumors that House Speaker Tom Foley (D-Washington) is Gay. It continued when the RNC issued a memo to 200 Republican leaders around the country comparing Foley with openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank. Frank has threatened to out closeted Republicans in Congress.

Report Documents Anti Gay Violence - A new report issued by the National Gay Lesbian Task Force documents 7,248 incidents of Anti-Gay violence. Wisconsin had a reported 47 incidents one of the lowest in the nation. In a disturbing trend organized hate group activity, by Nazi Skin heads appears to be on the rise.



Jerry Johnson

1989—Milwaukee's C'est La Vie bar held their first amateur dance contest finals on Saturday, September 30. The winners were (l-r); First Place, Garret Keefe; Second place, Scott Sieg; and Third place, Bobby Feicht.

July

STATE WIDE NEWS

Wisconsin Lawmakers Approve AIDS Funding- Final approval has been given to a measure granting 1.4 million in funding to fight AIDS in Wisconsin.

Hundreds Cheer Former Milwaukee Police Chief at Pride Rally - Former Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziamik was visibly moved as hundreds wildly cheered him as the first recipient of the Alyn Hess Award. The Award given to a supportive non-Gay person was named after the late Gay activist Alyn Hess. Ziamik was given the honor based on his work to change homophobic Police Department policies. When "The Chief" told the crowd "It's your Department too," the crowd renewed its cheers.

Rod's Celebrates - Madison's Rod's bar, a landmark for its Gay and Lesbian Community will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary with a summer full of activities. The popular leather bar located in the Hotel Washington was opened on July 7, 1979.

Milwaukee Fights Over Pride Proclamations - An effort to rescind the Milwaukee County Board's Pride Proclamation failed by one vote as delighted and stunned activists and supporters cheered and celebrated. The Proclamation appeared headed for defeat until at the very last minute, County Supervisor Dan Cupertino changed his mind and voted to uphold it. Cupertino was angered when supporters of the move to rescind the measure hissed as former Police Chief Ziamik was honored by the Board. These supporters were angry with the former Chief for accepting the Alyn Hess Award at the Pride Rally.

Meanwhile a petition drive to recall Mayor John Norquist for issuing a Pride Proclamation picked up steam with a reported 2,000 signatures.

Madison Anti-Gay Violence Reported Up After May 6 March and Rally - Approximately 100 people rallied on the steps of the Capitol to protest an increase in Anti-Gay violence that followed the May 6th Pride Parade and Rally held in Madison. At least six vicious attacks have been reported in the two months since the rally.

Thompson Gives Us the Berries - Following his refusal to proclaim June 16 -27 as Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, Governor Tommy Thompson proclaimed that week as Wisconsin Strawberry week and sent a message of support to an anti-Gay Religious Right rally held in Milwaukee.

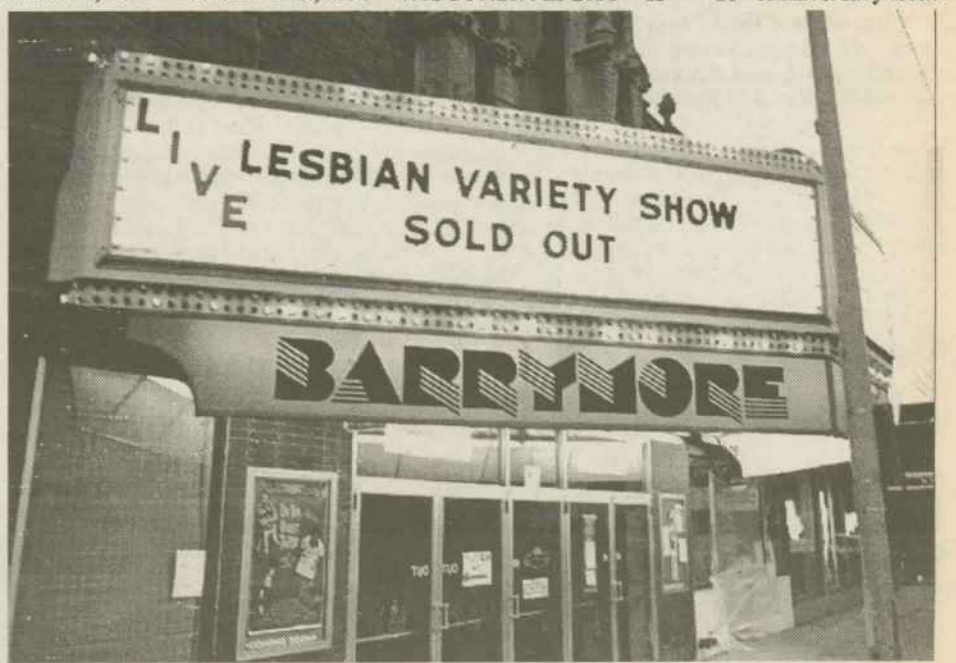
Tri Cable Wins Major Award - "Tri Cable Tonight" Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian cable show won the first place award in the News/Volunteer/Series category of the Hometown U.S. A. Video Festival. The award was presented to at the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers Annual Convention held in Dallas, Texas.

ACT UP Forming In Milwaukee - A chapter of the controversial group "Aids Coal-



Jerry Johnson

1989—The Fest City Singers presented "Faerie Tales" at the Milwaukee Theatre District's Stackner Cabaret on Oct. 20-22. Pictured are: Vince Lombardi, Gene Guenther and Arlyn Kaurpen as the Good Faeries.



1989—In its third year, Madison's Lesbian's Variety Show is a sell-out.

tion to Unleash Power" is forming in Milwaukee. ACT UP engages in sometimes radical tactics to demand action in the fight against AIDS.

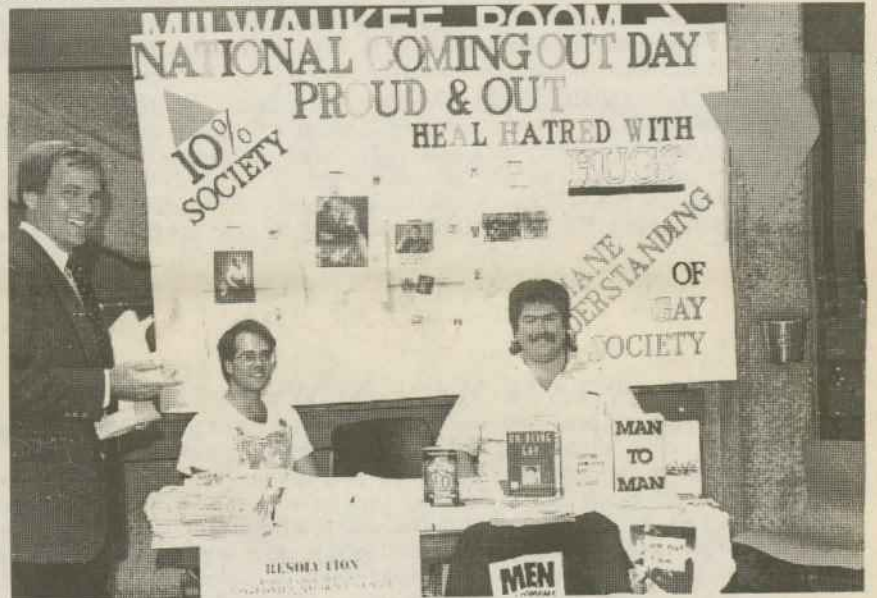
MAP Budget Approaches 1 Million - Faced with a crushing caseload, the Milwaukee AIDS project now in its fifth year has gone from one staff member to twenty one, purchased a home for people living with AIDS, provided life care services for clients expanded its educational outreach and created the South East Wisconsin AIDS Project to service Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties. All of this increased activity has meant an increase in funds.

Wausau Bar Burns - The R Bar in Wausau was destroyed in a fire. Community fund raisers are being planned to cover business losses until the bar can reopen at a new location.

First Miss Gay Wisconsin U.S. of A Crowned - Tanya Michaels won the Miss Gay Wisconsin US of A pageant held at Appleton's Pivot Club on August 20. It was the first truly state wide pageant in Wisconsin.

NATIONAL NEWS

Denmark Allows Same Sex Marriages - The Danish Parliament passed a law allowing Gay and Lesbian couples to marry allowing them all the rights and privileges of heterosexual couples except the right to adopt children and recognition from the State sponsored Lutheran Church.



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1989—Milwaukee ACT UP and the University's 10% Society at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Student Union on Coming Out Day, October 11.



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Hate Crimes Bill Passes Hurdle - The House of Representatives approved an historic bill addressing anti-Gay and Lesbian Violence by vote of 368 to 47. The Hate Crimes Act would mandate keeping statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation. A companion bill S 419 is being considered by the United States Senate. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) has threatened to attach an anti-Gay amendment to the bill. The amendment would say that it is the "Sense of the Senate" that homosexuality threatens the American family, that sodomy laws should be enforced, the federal government should not enact discrimination protections based on sexual orientation and that schools should not teach that homosexuality is an acceptable lifestyle. Without the Helms amendment, the Senate version of the bill has 49 votes including Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl.

Montreal Conference Says AIDS Will Be Chronic by Mid 1990's. Over 11,000 delegates attending the Fifth International AIDS Conference heard that new drug therapies could extend the life span of those with AIDS making it a chronic disease instead of the certain killer that it is today.

NAACP Weak on Gay Rights- Minority Gays and Lesbians are complaining that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been less than supportive on issues of Gay and Lesbian rights. Althea Simmons Chief lobbyist for the



1989—Milwaukee experienced its first AIDS memorial die-in at MAPfest. As the names of Wisconsinites who have died of AIDS were read over a loud speaker, dozens of people laid on the ground and had their outlines traced with chalk. A name of a loved one or friend was then written within the outline.

NAACP told *The Los Angeles Times* "We have no position on homosexuality period." A statement from GLAAD, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation commented "Can you the reaction if a Gay rights organization said that it takes no public stand on whether Blacks should have civil rights?" GLAAD asked that Lesbians and Gays write the NAACP and remind it of "courageous leaders such as Jesse Jackson and Coretta Scott King who are unequivocal in their support of Gay civil rights."

August

STATE WIDE NEWS

Milwaukee Newspaper Apologizes For Article- The editor of the *Milwaukee Sentinel* apologized to representatives of Milwaukee's Gay community for an article on Gay prostitutes that appeared in the papers July 24 edition. The article which contained a "investigative" report from a *Sentinel* reporter who solicited prostitutes gave the impression that any Gay people cruising Milwaukee's third ward area were looking for sex. The apology came during a meeting designed to offer suggestions to the paper on its coverage of Gays and Lesbians. The suggestions included using the term Gay and Lesbian instead of homosexual, positive stories on Gays and Lesbians and ways to get balanced coverage of Gay and Lesbian news.

UWM Offers Gay Course- The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee will offer a new course on Twentieth Gay and Lesbian literature beginning with the fall semester. Sponsored by the English Department and cross listed by the Women's Studies Department the three credit course will examine how Gay and Lesbian writers have represented the homosexual experience in fiction. The course may be a precursor of a Gay and Lesbian Studies Department.

Court Rules Paper Can Reject Gay Ad - Brown County Judge Vivi Dilweg dismissed a lawsuit filed against the *Green Bay Press Gazette* over its refusal to run an ad promoting medical, legal and professional services for Green Bay area Gays and Lesbians. The Judge ruled that Wisconsin's landmark Gay civil rights legislation, AB 70 does not apply to newspapers because they "are not a place of public accommodation."

Thompson Vetoes AIDS Insurance Funding- Governor Tommy Thompson vetoed a \$300,000 program that would have provided funds to pay the health insurance premiums of persons with AIDS who are no longer able to work. The plan offered by State Representative Peter Bock (D-Milwaukee) was viewed as necessary since many PWA's lose their health insurance coverage when they are no longer to afford the premiums due to being out of work.

Madison Lesbian Wins Housing Case - A Madison area Lesbian who had her secu-



1989—A portion of the group of people is pictured above who walked in the Milwaukee AIDS Project's first annual 10K walk at the lakefront on Oct. 1. On a beautiful day, nearly \$3,500 was raised through walkers' pledges.



1989—Milwaukee's BESTD clinic board of directors posed for a group photo on Sept. 20. Pictured left to right are: (seated) Greg Stilin, Ross Walker, Mark Huffman, MD, Deb Reed, RN, (standing) Roger Gremminger, MD, Jeffrey Miller, RN, Douglas Johnson, RN, Bernie Schutten and Erv Uecker.

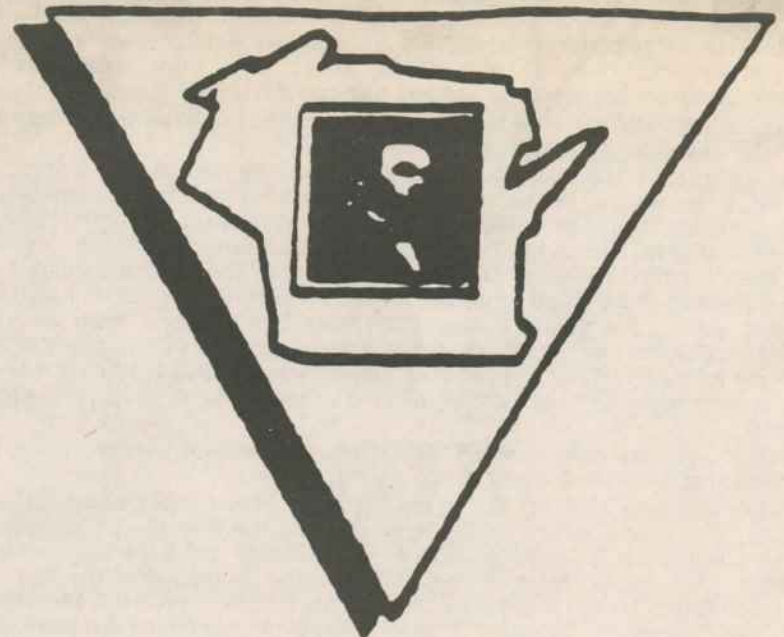
rity deposit accepted and then returned after two female room mates learned of her sexual orientation agreed to a settlement negotiated by the Madison Equal Opportunity Commission.

NATIONAL NEWS

Shouting Match in California- A "town meeting" in arch conservative Orange County turned into a shouting match between Gays and a GOP Congressman's wife. Sallie Dorman, wife of U.S. Rep. Robert Dorman shouted at one of the Gays "Shut up Fag." The incident occurred at Dorman's town meeting held to help him win re-



1989—Milwaukee's Triangle bar softball team placed fifth in Atlanta in the World Series Playoffs.

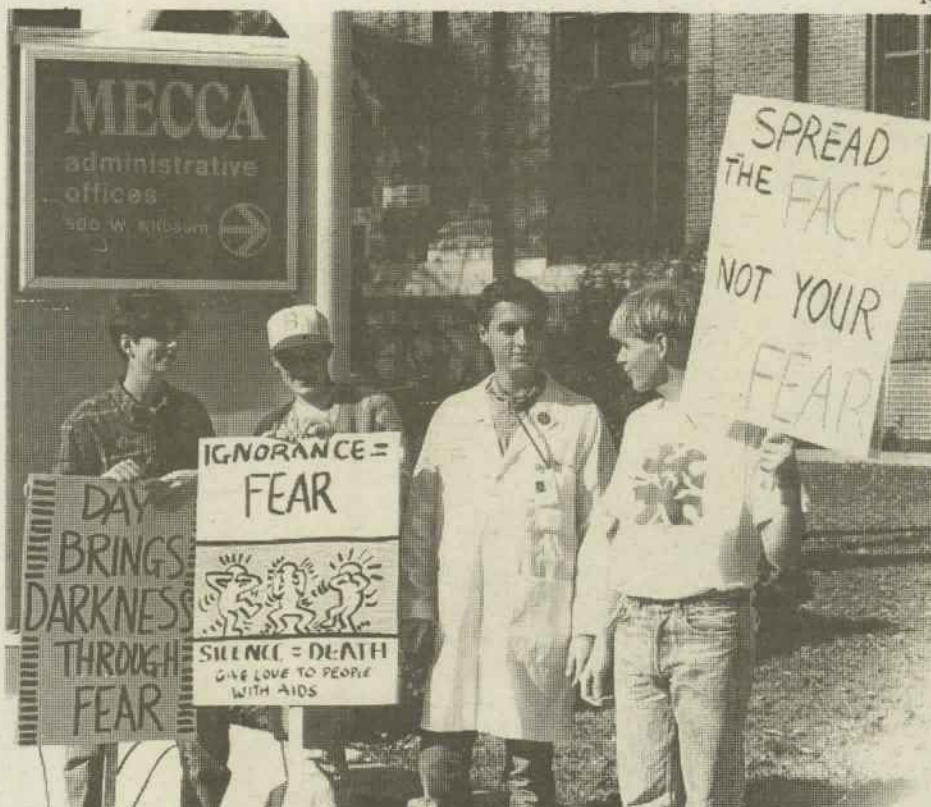


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1989—Shown are a portion of the people who picketed the October 22 Milwaukee auditorium lecture of San Francisco's Dr. Day, M.D.

election. An estimated 30 activists interrupted the meeting. They were escorted out to shouts of "Sodomites" from Dorman's supporters.

Pride Theme Selected for 1989 - The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators met in St. Louis for their annual conference. The conference selected "20 Stonewall: A Generation of Pride" as the 1989 Theme for Pride Celebrations held around the country.

S.F. Domestic Partnership Law in Jeopardy - The Rev. Charles McIlhenny and Rabbi Lionel Feldman have collected enough signatures to force a referendum on San Francisco's newly enacted Domestic Partnership ordinance.

We Really Are Family! - A N.Y. Court ruled that a Gay man who had lived with his now deceased lover in a rent controlled apartment was entitled to stay in the apartment. In its decision the New York Court of Appeals ruled that the surviving partner was a "member of the family." The ruling marked the first time a court had recognized a familial relationship between same sex partners.

Ben Shalom Loses Round Vows Appeal - Milwaukee's Miriam Ben Shalom lost a decision by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in her fight to remain in the Army Reserve. The decision reversed an order for her reinstatement. Ben Shalom vowed to appeal to the US Supreme Court.

Church Begins Support Group - The United Church of Christ has begun a special interest group for Gay and Lesbian concerns. The purpose of the group is for networking and support among those who are Lesbian or Gay members of UCC and to present positions on matters of interest to Gay and Lesbian UCC members to the national church.

AIDS Toll Exceeds Vietnam - The death toll for Americans who have died due to complications from AIDS since 1981 has now exceeded that of the war in Vietnam.



1989—Partners and the Wreck Room in Milwaukee held pumpkin carving contests for Halloween. Two artists, above, were busy working on their creations at the Wreck Room.

September

STATE WIDE NEWS

Mapfest a Success - A large crowd turned out to help raise funds for the Milwaukee AIDS project. Mapfest held at Schiltz Park including games, food, entertainment, raffles and information booths. The event raised over \$11,000 a new record.

Maupin To Appear in Milwaukee - Amistead Maupin, author of the best selling "Tales of the Cities" series will read for the final book from that series at the Harry W. Schwartz bookstore on Wednesday October 18. An autograph session will follow the reading.

Anti-Gay Violence in Milwaukee - Reports of Gay bashings in Milwaukee are again on the increase. One man was beaten outside of La Cage. A couple came home to find their apartment vandalized by a homophobic ex manager of their building. In yet another incident a Gay man was about to be thrown into the Milwaukee river by his attackers when a car drove up and scared off his attackers. Nevertheless the man suffered a broken jaw and required 14 stitches for cuts his attackers inflicted on him.

Religious Right Activist Demands Records - Not content with having lost an effort to overturn the Milwaukee County Board's Gay Pride Proclamation, Tom Phillips has demanded all documents including letters sent to individual supervisors associated with the proclamation be turned over to him. Phillips reported to be the leader of "Catholics Serving the Lord" airs his views over Milwaukee radio station WVCY, owned by Fundamental minister Vic Eliason.

BESTD Announces Fund Campaign - Milwaukee's BESTD Clinic which provides services aimed at reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases has launched a fund raising campaign to expand its services. A kick off party was held at the M & M Club on September 20th.

It's Our Fault - In a meeting with the Second District Police Commander, Wisconsin Light Political Editor Bill Meunier and Third Ward Historic Association Director Joan Zepecki were told that violence against Gays and Lesbians was their own fault.

NATIONAL NEWS

Coming Out Day Planned - The second annual Coming Out Day Celebration is planned for October 11. The date was chosen because it commemorates the 1987 March on Washington. Nearly every major Gay and Lesbian organization and a growing number of straight groups are supporting the event.

Congressional Briefing on Gay Youth - A coalition of Gay and Lesbian groups briefed Congressional Staff members on the problems of Lesbian and Gay youths in America. The briefing, the first of its kind came in response to attacks on federal programs that educate and counsel youth on sexual identity.

October

STATE WIDE NEWS

MAP Walk Raises Money To Fight AIDS - A sizable group of people participated in a 10 K walk to fight AIDS. The event raised \$3,500 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Suit For Health Insurance Benefits Filed - The National Gay Rights Advocates have filed a suit on behalf of State of Wisconsin employee Jerri Lynn Phillips and her partner, Lorri Tommerup. The suit seeks to force the state to allow Phillips to add Tommerup to her group health plan. "NGRA Staff Attorney Cindy Goldstein told *The Wisconsin Light*" Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law is meaningless if Jerri Lynn and Lorri are denied employee benefits afforded to heterosexual couples.

MAP Changes Position on Testing - The Milwaukee AIDS project announced that it has changed its position on HIV testing. Due to new drug therapies and health promotion that can extend the life of those infected with HIV, MAP is now urging anyone at risk for HIV infection to be tested for HIV anti-bodies.

Milwaukee ACT UP Plans Picket - Milwaukee's ACT UP is planning to picket the appearance of Dr. Lorraine Day, the controversial Space Suit Surgeon at a WVCY "Save Our Family" rally. Dr. Day will give a speech entitled "AIDS: What You Don't Know Could Kill You." The controversial orthopedic surgeon claims that AIDS can be transmitted easily and wears a space suit while operating because she claims it's the only way to protect herself from the AIDS virus.



1989—Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggis-Jones received a plaque for her work in 1989's Pride Week from current MLGPC Chair La Mer Riehle at the BWMT banquet.

NATIONAL NEWS

Barney Frank in Firestorm - Openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) is enduring a fire storm of criticism over his relationship with admitted male prostitute Steve Gobe. Frank admitted to paying Gobe for sex on one occasion and said that to help Gobe get his life in order he hired to be a personal assistant. Gobe repaid Frank's kindness by running a prostitution ring out of Frank's apartment during times that Frank was out of town on Congressional business. Frank said "Thinking I was going to be Henry Higgins and turn him into Pygmalion was the biggest mistake I ever made."

ACT UP Storms New York Stock Exchange - members of the New York Chapter of ACT UP held demonstrations in New York, London and San Francisco to protest the refusal of the pharmaceutical company, Burroughs and Wellcome, to lower the price of AZT, the only approved drug to treat HIV infection. Five members of the group entered the New York Stock Exchange, chained themselves to a banister, unfurled a banner reading "Sell Wellcome" set off miniature fog horns, and threw fake money with messages on the trading floor. Trading was disrupted for 45 minutes. The five were arrested on charges of criminal trespass, criminal impersonation, and carrying a fraudulent instrument. Two photographers present to document the incident were also arrested on the similar charges. At noon over 1,000 people protested in front of the Stock Exchange.

NGTLF Receives Bequest - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force received a bequest for \$360,000 from the estate of a California physician. It is the largest gift ever given to a Lesbian and Gay organization.



1989—Wade Zimmerman (left) and Jimmy King posed with the newly crowned Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA, Tanya Michaels, at Appleton's Pivot Club.



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Mike Lisowski, Michael Ross and D.A. Leonard received awards in recognition of the hard work they have done for BWMT.

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

Wisconsin Assembly Passes AIDS Bill of Rights - With no debate the Wisconsin State Assembly passed AB 400 on a voice vote. The bill prohibits doctors, hospitals, nursing homes and insurers from discriminating against people infected with HIV.

MD Accused of Spreading False Info About AIDS - City of Milwaukee Health Commissioner Paul Nannis took Dr. Lorraine Day to task for her remarks on AIDS to a "Save Our Family" rally held at the Milwaukee auditorium on October 22nd. The rally attended by about 2,000 people was picketed by ACT UP. Day claimed that AIDS can be transmitted by day to day social contact, an opinion which experts say is not upheld by any scientific evidence.

Tri Cable Ends - After two highly successful seasons, the popular Gay and Lesbian news and entertainment program, Tri-Cable Tonight will broadcast its final program next month.

We Are Marquette - A group of students composed of both Gay and non Gay students is trying to advance the cause of Gay rights at Milwaukee's Marquette university. The group has a set of specific goals for the administration including an anti-harassment policy for Gay students. One way the new as of yet unnamed organization has been getting its point across is with messages scrawled on sidewalks around the campus.



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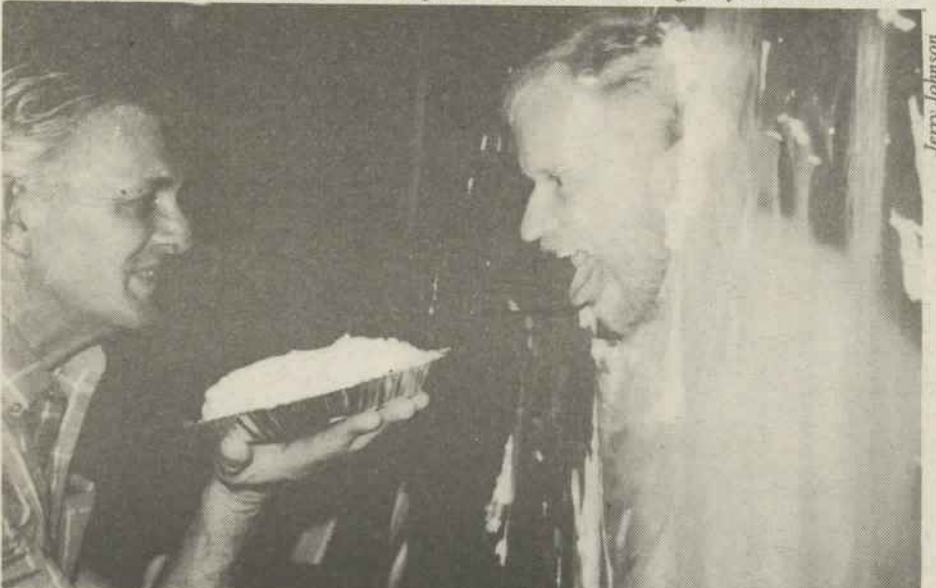
Alice Ana (Al Thomas) presented George Prentice (Walter Brandt) a "trophy" for his excellent driving record as La Cage's Holly and Co. got royally spoofed at the Triangle on Oct. 30.

Law School Bans Military - The University of Iowa Law school banned military recruiters from conducting interviews with its students due to the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military.

Dancing At Disneyland - Disneyland which had been the subject of several law suits over its ban on same sex dancing has now agreed to allow same sex couples to dance. To test the policy eight Gay couples took to the dance floor for an uninterrupted dance marathon.

Hate Crimes Bill Gains Support - Two Southern Senators, Sam Nunn (D-GA) and Jim Sasser (D-TN) have signed on as co-sponsors of the Senate Hate Crimes Act. This brings the total of sponsors for the bill to 56.

Judge Gets Slap on Wrist A Texas Judge who gave the killers of two Gay men a light sentence saying that he couldn't give life terms to someone who killed a homosexual or a prostitute was publicly censured by the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Despite his remarks, a Commission investigator incredibly enough found that Judge Morris Jackson would be impartial in cases involving Gays and Lesbians.



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Jet's Place manager, Bob, had the pleasure of throwing a pie into the face of HIT director, Timm Elmer at the organizer's annual fundraiser.

NATIONAL NEWS

And Then There Were Two - Seven years after Wisconsin became the first state in the country to pass a state wide Gay rights law, Massachusetts ended a 17 year effort begun by then State Representative Barney Frank and passed its own statewide Gay Rights legislation. The law which was signed into law by Governor Micheal Dukakis bans anti- Gay discrimination in housing, employment and credit.

Civil Rights Commissioner Blasted Resigns The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force condemned the appearance of Geoge Bush appointed US Civil Rights Commission Chairman William Allen at an Anti-Gay and Lesbian symposium. Allen's presentation "Blacks? Animals? Homosexuals? What is a Minority?" was given at the West Coast symposium on Homosexuality and Public Policy Implications. Allen was recently quoted as saying "the issue of civil rights for homosexuals is open to criminal and psychiatric debate." After a firestorm of criticism over Allen's remarks erupted in the West Coast straight press, President Bush accepted Allen's resignation.



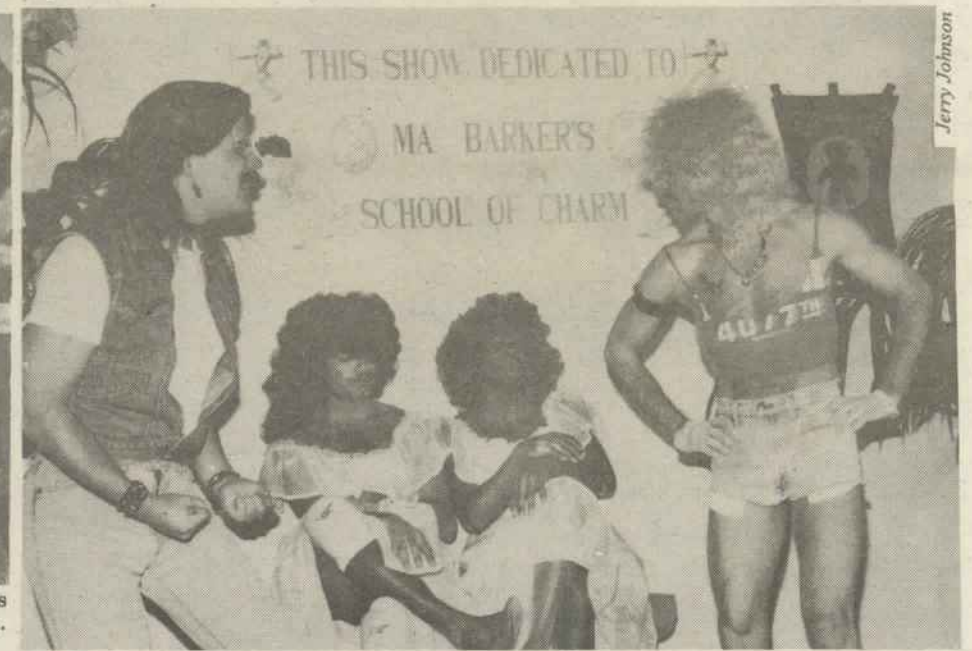
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Several Fest City Singers are shown here singing at the Galano Club's Christmas party on December 10th in Milwaukee.

SF Domestic Partners Bill Defeated in Referendum - In a stunning set back, voters narrowly repealed a "Domestic Partners" ordinance passed earlier this year by the Board of Supervisors. The margin of defeat was less than 1,800 votes. The recent earthquake was blamed for the defeat since many of the Yes on S volunteers were diverted to earth quake relief at a critical point in the campaign. Supporters plan another effort to pass another ordinance in the near future.

TV Show Stirs Controversy - A Thirtysomething episode showing two Gay men in bed caused TV station switchboards to light up all over America. The two men did not kiss were covered by blankets and showed no skin.

Pentagon Report Urges End to Ban - A new Department of Defense ordered report urges the military to re examine its exclusion of Gays and Lesbians and consider ending the ban on their military service.



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"Ma Barker's School of Charm" was the theme of a hilarious show performed by the Castaways M.C. during their run in Milwaukee last weekend at the Wreck Room. Several of the shows performances are displaying their charms for the large audience.

December

STATE WIDE NEWS

Marquette Censorship Opposed - About 125 Marquette students and faculty members attended a rally held on the campus to protest the University's censorship of student publications. A university rule forbids the use of the words "condom", "Gay," "Lesbian," and "penis" among others.

Elected Official Conference in Madison - Seventy five openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials from around the country attended a conference in Madison. Discussion centered on the need to pass Domestic Partnership legislation.

Madison's Lesbian Variety Show Has Controversy - The sold out crowd at Madison's annual Lesbian Variety Show had a mostly negative reaction to two acts which incorporated leather and elements of S & M into their routines. The shows producers Kissing Girl Productions apologized to the community.

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1989—Uncle Al performing at the closing of the YP

NATIONAL NEWS

Building Owner Apologizes - The owner of a Washington D.C. building apologized for the actions of an employee who put a hateful message on the building's electronic billboard. The message read "Stamp out AIDS, kill Queers and Junkies." The building's owner said he was appalled and donated \$5,000 each to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Whitman-Walker AIDS Clinic. The employee was fired.

1990

1990 was an interesting year. It saw the first Wisconsin AIDS Walk, an event that would later become a major highlight on our yearly calendars. The first one raised \$182,000. With no end of sight for the AIDS crisis that amount seems laughable now, but it was significant at the time.

1990 also saw the beginnings of Queer Nation which for a time at least used ACT UP style confrontational tactics to fight for Gay and Lesbian civil rights. The very name of this group would stir controversy in a community that until just a few years ago described itself as "homosexual."

Speaking of ACT UP, its San Francisco chapter wanted to boycott Miller because its parent Company Phillip Morris gave money to Jesse Helms. Speaking of Helms he won re-election but lost his fight to defund the National Endowment for the Arts.

Milwaukee Radio Preacher Vic Eliason got himself in hot water for demanding and getting the firing of a Lesbian reporter for UPI. Meanwhile Milwaukee Radio Talk Show Host Mark Belling was attacked for his on the air remarks about AIDS.

There was growing concern about Anti-Gay violence especially after several Wisconsin Gay men were murdered. But there were signs of progress too. Several state sodomy laws were thrown out and Wisconsin got an AIDS Bill of Rights made into law.

All that and more happened in 1990.

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

Volunteers Respond to Story - The Milwaukee AIDS Project reports that in response to a story in *The Wisconsin Light* 60 community minded volunteers have stepped forward to answer its call for more volunteer help. MAP's long term goal is to recruit 200 volunteers.



Milwaukee's M&M Club, located in the Historic Third Ward, was transformed into the Half Moon Tavern for the ABC television movie, "Dillinger" during shooting in June. The awnings were added along with the billboard to complete the 1930's Chicago setting. The film will be broadcast national on January 6, 1990.

Award Winners - The Cream City Business Association presented its Cream City Brick Awards. The Torchbearer Award went to the Milwaukee Law firm of Angermeier and Rogers who are representing staff sergeant Miriam Ben Shalom in her fight to remain in the military. The President's Award went to Club MUSE a social support group for Black Gays and Lesbians. The Pace Setter Award went to *Wisconsin Light* columnist Jamakaya. The Group Spirit Award was given to the Holiday Invitational Tournament. The Spotlight Award for accurate media coverage went to *The Milwaukee Journal* for its editorial support of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians. A Certificate of Merit was awarded to Tri Cable Tonight. *The Wisconsin Light* was also cited for its service during the controversy over the County Board Pride Proclamation last year.

Leader Dies of AIDS - The community mourned the passing of another of its leaders due to complications from AIDS. John M. Cowles, Cream City Foundation Board member, former GAMMA President and operations manager for the Community Center died on January 12 at the age of 36. Over 300 people including representatives from Miller Brewing Company where John worked as an award winning chemist attended his memorial service.

Wisconsin Congressmen Graded - A new report by NGTLF says that Congressmen Toby Roth (R-WI) and Thomas Petri (R-WI) voted against Gay civil rights 100% of the time. Conversely Congressmen Moody and Kastenmeier both Democrats voted for Gay civil rights 100% of the time.



Dr. Karen Lamb presented Jet of Jet's Place bar a gallon jar stuffed with hundreds of dollars for MAP, as Mr. Gay Wisconsin, J.J. Newmann assisted at the Dec. 22 benefit show.



Outgoing president of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Marc Hauptert, was recently honored for his achievements at a reception at M&M Club's banquet room. Shown with Marc are his spouse, Kurt J. Swanson and incoming President of the Center, Sharon Otto.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hate Crime Bill Outlook Good - Fifty-eight Senators including Wisconsin's Democratic Senator Herb Kohl have signed on as co-sponsors of the Hate Crimes bill which would mandate keeping statistics on Gay bashings. Wisconsin's other Senator Republican Robert Kasten is not among the sponsors of the legislation.

Helms Running Again - Senator Jesse Helms announced that he was running for a fourth term and used the occasion to blast Gays saying "homosexuals and Lesbians are disgusting people, marching in our streets and demanding all sorts of things including the right to marry."

February

STATE WIDE NEWS

Health Insurance Bill Raises Controversy - A bill that would allow health insurance companies to deny coverage to those afflicted with AIDS if they showed "objective manifestations" of the disease in the first year of the policy has raised controversy. The idea behind the bill is to allow insurers the opportunity to offer health insurance coverage without requiring an HIV test.

Getting Together - *The Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* combined forces to present a special presentation on how to use the media. Topics included how to write a press release, the finer points of advertising, newspaper production and how to use the media.

New Harvest Grants - Madison's New Harvest Foundation gave out \$9,000 in grants last year. This brings its total grants to \$75,000 since New Harvest's inception in 1984.

GOP Congressman Sensenbrenner Attacks Persons With AIDS - Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has attacked the Americans With Disabilities Act because it would prohibit discrimination against those infected with HIV.

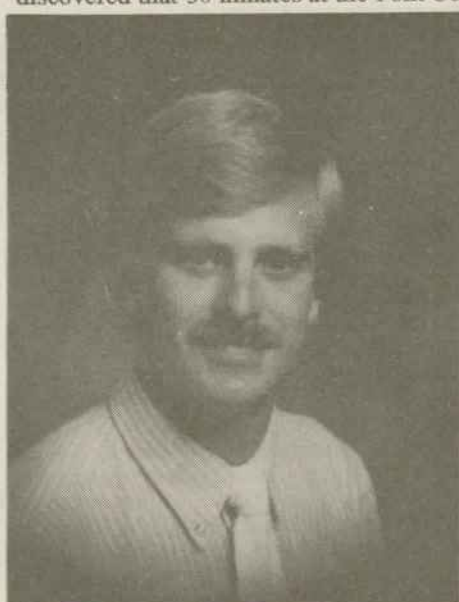


Nine Milwaukee ACT-UP members and friends journeyed to Atlanta, Georgia Jan. 9 to protest the State's sodomy laws and demonstrate in the streets.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hate Crimes Bill Passes Senate - In an historic victory the United States Senate voted 92 to 4 to pass the Hate Crimes Bill. The Bill which mandates collection of statistics on hate crimes including those hate crimes committed against Gays and Lesbians was bitterly opposed by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Pink Tags For Gay Inmates in Florida - The American Civil Liberties Union has discovered that 30 inmates at the Polk County Jail in Florida are forced to wear special



JOHN M. COWLES



Ginger Spice helped 219 Club owner, Tony host a great party on Dec. 14 as the bar changed ownership.

red bracelets indicating they are Gay. The bracelets which can't be removed are attached to inmates wrists after their entry interview. Prison officials say the tags are for "their own protection" but the inmates say they are subject to harrassment by guards and fellow prisoners and that some straight inmates have also been tagged as punishment.

March

STATE WIDE NEWS

Ben Shalom Supporters Rally - Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Miriam Ben Shalom lost her fight to remain in the military when the US Supreme Court refused to her appeal. Around 50 of Ben Shalom's supporters joined her in freezing cold outside of the federal building as she removed her uniform in protest over the decision.



1990—Rona (center) went "Around the World" for her Cream City Chorus fund raiser on Feb. 3 at Milwaukee's M&M Club and came back as a nun.

ACT UP Distributes Condoms at Marquette - Members of ACT UP handed out 300 condoms and over 800 pamphlets on AIDS on Ash Wednesday in front of GESU church on the Marquette University Campus.

Madison School Board Election Stirs Homophobia - Madison's School Board election made the nationally broadcast 700 Club show of Pat Robertson due to the number of religious fundamentalists

Anti-Discrimination Bill Loses in State Assembly - A bill that would allow those who have suffered illegal discrimination "a cause of private action" lost by a vote of 53 to 44 in the State Assembly. Under current law employment discrimination cases must be heard by a state agency. The bill would have allowed those suffering such discrimination to sue in the courts.

Madison Awards - Frontiers presented community service awards to William Heidt for volunteer service, Richard Wagner for leadership, and Theodore Pierce for lifetime contribution.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pink Tagging Ends - Polk County Florida Sheriff Lawrence Crow Jr. has discontinued to practice of placing pink wrist bands on prison inmates presumed to be homosexual.

Stand Up and Be Counted! - Activists were delighted to learn that the US Census includes "unmarried partner" as a category for the 1990 census. The Bureau is prohibited by law from releasing information on any individual to anyone even other government agencies.



1990—Milwaukee Police Chief Phillip Arreola addressed the Gay/Lesbian Community as LAMM representative, Kitty Barber, looked on.

April

STATE WIDE NEWS

Room of One's Own Celebrates - Madison's premier feminist book store is celebrating its 15th Anniversary this month with a variety of events including a wonderful evening at the Barrymore Theater, special book readings and sales.

Getting Tough - The Milwaukee AIDS Project announced that it was going to take a tough stance on the enforcement of new AIDS bias laws making discrimination against those infected with HIV illegal.

Madison Kiss In - Around 200 people held a kiss in to protest the Café Espresso Royale's alleged homophobia. Two women were asked to "stop showing affection for each other" by an employee. The owner of the establishment says that the employee was simply enforcing a standard that applies to everyone.

NATIONAL NEWS

Dannemeyer Chose? Homophobic Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) said he "believes" he chose to be heterosexual. He also said that "We (Republicans) as a party welcome everyone. We do not endorse special recognition for Gays or cannibals, transvestites or people who practice bestiality. Any acts of human indecency we'll leave to the Democrats."

Ex-Gay Founders Denounce Own Program Two men who were among the founders of a "Christian" counseling program designed to "convert" into becoming heterosexual have denounced their own program calling it "a dangerous failure" that caused psychological damage to participants. Michael Busee and Gary Cooper made the statements at a mainstream news conference they held in Santa Ana CA. They also said that the program failed to "heal" even a single Gay and drove several into suicidal despair.

California GOP Ousts Gays At its state convention, the California Republican Party passed two anti-Gay resolutions. One calls for ending Project 10, LA's school counseling program for Gay and Lesbian teens. The other excludes Gay Republican clubs from official membership in the party.



1990—A majority of the 1990 Fest City Singers posed for a group photo at a recent rehearsal.

May

STATE WIDE NEWS

Not This Year Milwaukee County Board Supervisors will not issue a proclamation commending Gay Pride Week this year. Following the controversy that resulted from last year's proclamation, the Board adopted new rules regarding congratulatory proclamations. Supervisor Dorothy Dean has drafted a letter which will be signed by other supervisors who would have supported the proclamation had it been introduced. Dean said that supporters didn't have the votes for passage.

Earl to Speak At Rally - Former Governor Tony Earl will be one of the speakers at Milwaukee's Pride Celebration on June 16.

Foot In Mouth Again - Conservative WISN Radio Talk Show host Mark Belling read on the air his own list of five groups of words which in his mind were contradictions in terms like "jumbo shrimp." Among the terms on Belling's list were "Black Leader" proving that Gays and Lesbians aren't the only minority on his target list.

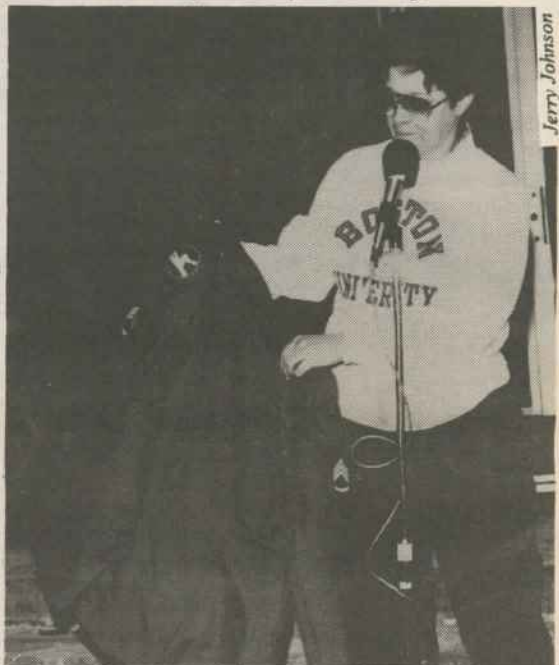
NATIONAL NEWS

Lesbian UPI Reporter Fired - Julia Brienza, a UPI Report was fired after pressure was brought to bear on UPI by Vic Eliason, a fundamentalist minister and owner of WVCY radio station in Milwaukee. Eliason claimed that Brienza had misrepresented herself in call to him about a story. As a result of his radio broadcasts a flood calls went into UPI offices which then proceeded to fire Brienza.

University Protests Against ROTC - Protests against the Reserve Officer Training Corps were held on campuses around the country including UW Milwaukee, Northwestern, MIT and UW Madison on May 4th. The protests center on the military's exclusion of Gays and Lesbians.

Helms Opponent Gets Money - Harvey Gantt, Jesse Helms' opponent in the upcoming election received a \$5,000 donation from the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

The donation is the maximum permitted by election laws. HRCF urged others tired of Helms opposition to Gay civil rights to join them in supporting Gantt.



1990—Miriam Ben-Shalom takes off her uniform for the last time.

June

STATE WIDE NEWS

Pride Proclamations - Governor Thompson joined the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in refusing to issue a Gay Pride Proclamation. The City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and Milwaukee County Executive Dave Schultz did however proclaim Gay Pride. Alderman Annette Sherbert, Robert Anderson and Thomas Nardelli were the only opponents of the Common Council resolution.

New Harvest Gets More Money - Over \$14,000 flowed into the coffers of Madison's Gay and Lesbian New Harvest Foundation as a result of pledges made at two fund raising receptions held in the early part of the year.

Movie Premier in Wisconsin - The critically hailed film "Long Time Companion"



1990—Members of MAP's "Make A Promise" dinner committee posed for a group photo during the April 1 event. The first sell-out crowd of 400 persons enjoyed a steak dinner surrounded by Victorian splendor at the lavish Wisconsin Club. The dinner and silent auction raised \$13,000.



Jerry Johnson

1990—Milwaukee's ever popular creative and versatile artist Holly Brown has created several delightful, whimsical three dimensional murals at Milwaukee newest restaurant, Mom's Kitchen, 2000 S. 8th St. This, no doubt, is Mom's kitchen back in the '50s, the decade in which the restaurant is set.

whose plot is about AIDS in the Gay community had its Wisconsin premier on June 19 at a special screening sponsored by **The Wisconsin Light**. The film, hailed as a breakthrough movie, has won praise from critics from coast to coast. The screening was a benefit for Milwaukee's Pride celebration.

Madison Approves Domestic Partners - The City of Madison approved Domestic Partnership legislation. The legislation sponsored by Openly Gay Alderman James McFarland passed on a 16 to 4 vote. It allows unmarried couples to register as Domestic partners and requires that for legal purposes they be treated as married couples by businesses and government agencies operating in the City.

Hate Crimes Increase Here - Wisconsin reported 89 Hate crimes were committed against Gays and Lesbians last year including 1 bomb threat and three murders

Assembly Committee.

Wreck Room Makes The Senate! - Senator Jesse Helms mentioned Milwaukee's Wreck Room Bar during debate on his attempts to allow food industry employers to discriminate on the basis of HIV status. According to Helms, the Wreck Room nearly closed due to the owner's illness with HIV.

PFLAG Forms in Appleton - A chapter of Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbian has been formed in Appleton by George and Harriet Bruyn.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush to Sign AIDS Bill - Senator Jesse Helms (R- NC) and Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) were dealt a stunning setback when both houses of Congress reversed themselves and voted against their amendment to the Americans With Disabilities Act. The amendment would have allowed food service employers to discriminate against people with HIV.

August

STATE WIDE NEWS

Policeman Charged With Felony In Assault - A Blanchardville Wisconsin police officer was charged with felony assault as a result of his alleged attack on a Gay man at a mall in Little Chute Wisconsin.

MAP Seeks Big Turn Out - the Milwaukee AIDS Project is hoping for a huge turnout in support of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on September 30th. "If you do anything for AIDS this year come to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk" said MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson.



Jerry Johnson

1990—State Rep. David Clarenbach (left) and Tim Carpenter posed in front of the painting "Fallen Angel" by the late Robert Uyvarti at MAP's Make A Promise dinner on April 1. The painting, which once hung on the ceiling of Milwaukee's Your Place bar (now Partners) for many years was sold to the winning bidder for \$3,855.

NATIONAL NEWS

Boycott the Marlboro Man? ACT UP San Francisco called for a boycott of Phillip Morris companies (including Marlboro cigarettes) due to the parent corporation's support of Senator Jesse Helms. The company donated \$200,000 to the Senator Helms citizenship center and museum which will house Helms papers.

National Survey Group Formed - A new group called "Overlooked Opinions" has been formed to survey Gays and Lesbians across the country. The group head quartered in Chicago will offer full custom research services.

AIDS Incubation Period Expanded - Eleven years is now thought to be the median incubation period for AIDS among Gay and Bisexual men infected with HIV according to a new study by the San Francisco Department of Health.

Pittsburgh As Host - When asked by its City Fathers what they should do to improve Pittsburgh, Frank Lloyd Wright said "Level it." Nonetheless the 1990 Gay World Series will be held there in August.



Madison's Frontiers Award recipients were (L to R) Dick Wagner, Ted Pierce and Billy Heidt.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush Fires Bigoted Aide - Gay activists were surprised but delighted while Conservatives were furious with President Bush due to his firing of Doug Wead. Wead was Bush's liaison to the religious right and other conservative constituencies. He was fired after publicly objecting to the presence of Gays at White House bill signings.

Another One Bites The Dust - A Michigan Judge threw out that state's anti-sodomy law because it violates the State Constitution's provisions on privacy. A Kentucky Judge threw out that state's Sodomy statute last month.

Helms and Gantt Neck and Neck - A new poll shows that Senator Jesse Helms and his challenger Harvey Gantt are neck and neck. Each candidate is the choice of 43% of the voters. 14% are undecided.

Robertson Attacks NEA - Televangelist Pat Robertson took out a full page ad in **The Washington Post** threatening lawmakers who vote to fund the National Endowment for the Arts.

September

STATE WIDE NEWS

Miller Supports Chorus - The Miller Brewing company has donated \$6,000 to Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus.

Dentists Discriminate - An ACT UP survey found that approximately one third of Milwaukee's dentists discriminate against people with HIV. As a result the group held a meeting with representatives of the Wisconsin Dental Association and Marquette Dental School.

MAPFest Sets Record - MAPFest held on September 2nd drew a record crowd of 1,800 and grossed \$23,000. The crowd was 50% higher than last year's record draw of 1,200 people.

NATIONAL NEWS

Studds Wants Investigation - Openly Gay Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) has asked the General Accounting Office to study the costs of enforcing the military's policy of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Millions Have HIV - The World Health Organization has revised its estimate on the number of people world wide who are infected with HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS. According to WHO, over 10 million people are now carrying the virus. Several new studies indicate an extensive spread in Asia and in Africa.

Novel Banned in Illinois Prison - Authorities seized a copy of "Eight Days A Week" a Gay novel that features inter racial sex with a prison inmate. Citing descriptive passages of homosexual intercourse, Illinois Correction officials say the novel meets the US Supreme Court's test of "obscenity."



Marilyn Annucci

1990—The staff of Madison's A Room Of One's Own feminist bookstore.

July

STATE WIDE NEWS

Rodney Scheel Dies - Hundreds of people attended a memorial service for Rodney Scheel, owner of the Hotel Washington. Scheel a fixture in and leader of Madison's Gay and Lesbian community died of complications from AIDS. Scheel died on July 12. He will be sorely missed.

State AIDS Funding Lacking - There is growing concern that Wisconsin has not allocated enough funds to handle the growing AIDS case load. "AIDS is a time bomb that has not yet exploded" State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) told an



1990—The many faces of Holly Brown...from Bette Davis (left) to Shirley MacLaine. Holly brought her characters to life on the La Cage stage during her final Milwaukee appearance on April 30.

October

STATE WIDE NEWS

Belling Attacked by ACT UP - Milwaukee's ACT UP sent a letter to WISN denouncing statements made on the air by ultra conservative radio talk show host Mark Belling. According to Belling 95% of the people with HIV are responsible for their conditions and should not complain. Furthermore he stated that the Centers for Disease Control found that risk of vaginal transmission during heterosexual intercourse is 1 in 10,000. The CDC says that no such statistic exists. After failing to get a response from the station, ACT UP began contacting WISN advertisers and asked them to boycott the station.



Hundreds of Walkers cheered at the total amount of \$181,794 was announced as the total raised by the walkers in the first annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk at Milwaukee's lakefront on September 30.

Medical College Recruits Dr. Kelly - Dr. Jeffrey Kelly, Ph.D., a nationally known and respected AIDS researcher is coming to Wisconsin. He has been recruited by the Medical College of Wisconsin to begin an AIDS Intervention/Prevention Research program at the College. His recruitment is a major coup for the College.

AIDS Walk Raised \$182,000 The first Wisconsin AIDS Walk held on September 30 raised \$182,000. Mayor John Norquist and his wife Susan Mudd were honorary Co-Chairs for the event which attracted nearly 2,000 participants.



1990—La Cage's bar manager, Corey, performed at the annual "Tumabout" fundraiser.

NATIONAL NEWS

Queer Nation Forming - A new Gay and Lesbian organization, Queer Nation is catching on around the country. Founded last Spring in New York City, the group now has chapters in cities around the country. QN has taken the word "queer" because it says the word 'reminds us of how we are perceived by the rest of the world.' QN has adopted radical activism along the lines of ACT UP with the difference being that while ACT UP focuses on AIDS issues, Queer Nation focuses on Gay civil rights.

RAP Takes Action - In an attempt to mock those in Congress who seek to censor the arts, a group called RAP, Reactionary Art Police "raided" suggestive statues around the capitol. The raids in which "Warning" and "Caution" signs as well as large bolts of



A capacity crowd left Madison's Luther Memorial Church on July 21 after attending a memorial service for Rodney Speel.

material were draped over the statues including covering a statue of nude woman in Dupont Circle because "It may have been attracting Lesbians to the area."

November

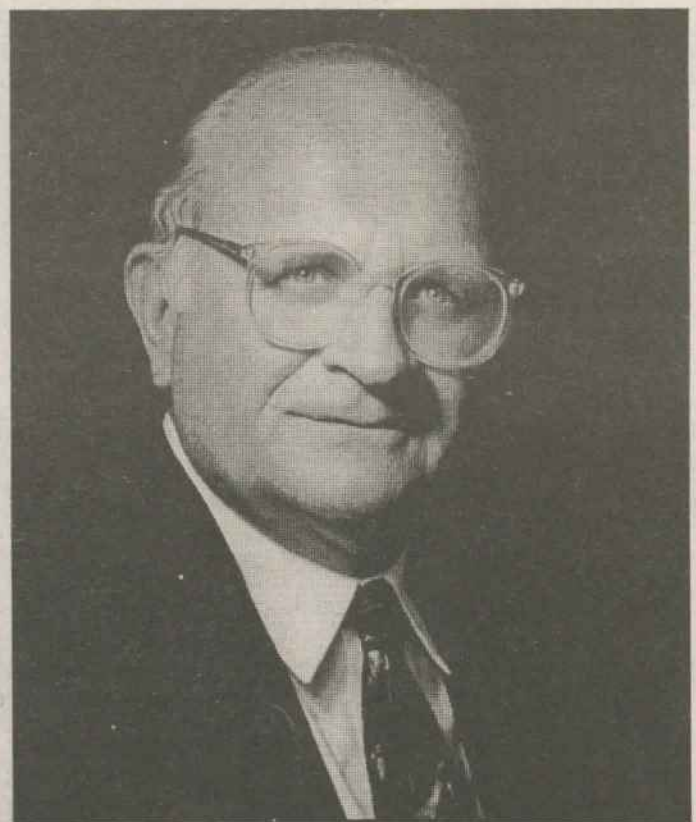
STATEWIDE NEWS

Judge Accused of Slurs - The Wisconsin Light broke the story of a Milwaukee Judge, David V. Jennings who was accused of telling anti-Gay, anti-semitic jokes in his chambers in the presence of three attorneys.

ACT UP Protest At Art Museum - ACT UP Milwaukee held a protest against Phillip Morris Corporation at the Milwaukee Art Museum's Arts Fest. The event was held for the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies. The Phillip Morris Company is the largest corporate contributor to Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC)

Not Guilty Pleas - Pleas of Not Guilty were entered in two cases against men accused of Gay related murder. Charles E. Jackson, and Patrick Harden have been charged with the murder of Ricky Roundtree in Milwaukee. Meanwhile in Madison Joseph D. Wills pleaded not guilty in the slaying of Mark F. Starkey. Because Wills used derogatory words for Gays while speaking to police about the victim, he is being charged under Wisconsin's new hate crimes law. Despite his not guilty plea Wills has been quoted by Madison police as having said "I know this sounds odd, but if I had to

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1990—Protesters march in Madison for improved prison conditions.

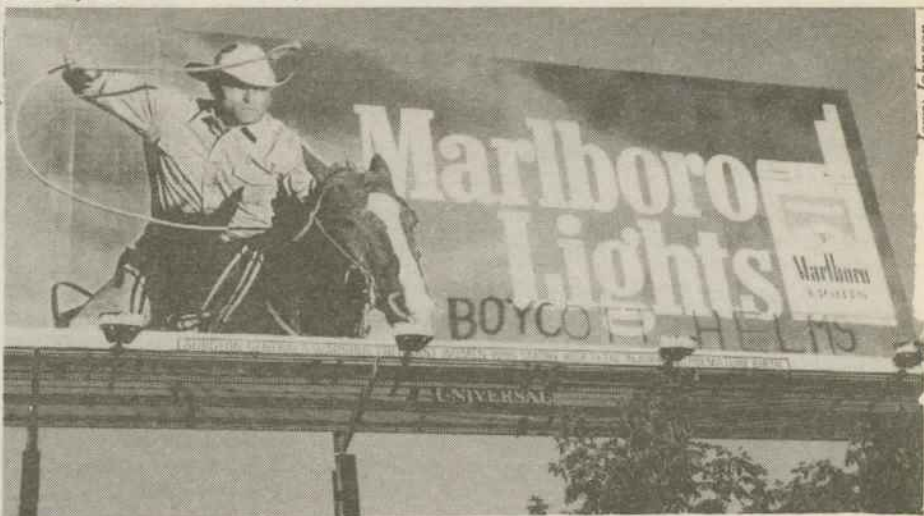
do it over again I would do the same thing."
ACT UP Members Plead Not Guilty Too! - Five members of ACT UP Milwaukee pled not guilty to disorderly conduct charges stemming for their handing out condoms and AIDS information outside of Marquette High School in Milwaukee.

NATIONAL NEWS

Powell Says He Was Wrong - Retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell told a question and answer session at New York University's Law School that he was wrong in voting to uphold Georgia's Sodomy law in the court's 5 to 4 decision in the case of Bowers vs. Hardwick.

Watkins Wins Army Reinstatement - In a stunning development, the US Supreme Court ordered the United States Army to reinstate Sergeant Perry Watkins. Watkins was discharged from the Army due to his homosexuality. The Court, however, said that since the Army had allowed Watkins to re-enlist despite its knowledge of his homosexuality, it was wrong to discharge him.

Helms Wins - To the consternation of Gay activists everywhere, Jesse Helms eked out a narrow win over his challenger Harvey Gantt. The election was marred by break downs of voting machines in areas where Gantt was thought to be doing well and by the mailing of thousands of post cards to minority voters threatening them with arrest if they were not honest in answering any questions asked of them by voter registrars. The mailing was made by the Republican controlled State Elections Board. Gantt who is Black was thought to have a good chance of unseating Helms.



1990—"Boycott Helms" was spray painted on a Marlboro cigarette billboard in Milwaukee at Brady and Holton Streets which refers to Senator Jesse Helms who is running for re-election in North Carolina and who is being financially backed by Phillip Morris, the maker of Marlboro cigarettes.

December

STATE WIDE NEWS

Clarenbach to Run For Congress - State Representative David Clarenbach, a consistent supporter of Gay Civil rights has announced his intention to run for Congress in Wisconsin's Second District in 1992.

Madison Condemns Homophobia - In response to an outbreak of Anti-Gay violence the Madison City Council passed a resolution condemning homophobia. The vote was 22 to 0.

Dane County To Lose Two Openly Gay Elected Officials - Openly Gay Madison Alderman James McFarland will not run for re-election. McFarland who graduates from the UW Law School in May has been an outspoken advocate for Gay civil rights while a member of the City Council. Also Dane County Supervisor, Earl Bricker has resigned from the County Board due to an increase in job related responsibilities.

MAP Budget Grows - The 1991 Milwaukee AIDS Project Budget has grown to 2 million.

NATIONAL NEWS

Reporter Sues Eliason- Julie Brienza, a former UPI reporter who was fired at her urging of Milwaukee Rev. Vic Eliason is suing Eliason for his role in the firing. Eliason who owns WVCY FM, a Christian Fundamentalist radio station in Milwaukee, demanded Brienza's firing after she attempted to interview him. The suit which seeks \$12.5 million in damages, alleges that Eliason sought Brienza's firing due to her sexual orientation. It charges Eliason with unlawful employment discrimination, invasion of privacy, and violations of Wisconsin's hate crimes statute. The suit has been filed in Washington DC by the Lambda Legal Defense Fund.

US Government Sued Over Gay Bashing - The ACLU has filed suit against the three agents of the Drug Enforcement Agency in connection with an alleged attack on two Gay men. The men, Marc J. Anderson and Jeffery F. Grubb of New York allege that they were brutally attacked by the agents after a minor traffic accident. According to the suit the DEA agents beat the men and called them anti-Gay slurs. They also arrested the men. Charges against the men were later dismissed and the DEA admitted that they were not connected to any drug investigation. The suit seeks 1.5 million in damages.



1990—Madison's Bovine Babes soccer team posed for a picture at Gay Games III in Vancouver, Canada.



1990—With the theme, "Wild, Wild Lavender West," many people attended the Lavender Hill annual party in appropriate western and Indian costumes.



A large crowd was present at David Clarenbach's pre-election party which was held Nov. 2 at Madison's Cardinal Bar. Among those attending were (front) Dane County Supervisor Tammy Baldwin, David Clarenbach, Jo Schlies, Jerri Linn Phillips, (back) Pat Shannon, Ned Winsborough and Lorri Tommerup.

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1991

1991 was a year that many of us would rather forget. It began innocently enough but when it was over, many Gays and Lesbians, especially those in Milwaukee, were shaking their heads.

It was the year in which we saw the depths of human depravity on several levels. On the one hand there was Jeffery Dahmer and all of his evil. On the other we were subjected to phrases like "homosexual overkill" and a spate of open violence that left many of us cowering in fear for our lives.

We saw hope when the Milwaukee School Board adopted a Task Force report to help Gay and Lesbian students. Then those hopes were dashed as bible thumping, hate filled bigots bullied the Board into going back on its word. Worse yet, some School Board members called their own students sick and said they needed treatment.

The year that began with such promise ended with more a spate of Holiday Season Gay bashings.

Yet there were some saving graces. "Wisconsin Light" Political Editor, Bill Meunier, managed to interview all the major Democratic Contenders for the Presidency and became the first journalist to get Bill Clinton on record as being in favor of ending the ban on the military. The others were equally supportive. The answers Meunier got from Clinton and the other national candidates showed that the message of equality for America's Gays and Lesbians was getting through at least to the extent that they were unwilling to offend an increasingly powerful and visible Gay and Lesbian community.

It was also a year where we saw some small progress, the beginnings of the Hawaii Marriage lawsuit and the sickening tragedy of the Jeffery Dahmer murders. All that and more happened in 1991.

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

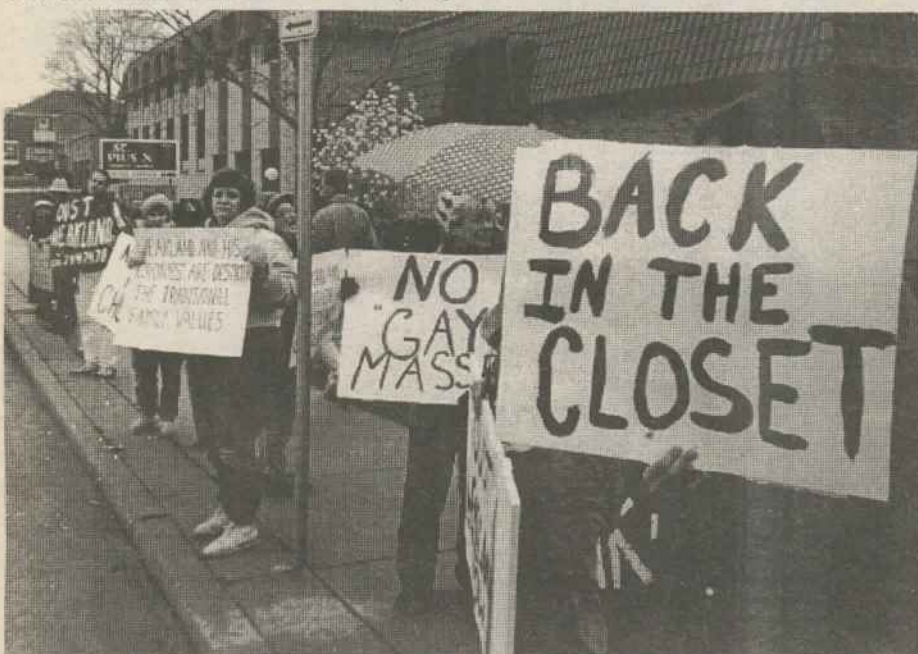
Openly Gay Candidate Runs for Milwaukee School Board - Longtime Milwaukee Gay Activist Michael Lisowski has announced his candidacy for the At Large Position on the Milwaukee School Board. Lisowski is the first openly Gay candidate to run for a School Board Position in Wisconsin. He has been very active in and is the founder of Gay Youth Milwaukee, a organization that helps Gay and Lesbian teens.



Dr. Karen Lamb had trouble holding her enthusiasm Milwaukee's Jet's Place bar held its annual MAP fundraiser on Jan. 20 while M.C. Victoria Kelly looked on.

Belling Corrects Errors - ACT UP Milwaukee announced a victory in its campaign to force WISN Radio Talk Show Host Mark Belling to correct some of the misinformation he had said on the air concerning AIDS and HIV. Among his corrections were admissions that he was wrong in stating the CDC estimated the chances for HIV transmission during vaginal intercourse at 1 in 10,000, that the words AIDS activist and Gay activist were not interchangeable and that he was wrong in using the word "fault" in stating that 95% of people with AIDS are "at fault" for their condition.

Square Dancing Group Forms - Milwaukee's Square Dancing group will hold its third "One Night Stand" at the M & M Club on January 12. The group is looking for new members and to become formally organized.



1991—Anti-Gay, Right Wing religious protesters lined up to picket Gays using St. Pius X Church in Wauwatosa for a Pride Week fundraiser.

NATIONAL NEWS

Paper Announces Gay Unions - According to USA Today, a daily newspaper in Everett, Washington, The Herald, has changed the name of its "Wedding Book" page to "Celebrations" in order to include the names of Gay and Lesbian commitment ceremonies.

AIDS Hits Women - In New York City, AIDS is the leading cause of death for women aged 25 to 29 years old. In the United States 51% of all women with AIDS are African American while 21% are Latino. The number of children with AIDS is doubling every 8 to 9 months.

ACT UP Disrupts Network News Broadcast, Storms Grand Central Station - The evening news broadcasts for CBS and the PBS Show, the "McNeil-Lehr Report," were disrupted by ACT UP activists the evening of January 22nd. The next day over



1991—Milke Lisowski

500 angry cheering activists from the AIDS Coalition to Unleash power (ACT UP) angrily stormed the main concourse of Grand Central Station in New York and took control of the station for nearly an hour. The action was the climax of ACT UP's "Day of Desperation" drawing attention to fact that AIDS has already claimed more than twice as many lives as the Vietnam War.

February

STATE WIDE NEWS

Gay Liberation to Leave Madison - Madison will soon be losing one of its most enduring outdoor works of art. The Segal sculpture "Gay Liberation" will be moved to a permanent home in New York. The sculpture currently resides in Madison's Orton Park. It's location there was made possible by a grant from the New Harvest Foundation.

Queer Nation Comes to Milwaukee - Milwaukee will soon have its own chapter of the new national group, Queer Nation. QN often uses radical confrontational type



State Rep. David Clarenbach, outgoing Madison alderman Jim McFarland and Larry Kneeland received the Frontiers Awards for Community Service on April 20. The awards were presented at a banquet held at the Gallery Restaurant in Middleton.

tactics to expose homophobia and call attention to the need for Gay and Lesbian civil rights. Among QN's activities have been "Queers Night Out" when Gays and Lesbians invade a straight bar, "The Queer Shopping Network" which involves a horde of open queers invading a department store or shopping mall and kiss ins.

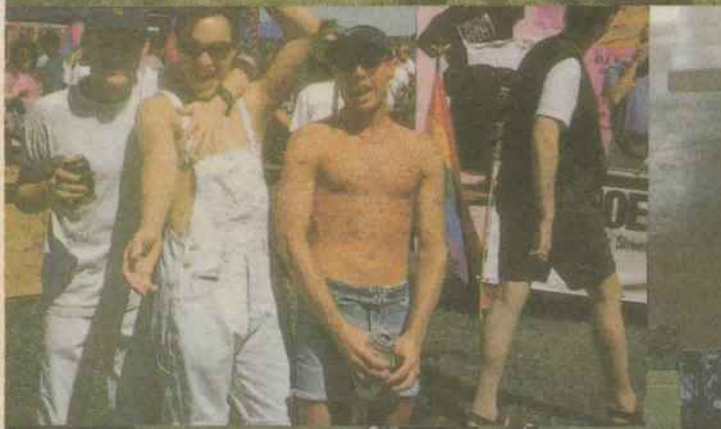
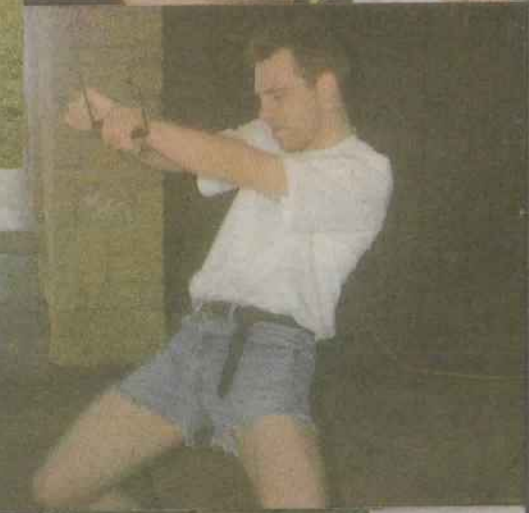
UW Underserves Gays, Lesbians - A report issued by Beverly Jenkins, the United Council Minority Affairs Director says that the University of Wisconsin System is not adequately meeting the needs of its Gay and Lesbian students.

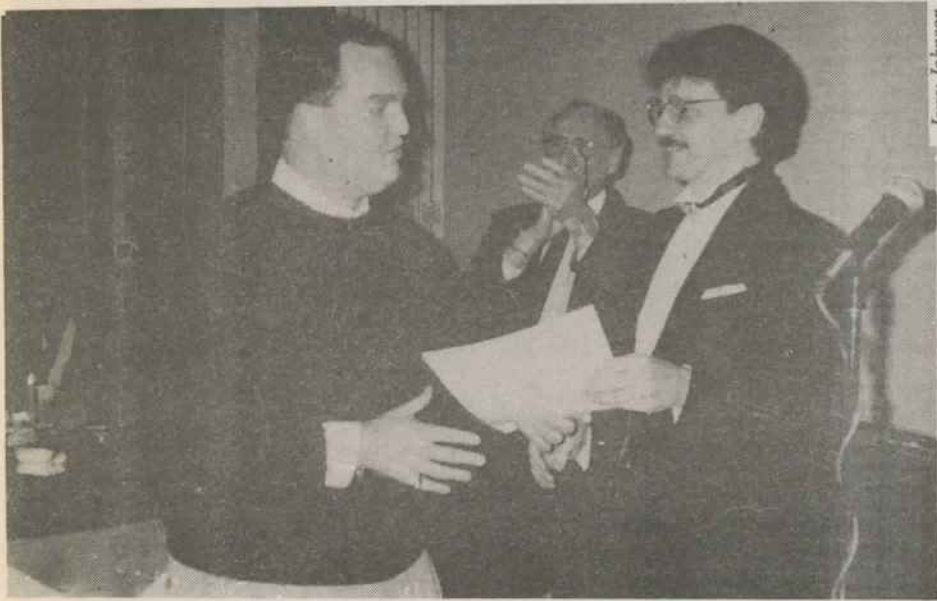
NATIONAL NEWS

"The Advocate" Names Man, Woman of Year - "The Advocate" America's leading national Gay publication, has named Artist Robert Mapplethorpe and Activist, Urvasi Vaid as its Man and Woman of the year for 1990. Mapplethorpe was cited for the avant garde ideas and images he captures in his photography as well as the



These gamblers joined 225 others to make the Cream City Foundation's May 19 Casino night a success.





Jerry Johnson

Milwaukee Triangle bar owner, Al Thomas, received the President's Award in recognition of the most contributing small business at the Cream City Chorus' annual awards banquet on April 12 at Milwaukee's Park East Hotel.

continuing dialogue on censorship that surrounded his work. Mapplethorpe died from complications due to AIDS in 1989. Vaid, is the Director of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force. She was honored for her leadership including her direction of the successful fight to get national Hate Crimes Legislation through the US Congress.

Lisowski Gets 1,111 Votes - The first ever openly Gay School Board candidate in Wisconsin history went down to defeat in the primary. Mike Lisowski received only 1,111 votes. Nonetheless Lisowski called the effort a success because "the issue of sexual orientation has been raised in an election and it will continue to be raised until it is dealt with in the schools."



Jerry Johnson

Jerry Johnson, "Wisconsin Light" publisher, is shown with Milwaukee Alderwomen Marlene Johnson after being sworn in as a commissioner for the city's Fair Housing and Employment commission.

Gay Service Members Serve in Gulf - Openly Gay and Lesbian service members called for duty in the Persian Gulf war have been told that discharge proceedings against them will be put on hold until after the resolution of the conflict. Some activists say that the willingness of the Pentagon to put Gays and Lesbian in combat situations exposes the hypocrisy of the military's policy to kick them out in peace time because they would "break unit cohesion and hurt morale."

PFLAG Fights Teen Suicide - Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians, PFLAG, has announced a campaign designed to fight against Lesbian and Gay teen suicide. The project is called "Respect All Youth." The central goal of the program is to develop and furnish training materials to youth counselors, teachers, school administrators and others who work with youth. These materials will help sensitize them to the problems faced by Gay and Lesbian teens.

MARCH

STATE WIDE NEWS

Wisconsin Congressman Petri Denounces Gays - Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI) told a United States Student Conference that homosexuality should be illegal saying "I voted against legalizing homosexuality. I think it should be illegal. It's wrong. I'll be honest with you- you know (that). You do have to set standards. If you want to call it discrimination, it's legal."

Light Holds Plant Sale for Pride - The Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Committee has announced that **The Wisconsin Light** will be conducting a plant sale to benefit the Pride Committee. Those wanting plants should order them by April 9th using the order form in the newspaper.

Bush Names MAP - President George Bush has named the Milwaukee AIDS Project as the 383rd "Daily Point of Light." Bush uses his "Daily Points of Light" to spotlight organizations or individuals who make a difference in the lives of those in need.



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1991—ACT UP remembered those who have died of AIDS at the Milwaukee Pride Parade on June 15.

Police Raid Club 219 - Thirty Milwaukee Police Officers in at least 13 squad cars, plus several paddy wagons raided Club 219 during a "Hot Buns Contest." After watching the show for an hour and half, they shut down the bar and issued 13 tickets for lewd and disorderly conduct. At the same time, there are reports that several Gay men had disappeared from the city's Gay bars, the police busy inspecting "hot buns" don't notice or detect a pattern.

NATIONAL NEWS

FBI Spied On Us - According to the **San Francisco Examiner** the FBI has for years secretly kept track of "sex deviates" and reported allegations of homosexuality to employers in both the private and public sectors. An FBI spokesman denied the allegations but did admit that in 1977 the agency destroyed files labeled "Sex Degenerates and Sex Offenders." According to reports even Adlia Stevenson, Democratic Nominee for President in 1952 and 1956 was categorized as a "sex deviate" by the FBI.

UN Defers Gay Group Membership - A United Nations Committee has voted to defer for two years a decision on whether or not to admit the International Gay and Lesbian Association (IGLA) as an official non-governmental organization. IGLA's membership was vehemently opposed by Libya's delegate who invoked the Koran and called the group "immoral." Other opposition came from the Philippines and Oman. The majority of delegates favored IGLA's membership but even one member in opposition can veto a prospective member.



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The cast of "Cindy Feller" posed between rehearsals as they readied the original spoof for its June 16 performance at Miss M's Walker's Point Cafe and Cabaret in Milwaukee.

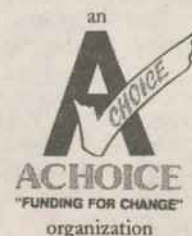
HRCF Slams Bush on AIDS Budget - The Human Rights Campaign Fund slammed President Bush on his AIDS Budget. Bush's proposal which includes less than 2 billion to fight against AIDS is in the words of HRCF Director, Tim McFeely, "Running away from the reality of AIDS."

Dinkins Marches With Gays - New York City Mayor, David Dinkins braved jeers and objects thrown by spectators as he marched with an Irish Gay contingent in the City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade. The Mayor of New York traditionally leads the parade. Afterwards, the Mayor said "It was like marching in Birmingham, Alabama."

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STATE WIDE NEWS

Hate Crime Prosecution Has Mixed Results - The State's first Hate Crimes Prosecution had mixed results. Gilbert Rosas was found guilty of misdemeanor battery in an attack on Martin Christopher, but the jury failed to find that battery was



Jerry Johnson

Milwaukee's Fest City Singers performed to capacity crowds last weekend at the Stackner Cabaret. An encore performance will be given at La Cage on Sunday, June 16.

motivated by bias. The jury finding came even though Rosas has called Christopher "a faggot" prior to his unprovoked attack. Rosas' Public Defender attempted to convince the jury that the attack resulted from Christopher making "sexual advances" to Rosas.

Only One From Wisconsin - Only one state lawmaker, Rep James Moody (D-WI), in Congress is a co-sponsor of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Act.

CCF Donates Five Tons of Food to MAP - The Cream City Foundation issued a check to enable Second Harvesters Food Bank to purchase 10,000 pounds of food for HIV infected individuals.

Lesbian Minister Stays - Rev Jan Doleschal, of the Brown Deer Church of won a vote of confidence from her congregation at Brown Deer United Church of Christ. Doleschal who is also the Milwaukee Public Schools Commissioner of Athletics was subject to a vote by her congregation as to whether or not she was performing her job adequately. The vote came after a parish member questioned her about her sexual orientation, which Doleschal admitted was Lesbian.



Jerry Johnson

Steve Steinhauer (back row center) the founder of the annual Lavender Hill Party, dressed in costume as did scores of others at the 8th annual event held August 18 at Milwaukee's Renaissance Place. The MAP fundraiser attracted several hundred people.

Hate Crimes Increase in Milwaukee - The Hate Crimes Reporting Project recorded 54 Hate Crimes were committed against Gays and Lesbians in Milwaukee in 1990. In 1989, the project recorded 35 Hate crimes.

AIDS Increases in Milwaukee - According to Doug Nelson, Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project in 1990, the number of people who died from AIDS equaled those who have died from murders and auto accidents.

NATIONAL NEWS

And Then There Were Three - Hawaii joined Massachusetts and Wisconsin as the only states in the country with a state wide Gay Civil Rights Law. The Aloha State law was passed 22 to 2 by the State Senate and 34 to 16 by the house. One of the prime movers behind the new law was Leon Rouse who also organized and drove the effort to pass Wisconsin's landmark AB 70. The Badger State was the first in the country to offer state wide civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians.

WHO Says We Aren't Sick - The World Health Organization has removed homosexuality from its list of diseases.

May

STATE WIDE NEWS

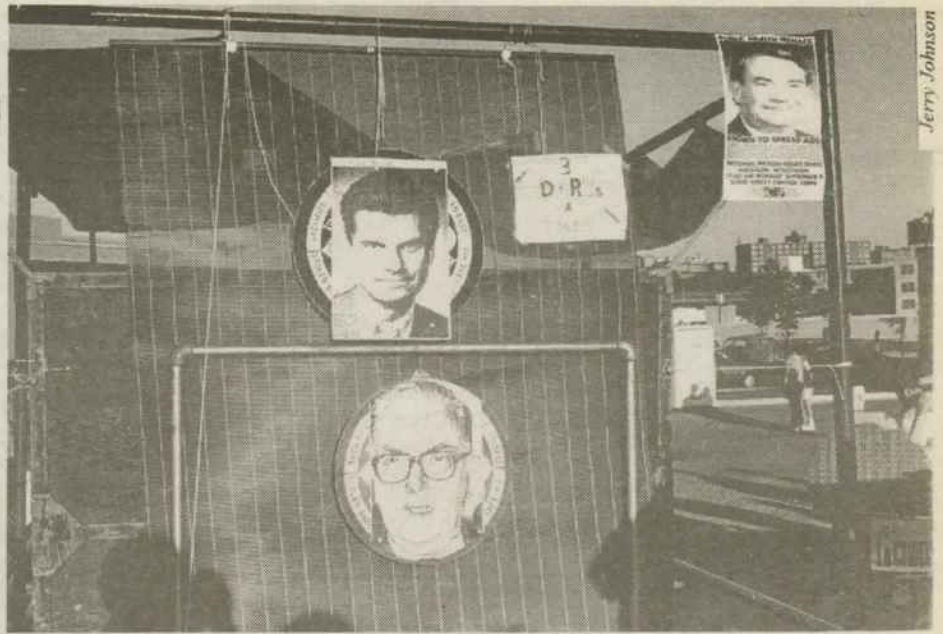
Governor Cuts AIDS Budget - Governor Tommy Thompson proposed a \$144,000 cut in State of Wisconsin AIDS Funding. MAP Executive Director, Doug Nelson said the cut would seriously jeopardize several MAP programs.

Frontiers Celebrates 10th Anniversary - Frontiers celebrated its 10th Anniversary with its annual Awards dinner which was attended by about 60 people. Receiving the Award for Community Service was outgoing Madison Alderman Jim McFarland. Larry Kneeland won the Volunteer Service Award. State Rep. David Clarenbach won the award for Public Service

Governor's Regent Appointment Opposed - Governor Tommy Thompson's appointed of arch conservative Terry Kohler to the UW Board of Regents has stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition. Among reasons why Kohler is being opposed are his statements that former Governor Tony Earl "promised to appoint queers and he has." Kohler also was widely quoted opposing former Governor Earl's appointments of openly Gay and Lesbian people.

Faunting It At UWM - The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was host to the first ever National Gay Graduate Conference. Over 300 Gay and Lesbian Grad students from around the country participated. Almost 80 papers representing original research into Gay and Lesbian studies in a variety of disciplines were presented by graduate students and analyzed and critiqued by fellow conferees.

UW Opens Family Housing to Gay Couples - UW-Madison decided to open up its family housing units to Gay and Lesbian Couples. The Madison campus is the only campus in the UW System that offers family housing.



Jerry Johnson

The photos of talk show host Mark Belling and Senator Jesse Helms were used for dart throwing at a MAPFest booth in Milwaukee on September 1.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hawaiian Marriage Case Begins - Three Lesbian and Gay couples have filed suit in Hawaii's First Circuit Court to gain the right to marry. The suit asks for a summary judgement ordering the Department of Health to issue marriage licenses to the couples. In the 1970's all Hawaiian State laws were changed to make them gender neutral. Marriage partners are referred to as "spouses," for example and not identified by sex.

Thompson Denied Guardianship - The ongoing battle of Karen Thompson to be appointed guardian of her lover Sharon Kowalski took a turn for the worse when a St. Louis (MN) County Judge appointed a friend of Kowalski's, Karen Tomberlin, to be her guardian. Thompson has been battling for years to be appointed guardian of Kowalski since a 1983 accident disabled her. Kowalski's parents who also have sought to be the guardians of their daughter have opposed Thompson at every turn and tried to keep her from seeing her lover. Thompson plans to appeal the decision. Among her grounds for appeal is the fact the Tomberlin never even applied to be a guardian.

Judge Claims No Bias - US District Court Judge Oliver Gasch has refused to disqualify himself from the case of Steffan vs the United States. The suit filed by Joseph Steffan who was ousted from the Naval Academy after he admitted to being Gay seeks Steffan's reinstatement in the military. Gasch said that his use of the word "homo" in Court proceedings did not indicate he has a bias against Gays and Lesbians.

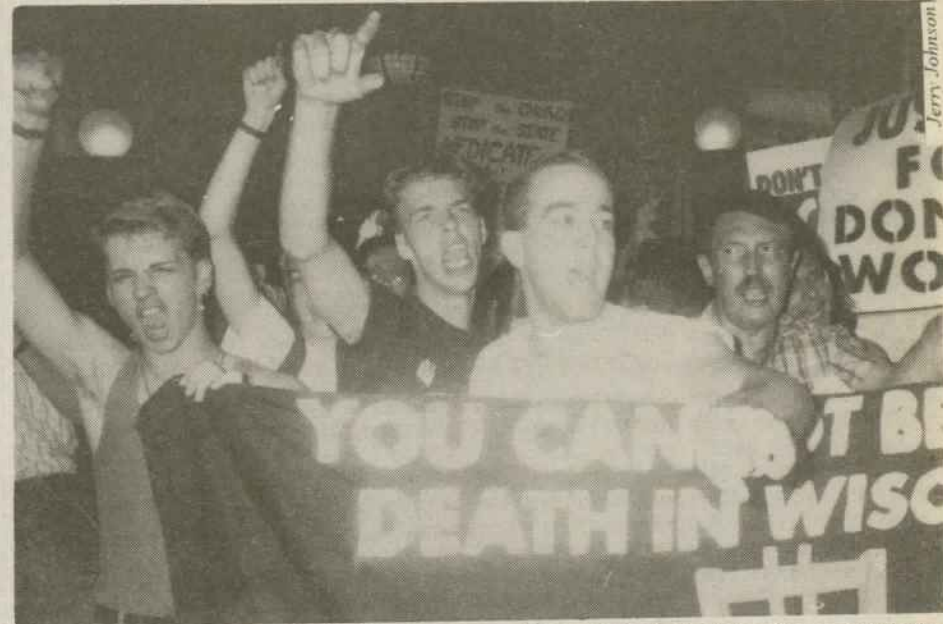
Gays In the Military Gains Support - A new nationwide poll conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund shows that 81% of the American public believes it is wrong to discharge Gays and Lesbians from the military solely on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Television Breakthroughs - Intensive Activism by GLAAD, the Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation had some successes during the recently concluded television season. On NBC's LA Law the first Lesbian kiss was seen on prime time network TV when Attorney CJ Lamb kissed co-worker Abby Perkins. The "Roseanne" show introduced a recurring Gay character as Roseanne's boss.

June

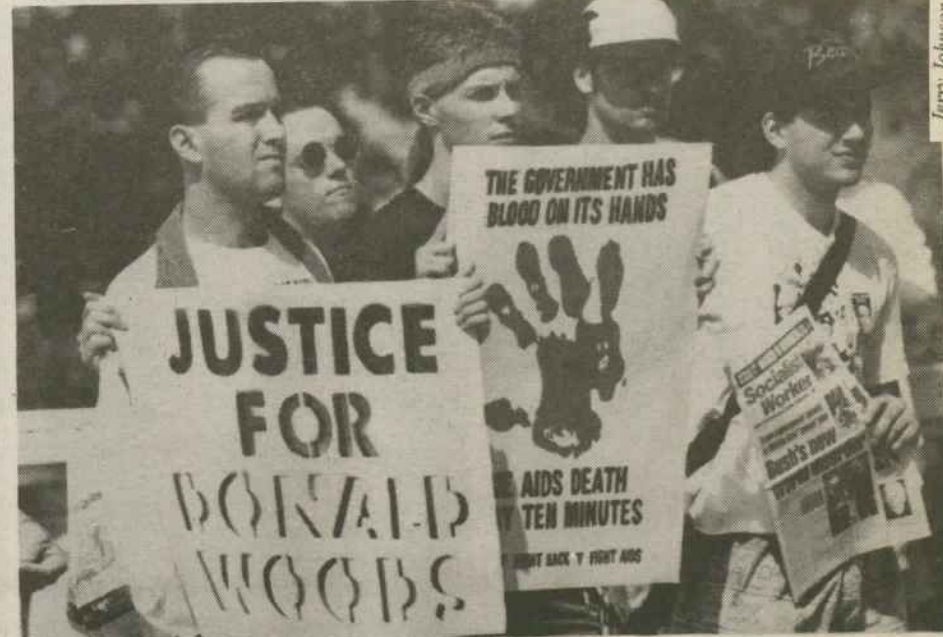
STATE WIDE NEWS

Wisconsin Light Interviews Presidential Candidates - A host of major Democratic Contenders showed up at the Wisconsin Democratic Convention where they were confronted by Wisconsin Light's Bill Meunier. They were unanimous in their support for ending the ban on the military, increasing AIDS funding and supporting the US Gay Civil Rights Bill. When asked about the military by Meunier, relatively unknown Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton responded, "If I were elected President and someone served my country with honor, I think I would allow them to continue to serve with



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"Tommy Thompson, you can't hide/We charge you with homicide!" shouted activists at ACT UP's September 9 prison issues protest in Madison.



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1991 In Review— On September 9 Madison ACT-UP sponsored a demonstration to protest the prison death of Donald Woods.

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Congressman Petri's Homophobia Protested in Fond Du Lac - Activists from around the state gathered in Congressman Thomas Petri's office in Fond Du Lac to protest against his anti-Gay remarks to the United States Student Association National Conference. Shocked student leaders from the around the country heard the congressman say that homosexuality should be illegal.

Superior Gay Man Brutally Murdered By Homophobic Killer - Stuart Ellanson was charged with first degree intentional homicide under Wisconsin's Hate Crimes law. Stuart is accused of the butcher knife killing of Kevin E. Dutcher, 27. Dutcher was stabbed several times in the kitchen of his home. Ellanson allegedly told Superior Police that he stabbed Dutcher in the chest. After the victim pleaded for his life, Dutcher stabbed him again and then after calling 911, to say "I just stabbed a guy," stabbed Dutcher a third time. According to the complaint filed against Ellanson he said "This was premeditated. I wanted to kill a fag. My whole life is devoted to killing faggots and child molesters."

PBS Channel Censors "Tongues Untied." - Claiming that "Milwaukee is not ready," for the explicit POV (Point of View) broadcast of the internationally acclaimed film "Tongues Untied," local PBS Stations, Channels 10 and 36 have elected to censor the program when it airs nationally on July 10.

QN Madison Sets Schedule - Madison's chapter of Queer Nation has announced its June schedule. Events include Saturday June 22, - meeting of the Queer Shopping Network at the East Town Mall Food Court, Wednesday June 26 - A Queer Liberation Front Meeting and the monthly Queer Night Out, this time at the Mendota Beach Club. The Club has \$2.00 cover but the drinks are free if you wear a skirt. Meanwhile in Milwaukee "Queer Nationals" Tim Greir, Christopher Fons, Chris Lupis, and Stan Straka were arrested by Milwaukee Police while trying to present a petition to County Clerk Rod Lanser and while attempting to get marriage licenses.

Milwaukee Pride Parade and Rally - Major speakers at the annual Milwaukee Pride Celebration included Army Sergeant Perry Watkins, and Peri Jude Radevic of NGLTF. Both urged increased activism and commitment. The celebration also included a mass wedding sponsored by Queer Nation and several hours of entertainment.

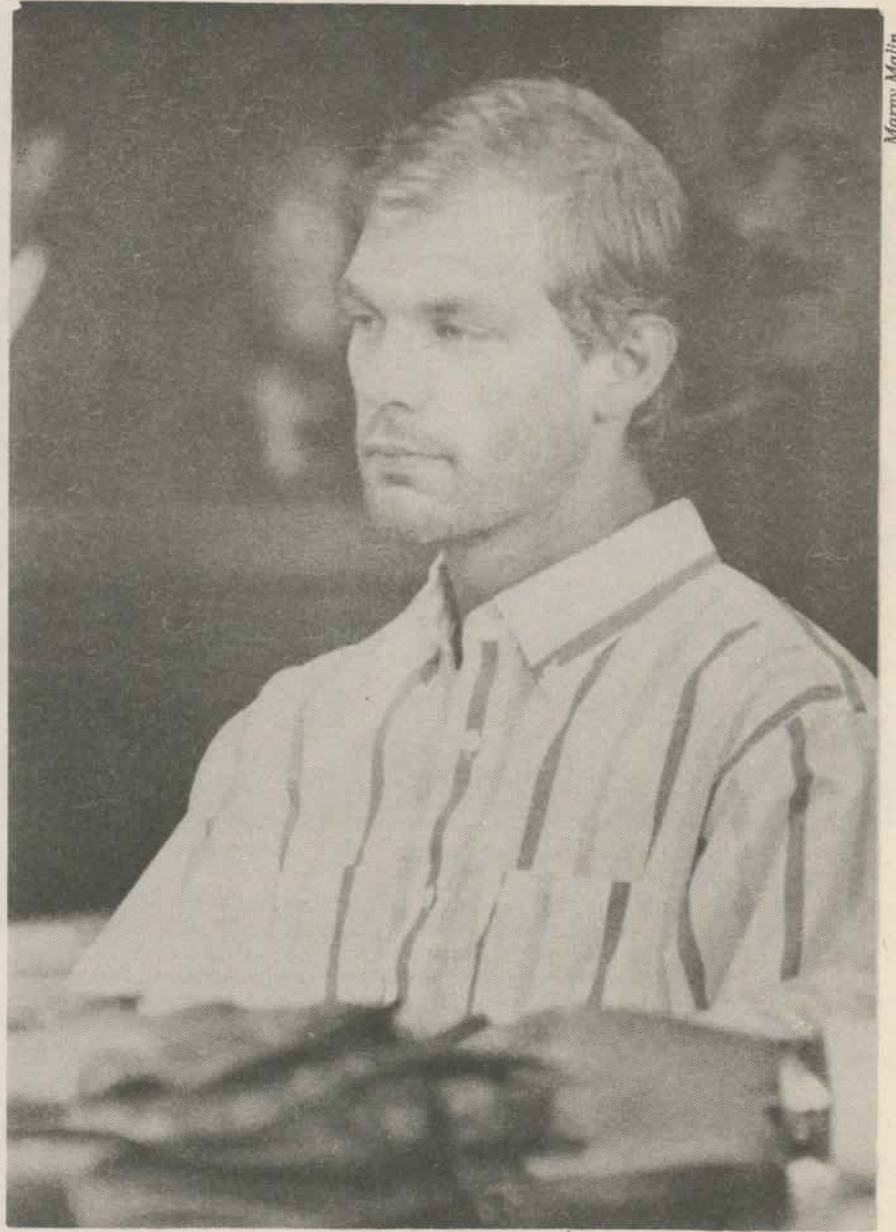
NATIONAL NEWS

HIV Immigration Ban Retained - Taking advantage of a loop hole left in the new immigration law passed by Congress, the Bush Administration has retained a ban on persons infected with HIV entering the country. Although earlier the administration promised to revoke the ban "thousands of letters of opposition" to lifting it turned the tide. Asst. Secretary of HHS, James Mason said that he had been ordered by "conservative elements" in the department to write a new regulation maintaining the ban. He did as he was ordered to do but refused to sign the draft document.

US Gay Rights Law Has 100 Sponsors - In its latest report on the status of the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill, NGLTF announced that on May 14 co-sponsorship of the bill reached 100. One of the co-sponsors is Wisconsin's James Moody. The Milwaukee Democrat is the only Wisconsin rep on the list of sponsors.

Phillip Morris Boycott Ends - The national boycott of Marlborough Cigarettes and Miller Beer products has been ended. In return for ending the boycott, Phillip Morris agreed to a plan that would encourage other organizations to apply for its corporate grants.

The company refused, however, to apologize for donations made to Senator Jesse Helms' campaign for re-election last year. A Phillip Morris statement said that the support was due to Helms support of its business, particularly its tobacco products, forms the basis of its PAC support "and should not be seen as a basis of support for his other positions.



JEFFREY L. DAHMER

July

STATE WIDE NEWS

Milwaukee's Community Stunned by Dahmer Murders- At the end of July, Milwaukee's community Gay and straight alike are stunned by the murders committed by accused serial killer Jeffery Dahmer. Dahmer killed at least 11 people whose skulls and severed heads were found in his apartment.

Outrage and anger combined with sadness over the loss of life for Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians. Community Activists were angry by media use of terms like "homosexual overkill," and by revelations that at least one victim was turned over to Dahmer by the Milwaukee Police after he fled naked from Dahmer's apartment.

The term "homosexual overkill" was first used in a Racine murder trial on July 19th. The phrase was repeatedly used by Milwaukee County Medical examiner Jeffery M. Jentzen and Racine County District Attorney Lennie Weber in the murder trial of Joachim Dressler who was accused and convicted of killing a door to door solicitor. Special anger was also directed at those members of the Milwaukee media who tried to tie the murders into Dahmer's homosexuality.

Wisconsin Congressman, Steve Gunderson Outing Target, Denies He Is Gay Wisconsin Republican Congressman, Steve Gunderson who represents the Third District in Western Wisconsin was the target of an outing. Michael Petrillis confronted Gunderson as he was having dinner at an Alexandria, Virginia Gay bar and restaurant, the French Quarter.

After finding Gunderson seated at the restaurant, Petrillis attempted to engage him in conversation to convince him to come out of the closet. Gunderson reportedly responded "I am out. I am in a Gay bar aren't I?" Petrillis was arrested after throwing a drink at Gunderson. Tim Campbell, Editor of GLC Voice, a Twin Cities based Gay publication, also tried to out Gunderson during a July 4 parade. Campbell handed out hundreds of flyers to people lining the parade route in La Crosse. The flyers urged Gunderson to come out in support of the US Gay Civil Rights Bill and stated "No Votie, No Nookie."

Campbell was stopped by the Police who said he needed a permit for handing out the literature. When he refused to desist, the Police arrested him and confiscated his materials. Gunderson later denied being Gay claiming that those trying to out him were "crazy people" and pathological liars.

SEWAP Holds Fund Raising Cruise - The South East Wisconsin AIDS Project will host a first time event, a Lake Geneva Cruise on August 18. The cruise on the "Lady of the Lake," will begin at 9:30 AM on August 18th during Lake Geneva's Venetian Weekend Celebration.

NATIONAL NEWS

"Advocate" Co-Founder Dies - Richard T. Mitch, a co-founder of The Advocate, America's leading national Gay and Lesbian publication died of cancer at the home of his sister in Syracuse, New York. After being arrested in a random Police raid of the LA area Yukon bar, Mitch joined the newly formed militant Gay group, PRIDE and became editor of its newsletter. In 1967, the newsletter became The Los Angeles Advocate and in early 1968 was taken over by Mitch and his partner Bill Rau along with Sam Winston. By 1970, the words "Los Angeles" were dropped from the masthead and the paper went national.



Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola and Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Jeffrey M. Jentzen spoke at the July 24 news conference about the Jeffrey Dahmer mass murders.

National March Called - A national march on Washington DC has been called for April, 1993.

Feds Include Gay Bashings Worldwide - Under pressure from Gay and Lesbian activists the US State Department has promised to include incidents of anti-Gay violence in its annual summary of worldwide human rights practices.

Judge Disco Rules Against Us - Superior Court Judge Sally Disco ruled that the Boy Scouts may exclude Gay men from becoming Scout Masters. Judge Disco said that as a private organization, the Boy Scouts has a first amendment right to get its message across in any manner it wishes. The ruling came as a result of a suit filed by former Scout Tim Curran. Curran was seeking to become a Scout Master.

Mexican IGLA Conference Cancelled- The International Gay Lesbian Association cancelled its annual conference scheduled for Guadalajara, Mexico, after Mayor Gabriel Ibarra vowed to arrest all of those attending it on the grounds of "immoral behavior."



LARRY TAYLOR



KITTY BARBER



Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist spoke to the community about the Dahmer murders at a press conference.

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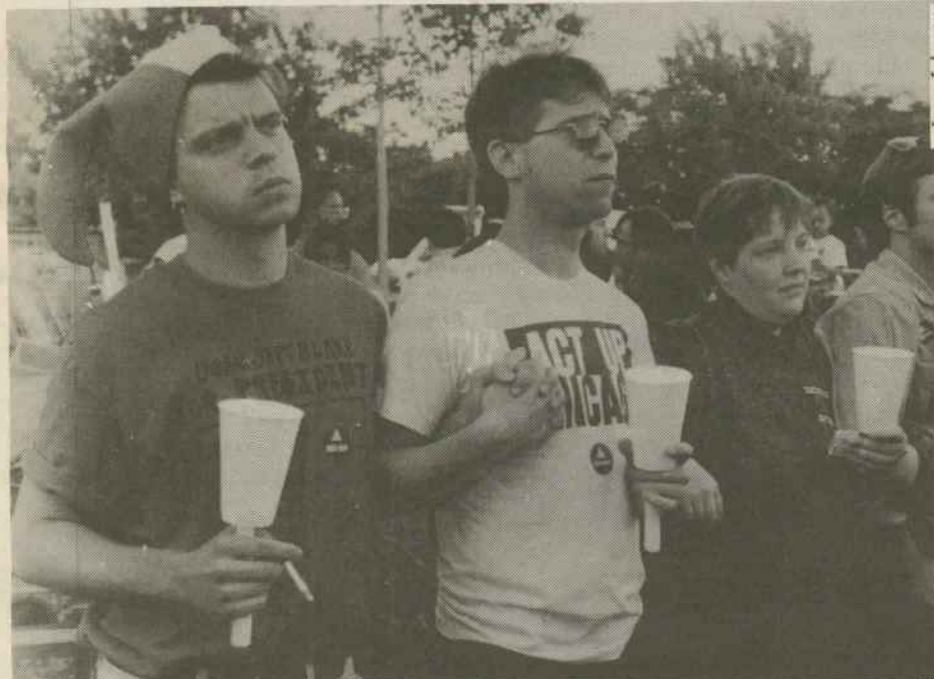


Queen Hyler, founder of Milwaukee's Stop the Violence organization spoke August 5 at the candlelight vigil which remembered the victims and families of the Dahmer mass murders.

August

STATE WIDE NEWS

The Jeffery Dahmer murders had a devastating effect on the entire Gay and Lesbian community in Milwaukee. A stunned community felt the violent effects of homophobia as death threats, bomb scares, pelting with eggs, and Gay bashings became almost common place. Yes there were other things going on in Wisconsin and in the nation, but the Dahmer murders engulfed us all; some with grief, some with anger and others with fear. The outbreak of widespread, rampant homophobia seemed to many to prove that beneath the thin veneer of everyday civility, there lurks vibrant bigotry against Gays and Lesbians. And that was perhaps the most frightening aspect of the entire tragedy.



Over 1,000 people attended the candlelight vigil in Milwaukee on August 5 to remember the victims and families of the Dahmer mass murders. Pictured are two young men who came by bus from Chicago to attend the event.

The Wisconsin Light Issues Extra Edition - The Dahmer murders and the community response to them prompted The Wisconsin Light to publish its first ever extra edition. The edition detailed what was then known about Dahmer's crimes and the Gay community's plans to respond to the tragedy and what many considered an outbreak of homophobia that it engendered.

Threats, Harrassment, Violence Follow Dahmer Murders-Many Milwaukee area Gays and Lesbians reported threats, harrassment and violence in the days following



State Rep. Gwen Moore spoke at a news conference on victim assistance and matters related to the Dahmer mass murders as the State Attorney General, James Doyle looked on.



Jerry Johnson

1991 In Review—Teresa K. Smith held a sign picturing 15 victims murdered by alleged serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer at a vigil held in downtown Milwaukee on August 5.

Dahmer's apprehension. One man was forced to get a restraining order against his neighbors due to their harassment of him. Two uniformed Milwaukee Police officers entered Club 219, where Dahmer met some of this victims and reportedly asked for the location of "the S & M rooms where people are tied up and tortured." Other Gay establishments have reported receiving bomb threats, verbal harassment and vandalism.

Arreola Suspends Officers- Milwaukee Police Chief Phillip Arreola announced that he had suspended the three officers who had contact with Dahmer and turned one of his victims, a Laotian youth, Konerak Sinthasomphone over to Dahmer after the naked youth fled Dahmer's apartment. The officers said they thought of the matter as "domestic squabble."

The Lavender Network Coalition Formed - A coalition of individuals and organizations was formed in Milwaukee to plan and produce the united response to the Jeffery Dahmer killings. The group will seek to formulate recommendations to the Milwaukee Police Department and to meet with media representatives about what many consider to be inflammatory remarks made both on the air and in the print media.

Support Groups in Milwaukee and Madison - Gays and Lesbians have been offered free counseling services in both Milwaukee and Madison to help them overcome the aftermath of the Dahmer murders. The Counseling Center of Milwaukee and the United in Madison have offered their services.

Jesse Jackson Offers Support To Gays and Lesbians - In a visit to Milwaukee, the Reverend Jesse Jackson offered words of support to that City's Gays and Lesbians. He said they were victims of "the sin of indifference" of which he said "nothing is more damaging."

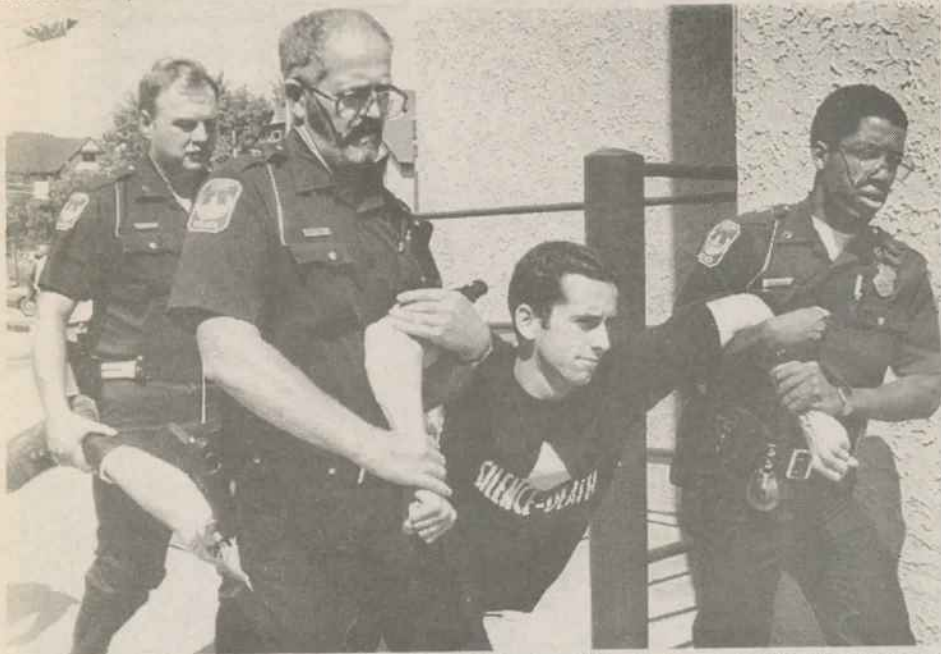
Emotional Candle Light Vigil - Over 1,000 people were present in front of the County Courthouse at an emotional Candle Light vigil to remember the victims of Jeffery Dahmer and their families. The crowd, young and old, Gay and Straight, sang "We Shall Overcome" and heard a variety of speakers including Mayor John Norquist and the families and friends of those murdered by Dahmer.

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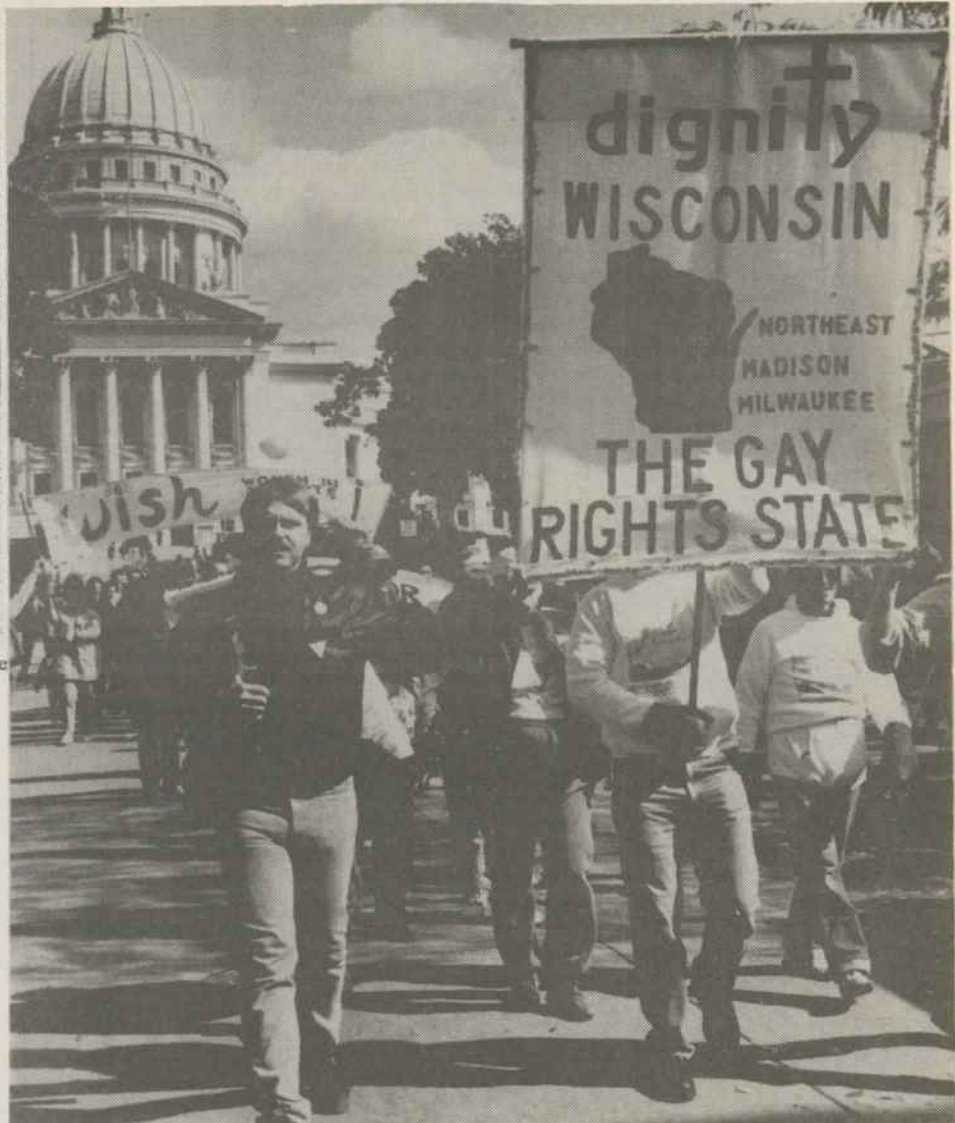
The Wisconsin Light Anatomy of a Mass Murder And Community Mobilization

Milwaukee, WI (WISN)—The Wisconsin Light Extra Edition, published July 22, is Milwaukee's first ever extra edition. The edition detailed what was then known about Dahmer's crimes and the Gay community's plans to respond to the tragedy and what many considered an outbreak of homophobia that it engendered.





Dan Savage is taken into custody by Madison police in September, 1991, after he protested the inhumane treatment being accorded prisoners with HIV disease in the Wisconsin penal system.



Wisconsin's State Capitol building could be seen in the background as an estimated 6,000 people took part in Madison's second march for Gay rights and pride on October 5.

September

STATE WIDE NEWS

QN Plans Protest in Milwaukee- The Milwaukee Chapter of Queer Nation has called for a National Demonstration to take place in Milwaukee on Monday, October 7, 1991 to protest the way the City's media and institutions responded to the Jeffery Dahmer case. Many other QN chapters from around the country have agreed to send delegations to participate.

MAPFest A Success- Around 2,500 people attended the annual MAPFest fund raiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Colder's Cancels Belling Ads - Responding to pressure from Queer Nation-Milwaukee, Colder's Furniture of Milwaukee announced that it is permanently canceling advertising on Mark Bellings WISN Radio Show. The announcement came one day before QN had planned to visit the store to protest its support of Bellings's show. Among QN's objections to Belling are his reported statements that all Gay males are health risks, and that the actions of Jeffery Dahmer represent "the logical extension of the Gay lifestyle."



1991—Karen Gotzler, John Vande Walle, Margaret Snow and Commissioner Dr. Gary Hollander at Milwaukee's Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing, Sept. 17.

Mayor Norquist Opens Fair Housing and Employment Office - Milwaukee will now have a City office dedicated to enforcing its fair housing and employment laws, the Office of the Commission on Fair Housing and Employment. Among the five commission members is Jerry Johnson, publisher of *The Wisconsin Light*.

GALVANize Planning October Pride March - GALVANize will be hosting Madison's Second Lesbian and Gay Pride March on October 5th. Events will include a display of the "Names Quilt" at the McClain Athletic Center, a talent show, appearances by Kate Clinton and the Flirtations and a community brunch.

ACT UP Members Arrested At Protest- 11 Members of ACT UP were arrested during a protest at the State Department of Corrections in Madison on September 9th. The protest was called over the treatment of HIV positive inmates who are not getting proper treatment. At least three such inmates have died in Wisconsin prisons this year. In one case an inmate was not given proper medical attention until six hours before his death.

Hearing Draws Complaints- At a hearing of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission



State Rep. David Clarenbach of Madison; President of the Board of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Sharon Otto and the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Doug Nelson, joined 400 others at the 'Make a Promise' dinner at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel on April 7.

on Police Community Relations, speaker after speaker recounted incidents of police abuse.

Governor Thompson Slashes AIDS Programs - Governor Tommy Thompson used his veto pen to slash State funding for AIDS related programs by 1.5 million. Thompson called the programs, "unnecessary."

NATIONAL NEWS

Gay Columnist Fired - Columnist Juan R. Palomo whose acknowledgement that he is Gay was edited out of his column about hate crimes has been fired by *The Houston Post* after discussing the censorship with other newspapers. A spokesman for the paper said "The best interests of the *Post* come before the personal agenda of an individual. Juan chose to take the matter public to the extent that I felt would be detrimental to the *Post* and I told him that."

Decoy Officers Bashed - Officers of the Houston Police Department involved in an undercover operation to ferret out Gay bashers have themselves been victimized in attacks. One officer was beaten with a baseball bat, one was slugged in the face and a pair of officers were maced. Others have had rocks and beer cans thrown at them. The officers are posing as Gays and Gay couples as they patrol an area where many Gay bars and businesses are located. The sting operation began after the murder of a popular Gay banker and is called "Operation Vice Versa."

Amnesty International Adopts Gays - Amnesty International, the world wide, internationally respected Human Rights group has adopted people imprisoned for their homosexuality as "prisoners of conscience." The decision marks the end of a 12 year campaign to gain the groups help in spotlighting abuses against Gays and Lesbians whose only crime is their sexual orientation.

Everyone Should Have One - A massive nylon condom inflated by portable generators was placed OVER the two story home of Sen. Jesse Helms by members of ACT UP- New York. A message on the condom said "A condom to stop unsafe politics. Helms is deadlier than a virus." Police called to the scene broke out in laughter. After about an hour the Police ordered the device's removal. ACT UP complied and no arrests were made.



Joe Brehm sold Tony Grady a Pride Week T-shirt as Milwaukee got ready for the June 15 parade and rally. Joe's bar, This Is It, sold over \$300 in Pride merchandise during the June 9 promotion.

The reaction from Fundamentalists was fast and furious. Hundreds of them packed a meeting on November 13 to express their opposition. Only one person on the Board's Instruction and Community Relations Committee had the courage to vote yes on the Task Force Recommendations. But that was enough to get a School Board vote.

Then on November 20, more than 800 Religious Right Fundamentalists packed the School Board meeting. Many carried signs such as "No More Tax Funded Perversion." Cowled by opposition, the Board voted for a watered down version of the Task Force Report.

One Board member, Lawrence O'Neil, speculated on whether or not homosexuality was "a mental defect." Another, David Lucy, tried to repudiate the report's assertion that homosexuality could be "normal and healthy." Speaking to a reporter after the meeting, Lucy said that Gays should seek treatment to "reverse" their condition. Lucey later apologized for the remark.

The damage had been done. A community already reeling from the shock of the Dahmer killings were dealt a public slap in the face and Gay and Lesbian teens in Milwaukee's public schools learned that their school board would do nothing to help them. Within days another spate of anti-Gay violence rocked Milwaukee's Gay community.

WISN Series Outrages Community - WISN TV ran an inflammatory series that explored Gay cruising areas in the wake of the Dahmer tragedy. The series showed only seamy sexual sides of Gay life and sparked widespread protests.

Belling Flees Campus - Radio Talk Jock, Mark Belling, fled the UW-Milwaukee Campus after protestors jeered him. Of the 800 people present for the "Pro-America" rally an estimated 600 were there to protest against Belling, who has been attacked for making homophobic statements on his radio program.

October

STATE WIDE NEWS

Thousands March in Madison - An estimated 6,000 people marched in Madison's Second Lesbian and Gay Pride March. Organizers said that some 2,000 people started out the march but as it went on, thousands of others joined in. In addition to the march, about 4,000 people visited the Names Quilt on display at the McClain Athletic Facility and hundreds more attended other special events held throughout the weekend of October 5.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Sets New Record - The second AIDS Walk Wisconsin did 50% better than the first one. Honorary Co-Chairs Sue and Bud Selig (of Milwaukee Brewers fame) presided over 3,200 marchers who brought in \$286,186.

Gay, Lesbian Proposal Adopted - The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Police Community Relations has adopted many of the proposals put forth by the Lavender Network, a loose coalition of Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian organizations. Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee said "I am very pleased with the Blue Ribbon Commission Report...they have included every significant suggestion from the Lavender Network's proposal."



Karen Zimmerman, Kitty Barber and Stephanie Hume represented Milwaukee at the "Creating Change" Conference held in Washington D.C. from Nov. 9-11, 1991.

NATIONAL NEWS

ACT UP Storms U.S. Senate - Five members of ACT UP - Milwaukee and ACT UP Madison were arrested along with 32 other ACT UP activists during a storming of the Capitol Building in Washington DC. They joined 83 activists who were arrested the previous day for smearing fake blood on themselves and chaining themselves to the White House Fence. The protestors were demanding a national health care program and an end to drug company profiteering.

Governor Wilson Stirs Protests - California Governor Pete Wilson's September 29 veto of a Statewide law that would have prohibited job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians has ignited a fire storm of protest. Wilson who during his campaign pledged to sign the measure said that Gays were already protected by existing laws. Outraged Gays and Lesbians smashed windows and threw firebombs at government buildings in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Wilson himself was the target of rotten fruit during an appearance at Stanford University.

AIDS Conference Moved To Amsterdam - Harvard University the site of the International Conference on AIDS has announced that the conference has been moved to Amsterdam, Holland. The reason for the change is the continued refusal of the US Government to admit persons with HIV into the country making it impossible for many of those planning to attend the conference to do so.

"Private Idaho" Wins Praise - The critically praised film "My Own Private Idaho" starring River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves is winning more raves. Phoenix won the Best Actor Award at the prestigious Venice Film Festival for his portrayal of a Gay hustler.

Stars Coming Out - Shelia Kuehl who played Zelda on the old "Dobie Gillis" show and Dick Sargent who played Darrin on "Bewitched" came out before a national television audience during the Coming Out Day broadcast of the syndicated show "Entertainment Tonight."

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Teens Lose - A month long battle raged between Christian fundamentalists, most of whom lived outside of Milwaukee, on the one hand and educators and Gay activists on the other. On October 30th, the Milwaukee School Board had adopted a Task Force report calling for providing equal educational opportunities for Gay and Lesbian teens. Specifically the report called for curriculum materials, teaching strategies and school policies that would include non-judgmental information about sexual orientation. Furthermore, the report called for addressing sexual orientation within High School Health curriculum.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bowers Sued Again - Georgia Attorney General Michael J. Bowers is again the target of a Gay rights lawsuit. In the mid to late 1980's Bowers was sued over his enforcement of the state's Anti-Sodomy law. Now he is being sued for withdrawing a job offer to Robin Joy Shahar after he learned she is a Lesbian who planned to engage in a commitment ceremony with her female partner.

Gay Civil Rights Fare Well In Elections - Gay and Lesbian Activists were pleased when efforts to defeat a Domestic Partnership ordinance in San Francisco and a Gay



THE QUILT—Hundreds of people viewed panels of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which was on display at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

Civil Rights Ordinance in St. Paul went down to defeat at the ballot box.

Helms NEA Amendment Defeated - Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) lost another round in his seemingly never ending attempts to trash the National Endowment For the Arts. After heated debate, and much flip flopping, the US Senate gave the Gay Community a Halloween present by voting 73 to 25 against a Helms amendment that would have made it nearly impossible for openly Gay and Lesbian artists to receive NEA grants.

December

STATE WIDE NEWS

Spate of Violence in Milwaukee - The Holiday Season was marred for Gays and Lesbians by a spate of violent attacks and threats. One man, James Beck, was shot after being robbed and called a "Faggot." An elderly Gay man was brutally beaten and Lesbian Activist Miriam Ben-Shalom was the target of death threats.

Whitewater Backlash - Poily Robinson, Photographic editor of the *Royal Purple*, the student newspaper, was assaulted twice by assailants in the parking lot outside of her off campus apartment. In the first attack, she suffered a minor concussion after being hit in the face by someone who yelled "You fucking Dyke." A week later she was again attacked this time with a blunt object which put a two inch gash in her head. The attacks were preceded by harassing phone calls.

A controversy has been building on the campus since October, when the *Royal Purple* ran an Opinion piece written by Bill Drebenstedt. In the piece he criticized government funding of what he called "fringe groups." He cited the campus Gay organization, the Gay and Lesbian Student Union, as an example.

Drebenstedt called members of such groups "mutants." Then later that month, Managing editor, Jeffrey Slagter wrote an editorial that added fuel to the fire. Slagter's piece called Gays and Lesbians "closet fiends" and claimed Gays were "forcing their views on the masses."

At a campus forum, Robinson denounced the editorial but defended the right of the paper to print it. A few days later the attacks began.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cracker Barrel Getting Pressured - Cracker Barrel Restaurants are coming under increasing pressure to change the chain's hiring policies and restate employees who have been fired for being Gay. The New York City Employees Retirement System which owns \$2.8 million in Cracker Barrel Stock, has asked the company to add "explicit prohibitions against such discrimination" to its employment policies. Meanwhile dozens of people were arrested at regular Sunday picket lines at a newly opened Cracker Barrel in suburban Detroit.



JOE ELDER



SCOTT GUNKEL

1992

In many ways 1992 was a landmark year. The effects of many of the events of that year are still being felt as we go to press with our 10th Anniversary issue.

To some extent it seemed that every time we moved forward we got slapped back. We won a hard fought victory from Milwaukee's Common Council to get a City allocation for the Pride celebration, only to see the Mayor we helped to elect veto it. We helped to elect a President, only to see his opponents and ours begin to work on Congress to deny us what we had won at the ballot box.

But throughout the year, we responded with resiliency. To some it must have seemed the birth of a new determination. So when Colorado became the "Hate State," by passing the odious Amendment 2, a national boycott was quickly organized. The veto of its City funds didn't stop Pride in Milwaukee. PrideFest was born and attracted a record crowd and by years end it was out of debt.

In Madison Tammy Baldwin became the first openly Gay or Lesbian State Legislator. Speaking of elections, our massive support for Clinton put us on the political maps of national pundits and established Lesbians and Gays as a force to be reckoned with.

Colorado may have become the "Hate State" but a court case filed to overturn Amendment 2 would eventually lead to the biggest judicial victory we ever won. Speaking of courts, the Hawaii Supreme Court agreed to hear the challenge to that state's refusal to grant marriage licenses to same sex couples.

Anger mounted over the treatment of HIV + inmates at Wisconsin prisons and the County Jail in Racine. A police riot broke up a demonstration outside a Kenosha Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Milwaukee's Pride Celebration survived a Mayor's veto of its City allocation, and PrideFest was born, as Milwaukee's Pride celebration began a journey that would lead it to the Summerfest grounds.

The AIDS toll mounted but a record number of people responded with volunteer help and money. All that and much more happened in 1992.



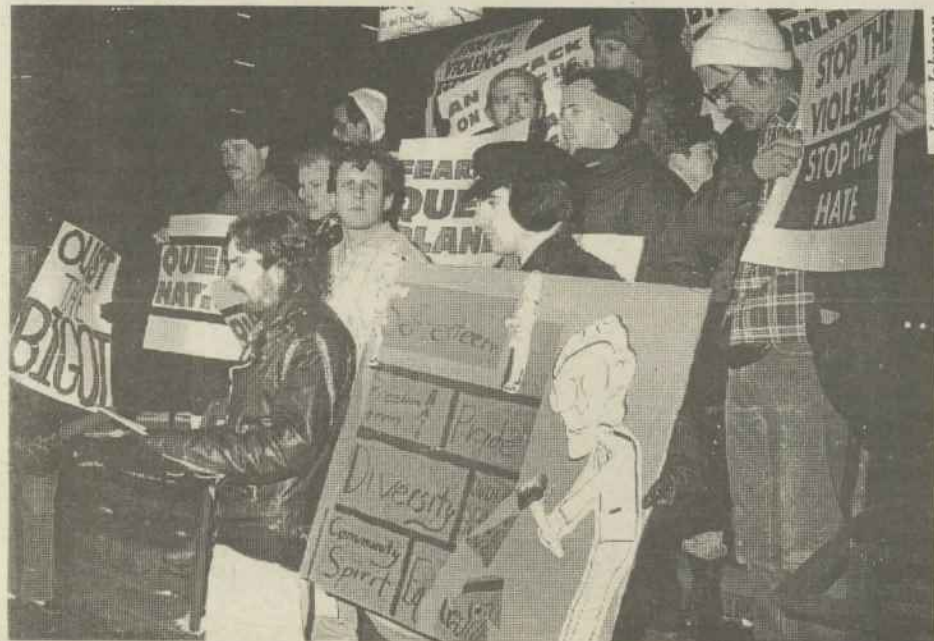
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REMEMBERING GINGER—A capacity crowd was present at Milwaukee's Club 219 for the January 21 memorial for Ginger Spice. Included in the crowd were Cheri Becher (center), Club 3054 Madison bar owner and two of the club's bartenders, Terry Halverson (left) and Greg Port who tends bar downstairs in Wings.

lover, Sharon Kowalski, came to a successful conclusion. Kowalski was injured in an auto accident and was deemed unable to care for herself. Her parents attempted to exclude Thompson from Kowalski's life. Then a judge allowed Kowalski's former High School Coach to be her guardian even though the Coach had never formally applied for the position.

Finally, after several courts ignored evidence that Kowalski could make her own decisions and that Thompson was fully qualified to act as a guardian, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that Thompson should be her guardian ending an eight year legal battle that had captivated much of Gay and Lesbian America.

Danny and Sir Laurence Sitting In A Tree...? A new book by Hollywood biographer Donald Spoto confirms the persistent rumor that classical actor Sir Laurence Olivier carried on a ten year romance with song and dance man, Danny Kaye. The affair allegedly took place in the 1950's while Olivier was still married to actress Vivian Leigh and Kaye was married to Sylvia Fine. Spoto was given complete



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VETO PROTEST— Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians protested Mayor Norquist's veto of Gay Pride Parade funds outside MECCA's convention center where the Mayor delivered his "State of the City" speech January 27. Inside, Dan Fons and Patrick Flaherty of Queer Nation were cited for disorderly conduct for disrupting Norquist's speech.

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

Mayor Norquist Vetoes Pride Funds - In a move that outraged Gay and Lesbian Milwaukee as well as many of his liberal straight supporters, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist vetoed a Common Council appropriation of \$5,000 to help support Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration. Activists were stunned after having won a hard fought victory before the Common Council only to have the Mayor deprive them of the money. The Mayor's office was flooded with calls of protest after he issued his veto shortly after the Council voted 9 to 6 to grant the funds. Gays and straights alike flooded the Mayor's office with calls of protest.

The Council Debate was civil and devoid of homophobic comments. A number of Aldermen commented that since the City grants funds to other groups for parades, it was only fair to grant money to the Gay community.

That evening activists gathered to picket the Mayor's home. Even the Conservatives, although pleased by his veto, chided him for abandoning his strongest supporters, the Gay and Lesbian community.

NATIONAL NEWS

Karen Thompson Wins Guardianship- Lesbians and Gays around the country cheered as the long running battle of Sharon Thompson to win guardianship of her

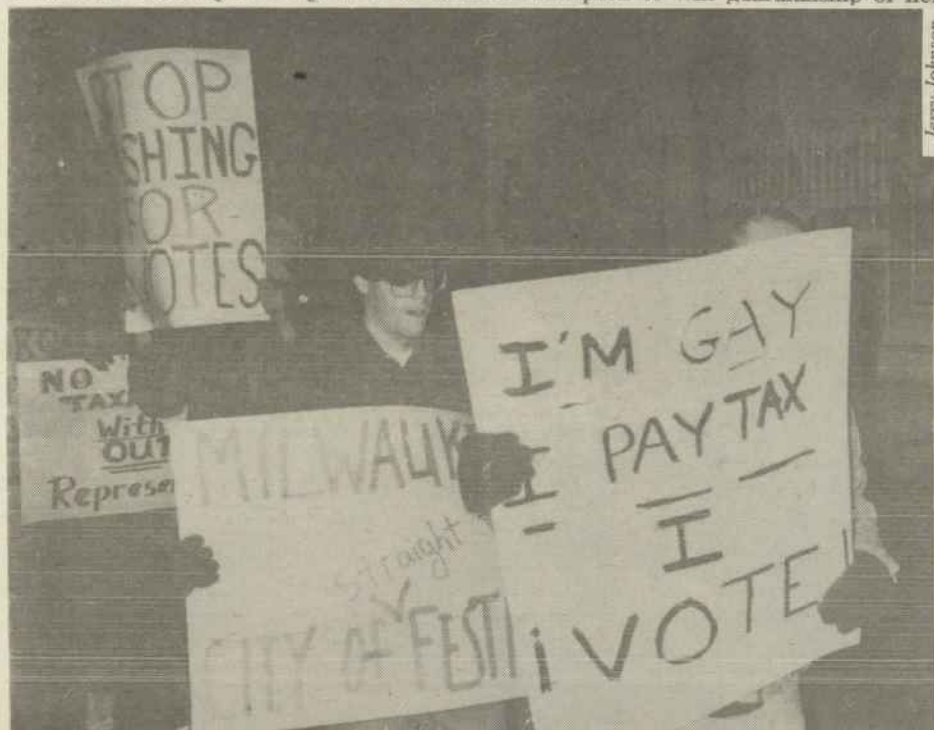


1992—Dane County Gay Supes—Tammy Baldwin, Dick Wagner and Mark Pocan constitute the openly Gay contingent on the Dane County Board of Supervisors. Only Baldwin faces a challenge in the April 7 election.

access to Olivier's personal papers and cited letters the actor sent to his wife that fully described his relationship with Kaye.

Study Boosts Genetics Theory - A study of male twins conducted by researchers at Northwestern University has provided evidence that homosexuality may have a genetic or biological basis. The researchers examined 56 identical twins, 54 fraternal twins and 57 adoptive brothers. They found that 52% of the identical twin brothers of Gay men were also Gay, compared with 22% of the fraternal twins and 11% of the genetically unrelated adoptive brothers. Wisconsin Light's publisher Jerry Johnson and his twin brother Jim, were part of that study.

Tom of Finland Dies - Touko Laaksonen better known to generations of Gay men as "Tom of Finland," an artist specializing in male erotic art, died in Helsinki on November 7 after suffering a stroke.



Jerry Johnson

STOP BASHING FOR VOTES— After Milwaukee Mayor Norquist vetoed the \$5,000 for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, 15 activists gathered on very short notice to picket the Mayor's residence the evening of January 22 to protest the veto.



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QUEER VALENTINES— Tim Grair and other members of Queer Nation/Milwaukee delivered specially designed Valentines to Mayor John Norquist on February 14 in their continuing effort to "stay in the Mayor's face" since his veto of Gay Pride funds in January.



Jerry Johnson

1993—Winter Wonderland—Despite 10" of snow falling during the winter's worst storm, some eighty people attended the Mardi Gras Ball in Milwaukee on Feb. 21. Held in the tropic and desert Mitchell Park Domes, the setting was perfect for a winter evening. Many of the people who wore costumes are shown above, including the contest winners in the center photo. Next year's Ball will be held on Sat., Feb. 5.

February

STATE WIDE NEWS

UW Urged to Do More to Combat Bashings and Harassment - An aggressive effort to combat homophobic violence and harassment in university housing is among the actions recommended to by the Gay and Lesbians Issues Committee to the UW-Madison Dean of Students.

Norquist Tries to Smooth Waters - Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist held a closed door meeting with 12 Gay and Lesbian Activists in an attempt to defuse criticism of his veto of a \$5,000 Pride Parade appropriation. Norquist defended his veto by saying that he doesn't always agree with groups whose agendas he supports. While not an apology for what some considered to be offensive language in his veto message, the Mayor did say that he didn't feel comfortable with it. He also agreed to meet with representatives of the community on a quarterly basis.

QN Sells Valentines For Mayor - Queer Nation, Milwaukee sold Valentines to send to Mayor John Norquist in honor of his veto of the Pride Parade funds. Buyers have two different cards to choose from. One says "Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue, We Need A Mayor other than you!" The other reads, "I've got a vote, I'm gonna use it. Because of your veto, you're gonna lose it." Over 100 cards were sold and personally delivered to the Mayor's office in a demonstration that the local media found to be clearly amusing.

Madison Establishes Computer Centre - Madison's Gay and Lesbian Resource Center has established a computer centre with a grant of \$3,000 from the New Harvest Foundation. The facility will be available for use by individuals and groups serving the Gay and Lesbian community.

Dahmer Gets Life - Jeffery Dahmer was convicted of the murders of 15 young men. A jury then rejected his plea of insanity and he was sentenced to 15 consecutive life terms by Judge Laurence C. Gramm. He will not be eligible for parole until the year 2928.

NATIONAL NEWS

Disney Says We're Okay - The Walt Disney Corporation has revised its corporate regulations to provide "equal opportunity regardless of sexual orientation." A key role in the decision was played by Local 681, the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union in Anaheim, home of Disneyland. During contract negotiations, the union insisted that the sexual orientation clause be included or their contract would not be ratified.

They Won't Arrest Us! - Dozens of Gay and Lesbian Activists in Washington D.C. recently turned themselves into District of Columbia police for violating the city's sodomy law, but they couldn't get arrested. The police took information down and turned it over to the US Attorney who has refused to press any charges. "I've a sworn affidavit that I'm a criminal for the way I make love. I fully expect the police to do their duty," said one member of Queer Nation/D.C.

Now There Are Five - New Jersey became the fifth state in the country to pass a statewide Gay Civil Rights law. The Garden state joins, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Hawaii as a Gay Rights state.

Dinkins Pressures Irish - New York Mayor David Dinkins is trying to pressure the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the organizers of the City's St. Pat's Day Parade to allow Irish Gays to join in their march. The group now stands accused of discrimination by New York's Human Rights Commission.

March

STATE WIDE NEWS

Baldwin Picks Up Support - Dane County Supervisor Tammy Baldwin is one of six openly Gay and Lesbian candidates selected by the Lesbian and Gay Victory Fund for support from its national network of donors. Baldwin is running for the seat in Wisconsin's 78th Assembly District in Madison. Observers give her a good chance to win and become the first openly Gay or Lesbian State Legislator in Wisconsin history.

MASN Gets Grant to Build Rodney Scheel House - The Madison AIDS Support Network received a \$1.2 million dollar HUD grant to construct the Rodney Scheel House. It's the only project of its kind to receive support in Wisconsin. The house, named after long time community leader Rodney Scheel, will provide shelter for those with HIV. Scheel died from complications due to AIDS.

Mardi Gras In Milwaukee - Two Gay publications, *The Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* teamed up to produce a Mardi Gras party as a benefit for the Milwaukee Pride Celebration. The ball, held at the Mitchell Park Domes, attracted a diverse crowd and raised several thousand dollars.



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CREAM CITY AWARDS NIGHT— The Lambda Rights Network bestowed its annual Cream City Awards in Milwaukee on March 24, 1992 in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Wisconsin. Receiving the awards were: front row- Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty (Torchbearer); Michael Lisowski, who accepted the President's Award for Bernell Howard; Margaret Snow (Police Proposal Task Group-PPTG) (Group Spirit); Mark Wavra for the Cream City Chorus (Group Spirit). Back row- School Board Member Mary Bills (Torchbearer); Haver Hicks (representing his cousin Bernell Howard); Robert Zimmerman (PPTG- Group Spirit); Stephanie Hume (Pacesetter); Cream City Chorus (Group Spirit); Gary Hollander (Pacesetter); Karen Zimmerman (PPTG-Group Spirit). Also receiving awards but not present were: Alderman Tom Donegan (Torchbearer) and Debbie Young (Spotlight).

Great Lakes Film Fest Has Six Day Run - The Great Lakes Film and Video Festival had a six day run at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union. A large number of Gay and Lesbian films were shown to appreciative audiences.

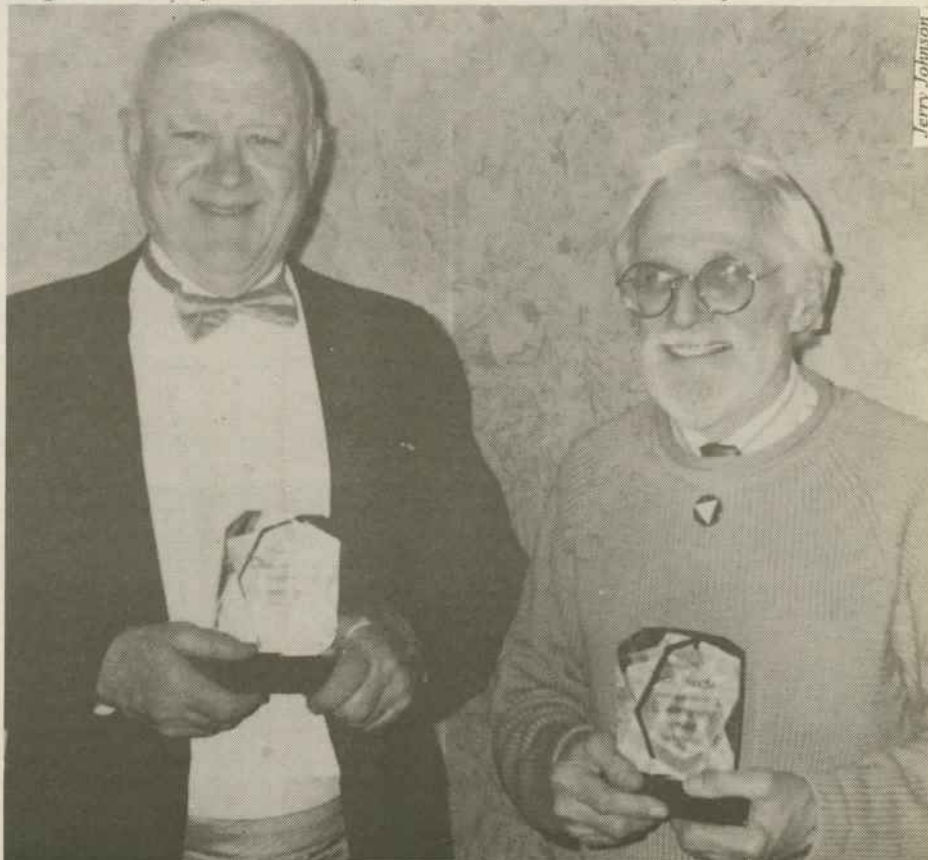
Gaylic In Milwaukee - Gaylic Members of Queer Nation Milwaukee joined in the City's St. Patrick's day parade brandishing pink shamrocks and "Veto Norquist" stickers. While they encountered Mayoral body guards, they received no harassment from spectators.

Milwaukee Pride Committee Shake Up - The Milwaukee Pride Committee has added six new members, Miriam Ben-Shalom, Regina Henry, Roberta Niggemeier, Bill Meunier, Louis Santaniello and Gary Wells. Alan Stroik has been elected President replacing Scott Gunkel who resigned. Meunier and Niggemeier will co-chair the Rally following the parade and have renamed it "PrideFest." The committee is nearly \$12,000 in debt and is embarking on a fund raising campaign.

NATIONAL NEWS

HRCF Endorses Boycott - The Human Rights Campaign Fund has endorsed a boycott of United Way because of the fund's continued support of the Boy Scouts, a group that discriminates against Gays and Lesbians.

St. Pat's Parade Controversy Flares in New York and Boston - In New York, hundreds of Irish Lesbians and Gays participated in a lively protest march prior to that City's annual St. Pat's Day parade. The protest was made necessary after a federal judge refused to order the parade's sponsors to include Irish Gays and Lesbians in the line up. In an unprecedented show of support many of the city's politicians boycotted the parade and/or joined in the protest. Meanwhile in Boston, Gays were allowed to



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CAPITOL CITY AWARDS NIGHT— Madison's Frontiers Men's Group held their annual Service and Leadership awards banquet on March 21st at Alioto's restaurant. This year's recipients were: David Runyon (left) Volunteer Service; John Neess (right) Community Service; and Leon Rouse (not present) Leadership.

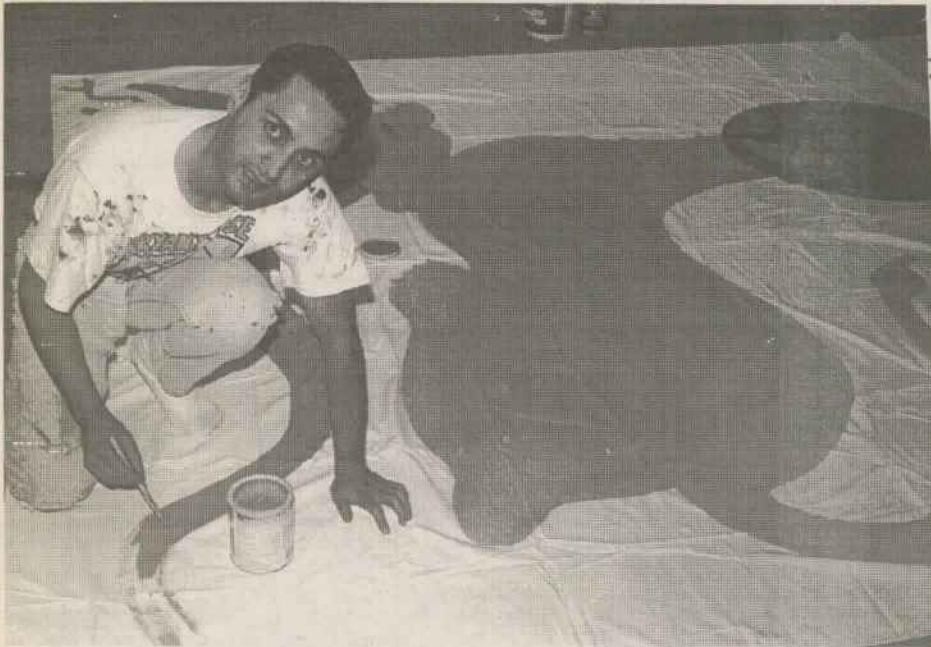
march as a contingent for the first time. The Gay marchers were attacked by hooligans who threw smoke bombs, beer cans and insults. Eight people were arrested.

Oscar Protest Planned - Queer Nation- Hollywood is planning a major Oscar Night protest in and around the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion where the Academy Awards ceremony will be held on March 30. QN hopes to call attention to the way Hollywood alternately defames and neglects Gay and Lesbian characters. Specific concerns include: the bizarre depiction of Gay men in the movie "JFK," the transvestite killer in "Silence of the Lambs," the Lesbian and female bisexual killers in "Basic Instinct" and the de-Lesbianization of the central characters in "Fried Green Tomatoes."

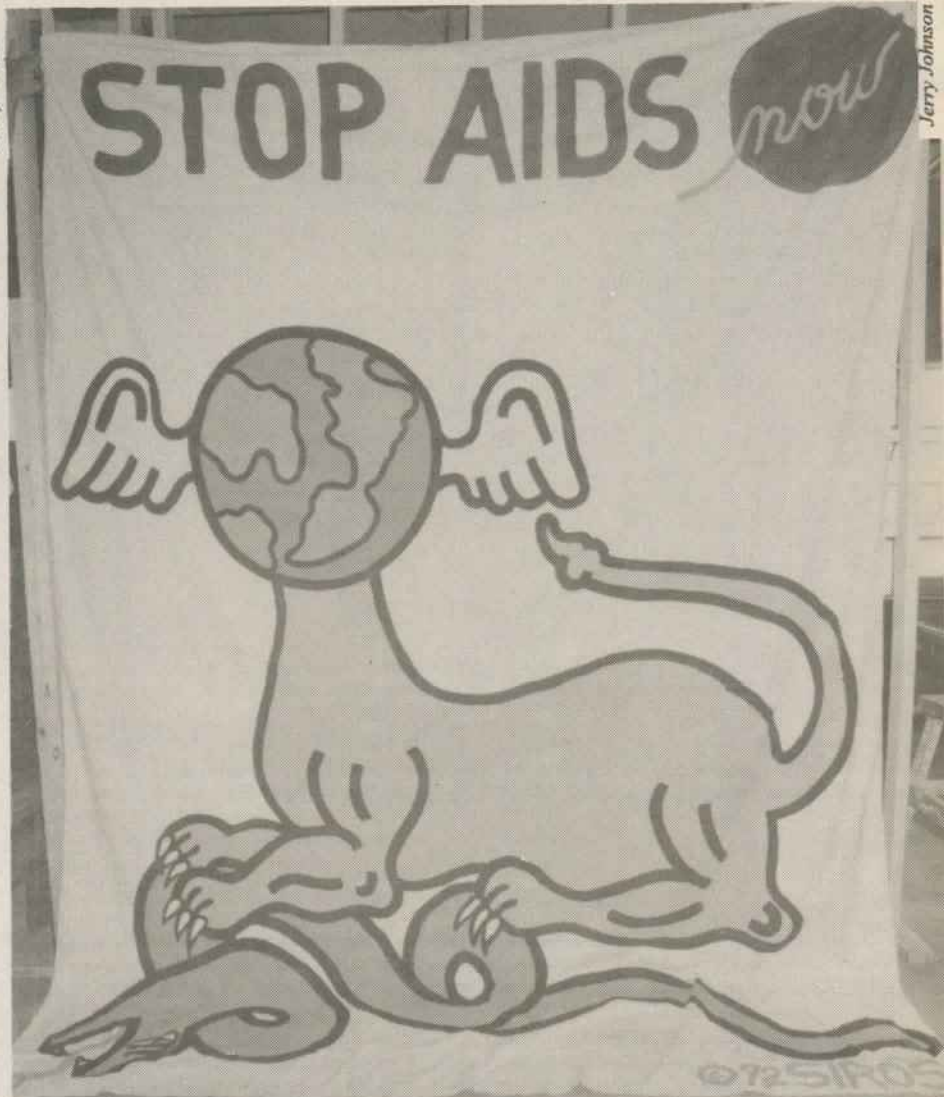
April

STATE WIDE NEWS

Make A Promise A Big Success - Over 800 people attended the annual Make a Promise Dinner raising a total of \$58,000 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Country Singer Loey Nelson was introduced by her brother Mayor John Norquist. Miller



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CARTOON TIME— Former Milwaukeean and world famous artist, Siros, painted a mural at the MAP offices on June 4. (A related story and photo appear on page 3).

Brewing Company was given a special award honoring that company's many contributions to the fight against AIDS.

Cream City Brick Award Winners - The Lambda Rights Network bestowed its annual Cream City Awards. The winners were: Alderman Mary Anne McNulty-Torchbearer, Bernell Howard- President's Award, the Police Proposal Task Group and the Cream City Chorus - Group Spirit, School Board member Mary Bills - Torchbearer, Gary Hollander and Stephanie Hume - Pace setter, Alderman Tom Donegan - Torch Bearer and Debbie Young - Spotlight.

Frontier's Awards - At its annual banquet, Madison's Frontiers Men's Group presented awards to David Runyon - Volunteer Service, John Neess- Community Service and Leon Rouse- Leadership.

TV Stations Refuse Ads - Two Milwaukee Television Stations refused to accept an ad sponsored by ACT UP Milwaukee. WISN TV, Channel 12, an ABC affiliate and WVTU Channel 18, an independent station, rejected the 30 second ads. The commercial was to be run on the eve of the Wisconsin primary. It was designed to give facts about AIDS.

NO 'LION' AROUND— Siros painted this mural on June 4 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Bashings Are Not A Dance - According to an article in *The Duluth News-Tribune* there is growing concern over hate crimes committed against Gays and Lesbians in the area. Bob Jansen, owner of the Main Club, a Superior Gay bar says that while the police are cooperative they are uninformed. Jansen said that when he met with the police chief and city attorney recently, he found out they thought "Gay bashing" was a type of dance.

Election Results -Tom Ament was elected Milwaukee County Executive and all four of Madison's openly Gay and Lesbian County Supervisors were re-elected. Milwaukee's County Board Elections were a delight for its Gays and Lesbians. "The Gang of Four" Supervisors Engel, St. John, Valenti and Tabak, all of whom had voted against the Pride Week Proclamation last year were defeated. No one who voted for the resolution lost their re-election bid. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton won the Wisconsin Primary in an upset over California Governor Jerry Brown who had been leading in pre-election polls. Gay supportive.



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A star-studded cast made up the "Who's No Lady Revue" at Milwaukee's La Cage on May 3. A capacity crowd attended the event which was a benefit for MAP. Several of the performers are shown above.

The ad had no explicit material, but only the face of a 60's style clock with a voice in the back ground. The voice over accused politicians of being silent on the epidemic and of not addressing the homophobia "that hinders safer sex education, of not changing "the sexist definition of AIDS that keeps women from getting AIDS benefits" and of "not addressing the racism that keeps people of color out of promising drug trials." The ad concludes by urging people to vote.

WVTU Channel 18, said the station was accepting "no issue oriented ads" but refused to put its reasons in writing. WISN Channel 12 rejected the ad for similar reasons telling ACT UP's Dan Fons, that the ad was "too controversial" Neither station would allow ACT UP's reps to speak with higher up executives claiming they were either in the hospital or on vacation.

Executives of both stations did, however, speak to the *Milwaukee Journal*. Both stations said the ad was too controversial. Channel 12 however, had signed a contract to show the ad and had accepted payment for it.

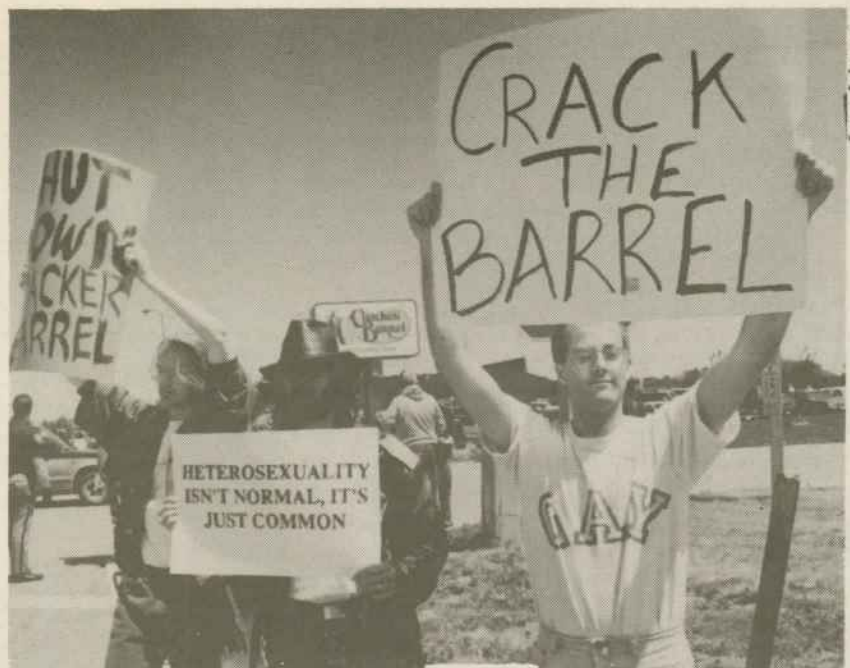
ACT UP is planning to take up the matter with the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union. **Madison Discrimination Complain Upheld**- The Madison Equal Opportunities Commission says that, the Roley, Anderson, and Torhorts Clinic in Madison probably discriminated against a Stacie Neldaughter, a Madison area Lesbian when it cancelled her appointment regarding artificial insemination. The clinic had claimed it was subject to anti-discrimination laws because it is composed of private offices of independent physicians.



LEATHER AGAINST FLESH— Lenny Broberg (center), Mr. San Francisco Leather led a field of 53 contestants to capture the 1992 International Mr. Leather title over the Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. Second place went to Erik Witmeyer (right) of Los Angeles and third place was captured by Mr. Boston Leather, A.J. Steigenberger, 2000 people filled the historic Aragon Ballroom to watch the competition.

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DEMANDING BASIC RIGHTS— Dozens of demonstrators protested on June 21, 1992 at the recently opened Cracker-Barrel restaurant, near Kenosha. Protesters carried signs (left) and were confronted by law officials numerous times during the two hour demonstration. Kenosha Sheriff's department deputies confiscated signs (right) that contained language they objected to. The deputy holds a sign while wearing plastic gloves.

NATIONAL NEWS

Anti-Gay Violence Shows Alarming Increase - A report from the National Gay and Lesbian Task force shows a 31% increase in Anti-Gay violence in key US Cities. In Minneapolis bashing reports rose by an astounding 202%. NGLTF says that last year eight people were killed for being Gay and acts of police abuse also rose 29%.

Buchanan Bashes Gays - Republican Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan bashed Gays and New York Mayor David Dinkins. The challenger to George Bush claimed that Dinkins had "insulted" Catholics by "prancing with sodomites" during the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Bush Says that Gays Rights Are Specials Rights - President George Bush told a special delegation of prominent Christian Fundamentalist ministers that he was against passing laws to protect the rights of Gays and Lesbians. According to published reports the delegation told the President that the issue of Gay and Lesbian rights was "far more important than abortion." Robert Dugan, one of the ministers present, said that Bush "volunteered" his position against "special rights for Gays and Lesbians".

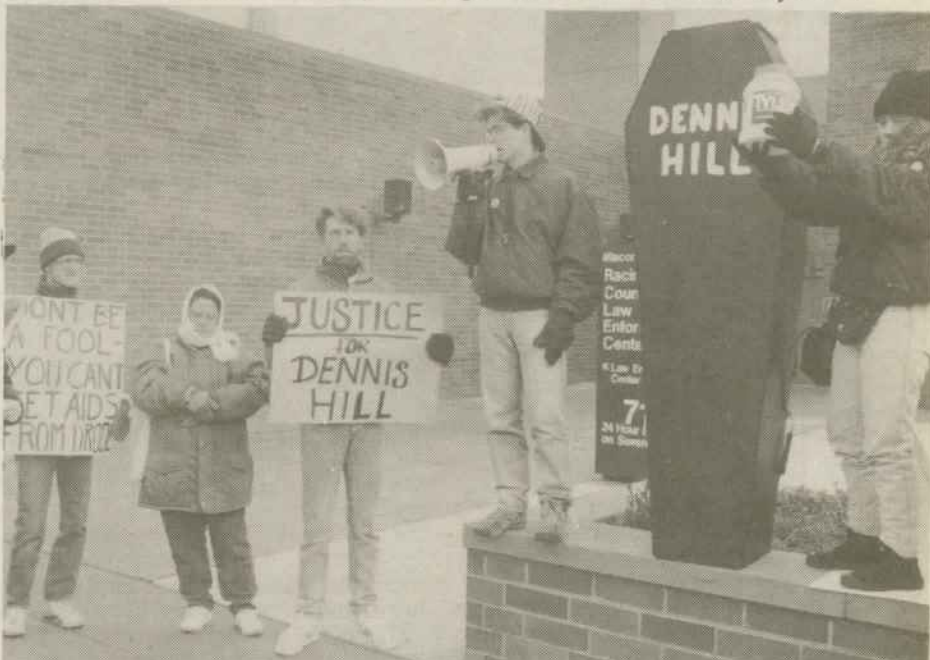
Gay Games In New York - New York Mayor David Dinkins formally announced that the Big Apple will be home of Gay Games IV in 1994 and urged President Bush to rescind the "misguided HIV exclusionary rule" which prevents people with HIV from visiting the US for more than 10 days.

570, provides clearer standards for juries and judges to use in deliberating over "hate crimes" cases. Under the new law, hate crimes penalties can be imposed even if the victims status was not the sole reason for the his/her selection and being mistaken about the victims minority status would not allow a defendant to escape the penalties.

Clarenbach Announces Congressional Bid - State Representative David Clarenbach announced his candidacy for Wisconsin's Second District Congressional Seat. The District which was won by Republican Scott Klug in the last election includes Madison the State Capitol. Clarenbach was the prime sponsor of Wisconsin's landmark legislation AB 70, the first statewide Gay rights law in the country.

Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments Recruit Gays and Lesbians - In an unprecedented move, the Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments has agreed to offer a May 30th session targeted at Gays and Lesbians who may be interested in applying for positions as Police officers or Fire Fighters. The session is being hosted by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee.

ACT UP Seeks Investigation Into Prisoner's Death - When Dennis Hill was picked up by the Racine Police on a traffic charge little did he know that he would never see his home again. The HIV positive, Hill died in Police custody at the Racine County Jail. When caregivers from the Milwaukee AIDS Project picked up Hill at the jail, he was severely ill, lying in his own feces and vomit and breathing with great difficulty. They took Hill directly to a hospital where he died several days later.



JUSTICE FOR DENNIS HILL— Members of ACT UP from Milwaukee, Madison and Chicago demonstrated at the Racine County Law Enforcement Center on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1992.

The FBI has investigated the case to see if Hill's civil rights were violated. ACT UP is encouraging concerned people to call the US Department of Justice attorney who has been assigned the case and demand action.

NATIONAL NEWS

National Women's Music Fest Expects Crowds - The National Women's Music Festival to be held at the Bloomington Campus of the University of Indiana is expecting up to 3,000 women to take in the performances. Among the headliners are women's music legends, Chris Williamson, Margie Adames, Urban Bush Women, Heather Bishop, Lucy Blue Trembally and Dianne Davidson.

Northern Exposure Lesbians Exposed! - The May 18 episode of "Northern Exposure" on CBS will feature an episode about the founding mothers of the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska, a Lesbian couple! In a previous episode, one of the characters remarked that "Cicely and Roslyn" had a good thing and were lucky to have it.

PFLAG Begins National Ads - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, P-FLAG, have produced a ground breaking public service announcement currently being aired on television stations around the country. In the ad PFLAG members gather to proclaim their love for all their family members.

Landers Says We Are Happy - Syndicated columnist Anne Landers says the results of her poll on homosexuality show that we are happy just as we are. By a margin of 30 to 1 those who are happy to be Gay outnumber those who would rather be straight. Landers says it is her "firm conviction that homosexuality is not a learned behavior, it is genetic. It can be suppressed but not altered."

Vaid To Leave NGLTF - After eight years of involvement at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Executive Director Urvashi Vaid announced that she will leave the staff in December 1992. "This is a perfect time for me to move on personally and organizationally," said Vaid. "NGLTF is in strong shape-with unique and effective projects, a terrific staff, a visionary board and dedicated members and volunteers. Vaid will remain engaged in the movement as a strategist and political leader."



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1992—Herb Moses, Congressman Barney Frank pose with (l-r) Allan Eslinger, Terry Boughner and Brent Priebe at MAPFest

May

STATE WIDE NEWS

MAP Exec Denounces Federal AIDS Campaign - The Federally Sponsored "America Responds to AIDS campaign" is a "terrible waste of taxpayer dollars" says MAP Executive Director, Doug Nelson. Nelson bases his assessment on a new MAP study that showed 50% of Gay men who are sexually active with multiple partners do not use condoms. The survey also showed that Gay men who have a high frequency of sexual activity with 10 or more partners in the past year do not use condoms.

Mayor Denounces Gay Bashings- Fulfilling a promise made to Gay leaders earlier this year, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist used his announcement of a contract award to speak out against Gay and Lesbian bashing. "I want to say publicly that this city does not tolerate hate crimes. Hate crimes are wrong. They are inexcusable. This City, including is Police force, is committed to doing everything it can to prevent and investigate hate crimes."

"Edward II" Screening to Benefit Pride, Scheel House - The June 19th special screening of the film "Edward II" will be a benefit for Milwaukee's Lesbian / Gay Pride Committee. The June 26th Screening in Madison is a benefit for the Rodney Scheel AIDS House. Both benefits are sponsored by **The Wisconsin Light** and **In Step Magazine**. The film is a modernized version of the story of Edward the Second, a homosexual king of England.

Med. College of WI Gets Major AIDS Grant - The Medical College of Wisconsin has been awarded a \$3 million grant to support a research program that will evaluate methods of long term maintenance of safe sex practices. The project will be headed by Dr. Jeffrey Kelly, Ph.D., a nationally recognized and respected psychologist. The projects award brings research support for the College's CAIR program to about \$10 million.

Wisconsin Hate Crimes Act Strengthened - Governor Tommy Thompson has signed into law a new bill that strengthens Wisconsin Hate Crimes Act. The bill, AB

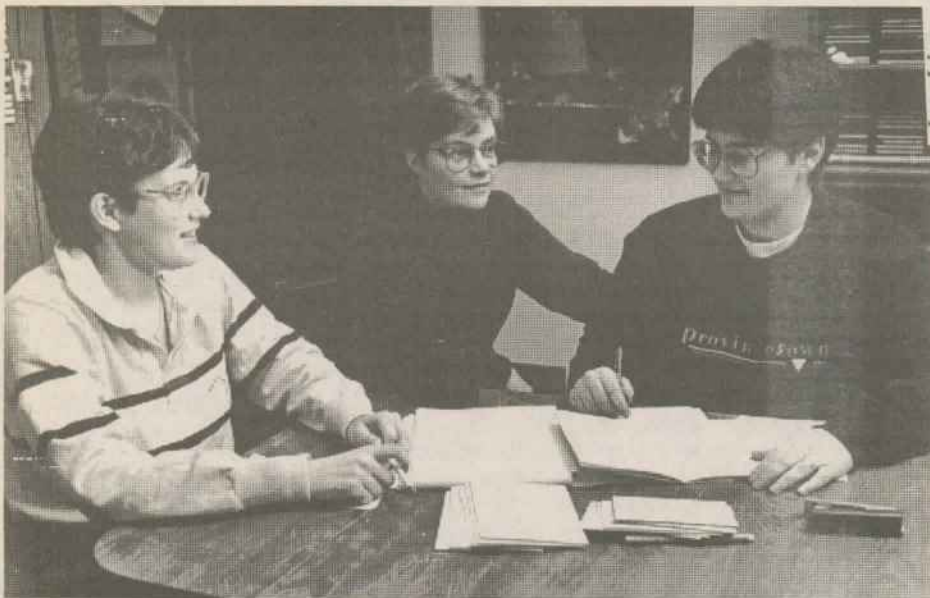
June

STATE WIDE NEWS

PrideFest a Major Hit - Despite having a \$12,000 debt just four months before, despite the resignation of several board members and the addition of six new members, despite Mayor Norquist's veto of a \$5,000 appropriation, Milwaukee's revamped and renamed Pride celebration attracted an estimated 5,000 people to celebrate Pride at the City's Juneau Park.



1992—Spectators show their support for the players at a Milwaukee softball game.



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1992—Kitty Barber (center) discusses strategy and programs with members of LAMM.

Festival Co-Chairs Roberta Niggemeier and Bill Meunier were elated at the large turnout which attracted crowds so large that the beer ran out just three hours after it had begun.

Entertainment from Singsational and the Cream City Chorus to the Shoreline Dance troupe and a fabulous Drag Revue kept the crowd excited and engaged. The Pride Parade which marched through Milwaukee's "Gay Neighborhood" also attracted a record number of participants. For the first time the event featured a second stage "The Stonewall Tent" which offered lectures, poetry readings, and dance lessons.

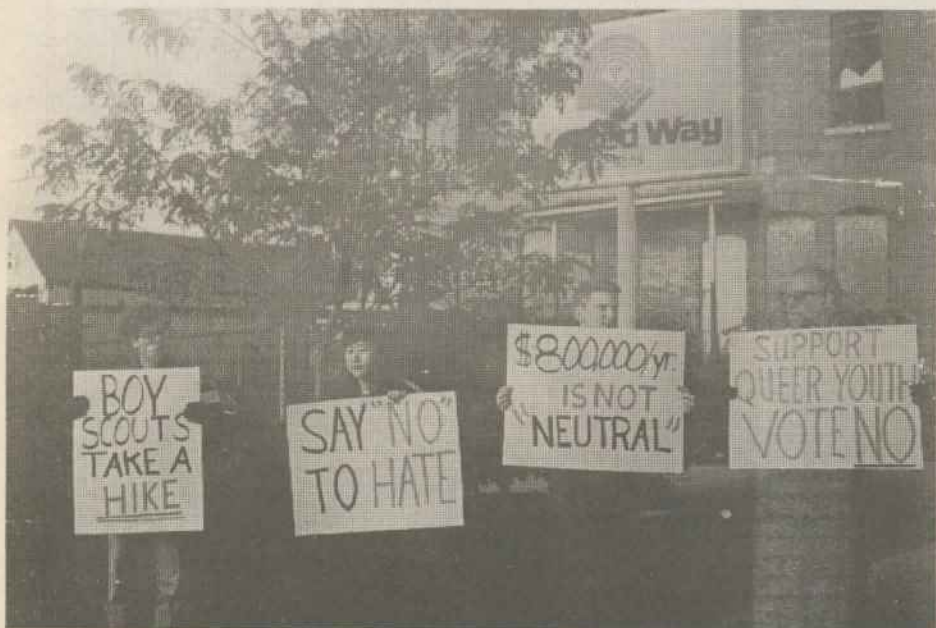
Police Break Up Cracker Barrel Demonstration in Kenosha - In what one observer called "cops on a rampage," police and other law enforcement officials confiscated signs, shoved people to the ground, manhandled the press and arrested peaceful protesters demonstrating on public land outside a Kenosha Cracker Barrel restaurant on June 21.

An estimated 70 people from Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, Kenosha and Racine were on hand to protest Cracker Barrel's Anti-Gay hiring policies.

Law enforcement officers from the State Patrol, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and the Kenosha Police joined by Kenosha County District Attorney Richard Ginowski, were involved. Among those roughed up in the incident was Jerry Johnson, publisher of *The Wisconsin Light*. Johnson was shoved hard when a Police officer took offense at his attempts to take pictures of the Police riot.

"Wisconsin Light" Writer, Jamakaya, Milwaukee Cable Win National Awards - Jamakaya a columnist and reporter with *The Wisconsin Light* was given the "Best On Going Coverage of a News Event" award by the Gay/Lesbian Press Association. Jamakaya won the prestigious honor for her coverage of the Jeffery Dahmer case.

Also receiving an award at the GLPA Convention banquet was the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable network, a committee of the Cream City Foundation. The network



FUNDING OBJECTIONS— Several protesters demonstrated outside the Milwaukee United Way offices on Oct. 13 prior to a board meeting to discuss Boy Scout funding.

received awards for two programs. "Best of Yellow on Thursday" was given the award for best overall TV Programming and "The New Tri-Cable Tonight: Gay and Lesbian Community Perspectives on Milwaukee's Tragic Murders" received a special award.

Baldwin Announces Assembly Bid - Openly Lesbian Dane County Supervisor, Tammy Baldwin formally announced her candidacy for the State Assembly in Wisconsin's 78th District. Baldwin who already has gotten the support for the Victory Fund is the first openly Gay or Lesbian to run for the Wisconsin Legislature.

BESTD Clinic to Remodel - Milwaukee's BESTD Clinic has begun the process of assessing plans and costs of refurbishing its facility. The Clinic was given its building at 1240 E. Brady Street by Dr. Roger Gremminger, one of the Clinics founders.

NATIONAL NEWS

Oregon Town Mandates Discrimination - Citizens of Springfield Oregon voted 5,693 to 4,540 to pass an initiative that outlaws civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians and bans Gay Pride events on public property. According to the law, any City agency may deny services to an individual or group thought to promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality.

Lesbian Lovers Gunned Down - A 65 year old Town of Huron, Michigan, man ended his feud with his Lesbian neighbors by shooting the women to death in their driveway. Susan Pittman and Christine Puckett were killed as they were building a fence along their property line. Their killer, James Brooks, told a neighbor that he was bothered by the couples "open displays of affection." Both women were dead at the scene.

July

STATE WIDE NEWS

Senator Kohl Joins AIDS Activists - Senator Herb Kohl, (D-WI) has written a letter to the Department of Justice expressing interest in the case of Dennis Hill, an HIV+ man who was neglected during a two day stay at the Racine County Jail. Hill died shortly after his release.

Police Arrest Four at La Crosse Gay Bar - An anonymous La Crosse Crime Stoppers Tip lead Police to check out Memories, a La Crosse Gay Bar. By the time the cops had left they had bagged four trophies, three dancers and the owner. All four were arrested for allegedly committing "offenses endangering public morals." The police claimed the dancers were wearing G-strings, but owner, David Groom said they were wearing thongs. Groom adds, "We didn't do anything different than what the straight bars down the street do when they have dancers. They are picking on us

because we're Gay.

MAGIC Picnic - The MAGIC Picnic went on without its founding father, Rodney Scheel. The annual Madison celebration drew hundreds of revelers and raised a considerable sum for Madison area Gay and Lesbian organizations.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mass. Governor Forms Gay Lesbian Youth Commission - Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld has appointed "The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth." The first of its kind commission will make recommendations to the Governor and state agencies concerning the creation of programs to counter the high rate of suicide among Gay and Lesbian youths.

Bush Says Gay Parents Aren't Normal - President George Bush said he "can't accept it as normal" for a child to have Gay parents. The President made the remark during an interview with *The New York Times*.

Growing Gay Involvement in Clinton Campaign - CBS News reports that Gays and Lesbians are becoming more visibly active in politics most noticeably in the Presidential campaign of Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. Clinton who has been endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, has taken a number of positions that support Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

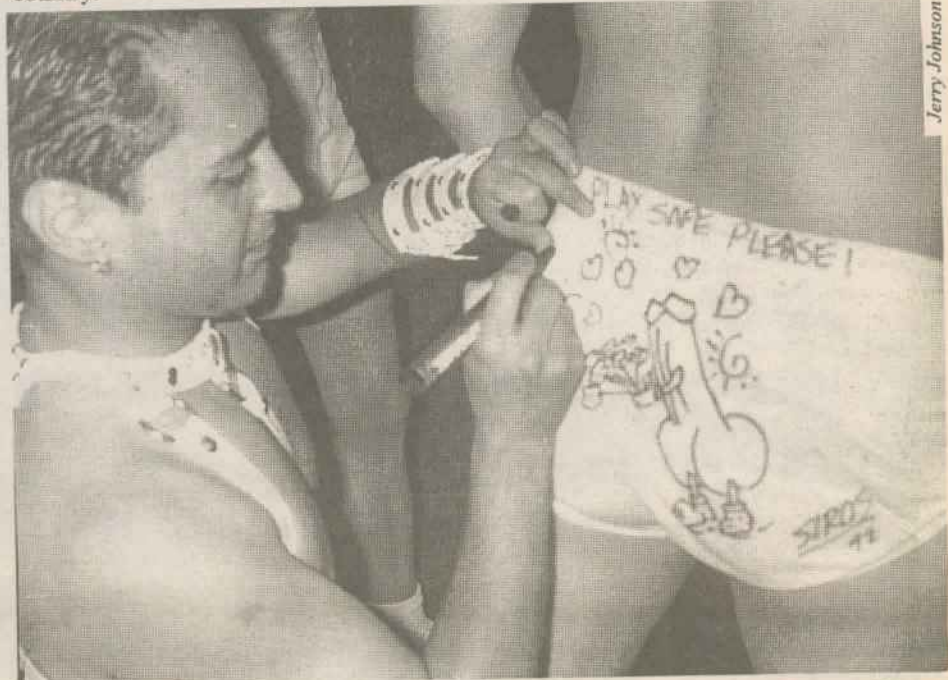
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STATE WIDE NEWS

Meeting on Entrapment Accomplishes Little - A meeting between higher ups at UW-Milwaukee and leaders of the Gay/Lesbian Community at UWM to resolve the problem of police entrapment of Gay men in campus bathrooms yielded few results.

Over 80 men have been arrested since the beginning of summer. Many of those arrested say that the campus police have openly masturbated and engaged in other actions to entice them to have sex. Campus officials commenting on the complaints said they will continue to use whatever techniques they can until they are declared illegal.

State Historical Society Collecting Materials - The Wisconsin State Historical Society has begun collecting materials that document the Gays Civil Rights movement in the State of Wisconsin. The materials will become part of the society's Social Action Manuscripts Collection, one of the best and largest collections of its kind in the country.



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1992—Beholding Art—Internationally famous and former Milwaukee artist, Siros, was the star of the evening at the August 9 "White Knight Out" party at Milwaukee's La Cage. The event was a fundraiser for MAP. Siros is shown creating a work of art on a young man's underwear.

La Crosse Charges Dismissed - Charges against the owner of Memories and three male dancers who were performing there were dismissed. The men were arrested and ticketed last month allegedly for "pornographic performances." Deputy City Attorney, Peter Kiskan said a warning was issued to the bar. "The city no longer prosecutes dancers under the ordinance. In fact I believe that the ordinance was repealed."

NATIONAL NEWS

Anti-Gay Ballot Measures in Oregon and Colorado - The Oregon Citizen's Alliance, an ultra conservative group, has forced a vote on its proposal to amend the state constitution so that it condemns homosexuality.

The proposal amendment known as "Measure 9" would classify homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse." Furthermore it would require discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in Oregon and remove all legal protections from them.

A Colorado group has also proposed an amendment to that state's constitution. Known as "Amendment 2" it would amend the state constitution to prohibit the passage of Gay and Lesbian civil rights measures by any unit of government operating within the state.



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1992—Ms. International Leather '91 and Mr. Drummer appear at the Wreck Room along with contest winners in the Milwaukee Leather Contest.



TEARS OF GRIEF — 150 people attended the first anniversary memorial of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer on July 23, 1992 in Milwaukee. The vigil was sponsored by the Career Youth Development Love and Action Support Group for Homicide. A sister of one of the victims, Tony Hughes, is pictured above sharing her grief with another relative.

Researchers Find Brain Differences - Researchers at UCLA have found a second anatomical difference in the brain structure of Gay men and straight males. They found that the anterior commission of Gay men was an average of 18% larger than that of straight women and 34% larger than that of straight men.

Last year it was reported that a brain structure called interstitial nucleus of the anterior hypothalamus was smaller on average in Gay men than in straights. Taken together the findings add to the evidence that homosexuality is inborn, not chosen behavior.

Gay Rights A Republican No No - The Republican Party Platform lays out in no uncertain terms its opposition to Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. It states "We oppose efforts by the Democratic Party to include sexual preference as a protected minority receiving preferential status under civil rights statutes at the Federal, State and Local level. By contrast the Democrat's platform states, "Democrats will continue to lead the fight to ensure that no Americans suffer discrimination or deprivation of rights on the basis of sexual orientation or other characteristics irrelevant to ability."



OPEN HOUSE HELD— The Medical College of Wisconsin held an open house at their 1201 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, offices on November 19, 1992. The historic building houses the offices of the Community Health Behavior Program. Pictured above (L to R) are: Jeffrey A. Kelly, Allan C. Haulk, Michael G. Morgan and L. Yvonne Stevenson.

September

STATEWIDE NEWS

Baldwin Wins Primary - Openly Lesbian Dane County Supervisor is on her way to becoming the first ever openly Lesbian or Gay member of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Baldwin has captured the Democratic nomination. Baldwin who won by more than 10% of the vote, said in her victory address "I will never be an insider, but I will be inside." She will be a heavy favorite to win in the general election in November. Her district is considered to be one of the most liberal in the country.

Clarenbach Loses Big - State Representative David Clarenbach lost his bid for the Democratic nomination for Congress. The prime sponsor of Wisconsin's AB 70 the



TIED IN A RED RIBBON— Over 5,000 people participated in "Hands Around the White House" in Washington, D.C. over the weekend to memorialize those who have died of AIDS. Holding a red ribbon that encircles the White House, the group which was often two deep filled the air with such chants as "Shame, Shame — Four More Weeks, Four More Weeks." and "We're Here, We're Queer and we Can Spell Potato." President Bush was shown being led by chains in this photo.



Jerry Johnson

first Gay Civil Rights law in the country was hurt by last minute revelations of large campaign donations from Health Insurance companies. His opponent Ada Deer captured 60% of the vote and the right oppose incumbent Congressman Republican Scott Klug.

MAPFest Makes Big Move - MAPFest has moved from the Historic Schlitz Brewery complex to the grounds of the Performing Arts Center and if the crowds that were present at its first year in its new home are any indication, the move was a great idea. Taking advantage of a more scenic site and better facilities the event attracted a record attendance. Among those in attendance was Openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA)

NATIONAL NEWS

Lining Up Against The Bigots - Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts has condemned a referendum on a proposed State Constitutional Amendment that would label Gays and Lesbians as perverts and strip them of any legal protections. She warned that the measure would hurt business and "foster a climate of violence." Roberts pointed out that this fall Gus Van Sant, one of the most sought after directors in the country begins filming in Portland. "If Measure 9 passes, the city couldn't issue permits for his film, because he is Gay" she said.

Meanwhile In Colorado...A recent poll brought some good news to opponents of Amendment 2, Colorado's Ant-Gay/Lesbian rights ballot measure. The Denver Post News poll showed that 54% of registered voters say they will vote against the measure. Only 36% say they are in favor and the rest are undecided.

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October

STATE WIDE NEWS

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Shatters Records - AIDS Walk Wisconsin shattered all records when 4,500 walkers raised \$404,000 to help fight AIDS. The honorary chairs were Milwaukee Brewer's Third baseman, Paul Molitor and his wife Linda.

Feingold Makes Gay/Lesbian Rights Stands - Democratic Senate Candidate Russ Feingold in an interview with *The Wisconsin Light* reiterated his support for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. His opponent, Republican Incumbent, Robert Kasten has consistently refused to support Lesbian and Gay rights and has often sided with Jesse Helms in fights on AIDS funding.

Living End Makes Good Money - A special screening of "The Living End" was held on October 29 as a benefit for the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. The screening was sponsored by *The Wisconsin Light*.

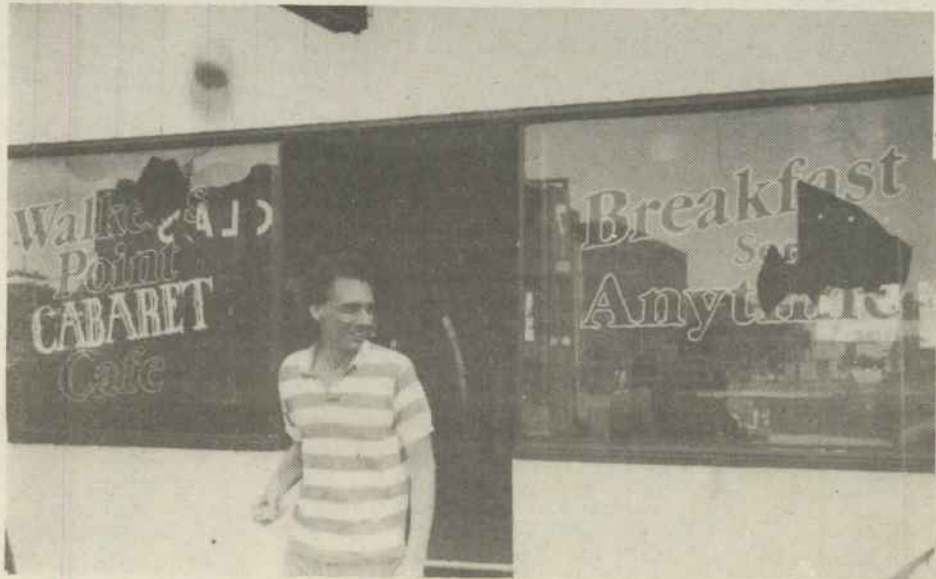
Hotel Washington Undergoing Renovation - The Hotel Washington is undergoing a \$750,000 renovation. The popular Gay and Lesbian spot will have even more features when the work is done. A new all purpose room will be added. The room will look out on the patio. The Barber's Closet will return and Rod's will be expanded. Elevators will be installed to connect all areas of the complex including Rod's, the New Bar, Café Palms, and the rooms in the Hotel itself.

Boy Scout Funding Controversy Heats Up - Protestors picketed a meeting of the Milwaukee United Way Board of Directors to protest its continued support for the Boy Scouts, which openly discriminates against Gays and Lesbians. While the protest was going on outside, the full Board of Directors voted to reject a neutral stance on the issue and to investigate the issue. That vote lays the ground work for a potential defunding of the organization.

NATIONAL NEWS

California Governor Signs Job Discrimination Bill - Governor Pete Wilson signed a bill that protects Lesbians and Gays from job discrimination. The move was viewed as a surprise by many, considering that Wilson vetoed a similar measure last year. That veto resulted in riots and howls of protest throughout the state. In fact activists were putting the finishing touches on plans for mass demonstrations protesting Wilson's expected veto when they learned of his approving the bill. Lou Sheldon of the Coalition for Family Values condemned the Governor's approval saying the bill "would protect sex with animals and the rape of children as forms of political expression."

Another First - The city of Cambridge, Massachusetts became the first local government in the Bay State to extend benefits to the partners of its Gay and Lesbian



THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS— Drive-by vandals smashed picture windows in over a dozen buildings during the early morning hours of September 4 in Milwaukee. Several Gay owned businesses suffered damage including the Walker's Point Cafe (pictured above with co-owner Michael "Miss M" Roberts), the M&M Club, In Step Magazine and the Wreck Room. Other businesses damaged included the Marshall Field's Department Store, Timers and Smugglers bars and the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Police have arrested two men for the offenses.

employees. Cambridge is home to Harvard University. It joins 19 other municipalities nationwide that offer domestic partnership benefits for city employees.

Bill's The One For Gays, Lesbians - An overwhelming 92.2% of Gay and Lesbian voters favor Democrat Bill Clinton's election to the White House according to a survey conducted by Overlooked Opinions, an independent research group headquartered in Chicago. President George Bush was favored by just 3.2%, 1.1% want Ross Perot and 2.5% want other candidates. 95.3% of those asked said they plan to vote in November.

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

Tammy Does It! Tammy Baldwin has become the first openly Lesbian or Gay member of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Baldwin easily defeated Republican Patricia Hevenor and a minor party candidate.

"The Wisconsin Light" Celebrates - *The Wisconsin Light* celebrated its Fifth Anniversary with its November 12 issue.

Feingold Wins - Gay and Lesbian Activists celebrated the election of Russ Feingold over incumbent Republican U.S. Senator Robert Kasten. Feingold was a strong supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights while in the State Legislature, while Kasten consistently sided with Jesse Helms in the Senate.

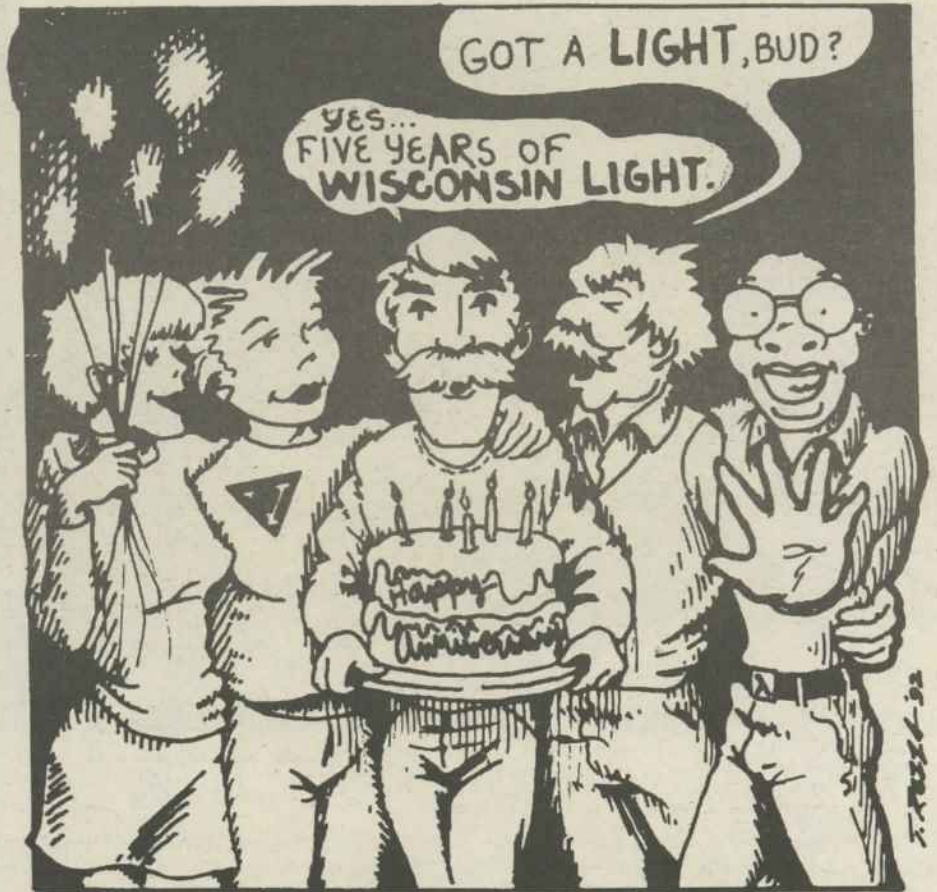
Milwaukee Gays and Lesbians Thanked - Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist publicly thanked local Gays and Lesbians for their support of Bill Clinton during a speech at Bill Clinton's Milwaukee Victory party. Earlier the Mayor told the local media "The worst mistake the Republicans made was bashing Gays and Lesbians."

MAP Files Suit Against Racine Sheriff - The Milwaukee AIDS Project has filed a civil rights law suit on behalf of the late Dennis Hill against the Racine County Sheriff's Department. Hill had been confined in the Racine County Jail after a routine traffic stop.

After his release to MAP care gives he was quickly rushed to a hospital where he died a few days later. Witnesses say they found him in the jail laying naked with a medical tube protruding from his chest, in his own feces and vomit and unable to breathe. The suit says that while he was confined, Hill was denied access to medical care including the 16 medications he needed to take. It also states that the Racine County Jail refused to allow Hill's support group to administer his medications.

NATIONAL NEWS

Election Results: Clinton Wins Big, Gays Lesbians Rejoice - Democratic nominee for President, Bill Clinton, has become President Elect Clinton. Clinton nearly won a majority of the popular vote and garnered a landslide in the Electoral College. Gays and Lesbians around the country rejoiced in Clinton's victory. The President-elect has promised to end federal government discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, increase funding to fight against AIDS, include Gays and Lesbians in his administration and end the ban on military service.



Oregon Says No to Hate - The results of two state wide referendums on Gay and Lesbian civil rights were mixed. Voters in Oregon rejected a call to amend the State Constitution in manner that would have stripped Gays and Lesbians of any legal protections. Despite their victory, Gays and Lesbians in Oregon were sobered by the knowledge that the campaign engendered a rash of bashings including several murders.

Colorado Says Yes - Voters in Colorado approved Amendment 2, an amendment to their State Constitution that rescinds local Gay and Lesbian rights ordinances and forbids the passages of any Gay civil rights laws by any unit of government within the state. Coloradans for Family Values proposed the measure and used the slogan "Gay Rights Are Special Rights," and ran a hate filled campaign that succeeded despite the opposition of nearly every elected official in the state.

That campaign was so slanderous towards Gays and Lesbians that nearly all of Colorado's Television stations and radio stations refused to show commercials supporting passage of Amendment 2. Despondent Gays and Lesbians vowed to fight the measure in the courts and to organize a boycott of their state.

Angry Gays and Lesbians invaded a Clinton Victory party and accused the Democratic Party of doing too little to help them. Others organized an impromptu candle light rally at a public square in Denver where they chanted "No more hate."

So Does Tampa - Tampa voters overwhelmingly voted to repeal a local Gay and Lesbian civil rights ordinance that had been passed by the City Council.

Hawaii Court Considers Gay Marriages - The State Supreme Court of Hawaii will consider the question of whether or not same sex couples should be allowed to marry. At a hearing held on October 13, 1992, Dan Foley, attorney for three Gay and Lesbian couples challenging the state's ban on Gay marriages, argued that the Justices should rule in favor of his clients based on the Hawaiian Constitution's broad protections of privacy rights. Deputy Attorney General Sonia Faust argued that there aren't any court cases that say homosexuals should be protected from discrimination to enable them to get married.

Canada Rescinds Anti-Gay Military Policy - Canada's policy of excluding Gays and Lesbians from the military came to an end following a federal court ruling. The military agreed to pay \$100,000 to former Royal Canadian Air Force Lt. Michelle Douglas, who was discharged after admitting she is a Lesbian. The Canadian Federal Defense Department admitted in court that their policy infringes the Charter of Rights and Freedoms of Canada and agreed to immediately rescind it.

Audre Lorde Dies At Age 58 - Audre Lorde, the pre-eminent African American Lesbian teacher, writer and activist died on November 17 after a 10 year long battle with cancer. Lorde finally succumbed at her home in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands.

December

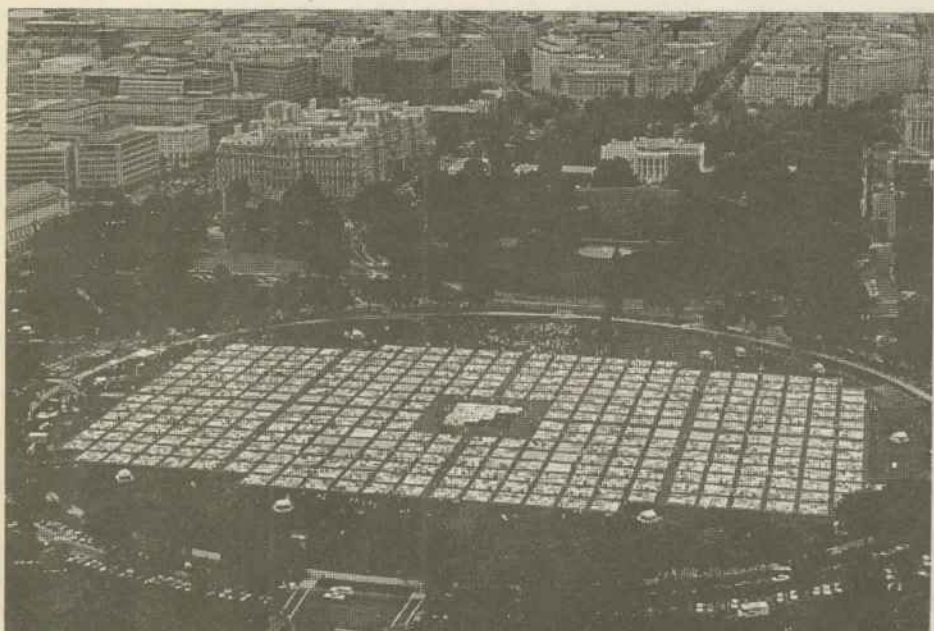
STATE WIDE NEWS

Gay Teen Hounded to Death - A 14 year Suburban Milwaukee Teenager, Brooks Fain took his own life due to harassment from classmates who thought he was Gay, according to a story in *The Milwaukee Journal*. In the days leading to the boy's death, Police recorded 25 harassing phone calls to the boy's residence. Seven boys

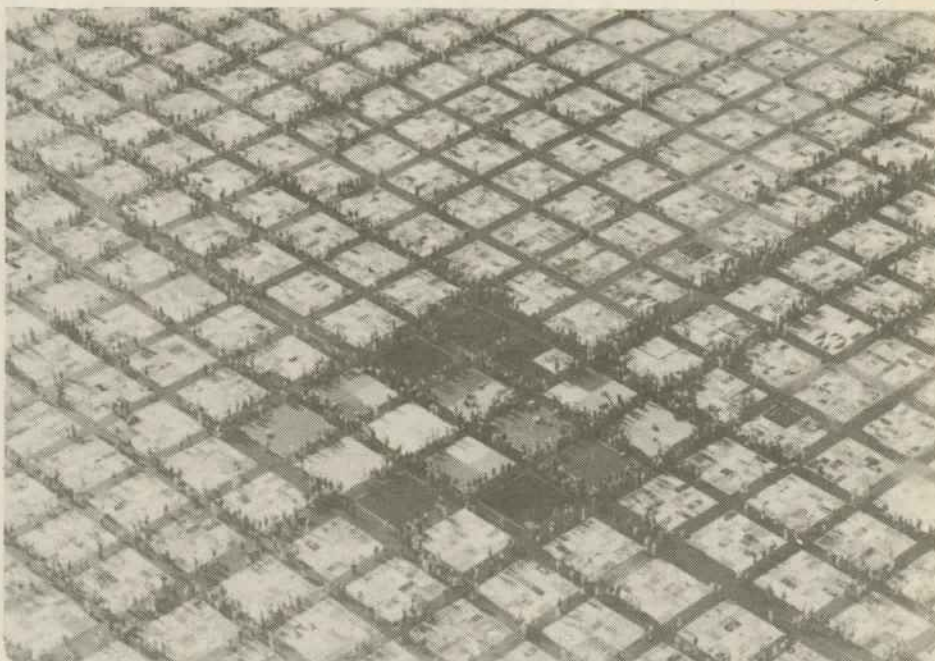
Madison Bookstore Boycott Ends - The UW-Madison 10% Society announced that it is ending its boycott of the University Book Store. The announcement followed a meeting with Book Store management. The store had been accused of homophobia after the harassment and firing of several openly Lesbian and Gay employees. Recently the Bookstore created a new human resources management position and hired



SHARKS VS. BOWLING BALLS—Dan Mawhiney (left) the director of the fourteenth annual HIT bowling tournament played a shark bowling game with Cindy Olsheske, assistant director and Jeff Whitt, marketing director of the tournament. The Thanksgiving weekend event attracted 260 bowlers from across the US, Canada and Australia. It is the oldest Gay tournament in the world.



15 ACRES OF MEMORIES— The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed Oct. 9-11 in Washington, D.C. on the Washington Monument grounds. Covering 15 acres, 20,064 panels were displayed with several thousand more added during the weekend.



1992—A bird's eye view of the over 10,000 panels of the AIDS Quilt on display in Washington, DC



LOVING MEMORIALS— The Name Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was shown in its entirety Oct. 9-11 in Washington, D.C. The photo above shows approximately one eighth of the 20,064 panels. The quilt was last shown in Washington in October 1989 when 10,848 panels were displayed. Due to the increasing size, it is not expected to be shown in its entirety again. Each panel is 3' by 6' in size.

have been charged with making the calls and face a hearing in Juvenile Court. The father of one of the boys referred to the harassment as "kids stuff."

Oberons Raise \$2,000 to Benefit Kids With AIDS - Milwaukee's Oberons Leather Club raised over \$2,000 to provide holiday gifts to 78 children with AIDS being served by the Milwaukee AIDS project.



1992—A close-up of some of the thousands of Quilt squares on display at UW-Milwaukee

a qualified woman to fill it. The Book Store has also agree to begin a sensitivity/anti-harassment program for management and staff. Furthermore the State St. location will continue to have a clearly marked Gay and Lesbian Studies section and make arrangements to provide Lesbian and Gay periodicals.

NATIONAL NEWS

Colorado Boycott Grows - Despite the fact that no national organization has endorsed it, an article in *The New York Times* reports that the "Hate State," Colorado, has already lost \$10 million in tourism revenues. Business and political leaders there have been meeting to devise ways to avert the experience of Arizona which lost an estimated \$500 million before it finally voted to institute Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Opposition to Lifting Military Ban Builds - Christian Fundamentalists are mounting a strong campaign to force Congress to over rule President Elect Clinton if and when he lifts the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military. Callers protesting plans to lift the ban have flooded Capitol Hill with calls and letters to such an extent that the switchboards are often jammed. General Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs denounced Clinton's plans during a South American tour. Powell's action was nearly unprecedented and could not have been done without approval from outgoing President George Bush.

MCC Application Rejected - Angry Lesbians and Gays demonstrated at the National Council of Churches (NCC) meeting in Cleveland Ohio. The NCC had voted 90 to 81 to reject the Metropolitan Community Church's application for observer status on the council. "It's easier to get into heaven than into the NCC" said Rev Elder Nancy Wilson of Los Angeles.



Morry Malin

A STAR OF STARS— Liza Minnelli read the last names of those who have died of AIDS and remembered in the Quilt in Washington, D.C. last weekend. She led the candlelight vigil/march which drew over 90,000 people to the Lincoln Memorial.



1992—George Segal's sculpture, "Gay Liberation," was on loan to Madison and stood for several years in Orton Park. Shown (l-r) are Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner. The photo was taken in November, 1986.

1993

It was year of supreme joy and utter frustration. Over 1,000,000 Gays and Lesbian marched on Washington DC in April. Yet in July, President Clinton shattered the faith millions of us had put in when he announced the infamous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy that failed to lift the ban of Gay and Lesbian service in the military. Congress then made matters worse by codifying the ban and placing more restrictions on Gay service than Clinton would have. Colorado's Amendment 2 was put on hold by the courts but the boycott of that state grew.

Locally, members of ACT UP kept getting arrested for trying to provide condoms and AIDS materials to high school students. PrideFest, MAPFest and the Wisconsin AIDS Walk drew record crowds. At UW campuses in Milwaukee, Whitewater and Madison, homophobia reared its ugly head and "The Wisconsin Light" fought off a bid to keep it out of a library.

All that and more happened in 1993.

January

STATE WIDE NEWS

Miller Brewing Gives Large Gift to MAP - Once again the Miller Brewing Corporation has come through for us. The Corporation has donated \$100,000 to the Milwaukee AIDS project. The money, which comes from the Miller Magic Johnson Foundation, is part of \$500,000 contribution given by Miller to the Magic Johnson Foundation in November of last year.

Madison's United Starts Group - The United is offering a support group for rural Lesbians and Gays. The group is meeting in Mineral Point.

Racine County Jail Settles Hill Lawsuit - "It's a tremendous victory" said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Nelson was speaking of the successful settlement in the lawsuit brought by ARCW on behalf of the estate of Dennis Hill against the Racine County Jail. The suit was filed after the HIV+, Hill died shortly after being released from custody at the jail. He was found there by Milwaukee AIDS Project workers lying in his own body waste and vomit and nearly unable to speak. In addition to paying \$20,000 to the Hill estate, the Jail will also provide \$25,000 for an AIDS education program in Racine County, retain a qualified HIV/AIDS expert, educate and train Jail personnel in the handling of HIV + detainees and pay all legal fees incurred in prosecuting the suit.

BESTD Clinic Starts Cable Show - The BESTD Clinic has begun a weekly cable show to answer HIV-related questions. The program will air every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM on Milwaukee Public access channel 47.

Film Fest Offers Provocative Fare - The Great Lakes Film and Video Festival will be held at the UW-Milwaukee Union from January 29 to February 5. This year's offerings include experimental shorts, feature length films, documentaries, dramas and even campy comedies.



Jerry Johnson

MUSCLE ACADEMY— A Tom of Finland model contest was held at the Wreck Room Bar in Milwaukee on Jan. 30, 1993. The winners were: First Place- John Wood of Milwaukee (center); Second- Tim of Chicago (left) and Third- Paul Scalcini of Milwaukee. Eleven contestants entered the contest after a near-capacity crowd had watched the film, "Daddy's Muscle Academy" earlier that evening at the UWM Union Cinema.

NATIONAL NEWS

Colorado Boycott Gains Momentum - Gays, Lesbians and their straight supporters are punishing Colorado for its passage of Amendment 2 in last year's elections. By the end of December, Denver alone was counting up \$10 million in lost convention business in just the first month after the November elections and more conventions have pulled out of plans to meet in Colorado since that figure was tabulated. Even the *New York Times* and other major mainstream papers have editorialized in favor of the boycott. *The Times* said "it would send a potent warning to other states who may soon consider similar measures."

A *Wisconsin Light* investigation into why voters in Colorado favored the Amendment turned up evidence of a hate filled campaign that spread falsehoods about Gays and Lesbians. For example, a tabloid produced by Colorado For Family Values (CFV) states "despite the fact they comprise less 2% of the population, homosexuals account for 1/3 to 1/2 of all child molestations." In reality the FBI says that 98% of child molestations are heterosexual in nature. CFV denies that its campaign was "anti-Gay." Meanwhile the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Denver reports that in the first 11 months of 1992, incidents of anti-Gay violence in Colorado were nearly double what they were for all of 1992.

Anti-Abortion Group Organizes Against Gays - According to an article in *The Wichita Eagle*, Operation Rescue, an anti-abortion group is organizing against Gays and Lesbians, especially against lifting the ban on military service. The group's national media coordinator, Bob Jewitt, said that the aim of an Operation Rescue offshoot, the Christian Defense Coalition, is to have clergy saying that "they don't want people to hire homosexuals."

Navy Investigates Gay Sailor's Death - The Department of the Navy announced that it is investigating whether or not Seaman Allen Richard Schindler, 22, based in Southern Japan, was killed because he was Gay. Two of Schindler's shipmates, Navy Airman, Charles E. Vins and Airman Apprentice, Terry M. Helvey were taken into custody. Vins has been punished and discharged, Helvey is awaiting trial.

"Advocate" Names Man, Women of the Year - David Geffen has been selected as "Man of the Year" and Donna Red Wing, has been chosen "Woman of the Year", by *The Advocate*, America's leading national Gay and Lesbian publication. Geffen is a billionaire producer and Hollywood deal maker who has donated large sums to fight AIDS and encroachments on Gay and Lesbian civil rights. Geffen has been criticized for refusing to publicly acknowledge that he is Gay. Red Wing was one of the leaders in the successful fight against Oregon's anti-Gay Measure 9.



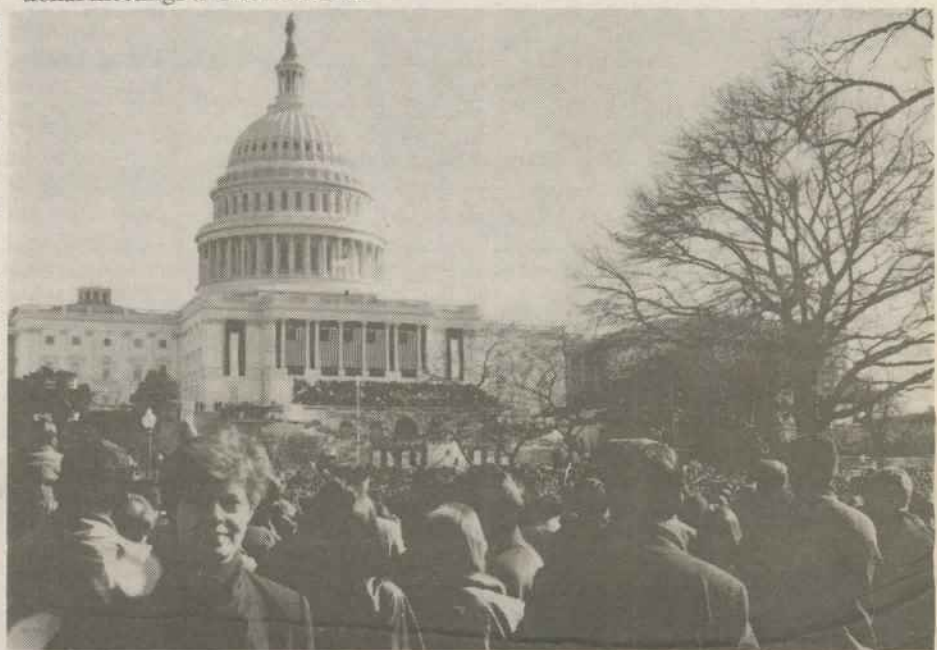
Down With Hatred— As the boycott against Colorado grows, postcards such as the one pictured above are beginning to circulate throughout the United States, encouraging people not to visit the state or purchase goods and products from Colorado.

February

STATEWIDE NEWS

City of Milwaukee Gets HUD AIDS Housing Grant - The City of Milwaukee has received a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to improve housing opportunities for people living with AIDS.

CCF Starts Leadership Development Fund - The Cream City Foundation has announced the establishment of a "Leadership Development Fund," which will provide assistance to individual members of Les/Bi/Gay groups to allow them to attend national meetings and conferences.



AS A MILLION CHEER— State Rep. Tammy Baldwin took time from the inaugural celebrations to have her photo taken with the U.S. capital in the background.

Milwaukee Pride Celebration to Expand - The Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee has announced plans to expand its PrideFest celebration. For the first time, the event will be held on two days, Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13. Saturday evening the event will feature a "Sing Out For Pride Concert," including some of Milwaukee's finest Gay and Lesbian performers such as the Cream City Chorus, the Fest City Singers and Singational.

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton Takes Steps to Lift Military Ban - President Clinton has given Defense Secretary Les Aspin six months to draft an Executive Order ending the ban on Gay and Lesbian military service. Clinton also ordered military recruiters to stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation. Meanwhile, the Christian Right has launched a furious counter attack. Calls to Capitol Hill are running 30 to 1 against Clinton's plans to allow Les/Bi/Gay service in the military.

Gays, Lesbians Celebrate Inauguration in Style - President Clinton's inaugural celebration last month featured several star studded events for Gays and Lesbians. The highlight was "The Triangle Ball" held on Inauguration evening at the National Press Club.



Jerry Johnson

FAREWELL SALUTE TO CLARENBACH— "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away." Quoting General Douglas MacArthur, former State Rep. David Clarenbach began his remarks to some 250 well-wishers gathered in Madison on January 27, to celebrate his 20 years of public service to Wisconsin and the nation. Among those present were two former governors, Martin Scheiber and Tony Earl (pictured above left and right), Senate President Fred Risser, State Reps, Walter Kunicki, Tammy Baldwin and Tim Carpenter and Madison Mayor Paul Soglin. Clarenbach was praised as a man of high integrity and "great creative legislative ability." Reminded later of MacArthur's other and equally famous quote, "I shall return," Clarenbach only smiled and winked. Clarenbach, a regular contributor to *Wisconsin Light* in the past, will begin to write a regular column for the paper.

ACLU on Boycott Bandwagon - The American Civil Liberties Union overwhelmingly endorsed the Colorado Boycott. In other Amendment 2 news, the State of Colorado filed an appeal of a judge's order that enjoined the government not to allow Amendment 2 to take effect. Judge Jeffery Bayless said that there is a "good chance the amendment will be found unconstitutional."

ACLU Challenges Oregon Ordinance - The American Civil Liberties is challenging a Town of Springfield (OR) ordinance that equates homosexuality with pedophilia, sadism and masochism. The ACLU says that law violates a number of federal and state constitutional guarantees, including the rights to equal protection and freedom of expression. In other referendum news, The Idaho Citizens Alliance has announced plans to push for a statewide referendum to pass a measure modeled after Colorado's Amendment 2 in the potato state.

March

STATE WIDE NEWS

Gay and Lesbian Law Students Harassed at UW-Madison - For the past month, the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Law Student Union, has been the object of harassment and hatred. Newspaper articles, event posters and meeting signs have been ripped off the group's bulletin board, torn up and thrown in the trash. Law School Dean, Deanile O. Bernstein has decried the vandalism saying "These acts have less to do with vandalism than they do with homophobic intolerance. The Dean said he has been visiting classes to stress that "homophobia will not be tolerated in this law school."

Victory Fund supports Madison Lesbian Candidate for Judge - The Victory Fund has announced its support of Madison Attorney and Activist Shelly Gaylord in her race for Madison Municipal Judge.

Mardi Gras For Pride Succeeds Despite Snow - A 10" snowfall didn't stop over 80 people from attending the annual Mardi Gras ball for Milwaukee's Pride Committee. The event sponsored by *The Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* was held at the Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes.

Cable TV Dispute - A dispute has erupted between the Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority and the producers of Brand New Queer TV, Mike Lisowski and Dan Fons. Jonah Mitchell who offers a program called "Testimonies of Praise" saw a broadcast of the show which included showing the tape "The Gay Agenda." Mitchell said a woman who watched the broadcast in the lobby complained because she felt the show "made fun of Christians." Warner Cable showed the tape to its attorneys and then insisted that the graphic segments must be masked. "The Gay Agenda" has been broadcast on Pat Robertson's 700 Club and distributed to and by members of Congress. An estimated 25,000 copies of it are in circulation.

Queer TV Brings Down Curtain - Mark Behar and Bryce Clark have announced that the end has come for Queer Television (QTV) which has, over the years, received many awards. QTV produced "Tri-Cable Tonight," "Yellow on Thursday" and an assortment of programs on other topics. "The Brand New Queer Program," the BESTD Live Program and the ACT UP program will continue to be broadcast.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate Votes to Bar People With HIV/AIDS From Immigrating - Senator Jesse Helms convinced a majority of the Senate to approve his proposal banning immigration for those who are HIV+. Helms proposed the amendment out of fear that President Clinton would reverse the policy promulgated by former President George Bush. Bush refused to remove HIV from the list of diseases that can bar an individual from moving to or visiting America. Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) voted with Helms.

Group Threatens Outing - A new national Gay group, the Nathan Hale Brigade,



1993—Bill Meunier receives the PrideFest logo from its creator.

has threatened to out Gay and Lesbian members of Congress who vote against lifting the ban on military service.

Hate Filled Video Produced - A twenty minute video called "The Gay Agenda" has been produced and distributed by the Antelope Valley Springs of Life ministries where TV preacher Jim Bakker was re-ordained in the wake of the PTL scandal. The video features clips of nudity and bawdiness taken from footage of various Gay Pride parades. Since its release in October, 1992, 25,000 copies have been distributed. According to the Associated Press, Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) and General Carl Mundy JR, gave copies to other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Boycott Losses Mount -The Metro Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, announced that Denver has lost more than \$26 million in convention business due to the Colorado Boycott.

Harvard Experts Say It's Genetic - There is more evidence suggesting that homosexuality may be genetic, but only enough evidence to merit further study said researchers at a Harvard Medical School conference. Dean Hamer, Chief of the Gene Structure and Regulation Section at the National Cancer Institute, said his research indicates that sexual orientation may be hereditary on the mother's side. "Maternal transmission was more than expected by chance" said Hamer. Dr. Richard Pillard of the Boston University School of Medicine said studies also have found that Gay men are five times more likely to have brothers who are Gay as heterosexual men are.

Alaska Appeals For Help - Gays and Lesbians in Anchorage, Alaska are appealing for help in their fight to keep a recently passed municipal Gay rights ordinance on the books. The new law is scheduled for a referendum vote on April 20. As was the case in other places where Gay and Lesbian rights were put up for a vote, Anchorage has seen an increase in Anti-Gay violence.



WINTER WONDERLAND— Despite 10" of snow falling during the winter's worst storm, some eighty people attended the Mardi Gras Ball in Milwaukee on February 21, 1993. Held in the tropic and desert Mitchell Park Domes, the setting was perfect for a winter evening. Many of the people

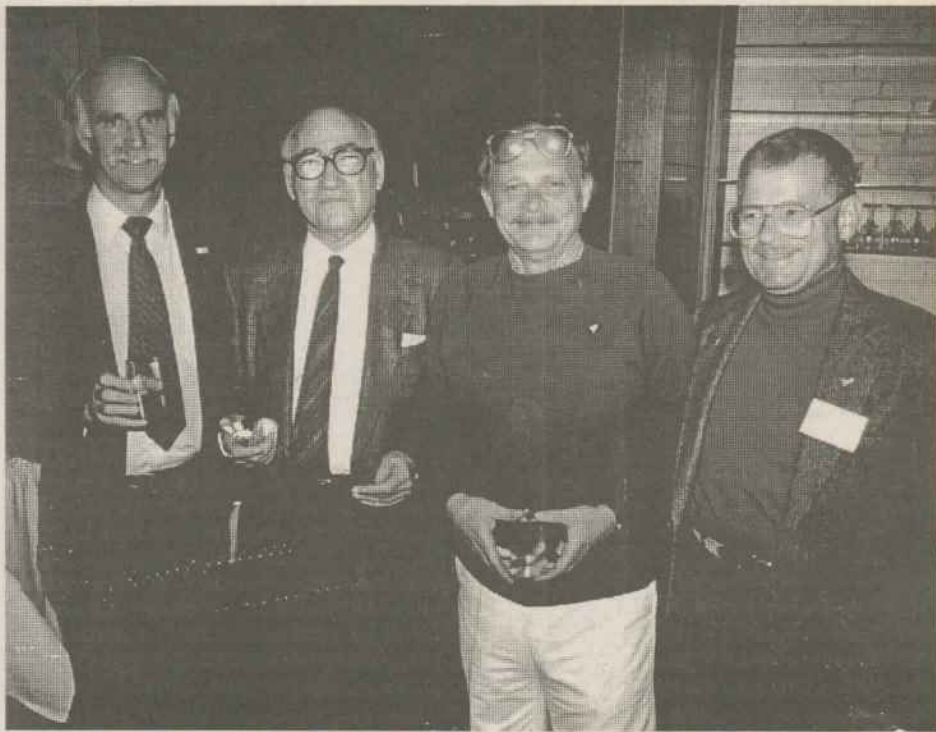
who wore costumes are shown above including the contest winners in the center photo. Next year's Ball will be held on Saturday, February 5. Plan to attend!

Jerry Johnson

Bashings At All Time High - The eighth annual NGLTF Policy Institute Report on violence against Gays and Lesbians reports that it has reached an all time high. Among the incidents reported were a 14 year-old boy who was beaten by family members and thrown out of his house after talking to Gay activists outside of his family's church in Sacramento, California. Last September, at the height of the campaign for Oregon's infamous Measure 9, a Black Lesbian, Hattie Mae Cohen and a white Gay man with a disability, were killed when their home was firebombed by skinheads. A total of 1,898 anti-Gay/Lesbian incidents were reported. Among the most serious incidents to increase were homicides which climbed 50% from 8 in 1991 to 12 in 1992.

Clinton Keeps Promise - President Bill Clinton has kept his promise to include Gays and Lesbians at high levels of his administration. The President has appointed Roberta Achtenberg as Assistant Secretary For Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

Other recent appointments include Peter Pappas, Special Counsel to the President, Keith Boykin, Special assistant to the President and Director of News Analysis in the Office of Communications at the White House, and Bob Hattoy, Associate Director of Presidential Personnel at the White House.



April

STATE WIDE NEWS

Madison's Scheel House Threatened - Angry neighbors of the Rodney Scheel House for persons with AIDS responded with homophobic invective and threats of arson when given the news that the Scheel House will be built in their neighborhood. Calls received at the Madison AIDS Support Network, MASN and the homes of members of its Housing Committee, included explicit threats to burn the facility to the ground.

Students Ask Marquette to Help Stop Campus Homophobia - In the last 18 months over 20 incidents of Gay bashing have been reported on the Marquette campus. Rights and Equality for All Sexual Orientations (REASON) delivered a letter to Marquette President Father DiUlio asking for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the campus non-discrimination policy. DiUlio refused.

NY's Mayor Backs Milwaukee's In Support of Colorado Boycott - New York Mayor David Dinkins has sent a letter to Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist letting Norquist know that he supported his call for the US Conference of Mayors to move its annual meeting from Denver to New York. In his letter Dinkins also thanked Norquist for helping to lead the effort to have the convention moved.

Crypto Hits Milwaukee - Cryptosporidium, an ailment that is caused by a water born parasite, hit Milwaukee with a vengeance. Hundreds of thousands of residents experienced stomach cramps and other symptoms of the disease, which is particularly hard on persons with HIV/AIDS, causing death in many. The Milwaukee AIDS Project reported that nearly half of its 700 clients had the illness. MAP has been distributing nearly 4,000 bottles of water per day to people with HIV and their families. The bottled water was donated by the Miller Brewing Company.

Appleton's Lawrence University Has Gay Awareness Days - Lawrence University will hold Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days from April 30 to May 2nd. The weekend event will include a Ball, workshops, a showing of "Edward II," and display of 850 panels from the Names Project AIDS quilt.

Plants For Pride - The second annual Plant Sale for Pride, organized and sponsored by The Wisconsin Light is in full swing.

marchers, the DC Police put the estimate at 1.1 million.

Wisconsin, which was 87th in the line of march, didn't take to the streets until nearly five hours after the march had begun. The Wisconsin marchers held a banner that read "Wisconsin The Original Gay Rights State and were cheered all along the route as they spelled out W-I-S-C-O-N-S-I-N followed by the chant "The Gay Rights State."

Minnesota Gets Gay Rights Law - Minnesota's Governor Arne Carlson signed into law a statewide Lesbian and Gay civil rights law. The State Legislature passed the law after a two decade long debate. The new law, which exempts churches, religious groups and the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and youth organizations, bans discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. There are now eight states that offer civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians: Minnesota, Wisconsin, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont.

Col North Apologizes - Former Marine Col. Oliver North said he was sorry if an anti-Gay joke he told at a recent GOP event offended some Gays, but that he was even sorrier that the media had used his remarks to "make me personally and conservative Republicans generally, less than what I know us to be." At a March 12 Dinner, North joked that he had trouble getting through to the White House until he used an exaggerated lisp to tell the operator "Excuse me..."

Marky Mark's Murky Past - Singer, Calvin Klein underwear model and the idol of many Gay men, Marky Mark, has a somewhat murky past. In 1986 Mark and some friends were charged with pelting Black children with stones while yelling "Kill the N*****." In 1988, he was convicted for assaulting two Vietnamese men over a case of beer. In January, 1993, he appeared on British TV and defended Reggae singer, Shabba Ranks' condemnation of Gays.

NATIONAL NEWS

"A Grand and Glorious Day" - An estimated 1,000,000 Gays and Lesbians marched on Washington DC in the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of the United States. Although the National Park Police said there were only 400,000





Margaret McMurray

Wisconsin at the March on Washington, April 25, 1993

May

STATE WIDE NEWS

PrideFest Announces Stellar Line Up - PrideFest Co-Director, Bill Meunier announced a block buster line up of entertainment for the 2nd annual PrideFest. Musical styles on the Main Stage include reggae, jazz, swing, club music, rock, feminist music, show tunes, folk, choral and country. Plus, there will be performances of modern dance, square dancing, Flamenco dancing, high energy and line dancing. Performers from around the state and from Chicago will be participating. It is the most diverse entertainment line up ever offered at a Milwaukee Pride Celebration.

Frontiers Awards Given - Madison's Gay Men's Group, Frontiers celebrated its 12th anniversary by honoring four community activists at its annual award dinner. Accepting the Community Service Award were Jerry Johnson, Publisher and Dr. Terry Boughner, Editor of *The Wisconsin Light*. The Award was presented to Johnson and Boughner by Ron Geiman, Editor/Publisher of *In Step Magazine*.

George Mosse, former UW-Madison professor of history and Jim Green of Integrity/Dignity of Madison, were also given Community Service Awards for their meritorious efforts on behalf of our community.

Magic Johnson To Chair AIDS Walk Wisconsin - Basketball legend, Magic Johnson will be the honorary co-chair of the 1993 AIDS Walk Wisconsin.



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RESEARCH CONTROVERSY— Members of Milwaukee ACT UP demonstrated against Dr. Fauci when he spoke at the Auditorium on May 15, 1993.

NATIONAL NEWS

Miller Brewing Backs Illinois Gay Civil Rights Bill - Miller Brewing Company announced its support for Illinois Gay Rights Bill (HB 2182). Jim Houlihan, a Miller Brewing Company representative, submitted a statement to the Illinois Senate Executive Committee in support of the bill.

Soldier of the Year Thrown Out - Sgt. Jose Zuniga, a highly decorated junior officer came out in full uniform on Saturday, April 24 at a reception sponsored by NGLTF. Zuniga, the Sixth Army's Soldier of the Year, served in Operation Desert Storm during the Gulf War. On May 10, 1993, the same army that had decorated him, discharged Zuniga.

Helms At It Again - Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has threatened to obstruct the confirmation process for Roberta Achtenberg, President Clinton's nominee for Asst. Secretary of HUD. Helms called Achtenberg, "a damned Lesbian," adding "if that makes me a bigot so be it."

ACT UP D.C. Folds - ACT UP- Washington, D.C. has folded its tent and stolen away into the night. Members voted overwhelmingly to disband due to a lack of money and support from the general Gay and Lesbian community. "This is just the tip of the iceberg," said member Mike Petrellis. "I predict other chapters will start folding up too."

June

STATE WIDE NEWS

PrideFest a Huge Success - For the second year in a row record crowds attended Milwaukee's PrideFest. The Milwaukee Police estimated the crowd at 13,000 people, about 2,500 of which attended the first ever Sing Out and Dance With Pride Concert on Saturday evening, June 12. The *Milwaukee Journal* praised the celebration with an editorial that said it was "a celebration of community and individuality" where "people felt free to be themselves."

Madison's United Awards - The first Annual United "Queer of the Year Awards" went to *Wisconsin Light* writer, John Quinlan as Man of the Year, Lois Stauber as Woman of the Year, MASN as organization of the year, David Clarenbach as Ally of the Year, John Ness as Male Volunteer of the Year and Sharon Hayes as Woman Volunteer of the Year.

First Gay and Lesbian Book Store to Open on Milwaukee's East Side - Milwaukee will finally have its own Les/Bi/Gay bookstore. Afterwords, a new book store which will also sell Gay and Lesbian related merchandise, will open on July 9 at 2710 N. Murray Ave on Milwaukee's East Side.

Wisconsin Hate Crimes Law Constitutional Say US Supremes - The United States Supreme Court reversed the Wisconsin Supreme Court and reinstated Wisconsin's Hate Crimes Law. The Court, which last year had voided a St. Paul, Minnesota Hate Crimes Ordinance because it felt that law violated the Free Speech provisions of the US Constitution, was unanimous in its verdict. "Whereas the ordinance struck down (in the Minnesota case) was explicitly directed at expression, the statute in this case (Wisconsin), is directed at conduct that is unprotected by the First Amendment" said Chief Justice William Rehnquist who wrote the majority opinion in the case.

NATIONAL NEWS

AZT Controversy Divides Berlin AIDS Conference - A controversy over when to use AZT erupted at the International AIDS Conference in Berlin, Germany. A new British study says that using AZT on people who are HIV +, but show no signs of AIDS, will make no difference in slowing down the virus. Some American scientists say that the British study was flawed because it studied the use of AZT alone instead of in combination with other drugs such as DDI or ddC. The Americans think that using a combination of drug therapies will eventually turn out to be the most effective way of fighting AIDS.

Now It's Cincinnati's Turn - Local fundamentalists in Cincinnati, Ohio are trying to overturn a City Gay civil rights ordinance. CCV, Citizens for Community Values, says it will fight the ordinance. The statewide group claims to have 5,000 volunteers in Cincinnati.

Don't Ask Don't Tell? - There are reports out of Washington that Secretary of Defense, Les Aspin, supports a compromise proposal on the issue of Gay and Lesbian military service. Under the compromise, the military would be prohibited from asking any service member if they were Gay or Lesbian. However, anyone found to be Gay or Lesbian would be honorably discharged from the service.

July

STATEWIDE NEWS

ACT UP Milwaukee Demands Ouster - ACT UP Milwaukee demanded the ouster of Deputy Commissioner of Health, Dr. Thomas L. Schlenker. The group demanded Schlenker's dismissal after he said in a letter to the *Marquette Tribune* that those contracting AIDS and other STD's were "unhappy, mentally retarded, desperate and/or addicted people."

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton Announces "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Gays, Lesbians Outraged - President Bill Clinton announced that he will not lift the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the mili-

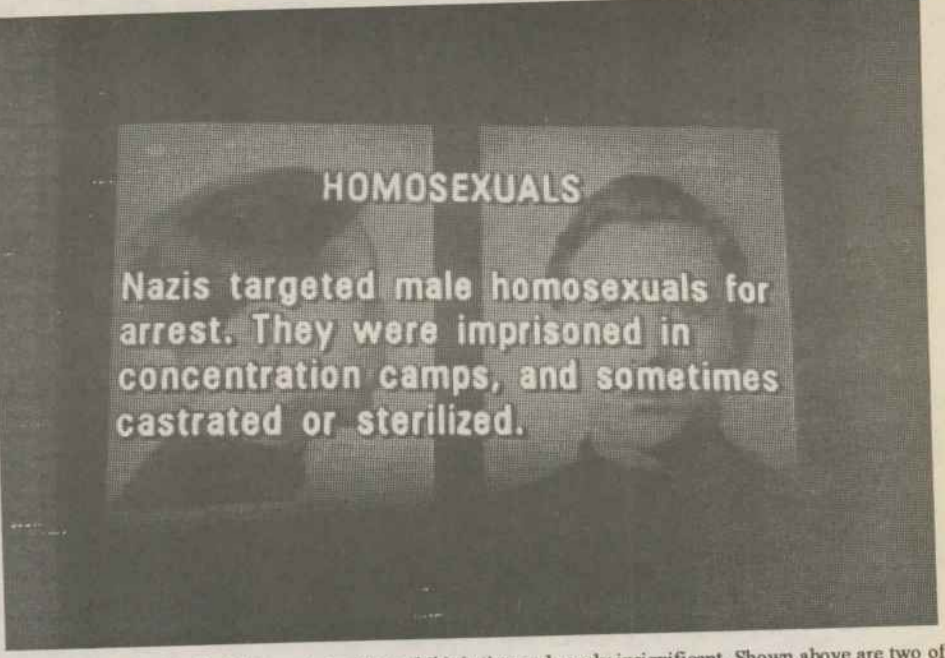
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1993—Horrors of Horrors—The National Holocaust Museum opened to the public on Monday, April 26 in Washington, DC. Fifteen years in the planning, the project cost over \$10 million. Even though about five

million Gays died in the Holocaust, the Gay exhibit is tiny and nearly insignificant. Shown above are two of several slides shown on a TV monitor.

ary. In what he called "an honorable compromise," the President who was backed by an estimated 90% of Gay voters in the last election announced a plan that would continue the discharges of those found to be Gay and Lesbian unless they could prove they haven't engaged in sexual conduct with members of the same sex.

Under Clinton's plan, the military would be banned from asking service members if they are Gay or Lesbian. Gays and Lesbians who come out of the closet or who are found through other means to be homosexual will still be dismissed from the service.

Reaction from Gays and Lesbians was almost uniformly negative. Openly Gay Congressman Gerry Studds was one exception. Studds praised the President saying "He stood for reason and decency in a hostile environment." But even Studds found the compromise, as a policy, falling short of the mark. Presidential confidant, Gay activist David Mixner, announced that he had broken with Clinton over his failure to keep his promise.

Amendment 2 Dealt A Big Blow - In a blow to supporters of Colorado's Amendment 2 which reversed local Les/Bi/Gay civil rights laws, the Colorado Supreme Court in a 6 to 1 vote upheld an injunction that forbade the state from implementing the law. The ruling is expected to have a chilling effect on similar referendums around the country.

Oregon Voters Don't Care - Regardless of what the Colorado Supreme Court may say, voters in four counties in Oregon approved laws that would mandate discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. The laws label Gays and Lesbians as "perverse." And are local versions of Oregon's Measure 9, which was rejected in a statewide referendum last year. The Oregon Citizen's Alliance used the video tape "The Gay Agenda" to help drum up support for its proposals.

Speech Writer Defects - A former speech writer for Oliver North, Jerry Falwell, and Pat Robertson, Dr. Mel White has been installed as the new dean of the Cathedral of Hope, Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas. With over 1,000 members, the Dallas church is the world's largest parish of the predominantly Gay denomination. White said "As in the days of segregation, the misuse of God's word by Christian preachers is at the heart of the injustice and discrimination we face."

Gay Republicans Open Office in Washington DC - The Log Cabin Federation, a Gay Republican organization that claims to have over 6,000 members in 32 chapters has announced that they will open a Washington, DC office within the next 10 days.

Denver Loses Another One - The 1997 general Convention of the Episcopal Church one of the 25 largest conventions in the US has been moved from Denver to Philadelphia due to the Colorado Boycott.

Lambda Opens Midwest Office - The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the nation's leading non-profit legal advocacy group for Lesbians, Gays, and people with HIV/AIDS, has opened a regional office in Chicago.

Gay Wisconsin Native Confirmed - On August 6, Wisconsin native, Bruce Lehman became the first Gay Presidential appointee to win unanimous confirmation by the US Senate. Lehman now becomes the Asst. Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Clinton Makes More Gay Appointments - President Bill Clinton has appointed four more openly Gay officials. David Cruise, Director of Intergovernmental Relations at the Department of Commerce, David Tseng, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, Patrick Noeln, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Administration, and David Martin, Confidential Assistant to the Asst. Secretary of Commerce for Legislative and Intergovernmental affairs. They join eight other openly Gay men and Lesbians appointed to high government posts by Clinton. No other President has made appointments of openly Gay or Lesbian people.

HRCF Founder Dies - Steve Endean, one of the most important leaders in the struggle for Gay and Lesbian civil rights died on August 4, 1993 from complications due to AIDS. Endean's most enduring creation was the Human Rights Campaign Fund which he founded in 1982.

September

STATE WIDE NEWS

"Wisconsin Light" Fights Censorship - Jeffery Baas, a fifth grade teacher filed a complaint with the Hales Corners Library Board asking that *The Wisconsin Light* be removed from the library. Baas' complaint will receive a vigorous response by the paper.

Aids Walk Raises \$550,000 - Helped by the presence of Basketball Superstar, Magic Johnson, AIDS Walk Wisconsin raised a record \$550,000. An estimated 8,000 people were in attendance.

MAPFest Sets New Records - Over 3,500 people attended the annual MAPFest celebration. The festival grossed a record \$43,000.

Library Will Keep Book - The children's book "Daddy's Roommate" will remain on the shelves of the Sussex Public Library. In a 5 to 2 vote, the Board of the Pauline Haass Public Library voted to keep the children's picture book which tells about a boy's divorced Gay father and the father's lover from the boy's point of view. The Board, however, also voted to appoint a panel to review the selection and placement of children's books. That vote worried the library's staff. The vote curtailed a Fundamentalist lead campaign to have the book removed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress Votes that Gays in the Military are "An Unacceptable Risk." - The House of Representatives passed a modified version of President Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy on Gays in the military. The House voted 301 to 134 to codify discrimination in the military. Out of the Wisconsin delegation only Democrat Tom Barrett and Gay Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson voted against the bill. 122 Democrats voted against the proposal but they were joined by only 12 Republicans including Gunderson.

In the Senate, Wisconsin's Russ Feingold voted against the new law, while Herb Kohl supported it. The Senate vote was 63 in favor and 33 against.

The bill is considered to be far worse than the Clinton plan in that it does not include the President's assertion that investigations into the private lives of service members will cease and it allows the Pentagon to reinstate the questioning of recruits about their



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August

STATEWIDE NEWS

Needle Exchange Program Starts In Milwaukee - After two years of study, the Milwaukee AIDS Project has begun a needle exchange program. The program will provide clean, sterile needles to people who use illegal injected drugs. Because hypodermic needles are hard to come by, drug users often share and reuse them, a practice that can and does spread HIV.

Black Groups Plan Joint Picnic - Ujima, Men of All Colors, Black Lesbians United Emergence and LOC will hold a joint picnic the "Midsummer Jam Picnic" on August 22nd at Kern Park in Milwaukee.

Madison Rally Against Don't Ask Don't Tell - About 50 people gathered outside of the State Capitol on August 6 to rally against President Clinton's "compromise" on the issue of Gays and Lesbians in the military. During the rally, openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin demanded that the Pentagon release "The Rand Report." Sources say that the report, an independent study of the issue that was commissioned by the Pentagon, says there is no reason to exclude Lesbians and Gays from the military.

Wedding Banquet Screening - A special screening of the comedy "The Wedding Banquet" sponsored by *The Wisconsin Light* brought rave reviews of the Gay themed film. The movie which is Taiwan's highest grossing film ever, has won critical acclaim from straight and Gay critics alike.

NATIONAL NEWS

Victory Fund Training In Chicago - Chicago will be the host of the first ever Victory Fund Candidate Training Seminar. The Victory Fund which promotes and helps fund the candidacies of openly Lesbian and Gay individuals running for office will hold the seminar from October 1-3.



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December

STATE WIDE NEWS

Milwaukee Mayor Signs Budget With \$190,000 In AIDS Funds - Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist decided to approve the AIDS funding initiative that was promoted by MAP with help from ACT UP. The approval means that city AIDS funding will increase for the first time in several years and that \$190,000 in City funds will be used to fund services and help prevent the spread of AIDS.

Student Council Denies Funding for Whitewater Group - The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Student Union at UW-Whitewater has been denied student funding because it is a Gay organization. GLBSU members went to the UW-Whitewater Student Association to request \$600 in normal operating funds. This is done annually. The \$600 amount had been downgraded earlier from \$900 by the Allocation Committee. Instead of getting the money, GLBSU members had to sit for an hour and half and be lectured to. Student Senators said they did not approve of the group and there would not fund it. Campus administrators were present but said nothing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton, Mixner Meet At White House, Settle Rift - David Mixner and President Clinton held a private meeting at the White House to settle a rift between the two men according to an exclusive *Wisconsin Light* report. Mixner broke with Clinton after the President went back on his promise to lift the ban on Gays serving in the military. The two men who had a 30 year friendship met for an hour and half. "The President showed a remarkable knowledge of Gay and Lesbian issues, I was astounded" said Mixner, who added that he "made clear" his disagreement with Clinton on the military issue.

Texas Town Backs Down - Round Rock, Texas has backed down from its threat to deny Apple Computer, a tax break. Apple which had planned to locate a major manufacturing facility in the town was denied a tax abatement because it grants health insurance benefits to the partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees.

The County Commissioners voted against allowing the abatement after 70 people said they didn't want Apple to move there because they didn't want Lesbians and Gays living in Round Rock.

Apple responded by saying it would build elsewhere. Then Texas Governor Anne Richards got involved saying that she would not tolerate bigotry. After some of the Governor's arm twisting, the Commissioners met again and decided to grant Apple \$1 million in tax incentives. Apple accepted the offer.

Record Number of Gay, Lesbian Officials Attend Conference - A 150 Openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials met in Chicago for the 9th Annual Openly Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials.



1993—Rep. Tammy Baldwin (center) is shown standing with other attendees at the first conference of openly Lesbian and Gay officials held in West Hollywood, CA.

sexual orientation. Furthermore, the new law is devoid of Clinton's promise that the military code of justice's provisions on sex will be enforced against straights and Gays alike.

New Hate Crimes Bill Passes the House - In only the second time in history, a bill specifically including Lesbian and Gay Americans has passed a house of Congress. The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the Hate Crimes Enforcement Act. The act would provide increased penalties for federal hate crimes.

Feds Approve A Gay Adoption - The US Justice Department has approved the application of an openly Gay man to adopt a child born overseas. The ruling reversed an earlier decision issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service New York.

Cobb County Georgia Says We Are Substandard - The County Board of Cobb County has passed a resolution stating that Gays and Lesbians "don't meet community standards." The resolution has provoked a national outcry and demonstrations are being planned.

October

STATE WIDE NEWS

Milwaukee Police Seize Brochures Threaten Activists - Four members of ACT UP Milwaukee were detained by the Milwaukee Police for over an hour, Saturday, October 2 after they attempted to distribute AIDS brochures and condoms to Milwaukee Tech High School Students entering their Homecoming Dance. The police, who came in three squad cars and who prohibited the activists from distributing the materials, would not allow them to make phone calls and threatened them with arrest unless they turned over the brochures.

The Police said the brochures would be turned over the District Attorney for his review. When asked why the Police had come, Detective Krause of the Sexual Assault Task Force said "to investigate a felony." When asked what the felony was she replied "passing damaging materials to minors."

Team Wisconsin Forming - Team Wisconsin is forming to help Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian Athletes attend the Gay Games IV in New York next June. The state theme is "Strength Within." Plans include organizing, soliciting funds, a pre-Games send off in Madison and outfitting our athletes with state ceremonial uniforms.

Hearing on "The Wisconsin Light" scheduled for Nov. 10th in Hales Corners - The Five Member committee set up by the Hales Corners Library Board of trustees will hold a hearing on November 10 as to whether or not the library should continue to carry *The Wisconsin Light* and if so whether or not it should be in pamphlet rack in the library lobby.

Senator Kohl Defends Vote, Denies that He's Gay - Senator Herb Kohl was forced to defend his vote codifying the ban on Gays in the military when he was aggressively questioned by several women attending the 13th State AFL-CIO Women's Conference in Manitowoc. In the process Kohl stated unequivocally that he is not Gay. Kohl claimed that while Gays "didn't get all they wanted" the new policy "is significantly better than it was when the debate started." His response drew guffaws from the audience.

NATIONAL NEWS

Huge Rainbow Flag Planned For New York March - A huge Rainbow flag to be carried by 10,000 people will be one of the highlights of New York's Stonewall 25 celebration next June.

November

STATE WIDE NEWS

"The Wisconsin Light" Will Remain At Library - A panel appointed by the Hales Corners Library Board of Trustees unanimously agreed that *The Wisconsin Light* should remain at the library and stay in the brochure rack in the library lobby where it will be placed on the top rack out of the reach of children. The decision came despite a complaint from Jeffery Baas who said the paper's ads were too sexually graphic.

The library received 40 letters on the issue most of which favored keeping the paper. 11 people spoke at the panel's hearing, 9 in favor of getting rid of *The Light* two in favor of keeping it.

Medical College Gets \$3,425,000 Grant For Inner City AIDS Study - The Medical College of Wisconsin received a grant of \$3,425,000 to expand its research program evaluating AIDS/HIV prevention approaches among vulnerable inner city populations.

Victory Fund Gala Breaks Records in Milwaukee - A National Victory Fund Gala held in Milwaukee raised over \$25,000. Among those in attendance were Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, Victory Fund Executive Director, William Waybourne and David Mixner, long time friend of President Clinton.

"UWM Times" Newspaper Slams Gays, People With AIDS - The "UWM Times," a conservative student newspaper, published an article written by Travis J. Ziglinski and Steven Delbert, two of its editors. In the article the authors demanded the arrest of the entire membership of GLBC at UWM, the Gay Lesbian Bisexual community at UWM, for violating state law. GLBC is threatening to sue the paper for libel since the law it cited deals with solicitation of prostitutes. Ziglinski and Delbert left out the last line of the cited ordinance that makes it clear the law is about prostitution. The paper ran a retraction claiming that the men had gotten an 'incorrect interpretation of the law.' Gay sex in Wisconsin is not a crime.

In another article the author, Everardo Garcia said the military budget should be augmented with money spent to fight AIDS because "those who engage in sodomy and other unnatural acts deserve to die."

NATIONAL NEWS

Court Orders Navy to Commission Steffan - The Federal Court of Appeals in the Washington DC circuit ordered the Department of the Navy to commission former US Naval Academy Mid Ship man, Joseph Steffan. The court also ordered the Academy to grant Steffan his degree. Steffan was just six weeks away from graduating from the Academy when he was dismissed for being Gay. Later the Navy tried to recover the costs of his education for the years he was at Annapolis.



Shelley Gaylord was sworn in as Madison's first woman and first openly Gay or Lesbian Municipal judge on May 3. Her father, Dr. Sandy Gaylord, from Youngstown, Ohio conducted the swearing in of his daughter. Following the ceremony, fondly remembering her late mother, Gaylord quipped, "I know what my mother would have said today: 'lipstick, pearls and nylons — this is a big day!'" Shown left to right are David Clarenbach, Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Gaylord, Paul Higginbotham and Margaret McMurray.



1993—Rep. Tammy Baldwin



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