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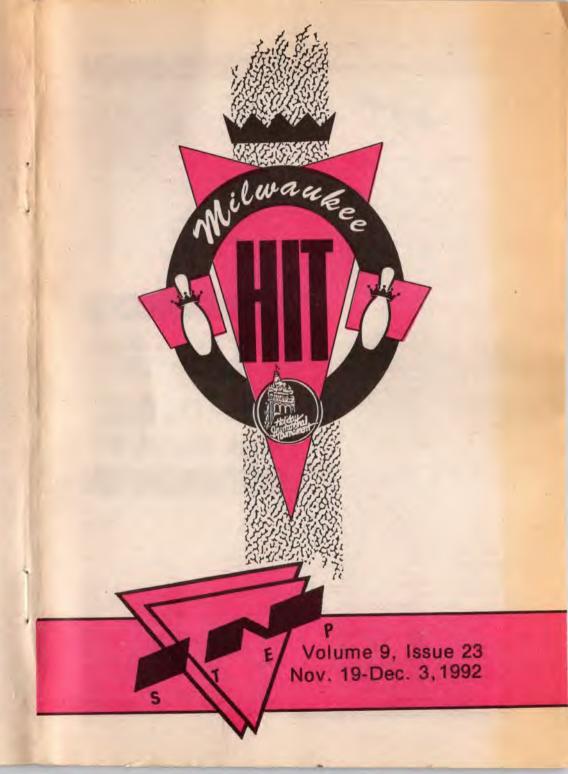
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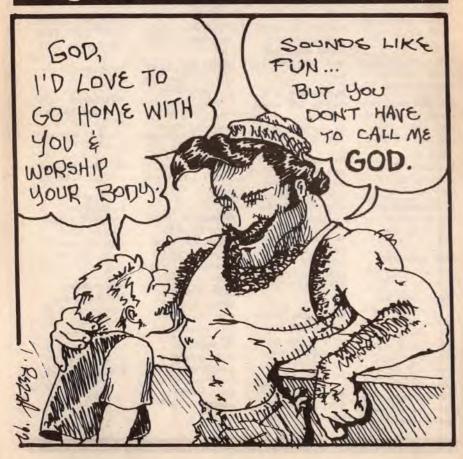
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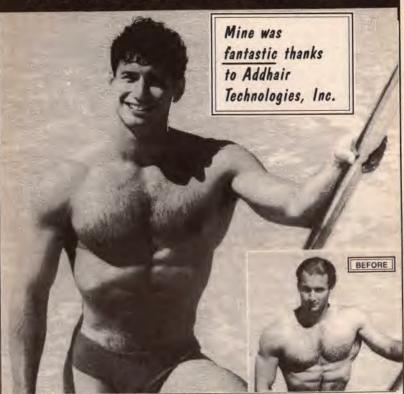
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News

Local AIDS prevention researchers publish studies on Gay men

By Ron Gelman

Milwaukee — Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) AIDS prevention researchers working in association with Jeffrey A. Kelly, PhD, have published results of two different studies involving Gay men in medical journals. One study shows large numbers of Gay men in smaller cities and towns participate in high risk sexual behavior; while the second outlines a way to positively influence such high risk behavior.

The studies were some of the first to look at the sexual behavior of Gav men in smaller or moderate-sized communities. Almost all behavioral research on AIDS and HIV among homosexually active men in the past decade has studied populations in large urban areas including San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago. This is understandable since AIDS cases were first diagnosed and concentrated in those cities - all which have large Gay communities. Most Gay community AIDS education efforts have also been directed to, or coming from those larger communities with Gav oriented health organizations.

HIV prevalence has reached between 35-50% among sexually active Gay men in some of those major urban centers. However, most Gay men in the USA probably reside in smaller cities — and it is in those smaller communities where AIDS cases are increasing. Approximately 57% of all USA AIDS cases diagnosed to date have occurred outside the nations ten largest metropolitan areas.

Studies show high risk sexual activity decreased in New York and San Francisco over the past several years — but high risk sex remains much more common in smaller cities.

HIGH RISK SEX IN SMALL CITIES

Dr. Kelly's report in the American

Medical Association's Archives of Internal Medicine found that nearly one third of the Gay men studied in 16 small cities had engaged in unprotected anal intercourse an average of eight times in the previous two months, usually outside monogamous relationships.

The researchers write: "The combination of continued high-risk sexual behavior and growing HIV infection prevalence among these small city Gay men, with nine percent of those tested reporting HIV seropositivity, suggests a major new front line for AIDS primary prevention efforts."

The study was conducted in four cities in northern and western Wisconsin; four cities in upstate and western New York state; two cities in North Carolina; 2 cities in West Virginia; two cities in Washington; and two cities in Montana. The report did not list city names.

During three-night periods in early '91, all men entering each city's Gay clubs were asked to anonymously complete a questionnaire to determine the frequency of high risk behavior and factors influencing risk taking — 1,991 men filled out and returned the questionnaire. 1,858 provided complete information, with 31% (or 574) reported engaging in unprotected anal sex in the previous two months. The mean frequency of unprotected anal intercourse was 8.4 occasions in that same time period.

Only 25.4 percent of unprotected anal intercourse occurrences were with monogamous partners and only 6 percent were in the context of both monogaminity and awareness of HIV status.

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high risk unprotected sex INCORRECTLY described their own risk as 'none' or 'slight.' Thus, more than three fourths of high risk men inaccurately underestimated their personal level of

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The researchers concluded, "Findings show that enhanced community-based resources and prevention efforts are now urgently needed for reaching Gay men in smaller cities who have been neglected in AIDS prevention relative to their urban

TREND SETTERS INFLUENCE BEHAVIOR

counterparts.

In a different study by Dr. Kelly and his researchers, published in the November issue of the American Journal of Public Health, it was found that intervention by 'trend setters' can change high risk behavior in entire communities of Gaymen in three American cities.

"Our most important conclusion is that a small group of influential people can change the behavior of an entire community simply by talking about AIDS," said Dr. Kelly.

"Our study indicates that popular opinion leaders can be taught to reduce the risky behavior practices of friends and acquaintances most vulnerable to HIV risk behaviors by talking with friends, raising AIDS awareness and suggesting that friends make behavioral changes. As such, key opinion leaders can change peer group social norms so as to discourage risky practices and support the adoption of sexual risk behavior reduction," said Dr. Kelly.

Dr. Kelly believes that successful intervention came because already liked, trusted, and credible people were enlisted to prompt peers, give AIDS advice to friends in informal conversation, and personalize risk among community members. Kelly believes such a strategy could work in other AIDS- impacted communities with closely-knit social influence networks.

As a result of the 'popular leader' approach, there was significant decrease in the proportion of community members reporting any unprotected intercourse, the

single most important behavior change in reducing HIV risk, said Dr. Kelly. In all three cities studied, condom use increased and high risk behavior dropped by 15 to nearly 30 percent.

The three small cities studied are in Mississippi and Louisiana where earlier surveys had revealed high levels of risk behavior among Gay men.

A total of 1,539 men were surveyed in Gay bars during three-evening periods three to six months apart in 1989- 1991. After establishing initial risk levels of population members, popular and trusted opinion leaders were identified in each city. The leaders, identified by club bartenders familiar with the socialization patterns, included both men and women, The key opinion leaders then attended a series of training sessions that taught them ways to communicate to friends information and recommendations about AIDS practices. After training, opinion leaders talked informally with at least 14 others to correct misconceptions concerning AIDS and suggested strategies to minimize risk. Further, they endorsed the benefits, importance and social acceptability of making precautionary behavior changes.

Initially, 31 percent to 49 percent of the men reported unprotected anal intercourse. After intervention, these figures dropped by up to 30 percent from initial levels. Other behavior shifts in those surveyed included having fewer sexual partners and adopting other safer sex practices reducing risk.

Dr. Kelly is a professor of psychiatry and mental health services, and a nationally recognized expert in behavior studies of AIDS/HIV prevention. One study was funded by a \$380,000 grant from the National Institute of Health. He and his researchers at the MCW, collaborated with researchers from the University of Washington, University of Vermont, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Kelly also runs MCW's 'The Gay 90's - Having Health Relationships' program for Gay men in Milwaukee. The casual group program looks at health issues with a 90's focus, and is an opportunity to contribute to evaluating better ways to Stop AIDS.

Gays and Lesbians make great strides in '92 elections ELECTION '92 COVERAGE

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — "This is a great day for Lesbian and Gay Americans, and a great victory for all Americans. The election of our lives is over. Governor Clinton's victory, along with those of a record number of pro-Lesbian and Gay candidates for Congress, indicates that we have taken a major step forward in the fight for fairness."

Those words of Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, were echoed by Urvashi Vaid, head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

"This election marks a rite of passage for our civil rights movement," Vaid declared. "This year we formed a crucial voting bloc and helped elect a new President. We defeated the extremist right's attempt to use anti-Gay bigotry to hijack a national election. For the first time in history, Gay men and Lesbians will serve as full and equal partners in the governing of our country."

Overlooked Opinions, a Chicago research firm, conducted a telephone poll which indicated that 93.6% of eligible Gay and Lesbian voters went to the polls November 3, representing approximately 17 million of the 100 million Americans who voted. (The margin of error was plus or minus 2 percentage points. They extrapolated from the responses of 1,152 people surveyed.)

The poll indicated that Clinton won 89.2% of the Gay and Lesbian vote while Bush, Perot and other candidates shared the remaining percentage. Overlooked Opinions also calculated that more than 58% of Gay and Lesbian Republicans crossed over and voted for Bill Clinton.

Individual Gays and Lesbians and organized Gay groups contributed as much as \$3 million to the Clinton-Gore campaign, a fact that was widely reported in mainstream papers like the Wall Street Journal and USA Today.

CLINTON'S FIRST STATEMENT

The broad-based support for Clinton among Gays seemed justified when the President-elect made his first comments to the American people late in the evening of November 3. Unlike Reagan and Bush, Clinton specifically mentioned AIDS as a national priority and gently repudiated the divisive GOP rhetoric about family values.

Speaking from the steps of the Old State House in Little Rock. Clinton said: "This election is a clarion call for our country to face the challenges of the end of the Cold War and the beginning of the next century; to restore growth to our country and opportunity to our people; to empower our own people so they can take more responsibility for their own lives; to face problems too long ignored, from AIDS to the environment to the conversion of our economy from a defense to a domestic economic giant."

"And perhaps most important of all," said Clinton, to wild cheers, "to bring our people together as never before so that our diversity can be a source of strength in a world that is ever smaller — where everyone counts and everyone is a member of America's family."

Gay and Lesbian activists have invested much time and money and have great hopes for the Clinton administration. They vow to hold the new President to his campaign promises. (Please see the related story in this issue on the NGLTF's action plan for Clinton.)

CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE VICTORIES

The Human Rights Campaign Fund estimates that the new Congress may have as many as 140 potential co-sponsors of the federal Gay rights bill — a record number.

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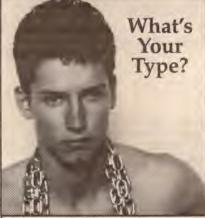
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Washington, and Carol Moseley Braun in Illinois. All women are unabashedly and vocally pro-Gay. (Please see Cliff O'Neill's detailed analysis of the new Congress in this issue.)

Contributions by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and local Gay political action committees helped 16 openly Gay candidates win re-election and another 11 win election for the first time, including Wisconsin's own Tammy Baldwin, who will be the first openly Lesbian member of the state legislature. (Baldwin was previously elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors — see related story).

The total number of openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials now stands at 75. U. S. Reps. Gerry Studds and Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrats, both won re-election. Liz Stefanics will join the New Mexico State Senate. Among others winning re-election bids were: Texas State Rep. Glen Maxey (D); Minnesota State Sen. Allan Spear (D-Farm-Labor) and State Rep. Karen Clark (D); New York State Assemblywoman Deborah Glick (D); Washington State Rep. Cal Anderson (D); Oregon State Rep. Gail Shibley (D); and several others.

In addition, six openly Gay candidates won election to school boards around the country. This is considered significant since right wing Christian groups have been gaining many seats on school boards nationwide.

ANTI-GAY INITIATIVES

In Oregon, voters defeated a statewide anti-Gay referendum, but in Colorado, a similar measure won approval. Tampa, Florida repealed its Gay rights ordinance, but citizens in Portland, Maine voted to retain theirs. (Please see related story for more details.)

Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund summed it up best: "No community worked harder for the victories of 1992 than the Lesbian and Gay community. Now we will work even harder to ensure that our agenda is addressed and our hopes are fulfilled."

ELECTION '92 COVERAGE

Anti-Gay initiatives two pass, two fail

By Jamakaya

The results of November's major referendums on Gay rights were a mixed bag. Colorado's statewide anti-Gay initiative was passed, while a similar measure in Oregon was defeated. In two local attempts to repeal Gay rights ordinances, Tampa, Florida voted for repeal, while Portland, Maine voted to retain its law.

While on the surface, the two victories and defeats may seem to cancel each other out. Gay and Lesbian leaders are deeply concerned that the campaigns themselves, even the two measures that failed, have helped to fuel greater organization on the part of right wing Christian forces and that more such exhausting referendum battles will face the Gay community in future years.

COLORADO

The anti- Gay Initiative 2 in Colorado passed by a margin of 54% to 46%. The measure prohibits the state of Colorado and any of its counties and localities from adopting legislation that includes sexual orientation in civil rights protections. Scheduled to go into effect in January, the measure automatically voids Gay rights ordinances in the cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

However, a week after its passage, the measure was challenged in court by a coalition of progressive groups joined together in the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP). CLIP is comprised of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and legal counsel for Equal Protection/Colorado, the grass roots group that led opposition to the initiative.

On November 12, Mary Celeste, lead attorney for CLIP, filed for a temporary injunction to halt implementation of the

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measure until a lawsuit challenging the initiative can be decided. Celeste told In Step the measure would be challenged on the basis of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and expression.

Activists in Colorado are extremely demoralized at the way Colorado for Family Values, the group that introduced the initiative, slandered and misrepresented the Gay community throughout the campaign and were still able to win. They worry that the right wing's success in Colorado will give impetus to anti-Gay efforts in other states.

OREGON AND LOCAL RESULTS

In Oregon, an even more extreme anti-Gay initiative, Measure 9, was defeated at the polls. The results were 57% against and 43% in support of the initiative.

Measure 9 would have defined homosexuality as "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse" and forbidden any unit of state or local government from using public funds or facilities to "promote, encourage or facilitate homosexuality." Localities would have been prevented from passing Gay rights laws, Gay and Lesbian teachers could have been fired, and schools and universities could have been required to remove books and materials about homosexuality.

The "No on 9" campaign and the Committee for a Hate Free Oregon are encouraged by the measure's defeat. And on November 12, the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA), which supported Measure 9, was dealt another blow. The Oregon Court of Appeals ruled that Measure 8, an anti-Gay initiative passed

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Measure 8 had voided former Governor Neil Goldschmidt's executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in state employment, contracts and services. Goldschmidt's order is expected to be reinstated by the current governor, Democrat Barbara Roberts. It will be a strong repudiation of the OCA's anti-Gay efforts and may have significant implications for the court fight in Colorado.

Meanwhile, voters in Tampa, Florida repealed their city's Gay right ordinance by a margin of 58% to 42%. In Portland, Maine, however, residents voted to retain their Gay rights ordinance by a margin of 57% to 43%. Activists with Equal Protection/Portland were cheered by November's results, but they remain concerned about another effort afoot by Christian groups to launch a statewide anti-Gay referendum.

ELECTION '92 COVERAGE

Big victories in Wisconsin

By Jamakaya

The historic victory of Tammy Baldwin and the astounding victory of underdog Russ Feingold are the major highlights of Election 1992 in Wisconsin.

Tammy Baldwin earned 60% of the vote and defeated two opponents to win the 78th District seat in the State Assembly. As such, she is the first openly Lesbian or Gay official in the history of the Gay Rights state.

Her campaign theme of "Let's Make History" was like a dream come true to contd. on page 10



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the many supporters who gathered for her victory party in Madison election night. Among the celebrants was Baldwin's 86 year-old grandmother and her mother, a veteran peace and civil rights activist who came in from Minnesota for the party.

"I'm grateful to so many people who worked hard to bring about this victory," Baldwin told In Step. Yet, in the next breath, she confessed that the reality of her victory "still hasn't sunk in yet."

Baldwin, who is in the midst of her fourth term on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, ran as an openly Lesbian candidate and is aware of her significance as a pioneer and role model for the Gay and Lesbian community. She hopes, too, that she can have an impact in the Assembly to "destroy some of the stereotypes of what a Lesbian is, to help change people's attitudes. That's something you can't really legislate."

BALDWIN'S AGENDA

Baldwin, who is an attorney, promises to advance civil rights legislation, to prepare the groundwork for a statewide domestic partnership law and to champion the legal recognition of alternative families. But her years on the Dane County Board, the Human Services Board and the Dane County Task Force on AIDS have prepared her for a broad social agenda not limited exclusively to Gay

Baldwin hopes to become involved in an array of health, education and human services issues. And she hopes that as an Assemblywoman she can get state lawmakers to allocate more resources

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toward the problems of the cities problems she's dealt with firsthand on the Dane County Board.

The new Assemblywoman says she has gotten generous support and advice from David Clarenbach, the previous representative for the 78th District, who retired his seat in an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Congress.

Baldwin plans to retain her seat on the Dane County Board until her term expires, so for a year and half she will have dual responsibilities. She said that since the Board of Supervisors is currently under control by conservatives, she feels compelled to "hold the fort" until the next election when, hopefully, more progressive candidates will run and win.

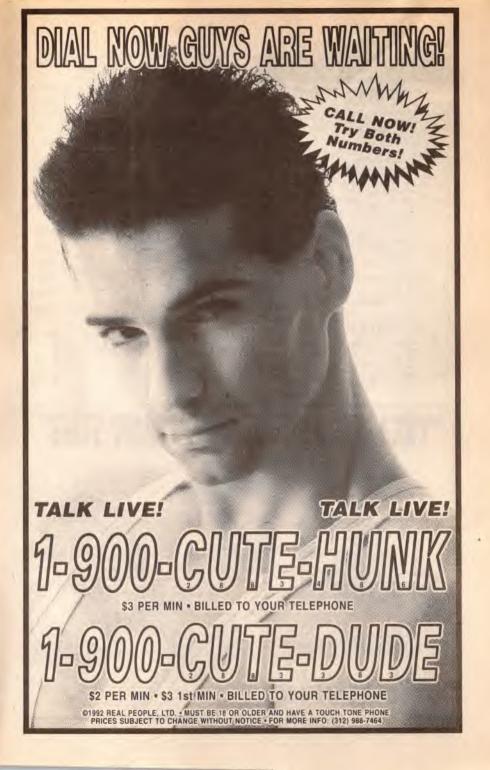
Wisconsin's first Lesbian legislator will be sworn in on January 4. Prior to that, in late November, she is planning on attending the annual conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials, held this year in North Carolina. She has been an active member of the group for years. but this time she's proud to be attending as a newly elected state official.

FEINGOLD UPSETS KASTEN

State Senator Russ Feingold, who won a stunning upset in the primary by defeating two Democratic challengers with 70% of the vote, triumphed in his "underdog" campaign to unseat two term Republican incumbent Robert Kasten for a U.S. Senate seat. Wisconsin will now be represented by two liberal Democrats, Feingold and Sen. Herb Kohl.

Gav and Lesbian leaders were particularly pleased with Feingold's victory, not just because of his supportive





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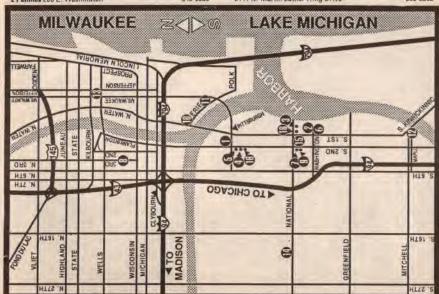
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voting record, but because he decisively beat Kasten, who has been nicknamed the "Jesse Helms of the North." Kasten has frequently sided with the homophobic North Carolina senator in his anti-Gay and anti-AIDS funding positions.

Feingold has indicated he will sign on as a co-sponsor of the federal Gay rights bill. He also opposes the military's ban on homosexuals, supports the extension of domestic partnership legislation and says he hopes to hire Gays and/or Lesbians to his Senate staff. He wants to aggressively deal with the federal budget deficit and promises to crusade for environmental issues.

OTHER RACES

In other important Wisconsin races, State Sen. Tom Barrett defeated his Republican opponent to win the Fifth District U.S. Congressional race. Barrett is pro-choice on abortion, helped author the state's hate crimes bill and has been praised by AIDS activists and agencies for the work he has done to secure greater funding for AIDS care and research.

One problematic area is that Barrett has not indicated whether he will sign on as a co-sponsor to the federal Gay rights bill. This is significant because the man who previously held the seat, Jim Moody, was the only member of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation to be a co-sponsor. Milwaukee activists plan to continue to lobby Barrett for his support.

In other races, Democrat Ada Deer failed in her bid to unseat one term Republican incumbent Scott Klug in the Second Congressional District. Klug has fashioned himself as a moderate Republican, and he gained many more votes than his first run in this traditionally Democratic district. He won 63% of the vote.

Even her supporters faulted Deer, a Native American with a strong commitment to civil rights, for being too vague on the issues and unprepared to respond to citizens at various public forums that were held during the campaign.

In the Third Congressional District covering western Wisconsin, Republican Scott Gunderson, who was "outed" last year by Gay activists, won re-election over his Democratic opponent, Paul Sacia. Gunderson also identifies himself as a moderate Republican. He earned the ire of the GOP by refusing to attend the national convention in Houston and, in campaign appearances, distanced himself both from President Bush and the "family values" rhetoric of the GOP.

Finally, in the Sixth Congressional District, Democratic State Rep. Peggy Lautenschlager came closer to unseating incumbent Republican Thomas Petri than previous candidates. But Petri won with 53% of the vote. Of all Wisconsin's Congressional members, the anti-choice Petri has consistently received the worst grades by national Gay organizations for his votes in Congress on Gay and AIDS-related issues. Lautenschlager may challenge him again in 1994.

ELECTION '92 COVERAGE

The new Congress and Gay issues

Analysis by Cliff O'Neill

Equal rights for all Gay and Lesbian Americans by the end of the decade. That has been the leading goal of the Gay political movement for years.

And after examining the results of Election Day 1992, they may be just a bit closer to achieving that goal.

The election for the entire House of Representatives and one third of the Senate saw a record number of hard core Gay and Lesbian rights supporters win their races. And, despite a handful of stinging defeats of longtime friends and the victory of some rigid opponents, the election was yet another net gain for supporters of Gay and Lesbian rights.

Whether the mix of 1992 Congressional victories will spell victory on federal anti-discrimination protections by the year 2000, is not yet clear. But there are now substantially more supporters of the

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measure and they are, for the most part, more fiercely supportive than those they replaced.

FIRST, THE VICTORIES

The increase in support for Gay and Lesbian interests will first be measured by the number of lawmakers who will immediately sign on to the House and Senate's Gay rights legislation.

At the end of the last Congress, the House measure boasted a record 109 (of 435) official backers and the Senate bill had 17 (of 100) names on it. Gauging from pledges made by both incoming and returning members, the next Congress is expected to start off with 119 House cosponsors and 21 Senate backers of the proposal.

While on its face, an increase of 10 House co-sponsors may appear relatively small — the increase of 8-11 Republicans is being seen as a disappointment — it obfuscates the larger number of members who could sign on to the measure as the legislative calendar moves on.

At the beginning of the last Congress, the Gay rights measure was introduced with 80 co-sponsors. That number grew by 29 by the time the session adjourned in October. While not willing to predict an eventual target for the 103rd Congress yet, lobbyists predict that one can expect a substantial increase by the end of the House session.

On the Senate side, the most dramatic increase will be immediate, as the bill has never had anything near this level of support there. While there is some room for increase, it is generally seen as being with somewhat supportive, but skittish populist Democrats and a handful of more supportive Republicans.

THE CALIBER OF SUPPORTERS

Still, the clearest differences between this Congress and the last will be the caliber of supporters in both chambers. As proof, Gay political activists point to such stalwarts of support in the freshman class as Carol Moseley Braun (D-IL) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) in the Senate and any number of the expected 37 freshmen

Gay rights bill co- sponsors in the House.

Similarly, incoming Senators Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-CO), Patty Murray (D-WA), Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) are expected to significantly improve the Senate's level of support for Gay and AIDS matters over their predecessors, who ran the gamut from being rather supportive to being clear hindrances.

And there is no denying the relief that came with the re-election of veteran supporters such as Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), David E. Skaggs (D-CO), Vic Fazio (D-CA) and Tom Andrews (D-ME), who pulled out victories after being challenged by strong, harshly anti-Gay challengers.

NOW. THE BAD NEWS

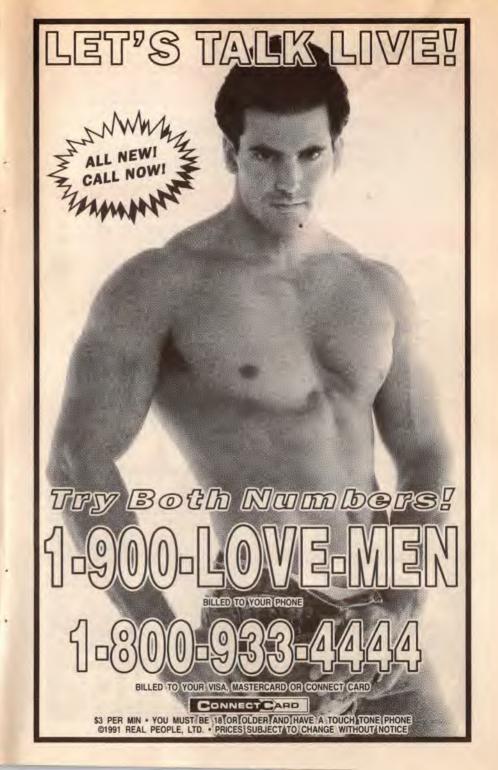
Likened to a drive-by shooting, where some members were picked off and others were left standing, several key supporters of Gay and Lesbian rights were defeated in their re-election bids for a variety of reasons.

Most stinging was the loss of Rep. Bill Green (R-NY), one of just a handful of Republican House members with uncompromising stands for Gay and Lesbian rights. Green, who was pivotal as a Republican in helping defeat GOP anti-Gay tactics, will now cede his House seat to a pro-Gay Democrat. Which pro-Gay Republican will have the seniority needed to pre-empt anti-Gay moves from the right remains to be seen.

Among the pro-Gay Democrats losing their races were Reps. Peter Kostmayer (D-PA), Mary Rose Oakar (D-OH) and Gerry Sikorski (D-MN), who were defeated after being caught in the Congressional check kiting scandal. Also in the losing column were bill co-sponsors Reps. Nicholas Mavroules (D-MA) and Albert G. Bustamante (D-TX), who were caught in ethics scandals, and John Cox (D-IL), who was beaten in a predominantly Republican district.

Factoring in the record number of retiring House members, representatives defeated in their primaries and those dying or leaving their seats for higher

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Graffitti

Happy Birthdays to — Allison, Doris, Kathy & Debi, belatedly to Jose & Marilyn! From the Girl In The Cake

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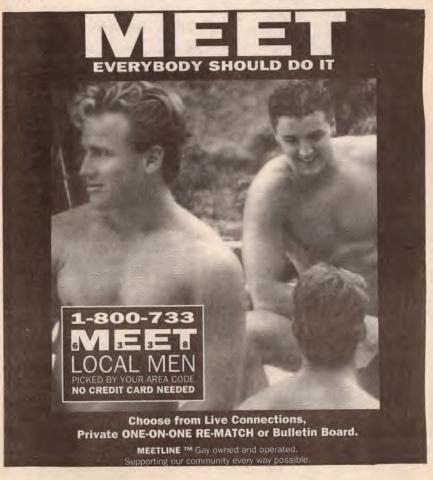
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office, 1992 saw an unprecedented 28 bill co-sponsors leave the House.

But what makes the election gains in the House and Senate questionable are the clear results of several key races where harshly anti-Gay candidates with the backing of the religious right won one new Senate and several new House seats.

ANTI-GAY FORCES

While most of the candidates backed by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition lost most of their 30 races in 15 states, some did win and will fill the void left by retired Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) and defeated Rep. Clyde Holloway (R-LA). Among those are Tim Hutchinson (R-AK), Jay Dickey (R-AK) and Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI).

Still, the victory of several anti-Gay freshmen and the re-election of some veteran Gay rights opponents in the House is minimized by the rules in that chamber limiting the efforts of anti-Gay forces on legislation.

In the Senate, the victory of Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) is cause for concern. Faircloth, an ally of anti-Gay nemesis Sen Jesse Helms (R-NC), is expected to be as vehement an obstacle to Gay and Lesbian rights as Helms has been over the years.

With Senate rules allowing one lawmaker to single-handedly impede legislation, some Gay activists are predicting trouble.

The best-case scenario, in fact, comes from the suggestion that once Helms has groomed Faircloth to take his place, he could then comfortably resign his seat to



tend to his and his wife's health, knowing his conservative fight will go on.

The one glitch in that is, however, the election of Helms' foe Jim Hunt to the North Carolina governorship. Should the Tarheel Republican resign in 1993 as has been rumored inside the beltway this year, Hunt might appoint a Democrat to take his place. This leads others to speculate that Helms will fight on through 1996, the end of his and Hunt's terms, in spite.

Which still leaves another four years for Gays and Lesbians to accomplish their chief legislative goal — passage of the federal Gay and Lesbian rights bill.

ELECTION '92 COVERAGE

NGLTF presents Clinton with plan

Washington, D.C. — On November 4, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) delivered to President-elect Bill Clinton's advisors a special Transition Document with a timeline for the new President to follow through on campaign commitments in support of Gay and Lesbian rights and AIDS-related issues.

"This plan is a realistic agenda for leadership and action to address the problems Gay and Lesbian Americans face," said NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid.

In the first 100 days of the Clinton administration, NGLTF calls on the new President to convene a meeting with contd. on page 18

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leaders of the Gay and Lesbian community to discuss civil rights issues, preferably during the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation set for April 25, 1993.

The transition plan urges Clinton, in the first 100 days, to issue three executive orders: one to rescind the Department of Defense ban on Gay and Lesbian service members: another to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment; and a third to clarify that sexual orientation per se should not be a factor in denying federal security clearances.

NGLTF also asks Clinton to appoint an AIDS "czar" and to implement the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS; to implement the Department of Health and Human Services recommendations on Gay and Lesbian youth suicide, which have been shelved for three years due to anti-Gay sentiment among Bush administration officials; and to appoint a Director for the Office of Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health that will focus attention on Lesbian health care needs.

The NGLTF Transition Document also calls on Clinton to recruit and hire qualified Gay man and Lesbians for administration posts; to advocate for a federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill; to fund the FBI's bias crime statistics collection effort and support preventive education aimed at ending bias crime, including anti-Gay and Lesbian violence.

It asks him to oppose content restrictions in the re-authorization of the National Endowment for the Arts, to submit legislation to Congress granting statehood to the District of Columbia, to convene a White House Commission on Family Diversity to study the changes

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necessary to meet the needs of all American families, and to condemn human rights abuses against Gav men and Lesbians abroad.

"The document reflects an opportunity to translate campaign promises into life-saving policies," said Vaid. "It is a practical plan that seeks nothing more than full equality, and nothing less than recognition of our civil rights.'

Clinton vows to end Pentagon ban; court orders sailor reinstated

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC - In the context of continued demands by Gay organizations that he end the military's ban on homosexuals, and two days after a federal judge ordered the reinstatement of a Gay sailor, President-elect Bill Clinton reiterated his desire to end the Pentagon's exclusionary policy.

In a nationally televised press conference November 12, Clinton responded at length when asked whether he would follow through on his campaign pledge to end the ban. He said:

"First of all, I'm going to move forward on that... My concern here is to do it in a way that is most appropriate for the management of the whole national security and military interests of the country. I want to consult with a lot of people about what our options are, including people who may disagree with me about the ultimate merits."



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Clinton reminded the press corps that Defense Secretary Dick Cheney himself admitted in an interview last year that the notion that homosexuals were a danger to the military and national security interests was, in Cheney's words, "a bit of an old chestnut."

"What I want to do is to come up with an appropriate response that will focus sharply on the fact that we do have people who are homosexual who have served with distinction, who were never kicked out of the military," said Clinton. "Others are being kicked out of the military, one of whom has just been reinstated by a court. And the issue ought to be conduct, has anybody done anything which would disqualify them, whether it's the Tailhook scandal or something else."

"And so what I plan to do, in an appropriate fashion, in a prompt fashion, is to put together a group of people and let them advise me about how we might best do this. But I'm not going to change my position on it."

The day before, Clinton had also told the press: "The question here is simply status. Should people who have served

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Gay and Lesbian leaders were cheered by Clinton's refusal to back down on the issue. But they are also concerned that between now and his inauguration, conservative politicians and elements within the Department of Defense will put increasing pressure on him to change his plan.

MEINHOLD REINSTATED

Meanwhile, on November 10, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered the

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reinstatement of 30 year-old Keith Meinhold, a twelve year veteran and sonar crew instructor, who was discharged after he declared his homosexuality on ABC in June.

Federal Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr. had ordered Meinhold's reinstatement several days earlier. But when Meinhold reported to Moffett Naval Air Station on November 9, he was barred from the base.

In a strongly worded statement, an angry Judge Hatter said: "This is not a military dictatorship. It is not the former Soviet Socialist Republic. Here the rule of law applies to the military." He again ordered the Pentagon to comply with his order to reinstate Meinhold or be found in contempt.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams, who was himself "outed" as a Gay man by activists last year, said Meinhold would be reinstated and would "pick up his old job where he left off."

Meinhold was sworn in on November 12 and will remain a sailor until the lawsuit challenging his discharge is heard in federal court. He said he was "elated" by the reinstatement and believed "it will have broad ramifications on policy because the Navy has alleged up till now that the presence of Gays is disruptive of good order, morale and discipline."

Meinhold's case is among dozens filed by discharged homosexuals that are currently crowding the federal courts. Gay rights advocates have argued that besides the simple justice of lifting the ban, the costs of implementing and defending it are prohibitive. This fiscal rationale could be convincing to some leaders who otherwise support the Pentagon's ban.

Gay rights advocates are urging Clinton to continue the process of educating the American public about the injustice of the



policy to build consensus for his expected executive order ending the ban when he takes office.

National News Briefs

SUPREME COURT OKAYS BENEFIT CUTS FOR AIDS PATIENTS

Washington, DC — On November 9, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to reconsider a federal court ruling which allows employers to slash the health insurance benefits of workers who develop AIDS and other serious illnesses. The high court's refusal to review the case essentially sustains the lower court's decision. The vote was 7-2, with Justices Harry Blackmun and Sandra Day O'Connor voting to hear the case.

The case was brought by the estate of a man whose health benefits were cut from \$1 million to just \$5,000 after he developed AIDS and filed his first insurance claims. John W. McGann, a music store employee in Houston, died in June. 1991.

Dr. Raymond Scalettar of the American Medical Association, told the New York Times: "The action of the Supreme Court is a great blow to access to health care because it means there can be retroactive denial of benefits."

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Defense and Education Fund told the Times: "It's a real tragedy. Workers around the country cannot be sure that their health insurance will be there when they must be the refusing to hear this case, the Supreme Court has seen a message to employers that they are free to avoid paying hereefts they have promised to employees simply by re-writing the health insurance plan."

Rep. William J. Hughes (D-NJ). Introduced a bill to prevent employers from withdrawing health benefits once a worker has filed a claim. He will re-introduce the bill into the new Congress when it convenes in January.

MILITARY RECRUITERS BARRED FROM CONNECTICUT CAMPUS

Hartford, CT — Superior Court Judge Frances Allen has approved a temporary injunction barring military recruiters from the University of Connecticut School of Law pending the results of a lawsuit brought by the school's Gay and Lesbian Student's Association.

The law students, under the leadership



of Joe Steffan, have filed suit seeking to bar military recruiters on the basis of a state law which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. Judge Allen found merit in the law students' complaint, noting that the law school has given the military "a license to discriminate through the use of the school's services and facilities."

A spokesman for the Pentagon said the military would comply with the injunction: "If the law says we can't recruit there, then we won't recruit there."

EYLER LOSES BID TO OVERTURN DEATH SENTENCE

Chicago, IL - Convicted killer Larry Eyler has lost his appeal to overturn his



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death sentence. Eyler was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of 16 year-old Danny Bridges in 1984. Eyler is suspected of killing up to 23 young men in Illinois and Indiana.

Eyler's attorney argued that one of his attorneys in the original trial had a conflict of interest because he allegedly accepted payment for Eyler's legal fees from a prosecution witness. But Cook County Judge Joseph Urso said: "I believe Larry Eyler received a fair trial and was represented by competent and conflict-free counsel."

CAMERAS FINALLY ROLLING ON TWO MOVIES ABOUT AIDS

Los Angeles, CA — The Hollywood trade paper Variety reports that after more than four years of delay, the movie of Randy Shilts' bestseller about AIDS, And the Band Played On, finally began shooting in November. Richard Gere, Whoopi Goldberg and Matthew Modine have major roles, and the director is Roger Spottiswoode.

Meanwhile, Jonathan Demme, the Oscar winning director of Silence of the Lambs, has begun shooting a drama about AIDS in Philadelphia. Demme has admitted he was drawn to the project in part to make up for the perceptions many viewers had that Silence reinforced anti-Gay stereotypes.

In the as yet un-named film, an attorney played by Tom Hanks is fired from his law firm after being diagnosed with AIDS. Other stars include Denzel Washington, Mary Steenburgen, Jason Robards and Joanne Woodward. It is expected to be released in late 1993.

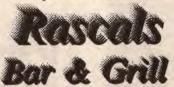
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA TO OFFER PARTNERS' BENEFITS

Iowa City, IA — The Board of Regents of the University of Iowa have approved a proposal extending health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees. The plan, which will be activated for a three year trial period beginning in January, 1993, is the first such benefits package offered by a major university.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund played an important role in helping the university work out the details. Pat Cain and her partner, Jean Love, who are distinguished members of

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OUSTED ROTC CADET NAMED HOMECOMING KING

Orono, ME — Neal Snow, the University of Maine student who was kicked out of the school's ROTC program after he admitted he is Gay, was elected Homecoming King of the school in October. Snow said he was "very surprised" by the honor: "This wouldn't have happened four years ago. People are so much more aware now and attitudes are improving." Snow plans to appeal his dismissal from ROTC.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BARS LESBIAN MINISTER

New York, NY — In a 12-1 vote, the highest body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ruled that an openly Gay, sexually active man or woman cannot serve as a minister in any of the denomination's 11,500 churches.

The ruling specifically prohibits Rev. Jane Adams Spahr from becoming a minister in a Rochester, New York church which actually voted to hire her. That appointment was challenged by a more conservative congregation, and Spahr won rulings from two lower church courts before the November 4 decision which ousted her.

Spahr told the New York Times: "It's a very sad day for the church. This decision says either lie or repent. I will not lie, and I will never repent. We are talking about who it is that God made me."

Spahr said she would remain in the Presbyterian Church and continue to work for change.

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Bartenders foil robbery attempt at Nap's

Green Bay [In Step] - A would-be robber got more than he bargained for when he attempted to rob the Napalese Lounge just after closing in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 7. Due to the agility and quick thinking of the two bartenders, the crook landed in jail just minutes after his failed holdup.

Monty Jensen and Julie Becks had locked the door, counted out the cash from the register and placed it in a money bag on the bar when they heard someone trying to kick in the glass door. Jensen immediately moved to the phone to call 911 as the young man smashed through the glass, lurched toward the bar, and grabbed the money bag.

When the robber saw Jensen on the phone, he jumped over the bar and attacked him. Becks then joined in the scuffle to help her co-worker and to restrain the intruder. The dynamic duo finally neutralized the crook when Becks "grabbed him by the balls" and Jensen held the sharp end of a broken cocktail glass to his throat until police arrived.

"I was really scared until he pulled my hair," Becks told In Step. That's the point at which she grabbed his testicles tightly and didn't let go. "I just went for between his legs. That's all I could think of. He was real quiet after that and didn't say much until the police came."

"I've never seen one Lesbian get so pissed off," said Jensen of his co-worker. Jensen admitted he too was "petrified for awhile" but then thought of breaking a beer bottle to fend the assailant off. He broke a couple bottles before finally using the cocktail glass with its sharp stem to hold the crook at bay.

Neither bartender, both of whom are fairly new to the job at the Nap's, was seriously hurt. Police arrested the 20 year-old intruder and charged him with breaking and entering, attempted robbery and assault.

On Saturday night, the foiled robbery

was the talk of the bar and the focus of some light hearted entertainment. Singer Zoomie sang the song "You Don't Mess Around With Jim" with special lyrics about the crime-busting bartenders. Jensen and Becks were presented with t-shirts that identified them as the "Napalese Crime Stoppers Unit." Patrons jokingly referred to them as "Cagney and Lacey," and Becks was singled out as "Lethal Lesbian."

Dahmer cops' hearing continues

Milwaukee [In Step] - As In Step went to press, the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission continued to hear testimony about the two police officers fired for dereliction of duty in the Jeffrey Dahmer case. Because events are rapidly changing. In Step will provide a detailed analysis after the Commission makes its final decision.

So far, a number of commanding officers have testified to the upstanding characters and the professional work habits of officers John Balcerzak and Joseph Gabrish. They were fired by Police Chief Philip Arreola last year after it was learned they had turned young Konerak Sinthasomphone back into Dahmer's custody in May, 1991. Dahmer killed the boy and four others before he was arrested that summer.

Several experts, including a forensic dentist and an anthropologist, testified that Konerak was probably older than 14. This reinforced the officers' defense that they believed they were dealing with an older person and felt it was okay to leave him with his supposed Gay lover, Dahmer-

Several family members of Dahmer's victims cursed and angrily left the hearing contd. on page 26

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room when the testimony dragged on for hours about Konerak's baby teeth, skull bones and genital development.

Attorneys for the officers also entered into evidence photos Dahmer apparently took of Konerak the night he was killed. They argued that these photos also showed Konerak to be an older person than at first thought.

When asked by the Commission's chairman, M. Nicol Padway, what caused "two extremely experienced professional officers...to so miss the boat on this one?" Gabrish replied: "We were just convinced by the totality of the circumstances. I don't know. We believed what we saw. I wish we would have seen more, or I wish it would have went another way."

Balcerzak echoed many of Gabrish's sentiments. He expressed his deep regret at the mistake he made and, at many times, choked back tears. He came in for particularly tough questioning about jokes he made in his squad car after leaving

Dahmer's apartment that night and for the way he dismissed the concerns of the Good Samaritan Glenda Cleveland, who had called to ask about Konerak.

Attorneys Kenneth Murray and Laurie Eggert, who represent the officers, repeatedly complained about the alleged bias of Commission members when Commissioners asked their own questions of the cops. Dennis Forjan, president of the police supervisors union called several members "sarcastic, overbearing and intimidating" and demanded their resignations.

The hearing examiner dismissed Murray's and Eggert's objections, and objective observers noted that it is probably part of an aggressive strategy by the defense to discredit the Commission and win sympathy for the officers.



Victory Fund seeks candidates for '93

Washington, DC — Buoyed by its successful efforts this year, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is seeking openly Gay and Lesbian candidates who plan to run for office in 1993, and who qualify for money from the Fund's national donor network.

The Victory Fund was established in 1991 to assist qualified, openly Gay candidates to win elections. Members pay \$100 to join the Victory Fund, then agree to support at least two recommended candidates over the next year with contributions of \$100 or more.

DONATIONS SKYROCKET THIS YEAR

Waybourn is encouraged that average donations to the Fund have increased substantially during this fall's election campaigns. The average contribution to Sherry Harris's campaign a year ago was just under \$100. Today, the average donation for each candidate is \$252.21.

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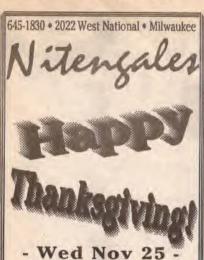
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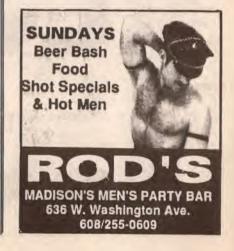
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year's campaign were lagging behind last year's and might fall short of the goal of \$27.8 million. The shortfall is being attributed to several factors: the recent scandal surrounding United Way of America President William Aramony and the current recession.

But Dan Fons of Queer Scouts was willing to take some of the credit. "I'd like to think we've had an effect," he said of his group's efforts to expose United Way's funding of the Boy Scouts despite its own policy of non-discrimination. "It's widely known that Gays and Lesbians have more disposable income," said Fons, "and maybe some of them are withholding it."

Queer Scouts has encouraged those who want to donate to charity to choose an alternative group that does not discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, such as 4H Clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Clubs and the YWCA and the YMCA.

(Queer Scouts can be reached at (414) 643-5833 or at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203.)



World AIDS Day events in Wisconsin

Each year, December 1 is designated by the World Health Organization as World AIDS Day. This year's theme, "A Community Commitment," stresses how vital it is for each and every community to pledge Itself wholeheartedly to the fight against AIDS. The day is designed to raise public awareness of AIDS and to catalyze new and greater commitment against the pandemic — not just for one day, but for 365 days a year.

In Wisconsin, a variety of events are planned to commemorate World AIDS Day. Please note that not all of these events are scheduled for December 1.

MILWAUKEE

On November 24, ACT UP/Milwaukee will show a documentary video on AIDS advocacy for women prisoners. Acting Up for Prisoners, produced in California, records the "injustice, inhumanity and inexcusable negligence in the prison

system." It highlights AIDS activists attempts to better the conditions of imprisoned women with HIV/AIDS.

The video will be shown in the upstairs banquet room at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 24. A short discussion will follow the video.

RACINE

ACT UP/Milwaukee is also sponsoring a demonstration at the Racine County Jail December 1 to protest the death of Dennis Hill, a person with AIDS neglected by jailers. Hill, picked up for a traffic violation, was found in his cell the next day in great pain, only partially clothed, lying in his own feces and vomit. Hill died just five days after his release. The US Justice Department decided last month not to pursue charges against Racine County authorities.

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at the Racine County Jail, 717 Wisconsin Avenue. A carpool will leave Milwaukee for Racine at 10 a.m. from the Veteran's Park parking lot on Lincoln Memorial Drive. A PWA rest spot is being provided by Racine's Unitarian-Universalist Church at 625 College Avenue. For further information, call (414) 769-8708.

On Saturday, December 5, the "Racine Summit: HIV/AIDS in Your Community" will be held at the Marriott Hotel at 7111 Washington Avenue. The daylong summit is sponsored by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, the Racine County Department of Human Services and the Racine County AIDS Consortium.

The conference includes educational sessions for the general public on AIDS. Some titles are: "Holier Than Thou: The Role of the Church in the HIV Epidemic," "Sex, Drugs, Rock 'n' Roll: Risky Behavior, Substance Abuse and HIV," "Who Needs to Know? Employer Issues and Concerns," "Discrimination: When They Can't Say No — HIV/AIDS and the Law," "Where to Go and To Whom When You Need Help: Medical Issues and Community Resources."

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and costs just \$5, or a donation. Preregistration for the luncheon is required in advance. Call 800- 924-6601. In Kenosha, call (414) 657-6644.

GREEN BAY

In Green Bay, the Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church is sponsoring a 24-hour Community AIDS Vigil. It will be held from noon on Saturday, November 28 until noon on Sunday, the 29th at St. John the Evangelist Church, 413 St. John Street. Everyone is welcome to participate in the vigil.

A Community Memorial Prayer Service will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 29 at the Cnesses Israel Congregational Synagogue at 222 S. Baird Street. In addition, the Center Project will host an Open House from 5-7 p.m. that same day to allow all interested people to familiarize themselves with the group's staff and services. The Center Project is located at 826 S. Broadway. The phone is (414) 437-7400.





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Queer Scouts launch United Way boycott

Milwaukee [In Step] — In a bid to keep pressure on the United Way of Greater Milwaukee for its continued funding of local Boy Scout councils, Queer Scouts/Milwaukee has formally launched a boycott of the charitable organization.

Queer Scouts is seeking the endorsement of individuals, organizations and businesses who agree with the following statement:

"We, the undersigned, are gravely concerned with the United Way of Greater Milwaukee's support of the Boy Scouts of America despite BSA's policy of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. We support efforts to boycott United Way until the following demands are met:

"1) United Way of Greater Milwaukee must defund the Boy Scouts of America or force BSA to sign a binding non-discrimination agreement which includes discrimination based on sexual orientation among their membership and leadership positions (volunteer and professional) before BSA receives any funds.



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Representatives of United Way are scheduled to meet with local Boy Scout councils to discuss their exclusionary policy November 19. In October, the United Way Board agreed to continue funding the groups, but pledged to make an effort to change the BSA's policy.

Meanwhile, United Way reported in early November that donations to this contd. on page 70



APPLETON

On Friday evening, December 4, the Pivot Club and the Fox Valley AIDS Project will observe World AIDS Day with a musical benefit show called "A Celebration of Lives." Proceeds will go to the Fox Valley AIDS Project for direct client services. You can reach the Project at (414) 733-2068.

MADISON

In conjunction with the observance of "A Day Without Art," the work of clients in the Madison AIDS Support Network's art therapy program will be displayed in three restaurants from mid-November through December.

"Trying to Explain: An Art Exhibit by People With AIDS" will be displayed at the Sun Porch, 2701 University Avenue, Espresso Royale, 650 State Street and Steep and Brew, 544 State Street. ("A Day Without Art" was first designed to emphasize the loss of art and creativity because of the deaths of people with AIDS, but many groups have expanded and revised that initial purpose.)

The Madison AIDS Support Network is also putting a special focus on education around IV drug use for World AIDS Day. Many outreach efforts will be held throughout the city.

State News Briefs

KILLER OF CROSSDRESSER TO STAND TRIAL

Jefferson — At a preliminary hearing November 4, 77 year-old Harold C. Maass was charged with first degree intentional homicide for the shooting death of Robert K. Woelfel, 48. Woelfel, a respected businessman, was allegedly shot in the back and in the head as he tried to flee from Maass's property October 14. Police found the victim wearing a wig and black pantyhose and high heels.

Maass's public defender argued that Maass had acted in self defense: "He had been assaulted before by a female impersonator who attempted to strangle him. He's a vulnerable older citizen in ill health."

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That statement differs from the comments Maass reportedly made to police after his arrest. At that time he told authorities he deserved "a medal or two" for killing Maass.

Jefferson County Circuit Judge John Ullsvik refused to release Maass on a signature bond. He is currently being held in the Jefferson County jail on \$100,000 cash bail.

The victim's family has denied any knowledge of why Woelfel would be wearing women's clothes. District Attorney Linda G. Larson said the upcoming trial "will prove to be interesting."

NAMES QUILT IN OSHKOSH NEXT APRIL

Oshkosh - Eight hundred panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the Kolf Sports Center on the UW Oshkosh campus April 29-May 2, 1993. The display is being sponsored by the East central HIV/AIDS Organization, the UW-Oshkosh Women's Center and the Drug Abuse Correctional Center.

The AIDS Quilt display will be the first ever in the Fox Cities area. Volunteers and donations are needed to make the display a success. Volunteer coordinator Denise Dubey can be reached at (414) 424-7254 or (414) 426-0577. Checks made payable to the East Central Wellness Project can be sent to: AIDS Memorial Quilt Project, c/o DACC, P.O. Box 36, Winnebago, WI 54985.

SPARSE ATTENDANCE AT MARCH ON WASHINGTON MEETING

Milwaukee - Only a handful of people showed up at a local organizing meeting for the 1993 March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rights November 7. Delegates from Minnesota who are representing the Upper Midwest region on the March's planning committee came to seek input and encourage participation. Several Madisonians were also in attendance.

Local contacts for the March are Mirjam Ben-Shalom at (414) 933-6233 and Patrick Flaherty at (414) 789-1636.

30 STATES JOIN HATE CRIMES APPEAL

Madison - Attorney General Jim Doyle announced November 5 that 30 states had filed "friend of the court" briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Wisconsin's request for a review of the state's hate crimes law.

In June, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the law as an unconstitutional infringement of freedom of speech. A similar law was struck down in New Jersey. Doyle wants the U.S. Supreme Court to make a final ruling on the law.

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wants and needs. Often, they fear rejection and scorn of something inherently close to their center. Like many things in life, overcoming that fear requires TRUST. It begins by trusting your own ability to make the right choices in life, and extends to trusting someone else not to betray you when you are most vulnerable. One can not expect this to magically occur overnight. Like anything worthwhile, it must be nurtured and tended to.

It's hard work, and the payoffs rarely happen immediately. Instead, it's an ongoing growth process which allows us to experience deeper understanding of our own sexual and psychological natures and those of the people around us. It's also a lot of fun when it's done properly.

This is perhaps the biggest truths about the leather lifestyle: we don't do what we do for pain or degradation; we don't do it out of hatred for ourselves or others. We do it because it's fun: There's great personal satisfaction in knowing you have gone further than in the past; that you've achieved a higher degree of communication and communion than you

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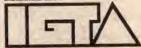
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with the leather lifestyle.

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THE LEATHER CLOSET

Eventually, most people who actively participate in the leather scene 'come out' of the leather closet. We do this in a variety of ways: joining a leather club; getting a tattoo or an erotic piercing; entering a leather contest; involvement in an ongoing leather relationship; or increasing your collection of toys and leather gear. For others, it may be as simple as 'coming out' to their non-leather friends about their lifestyle and what it means to them.

I did five of those things in a six month time frame. And, even though I had considered myself a leatherman before that, I still think of that as my coming out period.

FEAR AND LOATHING ON THE LEATHER TRAIL

Coming out in the leather lifestyle is not all wine and roses. All to often, friends and family members — who accepted your homosexuality with an open mind — will

react with shock at this announcement. The hardest rejection to deal with, however, can come from other Gays and Lesbians.

Misunderstandings, misinformation and misconceptions about leather abound in the mainstream Gay community, and many people with the best of intentions can not comprehend how a friend can fall into this 'alien underworld.' What they don't see is the depth of respect, caring and solidarity (not to mention sexual freedom and enjoyment) that can exist in this world.

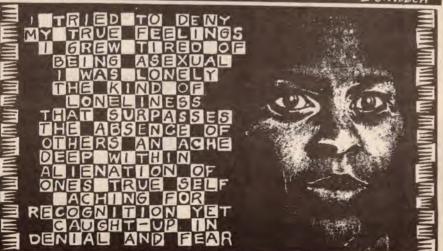
The same emotions, desires, friendships and commitments exist in the leather community as elsewhere, they just tend to be played out with more passion and excitement.

OPENING THE DOORS

Many people find themselves on the outside of the leather world looking in. They are intrigued by what they imagine (or see) happening, or by the stories they read in the magazines. But when it comes to crossing the gap between fantasy and reality, they just can't seem to make the jump.

These people are frequently unable to drop their defenses and expose their true

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Group Notes

Queer program set for Tuesday nights

Milwaukee — Wake the neighbors! The Brand New Queer Program, which was announced last issue, has found its permanent home every Tuesday night on Warner Cable public access channel 47 at 7pm. The live hour-long call-in show is Milwaukee's Queer community's first chance to sound off and be heard every week on local Cable television.

The show's producers, Dan Fons and Michael Lisowski, strongly desire that you participate. That means YOU! You can call the show, appear on the show with a Queer-related topic, send a letter to the show or submit a video piece on a regular VHS tape. Your talents will be showcased even if you chose to remain anonymous.

If you missed the first Queer Program, you didn't see President-elect Clinton's speech to Queers in July in which he made specific promises to the Queer community, and you didn't see George Bush ushered out of office to the tune "Read My Lips — Enough is Enough."

Send your stuff to Queer Program, P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call (414) 964-8423 to talk about your ideas. Get involved and tune in every week!

Log Cabin Club forming

An organizational meeting for A Wisconsin affiliate of the Log Cabin Club will be held on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30pm in the upstairs meeting room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. in Milwaukee. Anyone who is in agreement with Republican Party ideals for government and who is concerned with

the government's role in treating Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual persons with the same dignity and respect as all other citizens is urged to attend.

The Log Cabin Club has chapters in about thirty cities or states throughout the nation. It was instrumental in obtaining Governor Wilson's signature on California's Gay Rights legislation and in working with Governor Weld of Massachusetts. The national organization did not support the candidacy of Gorge Herbert Walker Bush for a second term. The local club would work with state and local officials and have official representation at national Log Cabin meetings.

Among the major concerns of the club would be to work to prevent a further take-over of the Republican Party by the religious right and to work with conservative Gay men and Lesbians to help involve them in the political process.

The organizational effort is being led by a group of five Gay persons; it seeks to establish a steering group that contains gender and racial balance. Anyone interested in more information about the Log Cabin Club should call Jim McFarland at (414) 276-5428.

Adventures in Toyland

A holiday season leatherwear show and shopping experience will be held at Milwaukee's 1100 Club on Saturday, December 5th. The show will begin at 9:30pm. Leather clothing, accessories and toys will be available to help fill out your Christmas shopping list. Leather fantasies will be performed throughout the evening.

For more information, write to Terry Zuehlsdorf, 2504 A W. Forest Home #3, Milwaukee, WI 53215; or phone (414) 643-0124.

Leather Worlds

by Tony Terry

(Leather Worlds is a column of information and opinion written by an adult, for adults. Readers are encouraged to remember that all activities mentioned must take place in a Safe, Sane and Consensual environment. Please feel free to send any comments, questions or suggestions to Tony Terry in care of In Step Magazine.)

More on belonging

In my last column, I closed with the word 'belonging' because it best captures the feeling that many people have enjoyed within the leather community; but I am frequently asked how one comes to belong in the Leatherworld. Like any other change in lifestyle, it is a gradual awakening that involves different processes for different people.

There are no set rules for entering the leatherworld, nor is there a particular ceremony that acknowledges your arrival. In the leather community, the rituals and rights of passage differ for each participant.

This makes perfect sense — we don't all come from the same place, and we aren't all going in the same direction. Our milestones are therefore individual things. It is important, however, to remember a simple premise: Leathersex is exploring and experimenting with your innermost fantasies and desires. The leather lifestyle is the act of celebrating your leather sexuality openly and

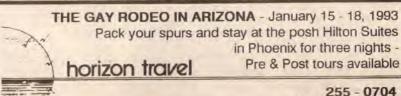
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honestly.

Just as someone may engage in same-sex sex and not consider themselves to be Gay or Lesbian, it is possible for someone to engage in activities associated with leathersex (i.e. bondage, S&M) and still not consider themselves part of the leather community. Likewise, many people engage in only 'vanilla' sex yet identify very strongly





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apparel wearing; a real flair for gourmet cooking and even more so for gourmand eating; a unique spiritual sense in tune with higher cosmic forces that somehow allude the religious fundamentalist zealots; the ability to combine fabric texture and color in a pleasing display: a natural affinity towards leather with the capability to build a life-style around it. Unfortunately, I was tragically damaged in the Gay gene pool somewhere along my DNA chain, and lost out in the Gay gift to keep an immaculate house. But I'm thankful for even that, since it provides something for my tricks and lovers to do when they visit me.

THANK GOD I'M GAY: I could have been born in a really hideously heinous form, like Jesse Helms or Phyllis Schlafly or (shudder, even worse yet) John Schlafly.

THANK GOD I'M GAY: I am aware of the adage and strictly adhere to same, that one can simply never overaccessorize. TGIG: One can never be too rich, too thin, or too Gay (well, one out of three ain't bad for me, I suppose).

TGIG: I don't have to watch football on TV with the good old breeder boys, but if I do choose to be a spectator, it will be with a bunch of other raving homosexuals, my fellow would-be tight ends who are in actuality wide receivers. TGIG: It's not a wretched shame to my gender that I just cannot tell a spark plug from a socket wrench, but TGIG because rather than having to trust my car to some greasy non-Gay mechanic who will overcharge me only to have the car fall apart a month later, I can merely date some greasy Gay mechanic who will take it out in trade, and both I and my car will be purring like kittens. Vroom vroommm.

TGIG: I have the great privilege to wear witty t-shirt sayings emblazoned across my chest, like — "It's A Gay Thing, You



Wouldn't Understand'' or "I'm Not Gay But My Lesbian Boyfriend Is."

TGIG: I am thankful that I and my circle of fags and dykes are not only fabulous but are knowledgeable in the correct pronunciation of the word to stretch out for at least ten seconds—FAAAAAAAAAB-U-LUSS!!!

TGIG: To be somewhat serious for a moment, I thank God for my Lesbian sisters and Gay brothers in this wonderful lambda-loving family of ours that has been the first and foremost group to really pitch in and do something about AIDS and AIDSphobia; unlike the more traditional family and their supposed 'family values' disguised as Christian concern but in reality a form of cloaked Gay- bashing, chauvinism, and fascism.

So don't be a turkey this Thanksgiving, but rejoice and recognize how truly blessed you are to be queer, and for heaven's sake celebrate the holiday in style. Because if there's one thing we fags and dykes can be thankful for — it's our style!!!





Are you Queer?

Milwaukee — ACT UP and Queer Nation have helped place some of the concerns of Gays and Lesbians on the American agenda. Through the use of demonstrations, boycotts and media-sensitive 'in your face' activities, both organizations have forced middle America to respond to both the AIDS crisis and to the problem of discrimination and violence directed towards our community.

The response of middle America has been mixed, causing some to respond with sympathy and others with disgust, as seen in some of this fall's political campaigns. What are the hopes and goals of groups like ACT UP and Queer Nation? Are their tactics accomplishing these goals? Please come and discuss with us as we learn to better appreciate the variety of ways we as Gay men attempt to change the society we live in. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, November 22 from 6 to 8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave. The discussion will be facilitated by Dan Fons of Queer Nation and Patrick Flaherty of ACT UP.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Pre-registration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

'Handling the Holidays'

Milwaukee — On Sunday, November 22, following the 4:30pm worship service at New Hope Metropolitan Community Church, Rev Nancy Smiegowski, Mdiv./MSW will be presenting a 90-minute workshop on 'Handling The Holidays as Gay and Lesbian Persons.' This workshop will be held in the first floor parlor of Kenwood United Methodist

church, 2310 E. Kenwood across from UWM. Rev. Smiegowski, a Lesbian psychotherapist practicing in Milwaukee and Racine believes that living out of Holiday 'Traditions' and 'Shoulds' can be stressful for Gays and Lesbians.

The workshop will address strategies for individuals and partners to manage the emotional, physical and financial challenges of the holidays — including many unique to Lesbians and Gays. The workshop is sponsored by New Hope MCC, is open to the public, and is free of charge. Participants are welcomed to join New Hope for worship at 4:30 or come specifically for the workshop which will begin promptly at 5:45pm.

Crossroads & GAMMA

Crossroads, Wisconsin's largest Gay and lesbian computer bulletin board service, announced that Milwaukee GAMMA, Inc. will have its own 'special interest group.' Bob Moore, president of GAMMA, applauded this action with the statement, "This will allow GAMMA members to send E-Mail to each other and to communicate easily with each other and with activity chairmen about GAMMA events and practices."

GAMMA, celebrating its fifteenth year as a sponsor of outdoor, sports, cultural and social events, now has 180 members. Any of these members with access to a computer and a modem will be able to call the Crossroads Bulletin Board and the GAMMA grouping through the number: (414) 672-8885. If unfamiliar with bulletin boards, entry-level help is available from GAMMA. More advanced help is available through the assistant system operators on Crossroads.

Anyone in the greater Milwaukee area interested in such winter activities as skiing, volleyball, roller-skating, ice skaling, board games, dining out, book club, and concerts is welcome to join GAMMA. Call (414) 963-9833 for information. The tie-in between GAMMA and Crossroads will enable more 'bulletin board' orientated people to join GAMMA activities and more 'outdoor, recreational' orientated people to join Crossroads.

No Nunsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

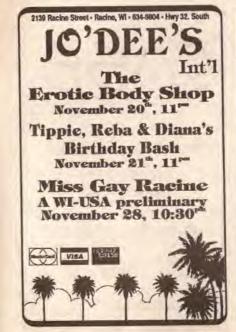
Gathering in ThanksGAYing

I can tell that Thanksgiving is almost here because the frost is on the pumpkin. Well, that's an outright lie, a poetic justice I take, since I live in metropolitan San Francisco, where the only time I see frost on pumpkins is when my local market accidentally turns up its refrigeration system too high.

Still, it is Thanksgiving time again... or what I like to call ThanksGaying from my particular faggy vantage point. Some of my queer colleagues argue that there is nothing Gay men and Lesbians can be thankful for in these pandemic, homophobic, economically & politically distressed times; but I disagree. Call me Pollyanna, but I am just totally thankful to be Gay.

It has become my tradition around latter November to be thankful that I was born Gay, that according to scientific verification my hypothalamus got somehow short-changed but my brain is bigger than a bread box (and the average breeder cerebellum). Being the full-tilt nun that I am, I carry out this little liturgical ceremony with my queer peers that begins and ends with us all repeating, "Thank God I'm Gay." Now don't be frightened by the term 'God,' since that can translate to whatever form of being you care to interpret - from a circumspect daddy in the sky to a hedonistic pan-like creature frolicking in the woods, from a flash of light without to the illuminated self within you. God/ goddess/ godette... whatever. Won't you join in my Litany for Queers? Chant along with Sister Dana:

THANK GOD I'M GAY: I was blessed with those innate abilities common to my kind — all those indigenous queer traits we share, such as our sartorial splendor in





Jock Shorts

H.I.T. '92 rolls into town

Milwaukee — Approximately 250 bowlers from the United States, Canada and Australia will converge in Milwaukee over Thanksgiving weekend to compete for over \$10,000 in cash & prizes. Red Carpet Regency will be the host house this year with doubles and singles events held all day Friday, November 27 and team events on Thursday evening and Saturday Morning. Many bars and organizations have planned special events for the tournament participants. Look for their ads in this issue.

Take some time Thanksgiving weekend and get out to Regency Lanes (6014 N. 76) and support the oldest Gay bowling tournament in the country. If you have any questions or need any information contact Dean at 966-3339 or Cindy at 871-4735.

The Holiday Invitational Tournament wishes to thank all the businesses, organizations and friends who have helped throughout the year to make this tournament possible.

Madison Volleyballers

The Madison Volleyball Group is looking for new members to play ball. Any individual who has completed at the men's 'A' division level or who has experience at the 'BB' level would be welcome to join. MVG is a nationally ranked team that competes in local city leagues and at National Tournaments.

NEW BAR

MADISON'S COOL VIDEO CLUB 636 W. Washington Ave. 608/256-8765 MVG plans to compete in a Chicago tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. Madison Volleyball Group is in the process of organizing a social volleyball league.

For any information on any of the leagues please call Jeff Pintor at (608) 251-7877 or (608) 251-8716. An alternate person to contact would be Carl Anderson at (608) 233-6150.

SSBL Elections

Milwaukee — The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) will hold its election of officers for the 1993 softball season on Sunday, November 22nd at 4:30pm at Partners, 813 S. 1st St. The following positions will be open: Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Secretary, and Treasurer. Three of the current officers have indicated that they will not seek re-election, thereby providing an excellent opportunity for any interested softball players to run for an elective office and league in 1993. You must be present at the meeting to participate in the elections.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Any women interested in forming a Women's Division for the 1993 season are especially invited to attend the meeting. If enough interest is generated, a Women's Division Commissioner will be elected.

The meeting will also include a final Treasurer's report, report on the 1992 and 1993 Gay World Series, and early announcements of upcoming softball tournaments. (Palm Springs has scheduled a tournament on January 16 and 17 for those teams wanting an early start in 1993.)

All teams must have a representative present at the meeting.

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West Side Dykes

Milwaukee - The next meeting of the West Side Dykes will be on Sunday, Dec 6, 6-8pm, at Mary's home. To find out where Mary lives, please call Julie: 778-1269, or Mimi: 445-4179.

What do West Side Dukes do at their meetings? Anything we want to! (But we usually start out with introductions.) Then we talk about what's happening in the community and activities we'd like to do if there were one or more friends to join us. (Friend is a word used lightly by some but a West Side Dyke is a real friend.)

West Side Dykes exists to encourage more womyn to move to our neighborhood, and to promote networking, sisterhood and social activities among Lesbians. Meetings are on the 1st Sunday of each month and are open to all dykes living west of Lake Michigan and east of Madison Bring friends!

Over \$4,700 raised for MAP

Milwaukee - The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. has received nearly \$5,000 from some exciting benefits held by bars and organizations to support the AIDS care and prevention programming of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) in Kenosha.

. V100 Jam for Peace - V100 President Constance Balthrop and Jam For Peace organizer Christa Sanicola produced an exciting concert that benefited 11 local charities dedicated to keeping peace on the streets. MAP and SEWAP will receive \$2,000 to support services for people with HIV disease. Thanks V100!

· Bristol Renaissance Faire's 'Gay Day' - ARCW received a \$260 contribution from a benefit held on July 25. Produced by Bristol's Rikki Kipple, and sponsored by Gay Chicago Magazine and Wisconsin's In Step Magazine, approximately 600 faire-goers selected an AIDS service organization to support. Participants chose between two Chicago organizations, the Madison AIDS Support Network and ARCW. (MASN received a separate \$260 donation.)

• Club 94 - Bob Hultman, general manager, and all the other folks at Club 94 have done it again! Over the last several months Club 94 produced a variety of events including a raffle, T-shirt sales, and once again, the Club 94 Follies Girls Show. Their efforts raised more than \$1,900 for SEWAP's AIDS care and prevention services. Thanks so much, and we look forward to the Christmas show coming soon.

· Cream City Theatre Corporation -Organized by Ron Whitting, from the Cream City Theatre Corporation, Longtime Companion and Cabaret, two classic films, were featured at the Paradise Theater, 6229 W. Greenfield Ave. Over \$600 was raised for MAP. Thanks Ron and everyone who participated.!

• The Deep Tunnel Project - Many plunged deep into the techno underworld at the Unicorn with the driving techno rhythms of Mr. Bill, Dan Planet, Toby Tyler, Acid Boy, Jedidiah the Messiah, RAF, and Nick Nice. This rave dance evening generated tons of energy and some nice donations to the MAP Food Pantry. Thanks to Darren Andress of Zygomatic Productions and Guss at the Unicorn for producing this event.

Boulevard Ensemble - Two showings of the Boulevard Ensemble's "The World Is Lit By Lightening," a one hour reflection of the life and times of Tennessee Williams, were nearly sold out. Special thanks to Mark Bucher and the cast of the Boulevard Ensemble for their support.

The hundreds of staff, volunteers and clients of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, and the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project genuinely appreciate the generosity of

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Juicy Bits

often found plastered to the side of your

Another exciting collection of words, phrases and definitions that are so crucial to the future of this planet, I had to put them in a column.

Couples Counseling - Unsolicited, free advice given to Gay couples having relationship problems by friends whose longest relationship lasted two weeks and ended with death threats.

Debutante - The occupation most aspired to by drag queens.

Discreet - A term often used in personal ads. It is synonymous with, "does not treat his sexual conquests like trophies." or "uses only a hidden video camera to tape his bedroom triumphs."

Exercise - A body enhancement program most flabby Gay men talk a lot about starting, but never do.

Healthy Relationship - The type of relationship everyone says they want, despite the fact they know the unhealthy kinds are more exciting and involve the most attractive men.

Marky Mark - A crotch-grabbling, underwear-happy, homo-tease, hip-hop artist whose picturesque pecs are making thousands of Gay men say they actually enjoy his music.

NEA Grant - Government-funded money given to subsidize qualified artists. During the Bush administration, a qualified artist is considered to be any born- again Christian who has flair for paint-by-numbers kits and can stay within the lines.

Non-alcoholic - A highly desirable personality trait that is sometimes difficult to find among patrons of Gay bars.

Outie - The type of belly button preferred 5 to 1 by members of Queer Nation.

Pony Tail - An 'out' hairstyle whose most appealing aspect is it's use as a handle to quide a man's head during oral sex.

Pubic Hair - Crotch coiffure remnants

bathtub which will be scraped-off only when a hot man or your mother is expected to spend the night.

by W.W. Wells III

Spandex - Skin-tight, miracle fabric which the average Gay man should avoid, unless he is a tri-athlete, a paid underwear model or that cute bartender you've heard has a big one.

Therapist - A professional who will charge you hundreds of dollars to listen to problems vour friends are sick of hearing

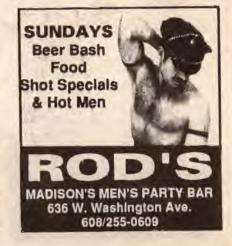
Serenity - After two weeks of 5- alarm anxiety and worry, it is the state of calmness and relief achieved after receiving negative results of your first HIV test.

Snap - A sharp, cracking noise which strikes terror into the heart of Gav men if heard when acrobatically switching from the bottom to the top during sex.

Tramp - A man who is to sex, what Imelda Marcos is to shoes.

Zzzzz - The sound most often heard within five minutes of making love with your partner.

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Letters

Editor's Note: A copy of the following letter was provided to us by the writer. Mr. Geiersbach sent the letter to the Editor-in-chief of PC Magazine, Mr. Miller.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I really value your magazine, but I'm afraid I might have to stop the convenience of a paid subscription and read it in our public library instead. The reason is that you have your subscriptions processed in Boulder Colorado. I'm afraid that since the citizens of Colorado passed their anti-Gay rights legislation in the November 3, election, I cannot in good conscience allow any of my money to enter that state. Since I do find the personal copy of the magazine so convenient, for the present I am not canceling, but if at renewal time you are still handling the business through Colorado, I will not be renewing.

I have just got off the telephone after having canceled my ZIFFNET

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V100, Bristol Renaissance Faire, Club 94, Cream City Theatre Corporation, the Deep Tunnel Project, and the Boulevard Ensemble.

Without the strong support of hundreds of individuals and organizations, ARCW would be unable to provide such comprehensive AIDS care and prevention services. Special thanks to all!

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

A variety of events are scheduled for the next few months. The Arts Action Committee continues to sponsor the Red Ribbon Campaign.

3B's Holiday Food Pantry Benefit promises fun with live country music from 'Miller's Country,' line dance demos by the 'Cream City Squares,' and the 'Shoreline' dancers, a raffle and much more. The excitement and dancing will begin Nov. 21 at 9pm at 3B's, 1753 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre will hold "Rogers And..." another fabulous production at the Stackner on Dec. 16 at 8pm. Call MAP or the Rep box office for ticket information.

subscription. Since I didn't use it very often there is no loss in canceling it immediately.

-Yours, Al Geiersbach

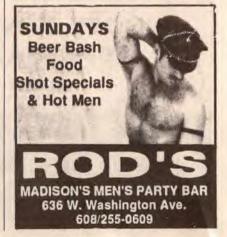
Dear Editor: I have abstracted below a portion of a letter that I have written to Barney Feinblum, president of Celestial Seasonings in Boulder, Colorado. I recommend that ALL your readers pick a Colorado-based consumer- oriented company with which they do business and write a similar letter. For information on the addresses of Colorado-based companies and on the names of their officers, call Milwaukee's Ready Reference at (414) 278-3011. For the names of some 'target' Colorado companies, call me at (414) 963-9833.

Dear Mr. Feinblum:

I am an avid consumer of Celestial Seasonings teas. I am also Gay — and an economist. Finally, as you can guess by now, I am disturbed by Colorado's passage of Proposition Number 2.

Many of my Gay and Lesbian associates recommend a boycott of Colorado products. At the moment, I oppose this action: it hurts the 'good' as well as the 'bad.' A boycott, if successful, would probably cost more Gays and Lesbians their jobs than Proposition Number 2. (For any Aspen, Boulder, or Denver employers who would now dismiss Gays and Lesbians under the Permission' provided by Proposition Number 2).

It is my understanding that there is now action in Colorado to invalidate



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The Station II saluted its anniversary with staff and customers all having a great time.

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'Dead or Alive' performed live at both the Pivot Club and at La Cage during their recent 'Europa' club tour event.

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Proposition Number 2. This raises two

1. What is Celestial Seasonings' position on Proposition Number 2? What, if anything, are you and other Celestial executives doing, corporately or personally, to help invalidate Proposition Number 2?

2. Does Celestial Seasonings' human resource manual explicitly provide for equal opportunity for a person without respect to his/her sexual orientation?

I would appreciate a prompt reply. Thank you.

The Arts

Fest City Singers Christmas

Milwaukee - "A Christmas Wish: I Wish You a World" is the title of the Fest City Singers' Christmas review to be presented at 7pm on Sunday evening, December 13, at the South Shore Pavilion in Bauview.

With its theme of unity, 'A Christmas Wish' is set in a shopping mall just before Christmas. The review will feature guest appearances by Chicago singer/ songwriter Kristin Lems and the Different Drummer Theatre Alliance.

The Fest City Singers are under the musical and artistic direction of Charles

Golden, who has been musical director of the group for the past two years. Golden has also written the script for "A Christmas Wish."

Tickets for the Fest City Singers Christmas show are \$10 and can be reserved by calling the Festline at 263-SING.

"Meetings, meditation and murder"

Milwaukee - "Meetings, Meditation and Murder!," a musical-comedy, whodunit, written and produced by members of Milwaukee's 12-Step community, will stage a special encore performance, Saturday, December 5th at the Whitnall High School Auditorium, 5000 S. 116th Street. Curtain time is 8pm.

The original production is co-sponsored by Greenbriar Hospital and Commitment '92, an annual convention backed by Milwaukee and Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian A.A., Al-Anon and other 12 Step groups. The same groups staged a performance of the popular recovery-themed play, "Snow White and the Seven Drunks," last year. Tickets will be available at the door for a suggested donation of \$5. Proceeds will benefit Commitment '92. For more information contact: William Attewell at (414) 272-1392, or Candice Waltier, Greenbrian Hospital (414) 425-8000.

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In Memoriam

George E. Olson 1929- 1992

George E. Olson, 65, 585 Sheridan Road in Kenosha, died Nov. 6, at home. Born Aug. 2, 1927 on Long Island, N.Y., he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Olson. He attended schools on Long Island, graduating from Richmond Hill High School. Later after relocating to Kenosha, he attended classes at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

He was a quartermaster in the U.S. Navy in 1944-1945 serving in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Blue destroyer.

In 1967, he came to Wisconsin and moved to Kenosha in 1987. He was self-employed as a manufacturers' representative with various companies, most recently with Ethan Allen Carriage House furniture. He also was a licensed real estate broker.

He was a member of the Mary D. Bradford Community Church Unitarian Universalist and was also active in the Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church, Racine.

At UW-Parkside, he was a member of the Student Senate of the Parkside Adult Students' Alliance, and was a past staff member of the Ranger, the student newspaper.

He was a member of Gay Alcoholics Anonymous in Kenosha and Racine and was the Treasurer at the Racine meeting. His 25 years of sobriety and wisdom will be missed, but his spirit will live on in us and our meetings.

He was also a member of the G.L.U. meetings of Racine and Kenosha.

His 'brother's' and 'sister's' will miss his presence in the Gay Community. He was always there to lend a hand or give you a ride. He will be especially missed by his friend of 47 years, Jack Myers.

We all love you George, take care in your new home with your Higher Power.



Raymond J. Pugesek 1956-1992

Raymond J. Pugesek Jr., age 35, of Kenosha, WI. Passed away early Wednesday morning October 14, 1992, following a long battle with AIDS. During Raymond's last few days, he was surrounded by his family and the prayers of his loved ones.

He was born November 20, 1956 in Oak Park, IL, the son of Raymond J. and Irene Geraldine (Misch) Pugesek, Sr.

Raymond attended DePaul University where he majored in English. Throughout his college years he was employed in the financial aid office and following graduation he was employed at Loyola University in a similar position. In 1989, he became Director of Financial Aid at Carthage College, in Kenosha.

Raymond will be remembered by those who loved him as a man who enjoyed life to its fullest. All who knew Ray are left with many lasting good memories.

In addition to his parents, Raymond is survived by one sister, Karen Hearle and his companion, Dale Heuser.

A memorial service will be held at Carthage College the first week in December. Call the College for details. Memorials in his name may be made to Carthage College, 2001 Alford Dr. Kenosha, WI 53140.



The cast and crew of Club 3054's production of the 'Rocky Horror Picture Show,' held recently at the popular Madison bar. Top right — owner Cheri as Riff Raff "He never liked me!"



Left — the newly crowned Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin BeBe Douglas and Mark Hemmerlein; and 1st runner ups Scott Logan and Duwanna Moore.



The Triangle's pre-Pageant reception drew several members of the 'Glitteratti' set who just couldn't wait to show off their outfits.



Welcome to all the Holiday Invitational Tournament [HIT] participants and friends. The 'granddaddy' of Gay/Lesbian bowling tournaments returns to Milwaukee over the Thanksgiving Weekend and brings with it well over 200 bowlers from across North America. Check out all the details in 'Jock Shorts' this issue.

There's so much to go over in this column. I'm just going to go back to the beginning of coverage on October 29 and bring you up through Nov. 12, my deadline...

The In Step and Wisconsin Light Oct. 29th premiere benefit screening of The Living End helped raise \$724 for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee [MLGPC]. The Downer Theatre was ecstatic over the normally slow Thursday night turnout, and we were quite happy with the results (as was the Pride Committee). This was our two papers' third collaboration screening films to benefit Pride. For future films, we're hoping to book the hot new Lesbian film. Claire of the Moon as a premiere benefit for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee [LAMM]; and now that MLGPC is on its feet, future films will benefit the Cream City Foundation, so all our organizations can benefit. Our thanks to Landmark Theatres for working with us on these fund-raisers!

The Station 2 celebrated its 5th Anniversary with half price drinks on October 30, much to the delight of their clientele. Congratulations to Sheri and Lois and their staff on hitting the 'Big 5' — it's the first 'big' landmark!

The 3 B's Bar hosted the Oberons 'Christmas Club for Children With AIDS' beer bust, also on the 30th, with the Shoreliners providing line dance lessons to those interested in learning that fine art. The next night, the Oberons were back at the Wreck Room for their 'Scary Monsters' costume party and contest.

Elsewhere on the 30th, at C'est La Vie! it was a night of moistness during their

Wet Jockey Shorts contest. The Vie is also been spotlighting male dancers several nights a week — stop in and be gracious with your tips.

Of course Halloween was celebrated with lots of fancy and horrific costumes (and frightening dragociousness) everywhere in the state. Check out our pictures in this issue highlighting some of the creativity expressed. It wasn't all just costume contests of course, events ranged from pumpkin carving contests [Club & Wings 3054]; to a haunted art contest [Partner's]; to live entertainment [M&M Club, 3B's, Za's]; to shows [Za's, Jo'Dee's, Club 219 and Club 3054]; to tarot and crystal readings at Nitengales; and at least one ill-fated Rave party.

That same weekend, the Pivot Club and La Cage brought hit recording artists Dead or Alive to Appleton and Milwaukee as part of the 'Europa Club Tour.' The Pivot hosted a crowd of nearly 500 thanks to their In Step advertising. La Cage booked the group after we went to press. and thus had to rely on word of mouth promotion, resulting in a smaller than expected crowd. None the less, DOA's lead singer Pete Burns was quite chatty and personable with the crowds, not stand-offish like many modern vocalists. He talked about a number of political issues ranging from animal rights to AIDS to furs, to women to Gav Rights. It's not cheap, by any means, to bring in big name acts - the owners are to be commended for such an 'aggressive' booking.

Tuesday, November 3, Election Night, turned out to be a reason to party at the Gay bars throughout the state with numerous impressive wins for pro, and openly Gay/Lesbian politicians. The big disappointment was that Colorado voters agreed in a referendum to disallow any local government from passing Gay rights legislation. With this 'Victory' for the Right, you can bet the fundamentalists will be attempting to pass more such homophobic laws in other parts of the country. Jerry Falwell has already been

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The '92-93 Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant at the Marc Plaza drew a large crowd. Top, then clockwise — Contestant Dominique Mahon as a peacock during the fantasy segment; Mr. 2nd runner up Greg Port in swimsuit; 2nd runner up Miss, Billie Blaze as Barbie Doll; various contestants; and the new Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Mark Hemmerlein in swimsuit.

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BJ's: \$1.50 Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers 2-6pm.

The New Bar [Madison]: Miss Central Gay Wisconsin Pageant, a WI-USA preliminary, 10:30pm.

Club 219: Special 219 Girls holiday show, ni dnight.

Interfaith Service for World AIDS Day [Green Bay]: Cness Israel Synagogue, 222 S. Baird, 4pm. Open house follows service at CPI, 824 S. Broadway.

Ballgame: Build your own hot dogs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Club 3054 [Madison]: 3rd Anniversary Party Cocktail party at 5:30, show at 10:30 with Cass Marie Domino & special quests.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 10pm-1am.

Club 219: Miss Gay Milwaukee Pageant, a WI-USA preliminary, 11pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 Sass [Green Bay]: Opening evening of

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w/specials all night long

GB's newest G/L Bar. 840 S. Broadway, (414) 437-7277.

Ballgame: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing & counseling from

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Christmas Concert [Green Bay]: Presented by the Bay City Chorus. 7:30pm organ recital; 8pm concert with reception to follow. Union Congregational Church, 716 S. Madison. \$5 adults; students, kids & seniors \$3. For more info call (414) 468-1089.

1100 Club: Adventures In Toyland, leather sales & fantasy show, 9:30pm.

Cest La Vie: 18th Anniversary celebration, open bar 8-10; buffet and dancers follow.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 Club 3054 [Madison]: Christmas Winter Wonderland Show, a Dan O'Leary production with Divine, Lucy Stools & friends, 10:30pm.

starts at 7pm

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quoted as saving he will resurrect his Moral Majority organization if Clinton fulfills promises to the Gay community.

Just because Clinton was elected doesn't mean our troubles are over ... with Falwell, Buchannan, Robertson and their ilk around you can bet the fundamentalists will be even more obnoxious!

I hope you enjoy the coverage we've provided in our Election '92 overview (with a Gay slant) in this issue's 'News' section.

Las Vegas night returns to Partner's the next two Wednesday nights, with spot entertainment at 9:30pm. Stop in and try your luck, it's more fun than bingo!

On Friday, November 6 Club 3054/ Wings staffers and customers besieged Milwaukee via bus. Needless to say, only a little over half of them were on the bus for the trip back to Madison. If any of you Mad City denizens haven't made it back home yet, please let your roommates know you're still alive!

The Pageant, held Sunday, November 8 at the Marc Plaza Hotel was a record breaker. Over 300 people came for dinner, with more coming in time for the Pageant itself. 11 'girls' vied for the title of Miss Gay Wisconsin, and 7 men for the title of Mr. Gay Wisconsin. Mark Hemmerlein captured the Mr. title; with the Wreck Room's Scott Logan taking 1st runner up; and Club 3054's Greg Port coming in as 2nd runner up. Mark was 37 points in front of his nearest contender, with 409 points out of a possible 500. Mark did a great job entertaining, lip-synching to David Lee Roth's "Just A Gigolo."

Participants are scored from 1 to 100 in the categories of Interview, Swimsuit for the men (evening gown for the Miss), and Fantasy costume. There are a potential 200 points in the Talent category totaling the 500 figure.

In the Miss Gay Wisconsin category, BeBe Douglas, sponsored by Za's, captured top honors with a total score of 418. First runner up was DuWanna Moore, who at 407 points, was only 11 points behind BeBe. Billie Blaze was 2nd runner up with 405 points; and Dominique

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Mahon tallied 400 points and came in 3rd runner up.

BeBe came in with the highest score in Interview, and was in the top 4 in all other categories.

Cass Marie Domino (sponsored by 3054) won the Evening Gown category; with Nina Navarro, DuWanna and Dominique all tied for 2nd.

DuWanna won the Fantasy segment, dressed as a giant Red AIDS Ribbon. Billie came in 2nd dressed as a giant Barbie Doll.

Billie won the Talent segment with a score of 183 (out of 200). Dominique was 2nd with 169 points; and BeBe was 3rd with 164.

The results baffled some audience members, who thought their favorites should have won, but I've seen the figures, and the winners consistently did well in all four categories; accumulating enough points to rise to the top.

I wasn't able to attend The Pageant this year, because I had gone East to attend my cousin's wedding. However, I've heard from numerous people that the audience was rude throughout the evening — not clapping for some contestants; talking loudly while contestants were on stage; booing and cat-calling at others. This type of behavior is totally un-called for and besides, it's tacky! It takes guts and determination for these contestants to get up there before such a critical Gay audience — they at least deserve your attention and polite applause.

That's a wrap for this time - remember only two Issues of In Step left

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in '92, then we skip an issue before coming out again in mid- January, '93. The next issue, with a December 3rd cover date, has an early deadline because of Thanksgiving. Deadline for the next issue will be 7pm, TUESDAY, November 24! Please cooperate fully - we'll need on Wednesday to put everything together that you brought by Tuesday. We're closed on Thanksgiving, so the staff can spend time with family; then Friday everything is typeset. Don't even THINK of coming in Friday and whining you HAVE to get something in the next issue. We'll be grouchy from eating too much the day before and I won't be able to safety! Happy guarantee your Thanksgiving to all!



THE EASTERN CONNECTION

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Friday, Nov. 20, 7-10pm 75¢ Tap Beers, \$1 Rail Saturday, Nov 21

Drawing for 3 Turkeys 50¢ Tap, 9pm-Midnight

Sunday, Nov 22

11:30-am-3:30pm \$5 Packer Beer Bust Half-time Raffle to benefit MAP Food Pantry Wednesday, Nov 25

Turkey Shoot Roll for price of drink on the hour.

Thursday, Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving Open 7pm

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Cest La Vie: Sexiest torn jeans contest, 11pm, cash prizes.

Za's [Green Bay]: Thanksgiving Weekend no cover, no shows, and \$1 rail till 11pm; DJ.

Nitengales: \$4 Beer Bash & DJ.

BJ's: 50 cent taps & chili dogs.

Dignity/Milw.: Advent Time group, 7pm potluck, R.S.V.P. to 328-0886.

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

Club 219: Male dancers, spot entertainment, DJ & video.

Rascals [Appleton]: Grand Opening Week thru 11/28. 702 E. Wisc. Ave., Appleton. Ballgame: Hors d'oeurvres from 4-10pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

H.I.T.: Team event bowling 10am, Red Carpet Regency, 6014 N. 76th St.

Club 219: Male dancers, spot entertainment, DJ & video.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Free tap beer 9:30-11pm with karaoke at 10:30pm, DJ follows.

The Other Place: Old Fort Lounge Reunion with the gang from Madison.

BJ's: \$1.50 Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers 2-6pm.

Fannies: Sagittarius Party, free tap beer starts at 7pm.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Miss Gay Racine contest, a WI-USA preliminary, 10:30pm.

Cest La Vie: Mandi McCall and The Babes in Boyland (male dancers), with special quest Tina Capri, 10pm.

3B's Bar: HIT Country Dance, free hats to HIT bowlers.

Rascals [Appleton]: Final day of Grand Opening Week, 702 E. Wisc., Ave., Appleton.

Ballgame: Build your own hotdogs.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Nitengales: 75 cent tappers & \$1.50 Bloody Marys.

Cest La Vie: Baseball Darts, 5pm, open teams. contd. on page 54

THURSDAYS

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Rod's [Madison]: Thanksgiving Eve party After 4pm, show your Rod's card & your first drink is free.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Wet Jock Strap contest at midnight. Beer Bust 9- close.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Double bubble 9-close; DJ.

Nitengales: \$3 beer bash with DJ.

Fannies: Thanksgiving Eve Party with specials all night long.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Thanksgiving Eve party. Beer & soda bust at 9, DJ B. Wild at

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: Prof. Karen Thompson — 'Kowalski home at last,' taped at '92 Out & About series.

Club 219 Plus: Wet Jockey Shorts Contest, 11:30; BJ hosts, \$50 cash prize.

Station II: Turkey Shoot, roll for drink prices on the hour.

Rascals [Appleton]: Grand Opening Week thru 11/28. 702 E. Wisc. Ave., Appleton.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 THANKSGIVING DAY

H.I.T.: Team event bowling at Red Carpet Regency, 6014 N. 765h St., 5pm- on.

Club 219: Special welcome HIT Show, 11pm.

Rod's [Madison]: Thanksgiving Potluck. We supply the turkey & ham, you bring a dish to pass, 4-7.

Partners: Holiday food drive for the MAP house.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Madtown underwear party, Robbie's private show at 12; open 9pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Thanksgiving \$4 beer bust from 9-close; DJ.

Nitengales: \$1.25 domestic bottled beer.

The Other Place: Thanksgiving turkey buffet 6pm-?

BJ's: 50 cent taps, \$1.50 rail all night.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Open 4pm, complimentary hors d'oeuveres at 6pm.

3B's Bar: Thanksgiving Day Country Dance, 9pm.

Station II: Open 7pm.

Rascals [Appleton]: Grand Opening Week thru 11/28, 702 E. Wisc. Ave., Appleton.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

H.I.T.: Doubles/Singles Events 10am & again beginning at 5pm. Red Carpet Regency, 6014 N. 76th.

Partners: Invitational Turkey Bowl.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Country Western vocalist Dena Kaye at 10:30pm; \$3 cover.



Gongratulations Miss BB Douglas



Miss Gay Wisconsin 1992

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Halloween '92 around the state.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: Interviews with some participants in 5th gathering of openly Gay/Lesbian public officials, 9pm, Cable TV4.

ACT UP Television: Milw.'s Warner Cable Channel 47, 7:30pm, special live show about Dennis Hill's death.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Lesbian Health Care Issues: Discussion topic at this months LAMM meeting. 6pm potluck, 7pm program. MEC, 2821 N. 4th St. For info call 264-2600.

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Boot Camp Saloon: Beer Town Badgers Club Night, drawings for prizes & drink tickets from 10pm to 1:30am.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Cameos with BJ Daniels & friends around 11:30pm.

Partners: Holiday food drive for the MAP house. Non-perishable food items, linens, kitchen utensils.

Lincoln Art Pottery: Holiday Show opening reception 10am to 7pm, 636 W. lincoln Ave. (See ad for details).

Jo'dee's [Racine]: The Erotic Body Shop male review, 11pm.

Station II: 75 cent tap beers, \$1 rail from 7-10pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

3B's: MAP Food Pantry Benefit with live music by 'North Country' 9pm- 1am. \$3 cover & donations to MAP. Line dancing by Shoreline, Square dancing by Cream City Squares, raffles & prizes.

Madhatters [Wausau]: King Production's Miss Gay Wausau Pageant, 10:30pm. A preliminary to the Miss Gay WI-USA '93 Pageant.

Frontiers [Madison]: 'Coming Out Stories' panel discussion. UW Gay/ Lesbian/ Bi Center at 336 N. Dayton St., 8pm.

Station II: Drawing for 3 turkeys from 9pm-midnight.

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

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Shooting Star Round 4. Talent contest with live voice, comedy & dance, 10pm. Different Drummer Theatre Alliance: Learn about Milw.'s only Gay & Lesbian Theatre Co. Refreshments, entertainment by Mrs. Fun and others from 7:30-10pm. R.S.V.P. as soon as possible to 347-0673 for information & location.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

Lincoln Art Pottery: Holiday Show opening reception 10am to 7pm, 636 W. Lincoln Ave. (See ad for details).

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Tippie, Reba & Diana's birthday bash, 11pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Pivot Club [Appleton]: King Productions Miss Gay Appleton Pageant, a preliminary to the WI-USA pageant, 9:30pm.

M&M Club: Tammi & Nanette.

Are You Queer? Milw.'s Gay Men's Discussion Group topic this evening from 6-8pm at The Counseling Center of Milw. QN & ACT-UP reps will help facilitate & understand political activism. \$2 donation, call Bill Hanel at 271-2565 for more info.

Cest La Vie: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing, 4-8pm.

Station II: \$5 Packer Beer Bust, 11:30am to 3:30pm, 1/2 time raffle to benefit MAP Food Pantry.

Blue Lite [Sheboygan]: Open for Packer games with 50 cent tappers & other specials.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Club 219 Plus: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 9- midnight.

Acting Up for Prisoners: 30 min. documentary of AIDS activism on prison issues. Sponsored by ACT UP Milwaukee. Free & open to all, M&M Club Banquet Room, 7:30pm.

Roller-skating: Join GAMMA at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania in Cudahy; 6:30 to 8:30pm. Cost is \$2 including skates. For more info. call 963-9833.

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UP CUMING EVENTS

CLUB 3054

Madison's Happy Hour & Dance Bar

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Wed Nov 25

Thanksgiving Eve

WET JOCK STRAP CONTEST

at Midnight. Wear your Jock Strap Beer Bust 9-Close

Thur Nov 26

Open at 9 for a Thanksgiving MAD TOWN UNDERWEAR PARTY Robbie's Private Show at 12

Gobble! Gobble!

Fri Nov 27

Country Singer DENA KAYE at 10:30



EVE PARTY

Beer & Soda Bust at 9pm DJB. Wild at 9 Don't be a Turkey, be here!

Wed, Nov 25 Thurs, Nov 26

THANKSGIVING THANKSGIVING

DAY open at 4pm Complimentary hors d'oeuvres at 6pm

Fri. Nov 27

Country Singer DENA KAYE showtime at 10:30



Wed, Dec 9

FULL MOON

CONTEST

at Midnight Cash Prizes Show us your fullest moon!

Thur, Dec 10, 9pm

WINGS MAD TOWN UNDERWEAR PARTY

Cum for it once, and you'll be cuming again and again.



Hope to see you all at Club 3054's 3rd Year Anniversary Party, Tuesday, December 1st. Great Job Cheri!

-- From Robbie & Staff at WINGS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CLUB 3054's 3rd YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, COCKTAIL PARTY AT 5:30 WITH SPECIAL BUFFET AT 6:30

Anniversary Show at 10:30 featuring Cass Marie Domino and special guests.

"Thanks for 3 years of outstanding patronage."

CLUB 3054's CHRISTMAS

WONDERLAND SHOW

(a Dan O'Leary Production)

Featuring: Simply Divine, Lucy Stools & Friends

SUNDAY, DEC 6, 10:30, ^s2 COVER