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News

State Extends Deadline for State HIV/AIDS Funding Proposal

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Madison — The Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Care Coalition has succeeded in its efforts to delay for six months the implementation of a process to allocate public AIDS funding in Wisconsin. The coalition expressed its opposition to the State's proposed plan on January 14th and called for a "more open and competitive process."

Intense lobbying and public pressure is generally credited for the delay. In a letter dated January 28, 1997, Dr. James M. Vergeront, of the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, announced the State's revised timeline for the process.

Vergeront told *In Step Newsmagazine* the delay will allow more time for AIDS organizations and health care providers to prepare for the process. He indicated his office had received in excess of 80 letters both requesting a delay and supporting the State's proposal. According to Vergeront, many of those letters contained multiple signatures.

Vergeront also indicated a change in leadership at the State's Division of Health may have contributed to the delay. The State's original proposal was released in mid-December under the leadership of Kevin Piper, the Administrator of the State's Division of Health. Piper has since left that position and the post is currently being filled by Deputy Administrator John Chapin.

Mary Turnquist, Executive Director of AIDS Network in Madison indicated she had mixed feelings about the delay, "It will give some organizations more time to prepare, but we were primed and ready to go ... this leaves us in the lurch."

Turnquist discounted the impact of WHACC's efforts and felt the decision to delay may have more to do with the change over in leadership at the Division of Health.

George Million, Director of the Central Wisconsin AIDS Network (CWAN) felt the delay was "significant" because the State had planned for the current funding to the ASOs to end on June 31, 1997 and it is unusual for such a delay to be granted.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource

of Wisconsin (ARCW) reacted to the delay by telling *In Step*, "I think the State fairly looked at the input they got and there was an external desire for a longer period of time. It gives any agency interested more time to build their network and I think it is a good thing."

"I am not at all surprised," said Brother Stephen Braddock of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry and a supporter of the WHACC effort.

Braddock suggested that while the deadline for agency response is past, he was confident the State would be eager to receive the input of persons living with HIV and their care givers, "The people most impacted by this are the ones living with HIV infection ... they have a right to make decisions

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about their health care needs, and they have a right to choices regarding how those needs are met and by whom."

The \$2 million in AIDS funding at stake in the Milwaukee area has sparked intense lobbying by AIDS organizations and health care providers in southeastern Wisconsin. It has also drawn the attention of many in the gay and lesbian community, as well as the AIDS community.

Braddock expressed regret over reports that ARCW and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) were feeling attacked, "WHACC's document to the State is clear. The system just doesn't work anymore, we need a total paradigm change."

"My great hope is to go through this competitive process with a commitment to retain a unified AIDS community," Nelson stated, "I think it can be done if we approach this competition with respect and an understanding that everyone in the AIDS community brings a unique and important contribution to the AIDS community."

Many of the WHACC supporters believe HIV/AIDS care and services should be mainstreamed. This could mean having medical care and services provided by local hospitals, clinics and community physicians. Terry Brennan, program director of the HIV education programs for the Medical College of Wisconsin said, "It would be nice to see quality care being delivered in primary care settings."

As organizations in Milwaukee and Madison gear up to compete for funding, AIDS care providers in non-urban areas of the State face a different set of challenges.

Million, feels the State's proposal to reduce the number of ASOs from nine to five in a competitive process will be unattractive to most public health agencies who provide much of the AIDS care in rural areas of the State, "It is inherently more difficult and costly to administer programs throughout a large geographic area with low population density."

According to Million, the current proposed formula will allow for \$40,000 less in funding to clients currently served by CWAN. CWAN currently serves Portage, Wood, Taylor, Marathon, Lincoln and Langely counties in north central Wisconsin. He believes the proposal will make it virtually impossible for local public health organizations to compete for the funding and fails to take into account the basic fixed costs of operation in rural areas.

Million indicated he already has staffing challenges as a result of the State's proposal with some employees seeking other opportunities due to the instability inherent in the competitive bidding process.

The current timeline for the State's funding proposal calls for an announcement of the plan on March 3. On June 2, a request for proposals will be released. Proposals from



prospective agencies are due by September 2 and the State will issue a notice of intent to award the funds on October 1. The funding contract will then begin on January 1, 1998.

AIDS/HIV services consumers can express their opinions by writing to Dr. James Vergeront at the Bureau of Public Health, 1414 East Washington Avenue, Room 167, Madison, WI 53703-3044, or by calling him at 608-266-9853. The State is expected to release a new proposal on March 3, 1997. *In Step* will continue to follow this story as it develops.

'96 AIDS Walk Wisconsin Disburses Money

Milwaukee — A record amount of money, \$681,367, which was raised during the 1996 AIDS Walk Wisconsin held in September, has been distributed to 17 statewide benefiting agencies.

Donations from corporate; ticket sales from the AIDS Walk Breakfast and VIP photo shoot with Bette Midler, and pledges raised from more than 12,600 walkers, comprised the money raised at last year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

"The AIDS Walk is a phenomenal event which has grown into one of the state's most recognized and participated-in single day fundraisers for any cause," said Doug Nelson, executive director of ARCW. "The huge success of the AIDS Walk enables us to expand AIDS prevention, care and services in Wisconsin and to fund vital programs like needle exchange that the government refuses to support."

There was a 27 percent increase in net income generated from the 1996 event. During the seven year history of the Walk, ARCW has distributed more than \$2.7 million to AIDS agencies throughout Wisconsin. The 1997 AIDS Walk Wisconsin has been set for Sunday, September 21.

1996 AIDS Walk Wisconsin dollars were distributed by ARCW as follows:

<i>Milwaukee AIDS Project</i>	\$310,060
<i>AIDS Network (Madison)</i>	95,391
<i>Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium</i>	67,180
<i>Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project</i>	62,012
<i>AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.</i>	51,677
<i>Center Project Inc. (Green Bay)</i>	35,601
<i>Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project</i>	25,838
<i>Camp Heartland</i>	9,020
<i>Sheboygan County AIDS Task Force</i>	6,699
<i>Visiting Nurse Association</i>	3,985
<i>Counseling Center of Milwaukee</i>	3,616
<i>East Central Wellness Project</i>	3,256
<i>Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin</i>	2,803
<i>AIDS Ministry, WI Conf. of Churches</i>	1,588
<i>Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation</i>	1,485
<i>Northern AIDS Network</i>	1,084
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St. Camillus and Covenant to Collaborate

Milwaukee — As reported in the last issue of *In Step*, two Milwaukee-based Catholic health care organizations, St. Camillus Institute, Inc. and Covenant Healthcare System, Inc., have entered into a collaboration agreement, effective January 24, 1997. The goal of the agreement is to enhance the abilities of both organizations, their members and affiliates to provide health care services to the



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According to the agreement, the two organizations will seek opportunities to improve the health status of the populations they serve through collaboration in such areas as HIV/AIDS care, senior services, specialty clinics and pastoral care. Service to the poor and the sick is a mission-based priority for both organizations.

St. Camillus Institute, Inc., along

with its affiliated entities, is a comprehensive provider of health care services, independent and supportive living, skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, home care services and Alzheimer's/dementia care.

Sponsored by the Camillian Priests and Brothers, the organization offers other specialty and community outreach programs, including a full continuum of HIV/AIDS care and services. The Order of St. Camillus has carried out its health care mission for over 75 years in the Milwaukee community, and is recognized as a leading provider of continuing care and specialty health programs.

Covenant Healthcare's integrated regional delivery system consists of five Milwaukee area hospitals, clinics, subacute and extended care facilities and physician, home health, behavioral health, assisted living and medical laboratory services. Covenant Healthcare is co-sponsored by the Felician and Wheaton Franciscan Sisters and is committed to a philosophy of respect for the dignity of all persons.

"Diversity and unity are two sides of the same coin," according to the Very Reverend William F. Cronin, OS Cam, MSW, Provincial of the Order of St. Camillus in North America and President of all Camillian sponsored health care corporations. "St. Camillus and Covenant Healthcare each bring to this agreement the strengths of their individual identities as organizations, and both will carry away the special gifts which come from collaboration."

"Our agreement recognizes the realities of the health care marketplace and promises mutual benefits," continued Rev. Cronin. "Most importantly, it promises to benefit the thousands of people entrusted to our care."

E. Thomas Sheahan, Covenant Healthcare's President and Chief Executive Officer, praised the agreement: "Tremendous commonality of mission and philosophy have brought us together: two faith-based, values-driven organizations joined in a unique

ministry to serve the Milwaukee community."

Man Accidentally Infected with HIV Through Blood Transfusion Dies

Milwaukee — Officials with the Blood Center of Southeastern Wisconsin say an unnamed man who was infected with HIV through a blood transfusion that was contaminated with the virus has died - although not as a result of the tainted transfusion.

The blood center announced the accidental infection in December after it confirmed that a blood donor had lied about high-risk sexual behavior he engaged in out of concern over revealing his sexual activities with other men.

Blood center officials said the dead man died of complications of his initial illness that led to the blood transfusion in the first place, not from an HIV-related ailment.

Hotel Washington Schedules Groundbreaking

Madison — After crossing a final funding hurdle in the Madison Common Council, the Hotel Washington has announced ground breaking for new Hotel Washington will take place on Monday, February 17, at 5p.m.

During a nearly two hour debate, on January 21, the Madison Common Council voted 17 to 2 to approve a \$600,000 Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) package for the Hotel.

Greg Scheel told *In Step* he appreciated the support of Madison Mayor Paul Soglin and Alderman Mike Verveer who were strong supporters of the project.

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National & World News

San Francisco Partners Measure May Have Nationwide Impact

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — What started as a seemingly simple idea — an ordinance requiring firms that do business with the city of San Francisco to extend benefits to the domestic partners of their gay and lesbian employees — has quickly turned into a complex of potentially troublesome battle of enormous scope.

It may also turn out to be something like "the little ordinance that could" in that the modest little measure adopted by the city's board of supervisors and signed into law by Mayor Willie Brown last November applies not just to firms that have offices and employees in San Francisco, but to corporations — some with hundreds of thousands of workers worldwide — no matter where they're headquartered and to all their employees no matter where they work.

While most local businesses quietly went about trying to find insurance companies to provide health coverage for domestic partners, United Airlines, the largest air carrier in the world, initially balked. The carrier implied that federal law — the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) — preempts San Francisco's measure and didn't sign a contract amendment agreeing to the partners benefit that the city's board of supervisors said is required before the city can sign a 25-year lease facilities at the San Francisco International Airport for United.

The matter has been temporarily put on hold while city officials and

United executives try to find some solution and the airline has been given an extension of time to determine how it intends to handle the matter. United has almost 8,000 employees in the San Francisco Bay Area, but it employs more than 80,000 people around the world. So even in states like Idaho, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Alabama, and Mississippi where lawmakers have historically been hostile to gays and lesbians, United Airlines workers there could suddenly find themselves eligible for domestic partner benefits, compliments of San Francisco.

The same would hold true for other large national and international companies doing business with the city. Tele-

Communications Inc. (TCI), the national cable TV company, for example, added partner benefits for all its employees when it saw the San Francisco supervisors' "handwriting on the wall."

Other firms, like garment manufacturer Levi Strauss, with several plants across the U.S., added partner benefits for its workers years ago. Ditto for Rochester, N.Y.-based Eastman Kodak with 53,000 employees. Other national firms that already had domestic partners benefits packages in place before the San Francisco measure took effect include: Advanced Micro Devices, American President Lines, Apple Computer, BankAmerica, Charles

Gore Meets with Gay and Lesbian Community Leaders



On January 17, Vice President Al Gore met with several leaders from the Gay and Lesbian Community. Pictured from Gore's left are: Jeff Travel, of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, Keith Boykin of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, Richard Socarides, US Labor Department, Kerry Lobell, of the NGLTF and Roberto Achtenberg, senior advisor to the Secretary of HUD. To the Gore's right is Martin Ornelas-Quinteros of the Latino/Latina Lesbian and Gay Organization. Also attending was Elizabeth Birch of the Human Right Campaign.

Schwab, IBM, Kaiser Permanente, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro, Wells Fargo, and, yes, the San Francisco Giants baseball team.

Other large companies will find themselves in the same situation United is in now as contracts with the city come up for approval or renewal. All the other leading airlines, of course, also lease facilities at San Francisco International Airport and these contracts periodically expire and have to be

renewed. Other companies also have regularly renewing contracts with the city, like the New Jersey-based LS Transit Systems, which does engineering work for the city's municipal transit system.

There are, in fact, between 8,000 and 10,000 different businesses that have city contracts of various kinds - from a local firm that manufactures orange worksuits worn by prisoners at the city jail to a small Italian rail manufacturer that is building the city's swanky new Breda streetcars to the giant Xerox Corp. which has a large contract to provide city offices with copying equipment and services.

Although United initially bristled at the new city requirement and in fact implied the ordinance was illegal, the airline apparently quickly started to rethink its opposition - especially after its own customers started threatening to take their business elsewhere.

Perhaps one indicator of how widely accepted the idea of partners benefits has become in many businesses came out of this corporate soap opera when the Chicago-based computer software developer and international consulting firm, ThoughtWorks, Inc., entered the battle and wrote United a peremptory letter threatening to take its travel business to another airline if United didn't agree to the partners benefit stipulation. ThoughtWorks said it does about \$1 million in business a year with United. "We don't necessarily feel we can move a mountain," a ThoughtWorks official said, "but it sure doesn't hurt."

Equally impressive is the fact that the executives at ThoughtWorks threatened to pull their business from United on their own. Neither politicians nor rights activists lobbied the Chicago company to do anything. The firm simply believed United was being foolish and pigheaded over a basic issue of fairness.

Not surprisingly, the Catholic church - in the person of San Francisco's new Archbishop William Levada - took a less positive view of the new legislation.

Levada asked for - and was promptly refused - an exemption from the partners benefits ordinance for the church-run Catholic Charities, which receives about \$5.6 million in city funds for social service work it does under contract.

The tension between the city and Levada became acute enough that a planned Feb. 6 celebration for the opening of Leland House, a 45-bed AIDS hospice to be operated by Catholic Charities, has been canceled out of concerns there might be demonstrations at the event. In addition to the delayed opening celebration, three members of the committee planning for the opening festivities - including one city supervisor - have resigned in protest over Levada's opposition.

Ironically, Levada's objections to the new ordinance or "anything that equates domestic partnership with marriage" got seriously undercut shortly after the flap erupted with news reports that the city's largest and perhaps best know Catholic charitable organization - St. Anthony's Foundation - already offers domestic partner benefits to its some 150 workers.

The new ordinance could add dramatic new fuel to the already growing movement in American businesses - even those that don't have contracts with the city of San Francisco - to add partners benefits programs for their employees, simply to offer competitive benefits to get and retain valuable workers. Lawmakers in New York and Seattle have already contacted city officials here to see if they can enact similar measures.

But the unassuming little ordinance adopted by the city named after Saint Francis of Assisi may also - if it survives what will probably be an inevitable court challenge - in fact give more lesbian and gay couples at least access to basic benefits than any legislation ever enacted.

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soon find themselves eligible for partners benefits that might otherwise have taken years to get. One city hall official said no one really knows for sure how many employees are involved in the 10,000 or so firms that have contracts with San Francisco, but he said a "modest guesstimate" put the number at five million U.S. employees or more that could be impacted by the law.

Hawaii House OKs Constitutional Marriage Amendment

by Keith Clark

of the In Step Staff

Honolulu, HI — With only a handful of dissenting votes, the Hawaii House of Representatives has approved a constitutional amendment that would limit marriage a man and a woman. If the state Senate agrees, the vote means that Hawaii voters would decide the same-sex marriage issue through a ballot vote in 1998.

The House bill also would recognize some limited rights concerning tenancy, visitation and inheritances for domestic partners in the state, although none of the tax or pension benefits married couples enjoy.

"No one can seriously claim that when the voters of this state adopted our constitution that they wanted the state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples," said state Rep. Terrance Tom, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

Debate on the bill was cut short when Republican leader Cynthia Thielen called for a vote before all opponents had a chance to speak and the House went on to pass the bill by a 44-7 vote.

The measure now goes to the state Senate where lawmakers say they want to amend it to include certain rights for unmarried domestic partners, thereby giving same-sex couples some limited benefits — but not marriage.

State Sen. Avery Chumbley said his version of the House bill "will embrace a constitutional amendment and allow the people the opportunity to vote on the issue and have a final say." But Sen. Chumbley added, "It will also package a rights bill so that we do not discriminate on the basis of sex."

In earlier legislative efforts to deal with the same-sex marriage issue, it has been in the state Senate that the legislation has died. But this year, lawmakers say they're sure they've found a way to break the stalemate between the two houses through Sen. Chumbley's compromise.

High-Risk Prevention Efforts Most Cost Effective According to New Study

San Francisco, CA — Government funds aimed at preventing the spread of HIV should be targeted at population groups most at risk of infection in order to keep the largest number of people from getting infected, a new report concludes.

The study, by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco and published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, concludes that the "benefits of targeting to known high-risk populations appear so substantial that intensive intervention in low risk populations may be hard to justify from a public health perspective."

Dr. James Kahn, who wrote the journal report, said that targeting AIDS prevention funds to high-risk populations - younger gay men and IV drug users in particular - helps prevent as many as 200 times more new infections of HIV than funds aimed at other, lower-risk groups.

Also on the Newswire...

2 Men Charged in AIDS Black Market Drug Case

New York, NY — New York state officials have charged two men, Juan Veras and Leonaldo Pena, with running an AIDS medicine black market operation. Authorities say an eight-month undercover operation found that the two men sold AIDS medicines ranging from AZT to Invirase that they had obtained through forged prescriptions from the state-funded Medicaid program and sold the drugs in the city and around the world at lower prices. If convicted, the two men could face jail terms ranging from 15 years to life in prison.

Program in Miami for Gay, Lesbian School Dropouts

Miami, FL — Project YES, a Dade County, Florida coalition of gay youth groups, is setting up an experimental program aimed at gay and lesbian school drop-outs to let them earn their high-school equivalency degree (GED) in a gay-positive environment. Project YES organizers say they've already signed up 16 of the 24 students required to start the GED program. Organizers said they believe the school degree program is needed for gay and lesbians drop-outs who felt their regular high school environments were so hostile or dangerous that they simply stopped going to classes.

New York Man Charges in HIV Endangerment in Finland

Helsinki, Finland — Steven Thomas, age 35, is facing trial on charges he had unprotected sex with dozens of Finnish women even though he knew he was infected with HIV at the time. Thomas, who is from New York, is being held without bail while awaiting trial on charges of

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Supreme Court Turns Deaf Ear to Loud Anti-Gay Minister

Washington, DC — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused, without comment, to hear an appeal against a protest zone ordered by a Kansas judge against the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka operated by rabidly anti-gay minister Fred Phelps.

Phelps appealed the court order of a buffer zone around churches where he and his small band of church members had intended to protest, charging that it prevented his followers - mostly Phelps family members - from holding anti-gay demonstrations at another church.

Phelps is best known for boycotting at funerals of people who have died of AIDS where he and his followers typically disrupt services with loud protests of "God Hates Fags."

'Frugal Gourmet' Sued Over Alleged 1970s Molestations

Seattle, WA — PBS-TV cooking icon Jeff Smith of the program, "The Frugal Gourmet," has been sued on charges he sexually molested a man when he was a teenager, along with other underage boys, during the 1970s.

The suit, by three men who were teenagers at the time the alleged incidents took place, charges Smith, who is also an ordained Methodist minister, "pursued a pattern and practice of grooming high-school-age boy employees for sexual intercourse" in the 1970s when he operated a food service business in Tacoma.

Smith has denied the charges as "ridiculous" and his attorneys have asked that the lawsuit be dismissed.

Smith's lawyers say one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit is seeking revenge against him because when he was 18 the boy had been sent to jail for stealing money from Smith.

South African AIDS Researchers' Claims Bring Firestorm of Criticism

Johannesburg — South African AIDS researchers, headed by Dr. Dirk DuPlessis, a cardio-thoracic surgeon with the University of Pretoria's medical school, have ignited an explosion of criticism from their medical peers for seeking government funding for research that in newspaper reports they claimed was a simple, inexpensive cure for AIDS.

The research team came under fire from their colleagues because none of their findings have been published in scientific journals where they can be subjected to peer review.

In newspaper reports, Dr. DuPlessis described the treatment as "superior to those of any other drug or combination of drugs used in the treatment of AIDS."

According to news reports, the drug, known as Virodene PO58, costs only about \$35 per month — as opposed to the

\$1,000-per-month price tag for the new protease inhibitors being increasingly used by AIDS patients in the U.S.

Dr. DuPlessis also told newspapers in South Africa that the drug is simple to administer using twice-weekly doses delivered by the patient wearing a skin-patch for eight hours. Most of the currently used drug combinations require careful timing in taking an array of pills, often with food and often at precise hour intervals.

News reports have also quoted the researchers as saying their drug causes a dramatic and profound improvement in even the sickest patients - including those in the advanced stages of AIDS - in as little as two weeks.

AIDS researchers in South Africa and around the world reacted strongly to the team's claims and to their efforts to secure an \$800,000 government research grant based on no published data.

According to news reports, the drug has never even been tested for basic safety using laboratory animals, has been used with only 10 patients so far, and has only been used for a short five-month period.

Holiday Inn Pulls 'Super Bowl' Transsexual Ad

Atlanta, GA — Despite generally positive public feedback, the Holiday Inn hotel chain had announced it is canceling a TV ad that featured a transsexual.

The ad first showed during this year's Super Bowl game and received positive remarks in focus groups before it aired. The hotel chain also said calls in favor of the ad ran about 5-to-1 at its offices.

But in announcing the cancellation of the ad, John Sweetwood, executive vice president of Holiday Inn Worldwide said, "We understand that the ad has offended some people. That was never our intention, and that's why I have today taken the action to discontinue any further broadcast of the Super Bowl ad."

According to news reports, only about a dozen callers to Holiday Inn's corporate headquarters objected to the ad.

Award in Same-Sex Harassment Suit

Lexington, KY — After deliberating for nearly five hours, a civil jury has awarded \$75,500 to Kenneth G. Hillard, a 53-year-old truck driver, who had sued his employer, Consolidated Freightways Corp., and his former supervisor, Jeff Brewer, on charges of sexual harassment.

Hillard claims Brewer repeatedly propositioned him to have sex and grabbed his buttocks on a number of occasions during a two year period that Brewer was night manager of the Consolidated depot where he worked as a truck driver.

Brewer, 42, denied sexually harassing the man and said that off-color remarks, dirty jokes and the grabbing buttocks is common at the freight handling company.

"Off-color and tasteless as it might be, that's what happens," Brewer told the court. "And I'm sure it's still happening."

State officials said such same-sex sexual harassment complaints have been unusual until recently, noting that three complaints had been filed with the state human rights commission in the past few years.

The company said it had only received one complaint of the alleged harassment. Brewer left Consolidated shortly after Hillard filed his suit.

Legislator Wants to Cancel Louganis Speech

Tampa, FL — A Florida state senator complaining about what he called "moral decadence" wants the University of South Florida to cancel a speech by Olympic diver Greg Louganis, who's homosexual and HIV positive.

State Sen. John Grant, a Republican from Tampa, said he couldn't support

recklessly endangering the health and safety of the women in the case.

Maine Marriage Battle in the Works

Augusta, Maine — A spokesperson for Concerned Maine Families says the group has enough signatures on petitions to put a proposed ballot measure barring same-sex marriages in the state before Maine voters in the next election. Larry Lockman, of Concerned Maine Families, said the group had collected some 62,000 signatures on petitions supporting the anti-marriage ballot proposal - about 11,000 more than needed. Betsy Smith, head of the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance, said that trying to fight off the proposed anti-marriage ban will be an uphill fight.

Death Puts an End to Mary Ward's Custody Battle

Pensacola, Fla. — Mary Ward, the lesbian mom who became a national symbol both of the child-custody struggle faced by many lesbians as well as the anti-gay attitudes in much of the country's judicial system, has died of a heart attack. She was 47 years of age. Ms. Ward's ex-husband, John Ward, won custody of their 12-year-old daughter in August 1995 after a Florida judge ruled that the youngster should have a chance to grow up in "a non-lesbian world" - despite the fact that John Ward had been convicted of fatally shooting his first wife in 1974.

Showtime Backing New Production of 'Tales'

New York, NY — Showtime, reportedly has agreed to back production later this year of the sequel to the popular but controversial PBS-TV production of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" slated to begin production in June of this year and Showtime has indicated it will carry as a mini-series. The initial PBS/BBC production came under intense attack from far-right conservatives who said it glorified "drugs, immorality and promiscuous sex."

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future spending increases for state universities if student money is used to pay for the five-time Olympic gold-medal winner's speech, scheduled April 3.

"Such a presentation represents moral decadence and is an embarrassment to the university community," Grant, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, wrote university president Betty Castor on Jan. 14.

University officials say the speech will go on.

"We do want to challenge people to debate issues," said Neil Cohen, director of the university's lecture series. "I think Mr. Louganis represents something that's worth listening to."

Louganis is being paid \$14,000 from an annual student activity fee to deliver the keynote address at the school's third annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week. A committee of students and faculty selects the speakers.

Meanwhile, the USA Cable network is scheduled to air the made-for-TV movie "Breaking the Surface: The Greg Louganis Story" on March 19. The film stars Mario Lopez in the lead role.

'The Advocate' Gets Major Overhaul

Los Angeles, CA — Making history again as it enters its 30th year, *The Advocate* will unveil a bold new editorial direction as part of a total redesign that debuts next week.

Beginning with its February 18 issue, *The Advocate's* coverage will focus on in-depth analysis and opinions of news affecting gay and lesbian lives, according to editor-in-chief Judy Wieder.

Breaking daily news will be the responsibility of the magazine's expanded web site (www.advocate.com), whose editors will prepare daily news reports and link them to *The Advocate's* online discussion forums and poll surveys.

"Readers today get breaking news from the Internet," Wieder said. "What readers tell us they want now is an experienced gay perspective on how that news could impact gay life. And that's what we're going to deliver, reclaiming our heritage as the gay and lesbian opinion leader."

The Advocate's choice of cover stories will signal its renewed mission, according to Wieder. Rather than focus on individual celebrity interviews, the magazine will feature in-depth investigations and provocative coverage of wide-ranging issues in areas from politics, law, and government to the arts, media, and sports.

The Advocate's top-to-bottom redesign begins with its cover, which boasts a younger, fresher serif-type logo. Bolder coverlines, designed to stand out on newsstands, will appear above the logo. With more than 160,000 readers and an ABC-audited paid circulation of 80,000, *The Advocate* is a national source for news, ideas, and opinions on what matters to gay men and lesbians. Founded in 1967, two years before Stonewall, the magazine is home to some of America's most respected gay and lesbian journalists.

Group Notes

MAP's Dental Clinic Serves Persons with HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — Early last month, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) opened the state's first HIV dental clinic and by month's end, more than 75 individuals with HIV and AIDS received dental care.

"We knew the need for this clinic was urgent," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW), MAP's parent organization. "After only one month of operation, we are sure that use of the clinic will exceed our expectations."

MAP projection that more than 600 people will use the clinic in its first year.

The dental clinic, located on the third floor of MAP, is open to HIV-positive adults and guarantees treatment regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

The dental clinic is equipped to treat patients as if they were receiving services at a private practice.

"We want people to get back to optimal dental health," said Dr. Linda Stuart-William. Her other goals are to further public education about HIV and AIDS, to serve as a resource for dentists in the area and to network with similar clinics around the country.

The clinic is a collaboration between MAP and Rainbow Community Health Centers, which supply dental services and where Stuart-William works when not at MAP.

Wayne Schick, one of the first patients treated at the clinic, recalls an attempt to find a dentist some years back. "When I identified myself as HIV positive, he did just about everything but pick me up and carry me out."

Wayne stated he was highly impressed with the quality of care and facilities on his first visit to the MAP dental clinic.

The HIV dental clinic was showcased at an open house on World AIDS Day in December, and was soon booked for appointments through January. At the open house, the clinic was dedicated to Kay Kratz, D.D.S., a local dentist who was the moving force behind the establishment of the clinic.

MAP's HIV dental clinic is the first of its kind in Wisconsin and one of two in the Midwest (the other is in Chicago). It was largely furnished with about \$50,000 worth of equipment donated by Milwaukee County and Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in the aftermath of the closing of Doyme Hospital and the Doyme dental clinic last year. The Doyme clinic had a large HIV-positive clientele.



Dr. Linda Stuart-William provides care to Wayne Schick, one of the HIV Dental Clinic's first patients.

"Consumers of the HIV dental clinic who have dental insurance will be billed for services. But every patient is assured of dental services regardless of ability to pay," said Nelson.

"We will not turn anyone away," Nelson said. "For those who don't have private health insurance or don't qualify for Medicaid, we are making the commitment to pay for people who might be considered indigent or very low income. Our ability to do that is because of the very extensive fund raising that we do throughout the year with individuals and through events such as AIDS WALK Wisconsin."

"At the Milwaukee AIDS Project, we are concerned about the breakdown in the social safety net in Milwaukee, which raises a very large concern about access to health care for people with HIV and AIDS," Nelson adds. "How tragic it would

be at a time when there's so much new hope with regard to effective HIV treatment that access to those treatments and access to health care would be restricted. So it's out of that great concern that we make this commitment to the dental clinic and because, in the past year after the closure of Doyme, it was very clear that this was a huge gap in care. We felt compelled to move quickly to close that gap."

As the HIV dental clinic's patient load grows, hours will be expanded. Hours now are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. The number to call for appointments is (414) 225-1571. Like all other MAP consumers, dental patients are assured of confidentiality.

Financial contributors to the clinic included: the Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation, the

Elizabeth Elser Doolittle Charitable Trust, the Emery T. Clark Charitable Foundation and the First Financial Foundation.

St. Camillus Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — If you've been looking for an opportunity to volunteer with persons living with HIV/AIDS, we're looking for you. St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry will hold a volunteer orientation on Saturday, February 22nd from 9 am until 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. This will be followed by a training session on Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30 pm to 9 pm.

The orientation will provide an overview of the volunteer program as well as physical, psychological and spiritual issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will then be trained regarding physical care issues and pastoral care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The orientation and training sessions are requirements for volunteering with the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

Volunteers are most needed to provide daytime transportation, coordinate our library/resource center and to assist with fund raising and special events.

PrideFest '97 Announces Call For Entertainers

Milwaukee — Wisconsin's PrideFest 1997 is interested in previewing the up and coming acts that can be found throughout the Midwest. Entertainers are invited to submit demo tapes, both audio and video, for consideration for this year's festival. Acts can include song, dance and comedy.

"PrideFest has hosted many fine entertainers in past years," said Entertainment Coordinator Jill Clark and we want to build on that foundation. We are well aware there are many new entertainers working the circuit and we are very interested in seeing what they've got."

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Clark added, "We welcome music from all venues, including high energy, hip-hop, salsa, blues, jazz, folk, classical, bluegrass, cajun and rock. And since this is Milwaukee, we would even consider throwing in some good old fashion polka. If the group thinks it has a good sound, they should send in a demo."

Entertainers selected will be invited to perform at this year's festival to be held June 6, 7 and 8 at Milwaukee's Henry W. Maier Festival Park. Over 12,000 people are anticipated to attend this year's event.

Interested parties should send their demo tapes to: PrideFest Entertainment, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. For more information, contact Jill Clark at (414) 954-9214. Demo tapes will not be returned unless requested.

Dignity Milwaukee Celebrates 22 Years

Milwaukee — Dignity/Milwaukee celebrates twenty two years of service to the GLBT and the Catholic communities on Sunday, February 9, 1997. Dignity will host a mass of celebration at St. Pius X (2506 N. 76th Street) to be followed with a social featuring a buffet at the church.

Dignity/Milwaukee is one of 85 chapters that make up Dignity/USA. According to chairperson Kevin Quader, "Dignity's mission is to foster better relations between GLBT Catholics and Catholic church. To do this, we work toward showing the church that homophobia within the church tarnishes the church's record of social justice. We strive to help individuals and the church to see and understand the gifts GLBT people bring to the church in our gayness."

This year's theme is: We are called; We are chosen in our diversity; We are sent forth to minister. Quader continued, "We counter homophobia in the church, in society, and within ourselves by seeing the face of Jesus in the face of

each person. We are commissioned to spread this Gospel entrusted to us. Locally we have never had a large membership, however, over the years we have served thousands in integrating their sexuality with their spirituality. We are proud of the many members that serve the GLBT and the Catholic communities."

For seventeen years Dignity has worshipped at St. Pius X every Sunday at 6 p.m. All are invited to the anniversary. For more information call Joe at (414) 873-9591.

"Make A Promise" Dinner and Auction Set

Milwaukee — The 11th annual Make a Promise Dinner & Auction will be held Saturday, March 22, 1997, at the Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee. This year's theme, "portraits of hope... a celebration of care" will uncover the significant research and care provided by some of Wisconsin's leading HIV doctors along with spotlighting the vibrant artistry and inspirational story behind a New York doctor and her AIDS patients portrait series. Master of ceremonies is Mike Gousha, anchor on TODAY'S TMJ4. All proceeds to benefit the education, research, prevention and advocacy programs of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. Ticket prices are \$200, \$100 and \$75 per person. For more information or to reserve tickets, call James Moore at 414-225-1549.

Catholic Leaders to Deal with Catholicism and Lesbian/Gay Issues at Conference

Pittsburgh, PA — A national dialogue on Lesbian/Gay Issues and Catholicism will be held March 7-9, 1997 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This symposium is especially designed for Catholic Church leaders and ministers to explore the Church's tradition, con-

tribute to the further development of the teaching, and educate Church people about GLBT Catholics.

Topics will include: the Psycho-Spiritual Development of Gay and Lesbian Youth; Spirituality and Spiritual Direction of Gay/Lesbian People; Homophobia, Discrimination and the Catholic Church; Ministry with Families with Gay and Lesbian Members; What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality; and much more. The event is sponsored by New Ways Ministry and has been endorsed by St. Camillus Ministries.

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Camillian Brother Stephen Braddock, stated the gathering would include theologians, bishops, scientists, and psychologists; and is intended "to call attention to the need to provide a public forum for addressing critical issues facing GLBT persons and the Catholic Church." For information or registration please call (301) 277-5674.

Green Bay's Northern Womyn Disbands

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

Green Bay — Northern Womyn has voted to disband their organization. An open letter was sent to the *Positive Voice Newsletter*, which *In Step* has

obtained permission to reprint:

"The organization known as Northern Womyn, Inc. had its final meeting November 20th, 1996. With about 12 womyn (out of over 300 subscribers) attending, an emotional vote was taken to disband mainly due to lack of participation. Although interest has been expressed and 'Yes, keep up the good work' has been heard often, NWI could not continue without more physical help with its goals and projects. Therefore, in an effort to keep Womyn informed and up to date, I would like to encourage you to subscribe to *Positive Voice* (a Green Bay local newsletter) and participate in the activities it promotes. This is a very open and accepting group of people who are excited to have all of us..."

Dennis K., Secretary of *Positive Voice*, told *In Step*, "It's a loss to the GLBT community. I don't really know why there is a lack of participation in gay issues by local individuals. There is a very strong Gay community in Green Bay. But we're always struggling for more involvement."

When asked *Positive Voice's* plans regarding Northern Womyn's demise, Dennis replied, "We welcome women into our membership. Many people didn't know this, but we have always had lesbian members. Our goal is to be a unified group of all gay people, and their families and friends as well. While we cannot replace Northern Womyn, our hope is that we can offer an organization for their members to continue to meet and work towards our common goals."

Positive Voice can be reached at (414) 499-5533, P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381.

3rd Annual Granny's Attic Rummage Sale

Rockford — The AIDS Care Network will hold it's annual Granny's Attic Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 22nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Again this year, the city wide rummage

sale will be held at the Rockford YWCA, 220 S. Madison St. A special preview, with a \$3 admission charge, will be held Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off at the YWCA during the following days: Monday, February 17-Thursdays, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any clean, reusable items of clothing, household goods, furniture, appliances, toys etc. are welcome. Call the ACN office at (815) 968-5181 to arrange pickups or to volunteer to assist at the sale.

Granny's Attic is a major fund raiser for ACN. The AIDS Care Network is a community-based, non-profit organization serving Rockford and a nine county area in Northwestern Illinois. ACN provides comprehensive services including case management for persons with HIV/AIDS, support groups and community awareness events. In addition it has an outreach prevention program and provides public education on the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) which is one of the most significant public health problems of this century.

Release of Feasibility Study Expected at Community Center Town Hall Meeting

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Steering Committee has scheduled a town hall meeting scheduled for February 15, 3:00 p.m. at UWM's Union, Room E-240.

The results of the nine month individual feasibility survey are expected to be released at the meeting. Organization and business results will be forth-coming at future meetings.

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committee will be returning the top ten names from the "Name the Center" contest held in December to the community for votes. After the town hall "launch", the top ten names will be posted in gay-owned and gay-friendly businesses along with ballots to allow the entire community to vote on the final name. Deadline for all votes to be returned is April 13, 1997.

The Center's 1997 six month projected budget will also be ratified at the town hall. The meeting is being co-hosted by the LGBT Community at UWM who remind us to allow ample time for parking.

For more information, please write the LGBT Community Center; P.O. Box 92722; Milwaukee, WI; 53202 or call the hotline at (414) 483-4710.

SSBL Unveils New Logo

Milwaukee — A new colorful logo has been unveiled by SSBL, Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Saturday Softball League. A golden rendition of the Hoan Bridge forms the background which gives the logo a uniquely Milwaukee identification.

The water, bridge supports (which are actual triangles on the real bridge) and roadway in the new logo, are done



in rainbow colors and carry out the color theme. The words, Saturday Softball League, start in capitols and highlight SSBL. In a tip of its hat to its 20 years of existence, the League has inserted "Since 1977" on the bridge roadway.

Rodney Stockel, a twelve year player, designed the logo during the off season. "We wanted to have something tangible to focus community attention on our 20th Anniversary season and also focus on our program to update everything about the League," said Stockel.

"We feel this modernized logo does that well."

SSBL has been working to the realities of the '90's in a new relaxed schedule, allowing players scheduled weekends off, a new Sponsor Reach Out Program to help more players find a team to join and other innovations during the past year.

"Gay & lesbian sports leagues are often the 1st, and in small cities, sometimes the only, organizations found by an emerging gay and lesbian community," said Commissioner Dan Nelson. "Recognizing that the traditions we have built over 20 years need to be carried on. SSBL had always been a leader in ethnic diversity, inclusiveness, and meaningful athletic opportunities for both men and women, side by side over

the years, we want to keep those traditions alive on behalf of the community. We feel this new logo reflects that renewed commitment," he concluded.

The new logo will be first featured on new long sleeve, teal green t-shirts being sold by the league during the winter. All teams will be afforded the opportunity of having the logo embroidered on their uniform sleeves for the upcoming season. The new logo will appear on all SSBL posters, mastheads, and other literature from this point on.

"We really are proud that this uniquely Milwaukee identification will be seen throughout the United States as teams travel for tournaments, and teams come here to Milwaukee for tournaments this year," said Assistant Commissioner, Bob Melig.

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Bay City Chorus Loses Musical Director

by Cheryl Myers
of the *In Step* Staff

Green Bay — December 7th and 8th marked the last performances of Bay City Chorus under the direction of Ray Thompson. Thompson had announced prior to the Christmas show that he and his partner had increasing responsibilities involving the care of an elderly mother, and he would no longer be able to lead the popular Green Bay choral group.

"I would like to remain associated with the chorus—it has been very important to me. I am doing this with mixed emotions. I am very proud of all of you," Thompson told the group at rehearsal. "But I just can't continue at this time."

At the final performance, Thompson also announced his upcoming departure to the audience. He then proceeded to perform a pipe organ accompaniment while the choir sang their moving finale of "Joy to the World." Many choir members fought

back tears as they sang, but many in the audience commented on the beauty of the music.

"They really did a great job. I attended both shows, and I think Sunday's was even better than Saturday night's. They had some interesting music, and I like to be supportive of a gay organization," said a member of the audience, Denise O., "I don't think a lot of people in the gay community realize what they've got here."

After the performance, the group presented Thompson with a bouquet of red roses as they took their bows. Bob Richter, President of Bay City Chorus, is now leading the search for a new director.

"We are putting our usual spring performance on hold. We are issuing press releases and placing ads. We are offering this now as a salaried, part-time position. I think we'll be able to keep our group together while we conduct a search. These are very committed folks. And we're going to continue with our fund raising activities, and maybe even put on a few short performances to go along with that. But for our full-scale choral concerts, we need a

Director," Richter told *In Step*.

Bay City Chorus is a member of GALA Choruses (the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), an international alliance of over 125 choruses. GALA states it is "Dedicated to providing leadership and inspiration to the lesbian and gay movement through excellence in the choral arts."

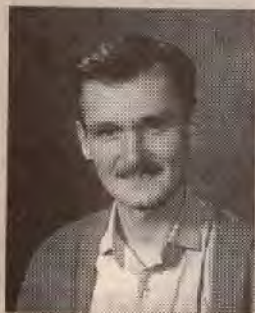
Individuals interested in joining the chorus, or serving as an accompanist or director may contact Bay City Chorus at P.O. Box 1901, Green Bay, WI 54305-1901 or call (414) 494-8882.

St. Camillus Education Series Begins

Milwaukee — St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry is beginning their 1997 Spring Education Series with a new look. The series will offer monthly discussions on specific topics related to the Changes in HIV/AIDS Care as HIV Disease evolves from a terminal to a chronic illness.

The topics will include spiritual care, physical care and psycho-social issues. The first session is Wednesday February 19, 1997 which will address

Memorial



Arthur M. Zvaigznitis, Jr.

Arthur died calmly at home on January 25th, at the age of 36. He had been lover and life partner with John Gregg for more than a decade. He died from complications due to AIDS.

Arthur was born and lived most of his life in Milwaukee. He graduated from Carroll College in Waukesha, about which he proudly remembered being in the concert choir and president of the student body for two years. For name recognition during his election campaign he wrote a song spelling out Z-V-A-I-G-Z-N-I-T-I-S. He regularly kidded folks who had trouble spelling or pronouncing his last name.

Arthur and John enjoyed exploring many wonderful things together, including Jungian psychology, American

Indian spirituality and customs, opera, photography, and Scotland—focusing especially on gardens there. Arthur was a Tibetan Buddhist, and he thought John was probably the most Buddhist Presbyterian minister around.

There will be a gathering to honor Arthur Zvaigznitis on Sunday, February 16, 1997, in the upstairs rooms of the BESTD Clinic (where Arthur and John first met while working as volunteers) between 2 and 4 pm. Persons are invited to greet one another and to share remembrances of Arthur. Light refreshments will be provided. There is parking next to the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

If you wish to make a "memorial contribution" Arthur's suggestion is the BESTD Clinic. No flowers, please!

Now, a slightly sticky note: The gathering is a private event, to which all of Arthur's friends are invited. However, it is Arthur's resolute wish that his ex-mother not be informed about anything at all regarding Arthur. If you wish further information, please write John N. Gregg, 2222 E. Bellevue Pl., #202, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

spiritual care and will feature Rev. Jesus Rodriguez, D. Min. Rev. Rodriguez is the Director of Education, AIDS Pastoral Care Network in Chicago. He has extensive experience speaking on HIV/AIDS and pastoral counseling issues and has served as an APCN Chaplain in the HIV Primary Care Center of Cook County Hospital for three years. He will address meeting the spiritual needs of persons with HIV disease and their loved ones, as well as related issues of church response to AIDS and burnout among AIDS caregivers.

Each session will be held on the St. Camillus Campus in the San Camillo Building (10200 W. Blue Mound Road, across from the Milwaukee County Zoo) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the O'Donnell Room.

On March 19, 1997 a panel of persons will address the changes in the treatment of person with HIV, including medical management, pharmacological issues, nursing care and adjunctive therapies.

On April 16, 1997 a panel of speakers will address psycho-social issues of persons infected and affected by HIV, including adolescents and persons with addictions.

All sessions are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry at (414) 259-4664.

UPDATE: LGBT Community Center Moves Forward

by Jim Schleif and Karen Gotzler, Co-Chairs

Milwaukee — The Steering Committee has moved into its "interim phase" with the continued diversification of its structure and volunteers. R. Rodgers and Leonel Marchan have joined the center's efforts in co-chair roles with Karen Gotzler and Jim Schleif.

Four new committees, bylaws, diversity/youth, search and strategic planning have been formed which will take the

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center into its final organizing and structural stage.

The "bylaws committee," headed by Denise Wise and Neil Albrecht, will draft bylaws for the final board of directors. The bylaws must be approved by the community at a town hall meeting this spring.

The "diversity/youth committee," co-chaired by Naomi Guzman and Edward Carr, will begin early planning

stages of programming for the center and continue to provide leadership around the issues of diversity and youth. The diversity committee is currently planning an outreach evening in the next two weeks to continue to gather surveys from people of color.

The "strategic planning committee," co-chaired by Bill Dempsey and Debbie Weills will be responsible for writing the final business plan, synthe-

sizing the information gathered by all committees and release the final report to the community in approximately sixty days. The building search will begin after the final document is released.

The "feasibility committee," co-chaired by Mark Street and Nancy Snow, launched its final data collection effort on November 17 with a targeted survey mailing to more than 200 organizations and businesses. The comprehensive survey, developed by Gwen Kibbe, Nancy Doughty and their sub-committees, will gather critical data for potential users, renters and supporters of the LGBT Community Center.

To date, sixty of the surveys have been returned. The surveys have already identified six possible renters. Volunteers will continue phone follow-up through January. The organizations and business survey efforts are to augment the data collected from 1,600 individuals (chaired by Henrik Christensen).

Ralph Serpe, executive director of the Billy De Frank Center for Lesbians and Gays in San Jose, California visited Milwaukee this past November and called Milwaukee's feasibility committee's efforts "the most comprehensive in the country. No other effort in the country has secured as much input as Milwaukee in order to launch the opening of a community center," said Serpe.

The results of the feasibility survey will be unveiled at this upcoming Town Hall meeting and will be published in early spring. All feasibility efforts are volunteer.

The "finance committee," co-chaired by Larry Stocks and Gwen Kibbe, reports healthy fiscal standings and a positive cash flow.

The "fund raising committee," co-chaired by Julie Ellsworth and Patrick Flaherty, is creating a two-year integrated plan that incorporates a membership drive, public dollars, contributions from private local, regional and national foundations, corporations, special events, and major gifts.

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of sustaining operating dollars, especially initially. In addition to membership, fund raising efforts and rental income will be crucial to the survival of the center.

It is important to stress that the current LGBT Community Center Project is a community-based volunteer effort to establish a community center. There are currently no fund raising or building fund efforts. The Community Center does plan to fund raise in 1997 to sustain the operations and eventual programming once the center opens. The "steering committee" and "fund raising committee" feel it is critical and responsible to develop a fund raising plan with targeted goals before we approach the community for support.

The "volunteer committee," co-chaired by Esther Altergott and Naomi Guzman, held a gathering on Saturday, February 1, 1997 for all volunteers (there are fifty!) who are currently working on the project. Volunteers are currently needed to serve on the public relations and volunteer committee.

GL Dance Scheduled at UW-Parkside

Kenosha — The University of Wisconsin - Parkside's Gay and Lesbian Organization (GLO) will be sponsoring a dance on February 21st from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. The dance, entitled "Valentine's Day in a Queer Way" will also be co-sponsored by Youth For Youth (Y4Y) - a lesbigay group for teens in the Racine/Kenosha area. The entire community is invited to attend with free admission. The event will take place in the Parkside Union Square. For more information call the Parkside Student Activities Office at 595-2278 and leave a message with GLO.

In Step Publisher to Speak at ABA Business Meeting on February 12

Milwaukee — The Alternative Business Association (ABA) will hold its monthly business meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. at the M&M Club located at 124 North Water Street. Guest speaker will be William Attewell, co-publisher of *In Step Newsmagazine* and *Q-Voice Magazine*. Attewell will speak on "Using Local Media to Your Best Advantage." Topics will include how to write press releases that get published and making and placing effective advertising. Attewell is also owner of Wells Ink, Advertising and Design, a local marketing agency specializing in the gay and lesbian advertising and marketing.

In addition, Patrick Flarety of the LGBT Community Center Project will speak regarding the local business community's support for the proposed center.

For more information about the ABA or the meeting call (414) 389-1200 or write to P.O. Box 65, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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The Arts

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UWM's Professional Theatre Will Present Two Views of War

Milwaukee — The Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's School of Fine Arts presents Arthur Miller's classic play, "All My Sons" in repertory with Naomi Wallace's contemporary drama, "In the Heart of America" in the UWM Studio Theatre, 2400 East Kenwood Blvd. "All My Sons" opens February 6 at 7:30 p.m. and "In the Heart of America" opens February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for "All My Sons" and "In the Heart of America" may be purchased at the UWM Fine Arts Box Office in the Fine Arts Theater Lobby at 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. or by calling (414) 229-4308.

Naomi Wallace's highly charged contemporary drama, "In the Heart of America" delves into the deep yet fragile connections of love between two soldiers from radically different backgrounds amid the brutality of war. Resonances between the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars emerge as a sister searches for the truth behind her brother's death and the ghost of a Vietnamese woman seeks her own murderer. Director Michael Johnson-Chase declares "With all the barbarity and senseless violence alluded to in this story, this work is at its heart a lullaby about finding love in terrible circumstances. It explores the remarkable power of the human spirit to blossom and grow despite the carnage and suffering of war."

Written by "Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible" playwright Arthur Miller in 1947, "All My Sons" is loosely based on an incident in Ohio at the end of World War II. The action takes place over the course of one day and explores the effects of war on family relationships. As Miller explores the rot beneath the Keller family's facade of respectability, the consequences of past decisions become an escalating nightmare. Family patriarch Joe Keller is desperately concealing a terrible secret that could destroy his carefully constructed world. His eldest son has been missing in action for three years while youngest son Chris has fallen in love with his missing brother's fiancée. According to Director Judy Leigh Johnson, "The play is a series of volcanic eruptions, increasing in intensity and culminating in a final horrific explosion."



— Actors Pamela Brown & Tom Schlimmels from Boulevard Ensemble/Photo by James Ross

Boulevard Ensemble Will Stage Two One-Act Plays "Hughie" and "Three Hotels"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble will again inject Milwaukee audiences to challenging theatre by premiering works by playwrights Eugene O'Neill and Jon Robin Baitz. O'Neill seldom produced two character dark comedy "Hughie" and Baitz's monologue play "Three Hotels: Heartbreak Hotels" will play February 14th through March 9th at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Local director and actress Maureen Kilmurry will stage both shows. For tickets, reservations or further information con-

tact the Boulevard Ensemble Box Office at (414) 672-6019.

Eugene O'Neill's "Hughie" takes place in a dingy hotel lobby in New York in the late 1920's as a down and out gambler vainly struggles to strike up a conversation with a bored and disinterested hotel clerk. Boulevard Ensemble Artistic Director Mark Bucher and Milwaukee playwright/actor Howard Goldstein will appear in O'Neill's dark comedy.

Jon Robin Baitz's "Three Hotels: Heartbreak Hotels" features Tom Schimmels and Pamela Brown as a corporate couple who explore and discuss their dissolving corporate and personal relationships over the course of staying in a series of international hotels. Carl Eiche will contribute his talents as both scenic designer and stage manager for this exhilarative double bill.

The Gay Comedy Jam Will Hit Milwaukee

Milwaukee — The Gay Comedy Jam; Freedom Tour, starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye will be in Milwaukee for one night only; Wednesday, February 26th at Stooges Comedy Club, 639 West Layton Avenue. Get your tickets now for this "Out" standing night of stand-up comedy. Tickets are on sale now at Stooges Comedy Club in Milwaukee. Call (414) 769-9300 for tickets and information. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. You may have seen Scott and Kevin on "HBO," "Showtime," "Comedy Central," or A&E's "An Evening At The Improv."

The Hollywood Reporter articulates "...they are the most successful gay comics in the world!" The Gay Comedy Jam has sold-out in over 150 cities in the U.S. and Canada. *The Advocate* magazine, the national gay and lesbian news source, is the tour's national media sponsor.

There is a twist to the plot. Scott and Kevin share not only the stage



— Kevin Maye/Photo by Sunny Schwab

together but also their life off stage as well. Scott and Kevin have been domestic partners for over five years and enjoy life in Houston, Texas when they are not touring. Scott is a big ex-football player that spent many years in military school, he is a big jock type of guy that makes crowds laugh with stories about his family. Kevin is quite the opposite,

more of a male cheerleader than a football player, his quick wit and political humor easily wins crowds over night after night. Kevin is also one of only two comics in the world that is HIV+ and does HIV, OUT, POSITIVE comedy on stage. Kevin says, "I have to take 22 pills a day now, hell there isn't enough room in my make-up bag for make-up any more!" Kevin proves he is not dying from this disease, but living with it! Scott is HIV negative. You may have seen them on John Bradshaw's TV show featuring HIV positive and negative couples.

Milwaukee's African-American Community Through The Eyes of John and Etta Jones

Milwaukee — Selected photographs and documents from the John and Etta Jones research collection will be exhibited for the first time at the Milwaukee County Historical Center during February in honor of Black

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John and Etta Jones became part of Milwaukee's African-American com-

munity in the 1920s. They engaged in civic, church, professional, and social activities, and they traveled. The photographs and manuscript materials in the collection chronicle their active life in Milwaukee from the 1930s to the 1960s.

John W. Jones was born in 1893 in Virginia and attained the rank of Corporal during World War I. He worked for the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad as a dining car porter in the 1920s. In Milwaukee he became involved in dental laboratory work, and by the early 1940s had opened his own business, The Jones Dental Laboratory. John died at the V.A. Hospital in Wood, Wisconsin in 1966. Etta Mae Jones was born in Tennessee in 1888. Her beautiful soprano voice led to a career as a soloist. She was part of the musical world of St. Mark's A.M.E. Church. Her theatrical talents included both acting and directing. She was active in the Milwaukee Urban League, National Association of Colored Women, and Colored Women's Clubs.

The Jones collection was donated to the Milwaukee County Historical Society after the death of Etta Jones in 1980, at the age of 92.

Ameritech Jazz At Orchestra Hall Will Present Wynton Marsalis' Epic Blood On The Fields

Chicago — The Ameritech Jazz at Orchestra Hall series proudly presents the Chicago premiere of Wynton Marsalis' epic oratorio, "Blood on the Fields," featuring the renowned Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, vocalists Jon Hendricks and Cassandra Wilson, as well as composer and trumpeter extraordinaire, Wynton Marsalis on Friday, February 14 at 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. For ticket information call (312) 294-3040.

"Blood on the Fields" received its



— Wynton Marsalis/Chicago Symphony Orchestra

world premiere at Lincoln Center in the spring of 1994, at which time it was hailed by *Time* magazine as one of that year's "top ten music highlights." *The New York Times* magazine articulated the work "marked the symbolic moment when the full heritage of the line, Ellington through Mingus, was extended into the present...It also reflects a full awareness of Copland and Stravinsky."

Commenting on his own work, Marsalis has said, "It's entitled 'Blood on the Fields' because it's about freedom and American slavery. It deals with love, soul, coming to grips with pain and disappointment, and the type of effort that's required to be free-all within the context of American slavery."

Nearly three hours in length, "Blood on the Fields" is Marsalis' first extended composition for large jazz band, but just the latest step in a career in which he has gained recognition as one of the most popular and acclaimed jazz musicians and composers of his generation as well as a distinguished classical performer. By force of his personality, intelligence, and achievement, it has been said that Marsalis, at age 35, has brought jazz back to center stage in American culture.

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Florentine Opera Will Present "La Traviata"

Milwaukee — The Florentine Opera is brimming musically with Giuseppe Verdi's "La Traviata." "La Traviata" is the third and last opera in Verdi's so-called "popular trilogy," that also includes "Rigoletto" and "IL Trovatore." The psychological complexity of the main character of Violetta makes her an outstanding figure not only in this opera but in the context of romantic theater as a whole. Traviata is the past participle feminine of the verb "traviare," meaning "to go astray." The modernity of the plot is just one of the features that helped Verdi to produce, from the very opening bars of the prelude, an extraordinarily lyrical score, capable of recreating in music the drama, feelings and sorrow of the story. Single tickets, ranging from \$18 to \$78, are available to from the Marcus Center Box Office, (414) 273-7206, toll free at 1 (800) 472-4458 (Wisconsin Residents) or TTD (414) 273-3080. Tickets are also available through all ticketmaster outlets and by phone at (414) 276-4545.

The Florentine Opera production of "La Traviata" heralds the return of renowned Baritone Sherrill Milnes as "Germont," the incandescent Mezzo-Soprano Maria

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Spacagna, and the acclaimed American Tenor Jonathan Welch as "Alfredo." The cast also includes Wisconsin's Merette Rentmeester in her debut with the Florentine Opera in the role of "Flora," Maria Zouves as "Annina," Charles Robert Austin as "Baron Douphol," Gregory Schmidt as "Gastone," Dean Marshall as "Doctor Grenville" and in professional operatic debut Dominic Frinzi as "Flora's servant."

The Florentine's dazzling and lavish 19th Century production of "La Traviata," from "L'Opera de Montreal," will be directed by the dynamic American Stage Director Robert Tannenbaum in his debut with the Florentine Opera. Joseph Rescigno, the Florentine Opera's Artistic Advisor and Principal Conductor, will lead this stellar cast and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra in Verdi's passionate opera that is famous for its soaring melodies and tragic fateful ending.

Madison Symphony to Feature American Opera "Harvey Milk"

Madison — Directly from its world premiere performances in the opera houses of San Francisco, New York, and Houston, Stewart Wallace and Michael Korie's Opera "Harvey Milk" finds its way to the concert stage as the Madison Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and guest soloists under the baton of Maestro John DeMain perform the final "Kaddish" from this opera about the assassination of two of San Francisco's most prominent politicians. Tickets for the event are available at the Civic Center Ticket Office, 211 State Street. Ticket prices range from \$18 to \$35; for more information call (608) 266-9055.

The opera "Harvey Milk," is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 at 8 p.m. in the Oscar Mayer Theatre of the Madison Civic Center, this perfor-

mance will also feature Haydn's Symphony No. 101 in D major and Strauss's Concerto in D major for Oboe and Small Orchestra.



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Mime-Mask Troupe Mummenschanz Is Coming To Milwaukee

Milwaukee — The Swiss Mime-Mask Troupe, Mummenschanz (pronounced moom-un-schonz), is coming to the historic Pabst Theater on Friday, February 7, 1997 at 8 p.m. The internationally famed troupe that has brought audiences to their feet throughout the world returns to Milwaukee bringing back favorite Mummenschanz characters together with fascinating new creations. Mummenschanz will be celebrating 25 years of performing. Tickets for Mummenschanz range from \$12 to \$30 and may be purchased at the Pabst Theatre Box Office, 144 E. Wells Street in person or by PHONECHARGE at (414) 286-3663.

Gutzman and Company to Perform at M&M Club

Milwaukee — Dale Gutzman, Milwaukee's most creative and successful independent producer/director will present an evening of music and comedy at the M&M Club on Saturday, February 15.

The show will feature some of Milwaukee's favorite performers. Gutzman's "Show Songs From Broadway and Hollywood" includes excerpts and selections chosen from the highly successful music and comedy revues that he took to Russia, England, and Thailand. Included in the show will be such well known hits as, "Hooray For Hollywood," "No Business Like Show Business," "As Time Goes By," "Makin' Whoopee," "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend," "Lets Do It," "Honeysuckle Rose," "Almost Like Being In Love," and many, many more. The show also will include a special section of songs by Stephen Sondheim, and lots of comedy bits. Gutzman brings the audience into the show when he invites them to sing several songs with him and cast members single out audience members as "Objects of Devotion" for some of the love songs.

For this very special evening, Gutzman has assembled the cream of Milwaukee's stage personalities. With Tina Davis at the piano and Gutzman leading the evening's events, the show will also include: Karl Miller performing his Marlene Detrich impersonation that stopped the show in Thailand last November. Miller also entertains as Carmen Miranda, Jack Wilson, who performs revues at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre will croon some touching Sondheim ballads, while Ellen Lloyd will charm the audience with several solos as well as rocking the place with a couple of duets with Gutzman, other scheduled performers include: Michael Weiser, Fred Ollerman, and surprise visits from a dozen other stage and cabaret performers.

The performance is schedule at M&M Club on Saturday, February 15 at 9:30 p.m. for "Songs From Broadway And Hollywood."

Pageant Dates Announced

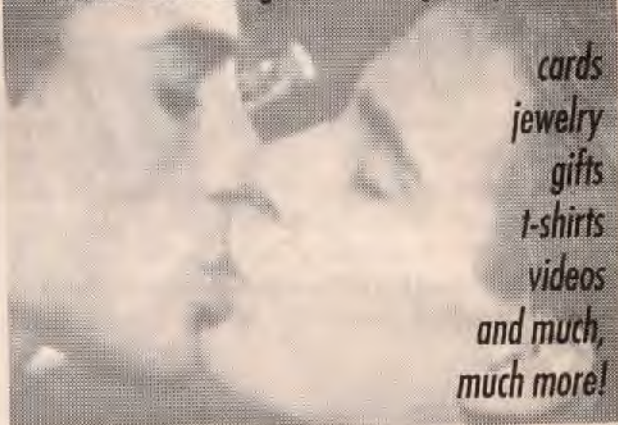
Appleton — Jingle Productions has announced the Miss Gay Great Lakes US of A 1997 Pageant will be held at Za's at 1106 Main Street in Green Bay on Friday, March 7, 1997. The pageant is a preliminary event to the Miss Gay US of A Pageant.

Other preliminaries for the Gay US of A Pageant include; Miss Gay Milwaukee on March 15 and Miss Gay Emerald City on April 19. Additional preliminary pageant dates through out the state will be announced shortly.

For more information about the preliminaries or for information on how to host an event, contact John or Randy at Jingle Productions, (414) 734-2511 or (414) 751-0640.

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Horoscope for Feb. 5 through Feb. 19



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Proud Rams may be strangely lacking in the self confidence department, but don't worry about being wallpaper this February. Expect fireworks as retro Mars finds ways to roil partners (so be well warned...) but the rest of the planets bring loads of jolly gay friends to the rescue. If romance and harmony are not in the stars, maybe sob sisters with a few beers are.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Stand back, friends; the proud Bull is unleashed and in the china shop! With planets heating up global and professional outings, this is obviously not the time to stay at home and grind that snout on the treadmill. (Mars would stub your hoof anyway.) Keep a wide eye on the big picture cousin and don't sweat the small stuff. Take it to the streets. Heck, take it to the world.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Gay Twins enjoy a festive party or three, but February brings more mishaps in the fun department than it's worth. Blame retro Mars if you must and settle for entertainment that's more relaxing. Console yourself with knowing that this month brings more spice than sugar. Sexual cuisine is best savored in some faraway cove, all expenses paid. Check your spice rack.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Home renovations should be put on hold until Mars gets back on track in March. Actions around the home have unintended impact; Knocking down a wall could bring down the roof. Pink Crabs are advised to renovate relationships instead. All is possible to a willing heart, dear queer friend. Open the spigot and see what happens.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUG. 23)

Proud Lions are not above belting out a roar when they feel neglected. In February however, your bellows come back to bite you. Why not mellow out and concentrate on spoiling your partner silly this Valentine's month? Happy surprises are in store for the generous Leo lover. If you're still searching for your dreamboat, cruise the party scene and see who washes ashore.



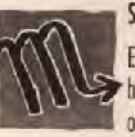
VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Pink Virgins feel closeted and unsure this month, but don't hide. Consider this temporary lapse of confidence a learning experience and go forward. Discover the true meaning of the word Pride this February. It couldn't hurt to get yourself a personal trainer and hone that bod, but avoid spending more than you can afford. What price wholesale beauty?



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Queer Libras have a way of bursting on the scene this February. Be careful not to knock over the scenery! This may not be the best month to meet new people; your first impression will be memorable to others and regrettably forgettable to you. Still, it's possible to have a good time this month if you allow your creativity to run free in familiar surroundings.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Even the most generous of charitable efforts can have an unintended, overbearing effect this February. Your heart is in the right place but Mars is not. No matter dear, queer Scorp; if you turn your attention to home based projects you can't go wrong. How about a Valentine's tete a tete? If you can't get a couple of tetes together, try a bubble bath and a good book instead.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

The transforming process continues in February as gay Archers strive to reinvent themselves. If you have an itch to dye your hair lavender and don a pair of puce bloomers, you must scratch away! But you may be strutting the boulevards alone as friends cross to the other side of the street. No matter cousin, you have to be you no matter how much the colors clash.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

All the clever calculating in your career could hit a roadblock in February as even the lightest political touch weighs like a sledgehammer. I suggest that gay Caps spend more time counting their pennies and surrounding themselves with beautiful object d'art instead of sharks in pinstripes. Invest wisely now and retirement may be closer than you think.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Aqueerians find that travel is more trouble than it's worth this February when great plans run amok and luggage goes astray. But it's still possible to have a robust birthday celebration and enjoy being the center of attention before the Sun moves into Pisces on the 19th. Party hearty while you can cousin but don't overdo. Keep that fabulous bod in fabulous shape.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Passion plays aren't in the stars this Valentines month. Your best laid sexual plans don't get lucky. Who cares? Pink Fish can expect rainbow karma to shine and good fortune to come their chaste way. Charitable actions lead to huge rewards so volunteer for a worthy gay cause (is there any other?) and prepare for a festive birthday celebration at the end of the month.

The Calendar

February 5th Through February 19th

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, February 7

GAMMA: Circle (Milwaukee): Join us for good food and great company. Social and party begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, February 8

FrontRunners: Fun Run or Walk (Milwaukee): Join us at the historic water tower, North Avenue at the lake front, for a 30-40 minute run or walk followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

GAMMA: Cowles (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 3 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, February 9

Madison Wrestling Club: Practice/Instruction (Madison): 1 p.m. Beginners welcomed. For more information call (608) 244-8675.

Tuesday, February 11

GAMMA: Directors Meeting (Milwaukee): 7 p.m. GAMMA Board of Directors meeting to continue planning Spring and Summer events. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Thursday, February 13

GAMMA: Ice Skating (Milwaukee): Join us for ice skating at the Pettit National Ice Center, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Saturday, February 15

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GAMMA: Cowles (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 3 p.m. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Sunday, February 16

GAMMA: Cross-country (Milwaukee): Cross-country ski at Lapham Peak State Park, 12 noon. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

Wednesday, February 19

GAMMA: Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open Volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym. 8 p.m. GAMMA membership not required. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

ARTS:

Wednesday, February 5

Walker's Point Center for the Arts: "Members Show" (Milwaukee): Tenth Anniversary year tribute to its artist members January 10-February 16. The "Members Show" promises to pack 'em in, and hang 'em high with the work of local luminaries and up-and-coming talent. Walkers point Center for the Arts is located at 911 West National Avenue. WPCA gallery hours are Wed-Sun 1-5 p.m., with extended hours Fridays until 8 p.m. For more information call (414) 672-2787.

Thursday, February 6

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop: Reading Group (Brookfield): 7 p.m. The general in-store reading group will discuss "Open Secrets" by Alice Munro. For more information call (414) 797-6140.

Milwaukee Public Museum: "Black Heritage Month-Celebration of Culture" (Milwaukee): The Museum's planned activities on Black Heritage will spark the interest of all ages. Different theme days will feature tours of exhibit halls, hands-on activities and more. For more information call (414) 278-2723.

Saturday, February 8

Woodland Pattern Book Center: "Free workshop with Kenny Fries" (Milwaukee): 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A hands-on workshop designed to help you transform personal experience into writing that is universal. This workshop is limited to 15 participants.

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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Dear Daddy,

Well, so that time has come, has it?

I don't even know where you are? Stashed someplace in a little four by four plastic box? Scattered in the vegetable garden you loved so much? In a *chotchke* ceramic urn on your way to where ever it is your wife is going to live now. Gone back to the ashes and dust from where we all began. She never called to tell me.

I wish I could have talked to you before you left, not that you'd remember. But your wife took care of that a couple of years ago, when in our last conversation she told me that you two "didn't approve of THOSE kind of people!" Of which I am one.

I knew, of course, that she meant that SHE didn't. Approve. It surprised me, of course. Living where you did for so long, on the edge of the San Francisco Bay. I guess I stu-

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pidly assumed that there would have been enough positive news coverage and general interest stories on "the dreaded homosexuals" that some of it might have seeped into her alco-

... there was good news and there was bad news. "The bad news is," I'd tell them. "That my dad has alzheimers." ... Then I'd say "But the good news is that I can come out to him every week."

hol soaked brain, seeded a bit of tolerance for the tribe, one of whose members you spawned. Apparently it was too hard a concept for her ladyship. So she became your gatekeeper and defender to keep the dangers away. Isn't that what family is for? I just never figured that I would qualify as one of the dangers.

I'm so glad I took the few opportunities I could muster to crash through the lowered guard bar to tell you that I loved you. Though I doubt that you remembered. Did I tell you that I talked about you often when I was speaking. You liked a good joke. You'd have loved this one, I think. You see, I talked a lot about coming out of closets to people who hadn't yet. Told them there was tolerance out there. More than tolerance actually. At least in the last few years, as who I am became less a dirty joke or a perversion.

I'd say to the university crowd, or the pride gang in city after city how good coming out felt. And how it was addicting. How great it felt to stand proud. But also, how after I'd informed all of the necessities, how it got to be a kind of outting fix, and pretty soon, how I'd seek out grocery store clerks to say "Thank you for ringing up my cantaloupe and Purina, and, by the way, I'm a lesbian. Then I'd tell them that in my own family there was good news and there was bad news. "The bad news is," I'd tell them. "That my dad has alzheimers." And I'd wait a bit for the oohs and the tongue clucking tsk tsk's to die down. Then I'd say "But the good news is that I can come out to him every week."

They'd laugh, you know. At the contrasts, I guess. Sometimes I'd add "Lately every day. Or every hour." And

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they'd laugh again. You would have enjoyed it, Dad. You had such a wonderful sense of humor. Where I got mine from. And I think you would have liked being an important part of my message. I know you would have approved of my method of delivery. (and by the way, my timing ain't so bad either, Pop.) You always taught me that it was much easier to get people to listen to you if you talked with humor. Well, you were right about that.

You may be gone, and your memory preceding you, but I still have mine of you. From when I was a small one. When you were a labor organizer. When you talked about good and bad, evil and power, and doing what had to be done even if it was hard. Even if you made people mad. Because doing what was right was, well, right. It was important, you taught, in the best possible way. By your own example. Somewhere, in the bottom of a cardboard box, I still have the picture of you, the newspaper shot before the war ended, yellowed years ago, the last time I saw it, of you in Chicago, when I was still in diapers, breaking up a German Bund meeting. I'm a grown-up now, Dad. But I don't ever remember that I told you that I was proud of you for that. I am. It was doing what was right.

You'd be proud of me too. You raised a fine upstanding citizen who recognizes what's right and what's necessary, and who tries to do it. With joy, and with laughter, and no small measure of the humor you taught.

I miss you fiercely, Dad. Though with your memory gone, I had missed you for years before you actually left. Oh, and one more thing I want to tell you. I am a lesbian.

I figure it's my very last chance to come out to you and I didn't want to miss it.

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— Club Matisse's Bartenders, I'll take the 2nd from the right!/Photo Jamie



— Super Bowl at Ball Game/Photo Jamie



— Super Bowl At M&M/Photo Jamie



— Super Bowl Make Overs at Triangle!/Photo Jamie



— Girls, Just Wanna Have Fun! Mandi McCall Tribute at C'est La Vie/Photo Ralph



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Remember back in July... I decided to quit smoking. Let me tell you, it's not easy dumping this nasty habit. Well it's February and I'm going to try once again. This time with the help of the patch. I went to my local drug store and bought a weeks supply, thirty bucks worth. I bought it a few days before the Super Bowl (I'll talk more about that later) but I decided to wait until after the big game to actually start the process.

Sunday night after the game I took what I had left of my smokes and threw them away. Monday morning I did the usual get ready for work ritual. The only thing I left out was lighting up. Instead, I peeled the backing off the little square patch and stuck it on the inside of my arm. I hopped in my car and headed to work. Now, it could have been psychological but I really had a good first day. I made it through the day without too much trouble (Monday was a really busy day, I barely had time to think about smoking).

Next day same routine, get ready for work, stick on the patch and go to work. I got through work once again without any over-powering urge. That same night was a little more difficult. However, I stuck to my guns.

This is the third day and things are going pretty good. I haven't been out to the clubs yet so we'll see how it goes when that happens. (When I started this process I made the decision that if I slipped here or there I would not beat myself up over it, I will just pick myself up and try again.)

Then there's the dream factor. I don't know if you have heard but when you use the patch, your dreams become more frequent and a bit more vivid. I'm not sure if it happens because you are being fed nicotine 24 hours a day or if it's because that's what you've heard and now you expect it, but yes, my dreams are a bit more frequent and a bit more bizarre. Hey, it makes going to sleep like an adventure.

Pause...

OK, it's now Saturday morning. Yes I was out clubbing last night. Did I slip? Yup. I almost knew I would but like I said, this is a process and I'm not going to give up on this one. I quit for 6 years and I can do it again.

On to more important things. **Super Bowl!!!!** Me? I'm not a regular football freak but this year I actually sat in my living room all by myself and watched a game from beginning to end. **The Super Bowl?** No, I wasn't about to stay home and watch that game. I went out and watched it with the rest of **Milwaukee**.

Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This...

First stop was **Ball Game**. **Rick** and the staff put together a great party. Not only did they put out a fabulous buffet but they also brought in a huge projection TV for the back bar. I'm guessing there had to have been over 100 people there to watch the game.

My second stop was **M&M**. Once again, there was a great buffet upstairs and a huge projection TV. I went up to check it out but it was a bit crowded for me; so I went back down to the bar and watched with **Boo Boo** and about 20 other people. As **Green Bay** made touchdowns, the people downstairs could hear the people upstairs stomping on the floor. I'd be willing to bet they probably heard us hootin' and hollarin' as well. It was a blast.

Around half time, **Joel** and I went over to **Triangle** to see what was up over there. There was a smaller but very enthusiastic crowd there. We were drinking something green and yellow (gold is too hard to make as a cocktail) that was very tasty. You'd have to ask **Damian** what the hell it was, I

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can't remember.

We wanted to end the game over at **In Between** (that's where a couple of other friends of ours were) so we packed up our tits and headed over there. We got there just in time to see **Green Bay** win the **Super Bowl**. Balloons and confetti came falling from the ceiling and people went nuts.

(Somewhere in that whole mess, I got into an argument with my favorite person, but because he ended his column in a somewhat classy manner I will leave all of that alone.)

By this time for me, it was time to call it a night. So call it a night we did. We went to my house, walked in the door and it was at that point that I took the last pack of smokes I hope I ever buy, crumpled them up and threw them in the trash.

Let's see, what else happened since last issue. Oh yeah, **C'est La Vie** had a tribute to **Mandi McCall** show Sunday, January 26th. There were 8 performers there putting on a show to help raise money for a **gravestone** for **Mandi** and to remember **Mandi**.

I also went over to **Matisse** over on the east side. This place is really cool and Gay friendly. They have a different theme every night. (You will have to call them to see what nights are what theme.) The place is very **MTV**. Couches, end tables and a nice dance floor. The bartenders are very nice a couple of them very cute. Straight but cute. If your looking for something different, check it out, it's just east of **Pizza Man** North on Oakland.

Well, that's gonna do it for now. I would like to mention that if you are having a club related event, **PLEASE LET ME KNOW**. You can call the **In Step** office at **414-278-7840** and they will forward the message to me.



— Looking Good at Club 219/Photo Jamie

Soon I will also have an e-mail address and I will let you know what that is.

Finally I would also like to thank all of the readers of this column and for picking up **In Step** and keeping **In Step** as **Wisconsin's** premier **LesBiGay** magazine. Thanks to **Jim Jacobs** for a great calendar and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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Monday, February 17

GAMMA: Reading Group (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m. The monthly Book Club meets to discuss "Men on Men 6: Best New Gay Fiction" edited by David Bergman. For more information call (414) 342-4322.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$2 Bloody Marys, \$2 Screwdrivers, \$2 Absolut Peppaz!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Corona \$2, Shot of Jose Cuervo \$1.75.

Just Us (Milwaukee): \$1.50 all rails drinks, \$0.75 Miller tappers, \$1.00 Miller tappers. All day!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 'til 6 p.m. \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound. \$1.50 rail (9 p.m. until close).

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys/\$2 Coffee Drinks!

Club 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 p.m. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, \$0.75 tappers, 7-closing \$5.50 beer bust!

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): 2-7 p.m. \$0.75 taps, \$2 Margaritas, \$2 Bloody Marys!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Bloody Marys!

Mondays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Doctors!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors d'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers!

\$4.

LaCage (Milwaukee): "Shake A Drink."

Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.75 Miller Brands: 8 p.m. to close.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.50 rail.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs from 3 p.m. til 7 p.m. (drinks as low as \$.25), Beer Bust from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m. for \$6.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Martini Specials. \$1.50 all Miller Products.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Absolut Nite! \$1.25.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. 2 for 1 pints domestic beer til midnight!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$0.75 Tappers!

Tuesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Pitchers!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors d'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. Pull Tabs 8 p.m. to close.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, \$2.50 Top Shelf, \$1.50 rail.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks, \$5.50 beer bust!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Giant Pitchers \$4, Pizza's \$4.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 all Budweiser Products.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. \$0.50 off Everything until midnight.

SWS Docks (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust from 9 til close.

Wednesdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors d'oeuvres 5-7 p.m.

La Cage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust!"

Just Us (Milwaukee): 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. Margarita Pitchers \$3.50; all day. Imports \$1 off; 8 p.m. to close.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$3.50 or \$0.80 glasses of beer.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Free Darts or Pool (As Long as You drink).

Club 94 (Kenosha): 7-11 p.m. 2 for 1, \$0.50 tap, \$2.50 pitchers.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Bar rail for \$1.50, Soda and Juice \$.50 from 3-7 p.m. Beer Bust from 10 p.m. til 2 a.m. for \$6.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$0.50 Drafts. Dj - Blair'N!

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Double Bubble • 8 p.m. til midnight.

Thursdays:

Triangle (Milwaukee): \$6 Rail Bust!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complementary Hors d'oeuvres from 5 p.m. till closing.

La Cage (Milwaukee): "Super Bust", plus DJ & Dancing 7 nites a week.

Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 6-8 p.m. 2-4-1: 5-8 p.m. \$1.50 rail drinks; 8 p.m. to close.

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rail Drinks \$1.25.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$5.50 Beer & Wine Bust!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. to close, \$1.50 rail.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull Tabs (Drinks as low as \$.25) from 3-7 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): "Dollar Daze" - \$1 Beer/Wine and \$1.50

Well Drinks.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Live Entertainment!

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Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.00 Tappers, \$2.7 crown and \$2 Captains!

Fridays:

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry with other great specials!

Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 5-10 p.m. 2-4-1: 4-8 p.m. After midnight specials!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): College Night ID required- Bottle beer \$1.50, Tappers \$0.75.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! Dj - Cris!

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Happy hour 3-8 p.m. Fish Fry, 4 - 10 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1, 8 p.m. to close \$1.50 The Doctor!

Saturdays:

Just Us (Milwaukee): Food Service: 6-8 p.m. After midnight specials!

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 'til 6 p.m. \$0.80 Tap Beer, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhound!

B's Bar (Milwaukee): Rolling Rock \$1.50, Schopp's \$1.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Beer bust from 3 p.m. til 8 p.m. for \$6.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! Dj - Jerry!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): \$1.50 Cold Schnapps Shots!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, Feb. 6

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Start of Mardi-Gras Week!

Saturday, Feb. 8

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"- showtime at 11:30 p.m.

Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. -Jeff Jim.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 10 p.m. til close - Oberons Party!

Sunday, Feb. 9

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 4 p.m. - close - Mardi-Gras Party!

Monday, Feb. 10

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Place Party! Every Monday at 7 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Jazz Festival!

Thursday, Feb. 13

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Live Entertainment: Lu Shanti!

Friday, Feb. 14

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Valentine's Day! Bring in your name and birthday and Monica will match you up with your soul mate. Psychic Readings call for details.

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Male Strippers at 10:30 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Valentine's Dance: Borealis performing in 2nd level Lounge.

Saturday, Feb. 15

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): "Tabitha Presents"- showtime at 11:30 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Ball Busters!

Club 94 (Kenosha): D.J. -Jeff Jim.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Station 2 (Milwaukee): President's Day Party! 3 p.m. til close - Pull a cherry for your drink price.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Ball Game (Milwaukee): Dart Night: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Triangle (Milwaukee): Jimmy's Birthday Party!

COMMUNITY:

Wednesday, Feb. 5

OUTreach: La Cage (Milwaukee): HIV testing at LaCage from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sponsored by: BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Friday, February 7

OUTreach: Ballgame (Milwaukee): HIV testing at Ballgame from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sponsored by: BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414)272-2144 or (414)225-1502.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Milwaukee Public Museum: "African-American History" (Milwaukee): "For Kids." 1 to 4 p.m. Afternoon Adventure Weekends in February. On Saturdays and Sundays throughout February, the "Afternoon Adventure" theme will be "African-American History." Free with regular Museum admission. Call (414) 278-2713 for information.

Curative Rehabilitation Center: 6th Annual: Have A Heart '97 (Green Bay): 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The 6th Annual Dinner, Show and Silent Auction. Entertainment by ZIGI and JEFF & ZOOMIE. Fundraising goals are: \$15,000. Tickets: \$40/person, \$280/table of 8 or \$500/Corporate table. Reservations may be made by calling Stan Kocos at Center Project, Inc. (414) 437-7400.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Integrity/Dignity: Eucharist and Social Hour (Madison): The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue. For more information call (608)836-8886.

Friday, Feb. 14

Dignity/USA: CWC Women's

Retreat (Phoenix): 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "The First Annual CWC Women's Retreat." \$5 donation. For more information call 1-800-484-9366 code 7465.

The 10% Society: Valentine's Dance (Madison): 8 p.m. The 10% Society's Dance will be held at the Memorial Student Union. For more information call (608) 262-7365.

Frontiers: (Madison): 6 p.m. Dining out at SAZ. Located at 558 State Street. For more information call (608)274-5959.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Integrity/Dignity: Board Meeting (Madison): 10 a.m. Henry's, 902 Spaight Street, Madison. For directions or information call (608) 257-3346 or (608)836-8886.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Perfect Harmony Chorus: Rehearsal (Madison): 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sing! For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Thursday, February 20

Medical College of WI (CAIR): Kathleen J. Goggin, Ph.D. (Milwaukee): 3 to 4:30 p.m. "Neuropsychological Correlates of HIV-Positive Associated Depression." CAIR Research Conferences are held in the Conference Room, Franklin Building, 1249 N. Franklin. For more information call (414)287-4680.

FILM/TV:

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Shake It Up! "Nothing To Hide" (Madison): 9 to 11 p.m. Cable 4, Public Access TV, WYOU. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Saturday, February 8

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): 8 p.m. "The Bird Cage" and "Possession." For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Frontiers: Film Circle (Madison): 7:30 pm. The film: "The Last Language of Cranes." Location: Larry, 208 N. Braese Terrace (behind Camp Randall stadium). For more information call (608) 233-9008.

GALLERY:

Wednesday, February 5

Grava Gallery: Printmakers (Milwaukee): Printmakers is a collection by local artists: Roy Huth, Randy James, Arlene Torbica and Joyce Winter. Gallery hours: Tuesday — Friday, 10 am until 6 pm, Saturday 10 am until 5 pm. For more information call (414)277-8228.

Union Art Gallery-UWM: UKU Patrol (Milwaukee): Features paintings and drawings by Milwaukee area artists: Michael Amerino, Daniel Patrick Doherty, and Jennifer Giwosky. Gallery hours: Monday and Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm, Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday closed. For information call (414) 229-6310.

LIVE MUSIC:

Wednesday, February 5

The Pabst Theatre: Classical Conversations (Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. Neal Gittleman, Conductor & Host. Mozart: Eine kleine Nachtmusik, Brahms: Serenade No. 2. Classical Conversations is a series of concerts sponsored by The Marcus Corporation. Feb. 5, Feb. 14, 15 and 16. For more information call (414)286-3663.

Sunday, February 9

MSO: Rainforest Concert (Milwaukee): 2 p.m. Paniewicz is a poet who often performs with his long-time friend Antler. The \$3 admission at these previews will benefit local nature centers and the Tirimbina Rainforest Preserve. For more information call (414) 425-8550.

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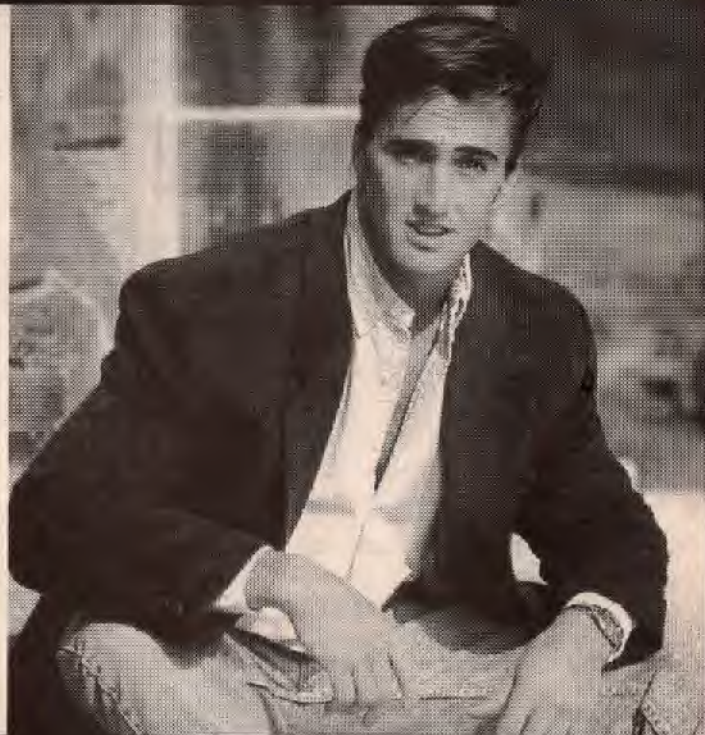
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 Mon-Fri. 9 to 9 (800) 334-AIDS
- WI Conference of Churches**
 (AIDS Caring Community) (608) 244-0894
- Wisconsin Light** (bi-weekly G/L newsletter)
 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee 53212 (414) 372-2773
- WI Legislative Hotline** (800) 362-WISC

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 Appleton 54915 730-0440
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- ECHO** (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)
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- Men's HIV+ Support Group Appleton** 733-2068
- Family HIV Support Group Appleton** 733-2068
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 Bill 924-9106
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- Silent Legacy G/L Student Group at UW-D**
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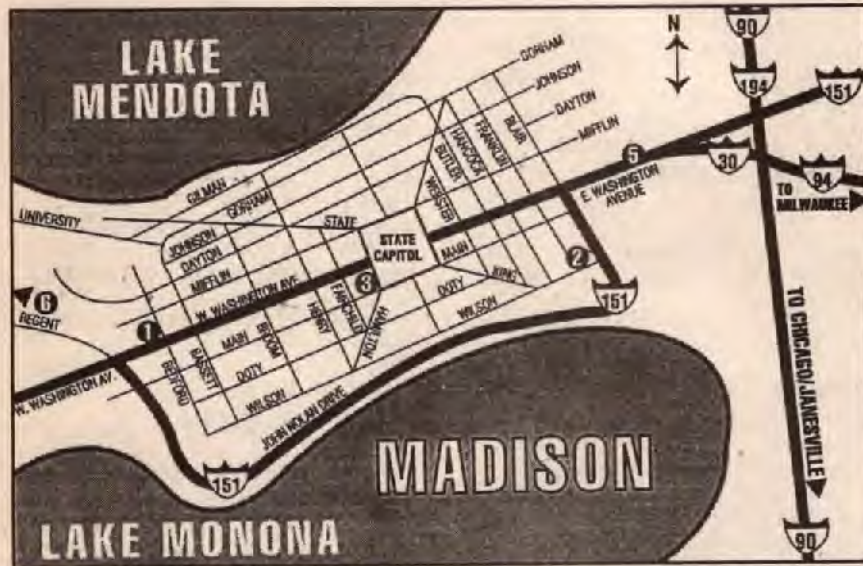
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Madison 53706
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PO Box 1722, 5370
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c/o The United 255-8582
- Gay Fathers c/o United 255-8582
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(regular, Gay meetings) 771-9119

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PO Box 413, Union Box 51; 53201 229-4054

Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co)

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PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING

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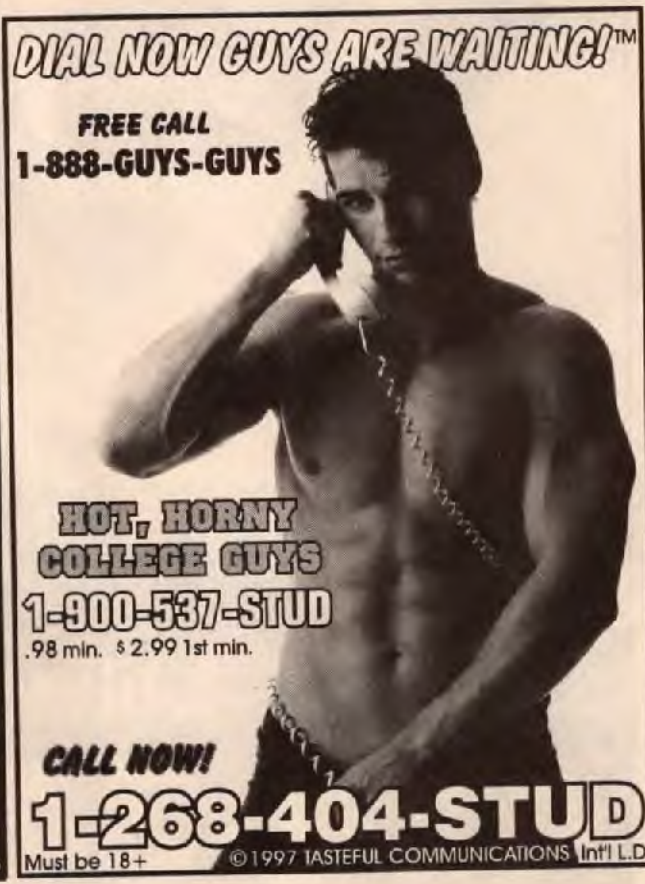
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THIS TOY COMES WITH GUARANTEE

I aim to please. I am a 30 year old, Gay, White male, very clean cut, who is looking for a Gay, White male, top man. I'm 6'1, 175lbs, with Brown hair, and Green eyes. I'm fit and hope you are too. Tell me what makes you feel good. That's what I'm here for. (Madison) #23019

STROKIN'

I'm new in Madison and would like to meet a sexy bottom, between 18 and 30, who wants to service me and show me a good time. I'm 29, 6'1, 190lbs, with light Brown hair, and Brown eyes. I'm straight appearing and am attracted to similar guys. Hurry, I could explode at any time. (Madison) #22820

COFFEE TALK

Social butterfly in Madison wants to meet other guys for morning coffee or evening fun. Care to join me? Pass the sugar, please. (Madison) #1779



DISCRETE PLEASURES I'm a 26 year old, Bi curious male, desiring new experiences. I'm fun, outgoing, and discreet. Let's start with friendship and see what happens from there. (Madison) #3161

NEW TO MADISON

I'm 57, 180lbs, 26 years old, Brown hair. Brown eyes, muscular build. I'm into outdoor sports (especially down-hill skiing), movies, and dancing. I'm looking for friendship and possible relationship. Serious replies only. (Madison) #14270

"HUNG" HUNTER

I'm 6ft, Blond hair, Blue eyes, medium build, very well endowed. I'm looking for men who are good looking and well endowed. (Madison) #17253

EARLY MORNING HARD ON

I'm looking to get together with someone in the mornings or late evenings. (Madison) #17456

MUTUALLY SATISFYING

I'm new to the Madison area. I'm 5'11, Blond hair, Blue eyes, 33 years old. I'm looking for men for friendship and possibly more. (Madison) #17106

MADISON BEAR

I'm 28 years old, 6'2, heavy set, short Brown hair, hairy all over. I like big hairy men like myself. I'm into movies, theatre, reading, and good conversation. Call me. (Madison) #1163

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

I'm a Gay White male, 6'1, 175lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, 30 years old, fit, clean cut. I'm looking for a top Gay male for fun, friendship, and possibly more. Try me. No disappointment (Madison) #34680

MENASHA MAN

I'm a Gay male in my early 30's. I enjoy the outdoors. I'm new to the area. Call me. (Menasha) #16411

HOW ARE YOU AT PLOWING?

I need an experienced hand, who knows how to blaze a trail. I'm a very submissive, Blond guy, 21, with Blue eyes. I need hot, and hard, tops, to have their way with me. (Menomonie) #17473

WAIT ON THE STOOL

This tall, masculine, hot, 40 year old man, is experienced in Brown hanky action. I want to meet other White males, who can dump their problems, and get into some sexual movement. I'm looking for buddies, or a lover. (Milwaukee) #6476

CUDDLY OLDER MEN, READ THIS AD

This 25 years old, east side guy, is looking for a cuddly older man for a relationship. I'm 5'9, 140lbs, with a trim, swimmer's build. I'm very active, and want to meet a man who is active, as well. You don't have to have a gym bod, just be fit. I like dark hair and Blue eyes. You should be sensitive, yet firm, and enjoy going out to movies, dinners, and the bar. (Milwaukee) #26624

BROWN HANKY CODE

I'm looking for hot, Gay, White males, who know what a Brown hanky means, and follow where it goes. I'm a very tall, 40 years old, masculine, White male, in extremely good shape. I'd like to meet a buddy for regular, code conscious, encounters. (Milwaukee) #26683

HARD AND HARDY

I want to meet a straight acting, horny guy, who is honest and discreet. I want us to be able to get off together, but I also hope you're the type I can take home to meet mom. Race is not an issue. (Milwaukee) #26333

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Being HIV positive does not mean the end! I'm a handsome, Gay Black man, 6 ft, 160lbs, 46 years old. I'm looking to meet with other Gay men, 35 to 45 years of age, who are also HIV positive, for friendship and possibly more. Everyone needs a friend. My friendship is extended to you. I'm in the Milwaukee area. (Milwaukee) #26201

I LOVE MEN!

I like 'em Black, White, Hispanic, however they come. I'm an 18 years old, Black male, 5'10, 190lbs, with a football player's build. People say I'm attractive. I'm versatile, and am attracted to muscular guys, between 18 and 29. We can take turns calling the plays. (Milwaukee) #25611

ROVING EYE

I wanna catch you in the act. I like to meet exhibitionists, between 35 and 50. If you like to be watched, and sometimes need a helping hand, give me a call. I check messages between 8:30 and 9:30pm, and like late night sessions. Show me your stuff. (Milwaukee) #25553

I'LL SCRUB THE CORNERS

Do your dishes need washing? This submissive slave is willing to do your dirty work. I'm 6'1, 200lbs, and very eager to please. Maybe you'll reward me now and then. (Milwaukee) #25384

VIOLIN & PIANO SONATA

I'm a caring, classical music enthusiast. This Gay, White male, is looking for a new friend to share good times with. I'm 47, 5'11, 150lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. (Milwaukee) #25435

SERIOUS TRAINING

Muscular topman seeks boy into serious training. I'm a White male, 33, with a great body. You should be between 5'7 and 5'10, and clean shaven. We begin now. (Milwaukee) #25342

I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HAPPY

I'm orally active and extremely enthusiastic. This Gay, White, professional male, in my 40's, is very oral and submissive. I am looking for Gay, and Straight, males, under 40, who want to receive oral pleasure on a regular basis. Spread 'em (Milwaukee) #24703

ACTION, NOT WORDS

Hot, Kenosha man seeks built, friendly, fun-loving guys. Enough said. (Milwaukee) #23891

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BAY CITY ROLLER I'm a 20 year old Gay White male in Green Bay looking to meet guys 21 to 35 for friendship and possible relationship. I like movies, music, and going to the clubs on occasion. I'm a light drinker and a non-smoker. If you're interested in getting together, give me a call. (Milwaukee) #22569

SUBMISSION IMPOSSIBLE I'm your French Connection in Green Bay. I'm a Gay White male, 5'9, 155lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm a well educated professional. I like biking, long walks, foreign movies, fine restaurants, coffee houses, and dancing. I'm a non-materialistic, non-smoker, and non-drinker. I'm looking for in-shape guys, 22 to 26, of any race, for massage, both giving and receiving, and other good times. The code word is fun. (Milwaukee) #5390

WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO I'm 27 years old, 5'10, 180lbs. I'm looking for a Transvestite or Transsexual for fun and fellowship. A feminine fellow might be nice too. Please be nice and smooth and call me as soon as possible. (Milwaukee) #22617

DEEP VOICE, SIMPLE NEEDS If you're a Gay, Asian male who is looking for more than a one night stand, this husky-voiced man may be the one for you. I'm a Gay, White male, 5'11 and 165lbs. I have Black hair and Brown eyes. I am very warm, caring and romantic. I love movies and being outdoors. Please be serious and have a sense of humor. We'll get along great. (Milwaukee) #18863

A BLACK MANS TOY I'm a 39 year old, White male, looking for Black guys in the Milwaukee area. You can use this White boy whenever you see fit. Pleasure Guaranteed! (Milwaukee) #6157

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL I'm a Gay male, 180lbs. I'm looking for other guys in my area for good times and friendship. If you would like to know more about me please leave a message in my mailbox. (Milwaukee) #20332

SADDLE UP AND RIDE I'm a Gay bottom boy looking for hot top men to have fun with. If you like topping hot bottoms then I'm the one for you. (Milwaukee) #20351

ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? I'm a 31 year old Gay White male, 5'8, 190lbs. I'm into science fiction. I'm inexperienced and I'm looking for other White males 18 to 35 to experiment with. Discretion is a must. (Milwaukee) #18726

DIAL-A-MAID I'm a 44 year old, Gay, White Transvestite. I'm looking for a position as a maid, or servant. I like to cook and clean, and be domesticated and feminized. I have a car and can travel. (Milwaukee) #20281

SLUCK RICK Hello, I'm 36 years old, 5'8, 165lbs, with Brown hair and Brown eyes. I'm looking to get into the leather scene. I am a total submissive, obedient, and eager to please bottom. I seek a master 40 to 50 years of age to train and utilize me. (Milwaukee) #20929

DO AS YOUR TOLD! I'm a 50 year old Gay White male. I'm 5'11 with Gray and Black hair, Green eyes. I'm pretty and dominant. I seek a very submissive bottom who is capable of total service and worship. (Milwaukee) #20856

SQUIRT ON ME I'm a 40 year old Gay White male looking for a relaxed gentleman who want to use a White boy. (Milwaukee) #19075

SOME OF US WANT TO BE ABUSED I'm 41, 160lbs, White, submissive, slave. I'm seeking a dominant Black man or a group of dominant men to use me on a regular basis. (Milwaukee) #12191

SMOOTHIE? I'm 6'1, 175lbs, 30's. I swim and I dance. I have a nice smooth body. I like to give and receive massage. (Milwaukee) #17702

ASTRO GLIDE If you are interested in body showing, I would like to shave your entire body. (Milwaukee) #17826

DANCES WITH NATURE I'm a Gay White male, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 6'1, 25 years old, nice body. I love dancing and the outdoors. Give me a call. (Milwaukee) #1538

I LOVE TRANSVESTITES If you enjoy cross dressing call me. I enjoy the company of another guy when he is in drag. #1626

MAKE ME LAUGH I'm 5'7, 180lbs, well built. I'm looking for the same in a guy with a good sense of humor. Let's go out. (Milwaukee) #1316

BLACK MEN ONLY I'm a 21 year old Drag Queen. I have Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'9, 155lbs, flexible. I'd like to meet a very fun loving and caring guy who likes to do a lot of things as well as cuddle. I'm only interested in Black men. Call me. (Milwaukee) #42795

LEATHER TRAINING I'm into leather. I'm looking for a slave boy or she male. I'm in my 40's, good build. I'm looking for someone to train. (Milwaukee) #32154

STABLE PARTNER I want to have a long term relationship with a mature, honest, caring, masculine Gay, White male, between 25 and 45. I'm a 38 years old, Gay, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, with thinning Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I enjoy gardening, dancing, antique, travel, and quiet evenings. Please call if you're looking for a stable partner, and don't smoke or drink. (Oshkosh) #26630

MY HEART IS RACINE I want to meet nice guys for dining, movies, and fun get togethers. I'm 5'9, 185lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I'm attracted to clean shaven guys between 25 and 35. (Racine) #4961

WILD BEAR Cuddly, Blond teddy bear, 39, is combing the woods for other wild bears. I'm interested in other hairy guys, under 40, for sexual pleasure. No strings attached. I'm primarily a top but can be flipped over by a crafty predator. (Racine) #26852

RACINE RACER I'm a sharp 39 year old, Racine resident, who loves to cuddle. I'm 5'8, 177lbs and have Brown hair and eyes. People tell me that I'm attractive and good-looking. I like movies, the theater, and dining out. I also love staying in, for those special evenings, with just the right person. Let's spend some cold winter nights in each other's arms. (Racine) #18827

DAD WANTS BOY I'm a Gay White male retired professional seeking a cute young dude, son, brother, for affection, companionship, and more. Call me. (Sturgeon Bay) #34420

HERE'S THE SKINNY I'm a Gay White male, Blond hair, Green eyes, skinny, 120lbs. I like cuddling, watching movies, and the beach. (Racine) #17609

SEXY REXY This handsome, muscular, professional Gay, White male, is looking for other muscular, masculine guys, for erotic fun. I'm a college instructor, and a businessman. (Showano) #25387

YOUNG AND ACTIVE IN WAUSAU I'm a Gay, White male, 25, 6ft, 190lbs, with Blond hair, and Blue eyes. I have a sturdy, medium build. I'm a non-drinker and non-smoker. Into tennis, biking, exercise, and the movies. I'm straight acting, and not into the bar scene. I'd like to meet guys with similar attributes for outdoor excitement, and indoor erotica. (Wausau) #11144

YOU HOLD THE FLASHLIGHT I'm looking for friends, with whom to share the joys of life, in central Wisconsin. I'm 36, 5'8, 165lbs, with Brown hair and eyes. If we explore, maybe we'll find we don't want to be alone any more. #26952

QUALITIES ALIKE I'm a Gay White male, 49 years old, giving, open, honest, and possesses a great sense of humor, with a positive personality. I'm in search of another Gay White male, 30 to 45 for a long-term relationship. #26167

LET OUT A BI CRY If you're on the prowl for discreet get togethers, give me a call. I'm a good looking, Married, Bi, White male, 5'9, 180lbs, in central Wisconsin. I want some exciting encounters with other hot Bi or Gay men. #25097

ANY OLD MUSIC WILL DO I'm your private dancer. I'm 6'3, 210lbs, very hot and very well hung. I'm an exotic dancer and one on one male performer. #24917

BLEEP MY BLEEP BLEEP I'm interested in doing several things which may not be printable. To give you a general impression, they include licking, sucking, thrusting and stroking. #24774

I'LL SEND UP A SATELLITE I decided to try an ad since you didn't respond to my smoke signals. I'm a Gay, Black male, 21 years old, 5'8 and 135lbs. I have Black hair and Brown eyes. I'm an attractive non-smoker and non-drinker. I would like to meet a tall, slim, attractive Black or Hispanic male between 20 to 32 for a relationship. I'm into movies, tv, shopping and quiet evenings at home. Be honest, caring and monogamous. #13034

EDUCATED

PROFESSIONAL I'm an educated, professional male, looking for companionship. I am 49, 5'8, 168lbs. My interests include travel, theater, the arts, antiques, humor, and conversation. I'm very relationship oriented and hope to meet a similar person. (Milwaukee) #24719

THIS WAS MEANT TO BE I'm looking for a trim, financially secure, Transsexual, for a relationship. I am a 34 year old, White male, into physical fitness, and weight lifting. Baby, come to me. (Milwaukee) #24383

SILK STALKINGS I'm on the prowl for older men, and other crossdressers. I'm a very attractive crossdresser. I'm 5'11, and a submissive Brunette. I have an affinity for silk stockings, corsets, and high heels. I hope you appreciate my pumps. (Milwaukee) #23614

AU NATURAL I wanna get naked with a man, hug, engage in some mutual hand work, and have some oral fun. Anyone out there have the same hankering? (Milwaukee) #23128

SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO I travel a lot and would like to meet guys all over the place! I'm 41, 200lbs, with short Brown hair, and Blue-Green eyes. I like taller guys, especially over 6'4. My interests are varied and I hope yours are too. Give me a call. Maybe this ad is what we've both been waiting for. (Milwaukee) #23468

PANTING IN PANTIES I'm a passionate Transvestite looking for take-charge, top men, of all races, for kinky times. I make love in high heels and makeup. I'm also into stockings, and panties. I'm panting for you. (Milwaukee) #19832

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THE LAST WORD

Commentary by Al Geiersbach

Friends: Newt and Steve

The Oxford English Dictionary says that "a newt" is a corruption of "an ewt," the original name of a type of salamander. How fitting that even the name of the Republican Speaker of the House, Mr. "Newt" Gingrich, should be the product of corruption.

Former Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson has been an ardent supporter of Newt. Early in 1989, Gunderson helped him get his first post of real power as House Minority Whip. Afterwards, Gunderson served him as Chief Deputy Whip, resigning in 1993, reportedly disgusted with Gingrich's leadership style.

Despite his resignation, Gunderson has continued to defend and excuse Newt. In 1995, *The San Francisco Chronicle* reported Gunderson as saying "I think Newt is a classic example of what I believe is representative of the American people. They are not homophobic but homo-ignorant."

Gay Democratic Congressman Barney Frank doesn't agree with Gunderson's opinion of Newt. When, shortly after Gunderson's "homo-ignorant" defense, Gingrich came out against federal protection for gays from workplace discrimination, Frank said, "Gingrich has one of the most anti-gay records in the Congress and he has been one of the most energetic homophobes."

A month after trashing the right to a discrimination-free workplace, Newt sent shock waves through the military establishment as well as the GLB community, when he announced that his Republican Congress would probably reinstate a total ban on gays in the military. A couple days later he backed off, and the issue died. Some Log Cabiners might like to think their influence or Gunderson's changed the speaker's mind, but it's more likely that arch-conservative Senator Dan Coats's remark that he firmly believed "there is not a problem" with the current Clinton policy, and pleas from top military brass not to make waves, are what influenced Newt to back off.

It's surprising that Gunderson served Newt so long. Way back in 1989, just a few months after the gay con-

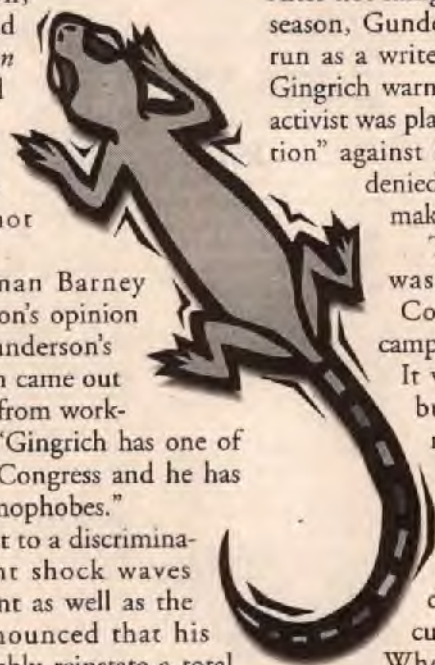
gressman helped win the Whipship, Republican homophobes launched a smear campaign insinuating that Tom Foley, a House Democrat, was a homosexual and a pedophile. An aide on the Republican National Committee was fired over the incident, and though Gingrich condemned a member of his own staff for starting the rumors about Foley, safely closeted Gunderson continued his relationship with Newt and the GOP.

Gunderson's loyalty seemed still in tact in a mid-1996 interview with *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. After not filing re-election papers earlier in the election season, Gunderson had finally renounced a rumored run as a write-in candidate. He said he quit because Gingrich warned that a nationally known conservative activist was planning a campaign of "character assassination" against him. The activist, Paul Weyrich, flatly denied the accusation, saying, "Boss Gingrich is making up the facts as he goes along."

The *Journal* also reported that Gingrich was warned by another Wisconsin Congressman that Gunderson's write-in campaign would cost the Republicans the seat. It would be ironic if Newt burned a naive but loyal Gunderson by relaying a false rumor about Weyrich, sacrificing a "friend" to try to save a Republican seat in Congress.

In ancient times, the salamander was thought able to survive fire. All the pundits are saying that Newt will survive the current firestorm over his ethics violations.

Whether that's good or bad depends on whether he's the benign but "homo-ignorant" friend pictured by Steve Gunderson, or the devious liar and homophobe suggested by Paul Weyrich and Barney Frank.



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