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'The Gay Side' cartoonist, and our most frequent cover art contributor, Tom Rezza, must have been thinking about deer hunting & hunting camps when he came up with this piece.

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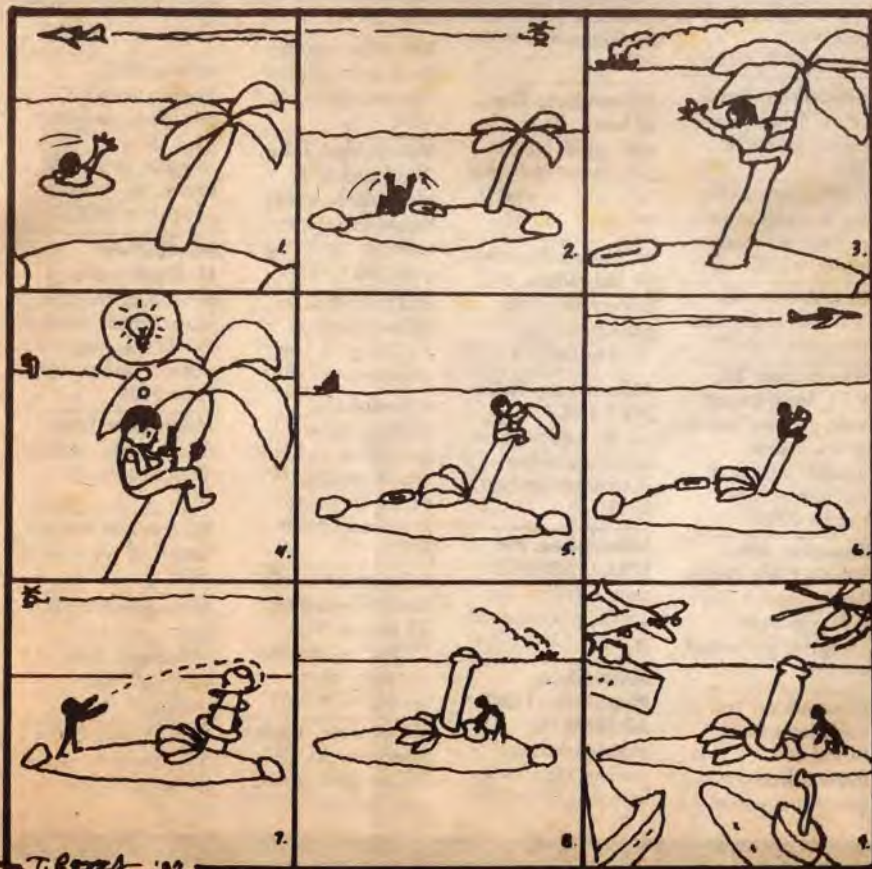
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Commission rules against Dahmer cops, cites 'gross negligence'

Milwaukee [In Step] — On November 27, the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission voted 4-1 to sustain Police Chief Philip Arreola's firing of two officers for dereliction of duty in the Jeffrey Dahmer murder case. The strongly worded decision elicited curses from the officers' attorney and support from community groups and the victims' families.

The Commission found the officers guilty of "gross negligence" and said their permanent discharges were required "for the good of the service." The decision came after more than 100 hours of testimony and thirty hours of deliberation by the five Commission members.

Officers John Balcerzak and Joseph Gabrish had entered guilty pleas to the charge of failure to conduct a proper investigation for an incident in May, 1991 when they returned young Konerak Sinthasomphone back into the custody of Dahmer. Dahmer killed the boy and four others before being arrested that July. It was widely believed the officers entered the guilty pleas in return for lenient treatment, so the ruling came as a surprise to many in the Gay and minority communities.

Commission Chairman M. Nicol Padway read the strongly worded decision in stern tones:

"The officers failed to determine the actual name, age and address of a nude male in an impaired condition. They further failed to obtain any corroborating evidence for the name John Hmong, obtained from Jeffrey Dahmer at the scene. Two: The officers failed to obtain the names, addresses and statements of witnesses at the scene.

"Three: The officers failed to sufficiently investigate the scene in order to...make a reasonable determination as

to the events that transpired prior to their arrival. Four: The officers failed to take appropriate measures to assure that witnesses on the scene would remain available to provide the officers with information...

"Five: The officers dealt with the witnesses on the scene in such a manner as to discourage the witnesses from fully cooperating... Six: The officers failed to properly utilize the additional manpower present at the scene. Seven: Officer Gabrish failed to communicate with Fire Department personnel on the scene in order to obtain an assessment of Konerak Sinthasomphone's physical condition."

Balcerzak was also faulted for his failure to cooperate with Glenda Cleveland, a Good Samaritan who called the police to express her concern and provide them with further information about Konerak. These were among fifteen areas in which the officers failed in their duties.

Padway said he wished the Commission could have offered an alternative to either exonerating and reinstating the officers, or finding them guilty and upholding their firings. He suggested that each man be discharged for a period of time after which he might reapply to the department, but the other commissioners opposed that option. The lone dissent against the officers' firing was Commissioner Leonard Ziolkowski, a former cop.

Kenneth Murray, an attorney for the officers, was livid after the ruling was announced. He angrily told the press his clients were "scapegoats" who had been betrayed, that "the bastards" (apparently the Commission, Chief Arreola and the City Attorney's Office) had "reneged" on a deal to go easy on the officers in exchange for their guilty plea. He plans to appeal the

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Commission's decision in Circuit Court.

Family members of Dahmer's victims, who remained vigilant throughout Dahmer's trial and the lengthy Commission hearings, expressed satisfaction. Shirley Hughes, the mother of victim Tony Hughes, said "I'm happy for [the decision], because they deserved to be fired. They didn't do their job. They deserved to be fired."

Stephanie Hume, a member of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee who has served as a representative to the Police Department and the Commission in the wake of the Dahmer case, said she

was pleased with the decision and saw it as part of the healing process: "It's a step in improving the relationship between police and the community, in reaffirming the trust that is crucial to that relationship."

"My deepest hope is that the cops will change their behavior," said Hume. "Whether it's a domestic dispute, a hate crime, whatever. They have to be more sensitive and accountable to the Gay and minority communities. It's harder to change attitudes, but they have to change their behavior toward us and work with us. They have to. That's their job."

Milwaukee Gay man murdered; suspect charged

Milwaukee (In Step) — A recent parolee from the state of Missouri has been charged with first degree intentional homicide in the Gay-related murder of Charles O. Hiler III, 49, at Hiler's south side home November 14.

Turhan Taylor, 29, is being held in jail on \$200,000 cash bail. His preliminary hearing took place November 30. Assistant District Attorney Lovell Johnson, who will prosecute the case, told In Step Taylor faces a "life means life" prison term, which means he would have no possibility for parole.

The victim was found on the floor of his living room by a roommate late in the afternoon of Sunday, November 15. The medical examiner determined that Hiler had been stabbed three times in the chest and back and had probably been killed the previous evening between 7:30pm and 9:00pm.

Asst. District Attorney Johnson told In Step Taylor claims to have met Hiler outside a Gay bar on South Second Street late Friday or very early Saturday morning. Taylor says he accepted an offer of money for sex and went to Hiler's home at 1331 W. Mineral where he spent the next day with the victim. The two reportedly argued Saturday evening and Taylor allegedly stabbed Hiler to death.

"CALLOUS" BEHAVIOR

While Taylor claims his actions were in

self-defense, Johnson noted that the stab wounds were very deep — not characteristic of defensive wounds. In addition, Taylor made no effort to report the incident to authorities. Johnson also called the suspect's subsequent actions "callous" and "not the kind of behavior you see in an innocent person."

After the murder, Taylor allegedly stole Hiler's car, drove around Milwaukee with friends and purchased and used cocaine. Because he had no cash, Taylor gave Hiler's car to the woman who provided him with the cocaine. She, in turn, unaware of the murder, called Hiler's home the following day to return the car. The frightened roommate notified police, who were able to unravel the case and arrest Taylor at his north side home that Monday.

Johnson declined to comment on the sexual orientation of either Hiler or Taylor. He also declined to speculate about whether Taylor's actions may have been motivated by anti-Gay hatred. Taylor had been released from a Missouri prison just weeks before Hiler's murder. Johnson said he could not discuss Taylor's previous criminal record at this time, but that it would be a significant factor in the sentencing phase of the trial.

In Step will follow up on the case.

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Federal suit filed in Dennis Hill case

Milwaukee [In Step] — Less than a month after the Justice Department declined to pursue civil rights charges against Racine County for its alleged mistreatment of jail inmate Dennis Hill, a lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee on behalf of Hill's estate.

Hill, 47, died at the Milwaukee County Medical Complex on November 23, 1991 just five days after being rescued from the Racine County Jail where he had received no treatment for his advanced stage of AIDS. Hill had been arrested on a traffic violation November 16 and was held with no medical attention until the afternoon of November 18.

The complaint graphically describes the condition Hill was in when his friend, Margie Watson, and a social worker from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) came to bail him out:

"Dennis Hill was lying on his right side...he was covered with vomit, his pants were down to mid-thigh and were ripped, and fecal material had stained his clothing, blanket and bunk. He was shaking uncontrollably, breathing with great difficulty and was unresponsive to questions and could only utter unintelligible grunts. He demonstrated a great deal of pain when touched. His forehead was clammy and cold to the touch and his hair was soaking wet. He was in obvious and constant pain and suffering life-threatening conditions due to being deprived of his medications and appropriate medical care."

"RECKLESS CONDUCT"

The suit charges Racine County, Racine Sheriff Robert Rohner and seven other defendants, including a licensed practical nurse, with "deliberate indifference," "reckless conduct" and "discrimination" toward Hill. The suit alleges their behavior "caused him to suffer unnecessary physical and emotional injury which hastened his death." The suit claims these actions violated Hill's rights under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and under the due process clause of the 14th

Amendment.

The suit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages "for the pain and suffering Dennis Hill sustained and endured from the time when the defendants assumed custody of him until his death."

After Watson and the MAP worker drove him to the Milwaukee County Medical Complex, Hill was immediately placed in the Intensive Care Unit. Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriffs and medical staff at the Complex expressed "horror" at Hill's condition and even called the Racine County Jail to express "outrage" at the lack of care Hill had received.

DENIED MEDICATIONS

At the time of his arrest, Hill was regularly taking morphine to control his pain, along with 16 other medications. A tube to receive the medications was visibly protruding from his chest. Yet, when a nurse was finally summoned more than a day after his arrival, all she gave Hill was two Tylenol capsules — a medication that was strictly forbidden. The nurse also refused to allow Hill's friends to administer morphine when they arrived on the 18th. The suit charges the defendants with failure to seek professional medical advice and failure to request a review of Hill's medical records.

At one point during Hill's incarceration, when a Wisconsin State Patrol dispatcher notified Corporal Rodney Bender that a missing person report on Hill had been aired on Milwaukee television and asked if Hill was still in the Racine Jail, Bender responded: "You bet. He's loonier than a tune... I'd like to get rid of him."

"The failure of Racine County Jail employees to understand AIDS and to respond with professionalism to the medical needs of Dennis Hill resulted in a shocking denial of humane treatment that brought him to the last days of his life," said Doug Nelson at a press conference announcing the lawsuit. Nelson is Executive Director of the AIDS Resource

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AIDS Resource Center of WI Exec. Dir. Doug Nelson announces a federal suit against the Racine jail, saying "we send a strong and clear message to every jail... that ignorance, fear and prejudice against AIDS by jail employees will not be tolerated."

Center of Wisconsin.

"NO EXCUSE FOR THIS"

"As we begin the twelfth year of the AIDS epidemic, there is no excuse for this enormous failure by the public servants of Wisconsin's criminal justice system," said Nelson. "Racine County and every county in Wisconsin must follow the lead of the State Department of Corrections in establishing policies that require annual education for jail staff, access to medical care for inmates with HIV disease, and compassionate release for inmates at end-stage of AIDS like Dennis Hill."

"In securing justice for Dennis Hill, we must guarantee that Wisconsin's criminal justice system is well prepared for the difficult years that lie ahead with the AIDS epidemic and that what happened to Dennis Hill will never happen to anyone else."

In a related story, on December 1, in conjunction with World AIDS Day, ACT UP/Milwaukee and supporters marched on the Racine County Jail to protest the treatment of Dennis Hill and to demand that Racine County initiate AIDS education efforts and humane policies toward the treatment of prisoners with HIV/AIDS. The protest was intended to "jump-start" dialogue and to "move reform forward."

Condoms again slighted in new DOC AIDS proposals

Milwaukee — The Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has expressed support for a number of recommendations presented to the Department of Corrections (DOC) about AIDS prevention and treatment, but expressed disappointment that the distribution of condoms was not among the recommendations.

Doug Nelson, a member of the DOC AIDS Task Force, said he was pleased with the recommendations that would implement mandatory annual HIV education for prison staff and inmates, strengthen confidentiality policies for HIV-infected inmates, and require inclusion of AIDS in medical release protocols.

"If the recommendations are fully implemented," said Nelson, "Wisconsin will take a leading position among states in reforming prison policies and procedures to better manage the HIV epidemic."

But Nelson expressed disappointment that the Task Force did not reach consensus on the availability of condoms within the prison system: "A primary objective of the DOC in the face of the growing epidemic is to assure that Wisconsin prisons are not an environment in which HIV is transmitted. If aggressive prevention strategies such as condom availability are not implemented in the prisons, HIV transmission among inmates will increase."

Research indicates that 10% of prison inmates are sexually active, and the vast majority of those engage in sexual intercourse without condoms.

"DANGEROUSLY SHORTSIGHTED"

"The reality of these HIV risk behaviors by inmates make Wisconsin prisons an environment where the HIV epidemic can flourish," said Nelson. "A DOC policy that prohibits condom availability is dangerously shortsighted." He has urged DOC Secretary Patrick J.

Fiedler to implement condom distribution, noting that Canada and several other states already make condoms available to prisoners.

A spokesman for ACT UP/Madison, which has been very active on issues of concern to prisoners with HIV/AIDS, said the DOC's continuing refusal to provide inmates with condoms and bleach needles used in IV drug use was "akin to genocide."

He said he did not feel encouraged by the latest recommendations regarding HIV education and confidentiality policies because they are essentially the same

recommendations made by Governor Tommy Thompson's Advisory Committee on AIDS in 1990 and, more than two and a half years later, they still have not been implemented.

He said he was under the impression the Task Force Nelson served on was formed to seek implementation of the dozens of recommendations made by Gov. Thompson's committee: "Instead, all we get are more recommendations. When the hell are they going to get around to implementing them?" he asked.

Clinton sticks to guns on military Gays

News analysis by Rex Wockner

"The issue is not whether there are Gays in the military," President-elect Bill Clinton told persistent reporters at a Nov. 16 press conference in Little Rock, Ark.

"It is whether they can be in the military without lying about it, as long as there is a very strict code of conduct which if they violate it would lead to dismissal from the service or other appropriate sanctions."

"There is a big difference between someone doing something wrong and their condition in life," Clinton said.

"We know that there have always been Gays in the military, and we know, according to the U.S. General Accounting Office study which was released near the end of the campaign, that it cost the United States taxpayers about \$500 million to get fewer than 17,000 Gays out of the military over the last 10 years."

"I intend to press forward with my plan to lift the Gay ban in an expeditious way early in the term, just like I said during the campaign," Clinton reiterated.

The press conference, which was supposed to focus on the economy, "was often diverted by questions about Mr. Clinton's plans for lifting the ban on homosexuals," *The New York Times* said, adding that the ban has been a matter of "persistent discussion" nationally since Nov. 11, when Clinton, responding to a reporter, made his first

post-election pledge to keep his campaign promise on the issue.

Most NATO allies allow Gays in uniform

New York, NY — The *New York Times* reports that if President Clinton ends the ban on Gays in the military, Great Britain will be the only member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) which continues to exclude Gay men and Lesbians from military service.

In the 16 nation western alliance, most governments either have laws protecting homosexuals from discrimination or follow policies in which no distinction between homosexuals and heterosexuals is made at all.

Until earlier this year, homosexual activities in the British military were criminal offenses for which individuals were prosecuted and then discharged. While criminal sanctions are no longer pursued, military codes still exclude Gays, who are discharged through an administrative procedure. "Since they are subject to military law, there is no appeal to civilian courts," said a Defense Ministry spokesman.

Canada, on the other hand, recently ended its exclusion of Gay and Lesbian

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soldiers after a Lesbian protocol officer appealed her discharge to the Canadian courts. The Federal Court of Canada ruled in October that the ban on homosexuals violated the country's Charter of Rights and Freedom, a document similar to the U.S. Bill of Rights.

"HOMOSEXUALITY NOT AN ISSUE"

In the Netherlands, Gays are treated equally in the military. Defense Minister Relus Tar Beek recently addressed a gathering organized by a group called Homosexuals in the Armed Forces. "He told them that our only military criterion is quality," a Dutch military spokesman told the *Times*, "Homosexuality is not an issue here."

In Germany, any sexual relations

between military personnel while on duty are strictly forbidden. Gays are not singled out for exclusion. "What you do off-base or in off-duty hours is your business," a Defense Ministry spokesman told the *Times*. "Discretion is the code word."

Italy ended its ban on Gays in the military in 1985, and both France and Spain have accepted homosexuals in their military ranks for many years. Spokesmen conceded that while the general policy of these nations was one of acceptance, individual Gay or Lesbian soldiers might have trouble being accepted by colleagues within their own units.

In another recent development, a special commission in Australia has recommended that that country's ban on Gays in the military be lifted. The policy change will require legislative approval.

Nunn, Dole express doubts on changing military policy

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, DC — Upping the stakes in the ongoing national debate on President-elect Clinton's pledge to lift the pentagon's ban on Gays in the military, two influential senators have expressed concerns about changing the contested policy.

Appearing on two Sunday morning political talk shows November 15, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee, and Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-KS), voiced doubts about changing the policy too quickly.

Nunn, who has long been his party's point person on defense issues, called for a commission and hearings on changing the policy before Clinton takes any action to allow openly Gay people to serve.

"We've got to not only consider the rights of homosexuals," said Nunn on CBS's *Face the Nation*, "but also the rights of those who are not homosexual and who give up a great deal of their privacy when they go into the military."

Dole, who has, since the defeat of President Bush, become the most

powerful Republican in Washington, took a harsher stand on the issue on his appearance on ABC's *This Week With David Brinkley*.

Saying that removing the ban would "blow the lid off the Capitol," Dole said that he would urge Clinton to concentrate on other matters rather than this one which could lead to a divisive debate on Capitol Hill.

Rather than change the policy unilaterally, Dole urged that Clinton appoint a commission to study the issue before moving forward. If not, he insisted, the new Administration is "going to get in more trouble that he can add up right now." Both Nunn and Dole made mention of the widespread resistance in the armed forces to lifting the ban. Since the media has renewed national attention to this issue, forces inside the Pentagon have expressed loud complaints about Clinton's plans to strike the policy and some have hinted that the military could see high-level resignations should the 48-year-old policy go.

Clinton and his transition team have in recent weeks reiterated the campaign's

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pledge to Gay and Lesbian activists that the policy will indeed be lifted under their administration. And, while insisting the policy will change, Clinton has asked to hear from a variety of viewpoints on the issue to help him decide on how to proceed.

Gay political activists and congressional sources contacted for this story insist that they have no doubts that Clinton will lift the ban. They stress their belief that he is only looking for suggestions on how to best implement a change, deciding on such matters as anti-harassment regulations and sensitivity training for the military.

As for hearings, Gay military activists have long called for such formal discussions on the policy, as they contend that the Pentagon has made no rational argument supporting the ban beyond its stance that the presence of homosexuals in the service is bad for troop 'morale and discipline.'

Three Pentagon commissioned studies released in the past year have each

concluded that the policy is not worth continuing. Also, a General Accounting Office report released this past summer documents that the pentagon spends \$27 million a year to enforce the directive, money critics say is wasted.

Nunn has in recent months been actively courted by Georgia Gay and Lesbian activists to back a repeal of the Gay ban. Earlier this year he pledged to hold hearings on the matter, though he did not take a steadfast position on upholding or rescinding the contested policy.

Dole, on the other hand, has over the past four years taken increasingly anti-Gay positions as Gay and Lesbian issues in the Senate have moved from discussions of AIDS to matters of civil and domestic partner rights.

Some have interpreted Dole's comments as a veiled congressional threat to revoke any Clinton executive order on the Gay military issue. Such a move, however, would require a two-thirds majority in the House and Senate were it to be vetoed by the Clinton

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Administration. Gauging its level of support in the incoming House and Senate, Gay activists insist that they would easily win that vote.

Noting Dole's partisan and combative comments following Clinton's victory, Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, said that the Republican's statements were more a matter of political posturing than an actual threat to derail the Clinton move. "I think that Dole's just trying to flex his muscles right now," he said.

What is likely, however, is a congressional discourse on the matter, should the issue of Gays in the military be taken up as part of a review of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The Code, which contains a non-sex-specific ban on sodomy, would have to be reviewed by Congress in order to be changed. Dole in his comments doubted that the Senate would vote to change the code to accommodate Gays and Lesbians.

"I'd be surprised if he won that vote," Dole said.

The federal sodomy ban contained in

the code is the tool most often used by military investigators to flush out homosexuals in the armed services, according to Gay veterans groups. Gay servicemen and women often tell military investigators they will accept honorable discharges based on their status, rather than face possible federal penalties for sodomy.

What will Pres. Clinton do for us?

By Rex Wockner

The most pro-Gay presidential candidate in history has a lot of promises to live up to. Here are Clinton's campaign pledges, opinions, and responses on Gay, Lesbian and AIDS issues.

• **DISCRIMINATION:** You represent a community of our nation's gifted people whom we have been willing to squander. We can't afford to waste the capacities, the contributions, the hearts, the souls, the minds of the Gay and Lesbian Americans. ... I have a vision and you are a part of it. I've pledged to... ban

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• **BOY SCOUTS DISCRIMINATION:** The Boy Scouts are a private organization and, as such, they ought to have a right to whatever rules they want.

• **MILITARY DISCRIMINATION:** As soon as the Pentagon issued a study — ironically by a spokesperson (Pete Williams) who himself was said to be Gay — which said there was no basis in national security for discriminating based on sexual orientation of Americans who wish to serve in the military, I said I would act on the study. It seemed to me elemental that if a person... wanted to serve their country, they ought to be able to do it. The presumption should be in favor of doing it unless there is some reason not to.

The Pentagon had a study which said there was no reason not to. The Secretary of Defense (Dick Cheney), himself obviously personally very uncomfortable at not changing the rules, said it was a "quaint little rule."...We have too much to do to endure "quaint little rules."

• **GAY MARRIAGE:** No. (The question: "Do you believe that same-sex couples should have the right to marry and enjoy the same legal and tax benefits as heterosexual couples?")

• **OUTING:** Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney's P.R. guy (Assistant Secretary of Defense Pete Williams) is Gay.

• **FUNDAMENTALIST CHRISTIANS:** I'm not talking about embracing a lifestyle that you may think is wrong or even immoral. I'm talking about the absence of discrimination. I'm talking about the existence of American men and women and their ability to live their lives and fulfill their potential and make a contribution to the rest of us.

• **ACT UP:** I think the tactics of ACT UP in going to rallies, being visible at political events, demanding that the issue be discussed — I think that's all legitimate. I think it's a good thing to do in view of the fact that AIDS has been marginalized by the present administration. I think it's appropriate to make sure it's discussed.

• **WHEN ZAPPED BY ACT UP HIMSELF:** I'm sick and tired of people who don't know me making their snotty-nosed remarks. That's bull and I'm tired of it. I feel your pain but if you're just going to attack me, you're no better than Jerry Brown. Go support somebody else.

• **HATE CRIMES:** I want to crack down on those who... practice hate crimes that the Justice Department should move against.

• **AIDS:** Perhaps more important than anything right now, I'd like, for a change, for there to be a real war on AIDS. ...This (Bush) administration is... silent until the famous (people) fall. Until, like Magic Johnson, they come forward, or like Arthur Ashe, someone takes advantage of their privacy. Then someone says something appropriately touching.

(The Bush) administration ignores its own (National) Commission (on AIDS) reports, underfunds research and treatment, leaves red tape binding science and drug trials and research, and says behavior modification is the issue but then, unlike (former Surgeon General Dr. (C. Everett) Koop, refuses to embrace the cause of sex education in our schools, which would give our children the chance to save their lives.

When it comes to AIDS, there should be a Manhattan Project. One person should be in charge. One person who can cut across all the departments and agencies, who has the President's ear and the President's arm. One person who can make sure that we begin by implementing all those recommendations and those two commission reports now gathering dust in Washington, D.C. One person who will launch a real national education campaign — someone as forthright as Dr. Koop was, telling the American people, starting with our children, the hard truth and giving them a fair chance to save their lives. ...Someone who will fund the Ryan White (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act fully, someone who will approach this problem with compassion and teach the American people what has to be learned....

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Colorado: To Boycott, or not to Boycott?

By Jamakaya

Denver, CO — [In Step] The call to boycott Colorado after its passage of an anti-Gay referendum November 3 is meeting with support from several organizations that have already canceled their conventions and with words of caution from some Gay leaders who feel the boycott may be premature.

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights has canceled its plans for a Colorado convention next year. The Coalition of Labor Union Women, noting that its own charter prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, has canceled 1,500 hotel reservations for its 1993 convention which was set for Denver.

Officials of the American Library Association announced that many of its members would stay away from the group's long-planned Denver convention in January. The City Council of Atlanta, Georgia passed a resolution prohibiting all city employees from doing business in Colorado. Boston, New York and San Francisco may pass similar measures.

And in Los Angeles, singer/actress Barbra Streisand, speaking to almost 6,000 Hollywood insiders gathered for an AIDS benefit, declared: "There are plenty of us who love the mountains and rivers of that truly beautiful state, but we must now say clearly that the moral

climate there is no longer acceptable — and if we're asked to, we must refuse to play where they discriminate."

"UNDO TWO"

The loosely organized boycott effort, nicknamed "Undo Two," has the goal of using economic pressure to force Colorado to repeal the measure. A similar effort by civil rights and African-American groups influenced Arizona to reverse a state ban on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Not all Gay and Lesbian groups and individuals are supporting the boycott, however. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force decided against calling for a national boycott of the state, although individual members may promote the idea.

Robin Tyler, a veteran Lesbian organizer who is producing the 16th annual Gay Ski Week in Aspen in January, said: "I am not calling for a boycott of Aspen. I am calling for tens of thousands of Gays to come to town. The blacks did not leave Alabama. They marched on Selma. We are not going to the back of the bus. We are not accepting bigotry. We are not intimidated. We are coming to Aspen."

PRO-GAY CITIES COULD SUFFER

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Several of the principals involved in the Medical College of Wisconsin Dept. of Psychiatry and Mental Health Services' Community Health Behavior Program gathered during a recent reception at their Prospect and Juneau offices. The group has published 5 studies in the past several months on AIDS prevention and education issues.

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Aspen sent out a national release noting that the city of Aspen and Pitkin County voted 3 to 1 against Amendment 2. The Aspen City Council unanimously passed a resolution reiterating its commitment to non-discrimination toward Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals and protested the referendum's interference in the city's right to home rule.

A spokesman for Denver's Convention and Visitors Bureau also expressed concern about the boycott: "We just hope they will hear our plea that it isn't fair to punish Denver, where people voted 60-40 against the amendment and where the City Council has passed one of the country's strongest bills protecting Gay and Lesbian citizens."

The Gay rights bills in Aspen, Denver and in Boulder will automatically be repealed when Amendment 2 becomes effective January 1, 1993. The measure prohibits any state, county or municipal body in Colorado from adopting civil rights protections based on sexual orientation.

Support for Amendment 2 was centered in Colorado Springs, where the conservative group Colorado for Family Values is headquartered. A boycott would disproportionately affect the tourist centers of Aspen, Denver and Boulder, which are the strongest centers of Gay support.

COURT CHALLENGE

On November 12, a suit was filed challenging the constitutionality of Amendment 2 and seeking an injunction to halt its implementation. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund argue that the measure violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The suit also claims Amendment 2 would infringe on the freedoms of speech, expression and association guaranteed by the Constitution.

Lesbian tennis pro Martina Navratilova, a resident of Aspen, is named as a plaintiff in the suit. Navratilova has vowed to move out of Colorado if the courts sustain Amendment 2.

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In Step's Area Dialogue Men/Men

GWM 29, brown hair, 150 lbs. Looking for a decent guy not into head games or having one night stand. Call 1-900-737-MENN, ext. 4238.

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Meanwhile, Gay groups in the state are reporting an increase in incidents of anti-Gay harassment and violence. In the week following the passage of Amendment 2, Denver's Gay and Lesbian Community Center logged 3,000 calls complaining of such incidents. "We always have hate crimes," staff member Sue Anderson told USA Today, "but we've never seen anything like this."

NEA denies funds to Gay film fests

Washington, DC — Gay groups and arts organizations are outraged with the latest decision by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to deny funds to three Gay/Lesbian Film Festivals.

On November 20, outgoing NEA Chair Anne-Imelda Radice, herself a Lesbian, announced that funding for Gay film fests in New York, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh had been rejected. In a brief statement, she said that the film fests "do not demonstrate artistic excellence and artistic merit worthy of support by this agency."

"This is an outright homophobic attack on these three organizations," said Larry Horne of the Gay and Lesbian Media Coalition of Los Angeles, which produces one of the festivals. "We think all of it is of high artistic quality and we don't understand why the NEA has rejected our grant."

David Mendoza of the National Campaign for Freedom of Expression agreed with Horne and said Radice's decision was politically motivated: "This outrageous act is a direct attack on the Gay and Lesbian community. Vetoing these grants after she has handed in her resignation is a spiteful response to the fact that Gays and Lesbians — except, I presume Radice — voted for Bill Clinton in overwhelming numbers, in part because of the homophobic policies of the NEA under Bush. We are already pursuing legal recourse, as we have in the case of the NEA Four."

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performance artists — Karen Finley, Holly Hughes, Tim Miller and John Fleck — who were previously denied NEA grants because of the sexually explicit nature of some of their work. Hughes, Miller and Fleck are Gay. The National Campaign for Freedom of Expression, along with the American Civil Liberties Union and the Center for Constitutional Rights will argue the case in federal court this winter.

The three festivals were among 53 events selected to receive funding by the National Alliance of Media Arts Centers, which applied to the NEA as an umbrella group on their behalf. The National Alliance requested \$250,000 to re-grant to smaller groups and programs. The three festival grants have been on hold since September when the NEA approved funding to the other 50 projects. The three rejected grants totaled just \$17,500 of that sum.

Citing the June, 1992 federal court decision which struck down the NEA's "standards of decency language," Mary Dorman, co-counsel to the NEA Four, condemned Radice's decision: "The action taken by Anne-Imelda Radice is in direct contravention of Judge Tashima's June ruling in *Finley v. NEA*, which held that decisions regarding public funding of the arts cannot be based upon the content or viewpoint expressed."

"It is not a coincidence that the three grants at issue are to Lesbian and Gay film festivals," said Dorman. "Once again, Radice has used artistic merit as a cover for enforcing the standards of decency language."

"This move is further cause for the Clinton transition team to swiftly select a new NEA chair that will be a strong leader and defender of free artistic expression for all artists, including Gays and Lesbians," added Mendoza.

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New York, NY — By a vote of 90-81, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has once again been denied membership in the National Council of Churches, the nation's largest ecumenical organization.

"It's easier to get into heaven than into the National Council of Churches," said Rev. Nancy Wilson, representing the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC), which were founded in the 1970's to minister to Gays and Lesbians. The MCC has 50,000 members in 264 congregations nationwide.

The MCC has sought membership in the National Council since 1981. The National Council represents 32 Protestant denominations with a total of 45 million members. Opposition to the MCC's membership came primarily from Eastern Orthodox Churches and some African American congregations. They cited alleged Biblical prohibitions against homosexuality.

After the vote, Gays and Lesbians at the convention broke into a spontaneous protest, waving banners and singing the anthem "Singing For Our Lives."

PAUL MONETTE WINS NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

New York, NY — Paul Monette, a Gay man who has written extensively about his homosexuality and his struggle with AIDS, has won the National Book Award for non-fiction for his most recent book, *Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story*. The \$10,000 award was presented at a black tie dinner at the Plaza Hotel November 18.

Monette's previous books are *Afterlife*

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BIWM, 29 years old, 6'3", 190 lbs. I am new to the BI scene. I would like to meet a WM under 26 years old. Must be good-looking and very well hung. All answered with photo. Write Scott D., 12021 West Bluemound Road, #117, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

GBM, Good-looking, slim, 5'11", educated, passionate, sensitive, passive, secure with diverse interests; seeks earth-spirited, creative, growth oriented, adult male for intimate friendship. Madison. Call (608) 251-5424. Evenings please.

Marshfield, WI — Gary, age 34, 190 lbs, 5'6", blue eyes; seeks BI or Gay male 18-45. Please send nude photo, phone. Write: Gary Weber, P.O. Box 932, Marshfield, WI 54449; call (715) 387-6433.

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GWM age 33, 165 lbs., straight acting. Like sports, music, people. No junkies, alcoholics, users. Send photo. Straight acting only. P.O. Box 23958, Suite 312, Milwaukee, WI 53223-0958.

GWM 35, 6'1" black hair, brown eyes. This thoughtful caring guy is seeking new and exciting friendship/ relationships with GWM 30-40 who are also honest, caring, understanding and romantic. I enjoy music, travel, dining out, taking walks, talking, writing letters and simply having a good time with someone special. Physically, a man with a neatly trimmed mustache and a hairy chest is very sexy. A good sense of humor is a must. I'm not into the bar scene. Take a minute and drop me a note. I answer every letter. Photo would be nice. Send response to: P.O. Box 141, Jefferson, WI 53549.

Hey Farmers! Fit, friendly grad student in agriculture would like to meet other Gay men who are into farming or ag research for friendship, relationship or just networking. Boxholder, P.O. Box 300052, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

GWM, Middle Age workaholic. Seeking someone 18-35 to relax with. Enjoy shooting darts, movies. Seek friendship and hot times. Write to: George, 3617 Roosevelt Rd., Kenosha, WI 53142.

Between 21-40? African-American, Puerto Rican, other? Goal oriented? Passionate? Endowed at least 8.5" and thick? Attuned to social justice? I am 40, GWM, 5'10", blk/brn, 225 lbs., seeking intimacy and friendship. Respond to all, will return photos. Mark, P.O. Box 10361, Milwaukee, WI 53210.

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New York, NY —Audre Lorde, the prominent African-American Lesbian writer, teacher and activist, died of cancer at her home in St. Croix, the Virgin Islands on November 17. She was 58 years old.

Lorde wrote many books of poetry, essays, fiction and biography. Among the titles are: *The Black Unicorn*, *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*, *The Cancer Journals*, and *Sister/Outsider*. Her books

and ideas are frequently discussed in Women's Studies courses. Lorde was a role model and mentor to the younger generation of Lesbians of color. She challenged the Lesbian and feminist movements to deal with their racism.

ACLU SUES MARYLAND POLICE

Baltimore, MD — The American Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of Maryland have sued the Maryland State Police for refusing to hire an otherwise qualified Lesbian as a state trooper.

The woman, known only as Jane Doe, applied for the job in May, 1989. She had passed physical agility and psychological tests before the police asked if she were a Lesbian. After acknowledging her sexual

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MASSACHUSETTS OFFICIALS COME OUT AS GAY COUPLE

Boston, MA — Two top officials in the administration of Republican Governor William Weld have come out publicly as a Gay couple. They described their relationship in an article in the *Boston Globe* November 13.

Kevin M. Smith, 38, is the Commissioner of the state's Division of Capital Planning and Operations. His partner, Mitchell L. Adams, 48, is the state's Revenue Commissioner. Both men said they went public to head off any rumors about themselves and to set an example for other Gay professionals.

Gov. Weld has been supportive of Gay rights. He appointed a statewide Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth and has extended bereavement leave and other benefits to state workers.

STAR-STUDDED EVENT BRINGS IN \$4 MILLION TO AIDS PROJECT

Los Angeles, CA — A star-studded entertainment extravaganza in Hollywood November 18 netted \$4 million for the AIDS Project/Los Angeles.

The evening's musical focus was Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's *West Side Story*. Elton John pranced around the stage singing "I Feel Pretty," Barbra Streisand sang "Somewhere," and Patti LaBelle, Natalie Cole and Sheila E. brought down the house with a rousing song and dance to "America."

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AIDS ACTION COUNCIL IN POST-ELECTION REORGANIZATION

Washington, DC — In the wake of the election that swept Bill Clinton into the White House and 118 newcomers into Congress, the AIDS Action Council and AIDS Action Foundation are reorganizing to take advantage of new opportunities.

"The election was a watershed event in the history of this issue," said Daniel T. Bross, Executive Director of the nation's largest AIDS lobby group. "Our job now is to recognize and seize every opening, every chance, major and minor, to advance the fight against AIDS."

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Maraldo says Planned Parenthood will continue its efforts to ensure access to contraception and abortion. But she hopes to champion a broader agenda of health care reform, including better prenatal care, greater use of nurses as health care providers and more emphasis in the fight against AIDS. Maraldo believes this agenda should meet with greater support from President Clinton. "Thank God, the good guys won," she said.

Regarding her church's stand against both birth control and abortion, Maraldo said: "Like most Catholics in America, I support the right to contraception and the right to choose."

DINKINS DECRIES ANTI-GAY SONG

New York, NY — Mayor David Dinkins has lent his voice to the chorus of protests surrounding the new reggae record by Buju Banton that encourages violence against Gays. The song "Boom Bye Bye" includes the lyrics: "Shoot them in the head..."

"When one part of our gorgeous mosaic is subjected to ugly, vicious assaults, all of its parts are," Mayor Dinkins said. "Lyrics so vile do not belong on the public airwaves. Let us never censor artistic expression, but also let us never condone artistic expression which might lead to the death or injury of our brothers and sisters in the Gay and Lesbian community."

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Gay/Lesbian politicians gather at conference

By Keith Hartman

Chapel Hill, N.C. — I'm still not sure what was more surprising about the conference — that this many openly Gay men and Lesbians could win elected office, or that such a diverse lot of people could actually agree on anything at all.

The weekend prior to Thanksgiving, this North Carolina city hosted the eighth annual conference of the politicians. The group, which has a difficult time choosing the best name for itself, used the title 'National Network of Lesbian Gay Officials,' for this years event.

About 75 elected and appointed office holders, plus a collection of new candidates hoping to make a successful run, arrived with their lovers to spend three days charting the course of the Gay rights movement and the uses of Gay power. Their constituencies ranged from West Hollywood — an area so progressive that Gay men and Lesbians once held a majority of the city council seats — to a conservative district in Maine so small that it can be canvassed on a bicycle.

The politicians themselves were an even more diverse lot — from Jack Campbell, candidate for Dade County Board of Commissioners and owner of the Club Body Center chain of Gay health clubs — to 22 year old Brian McConnell, who ran for the city council of Blacksburg straight out of college, and came very close to winning.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND

Wisconsin was represented by Dane County Board Supervisors Tammy Baldwin, Mark Pocan and Richard Wagner. (Baldwin, an out Lesbian, was recently elected to a seat in the Wisconsin Legislature.) John Ness, a trustee with the Village of Shorewood Hills also

attended.

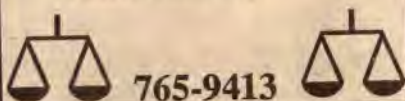
When asked for comments about the conference, Baldwin said it was, "exciting to be there in a year of political change." She also said participants had to "keep a dose of reality there," and that the community had to "organize to create a lot of support for the president elect." Baldwin also said it was great to have such a "tremendous amount of support," from her fellow attendees.

The officials discussed tactics and swapped stories from their own elections. While many had encountered serious smear campaigns from their opposition, most found that being upfront about their sexuality early on tended to defuse the issue. "You can't shock people with what they already know," said Dale McCormick, who had been a highly visible Gay and Lesbian rights campaigner in Maine before her election to the state legislature. Some candidates felt their sexuality could even be an advantage at times. "Hell," said another legislator, "people figure if you'll tell 'em the truth about something like that, then you'll tell them the truth about anything!"

The two keynote speeches were both helpful and sobering. Seattle City Councilperson Sherry Harris, the first Black Lesbian elected to public office in the USA, gave a thought provoking speech on the tactics of the religious right. Her home state of Washington has been targeted by the same groups which attempted to pass an anti-Gay rights law in Oregon, and which succeeded in doing so in Colorado.

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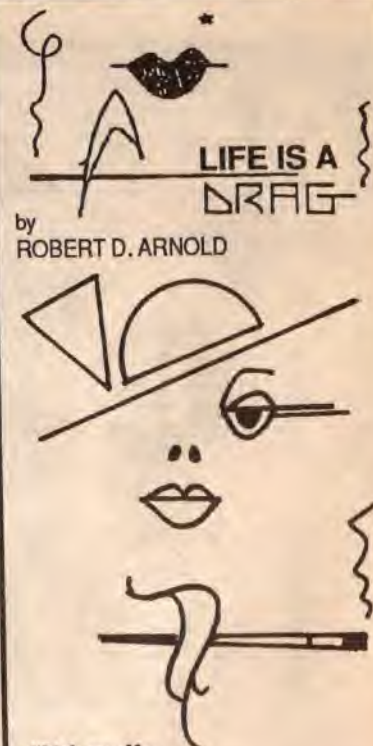
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UW's LGB Issues Committee update

By Kevin McIntyre

U.W. Madison — The Dean of Students Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Issues Committee (LGBIC) is continuing its work begun three years ago. Following presentation of its report to Dean of Students Mary Rouse, the committee began development of an information campaign for the UW-Madison campus. Completion of the campaign plan was one of the three major tasks assigned to the committee when it was established in the summer of 1989. The purpose of the information campaign will be to help create a positive environment for Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals on the UW campus.

The committee has spent the last several months outlining all potential target audiences, narrowing the list to the most important audiences and beginning to determine the most important needs of the audiences.

The most important audience identified by LGBIC is Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students themselves. The committee has surveyed students at two different community events, a 10% Society dance in July and a meeting of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual alumni shortly thereafter. While results were helpful, committee members have noted several challenges, including how to ascertain the needs of people who are unlikely to attend such community events and/or who are reluctant to respond to a survey because they may not be out about their sexuality. The committee will continue to work on these issues with the goal of presenting a draft plan to the Dean of Students staff next year.

Meetings of the committee are open to the public. The committee meets the second Monday of each month, 5pm., at

the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center, 336 West Dayton Street. For information, contact Kevin McIntyre, co-chair, at 263-1193.

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Newsletter for UW G/L/Bi students

Madison — The first campus wide newsletter of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community at the University of Wisconsin- Madison is now available.

We're Everywhere. Produced through the Dean of Students Office, is designed to keep students in touch with what's going on in the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and to provide a central place for information, according to Jan Sheppard, assistant to the dean of students. Sheppard, who is the liaison to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community, coordinates the newsletter.

Articles in the first issue include: profiles on the three new student interns in the Dean of Students Office working on issues of concern to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students; information on courses focusing on Lesbian and Gay issues; updates from Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual student organizations; and an article on 'The Ethics of Outing.' The newsletter also highlights the new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center, located at 336 W. Dayton St.

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Harris analyzed the ways in which the right uses Gay scare tactics to raise money and how they have successfully exploited fear of homosexuals as a way to push other, unrelated issues on their agenda. "The campaign to keep Gays out of our schools is really a campaign to put religious indoctrination back into our schools." She warned the audience that the Gay and Lesbian community cannot afford to become complacent after the Clinton victory.

"We've got to be prepared and we have no time to lose. Our biggest challenge in this next decade, my brothers and sisters, will be to develop a proactive strategy to get out in front of the radical right, the religious extremists, and the hate groups who seek to... deny us our civil rights and liberties."

U.S. Representative Barney Frank also stressed that this was not time for the community to become complacent, particularly as we are being presented with an opportunity to finally overturn the military's ban on homosexuals. "We have to remind people that this is not a fight we picked. This is overwhelmingly a case of people minding their own business and being exposed." He saluted President-elect Clinton for speaking out on the issue, but said that it was time for Gays to demand that some of their silent allies in Congress finally stand up and be counted. Frank says that Clinton's victory

shows that it is possible to take a public stand on Gay rights without sacrificing ones career.

"I never urged anyone to commit political suicide... but the level of risk is clearly much lower than they thought it was, than even we thought it was. ...I think we have a right to point out that the political risk is much less. But we also have a right to point out that this is personal."

The conference will meet again next year, in Chicago.

ARCW & AIDS drug trials group to merge

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) will assume new responsibility for statewide AIDS/HIV clinical drug trials through a unique merger of the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (WCRC) with ARCW, the largest AIDS service organization in Wisconsin and the Midwest.

WCRC created two years ago by physicians throughout Wisconsin who provide medical care to people with AIDS, conducts research on therapeutic drugs by enrolling patients in controlled clinical trials. The merger will be effective January 1, 1993.

"This merger is a natural alliance that strengthens our mission of services and support for people with HIV disease," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's executive director. "These trials contribute to the national AIDS research effort and make vital experimental drug therapies available to people with HIV disease."

In addition to WCRC, ARCW operates the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha, and the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project in Eau Claire. With the WCRC affiliation, it will operate the only statewide HIV/AIDS clinical trial program in the nation.

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"We will assure that the Consortium will continue to be a leader in the country in community-based AIDS research," Nelson added.

WCRC continues to participate in the International Observational Data Base (ODB). This data base is part of an international, longitudinal study sponsored by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). The purpose of the ODB is to collect and analyze demographic and clinical information from people with HIV disease throughout Wisconsin. All information is coded for confidentiality.

According to Lisa Al-Hashimi, MSM, RN, director of the Consortium, "an excellent way for people with HIV disease in Wisconsin to become involved in experimental therapies is to enroll in the ODB through their physician." Physicians receive monthly lists of their patients that meet eligibility criteria for clinical trials and expanded access programs. This enables physicians to easily identify those patients who may be eligible for experimental therapies.

As of October, 1992, 860 patients have been enrolled into the ODB. WCRC ranks third in the number of patients enrolled into the Community-Based Clinical Trials Network (CBCTN) data base. The WCRC strives to expand the ODB study, reaching new urban and rural areas.

The Quilt in River Falls Dec. 10- 12

Blocks of the Names Project AIDS Memorial quilt, stitched by friends, family members or loved ones of people who

have died of AIDS, will be on display at UW- River Falls' Knowles Physical Education and Recreation Center December 10-13.

The local project was developed through a volunteer committee comprised of University staff and community members whose goals are to illustrate the impact AIDS has had and to create a forum for AIDS education, particularly among young people, according to committee leader Laura Bayless.

Bayless, a residence hall director, was involved in planning for a display of a portion of the quilt at Miami University of Ohio in 1989.

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Leather Worlds

by Tony Terry

'Tis the season to be jolly; Holiday celebrations, time with family and friends, and of course, the Gay tradition of shopping 'til you drop.

On top of the standard Holiday diversions, this has become a very busy season for the leather community. Most of the leather clubs in the state have special events planned for the month of December. From club nights to dinners, to ongoing fundraisers and special shows, the community is a buzz this time of year.

A big part of this season is celebration. It's a wonderful time of the year to be with loved ones and reaffirm your connection with them and the larger family.

I personally am very happy to be able to spend two weekends this month working with and enjoying the company of many members of my leather family. Due to distances and busy schedules it's difficult for many of us to get together as frequently as we would like. But the opportunity to share some time (and in this case a couple of stages) with these people gives me a better outlook and even threatens to improve my attitude toward the whole 'Christmas Spirit' thing.

We're far from a traditional family (whatever that actually is, but what we have is stronger than the ties that bind those units together. We have acceptance, understanding, commitment.

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students and their parents late last year. I agreed, and found that not only did I enjoy it, but it energized me as well. As a result I've solicited places to talk and have also represented the Milwaukee AIDS Project. And much like this column, I try and keep things as humorous as possible. Humor gets people's attention and they tend to listen more closely to the message. Tune in next column where I'll deal specifically with humor.

If you have any comments or stories you'd like to relate, send them to me here at In Step.

unconditional love, shared experiences and — perhaps most importantly — a great deal of mutual respect. These people tend to be the reason my phone bills are frequently larger than the budgets of some government agencies, and they are also one of the biggest reasons I enjoy my life.

Many of these people are the life-blood of the leather community. They are activists, entertainers, organizers, producers, writers, designers, artists and spokespeople. They are individuals who have found their place in the great scheme of things and now work to give others the chance to do the same. Many of these people are titleholders, some are not, but all of them are stars; and their presence in my life make the Holidays, and everyday a brighter, happier time.

These people will never replace my natural family in my life, we've come too far and forged too strong of an understanding to drift apart or grow separated again. But having them gives my life a richness and a sense of belonging that it didn't have before, and it is only through being out and active in the larger leather community that I have been fortunate enough to experience, work with and learn from these people.

Highest commendations to the Oberons of Milwaukee for their incredible efforts raising money to purchase toys for children with AIDS. Due to their leadership, and the support and generosity of the community, it promises to be a better Christmas for the youngest victims of this disease. Their drive continues with their next Club Night and beer bust on Saturday, December 12th at the Wreck Room.

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Positively HIV

by Arnie Malmon

A sometimes serious, sometimes irreverent look at living with AIDS

By the way, Did I tell you I have AIDS?

I just returned from a week long visit to Mom and Dad, with a side trip to EPCOT Center at Disney World. This seems like a good time to talk about telling people of your health status. When I was diagnosed I told a small handful of people, primarily people I felt would deal with this information in a positive way. This included my sister, but not my parents or brother. Between April and November '91 I slowly told more people, and last Thanksgiving I told my brother, sister-in-law and nieces. Boy talk about about a conversation stopper.

I still did not tell Mom and Dad. I had decided to just try and out live them. But after a conversation with a friend whose advice I always find very good, I changed my mind. My friend made the point in noting that if something happened to me suddenly that they might feel very badly that they didn't know until it was too late. I thought long and hard about that, and so when I went to Florida last year to visit mom and dad, I told them. They have handled this quite well. My parents are elderly and my concern had been how they would deal with this information. Before I told them I contacted the AIDS line in Daytona Beach and talked to the couple who ran the support groups (they had lost a son). I arranged for them to talk with my parents if my parents wanted to call them. My mom did call and had a good talk with them.

The support I receive from my entire family has been great and I do consider myself fortunate. This has made me an advocate of telling family, but you need to consider different people react differently, and so it is an area in which one has to tread carefully. Although you're usually the best person to gauge your family's reaction, don't hesitate to seek advice

from friends or professionals about dealing with this issue.

This is one of those true situations where you find out who your friends really are. This is not an easy task for healthy people to deal with. Of course it's often not easy for those of us living with 'the plague.'

Much like my family, my friends, both Gay and straight, have proven to me that I chose wisely. Everyone has called to see what they can do if there should be times when I'm having one of those bad days, weeks or months, which do happen to all of us. My friends have visited me in the hospital, they have brought food, they have dragged me out to eat when I didn't want to cook or clean at home. They have even put up with my talking about these things I'm writing about here.

The entire issue of telling people is a judgment call. There are those who don't want to deal with this subject in any way shape or form, and you're best off not wasting your time or energy on them. Instead, keep in mind that you need people who can be supportive, so devote your time to those who will be there for you.

If you are by yourself, there are support groups and counselors available, take advantage of these services. This is not an issue to be dealt with alone.

As I mentioned in the first article, control of the information about your health should be yours. I was most insistent on that point until earlier this year when I decided to go public. My decision was based on several factors. First, at this point in time it doesn't seem to matter who knows, and second, I felt I was articulate enough to possibly make a difference for somebody. I had told so many anecdotes about this disease so often that several friends suggested I write them down. You, dear reader, are the recipient of that advice.

In addition to this column I've also done some public speaking. That began when my doctor asked me to speak to some

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experienced," Bayless said. "When I worked on it at Miami University, I saw many people respond more passionately than they expected. It is an excellent demonstration of the fact that AIDS kills not only one group of people, but spans across all ages, ethnic groups, sexual orientations and genders."

The display will be free and open to the public Dec. 10-12 from 10am to 10pm and Dec. 13 from 10am to 5pm. In opening and closing ceremonies, many community volunteers will read aloud the names represented on Quilt panels on display.

"If you see the Quilt," Bayless commented, "you will have a greater understanding of the breadth and depth of the impact of AIDS."

Donations collected at the Quilt display will be distributed to the Aliveness Project of Minneapolis-St. Paul, and the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (NOWAP), which provide funds and assistance to people living with AIDS or the HIV virus that causes it. The program includes support groups, home-delivered meals, drop-in meal sites, and social and recreational activities.

Committee members working on the Quilt display project, besides Bayless, are: Brent Greene, Vicki Hajewski, Barbara Averill, Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn, Gretchen Link, Lisa Reavill, Carole Ryan, Bob Sievert, Lori Turner and Terry Wilson.

The Knowles Building is accessible from South Main Street. For more information about the Quilt display, or to volunteer, call Laura Bayless at (715) 425-3549 or Gretchen Link at (715) 425-3884.

Yeltsin wants to repeal Gay sex ban

By Rex Wockner

Russian President Boris Yeltsin Oct. 28 proposed an overhaul of his nation's Criminal Code that includes repeal of the ban on anal sex between men, Article 121.1.

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Gay activists are concerned that Yeltsin's plan may run into trouble in Parliament.

"The people who sit in Parliament don't want to raise the issue because they're afraid others will point at them and say they're Gays or Lesbians," said Gay journalist Dima Lychev.

And public opinion is not going to be of much help.

Thirty percent of Russians recently told pollsters Gays should be "destroyed," 30 percent said they should be "isolated," and only a third said they should be left alone. The survey was conducted by the Independent Center for Public Opinion.

Other signs, though, offer some encouragement.

The Los Angeles Times recently noted that Gay newspapers are on sale in Moscow subway stations and underground walkways, that "a floating Gay disco attracts scores of young men and women every weekend," and that Gay activist groups continue to attract new members.

Readers of the Gay press will also recall the July 1991 Gay pride conferences and film festivals staged in then-Leningrad and Moscow by 70 American activists and a handful of Russian Gays and Lesbians. More than 20,000 Soviet homosexuals turned out for those events and a few hundred went so far as to hold demonstrations and kiss-ins outside the Bolshoi Theater and Moscow City Hall.

Estonia, Latvia and the Ukraine have repealed their Gay sodomy laws since the Soviet Union disappeared. Heavily Catholic Lithuania, on the other hand, has stepped up harassment and arrests of homosexuals.

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recommendations can be implemented immediately upon taking office.

• **Announce on December 1st, World AIDS Day, that upon taking office, the immigration ban on people with HIV will be lifted.** Clinton can direct the Justice Department and the Department of Health and Human Services to rescind the ban, bringing the United States in line with international opinion.

• **Announce the appointment of a domestic advisor to the President on HIV issues.** This person would be the President's eyes and ears on AIDS issues throughout the nation and in the federal government.

• **During the transition process, when appointments are made to key positions, make it clear that people with HIV are welcome to work in this administration.** Clinton must provide clear direction to his transition team that the expertise of people with HIV is not limited to HIV related policy. In addition, Clinton must assure that all appointees to health posts share his approach on AIDS.

• **In his first few weeks in office, President Clinton must reverse George**

Bush's pattern of fiscal neglect by proposing to Congress major increases in spending. Clinton must deliver early on his promise to fully fund the Ryan White CARE Act, to increase research spending, and to provide new resources for prevention.

This is all exciting and heady stuff. But we must also remember that Clinton comes into office having promised many constituencies a fairly long wish list — while also promising to contain the budget deficit. This means, as President Clinton gets down to the work of governing, the AIDS community must be prepared to do as much demonstrating, shouting, arm-twisting, cajoling, begging, and exhorting as before to accomplish our agenda.

A new administration is a tremendous opportunity for us all. It may be the breakthrough we've been hoping for. We have a chance to overcome the exhaustion, marginalization, and frustration of the last twelve years. This poses a challenge to our community to keep our eyes — and those of the new administration — on the prize.

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Viewpoints

Eyes on the prize

by Daniel T. Bross

Executive Director, AIDS Action Council

The election of Bill Clinton as President signals the end of an era marked by a bitter irony: the emergence of a new, fatal, epidemic illness striking those deemed expendable by the two administrations in power. This has meant that those of us fighting AIDS have spent all of the AIDS years — a dozen of them — demonstrating, shouting, arm-twisting, cajoling, begging, and exhorting. It's been exhausting and dispiriting. The wins have been few and the losses can't be counted.

So, following Clinton's victory, we all deserve to enjoy the hope and cautious optimism a new administration brings. Clinton's victory is in part due to the support he received from the AIDS and Gay and Lesbian communities. We have a right to expect a new era where our government will be working with us — not against us — to achieve a compassionate and effective response to AIDS. And just as importantly, we have a right to expect that some of our own will actually be on the inside helping to make federal policy.

With this new access to the government comes a new responsibility for the AIDS community: after 12 long years of telling the government what it's doing wrong, we must tell the administration how to do it right — in a fairly detailed way. This requires that the AIDS community position itself differently. AIDS Action is doing just that by reorganizing to assure our policy development and analysis are as strong as our policy critique has been. We will increase our activity, visibility, and, one hopes, our influence on Capitol Hill.

To start that process, AIDS Action, with our colleagues in the coalition National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), has articulated for the President-elect more than a dozen

recommendations on how AIDS policy should be structured and implemented. For the AIDS community, the Clinton Administration's response to the epidemic should be guided by three overarching principles: commitment to a partnership with the AIDS community; commitment to integrating HIV issues into the larger health care programs of the nation; and commitment to providing the fiscal resources needed to fight this epidemic.

Among many steps that Clinton could take to show that a new approach to the epidemic is being initiated, the following would be particularly dramatic and concrete:

- **Before inauguration, appoint a special transition task force** to plan implementation of key HIV policy recommendations upon taking office January 20th. Among this task force's assignments should be identifying which of the National Commission on AIDS



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- Jeff & Zoomie

Group Notes

Resource Center sets '93 goals

Madison — The Board of Directors of the **Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center [MG/LRC]** has approved the following set of goals for the organization for 1993:

- implementation of the community computing center as a resource for our whole community;
- addition of 300 books to the lending library;
- addition of 50 titles to the video library;
- improvement of the design and usefulness of the monthly Calendar and Guide;
- updating and improving **The Directory**;
- increases in attendance at the 18 to 21 year old events;
- increases in the awareness and visibility of MG/LRC's projects and activities;
- raising \$3,500 through individual donations from our community.

MG/LRC is a volunteer based organization. Inquiries and financial contributions may be sent to MG/LRC at P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701. Book donations may be dropped off at The United, 310 E. Wilson St., Madison, WI 53703. Of special interest to MG/LRC are books on women's issues, non-heterosexist books for children, and books on substance abuse and domestic violence in the Gay/Lesbian community.

MG/LRC services and projects include: publication of the monthly **Madison Lesbian/ Gay Calendar and Guide**; annual publication of **The Directory**: a descriptive guide to the organizations serving Madison's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual community; the 1600-volume **Earl Greely Memorial lending library**; the **Rodney Scheel Memorial Video Library**; a social activities group for 18 to 21 year old Gays,

Lesbians, and Bisexuals; the community computing center; and occasional workshops on topics of interest within our community. Volunteers are always welcome!

MAP Food Pantry expands & SHARES

Milwaukee — Due to a dramatic increase in demand over the past year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry has expanded its food storage and distribution facility located at the agency's headquarters, 315 W. Court Street in Milwaukee.

More than 360 individuals and families with HIV disease received perishable and non-perishable food and personal hygiene products from the pantry in October. So far in 1992, the volunteers who staff the pantry have prepared nearly 2,500 disbursements to individuals and families in the metropolitan area.

ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson said that support services for the agency's clients will be expanded in 1993 in order to accommodate rapid increase in numbers of people that receive services from ARCW.

As of October 31, ARCW was providing case management and support services to 713 men, women and children. Nelson anticipates that by year's end, the agency will be serving 750 people and and additional 250 by the end of 1993.

In addition to the pantry's comprehensive food distribution program for people with HIV disease, the expansion will allow for the space necessary to implement the SHARE host site program. The Self Help and Resource Exchange, or SHARE, food distribution program will augment the agency's existing food services.

For more information on the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Food Services Program, contact Tim Baack, support services manager, at (414) 273-1991.

Now I know there are people out there who question the ability of a woman to take on this kind of responsibility and power. But I think Lesbians are eminently qualified: anyone who can gather 10,000 naked women together in one place where there's no running water, no heated showers, no beds, no toilets, no meat (and lord knows, those carnivores have been known to get very cranky without their burgers) and still manage not only to keep things relatively civilized but also to put on spectacular entertainment all afternoon and evening (as Lesbians did for years at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival — well, need I say more?)

Actually, as you may know, a Lesbian poet did run for the presidency this year: write-in candidate Eileen Myles from New York. But it's hard to say what did her in: lack of campaign funds and publicity; the Lesbian thing; or being a poet. In Czechoslovakia and places like that, they might elect poets and playwrights to run their country, but this is the United States: we'll stick to B-movie actors, sports figures, and war heroes, thank you — none of those sensitive, socially conscious types for us! But, it does seem to me that Bill Clinton is a step in the right direction: (1) he opposed the Vietnam War, (2) he has a feminist for a wife and isn't threatened by that, and (3) he has embraced Gay and Lesbian issues in public. So who knows — in another term or two, the country may even be ready for us...

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now, pulling a Clinton: "Well, yes, it's true: I did try Lesbian sex once, but I didn't like it so I didn't orgasm." Chya, right. Or what about Martina? There's Bill Bradley in NJ and that All-Star wrestling guy who's mayor in some town in Minnesota, so there is a jock to politico precedent set already. But, oh: there's that naturalized citizen thing standing in the way of her becoming president. Well, never mind: we've got plenty of time to choose a candidate. Let's worry about more important things — like what would it really mean to have a Lesbian in the White House?

First of all, what the heck would we call her — Madam president? I think not. Ms. President, maybe, but madam — it's a little foofy for the dykes I know. And then there's the issue of the First Lady: 'lady' is a term most Lesbians feel about as comfortable with as they would about dating Jesse Helms. Personally, when I hear the word 'lady,' I think of either a cocker spaniel with a scruffy 'boyfriend' or some babe in a bustle drinking tea — or someone who needs help with her groceries. How about, instead, we have the Main Squeeze or the Primo Partner? The Dominant Dyke? (Too mother superior, I think.) Or, maybe we should just follow precedent: "The President and First Lezzie are at their summer home in Provincetown this week..." You've gotta admit, that whole sentence has a certain ring to it. With a Gay man in that office, it's just possible — though I don't mean to imply that it would necessarily be so, mind you — that the term 'First Lady' wouldn't be a problem. Or maybe 'Queen Mother' would make a comeback in this former U.K. colony of ours. I know, for one, that my preschool pal Hannah would probably be delighted with this, having informed my girlfriend and I that when she went to help one of her moms vote in this year's election they almost voted for Queen Forstine, who hails, you may recall, from that former super power, Candyland.

Anyway, whether we put a Gay man or a Lesbian in the White House, one thing's for sure: "The Cabinet" would have to go. Not the body itself, just the name: it sounds way too much like 'closet.'

And then there's the house itself. It's too big. We — excuse me: I mean the president and First Lezzie — could turn it into a bed and breakfast. Knock out a few walls here and there, put in a volleyball court, a softball diamond on the front lawn, and you've got a bed and breakfast/sports camp combo that's sure to please. And besides being a tourist attraction extraordinaire, it would help slice away at that deficit we heard so much about this past campaign season.

The name would have to change too, of course: White House just wouldn't fly in a Lesbian rainbow-type coalition. And it doesn't sound very bed-and-breakfasty, either. I'd like to suggest Lez Prez Rez or Queen's Rest or Homo Haven — something that would firmly guarantee the place of Lesbians and Gays in this country. But of course the only fair thing is to put it to a national vote.

There is also the question of White House pets. I heard Dave Barry on the radio the other day lamenting the fact that the Clinton's had a cat and projecting that their administration would therefore fail — Barry being a self-confessed dog lover. But if I know Lesbians (and I think I do), it is entirely likely that not only would there be bandana-ed dogs roaming the White House lawn but here would also be cats of all shapes and sizes curling around the legs of the Secret Service women. It wouldn't surprise me, either, if there was a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig or some rabbits and other critters thrown in for good measure — sort of like if Ellie May had run for President. Miss Jane could have been her Press Secretary, Jethro the Quayle stand in — sort of a down-scale version of the Kennedys. But I'm kind of getting off the subject.

Oh sure, with a Lesbian in the top post in the country, there'd be all sorts of policy issues and laws that would change too of course — domestic partnership stuff, the fate of the military, health care: all of those things and more would likely come under intense scrutiny and be subject to sweeping changes. But heck, I've gotta leave something for the new President to tackle: I wouldn't want to take away all of her fun.

'93 S.E. Wisconsin "Lavender Phone Book"

Milwaukee — Haylicek & Associates is preparing to publish the 1993 Southeast Wisconsin Lavender Phone Book. It will be the first of its kind ever published for the Gay & Lesbian community of Milwaukee and surrounding areas.

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Bryce Clark recognized

Milwaukee — Bryce Clark was honored by MATA Channels 14/47 staff with the 'Longevity Award' at the 7th Annual Philo Awards Presentation, November 13th at the Astor Hotel. Presented by staff member Tammy Hill, Clark was recognized for his long service as a producer, actively involved in over 100 programs since 1986. "His dependability as a creative producer and dedication in promoting the Gay & Lesbian community through the public access audience is an

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inspiration to MATA staff and producers alike," said Ms. Hill.

Clark is the co-executive producer of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, of the Cream City Foundation, and presently is involved with the **Queer TV** series. The production group has won numerous local and national awards for programming excellence since 1987, including the first Milwaukee area group to win the prestigious Hometown USA first place award in 1989.

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Dec. 13 benefit holiday dinner

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipfer

Lez Pres?

I have never been accused of not setting my goals high enough, of not dreaming big. And, what's more, little time is wasted in my life celebrating the attainment of that goal or the fulfillment of that dream before I'm on to the next thing — just ask my girlfriend. And pity her: she has to live in the same house with this sort of Puritan work ethic on amphetamines.

Anyway, so here I am, Bill Clinton not even inaugurated yet, and I'm already dreaming ahead to future elections. I don't even know how the heck the guy's gonna do in office, and already I've got an even more spectacular president-elect in mind — not just someone who's not afraid to say the words 'Gay' and 'Lesbian' but someone who's not afraid to be Gay or Lesbian. Hey — it could happen. We elected an African American woman to the Senate in Illinois. And, what should be

even more incredible but doesn't seem to be in this country, we (and I use that term loosely), once upon a time not so very long ago, elected a B-movie actor who thought he was playing the lead in a movie called "The Gipper Goes to Washington." And if Dan Quayle can have political aspirations, why can't we?

So I am psyched. We already have bunches of openly Gay and Lesbian people holding political positions — Barney Frank, Roberta Achtenberg, Gail Shibley, Bill Mixner in Clinton's camp — it's only a matter of time, right? Or, if we go the Ronnie route, what about that Darren Stevens guy, Dick Sargent? Because, after all, isn't the sitcom the B-movie of our generation? Or maybe Whitney Houston — oh, wait a minute: that's right, I forgot: she's not a Lesbian and she's got a husband to prove it. The media thing there could be a real disaster. What if they did, in fact, unearth evidence that 'best friend' thing turned out to be something of a euphemism. Can't you just hear her

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Members of the Oberons pose during their club's leather auction at the Wreck Room. The auction was a benefit for the Oberons Christmas Club for Children with AIDS.



Mary L. Lacombe

In Memoriam

Mary L. Lacombe

1949-1992

Mary L. Lacombe, 43, of Milwaukee, formerly of Green Bay, Wisconsin passed away November 18, 1992 of natural causes.

Mary formerly worked in Chicago's Baton Lounge and was friends with Chili Pepper of Chicago: B.J. Daniels, and the late Ginger Spice of Milwaukee. Mary is survived by two brothers, two sisters and very dear friends Marianne St. James & Linda Drobka and many others.

Memorial services were held on November 23, at Holly Cross Cemetery. Mary will be sadly missed but never forgotten.



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The Holiday event begins with a 5pm cocktail hour at the 1100 Club (1100 S. 1st), then moves on to the 3B's Bar (1753 S. KK Ave.) for a delicious, festive, traditional Christmas dinner.

Entertainment will be provided at both stops, and with dinner included, tickets are only \$10. Tickets can be purchased at 3B's, the 1100 Club, MAP, or from Chris Lubus at (414) 384-3911.

Queer Television

Milwaukee — The **Queer Television** [QTV] December program scratches at the surface of homophobia at UWM; with featured guests Shane Reister and Jennifer Hanrahan of the Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Community at the University. Cablecast dates are: December 3, 6, 10 and 13.

All programs are produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and are cablecast on Milwaukee Warner Cable's public access Channel 14 (MATA), Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30-11pm (barring technical difficulties beyond our control).

Out offers grants

OUT: A Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation is a project of the Funding Exchange. The Funding Exchange is a network of 14 community foundations with four national grantmaking programs in New York City:

- The Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media;
- The Saguaro Fund;
- **OUT: A Fund for Lesbian and Gay Liberation;**
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For more information please contact Funding Exchange at: 666 Broadway, Suite 500, New York, New York 10012, or call (212) 529-5300.

Womyn Only art & craft fair

Milwaukee — Only a few shopping days left until the holidays. Meet friends or make friends while supporting womyn artists in our community and finishing or (just starting) your holiday shopping. Come frolic with Santa's elves at the 'Our Space' holiday gathering.

Photography, wearable art, crystals, jewelry, minstreels, wood carvings, Womyn's literature, tarot readings, massage, medicine bags, tee shirts and odds and ends.

Vendors are still welcome. Call LuAnne at (414) 476-2950 for a reservation. Bake and bring cookies if you like. Coffee and hot cider will be provided.

The fair will be held Sunday, December 13 from 3-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee Inc., 2038 N. Bartlett Ave.

We also hope to see you at our regular Our Space meeting with Jane Kelley MSW on January 10th, 1993.

Womyn's New Year's Eve gala

Milwaukee — Hurricane Productions' '92-93 New Year's Eve Gala will be held at the American Legion Memorial Building, 1756 N Prospect Avenue in Milwaukee.

Dinner and Dance only tickets are \$25. per person (including tax and gratuity); with Dance tickets going for \$10. Doors open at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm. The dance will begin at 9pm.

Dinner choices are as follows: Turkey with dressing and gravy; vegetarian Spinach Lasagne; Broiled Cod loin; and Beef Stroganoff. Dinner includes baked potato, tossed salad, relishes, rolls,

butter, coffee, tea or milk, and dessert.

Tickets may be ordered by sending a check or money order to: Hurricane Productions, PO Box 71268, Milwaukee, WI 53211. Send SASE, or tickets will be held at the door. **Dinner reservations must be made prior to Dec. 10. Seating is limited!** The facility is accessible to the differently abled.

LAMM holiday party

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the B&B Bowl, 8600 W. Greenfield. This event will be in place of the regular monthly meeting.

In addition to holiday festivities, LAMM members will have the opportunity to participate in Bowlarama '92.

At 6:30pm, members are encouraged to meet in B&B's private party room. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner followed by a valuable prize give-away and general holiday cheer. Members are invited to bring side dishes and desserts to complement the provided main course.

Cost to participate in Bowlarama will be \$3 per person for the three games of non-competitive bowling.

Group for older Gay men

Madison — New Ventures of Wisconsin, a Madison area agency on aging, is committed to advocating for improved access to aging services by disenfranchised groups of older adults. The agency recognized that older Gay men wanted to form a group to explore aging, and policy issues that affect the Gay community. This will be parallel to an older Lesbian group which has been meeting for the last year.

'Older' refers to men who are 50 years old and older, although younger men may participate. This project is currently viewed as having four parts:

- Develop a group of older Gay men to brainstorm aging issues and policies that affect their lives; *contd. on page 38*

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by W.W. Wells III

A Gay Resume

Before the age of 25, most Gay men have accomplished little except learning how to effectively communicate feelings of lust with their eyes, how to gingerly place a dollar in a stripper's g-string and how to tell if a guy is a Gay activist merely by the Queer Nation t-shirt he's wearing. During this time, he would put anything on his resume to pad it. If he didn't, the whole thing would have consisted of his name, address, phone number and, as references, the first names of the last two guys who spent the night at his apartment and the stage name of some drag queen who once told him he was cute. This type of resume, while expected by most personnel departments of large retail store chains, would receive the cold shoulder in today's dog eat dog world of big business. So, as a public service to fledgling job hunters, I have compiled the following Don't when putting together your Gay resume...

Don't include photos documenting your status as 3rd Runner-up and Miss Congeniality in the 1986 Miss Gay Ohio Leather Bitch Contest.

Don't list as experience your stint as Treasurer of your favorite Gay bar's Rollerblading Club. Especially after that nasty scandal when you used some of the group's money to help pay for a new hair-do for your dog.

Don't tell them you're listed in the "Who's Who of American Porno Stars."

Don't include as applicable skills your familiarity with the operation of Polaroid camera, especially in the bedroom.

Don't list as special areas of competency that you've seen, "The Wizard of Oz" 104 times and have memorized all of Faye Dunaway's lines in "Mommy Dearest."

Don't include as special skills your mastery with a VCR remote control or how you can expertly Fast Forward to the best parts of any Rex Chandler video by

memory.

Don't list as previous employment experience that you worked for a Gay hairdresser, because that's redundant. Especially don't include this reference if it's the same guy who just gave John Bon Jovi, Dorothy Hamill's haircut.

Don't list as a qualification that you were once auctioned off as a slave for \$14.86 at a **Drummer Magazine** bachelor sale or recently won a wet underpants contest.

Don't list as a goal your life-long desire to be ravished by an entire Cub Scout troop.

Don't say that you have a foot fetish and once hosted a cable access show titled, "Foot Star Search."

Don't include as experience that you once baby sat your ex-lover's cat while he vacationed in France.

Don't list under special skills that you consider yourself to be an artist when it comes to a blow dryer and a can of styling mousse.

Don't tell them you double pierced your own ears, have pierced nipples or pierced anything else.

Don't be surprised that you don't get hired, if you listed W.W. Wells III as a reference!

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- Develop a forum using the issues brainstormed by the group as a basis for discussions. Men from around the region will gather to voice their experiences and concerns regarding their interactions with the aging network and the community. We hope there will be a strong attempt to attract rural older Gay men to this forum;

- Present the information gathered at the forum to a national retreat (organized by the American Society on Aging (ASA) in San Francisco) which is in the early planning stages;

- Design a pilot project that will probably be developed in Southern Wisconsin. It will address the issues determined in the earlier phases of this project and will be sensitive to the needs and preferences of the older Gay and Lesbian population.

New ventures realized that Social

Adventures in Toyland

Leatherworks '92 presents 'Adventures in Toyland,' a Z-Hawk Production, on December 5th, at 9:30pm, at the 1100 Club, 1100 S. First St., Milwaukee.

The emcee for the evening will be Tony Terry, Mr. Wisconsin Leather 1992. Also, appearing in fantasy scenes throughout the show will be Kay Hallanger, International Ms. Leather 1991; Gary Tempco, Mr. Great Lakes Drummer 1992; Pam Meyer, Ms. Midwest Leather 1992 and Tammy Miracle, Ms. Wisconsin Leather 1992. Mr. and Ms. Leather Madison will be attending but not performing.

Custom leatherwear will be on display and for sale, and shown by Miguel DeLaRosa, who unveiled his hot new Gladiator series in the last show. Dunning Street Enterprises will also be back with their show stopping, butt baring leather hot pants. New comer Tethered Femme will be showing studded leather and chains. Rounding out the show will be Tie Me Down with rubber wear and toys, Blue Flesh with leather lifestyle apparel, DK with her creative body jewelry, earrings and ear cuffs. Also, returning will be

Service policies and practices based on heterosexual norms exclude many older Gay men and Lesbians from receiving the services they need to maintain independence, health and well-being. In addition, many older Gay men and Lesbians do not use aging services, no matter how great their need, for fear of homophobia upon disclosing their sexual orientation.

New Ventures staff, among others, began the older women's group and would like to provide assistance to the men's group and help guide this project to completion. We believe this project is a good way to sensitize others to the aging needs of Gay men and Lesbians.

If you are interested in this project, please call or write to: Louise Starr, New Ventures of Wisconsin, 3601 Memorial Dr. Madison, WI 53704; Call (608) 249-7760 or Susan Buzby (608) 251-3886.

David S. Koetz with his popular leather art work (you can see his road hog on display at the 1100 Club).

Everyone is encouraged to bring their shopping lists as there will be something for everyone here. Gift certificates will be available. There is no admission charge.

Blue flesh adult novelties

Oregon, WI — Blue Flesh Novelties, a Gay owned and operated novelty item company offers some unique gift items:

Cox Sox are a pair of over-the-calf tube socks with an eight inch silk-screened image of a penis printed on them. Peeter Feet are a pair of brand name footies with a silk-screen image of a large penis. Peter Pants are 100 percent cotton boxer shorts with an even larger image of a penis silk-screened across the front, peeking out of the fly.

For more information, or to receive a catalogue, write: Blue Flesh Novelties, 958 County Hwy. MM, Oregon, WI 53575.



BJ's [the former Mint 2] wrapped up their remodeling projects with a Grand Opening Weekend full of specials, prizes and food. Congratulations to Bob, Jim, Jeff and John.



Members of the Shoreline and Cream City Squares dance groups participated in the Country benefit for the MAP Food Pantry at JB's bar. The premiere performance of "North Country", a country band, was also featured.

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

Club 3054 [Madison]: Strip Search at Midnight, \$50 cash. For both men & women.

LAMM Holiday Party: Potluck, bowl-A-Rama & holiday cheer. 6:30pm at B&B Bowl, 8600 W. Greenfield. For info call 264-2600.

Sheepshead & Game Night: GAMMA's combines two activities into one for the Holidays. All welcome; 7:30-10pm, Eastside. FMI call 963-9833.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Rod's [Madison]: Back Door's 20th Anniv. Weekend; Bartender Reunion Party & 70's Disco-rama.

New Bar [Madison]: Back Door's 20th Anniv. Weekend; Reunion Party, music from '72-92.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free Anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 5-8pm.

What About Me? [Racine]: Brian's Birthday Party; \$3 beer bust 8-11, buffet, everyone invited.

Beer Town Badgers: Club Night at Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm-1:30am.

Club 219 Plus: Exactly one year after his last 219 appearance, dance music vocalist Tory Beatty returns to perform his new release "Proposition."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

ID/Madison: A 'Beary' Merry Christmas potluck. RSVP, ASAP to (608) 836-8886.

Rod's [Madison]: Back Door's 20th Anniv. Weekend, 'A Night in Oz', Dorothy & Munchkin contest!

New Bar [Madison]: Oz Costume Party! The Yellow Brick Road Ends at the Emerald City (New Bar).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Hotel Washington [Madison]: Grand re-opening party; culminates 20th Back Door Anniv. Celebration.

Lutherans Concerned/Milw.: Guest Pastor Chuck Ruehle of Reformation Lutheran Church.



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The annual H.I.T. tournament over Thanksgiving weekend drew bowlers from across the U.S.A., Canada and Australia to vie for \$10,000 in cash and prizes.



The HIT welcome show was held at Club 219 Plus on the first night of the weekend.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Madtown Underwear Party, 9pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Karaoke night at 10pm, 75 cent taps Old Style.

Partners: Edelweiss Cocktail Cruise, 5:30 to 7:30, \$15; Board at 3rd St. Pier (Old World 3rd & Juneau). Cost includes hors d'oeuvres & a Holiday Caribbean party at bar with live Reggae music.

Club 219 Plus: The Texas Headliners male dancers, 11:30 showtime.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Mistletoe Dash Womyn's Dance: Milw.'s Lake Park Pavilion, 7pm. Fundraiser for LOC Women of Color; \$6 at the door. DJ Sandra Silk, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages.

New Bar [Madison]: Ravz in Toyland, \$4 after midnight; Boyz on parade; Lasers by Dantech.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Jeff & Zoomie host round 6 of 'Shooting Star.'

Station 2: 25 cent tap beers from 2-6.

"Quarantine of the Mind": Toronto performer David MacLean performs his AIDS play (see 'Arts' section for details).

Club 219 Plus: The Return of The Texas

Headliners male dancers, 11:30 showtime.

Ballgame: Sheepshead, 4pm.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

New Bar [Madison]: Talent night with Morgan LeFay.

BJ's: Santa's Coming! Christmas party, 4-7, food, gifts.

Station 2: Christmas Party, 2-6pm Kristi K. & Jeff Stoll sing live; Packer Beer Bust at 7pm.

M&M Club: John Catania.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

'Rodgers And...': Benefit performance for MAP; Rep's Stackner Cabaret, 7:30pm. \$12 tickets and all proceeds including tips & bar go to MAP. Tickets at box office, or call (414) 224-9490.

Rod's [Madison]: Annual Christmas party & Toys For Tots Drive.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Club Christmas party at 6:30pm, with buffet. Holiday show by The Glamour Girls & Boys.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Rod's [Madison]: Back Door's 20th Anniversary Weekend, skin night returns!

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

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

Blue Lite [Sheboygan]: Skin Care Class, beauty tips for men, specials all night, 10pm-midnight.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Sass [Green Bay]: Opening evening of GB's newest G/L Bar, 840 S. Broadway, (414) 437-7277.

Ballgame: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 6-9pm.

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 clothing & accessories,

rubberwear & toys, body jewelry & leather art. Sales; fantasy show; 9:30pm.

Cest La Vie: 18th Anniv. Celebration; 8-10 open bar, dancers, buffet.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Follies Girls present 'Winter Wonderland,' 11pm. Bring 2 food items & receive \$2 off cover. Food & door charge go to SEWAP Food Pantry.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Gloria Holloway & Sage La Rue (who's Queen of the one-liners?)

Unicorns of Madison: Club night at Phase II. Specials & door prizes, 10:30pm, grand prize drawing at 1am. Profits donated to MASN.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

'Signs of the Season' Concert: Wisconsin Cream City Chorus in Concert, 3pm, Milw.'s PAC, Vogel Hall, tickets \$5.

New Bar [Madison]: DiDi's St. Nick Show, 10:30pm, no cover.

Ballgame: 'Claw Machine Winners,' bring in your stuffed animals between 2 & 5pm — Mark & Rod will distribute them to Children's Charities & Hospitals.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Rod's [Madison]: Guest bartender night.

New Bar [Madison]: Hotel Washington Christmas party, 10pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Rollerskating: Join GAMMA at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Cudahy from 6:30-8:30. \$2 includes skates. FMI call 963-9833.

Log Cabin Club [Milw.]: Organizational meeting for Gay/Lesbian Republicans. 4:30pm, upstairs of M&M Club. All interested are welcome. FMI, call Jim at 276-5428.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Full Moon Contest at midnight, cash prizes.

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon Party.

In Step Deadline: Is 7pm tonight for our 4 week long Holiday Issue. Issue will cover from Dec. 17, through Jan. 13, 93.

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friendly bar and staff brought in nice crowds all week long. Congratulations to Todd, Glenn and their crew. (Our photographer was heading up that way over Thanksgiving weekend, so photos will be in the next issue!)

Jimmy King's preliminary pageants for the '93 Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA are underway. Lily White was crowned Miss Gay Wausau at **Madhatters** on the 21st; and Camille Collins was selected Miss Gay Appleton at the **Pivot Club** on the 22nd.

As I wrap this up I'm noticing all the listings for Thanksgiving Eve and Day — should be plenty to do! What makes this holiday so special is that many people come back home to Wisconsin for the weekend, and we get to greet old friends.



The annual Holiday Invitational Tournament [HIT] is the "grand-daddy" of Gay/Lesbian bowling invitationals.

Health

Seller Beware: Firms purchasing life insurance policies

By Stephen M. Byers, Esq.

(Attorney Byers is the managing Attorney of the Legal Assistance Program of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.).

The AIDS crisis has resulted in a number of new business ventures, the latest are being referred to as 'viatical companies.' These are businesses that purchase life insurance policies from terminally ill persons.

The first of these companies began operation in early 1990, and to date, more than 25 such companies have emerged. Most advertise in Gay publications and direct their ads to Gay men with AIDS.

Viatical companies operate by offering to buy the life insurance policies of people with life expectancies anywhere between 3 months and 24 months. The companies pay between 40 percent and 80 percent of the death benefit value of the policy, depending upon the life expectancy of the seller. These companies will shy away from policies where dependent minor children or relatives are, or were, named as beneficiaries. They do so because of the possibility of a contest by the relative.

To many in the AIDS advocacy community, this type of business initially appeared to be nothing more than an attempt to capitalize on the tragedy of the AIDS crisis. Now, however, many realize that this option may be of potential benefit to some clients. While this option may be beneficial to a limited number of individuals, there may be negative consequences for some people with HIV disease.

Most importantly is the impact such transactions will have on an individual who is currently relying on public assistance programs such as Aid For Dependent Families (AFDC), General Assistance (GA), Social Security Income (SSI), or Medicaid (T-19). Similarly, these

same issues must also be considered by persons who may need to rely upon such programs in the future.

Most public assistance programs are 'means-based,' in other words, a person must be indigent in order to qualify for benefits. The income a person would derive from the sale of a life insurance policy would certainly disqualify that person from participation in most, if not all, public assistance programs.

For example, a person in need of on-going medical care who relies upon Medicaid for health care coverage would lose his or her eligibility for Medicaid and would be required to use the life insurance money to pay for the cost of on-going medical care. Similarly, there are certain requirements when one is applying for public benefits, such as SSI regarding the transfer or disposal of certain assets, prior to application for such benefits.

For persons who do not rely, and do not anticipate having to rely upon public assistance programs, there is still the issue of the tax ramifications of the sale of one's life insurance policy.

It should also be noted that, while insurance companies are regulated by state and federal laws, these viatical companies are unregulated in all but three states. Wisconsin does not have laws regulating these companies.

Persons living with HIV disease should consult with their case managers or financial experts in their respective AIDS service organization prior to making a final decision on the sale of their life insurance policy to one of the viatical companies. A thorough and cautious evaluation of this financial strategy is highly recommended.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

The weather outside is getting frightful, so it must be December in Wisconsin! Hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday, and that those of you who participated in the HIT tourney "came in the money"! I'm writing this on Thanksgiving Eve because the holiday messed up our deadline and production schedule. We managed to get some HIT photos from Thanksgiving night and on the morning of Friday, Nov. 27, but any written coverage will have to wait until the next issue. That next issue is our end of the year, holiday 4-week - long issue that will hit the streets by December 17. Please, if you have something to get to us for that issue, get it in as soon as possible. (See page 2, this issue for detailed deadlines. It's our biggest issue of the year, and space is at a premium...

Congratulations to BJ's on their November 13-15 Grand Opening Weekend. The celebration also marked the end of the extensive remodeling Bob, Jim and staff did on the bar. It isn't the same ole place!

On the 14th at the Wreck Room Saloon, the Oberons featured an auction of leather attire, accessories and amusements to benefit the Oberons Christmas Club for Children with AIDS. The auction, and a beer/soda bust held the same night, all benefited the kids.

Partner's hit Chicago with one of their bar crawls on the 15th - and as usual came back without numerous participants. It must have been the free beer on the bus on the way TO Chicago...

Rod's 'Locker Room' party that same evening was such a hit that people are already asking "when's the next one?" Customers and staff dug into their closets and came be-decked in their finest jock-wear. Sounds sweaty...

The Medical College of Wisconsin's Community Health Behavior Program held an open house/ reception the evening of Nov. 19th. The school set up AIDS prevention researcher Director Jeffrey Kelly, PhD. and his staff in deluxe digs.

The office is located in the stately mansion at the corner of Juneau and Prospect Avenues, because MCW felt the clients Kelly & crew would be serving deserved a facility with dignity. The college itself paid to move Kelly's operation into the mansion; none of Kelly's research funds were used. Kelly's staff has received millions in federal grants and had grown to the point it needed more space in the area it most serves.

There were sooo many doctors there, that I mentioned to several Gay friends I bumped into that "this is prime husband shopping grounds." (Well, didn't your mother always want you to marry a doctor?) Kelly gave me this hint - the ones who put the Dr. in front of their names are the ones with the most money. The ones that follow their names with PhD. are mostly underpaid prof's or researchers.

Dr. Kelly has already had 5 studies published in various medical and mental health journals. Two of those studies, "High Risk Sex in Small Cities" and "Trend Setters Positively Influence Safe Sex Behavior" were our lead News articles, last issue. It's nice to know that much of the country's cutting edge research in such areas is being done right here in Milwaukee.

Lots of the bars are doing, or have done, food drives for AIDS food pantries, including Partner's on the 20th, and Station II on the 22nd. 3B's fundraiser on the 21st with live country music by North Country, line dancing by Shoreline, and square dancing by the Cream City Squares, raised \$562 in cash plus groceries! The 3B's would like to thank everyone for a great time.

Jo'Dee's International was steamy the night of the 20th when The Erotic Body Shop dance troupe descended upon Racine.

Appleton's new bar and grill Rascals had its Grand Opening Week from November 22 through the 28th. The cozy,

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Wednesday, Dec. 23; Saturday, Dec., 26; and Sunday, Dec. 27. No performances will be given Dec. 24 and Dec. 25.

'The work portrays the wildly fluctuating friendship and unspoken romance between Shaw and Patrick through their correspondence.

The Ensemble is preparing another charity benefit for its production of **Dear Liar**. The season's first benefit, **The World Is Lit By Lightning**, directed by Joe Haseleu, raised more than \$600 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project through donations and revenues.

Danceworks open house; classes

Milwaukee — Since September 1, the Danceworks studios at 727 N. Milwaukee St. have been the site of a flurry of activity. Through the efforts of many dedicated people, the space is well on its way to becoming a hub for the Milwaukee dance community.

Danceworks is currently offering a wide variety of dance classes taught by resident faculty and guest teachers. Et toi, tu dances? is now in permanent residence at Danceworks and is presently working with Valerie Robin preparing for the First Japan International Ballet and Modern Dance Competition. Audiences will have the opportunity to view their work at an open rehearsal in January before their departure for Japan. Beginning in February and continuing through the end of May, Danceworks will be offering a series of performances featuring a variety of artists from around the country.

On Thursday, December 3, Danceworks will host an Open House Celebration from 5 to 7pm at its downtown studios. All are

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welcome to come and see the renovated studio facilities and to meet the many fine dancers and teachers associated with the organization. This will also be a time for Danceworks to recognize many of the workers and volunteers who have made Danceworks a reality. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call 276-3191.

Lettice & Lovage

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre presents Peter Shaffer's comic sensation **Lettice & Lovage** for 15 performances, December 11th through the 27th, at the Stiemke Theater.

When it first opened in London, this Tony award-winning play was called "one of the sharpest, wittiest, most passionate and elegant plays of the year." Balancing a thoughtful text with comedy bordering on slapstick, the play was created as a vehicle for Maggie Smith and ran successfully in London, on Broadway, and toured across the United States.

Tickets for **Lettice & Lovage** are \$17 for Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday matinee, and Sunday performances. Friday and Saturday evening performances are \$20. Groups of 15 or more receive 15% off the regular price, students receive half off the regular price when purchased on the day of performance, and seniors receive \$2 off each ticket. Tickets are available through the MRT Box Office, 224-9490, 108 E. Wells, St.

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Wisconsin AIDS update

As of September 30, the Wisconsin Division of Health's bi-monthly publication, **Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Update**, reports a total of 1,317 cases of AIDS in the State since the pandemic began in 1982. Also since '82, there have been a total of 810 deaths. Those figures reflect an increase of 287 new cases diagnosed from one year ago, and with 201 deaths over the past year.

State gathered statistics also show a 94% mortality rate for those diagnosed in '86 or earlier. 78% of the total diagnosed lived in Wisconsin at the time of diagnosis, while the other 22% were living elsewhere when diagnosed and then moved here.

94% of cases are males, with homosexual male contact making up 71%. Whites make up 75% of those diagnosed, Blacks make up 17%, and Hispanics make up 6%. Asians, Pacific Islanders and American Indians each make up less than 1%.

44% of cases were in the age range of 30-39, while the two age groups ranging from 20-29 and 40-49 each made up 22%. 11% were diagnosed at the age of 50 or over. All other age ranges were at 1% or less.

MAP's health education service

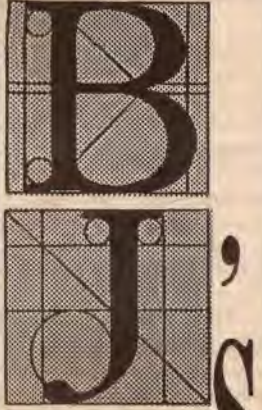
Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project, through its Positive Approaches To Health, or PATH, Program has initiated a new health education and cooperative therapies program for its clients. PATH is an early intervention program for people with HIV disease which assists them in becoming personally responsible for their health and well-being.

The Health Education and Cooperative Therapies Program is structured in a manner which allows participants to access all its services.

An orientation session, offered in an individual or group setting, introduces

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participants to the various services available through the PATH program.

PATH's health education component serves to increase participants' knowledge about health issues and to assist in the development of health-affirming skills and practices. Classes offered provide information which helps persons make decisions about which cooperative therapies and services to pursue; teaches skill-building exercises in areas such as nutrition, stress management and safer sex behaviors; and introduces body movement techniques such as exercise and yoga.

Some of the cooperative therapies offered through PATH include guided imagery, massage therapy and nutritional counseling. Other services include art therapy, yoga, chiropractic care, nutritional counseling, meditation and more. These health-enhancing services, provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project or by other community professionals, are available to participants free of charge or based on ability to pay.

For more information about the program, to receive an information brochure, or to register for an orientation session, please call Nancy Zachow, PATH Coordinator, at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414) 273-1991.

d4T available for critical need

New York, NY — Bristol-Myers Squibb Company has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of a Parallel Track Program protocol for d4T (stavudine), an experimental drug to treat AIDS that is under development by the company. Through the program, AIDS patients who are intolerant to or failing on the only two drugs approved for use as single agents — AZT (zidovudine) and VIDEX (didanosine, ddI) — may be eligible to receive d4T. Patients who qualify can receive d4T at no charge via their physicians.

Physicians interested in enrolling patients in this program should contact Bristol-Myers Squibb at 1-800-842-8036 to request registration kits and application

forms. Completed applications for participation in the d4T Parallel Track program will be promptly reviewed by Bristol-Myers Squibb medical staff. The company is implementing the program voluntarily and will absorb the cost of d4T provided to Parallel Track participants.

Like AZT and VIDEX, d4T belongs to a class of compounds called nucleoside analogues. Nucleosides are similar to the natural building blocks used to define the genetic information contained in DNA and RNA.

d4T is now in Phase II/III clinical trials to determine its safety and efficacy profile. A double-blind, randomized comparison of d4T versus AZT in patients who have had more than six months prior



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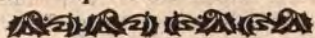
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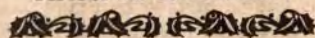


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Arts community supports MAP

Milwaukee — Performing arts groups from the metropolitan Milwaukee area will use the world-wide attention generated by World AIDS Day this December 1, to kick off a food drive to support the Milwaukee AIDS Project's food pantry.

Food barrels will be set up during area performing arts events, including those provided by Theatre X, the Boulevard Ensemble Theatre, the Performing Arts Center and the Skylight Opera Theatre in December. Non-perishable food items placed in the barrels will be made available to the more than 600 clients of MAP through its food pantry.

RED RIBBON PROJECT

The Arts Action Committee is sponsoring the 'Red Ribbon Project.' For a suggested donation of \$1, red ribbons may be purchased at many local box offices such as the PAC or at MAP.

A Milwaukee Repertory Theater benefit performance of 'Rodgers And...' will be held on Dec. 16, at 7:30pm in the Stackner Cabaret in the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Complex.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater will also be displaying their special fundraising quilt. For every \$250 the Rep raises for MAP, a panel is hand-crafted and added.

Double Holiday shows at 'X'

Theatre X will present a delightful holiday double offering of Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory* and Thornton Wilder's *The Long Christmas Dinner* at Theatre X's newly renovated theater at 158 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward. The program will run from December 9-27.

Christmas Memory, adapted from the short story by Truman Capote, is a revival of last year's box-office hit. Brimming with love, humor and country wisdom, it recalls the story of a boy and his eccentric spinster cousin as they capture the joy of the holiday season in the Depression-era South. This American classic was hailed by *The Milwaukee Journal* as 'a tale as quiet and beautiful as the first snowfall.'

The companion piece to *A Christmas Memory* will be a rare production of *The Long Christmas Dinner* by two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Thornton Wilder. Ninety years whip by over the course of a single holiday meal in this dazzling theatrical acceleration of time, tradition and mortality. Beloved for his insight into the profundity and banality of daily life as depicted in *Our Town*, *The Long Christmas Dinner* is a display of Thornton Wilder's heart and imagination in search of the eternal.

Continuing this season will be the delicious, candlelight dinners with menus based on the Truman Capote family recipes. Dinners are served in the Theatre X lobby on Wednesdays and Fridays, one hour prior to the play. Reservations are necessary.

For more information or to order tickets call 278-0555.

"Dear Liar" opens

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble brings George Bernard Shaw to life in December with its presentation of *Dear Liar* by Jerome Kilty. Kilty's play is based on the witty correspondence between the celebrated author Shaw and his celebrated contemporary, the actress Mrs. Patrick Campbell.

The Ensemble will present the production, the second of the 1992-'93 season, Thursdays to Sundays, Dec. 11 to Jan. 3, at The Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$10, and tickets for Thursday and Sunday performances are \$9. Performances begin at 8pm to reserve tickets, call 672-6019.

Holiday exception: The third week of performances, the dates are as follows:

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experience with AZT began in May, 1992, and patient accrual has exceeded expectations.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced initiatives "to provide earlier access to important new drugs, ease unnecessary regulatory burdens and strengthen U.S. competitiveness." The 'Parallel Track' policy, an effort of the National Institutes of Health and FDA, permits people with life threatening illness to access experimental drugs, while the drugs are in clinical trials. d4T is the first drug to be made available through the official Parallel Track mechanism.

BESTD has support group for HIV + s

Milwaukee — Brady East STD Clinic [BESTD] sponsors a support group for Gay Men that have tested HIV positive. Participants discuss a variety of issues including: emotional needs, therapies, clinical trials and designs for healthy living, loving and relationships. Emotional needs and friendships are also an important part of the group as frequently family and friends do not offer the understanding and support necessary for the HIV positive person. There is no charge to attend these meetings nor are there any dues. Confidentiality is assured to all group participants.

This important outreach is another service of BESTD which also offers free HIV counseling and testing by appointment on Monday and Wednesday nights between 6 and 9pm as well as at various bar outreaches every month. A Walk-In STD Clinic is held every Tuesday night from 6 to 9pm and an Alternative Women's Clinic is held the first and third Saturday of each month between 10am and noon.

For more information on the Clinic please call during the above hours. The Clinic is located at 1240 E. Brady Street and the phone number is 272-2144. For more information on the Gay Men's HIV support group, you may call the clinic or George at (414) 933-0210.

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Flicks

"Claire of the Moon" makes reviewer swoon

By Lori L. Cleoman

Claire of the Moon was a wonderfully entertaining, visually captivating movie. The setting is the encapsulated world of a women writer's retreat on the coast of Oregon. We travel there with Claire; a sophisticated satirist who is bored and looking for a diversion. She arrives to discover her cabin mate is Dr. Noel Benedict, a renowned author of books concerning sexual behavior.

Noel is disciplined, controlled and a non-smoker — Claire is undisciplined, promiscuous and smokes French cigarettes. While Noel spends her days working on her new project — Claire spends hers sleeping off the nights carousing. The two bristle with irritation towards the other. Claire makes numerous attempts to annoy the rather uptight shrink while Noel tries to ignore her roommate's antics.

It was truly enjoyable to watch the reluctant friendship develop between the two characters. When Noel 'comes out' at the regular Thursday night rap session sparks really begin to fly.

The cast is rounded out by several other writers attending the conference, notably Tara O'Hara, the popular romance novelist who rates men's penises on a scale of 1 to 10; and Maggie, the outspoken political radical who hosts the retreat.

The dialogue is lively and witty without affectation. The confrontations are more personal than political — which keeps the focus on the humanness of the characters rather than on the political correctness of the encounters.

Excitement is created through the sexual come hither/ go away tension between Claire and Noel. It has moments that are overly romantic and somewhat trite, but not melodramatic. Nothing is



The two main characters, Claire Jabrowski and Dr. Noel Benedict from the film "Claire of the Moon" opening this Friday at Madison's Majestic theatre.

taken to the extreme. The soundtrack is beautiful; lingering in the background enhancing the scene without intrusive distraction.

I loved the film and I drove everyone I know to see it when it appeared in Chicago. I'll load up the car again for a trip to Madison's Majestic Theatre. (My car was towed in Chicago, a wallet was lost; and still I carried the warm fuzzy feeling of the hopeless romantic.)

Neither *Personal Best* (not!); nor *Desert Heart* left me as satisfied as did this film. See it!

"Claire" opens in Madison Dec. 4

Madison will host the Wisconsin opening of *Claire of the Moon* at the Majestic Theatre, Friday, December 4.

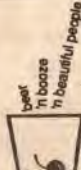
After a successful world premiere in Portland, Oregon; sell-out festival crowds in Austin, Provincetown, and Chicago. *Claire of the Moon*, which had been distributed only by the producers, is now storming box offices with a national distributor. Based on the per screen

According to MacLean, "We're all going through a very strange and confusing time. The show says it's OK to be confused about what is happening. This crisis is part of life now, and people must realize we're all in this together. It's time to embrace our eclectic humanness. In a way, the show is hopeful, because it's celebrating life and the human struggle."

Quarantine of the Mind on tour since 1990 throughout major cities in Canada and the USA, will be presented at 8pm, Saturday, December 12 at Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National Ave. A 'Talk Back' with the artist will be held after the performance. Admission is \$4; \$2 for students. For more information call the Center at 672-2787.

CCC holiday performances

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (WCCC) will entertain at the lighting of the Milwaukee City Christmas Tree on Saturday, December 5th from 5-6pm in Red Arrow Park, directly across from the Performing Arts Center on



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On Sunday, December 6th, WCCC will present its holiday concert offering, "No L — Signs of the Season" at Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center at 3pm, under the direction of Scott Stewart and Kim Hah. The program will highlight the many facets of the holiday season in narration and song.

Tickets are \$5 each, and are available through chorus members, chorus friends, and through the Performing Arts Center

"Serious portrayal...a landmark...which addresses lesbianism with a nearly unprecedented frankness."
— Michael McCambrage, Austin American Statesman



"Nicole Conn has gone for broke with this one... I recommend it."
— Gus Van Sant

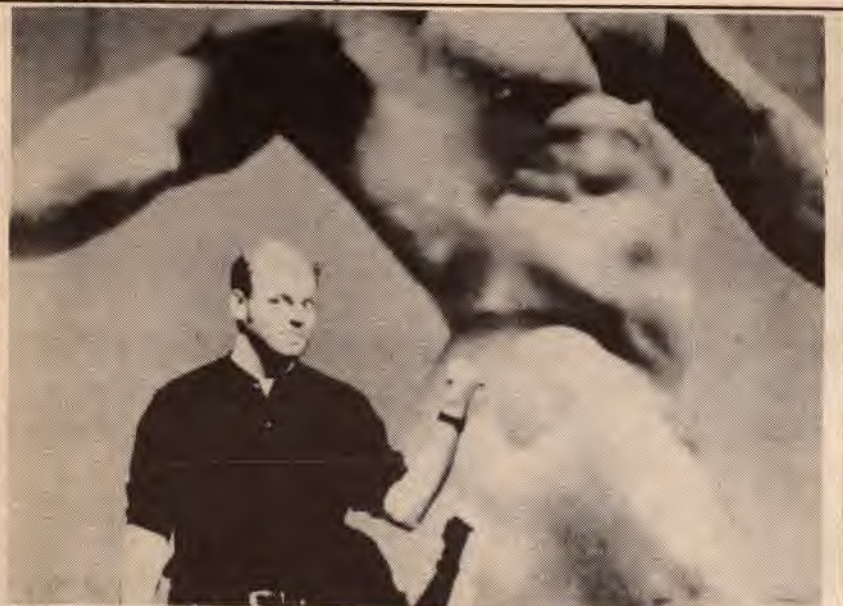
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"Quarantine of the Mind" a solo theatre performance by Toronto's David MacLean appears one night only at Milwaukee's Walker's Point Center of the Arts on Dec 12.

"making films that are not only a risk to make, but a risk to see." To that end, the formation of Demi-Monde's independent corporation ensures continued avenues for future projects of Demi-Monde's as well as other independents.

Milwaukee & other Wisconsin dates had not been set as of In Step's Thanksgiving deadline.

OnemanAIDS play; one night run Dec. 12

Milwaukee — Quarantine of the Mind, a funny, yet touching exploration of Gay sexuality in the AIDS era, which has toured North America to critical acclaim, will be presented ONE NIGHT ONLY, December 12 at Walker's Point Center for

the Arts.

The one man show by Toronto's David MacLean is powerful, and often humorous in the examination of the precarious nature of living in an era when AIDS has changed what being Gay once meant. MacLean's show mixes theater, performance art, slide shows, and stand up in a fast-paced amusing and shocking series of characters who must make everyday decisions in a variety of situations from a visit doctor's office to writing checks for the 'right' charities.

Because AIDS touches everyone, MacLean's tremendously funny material turns a serious subject into something entertaining and accessible to all adults regardless of sex.

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average in Hollywood Reporter's weekly grosses report **Claire of the Moon** has been in the top ten every week it's opened.

Claire of the Moon's success is reflected with an impressive box office and is being critically acclaimed as a "landmark film... which addresses Lesbianism with unprecedented frankness." (Michael MacCambridge-Austin American Statesman).

"**Claire** aspires to not only break popular convention... and strives to resolve the barriers between the heterosexual and Gay experience... it honestly explores sexuality from a woman's point of view." (Kim Graham-Daily Vanguard). This message is the core of the film's crossover success. What has become crystal clear is that **Claire** is a film whose time has come. And in the most basic emotional state, everyone loves a "heart warming, genuine, old fashioned love story." (John Schutz-Provincetown Paper).

In the year, which many are heralding as that of Gay Cinema, **Claire of the Moon** is the only film of its kind. **Claire** is one

woman's journey into her sexual identity. The film focuses on two very different writers who unwittingly share a cabin at an annual writer's retreat. The film stars Trisha Todd as the wild and uninhibited satirist Claire Jabrowski, and Karen Trumbo as the Lesbian author/psychoanalyst Dr. Noel Benedict. Claire and Noel clash from the start, but grow towards understanding and eventually, love.

Like all independents, Executive Producer, Director and Writer Nicole Conn and Producer, Pamela S. Kuri stepped completely outside the Hollywood inner sanctum to make **Claire of the Moon**. What started out as a \$30,000 16mm black and white directorial debut became the 35mm full length feature film produced for a million dollars. Conn's script drew heavy investor interest, and a high caliber crew was secured. Conn's and Kuri's "never say die" attitude in face of their formidable task and utilization of available resources allowed them to create a "small personal film" with a large budget feel.

Nicole Conn's guiding force is

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