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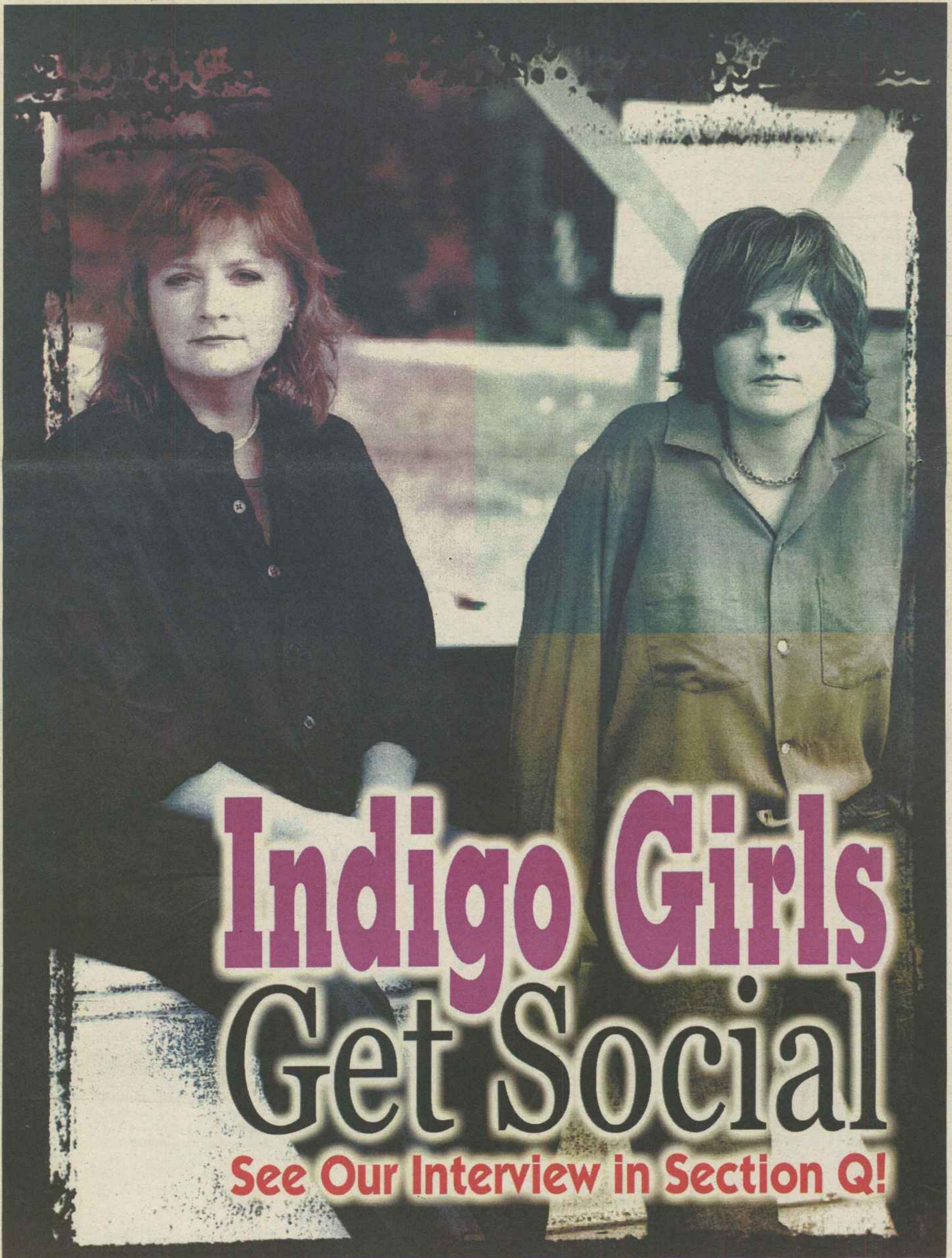
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Amazon, Amazon, Who's Got the Amazon

Minneapolis — It's Amazon versus Amazon in a lawsuit pitting a small Minneapolis feminist bookstore against Internet mega-giant book dealer Amazon.com.

The Amazon Bookstore's suit is charging trademark infringement against Amazon.com and is asking the court to issue a protective order preventing Amazon.com from continuing to use the name.

But Amazon.com now wants to know the sexual orientation of the bookstore's owners, officers and employees. Attorneys for Amazon.com raised the issue of the women's orientation while taking a sworn pretrial deposition from the bookstore officials.

Barbara Wieser, Amazon Bookstore's president and general manager, said, "We were outraged by it. What does our sexual preference have to do with a trademark case? Nothing."

But Bill Curry, a spokesman for Amazon.com, said the question does pertain to the case because the Amazon Bookstore suit is casting the shop as a mainstream outlet, like Amazon.com, when its customer base, he says, is very narrow.

"If you're not in the same business," Curry said, "the likelihood of confusion declines dramatically."

But the bookstore's attorneys, Samuel and Michael Florey, weren't amused and have filed a supplemental motion in the lawsuit asking U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Erickson to prohibit Amazon.com's attorneys from asking such questions.

"Litigants should not be chilled from entering a courtroom to resolve a commercial dispute by the fear of inquiries into their personal lives," the motion says.

Another Savage Attack in Wyoming

Douglas, Wyo. — As jury selection in the trial of one of the men charged in the murder of Matthew Shepard was getting started in Laramie, Wyoming, gay rights advocates around the country have been outraged at another brutal attack that nearly ended in the death of another gay man.

Authorities say that Les Shuler, 44, and Jody Hoving, 32, had sex after the two men met at a local bar in Douglas, Wyoming.

Shuler told police that Hoving had repeatedly questioned him about his sexual behavior at the bar and that when Hoving became too aggressive in propositioning him he had left alone. Later, Shuler says, Hoving showed up at his home and insisted on having sex.

Shuler says after sex, Hoving attacked him with a baseball bat.

Doctors treating Shuler after the attack said he required 36 stitches in his head, that he suffered numerous bruises on his head, arms and upper torso, and that if the bat had hit him a quarter inch further on one side of his head he would probably have died from the blow.

In spite of the violence of the attack, Hoving was charged only with aggravated assault and later released on his own recognizance.

Marquette University Set to Recognize "Gay/Straight Alliance"

by Jamakaya
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — After months of student lobbying, public forums and administrative review, Marquette University has ruled favorably on a proposal to establish a Gay/Straight Alliance at the Catholic institution. The Marquette University Student Government (MUSG) is expected to give final approval to the new organization in the next few weeks.

"The prospects are excellent for approving the group," MUSG President Carrie Beehner told *IN Step*. "We've been supportive of the GSA's application for official status from the beginning."

Indeed, the student Senate's 14-3 vote last April recommending recognition of the group set the process in motion. In

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the six months since then supporters of the GSA have appeared before numerous administrative committees of the university, including alumni, faculty, staff, and trustees to explain their mission and the goals of the group. A lively student forum was held as well in which opinions were overwhelmingly positive.

"It's been a very interesting process having to appear before these committees responding to questions," Beehner said. "We would challenge them to give us every reason they could come up with that would make them hesitant to support the GSA. Then we would do our best to answer each of their concerns. It was really great because not only were we defending our position but in the process we were further defining ourselves and the purpose of the group."

Matt Roman, a leading advocate of the GSA agreed, "The major goal of GSA is to provide education about gays and lesbians here, and a lot of that has gone on in the last few months. The campus just seemed to really warm up to us since we started this effort. I've had so many students come up to me and say 'Thanks' and 'I didn't know some of this stuff.'"

"In a way, the hardest part is over now," Roman said, "all of the technical details, writing the constitution, testifying before committees. I'm looking forward to planning the activities we can sponsor." Those activities are likely to include speakers, gay-themed movies and information booths. Official recognition also enables the GSA to apply for student activity funds.

Gay and lesbian organizations have existed for years on the campuses of most public universities but they have been a controversial issue at Roman Catholic institutions. Some administrators, trustees and influential alumni have argued that official recognition of gay groups is incompatible with Catholic doctrine on homosexuality, which Pope John Paul II has described as an "intrinsic evil."

Because of this, extensive discussion went on within the higher circles of Marquette's administration. On Oct. 18, the university announced that Marquette President Rev. Robert Wild decided that the GSA's application for recognition could move forward. In its statement, the university declared:

"As stated in their constitution, the purpose of the Gay/Straight Alliance is to provide educational programming that seeks to encourage a positive climate of acceptance for all students, regardless of their sexual orientation." That purpose is clearly in accord with the university's statement on human dignity and diversity, which avows that "Marquette recognizes and cherishes the dignity of each individual regardless of age, culture, faith, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, disability or social class." It is also congruent with Catholic teaching, which carefully distinguishes between homosexual orientation and homosexual activity."

While acknowledging Vatican doctrine, which asserts that only sex within a marital relationship of a man and a woman is morally acceptable, Marquette's statement also quoted a pastoral message adopted by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops: "The teaching of the Church makes it clear that the fundamental human rights of homosexual persons must be defended and all of us must strive to eliminate any form of injustice, oppression or violence against them."

Wild's decision came just days after the observance of "Coming Out Week" at Marquette. The week's events, including the screening of a documentary on hate crimes and several public forums and readings, were sponsored by the uni-

versity's Diversity Commission.

Once the Gay/Straight Alliance is formally recognized by the student government, Marquette will join nine other Jesuit universities in the U.S. which have granted recognition to gay or lesbian organizations.

"I guess for public university students and alumni this might not seem like such a big deal," Carrie Beehner commented about the GSA's recognition. "But it's a very significant step forward here at Marquette."

Braddock Leaves St. Camillus Post

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Fr. Stephen Braddock, executive director of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry and Chairman of the St. Camillus Health System has stepped down from his duties citing health reasons.



Fr. Stephen Braddock

For several years, Braddock has been a prominent figure in the Wisconsin AIDS community, taking a leadership role in terms of housing and long-term care issues associated with persons living with HIV.

Braddock was instrumental in establishing a state-of-the-art sensitive care unit at St. Camillus. In addition, he helped create the Raphael House, a group home for persons living with HIV. Braddock has also been cited as being instrumental in helping integrate spirituality with the health care of persons living with AIDS.

According to Fr. Louis Lussier of St. Camillus, Braddock's many duties with St. Camillus had "taken a toll upon his physical well-being and adversely affected his already brittle diabetic condition."

Braddock had been dependent upon an insulin transfusion pump for more than three years and previously suffered from other health problems as well.

"Steve Braddock is one of the most talented and sophisticated leaders I have met in the fight against AIDS," Doug Nelson executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, told *IN Step*. "This is a profound loss to the HIV/AIDS community. Braddock was a pioneer. It was truly his leadership that built finest sensitive care unit in the state. All of us owe him a great deal of thanks for that accomplishment."

Anti-Nudity Bill Draws Fire

by Ed Grover
of the IN Step staff

Mazomanie, WI — Spurred on by religious right groups like Reverend Ralph Ovadal's Wisconsin Christians United (WCU), State Rep. DuWayne Johnsrud (R-Eastman) is trying to force an amendment to close Mazo Beach. Johnsrud has filed Assembly Bill 560, which seeks to criminalize simple non-lewd nudity on public lands across the state. Johnsrud has already scheduled a floor vote on the bill in the Wisconsin Assembly to take place shortly after the committee hearing.

Rep. Johnsrud managed to have his bill assigned to the legislative committee that he chairs — the Committee on Natural Resources, no less. Despite this fact, Johnsrud scheduled a public hearing on the measure for Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Mazomanie Community Building Auditorium. The hearing was open for public comment for seven hours.

Ovadal and his followers were there in force, but so were the Friends of Mazo Beach (FOMB) and other concerned beach users who were outraged that state lawmakers were going to be asked to criminalize the harmless tradition of skinny-dipping and nude sunbathing at remote locations across the state.

Section 1.23.36 of the statutes says that "No person may

intentionally be nude in public on land that is owned, managed, supervised or controlled by the DNR, and that any person who violates sub. (2) shall forfeit not more than \$100." The section defines "in public" as "a place where a person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy." Nude is described as "not wearing a fully opaque covering over the genitals, pubic area or buttocks or not wearing a fully opaque covering over the female breast below the top of the nipple."

On Sept. 8 of this year the Democratic Party of Dane County approved a resolution at their membership meeting which opposes the closing or restriction of access to and interference with peaceful and respectful activities at Mazomanie Beach. The resolution says in part that nudity is neither an environmental issue nor an issue properly of concern to the DNR.

According to a recently received e-mail, FOMB held a strategy session over the past weekend on how to halt this legislative threat to naturism and Mazo Beach. Included in the e-mail were several WCU web sites. One site contained a survey asking for opinions on nudity on state lands. 81.1% said that nudity was not a problem, 13.5% said it was, and 5.4% answered with "who cares?" Other sites contained vile and inflammatory rhetoric about naturists and the gay and lesbian community. The comments were hardly Christian in context. Now everyone will have to wait and see what happens in the Wisconsin Assembly. For more information, please call FOMB (608) 798-1954.

Doyle on Diversity

Wisconsin's Attorney General Has His Eye on Same-Sex Marriage and the Governor's Office

Exclusive IN Step Interview by Mike Fitzpatrick
IN Step Contributing Writer

Brookfield, Wis. — Wisconsin Attorney General Jim Doyle is the state's highest elected and most visible Democrat. His multiple successful reelection bids and his public opposition to a number of gubernatorial initiatives have made him a thorn in Gov. Tommy Thompson's side.

Recently, ongoing speculation about Doyle's chances to succeed him in 2002 led Thompson to suggest that if Doyle is the Democratic candidate, the governor might run for an unprecedented fifth term. Although he later recanted, Thompson's off the cuff comment only served to highlight Doyle's current position as the man who very possibly may lead Wisconsin after the current governor leaves office.

Doyle delivered the keynote address at the "Threats to Diversity" conference sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Southeast Wisconsin on October 9 at the First Unitarian church here. Although his speech clearly was prepared to address the issue of the Religious Right and its impact on the political process, Doyle delivered his message with an enthusiasm that suggested a Democratic gubernatorial candidate in training.

"We are in very strange times in our political lives, especially about the role of religion in state and federal government and in policy making," Doyle declared, supporting his point with allusions to Jesse Ventura, Pat Buchanan and George

W. Bush. "The accepting of Jesus Christ as a personal savior is a criterion for now being a president."

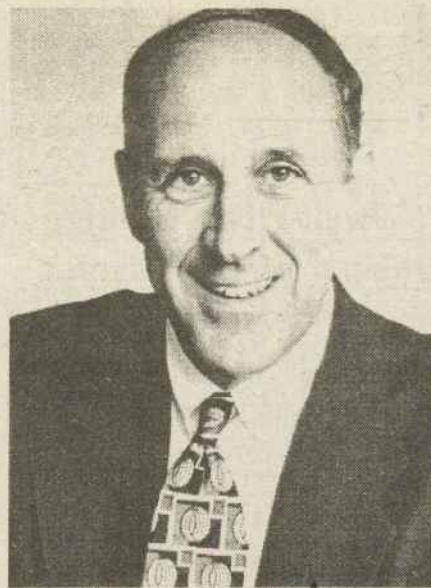
Doyle went on to assert that Buchanan also is tapping into a deep undercurrent of anti-Semitism with assertions such as Congress being a "wholly owned subsidiary of the Israeli lobby." Doyle lambasted GOP presidential front-runner Bush for alleged hypocrisy by comparing his self-described "compassionate conservatism" with his positions on guns, welfare reform and civil rights.

According to Doyle, the Religious Right's use of wedge issues such as abortion and LGBT civil rights has been very successful for most of the 1990's. "Their strategy has been simply put: divide, divide divide," Doyle said. "Rich against poor, straight against gay, white suburbanite against African-American inner city dweller."

Part of the Religious Right's success has been due to mainstream America's inability to see the linkage between politics and the democratic process, according to Doyle. "There's a lot of activism out there but not much belief in the electoral system as a way to achieve goals," Doyle said. In his conclusion, Doyle stated that a key means to support a process of differing views would be to enact meaningful campaign finance reform.

IN Step had the opportunity to interview Doyle briefly following his speech which permitted him to expand on his views on the Religious Right, domestic partnership and his political future

IN Step: Attorney General Doyle, you are currently the most widely recognized and widely admired Democrat in Wisconsin. Are you a candidate for governor in the 2002 election?



Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle

JD: Of course I am. (laughs)

IN Step: Seriously, I am asking on the record for publication.

JD: Okay. Let me say I'm seriously considering a run for the office. It is still more than two years away. A lot can happen between now and then. But today, yes, I'm strongly considering the possibility.

IN Step: As a potential candidate for governor, what do you see as the governor's role in countering the impact of the Religious Right?

JD: Well I think the most important thing a governor can do is set the tone on issues — how issues are discussed. There's a whole set of language the needs to be used. The words we choose will determine whether we appeal to the intellect or the emotions. We can either enlighten or appeal to our darkest fears.

IN Step: I'd like to ask you about domestic partnership rights for same-sex couples.

JD: You know I think that a lot of the push for marriage or domestic partnership rights for same sex couples would go away if we had universally available health

insurance in the United States. A lot of the energy needs to go in getting health insurance benefits for everyone, no matter what their personal relationships might be.

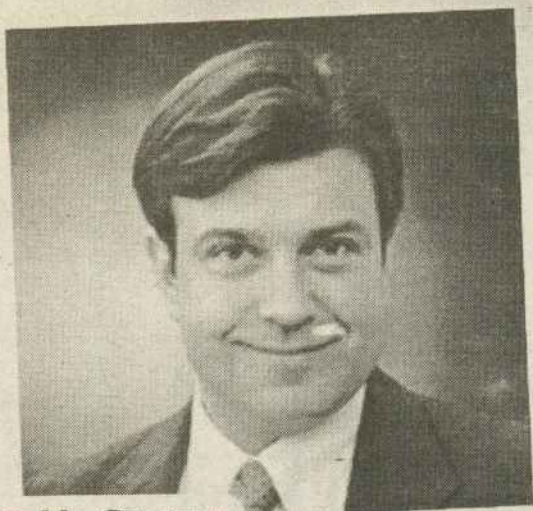
IN Step: Domestic partnership a lot more than just about health insurance benefits. What about property rights, inheritance rights and the like? Isn't domestic partnership about defining government's role in recognizing relationships as decided upon by individual couples rather than saying in effect what kinds of relationships should exist? Is it possible we may be moving toward the European model of leaving the religious aspects of marriage and the like to the churches and having the government only interested in who's paired with who for purposes of things like tax collection, legal responsibilities and such?

JD: We just may be moving that way, really separating the religious and civil aspects of marriage and relationships. What you're talking about is a multi-year process. It might take five, it might take twenty years to accomplish, if ever. The same-sex marriage debate certainly has opened up the discussion on the role government should take in recognizing relationships.

IN Step: There was that recent NBC poll that said that a majority of Americans say same-sex marriages will be recognized by the year 2025. I know — polls and predictions — very tricky territory.

JD: (laughs) Well anything's possible. Some sort of recognition is likely in the future. That I believe. ▼

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Ryan White Foundation to Close

Philadelphia — Jeanne White-Ginder, the founder of the Ryan White Foundation that carries her son's name, says it will be shutting down in October because of a lack of contributions.

The foundation was started after Ryan White died nearly a decade ago after he contracted HIV from tainted blood-clotting products.

White-Ginder said she would join the organization AIDS Action and head up a project there designed to educate younger Americans about the HIV/AIDS epidemic and how to avoid infection.

Federal Hate Crimes Bill Dies as FBI Reports Rise in Anti-Gay Crimes

Washington — Just as Republican congressional leaders were effectively killing a federal hate crimes bill that would have included sexual orientation in its protections, the FBI released its 7th annual report on hate crimes in the U.S., indicating that although such crimes appeared to be declining generally, hate crimes against homosexuals were rising.

House Republicans virtually assured the federal hate crimes bill wouldn't be enacted this year by removing it from an appropriations bill it had been attached to as an amendment. The Senate had already narrowly approved a similar measure, but without a House version the bill now has almost no chance of being acted on this year.

The FBI's "Crime in the United States" report, released shortly before the House action, reported that while violent crimes fell 6 percent in the country for 1998 hate crimes based on sexual orientation rose 4.4 percent during the period.

Such crimes, in fact, were the only major category to show an increase for 1998, the report indicates.

Illinois Gets First Openly Lesbian Judge

Chicago — Nancy Katz, a lesbian rights advocate, has been selected to fill a post as an associate judge for Cook County, becoming the first openly lesbian jurist in the state.

Two openly gay men — Tom Chioia and Sebastian Patti — already serve as judges in state courts in Illinois, but Katz, an attorney, will become the state's first openly lesbian judge to serve.

She was selected to fill one of 15 vacant posts from a field of some 261 applicants being considered. Katz began her judicial duties on Nov. 1.

Apologies All Around

Falwell-White Meeting Dubbed 'Unprecedented'

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Lynchburg, Va. — Jerry Falwell, the evangelist who's probably best known for condemning homosexuals as "deviants," "reprobates" and "perverts," welcomed some 200 gays and lesbians to his Liberty University gymnasium on Oct. 23 for an unprecedented "summit" intended to curb growing hostile rhetoric on both sides.

Falwell told the gathering, including about 200 of his own followers, "This is one of the most unlikely gatherings of our times."

Then the Virginia Baptist preacher did something few expected: He apologized for his past excessive rhetoric about homosexuals. "I hope you'll find me in the future

people — and that few such individuals make a distinction between "homosexuality" and "homosexuals."

But for those attending the meeting with Mel White, a gay minister who spent years working as a ghostwriter for Falwell and other far-right leaders before he came out of the closet and took up the gay-rights banner, the meeting was an unprecedented and unqualified success.

In a joint press conference following the closed-door session with their followers, White said the strident language of many fundamentalist ministers helps incite people to violence. He said that over the years, Falwell and other fundamentalist leaders had made statements that had been deeply hurtful — and potentially harmful — to gays and lesbians.

"This weekend, Jerry Falwell has said, 'I apologize for that. It's gotten out of hand,'" said White, who operates an activist ministry known as Souforce and whose stated mission is to ease the spiritual suffering of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals.

"While Jerry has demonized gays, so too have we and others demonized Jerry Falwell," White added, apologizing for the actions of gay rights advocates whom he said had harassed his friend and one-time boss.

The gathering took place in the Liberty University gym, just across from Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church. On the draped walls hung pictures of dozens of people who have died because of violence, including Matthew Shepard, a gay college student beaten to death in Laramie, Wyo.; Cassie Bernall, one of the students gunned down at Columbine High School; and James Byrd, a black man who died after two white men tied him to the back of a pickup in Jasper, Texas, and dragged his body down the road until he died.

Vitriolic Rhetoric

Several of the gays and lesbians attending the meeting with White later said they had entered with a sense of trepidation, worried that their hosts might begin "preaching to them about the 'sin' of



Jerry Falwell speaks from the pulpit regarding the anti-violence forum held at his Thomas Road Baptist Church on Oct. 24 in Lynchburg, Va. Falwell said if his own child were gay, he would still love him unconditionally and welcome him in his home. Falwell hosted 200 gay leaders at the church for the forum. (AP Photo/Stephanie Klein-Davis)

showing more love for homosexuals than I have in the past," Falwell told the attendees.

Let Them Drink Water

What Falwell would not do, however, is eat with those who had expected to be attending a dinner meeting. Just before the meeting got started, a number of conservative anti-gay ministers insisted to Falwell that the Bible forbids Christians to "break

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bread" with "immoral" people. So instead of a meal, everyone simply got small bottles of water.

And for some, the "let them drink water" incident was symbolic of gathering and the conflict between fundamentalists and gays and lesbians that they say continues in spite of a brief meeting in Virginia.

Falwell, the founder of the now-defunct Moral Majority who just a few months ago, became the object of a national joke when he slammed Tinky Winky from the children's television program "Teletubbies" as a convert "gay symbol," insisted that apologies or not, he still considers homosexuality a sin. "We believe the homosexual lifestyle is wrong," Falwell said. "But we are commanded by Christ to love our neighbors and make very clear to the world from henceforth that we love the sinner even more than we hate the sin. I have agreed that my staff and I will be vigilant in assuring that we do not make statements that can be construed as sanctioning hate or antagonism against homosexuals."

Many anti-violence and gay rights activists still say that the frequent denunciations of homosexuality that come from anti-gay religious leaders, including Falwell, spark anti-gay violence among some

homosexuality." By the end of the meeting, however, most agreed they were happy with the outcome.

Matt Alber, who described himself as having "grown up in the Bible Belt" where he was taught to believe that homosexuality was a sin and spent years trying to deny his own sexual orientation, said, "The most encouraging thing that I've heard from Falwell today was that the violence must stop. I'm feeling at ease."

Dave Randlett, a Lynchburg minister who has worked with Falwell for a number of years, told reporters at the joint press conference that he agreed the summit ses-

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sion was a good idea. "It sounds like a cliché, but there's too much violence. There's too much vitriol on both sides. And it's got to stop."

But if the summit was generating good feeling inside, outside fundamentalist and gay activists were separately protesting the meeting and spewing out a good deal of their own vitriol.

Fred Phelps, the Topeka, Kan., fringe preacher best known for his "God hates fags" protest signs, led a small band of his family-based followers to condemn Falwell for meeting with gays and lesbians at all.

He said Falwell's "hate the sin, love the sinner" was "a damnable heresy" that should not be allowed.

"He's a false prophet," Phelps said of the Virginia pastor. "Falwell used to teach the Bible word for word, now he's going off and meeting with these fags and going against everything he's ever taught."

Nearby, another group, this one from Texas, had also shown up to denounce Falwell's meeting with homosexuals. "I think God in heaven is very grieved by what Jerry Falwell is doing," said W.N. Orwell, pastor of the Heritage Baptist Church in Mount Enterprise, Texas, and the organizer of the Falwell demonstration. "It's sick, really. It's an abomination. We've supported Jerry Falwell over the years ... and he has thrown in the towel."

A third group of protesters was organized by Bob Kunst of a Florida-based gay group known as the Oral Majority. But the gay demonstrators were there mainly to protest against White for meeting with Falwell.

"I don't think we need to crawl to Jerry Falwell, who is a criminal," said Kunst. "It is an obscene act. I'm not here to forgive and forget him any more than I would a Nazi war criminal."

Boy Scouts Ask U.S. Supreme Court to Rule on Anti-Gay Ban

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

Washington — The Boy Scouts of America, claiming a constitutional right to decide who can and can't join its troops, has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to let it keep its ban on homosexuals as Scouts or leaders.

"This case," the youth group's attorneys argued, "involves constitutional rights at the heart of our free society" — including the right of a private organization to follow "its own moral code."

The 6-million-member organization urged the court to free it from state anti-discrimination laws and, in particular, from a New Jersey "public accommodations" law that led the New Jersey state Supreme Court to rule that the Scouts acted illegally in dismissing a homosexual as a deputy scoutmaster.

Conceding that "many people of

good will believe that Boy Scouting's position is misguided," the Scouts contended that issues of morality should not be "made the subject of government compulsion."

The New Jersey case grew out of the 12-year Scouting career of James Dale of Matawan, who rose to the rank of Eagle Scout and went on to become an assistant scoutmaster. He was dismissed in 1990 after he came out while he was a student at Rutgers University.

The New Jersey state Supreme Court earlier this year ruled that the Scouts are not, in fact, a truly private organization because its overall membership policy is to invite all boys to join.

The U.S. Supreme Court had not indicated if it will hear the case yet and it may be several months before it decides whether to review it or not.

ARCW and Rep. Colon Move Against Needle Bill

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — State Rep. Pedro Colon (D-Milwaukee) and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) are taking on right-wing social policy in leading the fight against a Republican bill they say inhibits free needle distribution programs, resulting in greater instances of AIDS cases.

Recently passed by the state Assembly, the Republican initiative would make it a criminal offense to possess a hypodermic needle or syringe with a residue of illegal substances.

The ARCW, an advocate and practitioner of the public health strategy of distributing needles to the public, says the bill, Assembly Bill 223, would result in those using needles — typically intravenous illegal drug users — being scared away from public health outreach efforts. This would drive users further underground into dangerously unsanitary situations conducive to the spread of AIDS, it is believed.

Established in 1985, the ARCW works to confront and alleviate the effects of HIV disease in Wisconsin, providing aggressive HIV education and access to comprehensive services.

An amendment authored by state Reps. Pedro Colon (D-Milwaukee) and Frank Urban (R-Brookfield), a medical doctor, would rid the comprehensive drug paraphernalia bill of the needle language. The Colon/Urban amendment was tabled, voted down for consideration, last week by a largely party-line vote of 53 to 46.

The debate on AB 223 underscores a fight between two polar opposite philosophies in dealing with AIDS and drug addicts — to treat and provide for the greater public health or to criminalize and incarcerate individuals. Public health advocates see the right-wing social policy espoused by the Republican Assembly members as irrational and mean-spirited.

"The same irrational prejudices and insensitivity that were directed at AIDS sufferers in the '80s is being aimed at those ill people using this public health program. If these destructive attitudes are implemented as public policy, there will be actual deadly consequences," said Colon.

Other public health advocates roundly blasted the Republican initiative.

"ARCW is deeply disappointed in the tabling of the

Colon/Urban amendment in support of needle exchange programs. This legislation is a step backward in good public health policy," said Mike Gifford, Deputy Executive Director of the ARCW. "This will seriously harm our life-saving program. We need to prevail on this issue in order to continue to save the lives of hundreds of men, women, and children who are at risk of contracting AIDS every day."

Public health advocates, Colon, and other supporters say they are hopeful AB 223 will be killed in the Senate after public discussion of the issue.

'Harvest of Hope' Dinner Raises \$12,300

Eau Claire, Wis. — One hundred and ten people helped make the Oct. 22 Seventh Annual Harvest of Hope Dinner and Auction benefiting AIDS care, research, advocacy and research in Northern and Western Wisconsin a great success, raising \$12,300 from the dinner, silent auction and corporate support.

"I believe that the record attendance of 110 people is indicative of rural Wisconsin understanding that the epidemic is growing, and that their support is more critical than ever before," said Jamie Sorenson, ARCW regional director.

Highlighting the evening were presentations of the Volunteer of the Year and the Gregg Goetz ARCW Angel Awards. These awards, presented each year at the Harvest of Hope, are nominated by the community and selected by an awards committee.

Harold Goetz of Bloomer received the 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award. Since the death of his son, Gregg, five years ago, Harold has been committed to educating people about HIV and AIDS and telling the story of his family's struggle with losing their son to AIDS. In addition, he has participated in the last five AIDS Walks, raising over \$10,000.

In 1996, ARCW established the Gregg Goetz ARCW Angel Award to commemorate Gregg Goetz and recognize persons who demonstrate model responses in their community to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

The 1999 Gregg Goetz ARCW Angel Award was presented to Judy Edgar and Barbara Nelson, two health care professionals in their respective Pierce and St. Croix counties. They are sisters, who have helped produce World AIDS Day awareness activities, donated confidential office space for client meetings and chaired the Ryan White Title II Care Consortiums.

"We thank these tireless volunteers. Without them, our work would be impossible to do," Sorenson added.



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Beck speaks at UW-Madison

Author survived as a gay Jew in Nazi Berlin

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step staff

Madison — At the age of nine, Gad Beck realized that something had dramatically changed in his country.

In 1933, Hitler's recently elected government introduced a new practice in schools: Every morning, students would assemble to salute the swastika after raising it up the flagpole. But on the first morning of the new drill, Beck's teacher shouted at him, "Step out of line, Beck! We don't mean you! You're a Jew!" As the only Jewish boy in his class, Beck had to stand aside, and he realized that he was now considered an outcast who was not even "worthy of saluting the German flag."

Beck spoke to a crowd of more than a hundred at the Memorial Union of UW-Madison on Oct. 25, outlining the remarkable life story that he tells more completely in his memoir, *An Underground Life*, which was recently translated into English. Not only did Beck somehow survive World War II in Berlin as a "mischling" — a so-called "half-Jew," because his mother was Christian until she converted to Judaism — he was also gay and led an underground resistance movement against the Nazis. Beck is one of only a handful of memoirs published by gay survivors of the Nazi era.

Beck's humiliation in the schoolyard was only the beginning. With Hitler in power, Beck's classes "got browner" (a reference to the brown shirts worn by the Nazis), and within three months, classmates refused to sit next to him, claiming that he stank "like sweaty Jewish feet." After winning a relay race at a school competition in 1934, Beck was denied a place on the victory stand with his teammates, and another student was chosen to take his place. When Beck's mother protested, the school principal advised her to put her son in a French school that was still unprejudiced. He had already done the same with his own children.

Beck's personal and family fortunes declined throughout the '30s as the Nazis expanded their restrictions — and then outright attacks — on Jews and others. And at the same time, Beck began to more fully understand that he was one of those "others" too. As a young man, Beck moved through a series of romances in the '30s and '40s, carrying on a surprisingly open life despite constant danger of arrest.

Of all Beck's stories, one of the most dramatic and sad is that of the short-lived rescue of his boyfriend Manfred Lewin in

1942. The boy and his family had been taken to a deportation camp, from which they would be shipped off to what it was still possible to deny would be their eventual extermination. "I did not want to be separated from Manfred," Beck writes, and he hatched a rescue plan with the help of Lewin's German boss.

Beck put on a borrowed Hitler-Youth uniform and went to the deportation camp. He asked for the director and explained that Lewin still had the keys to several apartments that the Hitler Youth were working on renovating. Beck said he not only needed help finding the keys, he also needed Lewin to show him which key belonged to which apartment. Guards released Lewin into Beck's custody, but when they were outside, Lewin refused to go along with the escape plan. That would mean abandoning his family, and he went back to the camp.

"No smile, no sadness," Beck writes. "In those seconds watching him go, I grew up."

"I never saw Manfred again. And I never really got over the loss."

Throughout the rest of the war, Beck actively worked to undermine the Nazis, and tried to provide help to their intended victims. "I have to fight," Beck said he realized after losing Manfred. "I cannot wait until the Nazis take all my friends." He became a contact in Berlin for a Swiss-based Zionist group, and he led a group that provided Jews with food, housing and escape plans.

Among others, Beck found that he could rely on gay Germans. "They wouldn't denounce me because they were in the same situation," he said. And after amazingly narrow escapes — including nearly being crushed by an allied bomb that failed to explode — Beck stayed safe during the war's last chaotic weeks, thanks to doctors who kept him in the hospital for his injuries.

The openness with which it was possible for Beck to lead a gay life in Nazi Berlin is striking, but perhaps the most remarkable thing about his story is his attitude toward everything that he lost. Speaking in Madison, Beck's voice still cracked when telling the story of Manfred, but he showed no bitterness. Instead, Beck said he is concerned about the re-emergence of ideas like those of the Nazis, and said he tells his story because "I have not stopped the fight."

Beck's book, *An Underground Life: Memoirs of a Gay Jew in Nazi Berlin*, written with Frank Heibert and translated from German by Allison Brown, was published in October by the University of Wisconsin Press. Beck's talk was sponsored by the UW Press, the University of Wisconsin German Dept., the Center for Jewish Studies and the Dean of Students Office.

AIDS Ride Names Wisconsin Recruiter; Announcement on Ride Totals Scheduled

Madison — AIDS Network and Polatta TeamWorks have named Michole Madden as the Wisconsin Rider Recruiter for the Twin Cities>Wisconsin>Chicago AIDS Ride 5 to be held July 10-15, 2000.

Madden was a rider in the 1999 Twin Cities>Wisconsin>Chicago AIDS Ride 4 and has extensive experience in recruitment and public relations. She will be the main contact for Wisconsin riders and work to promote both participation of new riders and retention of past riders. Madden will work out of offices at AIDS Network in Madison and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

Casey Corbin, AIDS Network's director of Public Affairs, expressed his confidence. "Madden's availability to local riders and personal experience as a rider herself make her an invaluable recruiter and we look forward to seeing all of her energy being used to make this the most successful ride ever!"

AIDS Network will also be hosting the AIDS Ride Reunion Party and AIDS Ride 2000 kickoff on Nov. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Great Dane, 123 Dory St. in Madison. AIDS Network and Polatta will announce the total funds raised from the 1999 ride at that event.

Twin Cities>Wisconsin>Chicago AIDS Ride 5 will be held July 10-15, 2000. Anyone who would like to register for the ride or have questions regarding the ride should call Michole Madden at AIDS Network (608) 252-6540 ext.30.

Guilty Verdict in Shepard Murder Trial

'Gay Panic' Defense Fails

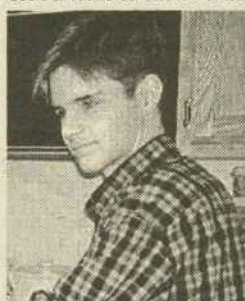
Laramie, Wyo. (AP) — A drug-dealing roofer was found guilty on Nov. 3 of murder in the beating of gay college student Matthew Shepard, a death so brutal that it set off hate-crime legislation campaigns across the nation.

The verdict of two counts of felony murder makes Aaron McKinney eligible for the death penalty.

He was also convicted of second-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping. The jury of seven men and five women returned the verdicts after about 10 hours of deliberation.

The sentencing phase, in which jurors will consider whether to sentence McKinney to death, was set to begin on Nov. 4.

As the jury prepared to announce its verdict, McKinney, 22, stood next to his two attorneys, looking impassive, arms crossed in front of him. When the first verdict was read — guilty of kidnapping — his arms dropped to his sides. His father, William, looked straight ahead with no emotion.



Matthew Shepard

Shepard, 21, a University of Wyoming freshman majoring in political science, met McKinney and Russell Henderson at a Laramie bar on Oct. 6, 1998.

Prosecutors said McKinney and Russell Henderson lured Shepard from the bar and drove him to a remote spot on the prairie, where they tied him to a wooden rail fence, robbed him of \$20 and pistol-whipped him into a coma.

Eighteen hours later, Shepard, bruised and bleeding, was found still lashed to the fence. He died five days later at a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital without regaining consciousness.

Authorities said robbery was the primary motive but that the slightly-built Shepard also was singled out because he was gay.

McKinney and Henderson were charged with kidnapping, robbery and murder. Henderson pleaded guilty in April to kidnapping and murder, and is serving two life sentences.

In closing arguments on Nov. 2, prosecutor Cal Rerucha paused for 60 seconds to let the jury reflect in silence on the beating inflicted on Shepard.

"Think what 60 seconds was to Matthew Shepard," Rerucha said. "It's a short time if you're eating an ice cream cone. It's a long time if you're descending into hell not knowing

what fate will meet you there."

Defense attorneys argued that McKinney, in a drug-induced rage, lost control after Shepard made an unwanted sexual advance.

They were barred from using a "gay panic" strategy, which is based on the theory that a person with latent gay tendencies will have an uncontrollable, violent reaction when propositioned by a gay person.

District Judge Barton Voigt ruled that the strategy was akin to temporary insanity or a diminished-capacity defense — both prohibited under Wyoming law. The ruling essentially let the defense argue the beating was a crime of passion but not present the theory that the passion was caused by a specific mental condition.

In his closing argument, public defender Dion Custis told the jury that McKinney was in an "emotional rage."

"(He) is not a cold-blooded murderer, ladies and gentlemen, he reacted," Custis said. "There was no thought process."

Shepard's death sparked vigils denouncing the murder as a hate crime and renewed efforts for laws protecting homosexuals from such crimes.

In Wyoming's Legislature, however, proposed hate-crime bills failed. Opponents complained that gays and other protected groups would get special treatment and argued that existing laws are enough. President Clinton's push to expand federal hate crime legislation to protect gays also fell short.

Shepard went to high school in Switzerland, spoke three languages and had traveled the world before returning to his native Wyoming to attend the university. He was raised in a close, loving family made comfortable by his father's job in a multinational oil company.

Muslims Issue Death Edict Against Gay Playwright

London — A Muslim cleric in Britain has issued a death warrant against the award-winning American playwright Terrence McNally. Sheik Omar Bakri Muhammad condemned McNally's play *Corpus Christi* for depicting Jesus Christ as a homosexual. Muslims regard Jesus as a messenger of Allah. Sheik Muhammad said that McNally will face arrest and execution if he travels to Muslim countries.

McNally is the author of gay-themed plays like *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*, *Love! Valour! Compassion!* and *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*. His works have faced boycotts and picketing by Christian fundamentalists in the United States. Authorities in New York have warned McNally of the impending threat and he has reportedly taken security measures.



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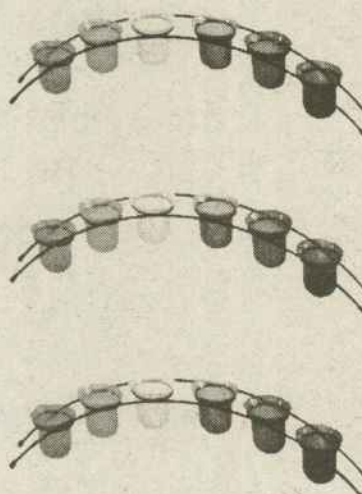
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LGBT Catholic Group Announces Guest Speaker

Milwaukee — Rebuilding Faith, now in its third year, is a group of LGBT Catholics who meet the first Sunday of the month to discuss issues, ideas and concerns related to their faith and language. Rebuilding Faith has announced that David Schimmel will return to speak at their monthly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe, 613 S. 4th St.

The topic of Schimmel's talk and discussion is "Face to Face with Fundamentalism: Standing Firm and Bearing Witness with a Message to Christians of the Sexual Minority." Schimmel is based in Chicago and is the editor of *Passion: Christian Spirituality from a Gay Perspective*, a monthly national newsletter for the LGBT community. The publication is in its sixth year. Schimmel has spent the last 17 years working in adult spiritual formation as a speaker, writer, retreat director and spiritual director.

Basic meetings have a format of an hour-and-a-half consisting of open prayer or meditation and a guest speaker or panel who offer some reflections for discussion. The facilitator leads the group in an open discussion and a final opportunity to share in prayer. Besides their monthly meetings, the group hosts other spiritual and/or social activities. For further information, please call (414) 481-8543.

L2K, LAMM & WCA Present First Annual Women's Art Fair

Milwaukee — Lesbian 2000 (L2K) and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro-Milwaukee (LAMM), in conjunction with Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (WCA), presents the First Annual Women's Art Fair on Dec. 5 from noon to 5 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.

Women artists from Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis and Chicago will display and sell original artwork at affordable prices. Beverages and sweets will also be available. This exciting holiday event is open to the public. A \$2 donation is requested.

LAMM, the largest organization of lesbian and bisexual women in the state, is committed to the empowerment of lesbians by providing a safe environment, cultivating diversity, and creating opportunities, vehicles and resources for lesbians to effect change. WCA is comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered

employees of several Milwaukee companies. Their mission is to promote diversity initiatives in the workplace and in the communities we live in, and to be a resource for LGBT employees and employee groups. For further information call Chris at (414) 873-6623 or Gwen at (414) 540-0335.

Milwaukee Pride Band Holiday Concert

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Pride Band has set rehearsal schedules for the holiday concert season. They are the first and third Mondays of the month at The M&M Club located at 124 N. Water Street (upstairs). The second and fourth Tuesdays at the MCC Church 1239 W. Mineral Avenue. Rehearsals start at 7:30 p.m. and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Milwaukee Pride Band members are also selling "Entertainment 2000" books for \$35. The funds will be used to help Milwaukee Pride Band perform in Montreal's Gay Pride Parade in June. Persons interested in purchasing a book can call Ron Thate at (414) 277-0434.

The purpose of Milwaukee Pride Band is to provide musical venues under a marching/concert band umbrella, for the members of southeastern LGBT community.

For more information on how you can get involved and support Milwaukee Pride Band, please call (414) 933-3743, write Milwaukee Pride Band, PO Box 1840, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1840 or e-mail mlpband@aol.com.

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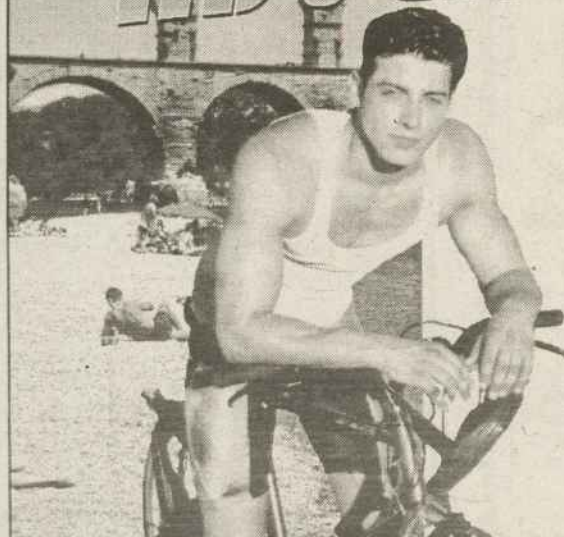
Wauwatosa — 2 Burn, a unique showroom of ventless fireplaces, has recently opened in Regency Commons strip mall, one-half mile north of Mayfair Mall on W. North Ave. The store is the first retail store of its kind in Wisconsin, and is named after its female owners. 2 Burn also features oil lamps, aromatherapy, candles, Wild Berry incense and outdoor Mexican fireplaces.

The store offers a wide variety of ventless fireplaces perfectly suited for the condo or apartment owner. They are completely portable and inexpensive to operate; the homeowner may place these fireplaces in any desired location. The all wood mantles are handcrafted in Mexico. The Mexican outdoor fireplaces, known as chimeneas, are made of thick-walled terra cotta and come in several designs.

2 Burn can also blend the colors of candle oil to match your furniture or interiors. The store carries a complete line of hand-blown crystal oil lamps. The owners will be exhibiting local artwork. They can be reached by calling (414) 412-6176 or by e-mail at toburn_inc@yahoo.com

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VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

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If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

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- Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
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A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

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- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

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- Other NNRTIs

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Other protease inhibitors:

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do not have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

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10.5	to <12	23	to <26.5	6	1½	-
12	to <14	26.5	to <31	7	1¾	-
14	to <16	31	to <35	8	2	-
16	to <18	35	to <39.5	9	2¼	-
18	to <23	39.5	to <50.5	10	2½	2
	≥23		≥50.5	15	3¾	3

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* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

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Barron Murder Victim May Have Been Gay

Barron, Wis. — The investigation of the brutal murder of local resident Michael J. Hatch in the early hours of Oct. 20 took an unusual twist last week as widespread speculation arose about the victim's perceived sexual orientation.

According to reports from the Associated Press and the weekly *Barron News-Shield*, Hatch's family reported him missing after he failed to return home. Sheriff's deputies located his body in a corn field Oct. 21 with the assistance of one of his attackers.

Three individuals have been arrested: Ray C. Walton, 33, Cory L. Kralewski, 21, and Mary C. Reed, 34. Kralewski apparently knew Hatch well, having gone to high school with him.

Barron County Judge James Eaton released Reed on a \$10,000 property bond. Kralewski's bond was set Oct. 25 at \$250,000 cash. Walton is in jail on a probation hold and has not yet been charged.

The trio have told investigators conflicting stories, according to Barron County investigator Al Lenz. It is known that following a night of drinking at three local bars, Hatch and his attackers drove to a remote spot near the Barron-Dunn county line. The three men then left the two vehicles and both Kralewski and Walton hit Hatch with tire irons. According to Reed, Kralewski allegedly struck the fatal blows to the victim's head. Kralewski claims that he began the beating but that Walton then "took over."

Following the murder the trio returned to Barron where they noticed blood on both vehicles and decided to wash them. At the car wash the men also washed the tire irons to remove blood and fingerprints. While there Reed alleged that Kralewski also told her that he had taken \$40 from Hatch.

Beginning Oct. 26, both Action Wisconsin (AW) and the midwest regional office of PFLAG began receiving emails

about the murder and a possible "gay angle" from their members and others in the region.

AW confirmed reports that Hatch was profoundly deaf, wore two visible hearing aids and often used written notes to communicate. According to Reed's statement, throughout the evening Kralewski was playing "head games" with Hatch and that both Walton and Kralewski "were writing a lot of stuff on paper to this kid to read." Investigators confirmed have some of those notes in their possession but declined to release their content at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Investigators also volunteered that Hatch apparently had not been drinking alcoholic beverages, although his attackers drank significantly over a six hour period.

Several sources confirmed robbery as a possible motive. A number of witnesses had reported Hatch had been playing illegal video poker machines and won a "significant sum of money," according to *News-Shield* reporter Bob Groshong.

Multiple sources also confirmed that Hatch followed his attackers from one bar to another. Reed claims that she had talked Kralewski into leaving and going to a second bar but that Hatch followed them there. After further conversation, however, all four decided to go to a third tavern.

Despite a number of reports from both a number of sources, Hatch's real or perceived sexual orientation remains unknown.

According to Groshong, speculation about Hatch's orientation amongst Barron's non-gay residents was more idle gossip. "A number of the women who I work with came up to me and asked if I had heard that he (Hatch) might have been gay," he said. The speculation also did not begin until a week after the murder Groshong noted.

Barron also has been in the news on another LGBT-related matter. The Wisconsin ACLU recently announced a settlement of a lawsuit with the Barron School District over its removal of several Gay-themed books from the school library.

Based on the currently available information, Action Wisconsin cautiously has concluded that presently Michael Hatch's real or perceived sexual orientation appears to be coincidental rather than motivational to his murder. "Bad things

happen to all kinds of people, whether they're Gay or otherwise," AW state president F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick said.

However, Mary Reed's reports of 'head games' and the unknown content of the recovered notes combined give Fitzpatrick pause. "Two key questions remain unanswered at this time, he said. "First, why would the investigators even ask the Hatch family if their son was Gay unless they have evidence that warrants such a suspicion? Second, is there any gay-related content in those notes?"

Anti-Domestic Partnership Bills Advance

Madison — The Family Law Committee of the Wisconsin Assembly voted October 28 to send anti-domestic partnership bills AB 499 and AB 500 to the floor for a vote.

The two bills, introduced by Rep. Steven Nass (R-Whitewater) respectively would, if passed, allow municipal governments to refuse to bargain collectively on domestic benefits with union locals, and prohibit the state from offering domestic partnership benefits for state employees.

The committee voted were 5-4 along party lines. Republicans voted unanimously for recommendation to the Assembly and Democrats unanimously against. According to Dan Ross of Action Wisconsin who attended the committee meeting, the votes were taken with little comment.

"There was very little discussion," Ross said. "Representatives Staskunas and Berceau explained why they were voting against both bills. No one spoke in favor of either bill."

Rep. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine) moved and Rep. Mark Pettis (R-Hartel) seconded the motions to vote to recom-

mend to bills.

Floor votes on the bill may come as soon as November 4 or may be delayed until next week, according to legislative aides in Rep. Mark Pocan's (D-Madison) office.

Bigendered Wisconsin Woman on 'Sally'

Green Bay — Stephanie Calewatts, a self-described bigendered woman, will appear on the nationally syndicated *Sally Jesse Raphael* talk show Nov. 5. The program's topic is listed as "I Was Born Both A Man And A Woman."

Bigenderism, also known as intersexed or hermaphroditism is a rare condition which occurs when an individual possesses both male and female reproductive organs. The condition is believed to occur in less than 1 in 10,000 births.

The emergence of the transgendered movement also has brought bigenderism to public awareness recently. Last week the Supreme Court of the South American country of Colombia agreed to review the case of an intersexed individual. The case requests that the court declare that surgery to "normalize" infants born with dual or indeterminate sexual organs is a violation of their human right of self-determination.

Calewatts taped the show in New York late last summer. The Sally show staff then decided to schedule the program's airing during the November Nielson "sweeps" ratings. Because the show is syndicated, air times will vary from city to city.

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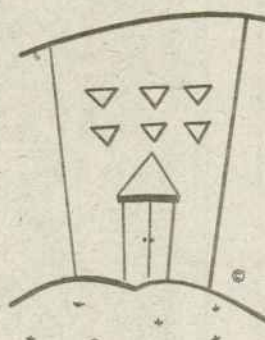


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Seeing is Believing

by Chris Ott



places where alcohol was served, so they served juice instead of liquor.

Juice! How wholesome. The forces of righteousness, however, were not deterred. Their leader was a woman who inveighed against this kind of immorality, but I couldn't help but suspect that her real reason was something more simple: compared to the strippers, she looked like a tuber.

Social conservatives tend to be against any kind of sex without their prior approval, but something that gets them just as agitated is the sight of sex, or even just the uncovered human body. These are the kind of people who buy those custom-edited versions of *Titanic* on videotape, because while it's OK to let the kids watch about a thousand people drown, God forbid they see Kate Winslet's bare breasts. And, of course, they're not too keen on representations of the "homosexual lifestyle" either. Just think of the controversy a couple of years ago over *Ellen*, who never even threatened to lift her sweater.

All this is tied up in one crazy little bundle, and it's worth taking a closer look. What is really going on in the minds of people who claim to abhor homosexuality but who don't seem to be too comfortable with heterosexuality either? Or even bodies generally?

The other night at the video store, I picked out a smutty movie which my boyfriend and I hadn't seen yet: *Shakespeare in Love*. Gwyneth Paltrow's bare bosom offends the eye of the Creator for several whole minutes, and children everywhere are endangered by the spectacle of Joseph Fiennes, stripped to the waist. Worse still, Paltrow and Fiennes are actually depicted in the carnal act.

Those scenes were interesting to watch, and they made me realize something. Until the last 30 or 40 years — and especially in the last 20, thanks to cable, video, and now the Net — the only way to find out how other people had sex was either to have really candid friends, or to

see it firsthand as a participant or voyeur. Some did this with gusto, but most couldn't or didn't, and there still must be millions and millions of people who have never seen anybody else have sex. Historically speaking, even photos of people in the nude are still relatively new and taboo. Before all of this — and even now, for some — ignorance was a kind of bliss.

Things are changing in a big way.

I can't help but wonder if one of the main reasons that conservatives tend to oppose depicting something as ordinary as the human body and something as common as sex is because they dread the comparisons. Things were bad enough

over prudery.

Opposition to sex in the movies and on TV is rooted in people's fears of how they stack up, plus their fears of what might appeal to them. But slowly but surely, these objections are falling by the wayside as people learn more. We're starting to depict sex like the normal, natural part of life that it is, and seeing is believing.

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when your husband could compare you to a model, or some vixen prancing around while he sips his juice. Now your technique in bed is open to criticism too, and not just because of pornography. A movie as ordinary as *Shakespeare in Love* raises the bar by showing us all images of what good sex might be like.

There can, of course, be a downside to this. Suggestive ads, pornography, and Oscar-winning films can create totally unrealistic expectations about what we should look like, and about the kind and quantity of sex we should be having. It's not fair to forget about all the other things that make a person — and a relationship — when you're comparing yourself or your lover to Joseph Fiennes.

But there's something good about this too. We shouldn't all be exhibitionists and Peeping Toms, but neither should we try to pretend that ignorance is a virtue. Thanks in part to movies and TV programs that show sex for what it is, we're becoming more and more candid about sex and sexual orientation. There's still a long way to go, but even depictions of gay lovin' are moving out of porn and into more ordinary settings. This is not the result of some nefarious "liberal agenda" to control the media — it's what happens when people's natural curiosity wins out

Hard-on Police

To the Editor—

In its latest assault on Wisconsin's nude beach at Mazomanie, Vic Eliason's hate broadcasting empire, WVCY, presented an update on efforts by right-wing "Christians" to get nudity outlawed in our state.

On a recent program, Marv Munyon of the Madison-based Family Research Institute proposed what he thought was a simply way to meet the demands of his religious right-wingers.

Currently, the state's lewd and lascivious behavior law makes a criminal of anyone who "Publically and indecently exposes genitals or pubic area." Munyon has asked legislators (Republicans, without a doubt) to strike "and indecently" and thereby make any public exposure of genitals illegal.

Only trouble for poor Marvin is that in the Wisconsin Statutes, "genitals" does not seem to include a woman's breasts, since in several places breasts have been treated as distinct from genitals. Accordingly, Munyon's proposal would do nothing to prevent a woman from exposing her breasts. That seems fair enough, since men are allowed to expose that area of their bodies.

The result of WVCY's efforts could be that the oft-demonstrated sexual and legal expertise of Alberta Darling is called upon to cobble together some new law on nudity. Now, in a couple of places in the Wisconsin Statutes, "nudity" is defined to include "any male human being with covered genitals in a discernibly turgid state."

So, if the "Christian" right has its way, we could find that women visiting Mazomanie are allowed to go topless, while men who might be excited by those topless women will have to wear chastity belts to keep things legally in place.

Al Geiersbach



Mazo Beach is Not a Gay Issue ... or Is It?



by Scott Evertz

The controversy surrounding the nude beach at Mazomanie is starting to resemble a lot of issues to which the gay and lesbian community attaches itself. When we want the support of the general population to help our various causes, we articulate that those issues are not "gay" issues. When our position is attacked, however, we articulate that those doing the attacking are anti-gay. I'm sorry, but you can't have it both ways.

For years, this is how the case for funding HIV/AIDS education, prevention and research has been made. In the early years of the pandemic, we were constantly saying "AIDS is not a gay disease; it affects everyone" to win widespread political and financial support. As soon, however, as someone threatened to cut off that support, they were accused of being homophobic, because AIDS disproportionately affected gay men. It always struck me that it is very illogical to argue both points. We should never put our-

selves in the position of having to hide the truth in order to get what we want and need. The American people, our government and not-for-profit agencies should fully support HIV/AIDS education, prevention and research in spite of the fact that HIV disease continues to disproportionately affect gay men, people of color and IV-drug users.

Now, on a much less serious issue, members of the gay/lesbian community are using the same tactic to attempt to prevent the state Assembly from implementing a ban on nude sunbathing on state lands. Gay men — and I assume some lesbians, although I know of none — are feverishly expending political capital to fight the proposed ban. In defense of the nude beach, they have argued that the majority of those using the beach are heterosexual men and women, many of whom are with their families. See, they say, keeping the beach open is not a gay issue. However, they quickly attack those who are in support of the ban as "anti-gay." Well now, wait a second. Is it or is it not a "gay" issue. "Sure it is," they reply, "Ralph Ovadal is involved in the proposed ban and we all know how anti-gay he is." OK, then, it IS a gay issue. "No it isn't, they claim."

If you're frustrated reading this column, imagine how frustrating it is to argue this issue with nude-beach proponents. You can't do so logically. There is,

however, a logical explanation for this whole issue. Here goes: Nude sunbathing, in and of itself, is not a gay issue and those who would like to continue to do so are correct in arguing this point. Public sex, however, IS a gay issue and I would

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maintain it is the issue about which those many claim are anti-gay are concerned. If indeed, you simply go to the nude beach to sunbathe — be you straight or gay — you are participating in an activity which can be characterized as neither "straight" nor "gay."

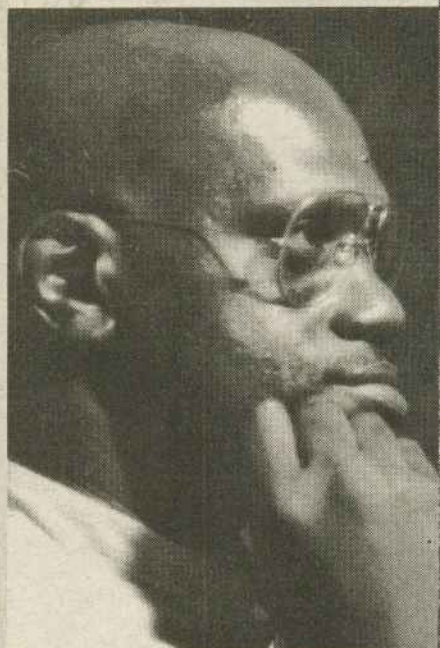
If, however, you go to the nude beach and wander through the bushes or out onto a sandbar to have public sex with one or two (or more) anonymous partners, then you are participating in an activity disproportionately engaged in by gay men (and not lesbians, I might add). And don't even try to use the "some people issued

citations for public sex are straight" argument. You know as well as I that such situations are anomalies. You know that on any given Saturday or Sunday you can see plenty of gay men cavorting in the woods while you hardly ever see straight couples doing similarly.

So, is the nude beach a gay issue? It sure is if the reason you're concerned about the possibility of a ban on nude sunbathing being enacted is that you want to be able to continue to go to Mazo to have sex in the great outdoors. You know, however, that you can't appear before a legislative committee and argue that you want your right to engage in public sex on state-owned land preserved, so you say it isn't a gay issue and that you and your straight allies are united in your cause to preserve nude sunbathing.

I don't particularly like Ralph Ovadal and his tactics (and Ralph, please stop distributing those flyers in my neighborhood — it's not my fault Mark Pocan is my state representative), but on this one he's right. We have no particular right to sunbathe in the nude on state-owned land and we certainly have no right to have sex in public. If I thought he were this smart, I'd even say he and his cronies got involved in the whole issue to make us look stupid sex obsessed and waste valuable political capital.

Indeed, nude sunbathing ISN'T a gay issue, but the behavior of many gay men who choose to do it have made it one. Ralph Ovadal and the state Assembly didn't! ▼



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IN STEP CAPITOL VIEW

Two Pro-Domestic Partnership Bills Introduced

by Wisconsin State Rep. Mark Pocan

Once again Wisconsin makes history. As reported in the last issue of *IN Step*, Sen. Fred Risser (D-Madison), Rep. Frank Boyle (D-Superior) and I introduced two very important bills relating to members of the LGBT community and beyond.

The first bill, the Domestic Partnership Registry, provides requirements for forming a legal relationship of domestic partnership. It stipulates that a domestic partnership may be formed by two individuals who are at least 18 years old and who are not married or in another domestic partnership, they are not related by blood, and consider themselves to be members of each other's immediate family.

The bill makes domestic partnership's requirements very similar to current marriage statutes. Further, all benefits recognized by the state for spouses in marriage would be afforded to domestic partnerships, including adoption, inheritance, tax filing benefits, insurance benefits, property rights and more, as well as all responsibilities associated with marriage.

The second bill opens the State of Wisconsin's Insurance Pool to domestic partnerships. Currently, domestic partners are not offered the same health insurance benefits as are married couples. This bill would allow any governmental entity which utilizes the pool to offer health insurance coverage to their employee's domestic partners.

Benefits comprise approximately 40 percent of a worker's compensation. By not providing these benefits, Wisconsin is not living up to a tradition of equal pay for equal work.

This legislation will pass. It will take time, but because it is about fairness and equality I believe the day will come in the not too distant future when gays and lesbians will be treated equally under the law.

I urge each of you to contact your legislator and urge them to sign on to both of these bills. If you are unsure of who your legislators are you can call the Legislative Hotline at (800) 362-9472 and they will let you know who your legislators are.

The introduction of these bills gives all of us the opportunity to inform and educate

our friends, family and employers about the struggles of the LGBT community.

Nass(ty) Bills:

Rep. Nass (R-Whitewater) has introduced two anti-equity bills dealing with domestic partners. Here is a quick look at the two proposals:

AB 499 creates a new permissive subject of collective bargaining under the Municipal Employment Relations Act. Under this bill a municipal employer is not required to bargain over the provision of employee benefits to any adult who resides with a municipal employee and who is not related to that employee by blood, marriage or adoption.

AB 500 prohibits the state from providing any health and long-term care insurance coverage to an adult who resides with a state employee and who is not related to the state employee or the state employee's spouse by blood, marriage or adoption and also makes this a prohibited subject of bargaining under the State Employee Labor Relations Act.

These bills are clearly anti-union, anti-health care and anti-equality.

This legislation promotes division in an environment in which too much division already exists. These bills are being used as a means in which politicians can gain support from those that do not wish to accept or at the very least attempt to understand others who are not like them.

These two bills are scheduled to be voted on in the Family Law Committee and will most likely come before the full assembly within the month. Call Rep. Scott Jensen at (608) 266-3387 or leave a message for him at (800) 362-9472 and tell him that the bigotry of the Republicans in the Assembly is not the quickest route for him to become governor. Ask him not to allow the Nass bills to go to the full Assembly floor for a vote. Log Cabin Republicans it's up to you... Will or can you support him for governor?

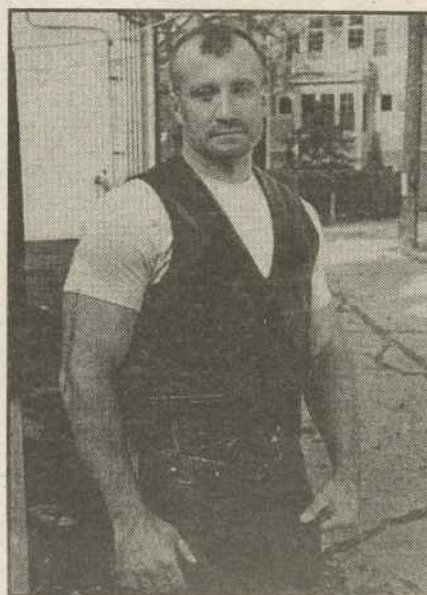
Thanks to Action Wisconsin

It has been a very busy month for all of us. I would like to thank Action Wisconsin for helping to organize the statewide meetings and response to these issues. If you have not done so already please join them in the fight. Action WI P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701, or check out their Web site at www.execpc.com/~dross/aw/ <<http://www.execpc.com/~dross/aw/>>.

As always, you can contact me at (608) 266-8570, or write me at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708.

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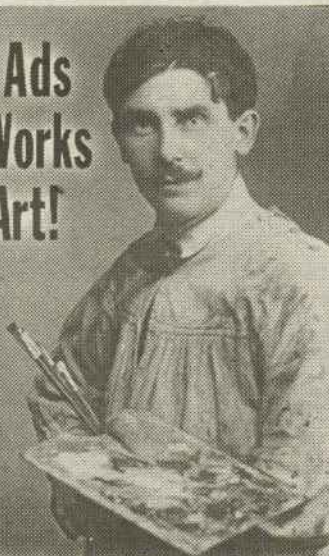
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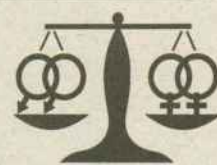
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