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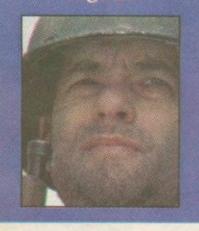
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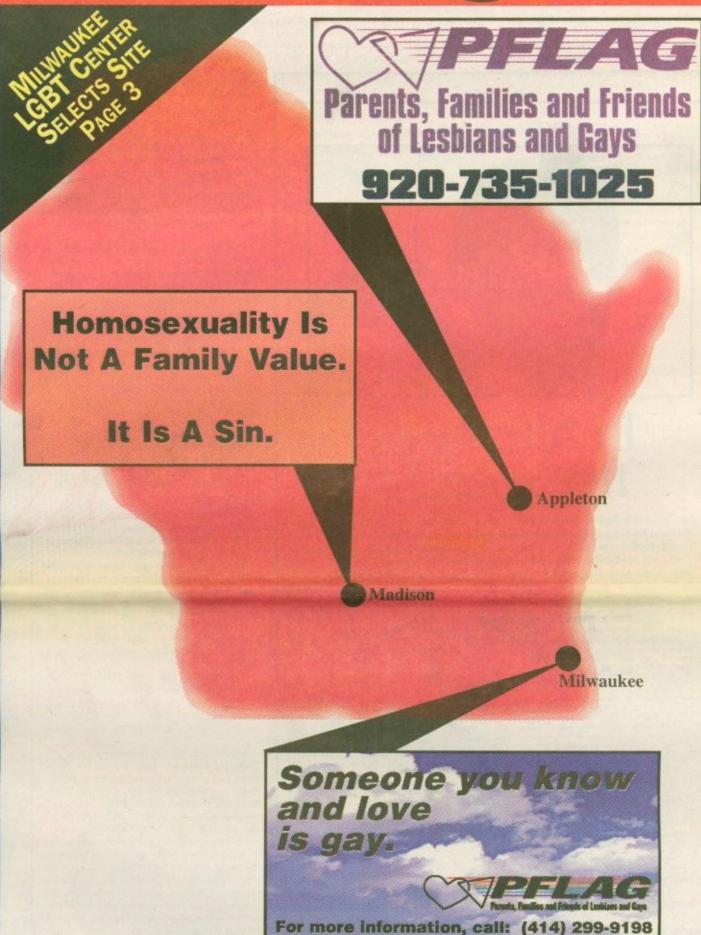


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BATTLE OF THE BILLBOARDS

by Bill Meunier

Wisconsin Light has learned that PFLAG chapters in Milwaukee and the Fox Valley will be erecting 10 Gay positive billboards within the next month. Coming on the heels of the anti-Gay billboard controversy in the Madison area, the PFLAG signs seem almost certain to escalate the public debate over homosexuality.

PFLAG-Milwaukee's signs will go up in five locations on or about August 3. "We wanted to put them up for PrideFest," said Elna Hickson, of PFLAG Milwaukee. Hickson said that PrideFest is a critical time for families with Gay and Lesbian children, because a number of them choose that time to tell their parents of their sexual orientation.

The Milwaukee billboards will convey a simple message, "Someone you know and love is Gay" plus the PFLAG-Milwaukee hotline number. The signs are intended to make those who have Gay or Lesbian family members aware of the group and its services.

Hickson credits Brigette Vojcsik with

doing all the work for the signs. Vojcsik, whose 25-year-old son, Marc, is Gay, told Wisconsin Light that she wanted to make other parents of Gay and Lesbian children become aware of PFLAG.

Vojcsik says, "It's high time for the City of Milwaukee to get a little wake up call." She says that she wants people, who are wrestling with issues surrounding a Gay or Lesbian family member, to realize that help is available. "When you reach out to people, usually doors open up and about 25 people are

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