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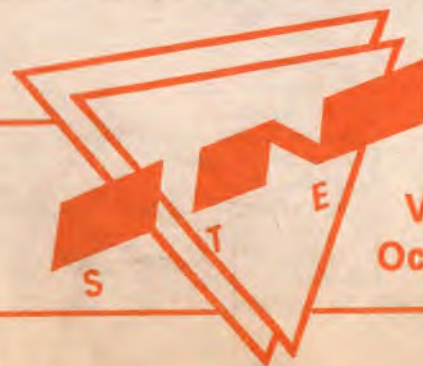
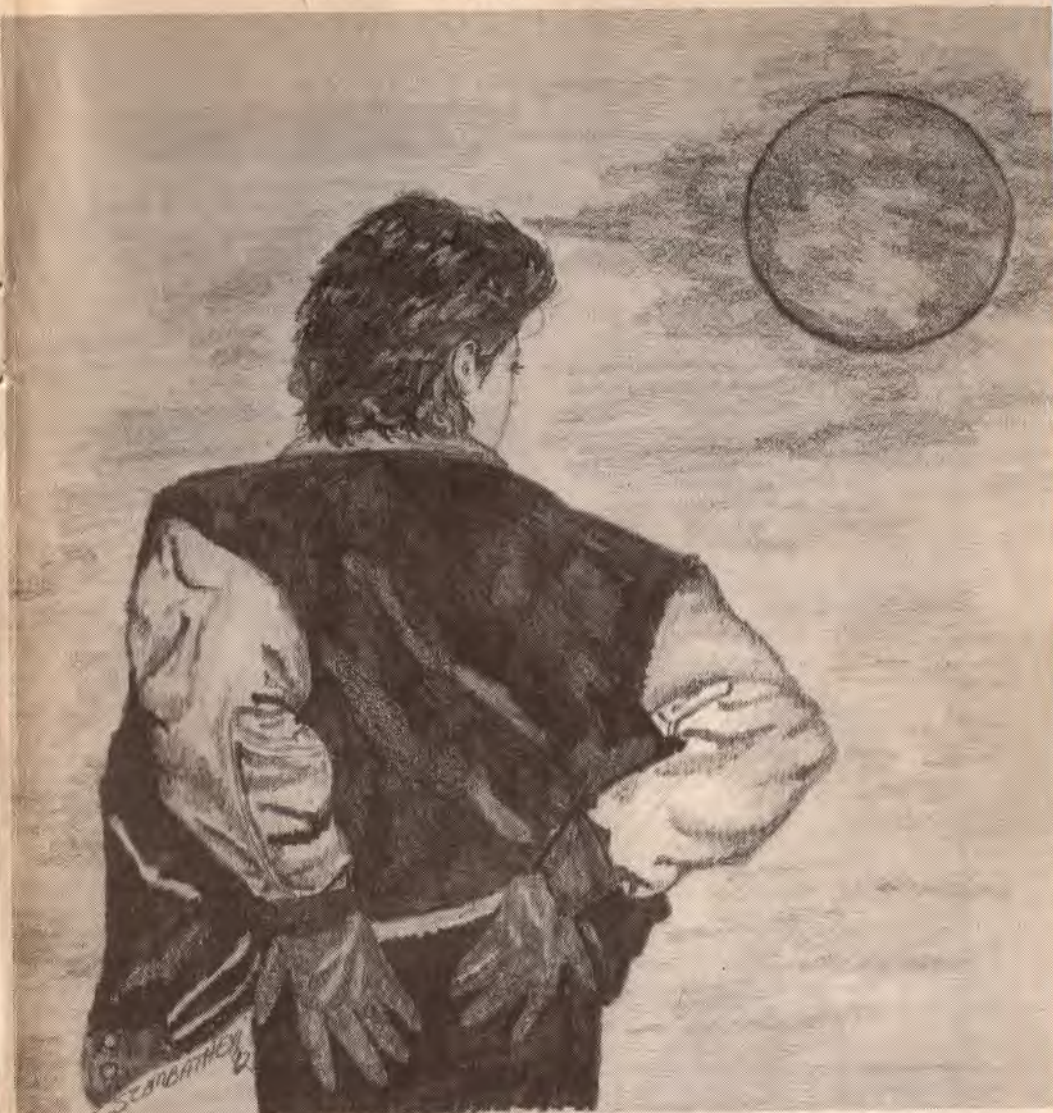


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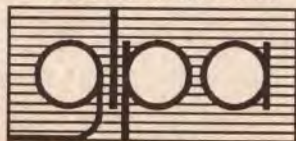
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Cover Story

Sherrie Szombathelyi returns with this second cover piece, which we think personified the season and Halloween quite appropriately. Sherrie's first In Step cover was just two issues ago, and when we perused her portfolio, we knew we needed this piece for this issue's cover. Welcome back, Sherrie!

Note

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We are proud to welcome two new columnists to this issue of In Step — Tony Terry, who pens 'Leather Worlds,' and Arnie Malmon, writing 'Positively HIV.'

Due to space limitations, numerous photos and other space requirements, we had to delete 'The Guide' from this issue.

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Over 5,000 AIDS activists circle White House

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Approximately 5,000 AIDS activists encircled the White House with red ribbons Oct. 12, for the first time not so much making a demand for leadership on AIDS from President Bush, as waving him goodbye.

The thousands of activists converged on the Ellipse behind the White House as the culmination of a weekend of grief, pain and hope surrounding the fourth full display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington.

Chanting rounds of, "Three more weeks. Three more weeks," the demonstrators mocked the president's low standing in the polls as they denounced his AIDS policies.

But for all the anger directed at President Bush, the crowd's message also appeared to be a warning at a possible future President Clinton.

"We need to send a message to the future occupant of the White House that there will be no business as usual on AIDS," said Margaret Cantrell of ACT UP/D.C., "Red ribbons are not enough. We're tired of symbolism. We're tired of empty gestures. We need some real leadership and some real action from the President of the United States."

Thousands of chanting demonstrators, ranging from heterosexual couples with small children and senior citizens in wheelchairs to the more usual collection of young Gay men and Lesbians, marched around the Treasury Department, the White House and the Old Executive Office Building making a human chain over a mile long.

As they marched and cheered Bush's predicted political defeat, the demonstrators blew whistles and air horns every seven minutes to commemorate the estimated one AIDS death which takes place every seven minutes in this country.

"My gut feeling is that this is the last demonstration we're going to do during the Bush Administration cause Bush is outa here," said Michael Petrulis of ACT UP/D.C., the leading organizer of the action. "This is our last call to bash Bush."

Eventually, as the hundreds of demonstrators filed past the gates of the White House, the front of the line made its way back around the block, completing the circle of red ribbon which ringed the federal buildings.

After the 5,000 activists completed their circle around the White House, they again gathered on the Ellipse where they staged a mass die-in, covering a large chunk of the 13 acres of grass with human bodies.

"We die, Bush does nothing," came up the voices from the ground as a lonely siren wailed from a bullhorn.

FIRST DEBATE

Several of the activists were particularly annoyed at Bush's comments during the Oct. 11 presidential debate, where he dismissed AIDS demonstrators and a massive candlelight vigil commemorating the quilt appearance two days earlier as work of "the extremes."

They were especially taken aback by the President's repetition of his charge that "\$4.6 billion" is being spent on AIDS, a figure Bush again suggested was far higher than that spent for cancer treatment research.

"That's a very misleading number," said Carlton Lee, a staffer with the National Commission on AIDS, noting that the oft-cited figure counts not only specific line-items for AIDS spending, but many fuzzy estimates on total Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs entitlement spending for AIDS patients. No such accounting has ever been suggested for other diseases, he noted, and if it were done it would far outstretch AIDS spending.

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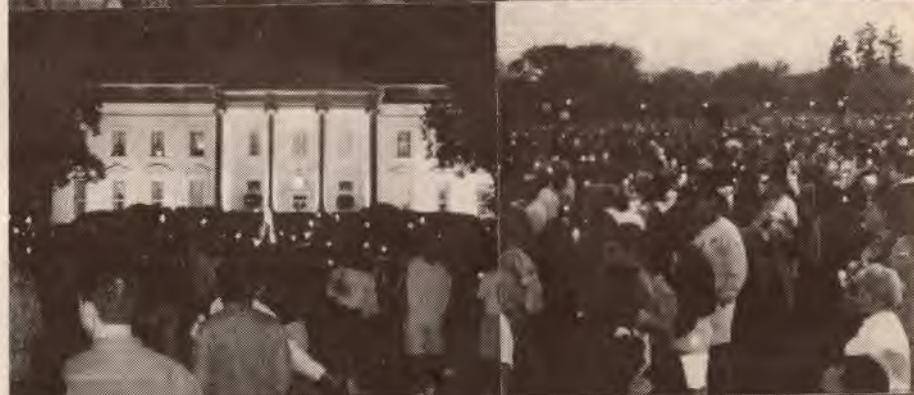
Over 350,000 view Quilt in DC



Due to rain all day Friday, and most of Sunday, the Quilt was only on display Saturday, Oct. 10 — an estimated 350,000 viewed in that day alone. It was only the second appearance of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in its entirety. Celebrity readers read the list of names of those memorialized in the Quilt. The Quilt appearance was part of the largest mobilization against AIDS ever held.

In Step photos by Stephanie Hume

Over 250,000 in AIDS Candlelight Vigil



In Step photos by Stephanie Hume

The Names Project Candlelight Memorial March was held Saturday evening after the Quilt was folded for the day. The march began during twilight hours with a rally on the D.C. Ellipse, and ended at the Lincoln Memorial. Photos show the White House as the marchers passed by repeatedly chanting "3 more weeks." The stunning bottom photo shows the Washington Monument reflected in the reflecting pool — the little lights surrounding the pool were all participants in the march.

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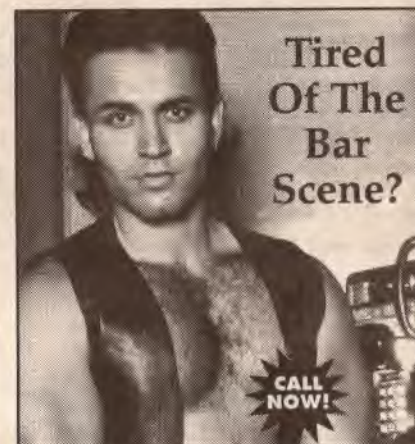
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Gov. Clinton's response to Bush's comments, likewise, did not earn rave reviews in the crowd that was splattered with Clinton/Gore t-shirts and buttons.

"Bush lied through his teeth," said ACT UP/D.C.'s Cantrell. "Clinton gave us a lot of pretty rhetoric. But whether he lives up to his promises, we'll have to wait and see."

Asked how AIDS activists could counter Bush's alleged mischaracterization of the government's AIDS funding, Lee quipped offhandedly, "I was hoping Clinton would do it last night," but took care to note that after the debate, the Clinton campaign did issue a statement pointing out Bush's tactic.

Lee noted that AIDS activists are now taking pains to educate "the people who need to know" in the Clinton campaign in hopes that the Democratic nominee will counter Bush in person the next time he cites the allegedly misleading AIDS spending figure.

Lee was equally damning of the President's statement about HIV-infected basketball star Magic Johnson, who resigned from the National

Commission on AIDS citing Bush's alleged disinterest in the epidemic.

During the debate, Bush suggested that Johnson took little interest in the commission himself, only attending one meeting before resigning. In fact, of the six commission meetings held during his tenure, Johnson personally attended two and sent the head of his foundation to the remaining four as his representative.

"I would also point out," Lee added, "that Magic, having attended two meetings, has attended twice as many as the President's own Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan, who has attended one meeting of the commission during his three years as a member."

Should a Clinton Administration replace Bush's, some activists noted, the pressure would be eased on activists who have spent much of the last ten years attacking the executive branch for inaction on AIDS. With Congress cutting AIDS spending from the President's already meager increases, they suggested, their anger could soon turn to the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Clinton easily wins Gay/Lesbian poll

Chicago — Bill Clinton is the overwhelming favorite of Gay and Lesbian voters nationwide, preferred by 92.2% of those registered and intending to vote in November, compared to 3.2% for George Bush, 1.1% for Ross Perot, 2.5% for other candidates, and 1.0% undecided. The results are based on a poll conducted by Overlooked Opinions, Inc., the nation's only market and opinion research firm specializing in research on the Gay and Lesbian community.

A large turnout of Gay and Lesbian voters is expected in November: the poll shows that 95.3% Gay and Lesbian citizens 18 and above are registered and intend to vote, representing approximately 17million votes.

Support for Clinton is strong even among Gay men and Lesbians who are Republicans: 63.9% of Gay and Lesbian

Republicans plan to vote for Clinton; only 25.8% of Gay and Lesbian Republicans plan to vote for Bush.

Bush's support among Gay and Lesbian voters overall has ended. In 1988, 18% Gay and Lesbian voters reported voting for Bush, while this year only 3.2% plan to vote for him.

The Republican party has suffered a loss of Gay and Lesbian support as well. In 1991, 11.0% Gay and Lesbian people considered themselves Republicans. Currently, only 6.9% do — a loss of 37%. Among those people who were Republicans last year 18% have become Democrats and 12% now report no political affiliation. In comparison the Democratic party has enjoyed increased support among Gay and Lesbian voters, from 63.6% in 1991 to 69.4% currently.

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Bill Clinton

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The poll results are based on a national statistical sample, projectable to the national Gay and Lesbian community, of 3,000 Gay and Lesbian persons. The poll was conducted in the last half of September, 1992, by mail, and had a 75% response rate. The sample error is +/- 1.7% at the 95% confidence level.

A smaller national sample of 300 Gay and Lesbian persons was contacted by telephone on October 2 and October 3, 1992, shortly after Ross Perot re-announced his candidacy. The survey showed that over 88% of those contacted were aware of Perot's candidacy, but that no statistically significant shifts had occurred in the results of the September, 1992, poll.

Congress passes \$2.1 billion AIDS budget

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Congress on Oct. 3 approved a record \$2.1 billion in spending for federal AIDS programs in the coming fiscal year. While the dollar amount keeps the fight against the epidemic far behind where it needs to be, AIDS lobbyists say, the amount is as much as could be expected in this tight fiscal year.

"This is just indicative of how difficult this year was," said Jeff Levi, head lobbyist for the Washington-based AIDS Action Council. "We did reasonably well."

Final AIDS dollar amounts in the Labor

Health and Human Services money bill came to approximately \$2.09 billion for the 1993 fiscal year. An additional \$100 million for housing programs for people with AIDS was included in a separate funding measure.

The final AIDS dollar figures mark a \$130 million increase in AIDS spending over the previous year's funding levels. While that marks a considerable dollar increase — compared to spending increases for other diseases — the percentage increase again marks what amounts to funding equal to 1992 levels.

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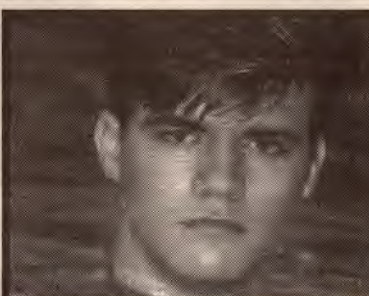
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In Step photos by Stephanie Hume

Thousands participated in ACT-UPs Sunday afternoon protest during the Quilt's D.C. appearance. Protesters marched and chanted from the Capitol up Constitution Avenue to the White House. There, they were at the White House fence by police. Many of the marchers held a brief sit in, and others tossed urns containing ashes of people killed by AIDS onto the White House lawn.

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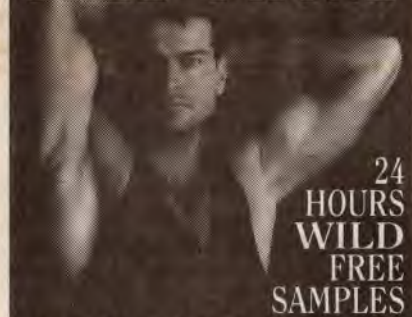
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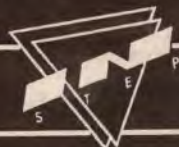
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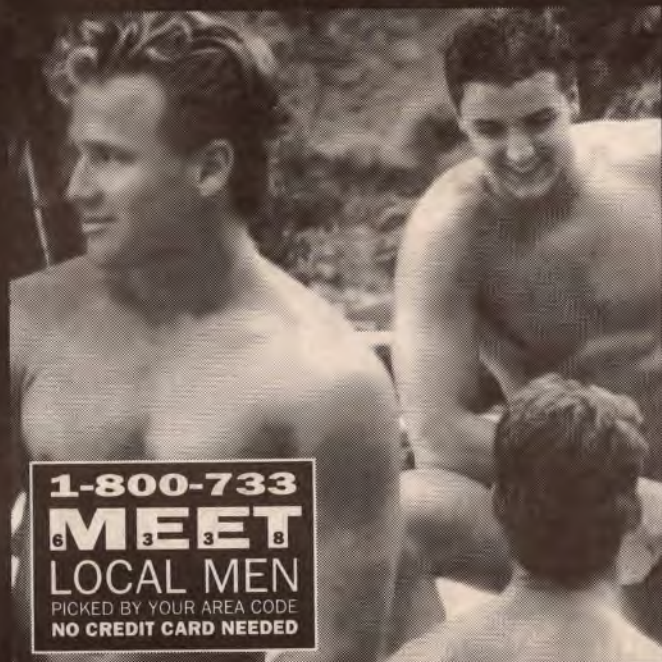
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Among the most closely watched programs in the spending bill are those administered through the Ryan White CARE Act, which channels federal funds for AIDS care to cities and states disproportionately affected by the epidemic. This year Ryan White programs saw an increase of approximately \$72,000 dollars over present spending levels, most of which will go to bring new areas into the program as they qualify for assistance.

These increases now bring total spending for all Ryan White programs to \$348.19 million, still far short of the amount authorized for the first year of the program's existence in this, its third year.

Particularly distressing to AIDS lobbyists was the \$115.39 million in aid to states approved in the bill, which they saw as far sort of what is needed to face the epidemic in many hard-hit rural and suburban areas.

Cuts made last year to the AIDS prevention and education efforts of the Centers for Disease Control were partially restored in the 1993 bill, allowing for \$500.54 million or that agency's AIDS efforts.

While still not completely restored, the \$5 million cut from the CDC last year was seen as severely hampering community based AIDS prevention efforts, particularly in minority communities.

Funding for HIV research at the National Institutes of Health, estimated to come to \$877.37 million in this year's bill, is actually somewhat unclear, as for the fifth year AIDS spending is not specifically earmarked in the legislation. This figure does not include AIDS related spending for several sub-agencies formerly under the control of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration, which are now under the NIH umbrella.

AIDS research at NIH — considered at great risk at the beginning of this year's budget process — did rather well, while still falling short of what scientists dealing with AIDS said would be needed for fiscal 1993. Final spending for AIDS research came in at slightly over \$4 million over President Bush's funding request, but \$36 million over 1992 funding.

The AIDS activities of the Food and Drug Administration saw only a minor increase, coming in at \$75 million, roughly equivalent to what they requested.

The major victory on AIDS funding this year, however, came in a separate bill where \$100 million was approved for federal housing programs for people with AIDS, marking a doubling of funding for that effort.

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National News Briefs...

ACTIVIST ACQUITTED OF DISPENSING AIDS DRUGS

Orlando, FL — A Florida jury has acquitted Alfredo Martinez-Garcia of charges that he illegally dispensed codeine and morphine to people suffering from AIDS. "The state should be helping people, not prosecuting them," said Martinez-Garcia after the verdict was read.

Martinez-Garcia, director of an AIDS support group and a well known Gay activist, admitted that he distributed the drugs without a license. But in defending himself, he said: "What I did was morally and ethically right." He said poor people could not afford the drugs or work through the frustrating bureaucracy of the federal, state and local health systems to get access to the drugs.

Defense attorney Ed Leinster said of the verdict and of his client's actions: "Maybe it will say to people, 'Let's do something about this,' instead of making pariahs out of people who are trying to do something."

MARY FISHER TO REPLACE MAGIC JOHNSON

Washington, DC — President Bush has appointed Mary Fisher, the HIV-positive woman who addressed the Republican convention, to replace Magic Johnson on the National Commission on AIDS. Fisher's father, Max, is honorary financial chairman of the Bush-Quayle re-election committee.

"A lot of people would have me not support the administration," Fisher commented recently. "What good would that do? We need to have people working within the system to make change." Jeff Levi of the AIDS Action Council said he

hoped Fisher could succeed where Johnson and others had failed: to spur the Bush administration to greater action against AIDS.

LAW STUDENTS SEEK TO OUST MILITARY

Hartford, CT — Gay students at the University of Connecticut Law School have filed suit seeking to oust military recruiters from their campus because of the Pentagon's ban on Gay and Lesbian personnel. The suit is based on Connecticut's recently passed Gay rights law which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and public accommodations.

One factor complicating the lawsuit is another state statute which declares that the military has the right to recruit anywhere that private companies can. The plaintiffs must prove that the presence of military recruiters would cause "irreparable harm" to the campus community.

The co-chairman of the Law Students Association filing the suit is Joseph Steffan, a highly honored midshipman who was discharged from the Naval Academy at Annapolis just weeks before graduation after his superiors learned he is Gay.

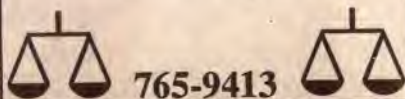
GORE VIDAL TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN GAY RIGHTS

New York, NY - In an interview with Out magazine, Gore Vidal, one of America's leading Gay writers and intellectuals, says he plans to become more involved in

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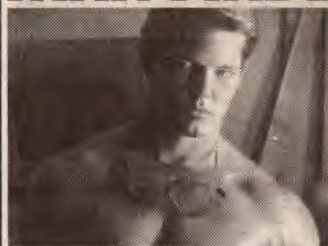
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the struggle for Gay and Lesbian rights.

Vidal notes that since the collapse of the Soviet Union, "queers" have replaced "commies" as Public Enemy Number 1. Homophobia, says Vidal, "is an ongoing psychopathic hatred that has made the United States the laughing stock of the entire world." He wants to encourage Gay groups to "stop quarrelling over correctness" and work together to combat homophobia. To that end, Vidal addressed the annual fundraiser of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in New York on October 2 outlining a plan of action.

Vidal's latest book is a satire of the New testament called *Live From Golgotha*. He can also be seen in the Tim Robbins' movie *Bob Roberts*, a satire on politics.

DIGNITY/TWIN CITIES EVICTED AGAIN

Minneapolis, MN — Despite the fact that the St. Stephens parish council had invited Dignity to meet in its church space, Archbishop John Roach has ordered the group of Gay and Lesbian Catholics to be evicted.

This is the second time Dignity has been forced out of Catholic parishes since a 1986 Vatican statement ordered such evictions. Dignity had appealed its earlier eviction to the Minneapolis Human Rights Commission, which ruled the Catholic archdiocese guilty of discrimination. But that decision was overturned on appeal.

The Lutheran-Episcopal Center and the United Ministries Center at the University of Minnesota have both offered Dignity meeting space.

LAW MAGAZINE'S FOCUS ON GAYS DRAWS PROTESTS

San Francisco, CA — *California Lawyer* magazine, which recently featured a cover story on "Gays at Law: Life in a Straight-Laced Profession," has drawn criticism from some readers, many of whom are members of the California Bar Association.

Attorney G. Sharp called the cover photo of two Gay men "utterly

repulsive." Donald Ingoglia wrote: "Showing two smiling Gays on the cover illustrates how sick our society has become." James P. Carroll wrote: "It is a sad day when I must make apologies for my professional organization's publication." Carroll was particularly chagrined when his grandson asked him if he subscribed to a Gay magazine.

Editor Jane Goldman said the virulent reaction to the story showed how deep-seated homophobia remains among attorneys.

— Briefs compiled by Jamakaya

State News Briefs...

PRISON INMATE DROPS AIDS LAWSUIT

Madison — Prison inmate Roger Hillman has withdrawn his lawsuit against the Department of Corrections in which he charged that prison authorities illegally exposed the fact that he is HIV-positive. The suit was dropped October 2, just days before it was to be heard by the State Supreme Court.

Hillman, 43, signed a stipulation dropping the suit and promising not to pursue further legal action. He had charged Columbia County jailers with making public the fact that he is HIV-infected. State law mandates the confidentiality of all medical records, including any person's HIV status.

The agreement Hillman signed was forged by five attorneys involved on both sides of the case. No reasons for Hillman's action and no further details about the agreement were made public.

GRACE APOLOGIZES TO GAY COMMUNITY

Milwaukee — Corporate executive J. Peter Grace issued an apology for making anti-Gay slurs at the opening of a new Ambrosia Chocolate Co. plant in Milwaukee October 6. Grace referred to New York Gov. Mario Cuomo as "Cuomo the homo" and Mayor David Dinkins as "Dinkins the pinkens."

"I formally apologize to the Gay and
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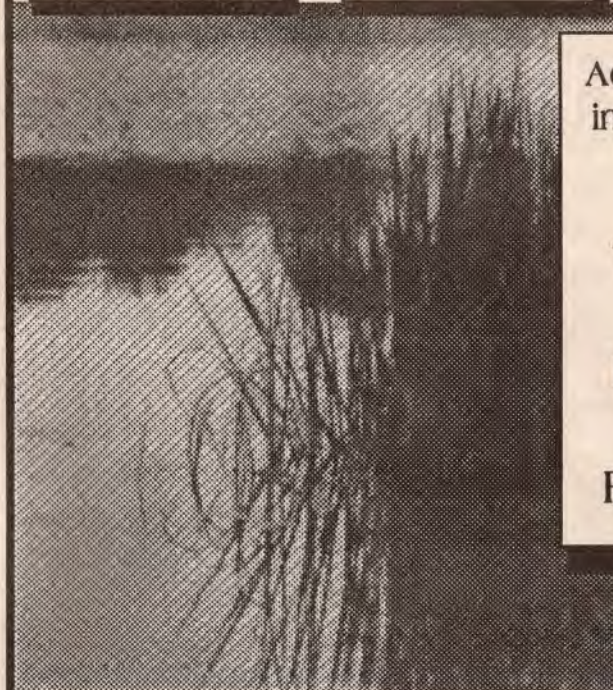
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Lesbian community for the inadvertent use of an offensive term," Grace said in a statement. "While there was no malice intended, I now realize that there is no place in our society for remarks of this kind in any context."

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, who was present when the remarks were made, called them "distasteful." Gov. Tommy Thompson, who was also present, issued a statement saying "Grace was correct in apologizing for his statement."

ACADEMIC RESIGNS FROM AIDS TASK FORCE

Whitewater — A faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has resigned from the Chancellor's Task Force on AIDS, citing the group's inaction and lack of progress.

In his letter of resignation, David K. Runyon of UW-Whitewater's Art Department noted that the Task Force had not met for six months. He asked: "AIDS has been with us for a decade, and what have we done on this campus?"

Runyon wrote that although the Task Force passed a motion to include representatives of student groups, none were invited to the next meeting. The Task Force also agreed to include representatives of the Madison AIDS Support Network and the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Not only have these groups not been invited to participate, wrote Runyon, but UW-W administrators said that they would not be allowed to vote on matters anyway because they are not a part of the campus community.

Runyon suggested that choosing someone from the medical profession as chairperson might raise the credibility of the Task Force.

CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS TO LEAVE WISCONSIN

Milwaukee — Conservative activists Craig and Jan Parshall, who have been leaders in the anti-Gay and anti-abortion movements in southeastern Wisconsin for the last ten years, are moving to Washington, D.C.

Attorney Craig Parshall, who has defended anti-abortion demonstrators and orchestrated major protests against Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration, will take a job with the Rutherford Institute, a Christian-based law firm.

Jan Parshall, who has moderated programs on Christian radio and TV stations and hosted her own call-in show, "Wake Up America," will be taking a job as assistant to the president of Concerned Women for America, a right wing group.

Many in the Gay community applauded the move.

— compiled from various sources by Jamakaya

A place for us in politics

Milwaukee — Is there a place for Lesbians and Gays in mainstream politics? This was the question addressed by four panelists, two Democrats, two Republicans, at the October 8 "Speak Out" Forum held at the Wisconsin Hotel and sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network. The answer was a definite "Yes."

Speaking for the Democrats was Judy Selle, home secretary for Congressman Jim Moody and Gail Davy, a democratic activist and member of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB). Both Selle and Davy voiced their pride in the appointment by Clinton of Gays and Lesbians to positions of leadership as well as in the party's platform which supports Gay/Lesbian issues. Both urged Lesbians and Gays "to get involved."

Davy spoke of the need for people to contribute money to the candidate of their choice. She spoke also about working for a candidate such as LAMB members had done on "LAMB Night" in Moody's recent campaign.

Representing the Republicans was Scott Evertz, chair of the Milwaukee East Side Unit of the GOP and Jim McFarland, a former member of the Madison Common Council. The panel was moderated by Dr. Gary Hollander.

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PEOPLE Men/Men

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Dahmer case cops plead guilty, await punishment

Milwaukee [In Step] — To everyone's surprise, the two officers fired for dereliction of duty in the Jeffrey Dahmer murder case, pleaded guilty before the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission October 13. The Commission will decide their punishment at the end of the month.

Officers Joseph Gabrish and John Balcerzak responded to a call about a naked boy running in the street on May 27, 1991. They turned 14 year old Konerak Sinthasomphone, who was drugged, back into the custody of Jeffrey Dahmer who, hours later, killed the boy. The officers could be heard laughing about the incident over their police radios, and Balcerzak ignored the pleas of Good Samaritan Glenda Cleveland who called the station to ask about the boy. Dahmer killed four other men before he was finally apprehended last July.

For the past year, both officers have consistently proclaimed their innocence. Balcerzak told the press: "I believe I was as good a cop as I've ever been on that night and throughout my career." The guilty pleas surprised everyone.

In exchange for pleading guilty to the general charge of failure to conduct a proper investigation, other charges against the officers were dismissed. Those violations included: failure to take proper police action; failure to interview witnesses and get detailed statements; failure to take an "incapacitated" child into protective custody; failure to consult a

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To the surprise of some in the audience, Evertz and McFarland also saw a place for out Lesbians and Gay men in the GOP in moving the Party away from its far right wing.

Evertz added that he feared that Gays and Lesbians were becoming "too monolithic" in their allegiance to the Democrats.

Questions were taken from the floor. There was little acrimony or rigorous debate.

commanding officer; and failure to follow up on a citizen's phone call.

A PLEA FOR LENIENCY?

The deal was apparently reached in last minute negotiations between attorneys for the police union, representing Gabrish and Balcerzak, and attorneys for the city, representing the Police Department and Chief Philip Arreola, who fired them. Commission Chairman Nick Padway said Arreola, who did not appear at the hearing, sat in on the earlier negotiations.

Some observers suggested the guilty pleas put the men in a better position to ask for leniency during the punishment phase of the hearing in late October. The Commission can decide to uphold the firings, or impose lesser penalties such as a 60 day suspension. Both officers have been collecting paychecks while awaiting their appeal.

Glenda Cleveland, who arrived at the hearing expecting to testify, was surprised at the turn of events. She said Gabrish and Balcerzak should not be given their jobs back: "They created the problems for themselves and, like everyone else, they should suffer the consequences."

Family members of Dahmer's victims,
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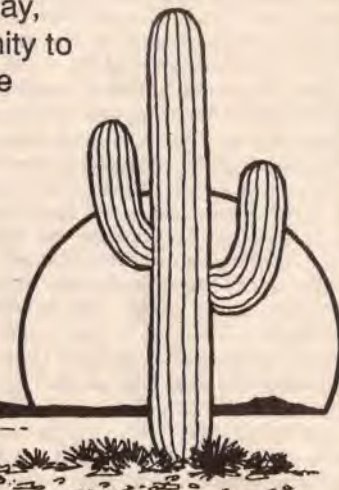
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United Way may take future action against Scouts

Milwaukee [In Step] — At a meeting October 13, the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee decided to continue funding area Boy Scout Councils but agreed to re-examine its own anti-discrimination guidelines and to consider withdrawing financial support if the Boy Scouts continue to exclude Gays.

Queer Scouts of Milwaukee, as part of a nationwide pressure campaign against the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), has lobbied the local United Way to discontinue funding the Boy Scouts until the BSA's stated policy of discrimination is reversed. Wisconsin law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Several Board members voiced disapproval of a statement adopted by the Executive Committee which acknowledged the BSA's discriminatory policy but said the matter should ultimately be resolved by the courts. The statement said the that "wide variety" of programs funded by Milwaukee United Way "make it possible for individuals

and families to select programs that meet their particular needs, values and beliefs."

"I don't understand the statement, and discrimination bothers me generally," Board member Martin Stein was quoted in the **Milwaukee Journal**. Other members expressed discomfort with the passive method of deferring to the courts on the issue.

The full Board did not vote on the Executive Committee's statement but agreed to re-evaluate its own anti-discrimination policy and see if some reconciliation could be found between local Boy Scout councils and those who are prohibited from membership. If such reconciliation cannot be achieved locally, the Board agreed to work with other United Way chapters to influence the BSA nationally. No timelines for action were set, however.

Dan Fons of Queer Scouts told **In Step** he was disappointed that more aggressive action against the Boy Scouts was not taken by the Board. But he was also encouraged by the fact that Board members took the issue very seriously and that some members took strong stands against the BSA's policy.

Prior to the meeting, Queer Scouts delivered information packets on the

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who have waited a long time to see justice done, were surprised by the pleas and angered that another two weeks must pass before punishment is doled out. Carolyn Smith and Janie Hagen, sisters of Eddie Smith and Richard Guerrero, hope the officers are dismissed.

Richard Porubcan, a rookie officer who was also at the scene of the Sinthasomphone incident but who apparently played less of a role, completed a year of probationary status and has rejoined police ranks.

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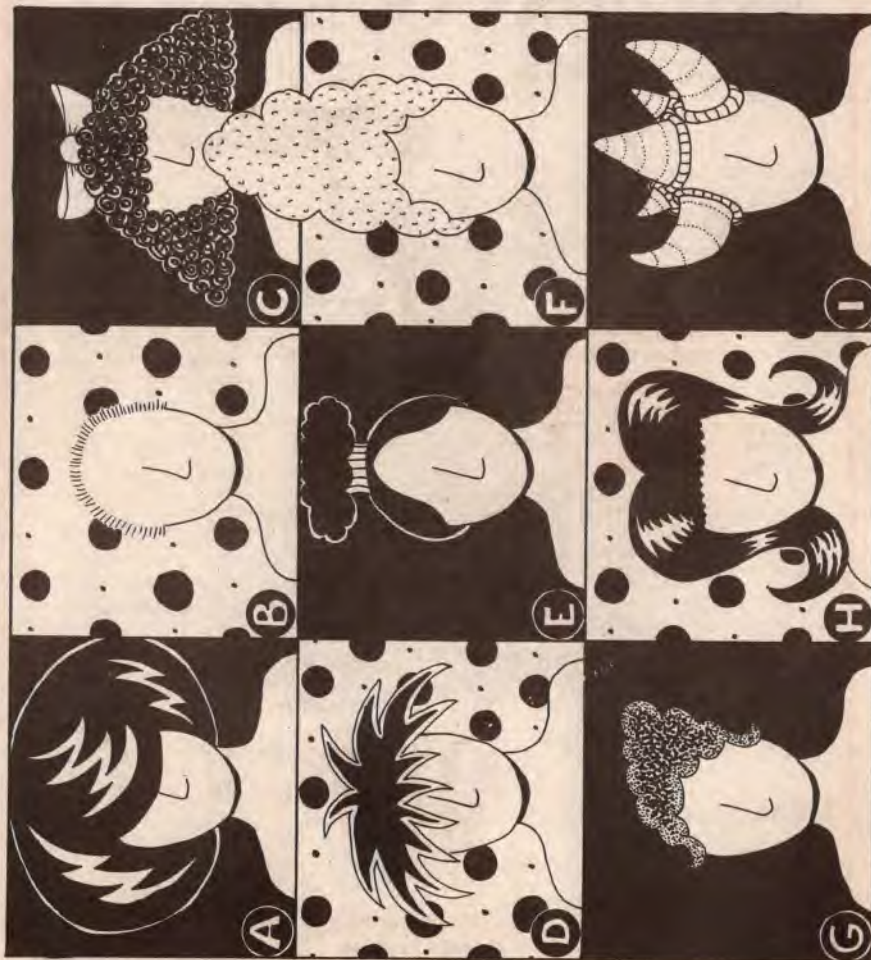
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controversy to all 36 United Way Board members. The packet included the text of BSA's policy excluding homosexuals and information from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays about the low self-esteem and isolation Gay youth often feel in our homophobic society.

The packet also included excerpts of the Report on Youth Suicide issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which found that suicide is the leading cause of death among Gay and Lesbian youth. One third of all teen suicides are attempted by Gays and Lesbians.

"We think the evidence we presented them with is having an effect," said

Fons. "Now, we have to keep up the pressure to see that they follow through with their resolutions." Fons and a handful of peaceful protesters picketed outside the Board meeting before it began.

Anti-Gay initiatives come down to wire

Denver, CO [In Step] — Polls indicate that voters in Colorado and Oregon are deeply divided over anti-Gay initiatives on the November 3 ballot. But thousands of volunteers, buoyed by support from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, state politicians and even actress Whoopi Goldberg, are

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An October poll showed that 52% of Coloradoans oppose Initiative 2, which would prohibit state and local governments from enacting anti-discrimination laws to protect homosexuals and would void such protections currently in place in Aspen, Boulder and Denver. Thirty-six percent support the measure and 16% are undecided.

Bobbie McCallum, spokesperson for the Equal Protection Campaign (EPOC) which opposes the initiative, told *In Step* that the large block of "undecideds" was a cause of concern but said the last few weeks of the campaign would feature a media blitz to solidify the majority in opposition.

Governor Roy Romer, Senator Ted Wirth and Rep. Pat Schroeder — all Democrats — have come out against the measure. Jesse Jackson made a strong appeal for Coloradoans to oppose the initiative. Even actress Whoopi Goldberg, in a national mailing encouraging support for EPOC, said: "I've never heard of such a thing! Trying to constitutionally deny rights rather than protect rights. Trying to dehumanize people. And in beautiful Colorado."

Colorado for Family Values, which proposed the measure, has distributed literature linking homosexuality with child molestation and perversion and depicting Gays as a threat to the family.

McCallum said the Equal Protection Campaign is stressing that Initiative 2 is not a so-called "lifestyle" issue, but an issue of discrimination and equal rights. Many groups, including the Colorado Bar Association and the League of Women Voters, along with business leaders, concerned that the state will lose tourist and convention dollars if the measure is passed, are allied with EPOC. Gov. Romer is EPOC's honorary chairman.

JESSE JACKSON IN OREGON

The "No on 9" campaign, which opposes the anti-Gay referendum in Oregon, got some inspiring support from Rev. Jesse Jackson who told a huge crowd

in Portland that isolating any group of people is "an ungodly, arrogant, sinful act."

Measure 9 declares homosexuality to be "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse," lumps it together with bestiality and pedophilia and forbids any unit of state or local government from using public funds or facilities to "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality." Municipal Gay rights laws would be voided. Gay teachers could be fired and schools and universities could be forced to remove books or materials about homosexuality.

"Whether or not you like the Gay lifestyle — that's not the point," said

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the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is scheduled to visit Oshkosh in the Spring of 1993. The 800 panel section of the Quilt will mark the first display of the memorial in the Fox Cities area, and is considered a major public education event by local AIDS organization (ECHO), the UW-Oshkosh Women's Center, and the Drug Abuse Correctional Center, the Quilt will be on display April 29-30, and May 1-2, 1993, at Kolf Sports Center on the UW-Oshkosh campus.

The Quilt began in 1987 as the brain child of a small group of San Franciscans seeking a way to express their loss and work through their grief. The idea quickly spread throughout the community and by the fall of that same year 920 panels were displayed for the first time in Washington, D.C. Today, well over 15,000 panels have been added and entire Quilt just made a return to D.C. October 10-11.

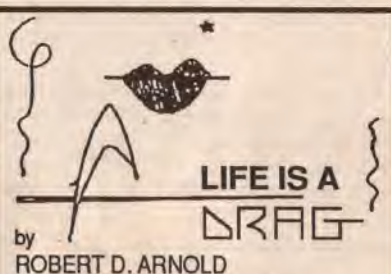
The Quilt has proven effective in promoting compassion and understanding and motivating people to respond to the AIDS epidemic. The 'Patches of Life' theme chosen for the local display emphasizes the universal impact of HIV disease on families and individuals from all walks of life, and allows a non-threatening, non-political educational experience for all who participate. All funds raised during the event go to direct client services, providing education, testing, counseling, hospice and health care services.

Community support is vital for the success of this event. Individuals interested in helping out may contact Volunteer Coordinator Denise DuBey at (414) 426-0577 or 424-7254. media inquiries should be directed to Barry Grant at 727-1975 or Susan Pinsonnault at 235-5100, ext. 3375. Donations may be sent to: AIDS Memorial Quilt Project, c/o D.A.C.C., P.O. Box 36, Winnebago, WI, 54985. Checks should be made payable to East Central Wellness Project.



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The deadly language of 'Traditional Values'

The political rhetoric extolling 'Traditional Family Values' barely disguises the hatred that threatens the health and safety of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual persons.

"The inflammatory language of political leaders and public figures has serious consequences for Lesbian and Gay people," says Don Wert, Associate Administrator of Regent Hospital and nationally-known speaker on Lesbian and Gay health issues. "Many Lesbian and Gay individuals have believed the deadly lies that they are sick, criminal or damned."

Health professionals are concerned that the hate-mongers will exacerbate critical health problems in the Lesbian and Gay community:

- Lesbian and Gay teens suicide at a rate three times higher than their heterosexual peers;

- Substance abuse is twice as prevalent as in 'mainstream' communities;

- Discrimination and non-acceptance prevent Lesbian and Gay people from finding appropriate treatment;

- Incidents of 'Gay-bashing' and other hate crimes are increasing.

Ellen Ratner, Vice President of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, says, "Lesbian and Gay people already face barriers to obtaining appropriate health care. The proponents of 'Traditional Values' want to enact policies that further damage the Lesbian and Gay community."

Shame and fear shape the lives of many Lesbian and Gay persons who accept the assumptions and stereotypes of heterosexual culture. In most parts of this country, Lesbian and Gay people live with realistic fears of losing their jobs, housing, custody of children and basic civil rights if their sexual orientation is disclosed or discovered.

"Americans can do a better job of reaffirming traditional values; we need to reclaim the revolutionary idea that all people are created equal," says Wert. "This means inclusion of Lesbian and Gay relationships and families. Our lives depend on it."

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Jackson. "The point is are you for equal protection under the law? Would you do unto others as you would have them do unto you?"

The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), like its counterpart in Colorado, has also engaged in a fear campaign demonizing homosexuals. Gay activists are concerned the climate of hatred may have contributed to the deaths of a Lesbian and Gay man, Hattie Mae Cohens and Brian Mock, whose home was fire-bombed September 26. They had been harassed for weeks by skinheads who used racist and homophobic slurs. Four suspects have been arrested.

Governor Barbara Roberts, a long-time Gay supporter, has repeatedly spoken out against Measure 9, saying it would tarnish the state's progressive image and harm it economically. Both Senators Robert Packwood and Mark Hatfield oppose it, and many religious groups, including the Oregon Board of Rabbis, are part of the "No on 9" coalition.

In mid-October, polls indicated the vote would be close. "No on 9" activists anticipate last minute smear tactics on the part of the OCA. They plan to continue utilizing both the media and grass roots contact with voters until election day.

event featuring 15,000 athletes from 40 countries participating in over 25 individual and team competitions, ranging from track & field, swimming, diving, basketball, softball and cycling to triathlon, volleyball and wrestling. Five hundred thousand spectators are expected to view the Games and a simultaneous Cultural Festival, which will be held in various facilities throughout New York City. Gay Games IV is expected to generate \$111 million in economic activity for the city of New York, according to the City's Office of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.

Vancouver, British Columbia was the host city for Gay Games III in 1990. Some 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competed in Gay Games I, 3,500 from 16 nations in Gay Games II and 7,250 from 30 nations in Gay Games III.

For additional information about The Federation of Gay Games, please write to The Federation at: 584 Castro Street #343, San Francisco, CA 94114, or call Bob Weaver at (808) 926-6157. ▽



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Gay Games IV efforts hailed

At its annual meeting in San Francisco, The Federation of Gay Games marked the 10th anniversary of Gay Games I and hailed the progress of New York in '94, the organizing committee for Gay Games IV.

Representatives from the Board of Directors of New York in '94, including Executive Director Paula Pressley, attended the weekend-long meeting to update Federation members on the plans for Gay Games IV in New York. Forty-one Federation members and supporters from a total of five countries attended the meeting.

Federation Co-President Susan Kennedy cited the following accomplishments of New York in '94 as evidence of significant progress: reaching the quarter-million-dollar fundraising milestone; designating Kennedy Travel of New York City as the official travel supplier for Gay Games IV; formally designating competitions in 26 sports; and signing contracts with its first two major venues.

Susan Kennedy said, "It is very clear that New York in '94 is committed to putting together a wonderful event. The organizers of Gay Games IV have worked hard to make significant progress, especially in the areas of fund-raising and venue selection. The Federation will continue to do what we can to provide New York in '94 with the support they need.

Paula Pressley said, "I am pleased to receive such glowing praise from the Federation of Gay Games as we continue to make very significant progress in organizing Gay Games IV. The fact that we have surpassed the one-quarter million dollar mark a full two years before the Games reflects our intense efforts and highlights the wide-spread support we enjoy. We will continue our hard work to cultivate this support so that in June of 1994, thousands of participants may take part in the biggest and best Games ever."

Gay Games IV recently announced that

Ice and Figure Skating have been added to its official list of 24 sports certified for competition. The Games has also selected Split Rock-Pelham Bay Park Golf Course in The Bronx for its golf competitions and The Paramount Theater in Madison Square Garden in Manhattan for Physique and body-Building events.

Paula Pressley also recognized the progress of the on-going "One for the Games" campaign, which asks all Gay and Lesbian sports groups to earmark \$1 of even fees for support of Gay Games IV. This campaign enables supporters the world over to contribute to the presentation of Gay Games IV.

A revised Request for Proposals has been issued by the Federation's Site Selection Committee for cities wishing to be considered as sites for Gay Games V in 1998. To date Manchester, United Kingdom; Amsterdam; The Netherlands; and Sydney, Australia; along with Houston, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia, are among the cities which have expressed interest in hosting Gay Games V. Request for Proposal packets must be requested by March 1, 1993 by writing to the Federation Site Selection Committee at 584 Castro Street #343, San Francisco, CA 94114. Completed bids must be returned by July 1, 1993.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Tom Waddell, M.D. — who competed in the decathlon for the United States at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City — as a celebration of Lesbians and Gay men and as a 'peoples olympics' open to everybody regardless of sexual orientation. The Gay Games IV theme, Unity '94, is an expression of the founder's dream that inclusion be a corner stone of the Games.

Gay Games IV will take place in New York City during the third week of June, 1994. Gay Games IV is an Olympic-style

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'93 DC March issues streamlined demands

Denver, CO [In Step] — The National Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation took place October 3-4 in Denver. Almost 200 representatives from across the U.S. discussed financial matters and issued a streamlined list of demands.

Discussion focused on the necessity for greater fundraising efforts. Each of 17 regions was expected to raise \$1,000 toward the march but only four regions had raised the money. So far, the balance sheet for the March shows \$22,672 in income and loans. Expenses and accounts payable total \$24,703. Costs for the construction of the stage alone are expected to be \$75,000. Local and national fundraising efforts are deemed a priority.

The March on Washington is set for Sunday, April 25, 1993. It was decided that the following day, April 26, some sort of civil disobedience demonstration would be organized at the Capitol building.

The Steering Committee also released an action statement about the purpose of the march and a streamlined list of demands, which narrows down and focuses the dozens of demands previously adopted.

ACTION STATEMENT AND DEMANDS

The Action Statement reads: "The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice fundamentally links us to the struggles against racism and sexism, class bias, economic injustice, and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed we are all oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age or class."

Following are the seven demands of the March on Washington:

- We demand passage of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender civil rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments, including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults.

- We demand a massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.

- We demand full and equal inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people in the educational system, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender studies in multicultural curricula.

- We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care, and that the definition of "family" includes the full diversity of family structures.

- We demand the right to reproductive freedom and choice, to control our own bodies, and an end to sexist discrimination.

- We demand an end to racial and ethnic discrimination in all forms.

- We demand an end to discrimination and violent oppression based on actual or perceived sexual orientation/identification, race, religion, identity, sex and gender expression, disability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection.

The final National Steering Committee meeting will be held next February in Washington, D.C. To get involved in organizing the Upper Midwest Region (which includes Wisconsin, Minnesota and North and South Dakota), call Steven Anderson at (612) 645-4028. The national toll free number for the March is 800-832-2889.

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On a roll: Milwaukee bowling

By Mike Phillips

As always the Landmark Lanes on Farwell & North is hosting all 4 bowling leagues. The 2 leagues on Sunday evening each have 16 teams participating. The league on Monday evening also has 16 teams, and the Wednesday evening league has 6 teams (and is looking to grow larger).

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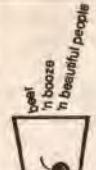
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Thompson and Kowalski try to rebuild their lives

Clearwater, MN — For Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski, the completion of their legal battle means the start of a more private campaign to find meaning in a relationship permanently transformed by a tragic accident and years of enforced separation.

In a recently published interview with *Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples*, the women recount the history of their relationship and Thompson's efforts to return Kowalski to a home she built to accommodate the disabled woman's special needs.

Thompson, 44, and Kowalski, 35, have been partners for 12 years. They were separated for eight of those years when Kowalski was disabled in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. The separation was imposed by Kowalski's parents and enforced by the courts until the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision awarding Thompson legal guardianship of Kowalski on December 17, 1991 — the couple's anniversary date. The court declared the women "a family of affinity which ought to be accorded respect."

The *Partners* interview includes comments from Kowalski, who has severe speech, locomotive and short-term memory problems. Kowalski used a digitally-voiced speller system and relied on Thompson as interpreter. Thompson related a number of touching episodes, as well as one that caused her embarrassment.

Describing Kowalski's state of mind, Thompson remembered an occasion when "Sharon wasn't cooperating with a nice, straight speech therapist's work agenda. She typed out that she'd like to make love to me instead. The therapist turned red, but recovered and said, 'I guess that does sound much more exciting than any of the options I gave.'"

Thompson said her partner's openness about sexuality allowed her psychologists and therapists to testify in the couple's favor in their last court battle. Thompson also said she'll need a lot of help to meet

Kowalski's special needs.

"My... our dream would be to get Sharon home sometime soon. What has slowed us down is the fact that we are so far in debt from the legal fees, and I can't care for Sharon by myself. Even with 12-14 hours of attendant care a day, I'd have to cover 10-12 hours. Both day and night Sharon needs to be turned, be given tube feedings, those kinds of things."

To raise the money it will take, Thompson has been giving talks nationwide as well as continuing her college teaching schedule. Kowalski still resides part-time in the Trevilla of Robbinsdale rehabilitation facility, but is spending increasing amounts of time at the couple's Clearwater home near the banks of the Mississippi River.

"The one thing that's remained very clear through it all is that Sharon still loves me and I will always love Sharon," she said. "I want Sharon home with me as long as that's where she wants to be."

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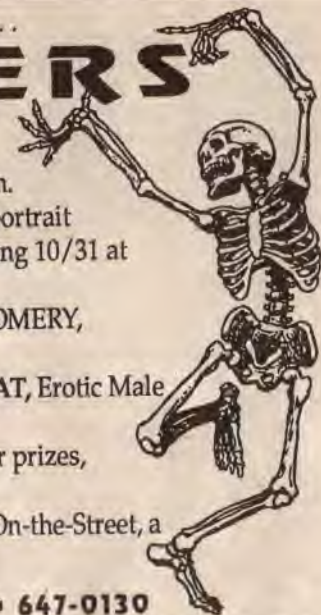
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and would eventually broaden the entire concept and shape of the leather world. The organization was called *Samois*, and what made it so different was the fact that it was formed by and for *Leatherwomen*.

Many leatherwomen found themselves shunned by the mainstream Lesbian communities (and many still do) due largely to the misconception that S&M play is actually abuse, and women engaging in such play are propagating and encouraging violence towards women. Unfortunately for many of these pioneers, a large number of leathermen viewed their entry into the existing leatherbars and clubs as sacrilegious as opposed to the natural evolution of the leather community.

More recently, many straight people and Bisexuals have emerged from the leather closet and now openly and vocally explore the leather lifestyle.

As you can see, the leather community continues to grow and evolve. The lifestyle is not for everyone, but those who are intrigued or excited by the possibilities need not fear it because of

old misconception, myths or lies. Leather is not about abuse; it is about exploring the pleasure and freedom that can be found by expanding the sexual and sensual envelope. Those who discover a place for themselves in the world of leather can find support, pleasure, and a level of brotherhood and sisterhood that is not common in most communities.

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Many of these men gravitated to New York and San Francisco where they began to forge an underground network amidst the existing homosexual communities in these, and eventually other major cities. They created bars, leather and motorcycle clubs, and playspaces; all with very specific procedures, rules of conduct, and dress codes. Those Leathermen who failed to comply with the rules and regulations were ostracized. This was the

Old Guard, and they continued to dominate the lather scene until the late seventies and early eighties (depending on geographical area). They also helped to create the Lesbian and Gay rights and pride movements in the sixties and seventies (the Stonewall riots and marches were started by drag queens and leathermen).

Many leatherpeople were also at the forefront of AIDS fundraising and activism, even before the disease had a name.

In the late seventies and early eighties, new trails were blazed in the leather community. The rigidity of the Old Guard was being eroded by the openness and aggressiveness of many newcomers to the scene. These new arrivals did not wish to travel through the slow and lengthy processes of initiation and apprenticeship that were required to gain acceptance and support by the Old Guard. This marked the decline of the Old Guard and the rise of the New Guard (not a very original name, but then they weren't that radically different from their pre-decessors).

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Legal fees to bring Kowalski home have exceeded \$220,000, while therapeutic and disability equipment cost another \$41,000. Contributions to help cover these costs can be sent to the Karen Thompson Legal Fund, 3070 Fulton Circle, Clearwater, MN 55320.

(Partners is a quarterly magazine featuring news, information, advice and interviews of committed Gay and Lesbian couples. A year's subscription is \$21. The address is Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.)

AIDS foundation defies Marines

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco AIDS Foundation continues to defy the United States Marine Corps by publishing an AIDS prevention advertisement which features a man with an emblem of the Marine Corps tattooed on his arm.

The man is embracing another man and is pictured alongside three other couples under the headline "Sex is Good." The ad, according to the AIDS Foundation, is intended to urge those who are sexually active "to be sexually responsible as well."

But the Marine Corps fired off a letter to the AIDS Foundation charging it with unauthorized use of the Marine emblem. The Corps also ordered the foundation to "remove the advertisement from future distribution and destroy the advertising layout."

"The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has no intention of destroying this ad," said the group's Executive Director, Pat Christen. "We believe it is a good ad. We find the Marines' response to our ad silly at best, lethal at worst... The content of the letter alone is reason enough for ongoing AIDS awareness efforts."

The letter from the Marine Corps read, in part: "The use of the emblem... could create the inference that the Marine Corps is somehow partially responsible for the spread of AIDS in the San Francisco area... Further, your use of our emblem could be viewed as tacit approval of homosexuality by the Marine Corps. As you are no doubt aware, neither the Marine Corps or the Department of Defense permits homosexuals to serve in their uniformed ranks."

"This ad in no way suggests that the Marines are responsible for spreading AIDS," replied Les Pappas, the man who created it. "The ad was developed to encourage people who may be at risk for AIDS to get an antibody test. Any sexually active person may be at risk for AIDS. This includes sexually active Marines and former Marines, tattooed or not, whatever their sexual orientation may be."

Regarding the Corps' concern that the ad implies a "tacit approval of homosexuality," Christen said: "Its inanity speaks for itself. 'The few, the proud, the ignorant' seems to be the Marine Corps motto for addressing AIDS."

Christen has continued to place the ad in San Francisco newspapers and magazines during October, AIDS Awareness Month.



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Leather Worlds

by Tony Terry

Welcome to Leather Worlds

Welcome to Leather Worlds. This is the first in a continuing series of columns addressing the history, make-up, practices, and issues in the leather community. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions. Please address these to Tony Terry in care of In Step magazine. Now, a little introduction.

What is Leather?

Aside from a material made by tanning the hide of an animal, leather has become a catch-all word encompassing Lesbians, Gay men, heterosexuals and Bisexuals. It refers to people involved in a wide range of activities including leather and/or latex sensuality, sado-masochism (the pleasure/pain principle), bondage, fisting, roll playing relationships (i.e. master/slave or daddy/boy), and much more. It runs the gamut from practitioners of long term immobilization bondage to people who simply enjoy the look and feel of a leather vest or harness.

What these things have in common is a set of absolute rules; all play must be **SAFE, SANE and CONSENSUAL!** The leather experience is built on trust, and all leather encounters must take place between consenting adults in sufficient control of their faculties to guarantee their own safety and the safety of their partner or partners. This means guarding against potential physical injuries as well as taking all necessary precautions against

the transmission of HIV and all other sexually transmitted diseases.

Beyond the premise of Safe, Sane and Consensual, the activities of leatherplay are limited only by the imaginations and experiences of the participants.

This makes the leather community and the leather lifestyle incredibly diverse and multifaceted. There have also been great strides made in the last fifteen years to



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The Living In Leather VII weekend in Chicago drew hundreds of leather lifestyle enthusiasts. Included in the activities were a merchants area, seminars, workshops, evening events and the Mr./Ms. NLA Leather contest. The pansexual National Leather Association sponsored the annual event.

Group Notes

Madison benefit dinner dance

Madison — For the sixth year, the New Harvest Foundation is hosting a Dinner Dance for the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community of Dane County and South Central Wisconsin. This year's event has a Country- Western theme, a New Harvest Ho'Down, and those attending are encouraged (but not required) to dress for the occasion — boots optional.

The event will take place at the Lake Windsor Country Club (4628 Golf Road, Windsor) on Saturday, November 14. Cocktails and conversation at 7pm (cash bar) and dinner at 8; those attending will have a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken Royale (with wild rice stuffing), or Pasta Primavera. For entertainment, country music will be played for the dancing pleasure of those attending. In addition, instruction in line dancing will be offered by members of the Shoreline Dance Troupe from Milwaukee. Tickets are \$35 per person.

All Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals in South Central Wisconsin — and beyond! — are invited and encouraged to attend this celebratory event. If you have not received an invitation in the mail; but are interested in attending, call Earl Bricker

at (608) 244-0289 for more information or to reserve a ticket, or write The New Harvest Foundation at P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701. A final count is needed by the Country Club by Monday, November 2, so don't delay!

Pride raffle Nov. 12

The Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will be hosting the long awaited conclusion of the pride raffle on Thursday, November 12th, at 7pm. The drawing will be the first item of business at the regular monthly Steering Committee meeting to be held at The Mail Room, 4701 W. Lisbon, Milwaukee.

Members of the community are welcome to attend. Due to an oversight, the raffle drawing was not completed at the Pride Festival, however all prizes will be drawn for and winners will be notified. You need not be present to win.

For more information, please contact the new Pride Line number, 342-2330.

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Support for grieving older Gays and Lesbians

Milwaukee — A local 65 year old Milwaukee man by the name of Ronald lost his 15 year partner very suddenly last year and is still in turmoil over the death. He is looking for others, in similar situations, where the death NOT due to AIDS.

After his partners death, Ronald sought help with both the Counseling Center's Gay men's program and the Medical College of Wisconsin's Gay oriented 'Coping With Loss' program. However, both of those groups only offer programs for partners who have lost loved ones to AIDS.

Ronald would like to see that change. "I feel that there are many others who are going through the same circumstances who are looking for a person to talk to who knows and understands what they are talking about. Maybe by sharing our experiences and feelings, we could help each other and maybe develop supportive friendships."

Any older Gays or Lesbians who have experienced the same situation, and would like to get together are asked to call Ronald at (414) 444-9424. Perhaps by talking, some healing can begin.

Leatherworks sets Xmas event

Leatherworks, and boy does it ever!

On Saturday, October 3rd, Milwaukee's 1100 Club (a fairly recent arrival in the city's leather scene) hosted the first Leatherworks event.

Leatherworks '92 was created to showcase the talents and activities of the local leather communities. Clubs, organizations, leather designers, and titleholders from Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago presented their wares, agendas, and fantasies to the large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

The show opened with presentations from the Oberons, Castaways, and D.A.M.E.S. (Dykes Against Minority

Erotic Suppression) of Milwaukee, Chest Men of America, Leather United Chicago, and Unicorns of Madison. Many audience members had heard of these clubs, but were unaware of the functions they sponsored or the goals of the organizations.

Spectators were also clued in on a new line of piercing jewelry designed by Milwaukee's own DK, and treated to a very educational and graphic spanking demonstration by John Hanson of Hanson Percussion instruments, Racine. David Koetz, also of Milwaukee, displayed original leather art designs.

The highlight of the night came when Dunning Street Enterprises of Madison

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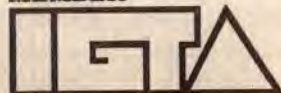
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Mandy flirts with the eventual winner of 219's wet jockey shorts contest.

In Step photo by Doug Tuszkwicz

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND FESTIVITIES

HALLOWEEN I

Thursday, Oct. 29

Construction Worker theme in New Bar and Rod's. 2-for-1 drinks for those in construction costume. Pumpkin Carving Contest in Rod's. Carve between 4-10 (we supply pumpkins). Judge them in the New Bar. Winners announced at midnight

***50 cash & prizes**

HALLOWEEN II

Friday, Oct. 30

New Bar Halloween Costume Party 1st, 2nd and 3rd place costume contest. Register in New Bar lobby 9-11. Roving judges in New Bar all night. Costume Parade and awards at 1^{am}

***200 cash & prizes**

HALLOWEEN III

Saturday, Oct. 31

Rod's/New Bar Halloween Party 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Costume Contest in EACH bar. Register in stair tower or your chance to win in each bar 9-11. Work both bars-as the judges will be roaming all over looking at your costume. 1^{am}-Costume Parade & awards in Rod's, 2^{am}-Costume Parade & awards in New Bar

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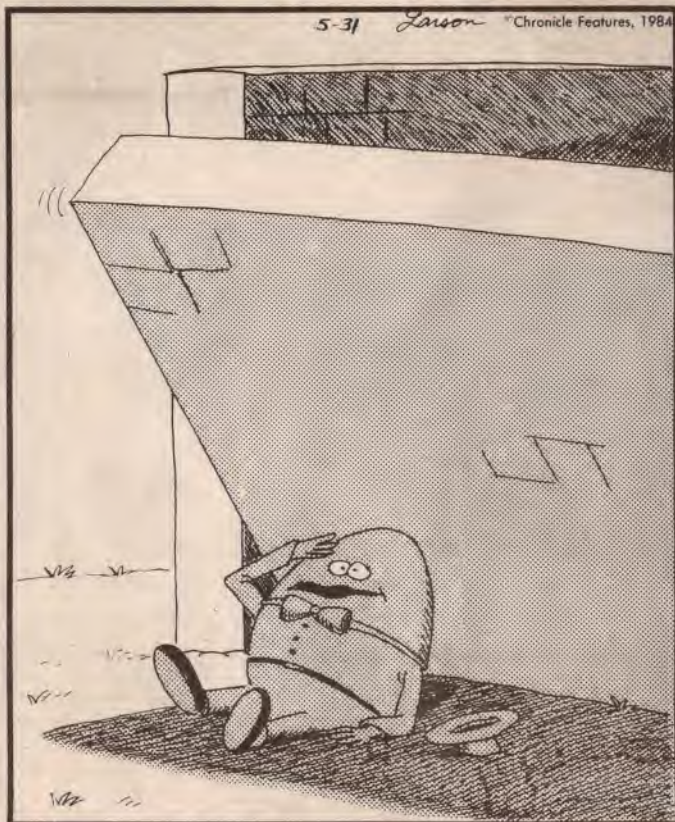
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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"Well, I'll be danged! . . I'm okay!"

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Milwaukee AIDS Project, feeling they will lose control over who knows about their status. I was one of those. I went through MAP's intake process, but at home; I did not want to go to their office. For those who feel strongly about this, MAP will accommodate you by coming to you rather than you having to visit them. Since that time, I've found a lot of good staff people at MAP, and received help in obtaining information and benefits. Remember you have a high level of control on information about yourself; don't ever be afraid to exercise that control.

The next time I'll talk about doctors and

hospitals. Several columns will deal with humor — there isn't enough, and those of us caught up in this are the best source of finding something funny in our lives. I'll also talk about family, friends and the public. Future topics will include home care, drug information, depression, insurance, activism, and planning that funeral before someone else does it for you.

If you have any comments or suggestions, write to me c/o In Step, 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204.



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Positively HIV

by Arnie Malmon

A Sometime Serious, Sometime Irreverent Commentary on Living with AIDS

This occasional column of personal views and observations will deal with issues related to living with AIDS. As the sub-heading implies, this will not always be a serious endeavor. One of my goals is to provide an outlet for those of you who have questions and/or comments about your own status. I also hope to provide insight on how to treat friends and acquaintances who may be HIV positive or who have AIDS. For obvious reasons — I'm not a doctor and don't play one on TV — medical comments will be limited to my own experiences and to published literature. And so the odyssey begins.

(Please, no threatening phone calls or anonymous letters — it's too late).

It was a dark and stormy night... oops! Wrong story. Actually I've just always wanted to use that line.

In early 1991 I noticed that my regular 3 mile run was becoming difficult. I didn't think a lot about it, but I also started losing weight. So, on the advice of friends, I got an HIV test and found out I was positive. Since my doctor wasn't sure of my problem — my lungs sounded clear, as were the x-rays — we had the lab do a T-cell count. The results came in at under 100. We assumed that I had pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP) and I started treatment with Bactrim. However, for the first time in my life, I had a negative reaction to a drug: I became really sick. I stayed home from work, didn't eat and hardly drank any fluids. Over the next week my doctor checked on me by phone, and we began to realize that my mental processes had slowed down.

I finally dragged myself to see him, by which time I was quite dehydrated. He looked at me and said "You have to go to the hospital today or you're going to die." My immediate reaction was, "No, I can't, I'm moving in three days." But since dying didn't have any appeal, I postponed the move and went to the hospital — for a 10 day stay. It was indeed PCP. While in the hospital, I acquired an additional doctor, an AIDS specialist, called in by my family practice doctor. (I'll cover hospitals and doctors in a later column.)

Thus began a redefinition of my life. On a bad day, and even I have them, one cannot help thinking about dying with AIDS. However, on a good day one is living with AIDS. I prefer good days. In fact, I tend to ignore the disease as much as I can.

One thing I should mention, because it does color my views, is that I never had any doubt that I would be HIV positive. The result is that I have little or no anger to vent; there is no one to blame. And in fact, unless you've had sex with only one person in your life there never will be anyone to blame. I don't think this issue deserves much time or energy. The concept of innocent victims (us vs. them) is patently absurd. No one sets out to become the victim of a disease.

The first real issue that develops after diagnosis is your ability to exercise control over who knows you have AIDS. There are certain legal requirements imposed by the State, but beyond that you should control the flow of information. Many people are initially uncomfortable with the idea of dealing with the

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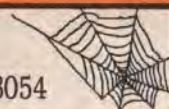
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and Miguel DeLaRosa of Milwaukee unveiled their new designs in leathergear. To call these creations original would be a gross understatement. Most notable were Dunning Street's leather shorts (a cross between standard shorts and a leather jockstrap) and women's harnesses; and Miguel's Gladiator Series (shoulder harnesses, gauntlets, and armbands with a stylized, futuristic look) and creative jockstrap pouches (various types of leather mesh and other designs).

The show was emceed by Mr. Wisconsin Leather, Tony Terry (who also co-produced the event) and Ms. Wisconsin Leather, Tammy Miracle. Terry, Miracle, and Mr. Great Lakes Drummer '92-'93 Gary Tempco also entertained the crowd with their fantasy numbers. Leatherworks is only the third public event in Milwaukee to incorporate leather fantasies, and many audience members were pleasantly surprised by what they witnessed on stage.

ADVENTURES IN TOYLAND

The entire event was such an overwhelming success that a follow-up is already being planned. A Christmas themed show, Adventures in Toyland, will be produced at the 1100 Club on Saturday, December 12th with another date being planned in Madison. The event will combine leather entertainment with an opportunity to shop for unique gifts for friends, that special someone, or yourself.

Leather artisans and others interested in these events should write: Terry Zuehlsdorf, 2504 A. W. Forest Home #3, Milwaukee, WI 53215; or phone (414) 643-0124.

The Sanctuary thanks leather groups

Milwaukee — Brother John-Paul Ranieri E.O.C., would like to give "A special thanks to the Castaways, Oberons and the 1100 Club of Milwaukee, The

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The Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA contest was held recently at Club 94. Top photo, left to right — Dan, 1st runner up; the newly selected Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA, TC Hammond; Mr. Gay USA '91-92 Tony DeAngelo; 3rd and 2nd runners up Mr. Gay WI-USA. Bottom left to right — Carmella Marcella Garcia, Miss Gay USA At-Large, Club 94 customers, and Tony.

In Step photos by James Taylor

conference — 'Flaunting It'

• UWM-Gay/ Lesbian Film Festival '92

• Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism — conference

• Legal Aid Society — defending workplace rights

• Lambda Rights Network — hate crimes statistics

• LAMM — police proposal and public relations project courageously addressing the Dahmer crisis

• 10/36 PBS — funding 'Longtime Companion,' 'What If I'm Gay,' 'Andrae's Mother,' 'Out in America,' 'In the Light' & several other community-oriented programs

• Cream City Chorus & Fest City Singers

• Saturday Softball Beer League-SSBL

• Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network — award-winning educational/entertainment programs on MATA

• Northeastern Wisconsin In-School Telecommunications- national award-winning 'Reading Between the Labels' — video addressing teens special problems

• 'Turnabout' Theatre Documentary — video illustrating two senior Gays' 90 years in show business

• Walt Whitman — Commemoration programs of 100th anniversary of his death

• MAP — funding Food Pantry.

Therapy Programs

• John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarship — two \$500 annual awards to Wisconsin junior and senior students

• Host Committee — helping bring AIDS Quilt to Milwaukee

• CCF Casino Nights — annual community-wide 'fun' fundraisers

• CCF Endowment Fund — \$60,000 and growing for the future!

The generosity of the Gay/Lesbian community of greater Milwaukee has been the only source of funds to provide for these needs — needs with little or no chance of finding funding elsewhere. To continue and to expand the foundation's mission as it enters its second decade, please consider the Cream City Foundation and the ACHOICE federation when you are asked to give at your workplace.

Some worksites have direct ACHOICE campaigns, especially government sectors; most do not, but designating through the United Way's Community Donor Choice Program provides a wide-spread opportunity. Select Choice 'C,' Cream City Foundation #17751 or ACHOICE #00450. After filling out the Donor Choice Card, please check the Donor acknowledgment box in order for the CCF office to acknowledge your contribution.

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In The Historic Third Ward
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Unicorns of Madison and Leather United of Chicago for their generous donations to The Sanctuary concerning urgent humanitarian needs."

The Sanctuary exists at one of Milwaukee's oldest homes on the near South Side. It has evolved as an oasis for the needs of the poor for nearly 13 years. Originally it provided basic human needs for the homeless, dispensing food and clothing, finding shelter, and counseling on drug and alcohol abuse. Over the years needs have changed, so that help is now provided for the working poor, families of moderate means and the elderly who still live in their own homes.

The Sanctuary is not a non-profit organization. Their literature says, "Jesus, while on earth, paid taxes, and told us to 'render unto Caesar...' We in turn pay taxes on any donation, as income. The remainder is used to fund the Sanctuary." The current operating deficit averages about \$300 per month. To eliminate the deficit and continue providing its services, the Sanctuary

needs:

- Major funding to alleviate the deficit;
- Fast canned food and coffee beans; food certificates from Kohl's, Sentry and Tates Shop Rite;
- Money to help pay for medicines on an emergency basis to all who ask. The Sanctuary supplements the difference people can afford to pay;
- Clothing: for men, women and children. Clothing must be either washed or dry-cleaned;
- Shelter during bad weather or Winter months on an emergency basis only until there is available room at a licenses shelter. The Sanctuary also provides rent assistance and tax assistance;
- Provide bus and or train tickets (local and long distance) for persons with great hardship are stranded.

If you wish to made a financial contribution or supply items mentioned above, please call (414) 647-9199 or drop by the Sanctuary at 1636 W. National Avenue. Please make checks out to Brother John-Paul Ranieri E.O.C. or The Sanctuary Fund in care of your local Episcopal Church. ▽

Viewpoint

Workplace Giving: an American Tradition

By Ross Draegert

CCF representative to ACHOICE

Workplace giving is a long-standing American tradition. Throughout our history, Americans have been proud to lend a hand to needy co-workers.

Every year many in the Gay/Lesbian community are asked and sometimes pressured to make charitable contributions at their workplace. This is a relatively painless manner in which to provide much needed funds for deserving organizations. Workplace giving has changed dramatically over the past few years. At many companies employees now have a choice.

The Cream City Foundation benefits from this enlightened workplace giving opportunity by being a member of the ACHOICE alternative fund in greater

Milwaukee. ACHOICE, founded in 1981, funds 19 organizations working to solve social problems confronting our home region. Its member groups have one goal in common: they are actively working to create solutions to social problems through prevention efforts, education, advocacy and grass-roots involvement by those affected.

As the only Gay/Lesbian grant-making foundation serving the entire state of Wisconsin, the Cream City Foundation offers a flexible response to the changing needs of the community. Grants made possible by the foundation's donors during the past ten years have helped fund:

- Formation of Milwaukee AIDS Project
- Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee
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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Amazing Fall Predictions

Celebrity psychic W.W. Wells makes the following incredible predictions for this fall!

- Despite her well-publicized pregnancy, Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown will continue to fend off rumors that theirs is a marriage of convenience. These grapevine reports will crest when Whitney receives a lifetime supply of turkey basters from a kitchen gadget manufacturer and appears in a half hour info-mercial. This bold, new advertising campaign will be designed to spotlight varied uses of basters, not only in the kitchen, but in the privacy of your own bedroom as well.

- Coming on heels of tough, new Federal legislation designed to help head-off the spread of 'Car-Jacking,' Gay rights leaders in conjunction with Pink Angels protection groups will lobby Congress for laws to help prevent the new crime of 'Boyfriend Jacking.' This lobbying effort will be launched after increased reports by men who lose their domestic partners to 'boyfriend bandits' who roam Gay bars in search of prey. These homosexual highwaymen use sex as allure to trick men into leaving their partners. Victims of 'Boyfriend Jacking' will call for a slow, lingering death penalty for those convicted of the crime.

- Long accused of lobbying 'softball' questions at guests, CNN talk show despot, Larry King will cite sex discrimination when he sues a Lesbian softball league after he is denied a tryout with a league team.

- Archaeologists digging in the Gobi Desert will announce the discovery of Gay dinosaurs when they unearth the 12 million year-old skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Scientists will cite as proof of dino-homosexuality, the fact the dinosaur was found buried with the fossilized remains of 12-foot long condom, a tube of K-Y Jelly, a prehistoric edition of Torso magazine and a petrified cocktail

napkin inscribed with the next Miss Gay Wisconsin's phone number, and a note reading, 'Call me, big boy!'

- The makers of Sine-Aid allergy tablets will successfully defend themselves against a multi-million dollar lawsuit brought by a devout Catholic, who will overdose when the recommended dosage fails to bring relief from unpleasant symptoms brought on by listening to Sinead O'Connor music.

- More scandal for British royalty when the Duchess of York, Fergie, signs a multi-million dollar contract with the makers of Micatin Athlete's Foot Spray. The sometimes topless Princess Fergie will star in a commercial pitching a new, medicated mouth wash based on the formula of their popular foot spray after her Texas boyfriend contracts a nasty case of "athlete's mouth" after sucking on her infected toes.

- NASA will trumpet a major success after telescopes aboard a space probe to Mars determine there actually are colossal faces carved on the surface of the red planet. Scientists will claim this proves there is life on other worlds, and cite as evidence a computer-enhanced video recording of one of those faces winking and flirting with the likeness of Abe Lincoln carved into Mount Rushmore.

- A Japanese company will announce an astonishing technical advancement and test market a new product called 'Instant Male Strippers.' This marketing coup was made possible by a scientist who perfected a method of freeze-drying male dancers and then rehydrating them simply by adding baby oil, a g-string, a Madonna CD, a sock and a gallon of distilled ego.

- Citing issue-dodging, mediocre performances by the three major candidates, the Bi-partisan Commission also recommended the potential First Ladies oppose each other in a bake off.

- And finally, and most incredibly, my unique second sight enables me to predict that this is the end of this column!

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Letters

Having served my community and state for twenty years in elected office, I want to tell you how thankful I am for such a unique and wonderful opportunity.

Twenty years ago, as an 18-year-old kid on the outside looking in, I began a career in public service. Many of you have shared with me the struggles of these past two decades, and we have much to show for it.

And you know that each of the great victories we have enjoyed — for human rights, environment protection, health care reform, and all the rest — has only been achieved after we overcame difficult setbacks along the way.

The next few years will provide an exciting opportunity to put our country back on the right track. I'm only disappointed that I won't be a part of that as a member of Congress.

To the thousands who participated in my recent campaign for Congress, let me express my appreciation for your enthusiasm, your dedication, and the trust that you placed in me.

We can be proud of our effort, and proud that we presented our campaign in a positive and constructive way.

Thank you again for helping to make my career the rich and rewarding experience it has been. I am forever grateful.

—Sincerely,

David Clarenbach, State Representative

(A Copy of the following letter to M. Nicol Padway, Chair of The Milw. Fire & Police Commission, was provided to In Step by its author.)

Dear Chairman Padway:

The guilty pleas by Milwaukee police officers John A. Balcerzak and Joseph P. Gabrish have led some to speculate that another 'whitewash' is in the works, and

that racism and homophobia are once more going to be rewarded by the City of Milwaukee.

The scenario is that two contrite officers will throw themselves on the mercy of the Commission, and that the Commission will sympathize with the poor penitents and reinstate them with the maximum allowable penalty, which apparently is a 60-day suspension.

I want to tell you that I don't think this scenario will be acceptable. For me nothing short of firing these two will serve. I'm not even addressing this from the standpoint of 'victims' rights,' though every minority person was a victim in this case. I am looking at 'attitude.' I remember the remarks the officers made about 'de-Laos-ing.' They hold the same opinions I'm sure, regarding African-Americans and Gay/Lesbian people.

We must send to our police the message that intolerance toward minorities and a disparaging 'attitude' will not be tolerated. The only way to send this message is by firing the officers, PERIOD. I feel that if you do not fire them you just might risk having Milwaukee become 'The Los Angeles of the Midwest.' I think if that happens you will be blamed as were the people in Simi Valley, CA, and that you will have deserved to be blamed.

—Yours,

Al Geiersbach

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Club 219 Plus: Halloween Part II, special 219 Girls Show at 11:30pm. Costume contest at 1am. Shots of Witches Brew 50 cents.

La Cage: Halloween '92, costume contest judging at midnight, over \$500 in prizes.

Station II: Packer Sunday, \$5 beer bust 11:30pm-3:30pm.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 10pm-1am.

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: '88 Republican & Democratic Conventions, produced by Gay Cable Network. 9pm, Cable TV 4.

Partners: Las Vegas night returns. Casino grand opening with spotlight entertainment. Continues 11/11, 18, 25; 9:30pm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Club 3054 [Madison]: Bar Crawl to Milwaukee, \$10 per person.

Religious & Gay Issues [Madison]: Frontiers & Integrity-Dignity joint meeting looks at the potpourri of spirituality. Unitarian Meeting House new building on University Drive. For info. call David at (608) 241-2500.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Mobile HIV testing & counseling.

Partners: John's 1st Annual 29th birthday blow out.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Pageant: Annual Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, Marc Plaza/Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Cocktail's at 5pm, dinner at 6:30pm, pageant at 8pm. Pageant & dinner \$40 per person; pageant only tickets \$25. For tickets & contestant information call (414) 645-7710.



Dear Editor:

I'd like to suggest that your readers who are of a political bent that prevents them from voting for Bill Clinton have an alternative to the Bush/Quayle family values and the Perot megalomania.

Andre Marrou and Nancy Lord are the Libertarian candidates for the White House this year. They are on the ballots in all 50 states. The Libertarian Party has been gathering steam in attracting Republicans who are ashamed of the hate presented at their convention by the christian soldiers. Combining fiscal conservatism with a liberal, tolerant social outlook defines the Libertarian Party today.

The Libertarians completely embrace the freedom of choice for individuals in all aspects — sexual orientation, reproductive rights, and self-determination. It would take an entire issue of *In Step* to outline the details of the Libertarian platform — and that's obviously not your job. But they do have an AIDS policy, (highlights which include):

- Remove all impediments to research or testing regarding AIDS.

- Allow any person who has AIDS or carries the virus to try any treatment or medicine regardless of whether that treatment or medicine meets any other government regulations.

- Federal Communications Commission and Postal Service regulations currently prevent people from getting information they need about AIDS research, treatment, and prevention.

These regulations should be eliminated.

• Public schools and universities should suspend any regulations which prevent teachers, administrators, or student newspapers from distributing information about AIDS research, treatment, or prevention.

Criticizing people who vote for Bush won't change their votes on election day. Giving them an alternative who shares their conservative fiscal policies while embracing civil rights may help. Thanks for your consideration.

—Sincerely,

Anton Walsh, Madison

Thank you to everyone who made the title of Mr. Gay WI-USA a reality for me: Christopher, Darren, Kate & Shannon, the 219 Girls, Simply Divine & Madison friends, Jim K (Blanche), Ken & ZA, Tom A., Rhonda, Chris, Kyllie; and my brothers Pete & Doug for giving me a family to share this with.

Special thanks to the one man who gives so much of himself and puts up with my demands & bitching & made me believe in me. Gregory, I Love You.

—Thank you

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The Festival was founded to showcase and celebrate the work of Lesbian and Gay directors, and to focus attention on films which provide an alternative to the Gay stereotyping prevalent in Hollywood movies. The Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival is part of a growing network of Gay film festivals developing throughout the country which are collectively creating greater visibility for Gay and Lesbian films.

"Brief Lives" to benefit MAP

Next Act Theatre, one of Milwaukee's top professional companies will perform Patrick Garland's *Brief Lives* to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

All proceeds after cost from the Wednesday, Oct. 28 production of *Brief Lives* will benefit MAP and the Arts Action Committee. The Arts Action Committee is a coalition of artists and performance groups dedicated to raising

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H.I.T.s annual 'pot of gold' party was held recently at BJ's. The annual Holiday Invitational Tournament is coming up Thanksgiving Weekend.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Station II: 5th Anniversary, 1/2 price drinks 9- midnight.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Demonic looking pumpkin carving contest, bring in entries by 11pm, \$50 cash prizes.

3B's Bar: Oberons Beer Bust, 8pm, \$5 proceeds to go to Children with AIDS fund. Line dance lessons by Shoreline at 8pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Memory Lane, live.

Nitengales: Halloween \$4 beer bust with give-aways. Free tarot card & crystal readings by Marie.

Women's, Gay Men's Issues & The Vote [Madison]: Frontiers & 10% Society joint meeting, panel discussion on election issues. 207 Whispering Pines Way, for info. call David at (608) 241-2500.

Ballgame: Trick or Treat, everyone in costume gets 1 free drink.

Cest La Vie: Wet Jockey Shorts Contest.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN

Wreck Room & Oberons [Milw.]: Scarey Monster Costume Party & Contest. 10pm, contest judging at midnight, Wreck Room. Costumes must conform to the scary monsters theme — no drag.

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Halloween party, costumes encouraged.

M&M Club: The Singingsons, 9-12.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Halloween costume contest at midnight, drink specials, \$300 in prizes.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Dress up or dress down, costume contest at midnight, cash prizes.

Jo'Dee's Intl. [Racine]: An 'Enchanted Evening with Reba & Friends', 10:30 showtime, benefit for SEWAP. Followed by costume contest, prizes for 3 best. \$2 cover in costume; \$3 if not.

3B's Bar: Halloween Country Dance, 9pm, free hat or hankie to first 50 people.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Costume party.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Rave-O-Ween Party. 'I Opening' plays live 9pm, costume judging at midnight, sign up by 11:30. See ad for details.

Nitengales: Halloween costume contest, cash prizes; give-aways. Free tap beer to anyone in costume. Tarot card & crystal readings by Marie.

BJ's: Halloween party, 9-11, costume judging 11pm, cash prizes. 50 cent tap, \$1.50 rail.

New Harvest Ho'down [Madison]: Reservations due by today for upcoming Nov. 14 dinner & dance. See ad this issue for details.

Blue Lite [Sheboygan]: Halloween Costume Judging at midnight, prizes.

Dignity Milw.: Halloween Party, 7pm potluck, 2730 N. 60th. Call 873-1649.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Halloween Costume Party, midnight judging, see ad for prizes, buffet at witching hour, free tap beer 7-10.

Cowles Volleyball League: Warm up session at 2:30, UWM's Engelmann Gym. Consult team captain for those without a team, call GAMMA at 963-9833.

Fannies: Halloween Spooktacular, over \$400 in cash prizes & give-aways; judging between midnight & 1am; special discount for all in costume.

1100 Club: Costume Party.

Club 219 Plus: Costume Judging at midnight, over \$500 in prizes. Tricks or Treats for first 200 people. Shots of Witches Brew 50 cents.

Triangle: Halloween Contest. 9pm judging, cash prizes, bar tabs for all in costume.

The Other Place: Halloween Specials, 8-close, \$1 all Schnaaps shots, 2 for 1 rail (if in costume).

Cest La Vie: 2 Halloween Contests, \$100 cash for 1st judging at 10pm; another \$100 cash for 2nd judging at 1am.

Station II: Halloween costume party, 9pm-midnight, prizes, ghoulish treats.

Partners: Costume contest & final judging of Haunted Gallery of Paintings, 11:30pm.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Dead or Alive 'Europa' Club Tour event, 11:30pm. Tickets \$10 advance, \$14 at the door.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Club 3054 [Madison]: Rocky Horror Picture Show at 10pm, features a complete live performance by the staff.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: Video night featuring the Gay classic 'Boys In The Band,' 6-8pm at The Counseling Center; small donation requested.

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money for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and raising AIDS awareness in the community.

The Oct. 28 benefit production of **Brief Lives** will take place at 7:30pm at the Todd Wehr Theatre, PAC. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from Next Act Theatre (278-7780) during regular business hours.

Brief Lives, starring Stephen Hemming, is a delightful evening spent with John Aubrey, a 17th century 'gossip columnist' with a mischievous penchant for the scandalous. Aubrey regales the audience with dozens of racy stories about England's most famous saints and sinners: Shakespeare, the puritans, Sir Walter Raleigh, Queen Elizabeth and many more.

"Mame"

The fabulous Bay Players, located in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin; will be presenting the high camp musical about everyone's favorite Aunt Mame, October 23, 24, 30, 31.

Based on the play **Auntie Mame**; the musical is written by Jerry Herman of **La Cage aux Folies**.

Bay Players (1200 E. Fairmount) have a very strong reputation and professional look. The show will have lavish sets and costumes & the choreography will include tap dancing. This year the Players are in their 43rd season.

Some of the songs include Mame's torch song 'If He Walked Into My Life,' also Vela Charles' camp version of 'The Man In the Moon is a Lady.'

The entire production is directed by Raymond Bradford, who will be directing a production of **La Cage** with open auditions in Downtown Milwaukee this February '93 — watch the **Journal**!

Tickets are always available at the door or reserved by calling 963-3936, daily. \$8 adult/ \$6 students, Oct. 23 -Oct. 31, 8pm.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Fall is here, Halloween is quickly approaching, and Christmas has hit the stores! The older you get, the faster time goes by... Before I start rattling off more meaningless dribble, let's dive right into a review of activities from October 1st through my October 14 deadline.

Former Miss Gay USA At-Large, Carmella Marcella Garcia, graced the **Pivot Club's** stage for a night of BIG entertainment on Oct. 2nd. Carmella is a sweetheart — I met her during my Florida vacation last January in her home base of Orlando. She can entertain nearly as well as she can whip up a meal for seven visitors from Wisconsin.

October 2-4 was a 3 day celebration at **Fannie's** commemorating their 10th anniversary. Sharon provided lots of sports and entertainment event ticket give-aways, and had the DJ spinning a variety of music from the last 10 years. Congratulations to Sharon and her great crew on 10 big ones — here's to many more!

Leatherwork '92, a show and display of leatherwear and apparatus drew a nice crowd to the **1100 Club** on October 2. It was so successful they are already planning another one closer to Christmas — just in time to shop for your kinkier friends!

The 2nd annual King Productions' Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA pageant was held at **Club 94** with hunky, talented Mr. Gay USA, Tony DeAngelo; Carmella; and Dominique Mahon, the newly crowned Miss Gay WI-USA, making guest appearances. Out of a field of four contestants, Green Bay's T.C. Hammond captured the title. Dan, from Racine was first runner-up. Congratulations to T.C.

and to all the other three competitors.

Things were a little moist at **Club 219** for their wet jockey shorts contest on Wednesday, October 7. Four contestants got their drawers drenched and the audience selected the winner. 219 is doing something different every Wednesday so keep your eyes on their ads and the Calendar.

Za's hosted the 4th annual Ms. Gay Wisconsin-USA pageant for Jimmy King on October 10. Three Lesbians vied for the title with Lecia Sams winning the crown. Entertainment was provided by the outgoing title holder, Cory; along with the newly crowned Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA, T.C. and Dominique.

Now that King Productions has held their Mr., Ms. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageants for 92-93, get ready because Jimmy's Miss Wisconsin-USA preliminaries start up again November 14!

Now everyone is gearing up for the November 8 Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin pageant at the Marc Plaza. **'The Pageant'** is the 'grande dame' of contests in Milwaukee — dating back to the days of Mr. Groovy Guy and Miss Gay Milwaukee in the 70's. Get your tickets now, see the ad in this issue for full details!

The **Oberons** Christmas Club for Kids with AIDS benefit beer bust at the **Wreck Room** on Oct. 10 raised another \$251 (total so far of \$424). WR owner Bill Kindt generously donated the beer. The next benefit bust moves to **3B's** on Oct. 30.

The **Saturday Softball Beer League** (SSBL) saluted teams at their annual awards party at the **Ballgame** on Oct. 11. Free beer and food was provided for all team members and guests, assuring a fun evening.



The Ms. Gay Wisconsin pageant was recently held in Green Bay. Top — all three Lesbian contestants. Middle left — Cory, the '91-92 Ms. Gay Wisconsin; right — the newly crowned Ms. Gay USA '92-93 Lecia Sams. Bottom, left to right — Miss Gay WI-USA Dominique Mahon; Mr. Gay WI-USA T.C. Hammond; Lecia; and pageant producer Jimmy King.

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Club 219 Plus: Wet Jockey Shorts Contest, \$50 cash prize.

Nothing To Hide/ WYOU [Madison]: 'Blessed Unions' with video of '90 SFO Pride Parade. 9pm, Cable TV 4.

1100 Club: Starting tonight & every Wednesday, JP on the piano from 9-midnight.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing & counseling 8pm-midnight.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Amateur strip contest at 11pm, \$50 cash prize, amateurs welcome — finals Dec. 17.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ZA's [Green Bay]: Ladies of the Valley return.

3B's Bar: Line Dance lessons by Shoreline at 8pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Fannies: Singles & doubles Pool tourney.

Halloween Video Dance: Gay, Lesbian, Bi community at UW Milwaukee holds a dance at UWM Union, Wisconsin Room West, 2nd Floor. \$3 includes non-alcoholic beverages, costume recommended. 8:30-11:30pm.

Friends [Fort Atkinson]: Harold's Birthday Party, free beer & food 7pm-?

ZA's [Green Bay]: Laser Karaoke, free tap beer 9:30-11pm.

Nitengales: It's Katies Birthday Party, 9pm.

Horseback Riding [Milw.]: Gays & Lesbians welcome to join GAMMA at the Bar-N-Ranch, Northern Kettle Moraine, 11am. \$10 cost, picnic to follow at \$4 per person. For more info call Randy at (414) 334-1463.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Fannies: Singles & Doubles Pool Tourney.

Gay Men's Discussion Group [Milw.]: On issues regarding the coming out process, 6-8pm, The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett, facilitated by Tim Baack, M.S., \$2 donation. No pre-registration required.

M&M Club: John Catania from 7-11.

The Other Place: Live entertainment 5-8pm.

Club 219: First Lady Contest.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Premiere of weekly 'Sunday Techno/ Rave Party' with DJ 'The Milkman,' 10pm-close.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Influenza Vaccinations: Sponsored by Gay/Lesbian Nurses Association, 6-8pm, M&M Club upstairs Banquet Room. Donations will help cover cost of vaccine, any left over money goes to CCF. If you're HIV positive or in contact with those with HIV infection, a Flu Vaccine is strongly suggested.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Club 219 Plus: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 9pm-midnight. Followed by a benefit show to send Lena Chavez to Miss Gay Wisconsin pageant on Nov. 8th.

Roller-skating: Meet 6:30 at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania in Cudahy. \$2 includes skates, skate till 8:30 then out to eat. For more info. call GAMMA at 963-9833.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Club 219 Plus: 'First Lady' contest, on MLGPC fundraiser.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Wet Jock Strap contest, cash prizes, midnight.

Nothing To Hide/ WYOU [Madison]: Interviews with selected members, of openly Gay/Lesbian elected officials; 9pm, Cable TV 4.

1100 Club: Pumpkin Carving Contest.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

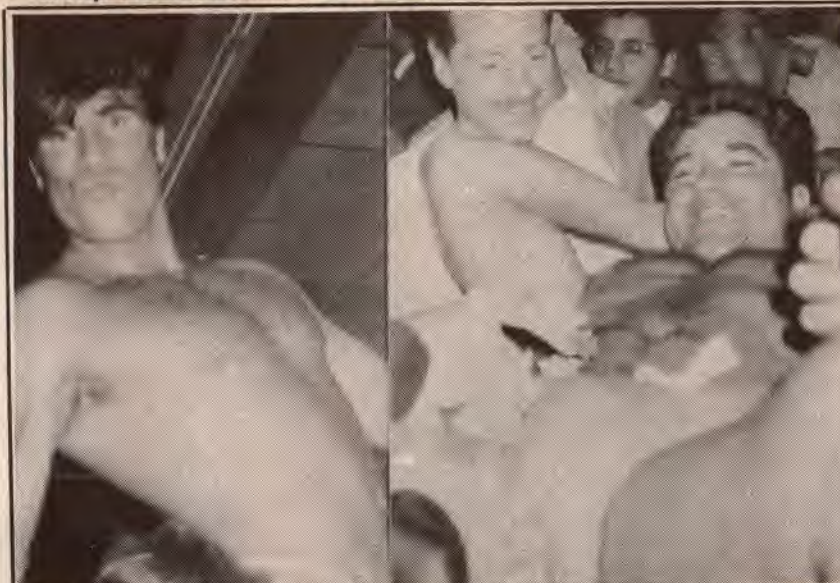
MLGPC Benefit Film Premiere: Premiere of 'The Living End' as a benefit for the Pride Committee. Downer Theatre, 7:30pm, \$10 advance, \$12 door. Cosponsored by Wisconsin Light & In Step.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Mad Town underwear party, Robbie gets new underwear.

Club 219 Plus: A King Productions benefit show to send Dan. 1st runner up in Mr. Gay WI-USA to Mr. Gay USA Pageant.

Partners: Body Sweat erotic male dances, \$2 cover, 10pm.

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Hunter and the Headliners male dance troupe made a return engagement to Club 219 Plus. These guys know how to delight a crowd!

Club 219 brought back Milwaukee's favorite male dance troupe, Hunter and the Headliners, for a hot night on Oct. 14. Hunter and his hunky headliners never cease to entertain the crowd. Earlier that evening, BJ's hosted the Holiday Invitational Tournament's (HIT) annual 'Pot 'o Gold' fundraiser. 75 cent beer and great food added to the enjoyment of the annual event.

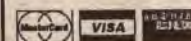
Now, before I wrap things for this issue, I feel it is my duty to remind you to please VOTE on November 3! I highly recommend you vote for Clinton/Gore — the only major party candidates who have taken firm pro-Gay and AIDS stands. Here in Wisconsin, on a state-wide level, Russ Feingold deserves our votes in his campaign to un-seat homophobic Bob Kasten's from the U.S. Senate. In the Milwaukee area, I recommend Tom Barrett over his opponent for Jim Moody's old U.S. House seat. In Madison, Ada Deer is deserving of our vote to un-seat Scott Klug from his U.S. House seat; and Tammy Baldwin deserves a chance in her Wisconsin Representative race. Come Together and Pull The Lever... Come Out Voting! ▽

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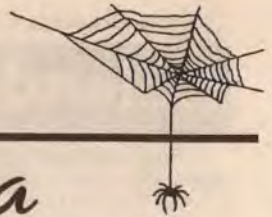




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