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The Wisconsin Light

Wells Elected To Stonewall '94 Committee

[Milwaukee]- Gary Wells, of Milwaukee, who has been working as a member of the Conference Co-ordinating Committee of Stonewall 25, was elected to the Steering Committee for that organization at a conference in Dallas, Texas the weekend of January 15-17, 1993.

Stonewall 25 will be a celebration commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots which took place in New York City in June, 1969.

The mission of Stonewall 25, Inc., is to produce an international march and rally as well as a global calendar of all commemorative events taking place in 1994. The march is called "International March On the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People."

Stonewall 25 has created 12 demands of the United Nations. Among these is the demand to change the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, written by Eleanor Roosevelt, to include Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people. Also, that the U.N. General Assembly proclaim The International Year Of Lesbian and Gay People (possibly 1999).

At the conference, Wells was also chosen to be one of six members of the executive committee of Stonewall 25.

The conference was held at the Sheraton Mockingbird Hotel and was attended by activists from across the country, notably Pat Norman, Gay/Lesbian Liason to the Mayor of San Francisco, Nicole Ramirez Murry, Gay/Lesbian Liason to the Mayor of San Diego and including representatives from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

Wells said that he was "shocked" to be chosen for this position. "I am honored to be included among this group and I look forward to working with them and working with them as much as I can."

As part of the committee, Wells will assist in the overseeing of all facets of organization of the celebration in June, 1994.

There were three keynote speakers at the Dallas conference; Ray Hill, a widely respected Texas Gay and civil rights activist; Rebecca Seville, co-General Secretary of the International Lesbian/Gay Association (ILGA) and Lesbian activist from Lima, Peru; and Morris Kight, a long-time national Gay human rights activist and the visionary who, in 1985, proposed an international celebration of Stonewall in 1994.

Hill talked about the history of the Gay movement. Seville, speaking in Spanish, described the international Gay movement and the events planned world-wide to celebrate 1994, from South Africa to Russia to Japan.

Kight spoke about his vision in 1985 as well as his intention to "come out" at the age of 75 to his home town in Comanche County, Texas.

Wells said that he was nearly

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INAUGURATION COVERAGE—

As this issue goes to press, *Wisconsin Light* reporter John Quinlan is in Washington covering the festive events.

READ HIS REPORTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF

The Wisconsin Light

Racine County Jail Settles Dennis Hill Death Lawsuit

[Milwaukee]- "It's a tremendous victory," Doug Nelson said, "a triumph in our long struggle to gain justice."

Nelson, the Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) was referring to the successful settlement in the lawsuit brought by ARCW on behalf of the estate of Dennis Hill against the Racine County Jail. The settlement, reached on January 13, 1993, was announced by ARCW on January 19, 1993.

As the front page lead headline in *Wisconsin Light* reported in the November 26-December 9, 1992 issue, Hill had been confined in the Racine County Jail in November, 1991, on a minor violation. The suit, brought by Steve Byers, managing attorney for ARCW, asserted that Hill, a person living with AIDS, had been denied necessary treatment for his obvious condition. He had been left to lie naked in his own vomit and feces with a medical tube protruding from his chest.

The only medication Hill received during his custody was two Tylenol tablets — which were strictly forbidden by his doctor. Hill died in the Milwaukee County Medical Complex on November 23, 1991.

Terms of the Settlement

In settling the case, Racine County has agreed to do the following:

- 1) Pay \$20,000 to the Dennis Hill estate;
- 2) Pay \$25,000 to fund an HIV/AIDS education program for implementation in Racine County. The county will award these funds to a community-based organization which has demonstrated a commitment to AIDS education and HIV prevention outreach;
- 3) Retain a qualified HIV/AIDS expert to access the medical treatment and support service policies of the jail and to develop appropriate policies for implementation by Racine County;
- 4) Educate and train all current Racine County jail personnel in the handling of HIV infected detainees and provide such training to all new employees;
- 5) Pay the legal fees incurred in prosecuting the lawsuit.

Nelson Praises ACT UP

Nelson praised ACT UP for all of its work and effort in bringing the Hill case to the attention of the public. "Without the powerful advocacy of ACT UP Milwaukee, and other dedicated AIDS activists from Madison and across the state," Nelson said, "our task would have been much harder and the suit might not have been settled so quickly or with such satisfaction."

Nelson said that while the legal settlement "clearly accomplishes our goal, and the monetary elements are a great accomplishment, equally important is the commitment by Racine County to develop and implement a comprehensive HIV/AIDS policy for the jail and to provide specialized HIV training to jail personnel."

Nelson went on to say that "The success of this settlement sends a powerful message to jails throughout Wisconsin and the country. The failure to provide adequate care and support for jail detainees with HIV disease and discrimination against them based on their HIV/AIDS status are both unacceptable policies for public law enforcement agencies."

Byers Praised

Nelson praised Steve Byers and the ARCW Legal Assistance Program for their "outstanding" work in both this case and on a day-to-day basis.

"Steve has done a great work here," Nelson said. "He is to be heartily congratulated." He also acknowledged with "deep gratitude" the commitment and assistance of Attorney Larry Albrecht from the law firm of Hall, First, and

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GALA WEEK— Gays and Lesbians across the nation rejoiced as President Clinton took his oath of office on January 20. Re-printed above is the invitation commemorating this Fifty-Second Presidential Inauguration.

BestD Clinic Begins Cable Show To Answer AIDS Related Questions

[Milwaukee]- BestD Clinic is going on TV on a weekly basis to answer HIV-related questions. The program will air every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable, Channel 47. The program is part of the on-going outreach of the BestD Clinic and will be produced by Bob Ambelang and Jeff Buckles. The purpose of the program is to answer questions that people have but are afraid to ask in person or feel uncomfortable asking in person.

"There are still many Gay people out there who have not been tested for the HIV virus," said Ambelang. "It is our intention to reach them and prove to them the value of testing on a regular basis, especially if they have had multiple partners or have been practicing unsafe sexual conduct," he said.

"The first test is a frightening thing for

all of us," Ambelang added. "But it is important to learn your status. If a person is negative, it is important to learn all you can about transmission, safer sex practices and negotiation to enforce safer sex practices."

"If the person is positive, safer sex is equally important as is the knowledge of what to do to keep oneself healthy. These are the issues we plan to address during the run of this important program," Ambelang said.

The program, **BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions**, will be a live call-in show. The call-in lines are (414) 225-3566 and (414) 225-3565 between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. only. If you have no questions yourself, but have a friend or loved one about whom you are concerned, plan on watching together and phone your questions to the program.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gay Man Becomes Lutheran Pastor

[San Francisco]-On Saturday, January 23, 1993 at 3:00 p.m., the Reverend Jeff R. Johnson, an openly Gay man, will be installed as the Pastor of First United Lutheran Church, a small parish located in the Richmond District of San Francisco. The installation will take place in spite of the opposition of the local Lutheran Bishop, The Rev. Lyle G. Miller, and other national leaders of the 5.3 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Johnson's call violates ELCA denominational policy which prohibits the ordination or installation of openly Lesbian and Gay clergy involved in relationships of commitment.

Johnson's call as sole Pastor virtually assures the expulsion of this century-old Lutheran congregation, unless the policy of the ELCA changes by the end of 1995. First United is predominately heterosexual.

Minnesota Senate President Is Gay

[St. Paul]- State Senator Allan Spear (Democratic-Farmer-Labor- Minneapolis) has been elected President of the Minnesota Senate on January 5, 1993. Spear, who has served in the Senate for 20 years, was elected on a roll call vote of 41-22, defeating a ranking Republican.

Spear is the most senior openly Gay or Lesbian elected official currently serving in the U.S. and the first to assume a top leadership position in a state legislature.

Frank Scores Gay Victory

[Washington, D.C.]- Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) welcomed on January 7, 1993, the report of the Security Practices Review Board established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for its total, vigorous repudiation of any suggestion that Gay men and Lesbians should be subjected to any special scrutiny in the granting of security clearances.

This panel, which included three former military officials, was established in response to Frank's strong objections to the treatment accorded a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee, Jerald Johnson, last year.

Johnson had been pressured to give FEMA security officials a list of other Gay and Lesbian employees at FEMA and his own security clearance was denied when he refused to cooperate with this effort.

After Frank intervened, Johnson was protected in his job and the list of Gay employees was destroyed.

Gay Midwest Magazine Debutes

[Sioux Falls, SD]- This Spring marks the entry of another magazine joining the ever-expanding list of publications aimed at the Lesbian and Gay reader. *Left Of Center*, a subscription supported publication, premieres this March in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Kansas City, Oklahoma City/Tulsa, Memphis, and Omaha/Des Moines.

"We are definitely targeting the midwest," said Bryan R. Feuerhelm, editor. *Left Of Center* will appeal to the sensibilities of the Gay midwesterner."

Anyone interested in receiving a free issue, send their name and address to: *Left Of Center*, P.O. Box 88812, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Dignity to Meet in New Orleans

[Washington, D.C.]- Dignity/USA will bring its eleventh biennial convention to the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, LA, from July 28 to August 1, 1993. The convention is expected to draw Lesbian and Gay Catholics from across the U.S. The theme for the convention is "Celebrate A Living Church." For a complete packet of information and registration forms, write to: Dignity/USA, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 11, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Schools Add Gay Curriculum

[New York, NY]- While New Yorkers angrily debate over including lessons about Gay and Lesbian families in the public school curriculum, the *New York Times* reports that many of the largest school systems are quietly and cautiously adding such lessons to their curriculums.

Places such as Fairfax County, VA, Broward County, FL, Houston, TX and San Francisco, have avoided the uproar like the one in New York by introducing such issues in consultation with parents, physicians, clergymen and other community members.

Curriculums in those school districts usually address homosexuality and alternative families in the middle grades or high school and are included in discussions about the changing nature of the family.

Lift Gay Military Ban

[Washington, D.C.]- Dr. Mathilde Krim, Chair of the Board of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), testified before the National Commission on AIDS on what AmFAR believes the Clinton Administration's top priorities should be in the fight against AIDS.

Krim recommended that the new President should: 1) lift the ban against Gay and Lesbians in the military; 2) lift the ban on entry into this country by HIV seropositive people; 3) eliminate the ability of self-insured employers to cut health care benefits of workers diagnosed with AIDS; 4) end mandatory testing for HIV in the Job Corps, the Peace Corps and the State Department and 5) provide the moral leadership in the struggle against the pandemic.

Gays to March in St. Pat's Parade

[New York, NY]- New York City's police commissioner has issued a St. Patrick's Day parade permit to a group that plans to welcome Gays in the annual march through Manhattan.

An Irish American group called the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee plans to transform the event by allowing the expression of political opinions and de-emphasizing its Catholic roots.

The *New York Times* reports that New York's top Catholic leader, John Cardinal O'Connor has strongly criticized Mayor David Dinkins for supporting the committee's decision.

In addition to including Gays, the the committee has said it will transform the parade from a religious celebration of a Catholic saint to an event that encourages people to express their beliefs on political issues.

Schlafly Doesn't Answer Letter

[Washington, D.C.]- Prominent anti-feminist, anti-Gay crusader Phyllis Schlafly failed to respond to a recent invitation from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) to join the group, according to a report in the group's newsletter.

Schlafly's son John, acknowledged he is Gay last year.

The PFLAGpole, P-FLAG's newsletter, reported Mitzi Henderson, President of the national P-FLAG federation, was unable to contact Schlafly in person and did not receive a response from her written correspondence.

Gays in Military Protests Across Country Called 'Big Flops'

[Washington, D.C.]- In an update to a story in the last issue of *Light* on Operation Rescue's plan to hold anti-Gay demonstrations in "100 cities," the plan proved less than successful. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and John Zeh of the Capital Coverage News Service both report that the event "fizzled out."

Operation Rescue (OR) is the notorious anti-abortion group.

OR, in conjunction with the Christian Defense Coalition, led by Rev. Patrick Mahoney, sponsored the events to protest then President-elect Bill Clinton's decision to rescind the ban on Gay and Lesbians serving in the military.

In Washington, D.C. about five OR protesters at Lafayette Park across from the White House were met by more than 50 Gay, Lesbian and other counter-demonstrators.

In Seattle, no OR protesters showed up. In Colorado Springs, organizers of the demonstration tried to conceal OR's

sponsorship until NGLTF informed the local media.

NGLTF's Tanya Domi, director of NGLTF's Military Freedom Initiative and a decorated former Army captain, challenged Randall Terry personally at the Washington protest. "Where are your medals! Where did you serve?!" shouted Domi at the OR chief who quickly fled the scene by taxi.

"Operation Rescue and other Right Wing extremist groups insult the vital contribution of thousands of Gay men and Lesbians who are serving their country in Somalia and around the world," said Domi.

Added Robert Bray, NGLTF director of public information, "If there are any homosexuals out there, Gay men in particular, who still believe abortion is not a Gay issue, let this be a wake up call. Their agenda is not to save babies, but to repress people, especially women and Gays"

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800 Expected To Sell-Out March 27 Make A Promise Dinner

[Milwaukee]- The 7th Annual "Make A Promise" dinner and silent auction to benefit the vital AIDS care and education programs of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) will be held Saturday evening, March 27 in the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The elegant affair is again expected to be an early sell-out. In 1992, more than 800 "Make A Promise" guests responded to the escalating challenges of the AIDS epidemic by surpassing the benefit goal of \$40,000 by almost \$20,000. Participants enjoyed entertainment, food, and were given the opportunity to bid on more than 160 items donated for the silent auction by businesses, organizations and individuals.

Comedienne Jo Ann Dearing, last year's Make A Promise featured entertainer, will headline the 1993 show. Dearing has won national acclaim on

stage and in TV. Her accomplishments include network and cable performances, including appearances on "Hard Knocks," "The Rich Hall Special," and her own slot on the Showtime "Comedy Club Network."

She also co-starred in the nationally-circulated comedy action film, **Suburban Commando**, with Hulk Hogan, Christopher Lloyd and Shelley Duvall.

Continuing the benefit theme symbolized by the rose, tickets for Make A Promise are now available at a cost of \$125 (Forever Yours Rose), \$85 (Peace Rose), and \$50 (Friendship Rose). Tables of ten are also available at a cost of \$1250, \$850 and \$500, respectively. Ticket costs reflect preferential seating.

For more information, call the Special Events Department at MAP at (414) 273-1991.

Lesbians Aging Issues Forum To Be Held March 6 in Madison

[Madison]- A Lesbian Aging Issues forum will be held March 6, 1993, in Madison. The focus of the one-day meeting will be on the unique and special needs of our "retirement years." Thus, the forum should be of interest to women in their 60's and older and also to those in the 40's and 50's who are interested in developing appropriate support systems for our later years.

It is planned as a safe place for older Lesbian women from throughout Wisconsin and nearby states to come together and share their concerns about or experiences with aging service agencies, the legal system, and community support networks.

The keynote speaker will be Marcia Freedman, a 62-year-old Lesbian and staff person at the American Society on Aging, a major national organization of gerontology professionals.

Women attending the day-long forum will participate in roundtable discussions of healthcare, housing, legal issues, social and emotional needs and financial matters. A luncheon panel will include women who have developed alternative housing, provided legal and healthcare services and organized older Lesbians.

Lesbians Forced from their Homes

What are some of the concerns of older Lesbians? In recent years, we have become aware of the need to establish partners' legal rights prior to any possible healthcare catastrophe, such as befell Sharon Kowalski. Fewer of us maybe aware of other legal problems that may arise later in life.

Under current regulations in Wisconsin, for example, in order to receive Medical Assistance (Title 19) funding for care in a nursing home, an individual must sell her house unless it is occupied by her husband or dependent child.

Older Lesbians who have co-owned a house for many years, face the possibility that the partner not entering the nursing home will be forced to move from their residence.

Healthcare

While many younger Lesbians are "out," older women are much more likely to be closeted and extremely apprehensive about service providers or others becoming aware of their significant relationship. The fear of discrimination or insensitivity sometimes impedes use of essential healthcare or social services.

This points to the need to sensitize professionals and to develop alternative services as well.

Lesbians In Rural Areas

Lesbians who live in rural areas or small towns may have concerns and difficulties different from those in urban areas such as Milwaukee or Madison, including greater geographical distance to needed services, or isolation and loneliness.

We are particularly interested in reaching such women to learn about their needs and experiences.

Another group we would like to reach is women who may not identify themselves as Lesbian, but have lived for years or all of their life with another woman.

We recognize that not all of the women we would like to participate in the forum will do so. If you will not be at the forum, please share your experiences or those of other women you know by sending a letter or providing a phone number where we can reach you. All communications will be kept strictly confidential; letters do not need to be signed.

Registration fee for the forum is \$10 and includes lunch. Deadline for registrations is February 19. For further information, please write: LAI Forum, P.O. Box 843, Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 255-0743.

Out of Closet Gays Create La Crosse Newspaper Controversy

By Darren J. Foster

With this initial column, I will present, on a more consistent basis, news and views from La Crosse's Gay/Lesbian community, occasional book reviews from the Gay/Lesbian section of Red Oak Books in La Crosse, and periodic interviews with local La Crosse personalities who may interest Wisconsin readers.

Recently, the La Crosse media has been giving some time to the issue of Gays in the military. After the **La Crosse Tribune** endorsed the reversal of the anti-Gay ban, several responses by the "Christian Right" began to appear in the **Tribune's** opinion pages.

One in particular stated that "homosexuals are pesky flies" and should be consequently eliminated. I, in turn, responded, and my letter was subsequently criticized by non-Gays and "closeted homosexuals."

I refuse to honor such detractors with the label "Gay" because of the fact that these closet cases seem to desire the comforts of the closet, while the rest of us who are "out" engage the enemy in the trenches — these "pillars of the community" are not "Gay;" they are homophobic homosexuals, our own worst enemies.

I was criticized — this isn't the first time — because the phobes thought that I should have aired my comments in the Gay press; it is not "politically correct" to air the Gay community's "dirty laundry" in La Crosse forums, they expressed.

So, I will now restate what I wrote to the **La Crosse Tribune** for this column; but first allow me to wonder. I fail to see how

my criticisms of the La Crosse homosexual leaders will now be more welcomed in this forum than in the other forum. The issue is: phobic homosexuals don't want this message out. Period! But here it goes.

When we six original members founded the La Crosse Lesbian/Gay Association (LLGA), I appealed to La Crosse Gay/Lesbian professionals to "come out" for our civil rights. Because they did not and will not come out for Gay/Lesbian rights, local "Christian rightists" will succeed in stereotyping us and denying us our 14th Amendment rights to equal protection under the law.

Again I say, La Crosse Gays must "come out" of their businesses, class rooms, and churches so that La Crosse can see that we "pesky flies" are our doctors and lawyers; our college and university professionals; and our business, cultural and political leaders.

If Madison, Milwaukee and Minneapolis can have their Tammy Baldwin, Jerry Johnson, Tim Campbell and Clark Bufkin, why can't La Crosse?

Continue to watch this column for news from the Gay/Lesbian association at UW-La Crosse; for news of Gay/Lesbian activism in Western Wisconsin Technical College; for book reviews from La Crosse's only "alternative bookstore," Red Oak Books, and for local Gay-interest interviews and viewpoints from this author and others.

Editor's Note: In addition to being a contributor to **Light**, the writer is a 26-year-old pre-law student who will attend Viterbo College next fall. His goal is to become a civil rights trial lawyer.

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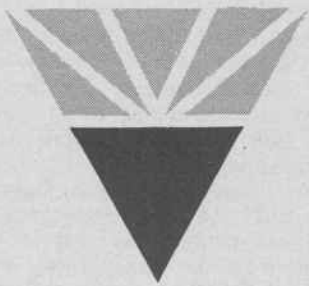
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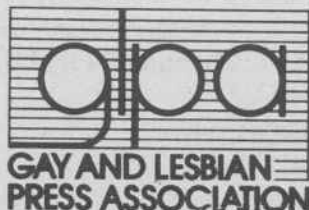
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EDITORIAL

Gays Can't Be Changed To Straights By 'Christian' Do-Gooders

In our opinion, the freedom of the press is a sacred right not to be infringed. Yet, we must view with regret the display ads in the *Shepherd Express* (the most recent one in the January 14-21 issue) for something called "Homosexuals Anonymous." We have received many calls on the ad and we think there is a need to address it.

First of all, being Gay or Lesbian is not a sickness. It is not an illness of any kind. All the research and learned opinion supports this.

On the contrary, sexual orientation is a deeply ingrained part of the human personality with a strong genetic component.

A group like Homosexuals Anonymous (and there are many of them across the country), is exceedingly dangerous. In appealing, as they do, to the most vulnerable and confused, those usually ridden with guilt, they can get into a person's head and cause irreparable harm. The articles about them in the *Advocate*, *Frontiers* and many other Lesbian/Gay publications as well as mainstream publications, demonstrate that clearly.

These people have no expertise. They have only their belief (belief and knowledge are not the same thing), that being born Lesbian or Gay is wrong, evil, sinful, ad nauseam.

They say "cure," but there is absolutely nothing to cure. The only thing these people can do is to try through guilt, to change behavior on the assumption or belief that changed behavior indicates changed interior reality. That is not true and it's foolish to think so. We can, for example, teach a parrot to speak words, but that exterior behavior doesn't mean interior understanding.

Another belief that these people have is that we have choose to be Lesbian or Gay. We do not choose our orientation. It is part of our individual warp and woof, an integral part of who we are. We can only choose what to do with it. We can be honest and deal with it in a mature way. Or we can sit huddled in fear.

We can marry someone of the opposite sex and ruin an innocent life. Or we can accept ourselves for who we are and love one who can return it in full measure.

There is another assumption operating as well. That is that being Lesbian or Gay never transcends sex; that it's simply a matter of who you go to bed with. This too, we know to be false.

Being Lesbian or Gay certainly involves sex. Ideally with us, as with heterosexuals, sex is the powerful symbol of the wondrously beautiful interior reality of love. Put love, honest love, together with sex, and we'll guarantee you'll have nuclear melt-down.

Being Lesbian or Gay goes far beyond sex. It is a matter of who you love. It is a matter of being fulfilled by someone and fulfilling them in return. That's called love. Sex can be faked. Love can't. Love is not gender-oriented. And love, honest, committed love, is what being Lesbian or Gay is all about.

A strong word of advice: **Do not be fooled or taken in by groups who purport to be able to change you. Stay away from them.**

The one thing you can do is to accept yourself. If you need help in that, seek expert counseling from people who know what they're doing. But there's one thing sure. If you don't accept yourself for exactly who you are, you will never, ever on this earth be able to love anyone else. That is the true impossibility and it holds for both Gays and straights.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

President Clinton Inaugural Brings Back Memories of the Past

By Terry Boughner

There are two inaugurals that stick in my mind. One is the first. My great (many greats) grandfather, Commodore James Nicholson, rowed Washington across the Hudson River to New York where he was to assume office. All this told many times in the family and handed down. There was great hope then, much of it fulfilled.

In the second there was great hope as well

It was in 1969 and Lyndon Johnson had been driven from office. Richard Nixon had said that he had a secret plan to end the Vietnamese War and heal a bitterly divided country.

I was living in Washington then, just finishing up my grad school career and decided to attend the festivities.

I saw Nixon being sworn in (through binoculars). I watched the parade. And that night there were parties.

I don't remember how I got home. All I know was that it was one of the few times (honest) when I woke up, looked over, and wondered who was the guy in bed beside me.

I don't know to this day, but I do remember that he was just about the cutest Asian guy I'd ever seen in my life with a face to die for and a body like polished brass.

In the second one, there was great hope. Jimmy Carter had come to office bringing the promise of honesty to government. He was a gentle man. We did not know then, I don't think, how that gentleness would so soon be perceived as weakness.

Now, as I write, Bill Clinton is about to take the oath of office as 42nd President of the United States. There is great hope—again.

Maybe I'm just being cynical, but I have twinges down in my gut, those tiny feelings of apprehension that just won't go away. I don't like what is happening to the Haitians. Not only aren't they to be allowed in, they're being blockaded on their island so they can't get out. But I may only be over-reacting. I hope so. Maybe I'm too afraid to hope this time, or afraid to hope too much.

Yet, I want so desperately for him to succeed. He must succeed. If he does not, I am very afraid that the mean-spirited forces of the religious right-wing will grow in power until they become overwhelming.

Their intent is to establish a theocratic tyranny, sweeping away the rights of women and minorities — all minorities,

anyone who is any different from themselves. As there is only one way to God, they think, so there should only be one society.

I said before that Operation Rescue and its ilk, the various "family values" groups and Christian coalitions, never cared one hoot about babies. They only wanted power to deprive women of their rights, and that only as a starting point. But to gain power, they need money. Abortion doesn't bring in money any more, so they've turned their rhetoric against Lesbians and Gays.

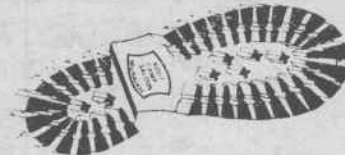
I find it interesting that Clinton has identified himself with Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, if you remember, rewrote the bible, taking out all he thought to be irrational in it. He got the book down to about ten pages.

When he founded the University of Virginia, he wrote into its charter a prohibition against hiring clergy of any kind. When he said that he'd sworn "eternal hostility over every form of tyranny over the mind of man," he was referring to religion.

As I say, I have my twinges about Clinton, but I want him so badly to succeed. If he doesn't there'll be all hell to pay. I mean that literally.

12:20 p.m. CST. A very impressive ceremony. It always is, I guess. At least this time we didn't have to see the faces of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson scowling out at us. One looks like a malignant buddah, the other like Kali.

The Catholics weren't represented either. I'm not disappointed by that, considering the fact that the Pope is taking his bishops (Rember Weakland among them) to Colorado this Summer, by that action sanctifying hate.



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Some Thoughts On The Inauguration

By Mary Shafer

As I watched the inauguration of our 42nd President of the United States, despite some of the inanities uttered by the news commentators to fill dead air between events, I couldn't help but be struck by the enormity of the day and its meaning. Please bear with what you might feel to be sappiness; if Inauguration Day isn't one that Americans may feel proud of their country, it's a sad thing.

After all, for the first time in 12 years, I feel a surge of hope where before there was only despair. Don't misunderstand: I am neither naive nor stupid. I don't expect miracles from our new administration. But as I've told many people, I'd be happy with just a bit more human compassion, a little less generalized hostility. And as I watched the man who promised us "a kinder, gentler America," and then proceeded to invade three countries in four years leave the White House for the last time, I felt the stirrings of a new spirit.

The Miracle of Transition

I was, first of all, awed anew at the theory put into action of a peaceful and orderly exchange of power. In the light of the many violent, anarchic power struggles ensuing the world over this very day, it is a testament to the genius of the original framers of our Constitution, with all its inherent flaws, that we are, after all these years, still able to make it work.

It occurred to me as I watched Clinton taking his oath of office that, although some scary person might be lurking in the crowd with the intention of keeping him from doing so, no effort was going to be made by his predecessor to disrupt the ceremony. That this was achieved through a system of honor and not military force is, sadly, almost remarkable.

And then there were the crowds. As the cameras pulled back and panned the length of Pennsylvania Avenue, the Reflecting Pool, right on up to the platforms in front of the Capitol Building, the sheer size of the mass of people who had gathered to welcome their new leader and to cheer brought forth in me a wave of something — was it patriotism? — that gave me goose bumps and assured me that my own feelings of renews hope were not an isolated phenomena this day.

A Feeling of Pride

As the new President gave his address, the cameras picked up the faces of children, young women and men, old men and women, people all sizes, shapes and colors. They were the faces of America. They were our faces. And we were smiling.

Suddenly, it occurred to me what the feeling was that had swept through me; it was pride. It was pride that in the face of politicians who lie, powerful figures who cheat, steal and deceive, war abroad and hunger at home; regardless of those who turn away from their fellows in need and those who would make us feel strangers in our own land; in spite of all this and more, we still retain the ability to hope. Is this the strength of America? Yes. But not only of America. It is the strength of the human race.

This capacity for optimism in the face of adversity, constant and massive, is what has kept us all here for as long as we've been. It is the thread of continuity that runs through generations, races, creeds, cultures, communities, families. It is what keeps the changing of the guard from turning into collapse and chaos.

Sacrifice and Responsibility

In the faces of America, I saw a willingness to accept the new President's message of sacrifice and responsibility, of the end of looking for "something for nothing." I saw, in some faces, the resolve to do it better, this job of living. In others, I recognized the glint of fear and anxiety of a future unknown. Still others shone with determination to own their actions and give to those who follow a better place to be. But regardless of the specific emotions registered on their countenances, these people all displayed a single, united intent: to look ahead.

Despite what may lie there, we all appeared willing to face it with resolve, and not look back. This, I think, is what struck me most in the midst of all the pomp and circumstance.

While Chelsea yawned during the national anthem, and Millie scurried about unbidden by Barbara on the White House veranda; while bitter political enemies who just months earlier had

TURN TO CLINTON, PAGE 4

Justice Dept. Sought To Investigate Gay Seaman's Beating Death

[San Diego, CA]- An unidentified Marine at the El Toro Marine Corps Station in California was asked by a reporter for the *Navy Times* what he would do if he learned that a Gay man lived in his barracks. "I'd have to kill him, I guess," the Marine was quoted as saying in the publication's January 4, 1993 edition.

This is apparently what happened to a Seaman last October.

In an update to a story in the last issue of *Light*, Gay and Lesbian leaders throughout the country are demanding that the Clinton Administration investigate the beating death of a sailor last October, one month after he acknowledged that he was Gay.

Seaman Allen R. Schindler, 22, was murdered in a bathroom near a Navy base in Japan by a shipmate while another crew member looked on, the military alleges.

Prior to his death, Schindler wrote about his "regular harassment" due to the fact he was Gay. Others have testified to this as well.

A friend of Schindler's, an anonymous seaman, said that one time Schindler's crew members glued his locker shut and that they regularly said such things as "There's a faggot on this ship and he should die." Schindler's ship was the *Belleau Wood* which Schindler referred to as the "Helleau Wood" because of the harassment he received.

Schindler was beaten beyond recognition. His family was able to identify him only because of the tattoos on his forearms.

At the time of his death, Schindler was being processed for administrative discharge because he had acknowledged himself to be a Gay man.

Navy investigators say Gay-bashing may have been a motive and plan a January 19 hearing to determine whether to court-martial Airman Terry Helvey, 20, for murder.

A second sailor, Charles A. Vins, 20, has also been arrested in connection with the death. Vins, an airman, was charged with two counts of failing to report a crime and resisting arrest. He has agreed to testify against Helvey.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), Queer Nation and other Lesbian/Gay national groups are demanding an independent investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

HRCF's J.B. Collier said that Schindler was a casualty of the military's ban on Gays and Lesbian, insisting that the ban fosters an atmosphere where Gay-bashing is acceptable.

"That's the official stance. It's wrong to be Gay," said Collier.

Jim Woodward, Vice President of the San Diego Veterans Association and a counselor with the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center in San Diego, said, "This is the event that will make it absolutely clear to the President... that he must act quickly and firmly to end the policy of discrimination."

In addition, James Jennings, Schindler's lover in San Diego, has written to Clinton protesting Schindler's death and urging that the President lift the ban.

However, Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys, an accountant for the Salvation Army in Chicago Heights, IL, was quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying that she feared for all Gays in the military if the ban is lifted. "I fear for their lives," she said.

Admiral Frank Kelso, Chief of Naval Operations who has opposed lifting the anti-Gay ban said in a recent statement, "I believe the current Department of Defense policy on homosexuality is best for the readiness of our armed forces. But I do not in any way condone violence or harassment against homosexuals or anyone else."

On Monday, January 18, 1993, the Queer Nation Military Freedom Project, HRCF and the Gay, Lesbian Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) held a peaceful memorial for Schindler at the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Avenue. This was attended by Schindler's mother and younger brother.

A similar memorial service was held in San Diego on January 17 also attended by Schindler's mother and younger brother.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Log Cabin Club to Adopt Constitution, Discuss Elections

[Milwaukee]- The Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin has announced that it will hold its second meeting on Monday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will again be held in the second floor of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street. The major focus of the meeting will be the adoption of a constitution for the club, but members will also discuss the upcoming State Senate special elections and the prospects for the Republicans to take the majority in the State Senate.

This meeting follows on the heels of a very successful organizing meeting held on December 9, 1992. At that meeting, 12 Republicans voted unanimously to organize a Log Cabin organization in Wisconsin and affiliate with the national Log Cabin Federation.

The purposes of the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin will include promoting the Republican Party in the Lesbian and Gay community; promoting the concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community in the Republican Party; and to advance the civil rights of Lesbians and Gays through the political process.

Membership in the Log Cabin Club is open to any person of voting age who supports the goals of the organization. Dues for membership were set at \$20 at the organizational meeting. Members of the community can join the organization

by attending the next meeting or by sending a check payable to the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin to: Jim McFarland, 913 E. Kilbourn, Apt 1, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

West Side Dykes To Meet February 7

[Milwaukee]- The next meeting of the West Side Dykes (WSD) will be on Sunday, February 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For the first hour, there will be introductions followed by a discussion of what's happening in the women's community, job openings, and things WSD members would like to see happening.

In the second hour, members will break up into different groups for conversation or games.

WSD exists to promote neighborliness, networking and social activities among Lesbians. Meetings are always the first Sunday of the month and are open to all Dykes living west of the Lake and east of Madison. For more information, call Julie at (414) 778-1269 or Mimi at (414) 445-4179.

This Is It Bar Raises \$1,415 to Aid MAP Patient Support

[Milwaukee]- They are not your ordinary Christmas stockings. They are beautifully worked objects d'art made by noted Milwaukee costume designer Bill Wedepohl who has made and sold them for 15 years.

Joe Brehm, owner of This Is It, is no different from anyone else. He saw them, fell in love with them and bought 22 of them to decorate the bar for the holidays.

People coming into the bar admired the stockings. The work on them was elegant, the colors striking, people said. Some of the designs were traditional, others more contemporary. But whatever they were, they attracted the eye. Many patrons asked if they were for sale.

Joe says that that's when he had the idea, that if people wanted to buy the stockings, perhaps they would do it as well in a good cause.

On January 4, 1993, Joe began a silent auction for the stockings as well as the two large Santas that stood on the back of the bar. The proceeds of the auction go to the Cream City Foundation directed to the

Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for direct patient support, probably going to the Food Pantry.

The auction was due to end at 8:00 p.m. on January 20. By the late afternoon of that day, \$1300 had already been raised. The final total was \$1,415.00.

Do Not Support Colorado Businesses

[Milwaukee]- Last issue we promised to publish names of companies based in Colorado or distributing products from that state. A reader sent us names among which are:

Adolph Coors Brewery, P.O. Box 889, Golden, CO 80401; Scotts Liquid-Gold, Inc., 4880 Havana, Denver, CO 80239; Pentax Corp., 35 Inverness Dr. E., Englewood, CO 80112.

Should anyone run across more, please keep us informed and we'll publish them.



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The Light LIVELY ARTS

Gay Themed Play, 'Dream Quest' Begins 5 Week Madison Run

[Madison]- An original play by Callen Harty opened at the Broom Street Theatre in Madison on January 15 and will run for six weeks.

The play, **Dream Quest**, is about a futuristic state in which everything not sanctioned by the government, including homosexuality, anti-government groups, and arts that celebrate the individual over the state, is controlled or eliminated by the government. In this future, scientists have perfected a way to tap into and watch people's dreams, and use that as a way to control the populace.

The play opens with two Gay men awakened by police who are there to arrest them for their sexuality. One, David, is captured, while his lover, Nicholas, escapes. The drama follows Nicholas in his efforts to find and free his lover.

A Colorado-Inspired Play

Dream Quest was written and is being directed by Callen Harty, who has been involved in dozens of productions in the last ten years, both in Madison and in Denver, CO. He returned to Madison from Colorado in large part because of the repressive atmosphere that he says he found there (even before the state's passage of Amendment 2). It was, he says, his experience in Colorado which in many ways inspired the play.

Harty was most recently seen by Gay audiences in the Madison production of **Jerker**. He, along with one of the actors in

Dream Quest, Larry Acherman, was one of the four co-founders of UW-Madison's 10% Society.

Appearing as Nicholas is Broom Street actor, writer and director, Marty Mulhern. Nicholas' lover, David, is played by Brian Wild, the DJ at Club 3054 in Madison.

For further information and reservations call the Broom Street Theatre at (608) 244-8338.

Theatre X To Hold Hat Contest

[Milwaukee]- Theatre X is looking for artists to design hats for the March 13th gala benefit **Hats Off To Theatre X**. The grand prize for the "best of show" will be two round-trip tickets on Midwest Express Airlines to any city in the U.S.

Other prizes include gift certificates, cash prizes, theatre tickets and more.

This party to benefit Theatre X will include dinner, dancing and a juried show of the hats hosted by Art Kumbalek. The hats will be sold in a silent auction.

There will be two categories of hat makers, general and student (ages 16-22). Participants will be invited as guests at this evening of dinner and dancing. Artists will have the option of modeling their hat in the show.

Interested artists should call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555 for more information.

'Claire of Moon,' 'Portrait of Marriage' Among '92's Best

By Maytee Aspuro

PART 2

Northern Exposure, **Fried Green Tomatoes** and **Portrait of a Marriage** (to be discussed below) all give us reason to hope for an improved and more visible mainstream representation of ourselves. In addition, Lesbian characters or storylines of differing qualities have recently been found in television shows such as **Civil Wars**, **Roseanne**, **LA Law** and **Hearts Afire**. These efforts still do not give us reason to be satisfied.

Claire of the Moon

This leads me to **Claire of the Moon**, a film by director Nicole Conn. Prior to viewing the film, I read two reviews, both by men. The reviews lead me to question if I should even bother spending the time and money to see **Claire**. I entered the theatre with low expectations. I thought that at the very least, sitting in a movie theatre filled with dykes proudly out for the night was worth the admission.

I must admit that my standards differ for a Lesbian film such as **Claire**. Independently made, I do not expect the high Hollywood production standards. I look for the rare, honest depiction of the Lesbian community.

As the two other reviewers pointed out, some of the scenes in **Claire** were a bit forced and the heterosexual woman writers did fit stereotypical categories. But, these were minor problems given the overall impact of the film.

Filled With Self-recognition

Claire is a Lesbian film filled with points of self-recognition, one of the film's greatest strengths. I wonder how much of it goes unappreciated by a non-Lesbian viewer, especially a male heterosexual viewer.

Claire is a story of two writers, Noel Benedict, an established psychiatrist who is openly Lesbian but emotionally distant, and Claire Jabrowski, a satirist who experiences her sexuality as a means of demonstrating her power over men.

Intimacy is dangerous terrain for both. Forced to share a writer's retreat cabin, these opposites aggravate one another. With time, a fragile common ground is established, followed by a growing, erotically tense-filled friendship.

What I find refreshing in **Claire** is that these two women don't share their bed

during the first few minutes of the film. What was described as the film's tease by another reviewer, I found to be the realistic, familiar, difficult dance experienced by two women attracted to one another.

Claire is at its best during the more subtle moments between Noel and Claire. Nuance communicates better than outright declarations or lectures.

I don't envy any filmmaker whose work becomes a community event. The scrutiny of being an event is often times unfair. **Claire** is a film I can easily recommend as a welcomed addition to the few and far between efforts of Lesbian filmmaking. I will look forward to future efforts by Nicole Conn. I hope that Conn's next effort will also include the portrayal of Lesbian women of color.

Portrait of a Marriage

Portrait of a Marriage was filmed in Great Britain. The British have consistently demonstrated a willingness to face issues of sexuality with more honesty than their American counterparts. **Portrait** is the dramatization of the love affair between Vita Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis. Were it not for the fact that the events are well documented, the viewer might wonder if any relationship could have provoked such willful psychic damage upon the lives of the four players.

The controversy with **Portrait** was not in what was seen by the American audience, but what was not seen. It is reported that editing removed over 30 minutes from the three installments. The editing was severest when sexual contact between the two women was depicted. Given that I have not seen the unedited version, I must guess (but with some confidence) that what was removed would have passed the censors were the participants heterosexual.

A Rare Find

No matter the deletions, **Portrait** is a rare find. It is true to its source. Still, I am left wondering, when will filmmakers present stories as honestly which portray a healthy Lesbian relationship with a relatively happy ending? This question has followed Lesbian literature throughout the centuries. It is a question equally valid to film/video.

TO BE CONTINUED

Gay/Lesbian Film Fest at UWM Offers Varied, Provocative Fare

By Jamakaya and Woodrow Thalberg

A variety of provocative movies, including experimental shorts and feature length films, documentaries, dramas and even campy comedies, will be shown at the Gay/Lesbian Film and Video Festival scheduled for January 29 to February 5, 1993 in Milwaukee.

The fest is sponsored by Great Lakes Film & Video. Films will be screened at the UWM Cinema, on the second floor of the Student Union at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Following are brief reviews of some of the offerings we were able to screen in advance. For a complete schedule and ticket info, please refer to the advertisement in this issue.

Hammer's "Nitrate Kisses"

Lesbian director Barbara Hammer will be on hand Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. for the showing of her new film, **Nitrate Kisses**. This intellectually challenging film, relevant to both Gay men and Lesbians, is sure to spur many questions and comments from its viewers.

The overriding theme is the survival of Gay/Lesbian history and culture despite efforts to repress our love and render us invisible. But the images and narrative do not follow a simple linear course, and the issues raised are a lot more complex than this brief sketch can possibly convey.

Nitrate Kisses is roughly divided into four sections, whose themes overlap and reinforce each other. The narration, which includes (in part) older Lesbians reminiscing about Gay life in decades gone by, analysis of a fascinating 1931 Gay film called **Lot of Sodom**, and comments by and about the Lesbian survivors of Nazi death camps, are juxtaposed with explicit scenes of Gay and Lesbian sex. Your challenge, dear reader, is to de-code it and put it all together. Bring your thinking caps along!

A double bill sure to please both Lesbians and Gay men is **Kiev Blue** and **Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker** at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31. Both are conventional documentaries.

Kiev Blue contains compelling interviews with Gays and Lesbians in the Ukraine. Their isolation and the level of fear and repression in their daily lives will give queer American audiences perspective on our own relative freedom. Imagine having to obtain state permission to live with your partner! Or, having to face a hospital visit, knowing full well that, because of shortages, the multiple-use needles may infect you with HIV! Still, the spirit of these brave men and women is inspiring. **Kiev Blue** is a cultural eye-opener.

Dr. Hooker to the Rescue!

Changing Our Minds is the life story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker, whose groundbreaking research about Gay men in the 1950's eventually led to the American Psychiatric Association dropping homosexuality from its official list of mental illnesses.

Hooker's was the first research on Gays to take place outside a prison or hospital setting. Frightening footage shows the standard remedies for the treatment of homosexuals not so long ago: lobotomy, electric shock treatment, hysterectomy, castration. Hooker helped change all that, and her compassion shines through in extensive interviews.

Another real treasure in the festival is **The Twin Bracelets**, a feature length film made in Hong Kong which was written and directed by women. It shows at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 30.

The heroine, Hui-hua, is a teenager rebelling against the many constraints of life in her provincial Chinese village. She seeks love and solace in the arms of her childhood friend, Hsui. Hui-hua flirts openly with Hsui, grows terribly jealous of Hsui's arranged marriage, and begs her beloved to fulfill their childhood vow

"to be sister, man and wife, to live together and die together."

The Twin Bracelets is a haunting film, whose beautiful images and intense emotions will find a place in your heart.

Tom of Finland

Daddy and the Muscle Academy, shown at 9:30 p.m. that same night, is a documentary on the Gay erotic artist Tom of Finland. Tom's heroic and hypermasculine drawings of the male physique have appeared in Gay publications and art galleries for decades and have helped define the term "homoeroticism." Tom is interviewed, his drawings are reviewed, and several steamy erotic sequences are added for good measure.

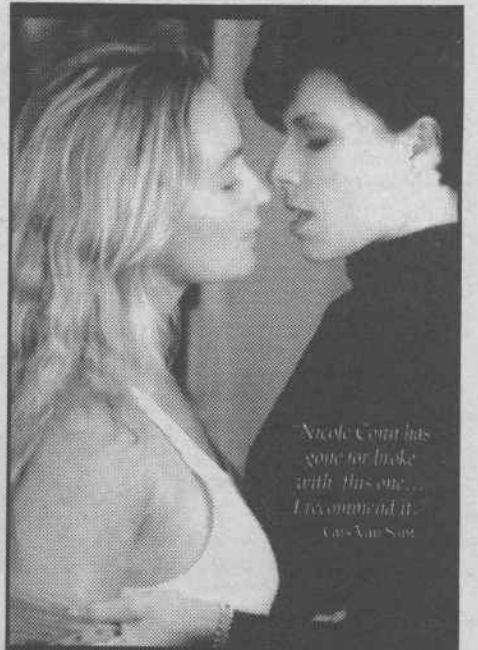
A number of Gay shorts will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 3. In **The Disco Years**, a Gay teen struggles to come out amid the homophobia of his mother, straight friends, and even his lover. It has a good feel for the 1970's and high school peer pressure hell. In **The Dead Boys Club**, a nerdy lad is magically transported to a 1970's dance club by a pair of possessed shoes!

On the same bill is Marlon Riggs' latest outstanding effort, **No, Je Ne Regrette Rien**, about being African-American, Gay and living with HIV. You may not always agree with the conclusions of the five people profiled, but their spirits are compelling.

Queens in Space!

Finally, **Vegas in Space** (9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5), may not quite challenge **Rocky Horror** as the "Queen" of midnight flicks, but it may achieve its own cult status. In what could be described as "The Jetsons on Acid," a crew of earthling space cadets take gender transformation pills and disguise themselves as a lounge act to save the planet Clitoris, home of the most glamorous drag queens in the galaxy!

The humor "drags" in places, but there are more laughs in **Vegas in Space** than in most Hollywood comedies. A large Gay/Lesbian audience is bound to go bonkers over the campy story and transvestite hijinx. It plays with **Drag Queen Blues**, a short video about the lovable and outrageous Joan Jett Blakk, the "Mayor of Queer Chicago."



Nicole Conn has gone for broke with this one... I recommend it. Gas Ave. Suite

Claire of the Moon

One woman's journey into her sexual identity

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JANINE

USA, 1990, 9 min
by Cheryl Dunye
The story of a black woman's relationship with a white upper middle class friend and their subsequent struggle for mutual acceptance despite racial and sexual differences.

I NEED A MAN LIKE YOU

Canada, 1986, 24 min
by Kalli Paakspuu and Daria Stermac
This funny and provocative film is a zany burlesque of sex roles. It features the girl group, the Clichettes, performing new versions of songs from the 60's.

SPLASH

USA, 1991, 7 min
by Thomas Harris
This well crafted experimental collage reflects on the artist's childhood and the impact of family and white society on his becoming a gay man.

9:30 pm

AN ALL-AMERICAN STORY

USA, 1992, 21 min
by John Keitel
What happens when you take your boyfriend of three years to your five year college reunion to meet old fraternity brothers and ex-girlfriends.

STRIP JACK NAKED

Great Britain, 1991, 90 min
by Ron Peck
Ron Peck, the director of *Nighthawks*, one of the first gay-made and gay-themed feature films to be widely distributed uses the making of that film to explore growing up gay in London.

"Shots of London's spooky suburban streets and a montage of teen lust objects..." — Mark Finch, British Film Institute



Saturday,
January 30

7:30 pm

THE TWIN BRACELETS

Hong Kong/Taiwan, 1990, 100 min
by Yu-Shan Huang
A remarkable film, written and directed by women, *The Twin Bracelets* is a deeply moving and tragic portrayal of one woman's struggle for independence, and for the love of another woman.

9:30 pm

DADDY AND THE MUSCLE ACADEMY

Finland, 1991, 55 min
by Ilppo Pohjola
Tom of Finland is one of the gay world's few authentic icons. This documentary, completed shortly before Tom's death at the age of 71, gives us a compelling and thorough review of his drawings. The film also includes some steamy invented sequences — a sort of journey to the center of Tom's psyche.

TIME EXPIRED

USA, 1992, 30 min
by Danny Leiner
The story of a recently released ex-con from Brooklyn who finds himself embroiled in a crisis: should he stay with his indulgent Italian mom or should he go off into the sunset with his former prison roommate, a pragmatic, no-nonsense Latino drag queen?

Sunday
January 31

5:30 pm

TINY AND RUBY: HELL DIVIN' WOMEN

USA, 1987-88, 30 min
by Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss
Narrated by poet Cheryl Clarke, this film tells the story of drummer Ruby Lucas and her long-term lover, legendary jazz trumpeter Tiny Davis.

TURNABOUT: THE STORY OF THE YALE PUPPETEERS

USA, 1992, 58 min
by Dan Bessie
This documentary tells the story of the Yale Puppeteers who created a world famous puppet and cabaret theater in Hollywood. Now 92 years old, the Puppeteers talk about their experiences as gay men working in theater since the 1920's.

7:30 pm

KIEV BLUE

USA, 1992, 28 min
by Heather MacDonald
This insightful documentary includes recent interviews with nine lesbian and gay men living in Kiev, Ukraine, where the homosexual population is extremely closeted.

CHANGING OUR MINDS: THE STORY OF DR. EVELYN HOOKER

USA, 1992, 75 min
by Richard Schmiechen
This film tells the compelling story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker, the trailblazing psychologist whose pioneering research resulted — in 1974 — in the removal of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's official list of mental disorders.

SPONSORS

This program was made possible by a grant from the Cream City Foundation. Additional support was provided by **IN STEP**.



Tuesday
February 2

7:30 pm

LESBIAN SHORTS

IT WASN'T LOVE

USA, 1992, 20 min
by Sadie Benning
In her latest pixelvision diary film, Milwaukee artist Sadie Benning mixes passion and heartbreak in a film noir road movie fantasy that never leaves her bedroom.

IN(VISIBLE) WOMEN

USA, 1991, 26 min
by Marina Alvarez and Ellen Spiro
This video focuses on the heroic and empowered responses of three strong women of color with HIV/AIDS.

A GOAT NAMED TENSION

USA, 1992, 6 min
by Kate J. Goodnight
A charming visual pun, based on an actual classified ad placed by two women who lost their pet goat.

AMONG GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLES

USA, 1991, 30 min
by Jacqueline Woodson and Catherine Saalfeld
The story of a black lesbian raised as a Jehovah Witness. Featuring the music of Lavender Light Black and People of All Colors Lesbian and Gay Gospel choir.

I NEVER DANCED THE WAY GIRLS WERE SUPPOSED TO

USA, 1992, 6 min
by Dawn Suggs
This funny video examines the way women are supposed to move, eat, and act.

Wednesday
February 3

7:30 pm

GAY SHORTS

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USA, 1992, 30 min
by Marlon Riggs
Through music, poetry and, at times, chilling self-disclosure, five seropositive black gay men speak of their individual confrontation with AIDS. By the director of the extraordinary *Tongues Untied*.

THE DISCO YEARS

USA, 1991, 30 min
Directed by Robert Lee King
An adolescent gay man comes of age while in high school in the 70's. This quintessential coming out story starring Dennis Christopher (*Breaking Away*) and Gwen Welles (*Desert Hearts*) is remarkably honest and poignant.

THE DEAD BOYS CLUB

USA, 1992, 25 min
by Mark Christopher
A boy coming out during the AIDS weary days of the 90's is transported — like Dorothy to Oz, by a magical pair of shoes — to the loose, joyful, and happening disco days of the 70's.

FEAR OF DISCLOSURE

USA, 1989, 5 min
by David Wojnarowicz and Phil Zwickler
Images of spinning globes and dancing go-go boys overlay a text that explores sexual responsibility and desire among gay men in the age of AIDS.

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BARBARA HAMMER — IN PERSON

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USA, 1992, 67 min
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Barbara Hammer is America's most prolific and renowned lesbian filmmaker. She will answer questions after the film.



Friday
February 5

7:30 pm

STIGMATA: THE TRANSFIGURED BODY

USA, 1992, 28 min
by Leslie Asako Gladsjo
Through visceral encounters with women who practice forms of body modification such as cutting, piercing, and branding, this tape explores concepts of beauty, self-determination, and the outer limits of female sexuality. (Not for the faint hearted.)

SKIN COMPLEX

Great Britain, 1992, 20 min
by Stephen Lennhoff
This documentary confronts skinheads of differing persuasions, race, and sexuality, and questions whether the style can be separated from the fascist, homophobic politics that it represents.

BLUE BOYS

Great Britain, 1992, 25 min
by Stewart Marshall
This hard-hitting documentary questions operations by police and customs to smash so-called "gay sex rings," and provides new evidence to challenge myths about the volume and violence of today's pornography.

BLACK BODY

USA, 1992, 5 min
by Thomas Harris
This short, provocative film examines cultural conceptions of the black body.

9:30 pm

DRAG QUEEN BLUES

USA, 1992, 3 min
by Gabriel Gomez and Elspeth Kydd
An enigmatic look at the musical, and political, Joan Jett Blakk.

VEGAS IN SPACE

USA, 1992
by Phillip R. Ford
This science fiction adventure music comedy drag epic is the first movie about space travel starring beautiful and glamorous transvestites. Depicting the politically erect behavior on a doomed all-female, fun-plagued pleasure planet in the 23rd century, the film stars drag queen icon Doris Fish and the internationally renowned performance artist Miss X.

National Task Force Begins 'Fight the Right' National Campaign

[Washington, D.C.]—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute has announced the hiring of Oregon activist Scot Nakagawa to coordinate its "Fight the Right" campaign against an onslaught of Colorado-style anti-Gay initiatives. "Family values" groups in at least a dozen states are gearing up to put anti-Gay ballot measures before voters this year and next.

States targeted by the Right Wing are Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, California, Maine, Georgia and Oregon. Gay and Lesbian activists around the country are preparing for battles similar to those waged last year in Colorado and Oregon.

Lon Mabon, head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance that sponsored the unsuccessful Oregon anti-Gay initiative in November, is serving as advisor to many of the Right Wing groups. Rather than using the Oregon initiative language, which called homosexuality "unnatural, abnormal, wrong and perverse," Right Wing Activists are using less inflammatory Colorado language as a model.

Mabon and Right Wing activists in Idaho this past week, announced the formation of the "Idaho Citizens Alliance" and the beginning of a drive to place a Colorado-style initiative on the ballot this coming November.

Anti-Gay Rhetoric Good For The Purse

Asked by *Light* how she accounted for the Right Wing's focus on anti-Gay/Lesbian laws, NGLTF's Robin Kane said that it was a progression from anti-Communism to anti-abortion to anti-Gay/Lesbian issues.

Kane went on to say that there was no money for the Christian Right in

anti-Communism and little in anti-abortion with which the majority of the country disagrees. However, she said, the Christian Right has found that inflammatory rhetoric against Lesbians and Gays is a sure-fire money raiser.

Kane was asked how dangerous she thought the Right Wing was on a scale of one to ten, with ten being bad. "Eight to nine," she responded without hesitation. The threat is "very real."

She went on to say that the Right is very good at networking; they are very successful at organizing on the grass roots level, something, she added, that the Gay and Lesbian community is not.

Kane added that the Right has been "very good" at defining the Gay/Lesbian agenda. The "special rights" tactic, she said, has been very effective.

Asked why this was, she said that in her opinion, the Lesbian/Gay community has not been clear enough to the public at large about the difference between special rights and equal rights. "We must define what we want," she said. "We must educate people."

Nakagawa Part Of NGLTF's Effort

Nakagawa will be working out of a field office in Oregon where he will strategize with activists nation-wide regarding Right Wing efforts.

"The Far Right," he said, "has shifted its focus from the federal level to the grassroots. Gay and Lesbian activists and our supporters need to be prepared for tough battles and must organize as quickly as possible to pre-empt or defeat these initiatives."

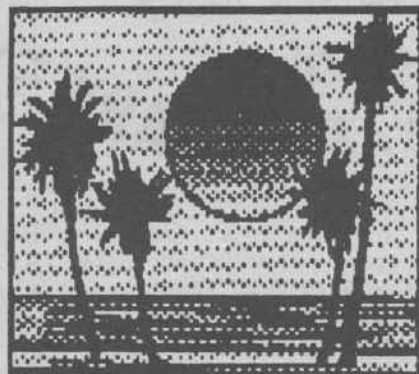
Women Plan Winter Outting At D.O.E. Farm February 13-14

[Madison]—The Wisconsin Womyn's Land Cooperative (WWLC) invites women to visit D.O.E. Farm for a Winter outing weekend February 13-14. Activities include a Saturday evening potluck supper, dance, and slumber party with popcorn and hot beverages. A continental breakfast on Sunday morning will be furnished by the WWLC coordinating council.

The chem-free lodge/farmhouse has four bedrooms, mattresses for nine plus sofa and floor sleeping space. Other facilities on the secluded 80 acre land

include a sauna, sledding hill and space for breaking your own X-country ski trails through the campground. Bring your own sleeping bag and pad, food, towel, sled or toboggan, skis and favorite women's music tapes or CDs. D.O.E. Farm is located southwest of Tomah, two hours west of Madison via I-90.

WWLC is requesting a \$6 per night donation from each visitor. For more information call: (608) 244-3154 or (608) 242-9556 in Madison. To make reservations, call the WWLC number (608) 269-5301.



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Fundraisers Set for Pride Celebration

[Milwaukee]—Wear your heart on your sleeve, or your lapel, or put one on the envelope of your true love's Valentine's Day card.

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) members and volunteers will be selling special "I Love Pride" stickers during the month of February to help cover the costs of the up-coming Pride Celebration. Supporting bars and businesses will also be selling the stickers and Pride Hearts for a one dollar donation.

Proud Crowd

MLGPC is also collecting names for the annual "Proud Crowd" ads to appear in the March 4th issue of *Wisconsin Light* and the March 11th issue of *In Step*. The cost of putting your name (and those of your friends) in the ad is \$10 per name and \$15 for each business and organization. The ad space is being donated by the two publications and all money goes to MLGPC to help put on the best Pride Celebration ever. Listings must be received by February 24 to guarantee inclusion.

With your support, MLGPC can make this year's Pride Celebration bigger and better than ever before. For more information, call the Pride Line at (414) 342-2330 or mail your donation to: MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Midwest Gay College Confab February 26-28

[Ames, IW]—The Midwest Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian College Conference will be held February 26-28 at the Iowa State University Memorial Union in Ames, Iowa. This event, formerly a statewide conference in Iowa, is the first midwestern student conference. The conference will feature speakers, workshops, caucuses and entertainment events. In addition, a meeting will be held for students interested in forming a midwestern Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian student coalition.

For more information, call Stephen Lorimor at 1-515-294-2104.



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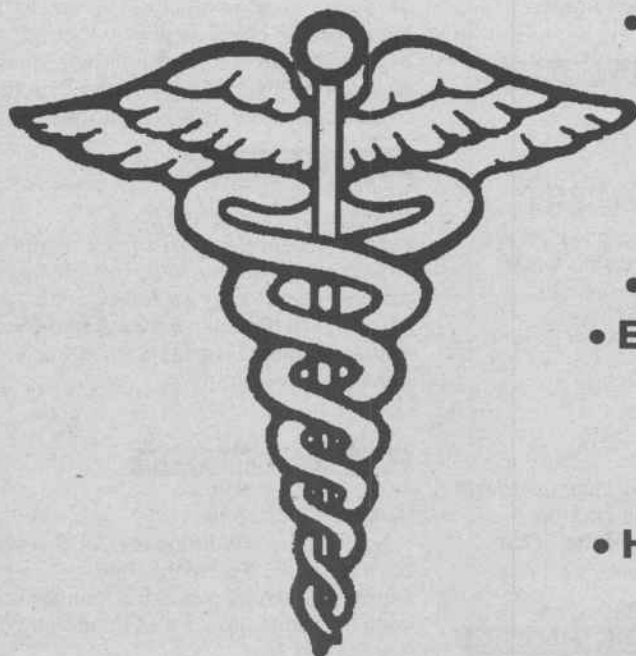
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Newspaper Running Ads By Christian Group Out to 'Cure' Gays

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- "Homosexuality," says the word in large, bold print. Beneath it are four statements among which is: "If it is your very life and identity..."; "If you would be open to 'know' yourself in a far different way in Jesus Christ..."

The ad, appearing in Milwaukee's **Shepherd Express**, is being run for the second time in the January 14-21 issue of the alternative paper. The ad is sponsored by "Homosexual Anonymous of Milwaukee," a part of "Light Ministries-North," according to the ad.

Contacted by **Light**, Marty Genz, Publisher of the **Shepherd Express**, said that he had done a lot for the Gay community and that this reporter was the only one to complain about the ad.

Asked if he had read the packet of information advertised by the group, Genz said that he had not.

Want to Be Cured?

Using a friendly source, **Light** got the packet of information and went through it. One leaflet titled "Homosexuals Anonymous: a new ministry in Milwaukee," says that the mission of the group, which calls itself "H.A.," is "a Christian Fellowship of men and women who help each other on this new journey to live free from their homosexual past." The headquarters of the organization is given as Reading, Pennsylvania.

The program espoused by the group which follows a 14-step plan, calls homosexuality "an addiction," a "servile dependency," "slavery," "bondage," and something from which a person "suffers" and from which they can be "cured" and "recover."

All this is backed up by bible passages, bad mistranslations from the original Hebrew and Greek.

Another pamphlet reads, "H.A. believes that there is no such thing as a homosexual, only men and women created by God heterosexually, who because of the broken world we live in,

are confused over their sexual identity," says one pamphlet sent by the group.

Another pamphlet carries anonymous letters of testimony. One says, "It has been ten weeks since I have been to a porn shop. Another says, 'I am struggling with masturbation and I fell this week.'"

Psychological Opinion

The group says in its literature that its principles are "psychologically sound," but those actually working in the field of human sexuality disagree.

Dr. Michael Bailey, Professor of Psychology at Northwestern University and the internationally recognized author of several studies on homosexuality, was asked by **Light** if sexual orientation can be changed.

Bailey responded, "That depends." He went on to say that if you mean by sexual orientation, an attraction a person may have to a member of the same sex, "the answer is no. It cannot be changed." There is considerable evidence, he said, to support that view.

On the other hand, he noted, that a person could be made to function sexually with a member of the opposite sex.

Bailey went on to say that the question is "whether we should encourage that change. The answer is no. That would clearly be wrong."

Bailey was asked whether sexuality had a genetic component? He replied, "Yes, it does." Then he added, "But it is also innate. By that I mean that it does not depend on social influences in its development." It is developed at birth or shortly thereafter, he said and added that it was rooted far down in the psyche.

H.A.? Any Good?

Bailey was asked if, in his opinion, groups like H.A. did any good?

He replied, "No. They don't do any good and they do do harm."

He went on to explain that what groups like H.A. do is to ask a person to "sacrifice a real part of themselves."

Temporary Injunction Postpones Colorado's Amendment 2

[Milwaukee]- In an update to our story on Colorado in the last issue, a Colorado state district judge on January 15, 1993, issued a preliminary injunction halting the implementation of Amendment 2. The ruling delivered to a packed courtroom in Denver, followed the court's order on January 14, 1993, to Colorado Governor Roy Romer to stay enforcement of the amendment.

The court's January 15 ruling came after a four-day hearing during which the State of Colorado argued that Amendment 2 could be justified on the basis of morality, and called as a witness Joseph Nicolosi, author of **Reparative Therapy for Male Homosexuality** and an advocate for the proposition that homosexual orientation can be changed.

Suzanne Goldberg, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, criticized the state for adopting the views of Colorado for Family Values in its defense of the measure: "Prejudice is never a legitimate basis for discrimination. The State of Colorado has betrayed its Lesbian and Gay citizens by promoting the discredited views of a few extremists."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), issued a statement praising the injunction as "an important step in preventing discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in Colorado. The injunction buys more time to educate citizens and organize against the Amendment."

It should be noted that this ruling is for a temporary injunction. "Therefore," NGLTF said, "we must continue to use every tactic possible, including a national boycott, to overturn the measure."

Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, a Colorado organization coordinating the legal challenge to Amendment 2, believes that no matter what the outcome of the case in Colorado, it will be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Support for Boycott Increases

An increasing number of organizations have issued statements supporting the boycott on Colorado. Among these is the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) and the Stonewall 25 Organizing Committee which is preparing for the 25th anniversary celebration of Stonewall in 1994.

Also adding their support for the boycott is the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). In a press release,

NGLTF said that "Amendment 2 subverts democracy, freedom and justice in Colorado for Lesbians and Gay men. It prevents the full participation of Gay people in the American democratic process."

NGLTF will use a variety of tactics to overturn Amendment 2, including "education, organizing, lobbying, direct action" as well as the boycott.

Boycott Colorado, a group organizing the boycott within the state has issued a statement asking for the boycott to continue.

Boycott Colorado notes that hate crimes have "almost doubled in the state since Amendment 2 was passed."

For those who wish to help in the effort to overturn Amendment 2, the following Colorado organizations are asking your help:

Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, P.O. Box 44447, Denver, CO 80201, (303) 830-2100; Boycott Colorado, P.O. Box 300158, Denver, CO 80203-0158, (303) 377-0160.

The national P-FLAG organization also urges you to write your Congresspeople to support the Federal Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill when it is offered in the 103rd. Congress.

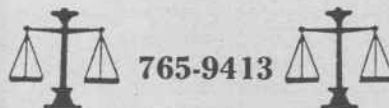
Masters and Slaves Contest Seeks Entries

[Los Angeles]- Contestants are being sought for the International Masters and Slaves Contest, to be held on March 6, 1993 at Parliament House in Orlando, Florida, as part of **The Leather Journal's** Pantheon Of Leather Weekend. Contestants must be in teams of two or more and may be Gay men, Lesbians, heterosexual, or Bisexual, but they must be in a committed Master and slave relationship.

For more information, write Luke Owens, P.O. Box 291598, Los Angeles, CA 90029, or call him at **The Leather Journal**, (213) 656-5073, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday-Friday, or at home (213) 662-5221.

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OBITUARIES

Wayne F. Gratton

Wayne F. Gratton, 59, died Tuesday, September 8, 1992 at his Glendale home. Wayne was the art director for WMVS/WMTV (Channels 10/36) in Milwaukee for approximately 30 years.

During his long tenure with the PBS stations, he was responsible for on-air and print media graphics required for local programming, promotion and fundraising. He also created puppets and acted as a puppeteer and associate producer for local children's TV programs, including the long-running **Children's Fair**.

Wayne retired in 1988. Following his retirement, he created beautiful watercolor paintings depicting rural scenes, historic buildings and places, as well as other subjects that reflected his love of and appreciation for nature and



history.

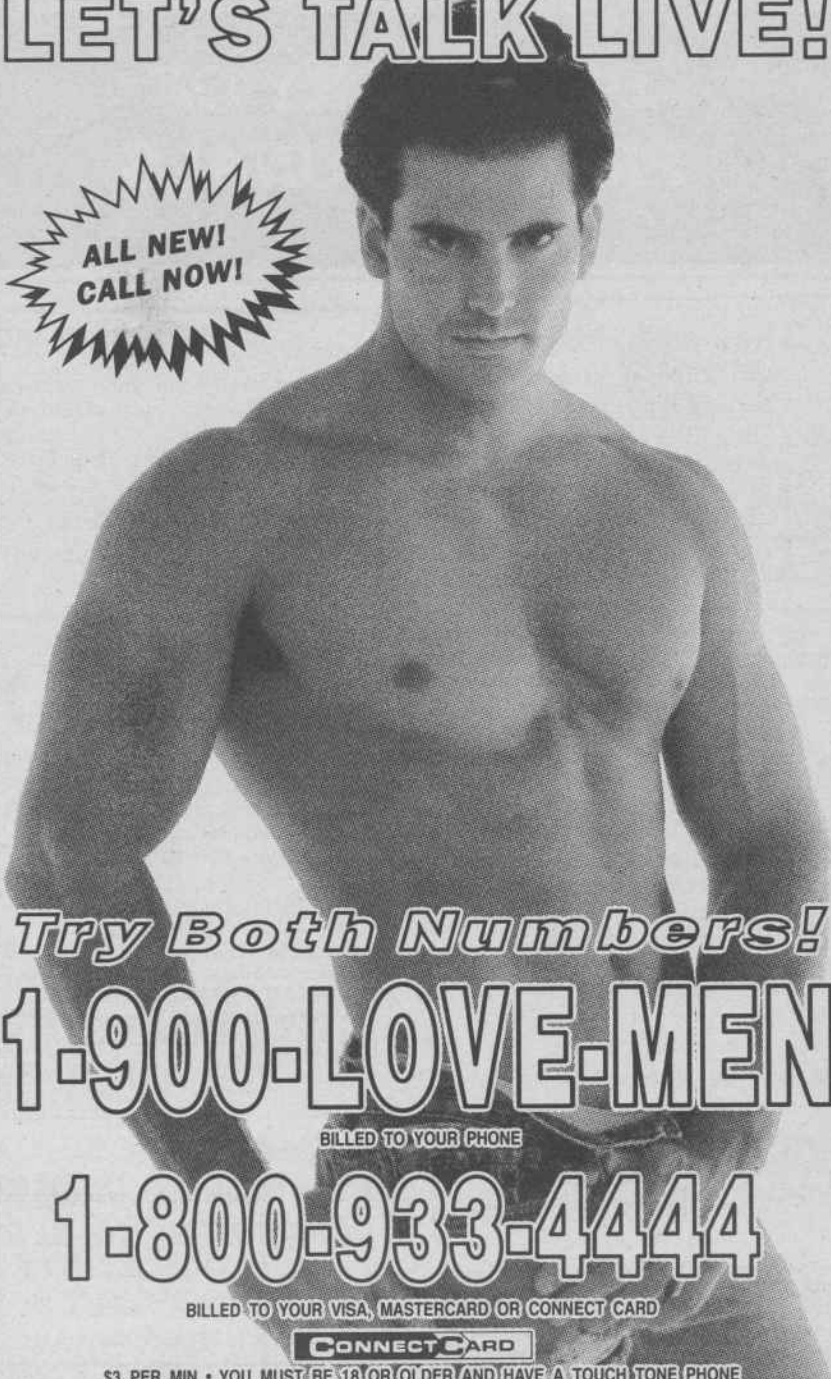
One of the most beautiful of his paintings is of Holy Hill, one of his favorite sites to paint.

Wayne exhibited his work at the Charles Allis Art Library, St. John's Uihlein Peters Gallery, the First Wisconsin Galleria and Bresler-Eitel Galleries. He was a member and exhibition chairman of the Milwaukee Men's Sketch Club.

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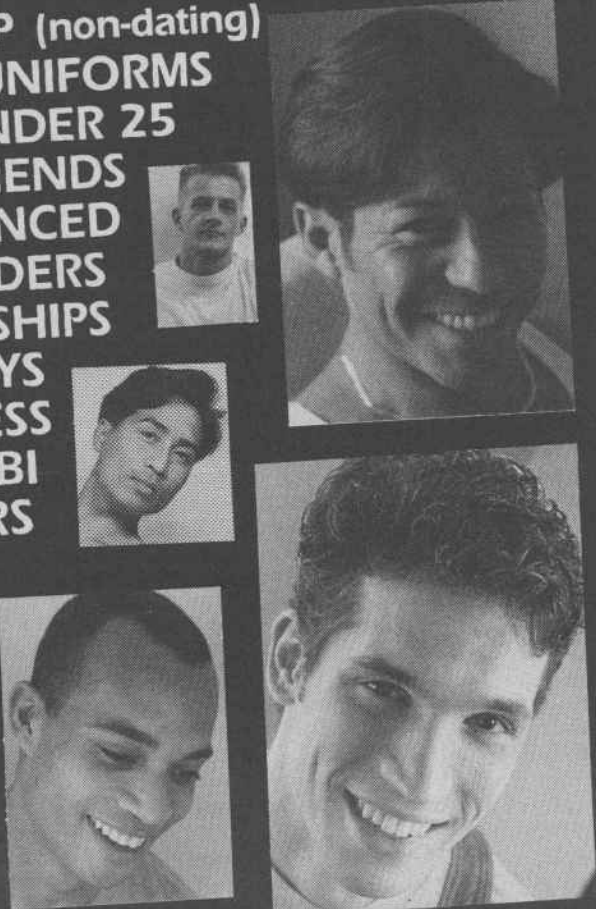
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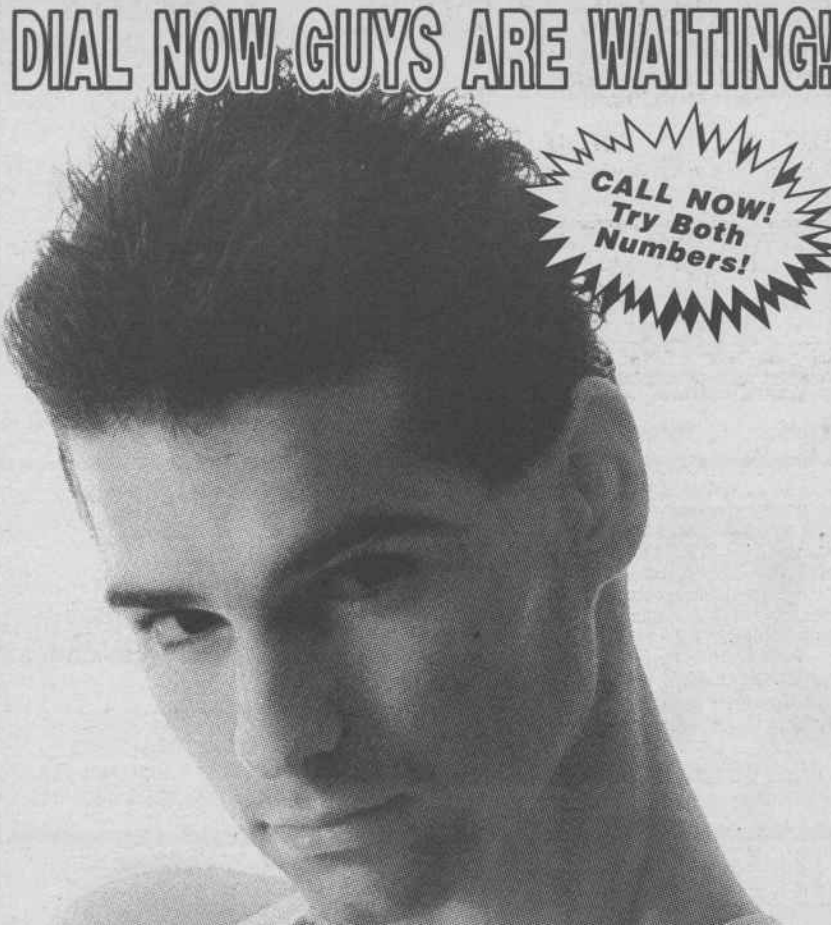


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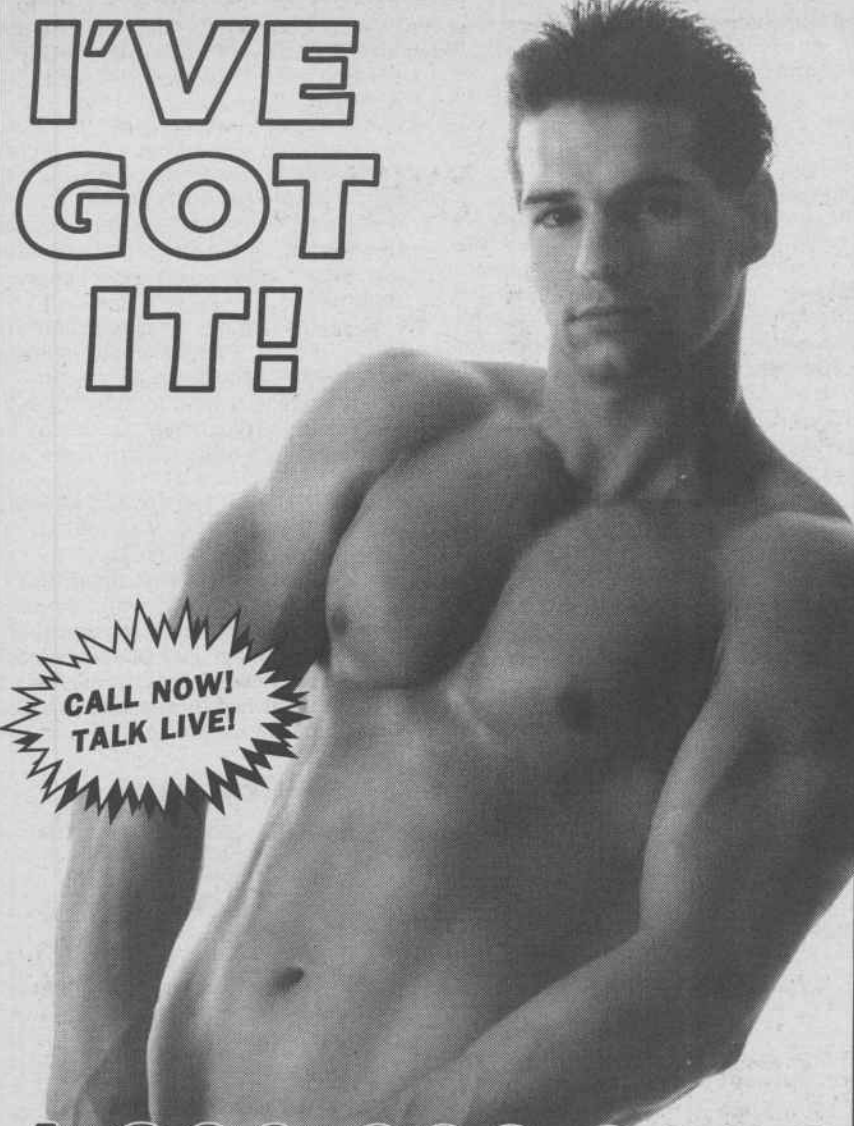
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Cable TV's 'Brand New Queer Program' Announces Schedule

[Milwaukee]- It's cold outside, so why not make some hot chocolate (or whatever), and huddle or snuggle down in front of the TV on Tuesday nights for the latest in hot Queer news and viewing.

The **Brand New Queer Program**, which airs live every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable Channel 47, has announced some of the topics that will be covered in the up-coming weeks.

January 26 — In this week's show, guest Bill Hanel, Co-ordinator of the Men's Programs at the Counseling Center in Milwaukee, will discuss the services available to Gays and Lesbians at the Center.

February 2 — February will be Teen Month on the **Queer Program**. Each week during February, the producers will air a 20-30 minute tape related to being a

Queer teen.

The first teen segment of the series is titled, "It Is What It Is" and shows Queer teens talking about Queer identity. The two following segments will deal with homophobia and safer sex.

The **Brand New Queer Program** is rebroadcast every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. on either **Channel 14** or **Channel 47**. (The rebroadcast has been inconsistent during the past few weeks.) The show's producers continue to invite people to participate in the show.

Those interested can call the show, write, create a video for the show or make an appearance with a relevant topic. Write to Queer Program, P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call (414) 265-8500.



DRESSED TO THE HILT— BJ's bartender, Jeff Polinske (left), Partner's bartender Rick Leigler and 3B's bartender Bobby Cole got into their Sunday best to perform at the 3B's bar's annual "Stars for AIDS" benefit on January 10, 1993. A Milwaukee AIDS Project benefit, the event raised \$1,556 for patient care services. The Triangle and Wreck Room bars also provided entertainers as did MAP and HIT.

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overwhelmed and clearly in awe of this planning for the largest civil rights march in the history of the world.

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CAN YOU TYPE? PROOFREAD?

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Gay Adoption Is Topic For Men's Group

[Milwaukee]- The Gay Men's Discussion Group will be talking about "Gay Adoption: Embracing the Challenge to Parent" at its meeting on Sunday, January 24. The meeting will be held at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Special guests that evening will be Larry and Ric, a Gay couple who are foster parents of Becky, a 2 year-old whom they are in the process of adopting. For further information, please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

DAMES Plan Second Chicago Party Feb. 6

[Milwaukee]- Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression (DAMES), is proud to announce the second play party of the Dungeons Arousing Mental Energy and Sex series to be held at a large, fully equipped dungeon in Chicago, on Saturday, February 6, 1993.

The primary purpose is to bring SM/Leather and differently pleased women together for Safe, Slutty Sex. Other goals include educating players about safe dungeon play, courtesy and etiquette and advanced safe sex techniques.

Admission to all DAMES events is by invitation only. If you (or someone you know) is interested in attending this or future dungeon parties, please write: DAMES, P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1272 for more information.

Gays Serve On Clinton Team

[Washington, D.C.]- Coalition '93, a network of 18 major Gay and Lesbian community and AIDS organizations, on December 15, 1992, praised President-elect Clinton for his appointment of Lesbians and Gay men to serve on his transition team. The Coalition has identified 13 individuals who have been asked to be part of the transition staff, transition policy groups, or transition clusters that are analyzing federal departments and agencies, or to attend the Economic Summit.

Among these are: Andrew Barrer, Director of Coalition '93, working with the Health and Human Services cluster; Chai Feldblum, an attorney who is studying the Office of Legal Counsel for the Justice Department Cluster; David Geffen, recording and entertainment industry magnate, who attended the Economic Summit in Little Rock; Bob Hattoy, an environmental leader whose speech on living with HIV/AIDS was a high point of the Democratic National Convention. Hattoy is serving as a Senior Advisor to Coalition '93 and is Deputy Political Director in Constituency Relations on the Transition staff.

Others include: Bruce Lehman, Dennis Maust (USAF ret.), Howard Menaker, Steve Morin, Robert Rabin, Greg Stull, Kurt Vorndran and Tim Westmoreland.

"For the first time, open Lesbians and Gay men have been called upon by the President-elect of the United States to serve their country," said William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and one of the three Coalition '93 co-chairs. "We are sure they will serve with distinction."

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Nelson added that the case clearly demonstrated the enormous value of the ARCW Legal Assistance Program. "We will continue to use the Legal Assistance Program to oppose the prejudice and discrimination that continues to be a tragic part of the HIV epidemic," Nelson said.

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viciously attacked each other stood side by side in gracious respect; while bands played and there was the sense of a momentous beginning and a wounded ending, we were there, daring to resurrect dreams we thought had died, venturing to allow them into the bright light of a new day.

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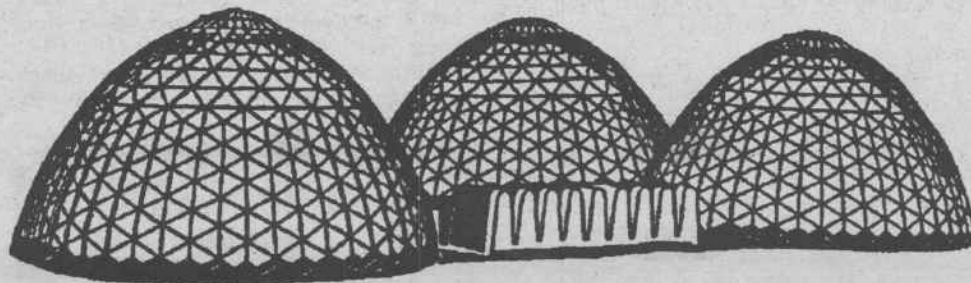


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