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MAP to Open 33-Bed Housing Facility for AIDS, HIV Patients

[Milwaukee]- In a major expansion of its housing program, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will open a new, long-term, independent living facility as a residence for up to 33 men and women with AIDS and HIV disease. The facility, which was originally built as a convent, is located on Milwaukee's northwest side and is scheduled to begin admitting residents this coming April.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has leased the building and the residential program will be run by MAP.

Doug Nelson, ARCW's Executive Director, was clearly elated. "This new facility enables us to keep our pledge that no one with AIDS will be homeless in Milwaukee," he said.

He told *Light* that the new residence was the first of its kind in Wisconsin and praised it as "the best example of a community coming together to support people living with AIDS."

A Tale of Two Cities

The new facility comes after long and sometimes frustrating series of negotiations with politicians in West Allis for the use of a convent in that city for



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people living with AIDS and HIV disease. "We have experienced truly a tale of two cities," Nelson said, adding that "We continue to be disappointed that the politicians in the West Allis City Council are blocking the use of Immaculate Heart of Mary Convent for HIV housing."

The political barrier in West Allis, Nelson said, "is based on political reaction to unwarranted public fears."

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250 Madisonians Plan To Attend March on Washington April 25

[Madison]- On April 25, 1993, between 1 and 1.5 million Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and supporters will converge on Washington, D.C. to demonstrate for civil rights. The Madison contingent is being organized by Charles Squires, Civil Rights and Concerns Director, Wisconsin Student Association (WSA).

Squires has announced that information and registration forms are available to the general public. Squires said that he expects that over 100 Madison area residents plan on traveling to the March on their own, and about 150 will travel together in chartered buses. Everyone traveling alone should pick up a form and register at no cost so they can be informed about where to meet for the March and other related details.

Squires said also that the forms will allow people to sign up for low-cost bus travel and hotel rooms in the D.C. area. Non-students can ride the buses for only \$95 round-trip. Hotel accommodations

Rep. Baldwin To Introduce Domestic Partnership Bill

By John Quinlan

[Madison, WI]- Every day, in ways both profound and routine, Gay men and Lesbians are reminded that their relationships are less legitimate than heterosexual relationships in the eyes of the law. Ultimately, the law must be changed. However, until that happens, there are many steps we can take to protect ourselves, a distinguished panel of experts told an overflow crowd at

Border's Bookstore on Feb. 10.

Wisconsin Domestic Partnership Bill

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) said that she would be introducing a "domestic partnership" bill in the state legislature before the end of the year. This would be ground-breaking legislation, and a first step will be to arrive at a consensus in the Gay and Lesbian community over the form the law might take. Noting that Gay

Achieving Basic Civil Rights Is Goal For Proposed Statewide Coalition

By John Quinlan

[Madison]- At a time when Lesbians, Gay men, bisexuals and our allies are becoming an increasingly powerful political force nationwide, State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) is offering a blueprint for the building of a new statewide coalition here in Wisconsin. If all goes as she hopes, dozens of activists from around the state will be joining her by the end of the summer for an organizing conference at the State Capitol, where they will celebrate the birth of a new organization.

"A network like this could take shape over the next 6-12 months, but it won't happen without a commitment of time and energy from the Gay, Lesbian and bisexual community," Baldwin told the *Light*. "We begin by building a statewide network of persons willing to make a fairly basic commitment to Gay and Lesbian rights, that commitment being a willingness to place telephone calls and write letters to elected and appointed officials on issues of importance to Gays and Lesbians."

"We then need to develop a mechanism for mobilizing that network: action postcards, phone trees, newsletters, contacts in the Gay and Lesbian media, etc. And as the organization grows, its board could be creative in finding still other ways to get out the word," she added.

"Of course, we need such a network in place to support the lifting of the military ban and the lifting of the travel ban against non-citizens with AIDS. But we also need it for the wide range of other issues that we will visit in the future relating to our civil rights, health needs, legal recognition for Gay and Lesbian families, etc."

While Baldwin has only just begun discussing this idea with supporters, she's especially excited by the prospect of an organizing conference in late summer at the State Capitol. As a prelude to this conference, Baldwin would like to

invite a steering committee composed of activists from around the state to Madison in early May (a week or two after the March on Washington) for a planning meeting.

This will be the second such organizing conference of its kind held in the Capitol. In November of 1990, Baldwin helped organize events open to local activists in conjunction with Madison's sponsorship of the annual conference of the National Network of Openly Lesbian and Gay Officials.

Baldwin envisions the new group expanding to include many people who are not necessarily Lesbian, Gay or bisexual. "Our history in Wisconsin has shown us that we need to build coalitions in order to achieve our most basic civil rights," she said. "Over a decade ago, there was a tremendous amount of coalition-building here that led to the passage of the nation's first Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill."

"The bill had been introduced for many sessions, but it wasn't until Gay men and Lesbians joined forces with women's rights groups, people of color, peace activists, and many prominent members of the religious community that the political will was born to pass this landmark legislation."

People interested in working on the coalition are encouraged to contact Rep. Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.

Homophobic Candidates Running In Madison School Board Race

By John Quinlan

[Madison]- At a time when homophobia-driven violence and harassment are on the increase in the public schools, the April 6 Madison school board races have taken on a new importance. "These races are very important to the community, whether we have children or not," Rep. Tammy Baldwin said. "The school board races pit some people against each other with some pretty extreme views on what we should be talking about with our children in schools and whether there should be a tolerant atmosphere for Gay and Lesbian youth."

"I am endorsing Carol Carstensen and Peter Williams in the spring races," Baldwin announced. "I encourage you to research the issues, to know who the candidates are and to know that some of the candidates in this race have some pretty homophobic views."

Progressive incumbents Carstensen and Williams are opposed by candidates backed by the archconservative Citizens Advocating Responsible Education (CARE) committee. CARE co-founder Sarah Kidd is waging a strong campaign against Carstensen, and CARE member Scott Fromader (a former aide to Gov. Tommy Thompson) is launching an equally strong campaign against current board president Williams.

Carstensen and Williams have been strong advocates for education that respects the diversity of cultures and family forms found in the Madison schools. Their candidacies are being backed by a wide range of progressive

"marriage" may not be everyone's goal, Baldwin said that "we may want to construct something that looks entirely different."

Legislation recognizing Gay and Lesbian couples' rights in areas such as zoning, health insurance, and family memberships has passed in about a half dozen cities nationwide, Baldwin noted. While each city confers different rights, all require Gay and Lesbian couples to register as "domestic partners." While a good beginning, Baldwin described Madison's own "alternative families ordinance" as "one of the weakest that I've seen" because of the political compromises that occurred prior to its passage.

"An extraordinary statewide lobbying and coalition-building effort will be required to pass a strong domestic partnership law in Wisconsin," Baldwin said, predicting that passage could come after several years of hard work.

Financial Planning Issues

Gay and Lesbian partners, even those who've been together for many years, shouldn't take for granted that institutions will recognize the joint nature of their finances. "Register jointly" and "make choices together" was the advice of Middleton-based financial consultant Ton Stam in regards to all investments and bank accounts. Additionally, partners should list each other as beneficiaries on all accounts.

When shopping around for life insurance, it's extremely important to find a company that's sensitive to the needs of Gay and Lesbian couples. "I recently talked to an agent who said right up front that, of course, there'd be a lot of extra questions, naturally, about AIDS issues," mimicking the agent's homophobic hesitancy. "And I told him, of course, that we wouldn't be referring anybody, naturally, to him in the future...." To be "one hundred percent sure" that a partner's rights will be recognized, Stam recommends that the

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groups, including Gay and Lesbian educators, and the membership of the Lesbian Parents Network.

In 1990, CARE co-founder Earl Kielley waged a campaign filled with homophobic invective — waving a guide to Madison Gay and Lesbian organizations at a McCarthyesque press conference to protest its presence in the schools. A top advisor sent out a letter of support calling Gays and Lesbians "weeds who must be removed from our community." The blatantly homophobic rhetoric was a tactic that backfired in 1990, when Gays and Lesbians and progressives rallied with a massive get-out-the-vote effort, producing wins for Carstensen and Williams.

Since that time, critics charge, CARE has gone into a "stealth" mode, concealing its more intolerant positions. A CARE candidate has won in each of the last two elections. If CARE won both seats this year, they would hold a majority on the seven member school board.

With hundreds of children from Gay and Lesbian families in the schools, and hundreds more who may be Gay or Lesbian themselves, the stakes are high. "We must rally behind Carstensen and Williams for the sake of our children and our community," said Sunshine Jones of the Lesbian Parents Network. "It's a low turn-out election and the other side is extremely well-organized. We've got to do everything we can possibly do to get out the vote."

For more information on how to help, call Carol Carstensen at (608) 255-5931 or Peter Williams at (608) 256-9092.

cost only \$20-\$31 extra.

Travel Subsidies

To encourage student participation, the Ten Percent Society at UW-Madison that is celebrating its tenth anniversary, has made \$4,500 available in student travel subsidies, and is providing financial services in the organization of the local March contingent.

The Society has reserved 3 buses and about 70 hotel rooms, as a service to both students and the local community that has helped support the group for so long.

UW-Madison students can join the buses to the March for only \$20 round-trip, plus \$20-\$31 for lodging. Student subsidies are limited, and are granted on a first-come, first-served basis to any UW-Madison student without regard to his or her sexual orientation or group affiliation.

The buses will leave Madison at 8:00

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NAACP Chair Supports Lifting Ban

[Milwaukee]- As the uproar over the lifting of the anti-Gay ban in the military continues to sound, the head of one of the nation's oldest civil rights groups has weighed in to support lifting the ban. Dr. William F. Gibson, National Chairman of the Board of the NAACP and a supporter of the 1993 March on Washington, noted the similarities in arguments being used to support the ban and arguments to keep Blacks out of the military.

"The alibis and excuses they're giving are the same ones they tried to use to keep Black Americans out of the military. They said white soldiers would not be able to sleep in the same barracks, use the same latrines and would not take orders from Black superiors. I think no citizen should be excluded from any aspect of life because of race, religion or sexual orientation."

Federal Agents 'Advocate' Readers

[San Francisco]- For more than six months, in early 1992, the *Advocate* ran an ad for a business selling erotica that was actually a pornography sting operation targeting Gay men and run by U.S. postal inspectors, according to the San Francisco *Sentinel*. Persons replying to the ad were solicited to buy pornography depicting minors from an illustrated catalogue prepared by the U.S. government. Anyone taking up the government's offer risks a ten-year prison term and \$250,000 fine. The ads have stopped running.

However, the *Sentinel* reports that similar stings have been uncovered in such Gay publications as *New York Native*, the *Washington Blade* and *Passport*.

ACLU Challenges Anti-Gay Law

[New York, NY]- In a continuing drive to overturn anti-Gay ballot initiatives, the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon is challenging the constitutionality of a municipal law that equates sexual orientation and homosexuality with pedophilia, sadism and masochism.

In a lawsuit filed on January 19, 1993, in Lane County Circuit Court in Oregon, the ACLU says that the amendment to the Springfield City Charter, adopted last May, violates a number of federal and state constitutional guarantees, including the rights to equal protection and freedom of expression. The lawsuit also says that the anti-Gay amendment amounts to a government endorsement of a particular religious viewpoint.

Filed only days after a Colorado judge prohibited that state from enforcing its recently approved anti-Gay measure, the Oregon lawsuit asks the Court to temporarily block enforcement of the law while it considers its constitutionality.

Seven states and more than 100 municipalities currently have laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Idaho Might Fight Gay Initiative

[Boise, ID]- Idaho House Speaker Michael Simpson says he may support a constitutional amendment to head off an initiative limiting Gay rights, but doesn't want to act this year.

Simpson (R-Blackfoot) said that he would favor a privacy amendment to the Idaho Constitution next year if initiative backers appear likely to succeed in placing the measure on the ballot.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance formed earlier in January, 1993, said it would push an initiative limiting "special rights" for Gays and Lesbians. The group will need 32,000 signatures of voters to qualify for the 1994 ballot.

Marines Held in Assault on Gay Man

[Wilmington, NC]- According to the Associated Press, three Marines were charged with assault on Saturday, January 30, 1993, after allegedly dragging a Gay man out of a Gay bar, Mickey Ratz, and beating him while shouting, "Clinton must pay." The victim, Crae Pridgen, was treated for a fractured skull and bruises and released from a hospital in Wilmington. The case has been turned over to the FBI for investigation, said Police Sgt. M.J. Woods. "They (the Marines) were definitely intoxicated," Woods said.

Wilmington Master Police Officer Ed Gibson said Monday, February 1, that the alleged assailants said things like they "hate all faggots" and they "wish they were all dead" and "they're not ashamed of it."

The Marines, all lance corporals, were identified as: Colin C. Hunt, 20; Patric G. Gardone, 23; and Walter G. Watkins, 26.

Court Asked to End Gay Military Ban

[Washington, D.C.]- Lambda Legal and Education Fund announced on February 1, 1993, that it has filed a motion with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit asking the Court to set a prompt hearing on its appeal challenging the constitutionality of the military ban on service of Gays. The motion was filed on behalf of Joseph C. Steffan, a former midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy who was discharged six weeks before graduation when he answered "Yes, sir" to the question "Are you a homosexual?"

Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director of Lambda stated that "in the light of the recent decision by District Judge Terry Hatter declaring the military's ban on Gays unconstitutional in the case of Keith Meinhold, we believe that the time is right to ask the Court of Appeals to declare an end to the ban."

Colorado Gay-Friendly Businesses

[Pueblo, CO]- A national clearinghouse listing Gay-friendly businesses is offering free memberships in its directory to Colorado businesses, supportive of the Gay community. The idea is to show the clout of Gay consumers and help business owners who support equal rights for Gays.

The network is a national service which supplies consumers with a listing of 5,000 Gay and Gay-friendly businesses of all types.

People nationwide can call 1-800-4-GAY SPOTS to find Gay and Gay-friendly businesses in Colorado or in other parts of the country.

Clinton Names Lesbian to Post

[Washington, D.C.]- President Clinton has nominated Roberta Achtenberg, 42, an openly Lesbian member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. If confirmed, Achtenberg will become the highest ranking openly Gay official in the history of the Executive Branch.

Marci Wassermann of the Human Rights Campaign Fund told *Light* that she saw no difficulty in Achtenberg's being confirmed.

Schlafly Doesn't Like These Books

[Boston, MA]- Sasha Alyson, owner of Alyson Publications of Boston, said that several of the firm's books — including *Daddy's Roommate* and *Heather Has Two Mommies* have begun to disappear from library shelves.

"Several right-wing groups, including Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum, were campaigning against our books," said Alyson. "While I'm not a conspiracy addict, it was clearly no coincidence that the same titles disappeared from so many libraries in a short span of time."

Alyson has agreed to replace the books free of charge "as many times as necessary."

Schlafly has an openly Gay son.

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

BestD Clinic Sponsors Support Group for Partners of HIV+ Men

[Milwaukee]- Mindful of the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community, Milwaukee's BestD Clinic is planning on forming a support group for Gay men whose lovers are HIV positive.

"We have seen a growing number of HIV negative Gay men come into the clinic who's lovers are positive," said Ross Walker, President of the Clinic Board. "A lot of relationships don't survive this crisis because of the pressure. It is our goal to provide a place and facility for these men to come together and discuss their feelings and problems with others in similar situations," said Walker.

BestD Clinic currently sponsors a support group for Gay HIV positive men. The new group is slated to meet on the same night so that both partners can attend a meeting. The participants could then develop a social hour following their respective meetings. As with other Clinic services, there would be no charge or membership fee for attending these support group meetings.

"BestD Clinic belongs to and is a part of the Gay/Lesbian community," said Walker. "We always have been. It is with this in mind that we hope to address the special needs of Gay men in this difficult

situation."

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, you may call Ross at (414) 353-4798.

BestD on TV

BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions on HIV is a live call-in Cable TV program which airs at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 47 every Thursday night. The schedule of topics for forthcoming programs is: Transmission of the Virus, February 18, 25 and March 4; Safer Sex Practices, March 11, 18 and 25. Calls are not limited to the topic of discussion, but can be on any subject that is of concern to the viewer. The program's phone numbers are: (414) 225-3565 and (414) 225-3566 at 7:00 p.m. Thursday nights only.

The program will be repeated every Sunday night at 10:00 p.m. preceding rebroadcast of *Queer TV*.

Bob Ambelang, BestD Clinic Director said, "To my knowledge, this is the only TV program of its kind in the nation. Just as BestD is probably the first and oldest Gay/Lesbian STD Clinic in the nation, we are again leading the way with a live call-in TV program addressing the HIV issue."

Sweet Sunday to Benefit Madison's MASN On April 18

[Madison]- Sweet Sunday, a special event to benefit the Madison AIDS Support Network's (MASN) prevention, education, outreach, and direct care services in South Central Wisconsin, will take place April 18, 1993. The afternoon will be filled with many delectable desserts and a plethora of prizes.

In past years, Sweet Sunday has been held around Valentine's Day, but the date has been changed to bring fresh air and sunshine to the event. Our host again for this year's Sweet Sunday is the Wilson Street Grill and they are ready to burst open the doors to let the Spring shine in.

Sponsors Needed

The Sweet Sunday Committee is currently seeking individual sponsors. Your \$250, \$100, \$50 or \$25 contribution will assure that this year's event is a successful one. This donation will guarantee you a space for the afternoon and place your name on the Sweet Sunday invitations.

If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor, please telephone Maria at

(608) 238-6276 or 1-800-486-6276 (outside of Madison). The committee is also in search of volunteers to help out before and during the event. If you're interested, please phone Maria at the above numbers.

Sweet Sunday tickets will be available March 1, 1993. MASN is requesting a \$20 donation per ticket.

West Side Dykes To Hold March 7 Meeting

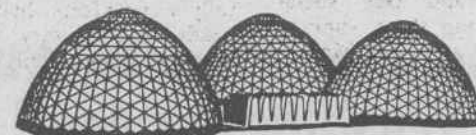
[Milwaukee]- The next meeting of the West Side Dykes (WSD) will be on Sunday, March 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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 Lesbians living west of the Lake and east of Madison. For more information, call Julie at (414) 778-1269 or Mimi at (414) 445-4179.



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150 Brave The Cold In Madison To Support Lifting Military Ban

By John Quinlan

[Madison]—Almost 150 people braved the bone-chilling cold on Feb. 12 on the steps of the State Capitol to applaud President Bill Clinton's plan to end the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military. The noontime rally was sponsored by the Madison Community United and a coalition of Madison area Gay and Lesbian groups.

Newly-elected state representative Tammy Baldwin expressed empathy for the president who found himself — and his agenda for change in America — drowned out by the blast of a homophobic backlash. "Having just finished running a campaign in which we focused on issues like universal health care, education, reproductive freedom, and recognition of Gay and Lesbian families," Baldwin said, "the last thing I really anticipated in my first month in office was focusing on lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military. But here I am, I'm doing the talk show circuit, calling my congresspeople, organizing support within the state legislature..."



REP TAMMY BALDWIN

"It strikes me as ironic because there are many in our community for whom this does not feel like a high priority issue," Baldwin continued. "After all, when we think about this compared to the right to be safe on our streets and in our homes from hate crimes and other acts of homophobia, the right to be free of discrimination in all employment and in all housing, and the right to the legal recognition of our families, the military issue may sometimes seem more distant and less personal to us."

"We Must Win That Debate"

"But I'm here to tell you why I believe that this must be our highest priority issue right now. The importance of this issue, in the words of Glen Maxey, an openly Gay legislator from the state of Texas, is that the debate and the dialogue over Gay and Lesbian rights is not only focused between politician and activist, but is now taking place in every dining room, in every subway car, in every

United to Begin Three New Support Groups

[Madison]—In news from Madison's United, the Lesbian and Gay social change agency is starting three support groups in late February and early March. One is a Lesbian coming out group, a second is a Gay male coming out group and the third is a men in transition group (everything but coming out, but including moves, break-ups, career problems etc).

Also, The United will be offering volunteer training in early March. There are plenty of opportunities for anyone interested in: phone lines, the Speaker's Bureau, data entry, archival work, publicity and fundraising and the Institute for Gay Studies.

MAD-Queens, a monthly social/discussion group will be starting at The United. Madison and Madison area drag queens are invited to attend.

Fundraising Meeting

Do you have any great and grand ideas for possible fundraising events for The United? Interested persons are asked to attend a strategy and brainstorming meeting on Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. at The United (on the Square). Refreshments and food will be served.

For more information about any of these events, call The United at (608) 255-8582.

corporate cafeteria — everywhere. And we must win that debate. Because it's probably more important to our future rights, and the future rights of Gay and Lesbian youth in our community, than the debate that goes on in the Capitol."

"People are talking about us... but often I don't even recognize the Gays and Lesbians they're talking about. You know, the ones who are going to undermine military effectiveness, the ones who are going to lead to an end of morale and discipline in the military. But they're talking about us that way because they don't know us — they don't know us yet."

"Poll after poll on tolerance of Gay and Lesbians shows us that people who know us are much more likely to advocate for our rights," Baldwin noted. "And it is so clear that our visibility is the most basic ingredient to winning all of our battles. Our visibility is our power."

Local Backlash Described

"Clearly, we're experiencing a backlash," Baldwin continued. "We saw it in the states of Oregon and Colorado this summer and this fall, and in the past few weeks we've seen the murder of a Gay sailor and we've also seen the beating of a Gay civilian by three Marines."

"And we're also seeing a backlash locally," Baldwin described reports of harassment and vandalism leveled against members of the UW-Madison Gay and Lesbian Law Student Association. She also noted with alarm the onset of an increasingly hostile environment in the Madison public schools.

"You can see what happens when kids hear their parents spouting off about 'those damn Gays' around the dinner table," a Lesbian parent who volunteers at her daughter's elementary school told the *Light*. "I've seen things get much worse since the backlash over the military issue. They come to school and they push other children down and call them 'faggot.' They pick on the kids who are most vulnerable to being labeled 'queer.' And, increasingly, they're picking on children from Lesbian and Gay families."

"When we're talking about the military issue, we're talking about Gays and Lesbians who want the right to fight and die for this country," Baldwin continued. "They are willing to take risks, and we must all as Gay and Lesbian civilians be willing to take some pretty big risks, not only for their right to serve in the military, but for all of our rights to live with dignity, to live with respect and our right to love the people we love."

A Lesson From 2000 Years Ago

Openly Gay Madison alderperson Ricardo Gonzalez reflected an ambivalence about the military shared by many in the crowd, stating that "I look forward to the day when militarism is no more and when soldiers turn their weapons into plowshares." However, he noted with irony that the most successful army in the history of the world was headed by a Gay man over 2000 years ago — Alexander the Great. "That army allowed men, heterosexual and homosexual, to march hand in hand, and to take their lovers, male or female, with them. That army was never defeated in battle and that army was composed of soldiers who were openly Gay and straight."

Maria Hanson of the United, one of the rally's organizers, had continued a family tradition of military service as an Army sergeant before being booted out because of her Lesbianism. "My life in the military was taken away from me — something I held dear. As a Lesbian, you're hunted, you're searched for, and your life is destroyed... my career, my dreams, taken from me, for no other reason than that I dared to love a woman."

Despite her experiences, Hanson said that "I would gladly serve with our country's military again — if they are willing to take me back with dignity and honor."

UW Faculty Get Their Way On ROTC

UW-Madison Professor Joe Elder recalled how three years earlier he'd celebrated when an overwhelming majority in the Faculty Senate called for the abolition of ROTC on campus by the summer of 1993 if they continued to discriminate against Gay men and Lesbians. However, the victory turned out to be short-lived when the UW Board of Regents refused to accept the faculty's recommendation two months later.

"The American people have now elected to the White House a president

who has declared that he will end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the Armed Forces. That means he will also end discrimination... in Wisconsin's ROTC units," Elder, the proud father of a Gay man, exclaimed. "It looks as if our UW faculty vote may actually be put into effect in 1993 after all."

Celibacy is Not Acceptable

Edgewood College faculty member and former Green Beret Jay Hatheway lauded the president for his efforts thus far. But he cautioned that Clinton's call for a "conduct-based standard" in judging fitness for the military not be equated with a call for celibacy that is applied only to Gay men and Lesbians.

"President Clinton has said that the problem is one of behavior, not one of status. Well, I was kicked out of the service because of my behavior under Article 125 (of the code of military justice)," Hatheway explained. "It is true that part of our struggle may be concluded in July, but there's a lot more to go. The problem is that if Article 125 is not rescinded by an act of Congress, then anyone who touches another Gay or Lesbian or bisexual person in the Armed Forces will find themselves jerked out just like I was."

"So if you are going to write your Congressman and your Senator and the President and the Joint Chiefs, then it seems that you should share with them that if Gay people have to remain celibate then so, too, do non-Gay people in the Armed Forces. And I would venture that probably no non-Gay soldier would stand for having to be celibate. 'If you sign here, then you'll be celibate in the Armed Forces.' No, of course, they won't do that."

We Must Work in Coalition

Hatheway applauded Joe Elder, and other members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gay, for their support. "All of us should reach out to others who are not Gay, not Lesbian, and not bisexual, to develop coalitions," he added.

"All of you may have some idea, especially those of you who are historians, of the struggle for African-American rights, the struggle for the rights of women and other minorities. It was not done alone. They had been reaching out for years and years and years. It seems to me that the Gay/Lesbian/bisexual community must work... in coalition with others."

Sen. Feingold Supports Lifting Military Ban

[Washington, D.C.]—In a recent "Crisis Alert" letter sent by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) to all of its members in Wisconsin it was incorrectly reported that Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold opposed lifting the ban against Gays in the military. NGLTF says that this is inaccurate and that they are taking "appropriate steps" to correct the matter.

However, NGLTF is quite correct in reporting that Senator Kohl is still "undecided or wavering."

Both Senators need to hear from us. Call Senator Feingold to express your support and thanks. His number is: [202] 224-5323 [D.C. phone]; [414] 276-7282 [Milwaukee]; [608] 828-1200 [Middleton]. A FAX number is not available yet.

Call Senator Kohl at [202] 224-5653 [D.C. phone]; [414] 297-4455 [Milwaukee]; FAX number, [202] 224-9787.

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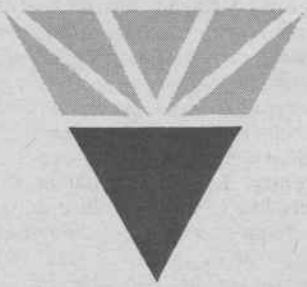
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EDITORIAL

Fundamentalism Is Intellectually Bankrupt and Will End in Defeat

The Far Right must feel like the little Dutch boy with his finger stuck in the dike, trying to stop the flood that will, if it bursts through, wash them away. The difference is that whereas the legendary Dutch boy had only one break to handle, the Fundamentalists have uncounted numbers. Everytime they turn around, progress and liberty are spilling out somewhere else.

While they don't realize it, the problem that the Religious Right faces is that in the face of advancing change, they are intellectually bankrupt. Their ideology has not inspired great books, works of art, pieces of music, philosophy or advances in knowledge, nothing of the kind. These are the elements of civilization; these are the things that change minds and society. These are the very genes of history. When it comes to these, the Fundamentalist outlook has nothing to offer and is utterly irrelevant. Hence, they are doomed to defeat. That is inevitable and to defeat they shall go.

The irony, for them, is that in their negativity, they have totally missed what is inspiring the world today; the American ideals of equality, democracy and freedom for all of human kind. These were the things that came out of our Revolution, the only revolution in modern history that ever succeeded, and they are sweeping the world like a warm tropic sea. We, Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, demanding equality and our rights, are on the cutting edge of all this.

But does all this mean that we can sit back and let history do our work for us? It does not. We must continue to fight, each in her own way, as he can. There are two things we can do. **One:** We can each of us write or call our Senators, our Congressmen and the President, urging strongly the complete lifting of the ban on Gays in the military. At the same time, ask those in Congress to sign on to the "Gay Civil Rights" bill.

Second: If you are physically and financially able to do so, **attend the March On Washington** in April. We think that the March comes at an absolutely crucial time and that it is vitally important for as many as can do so to be there.

Third: We can and must, continue the boycott of Colorado. An evil that goes unchallenged, only grows stronger.

In the stream of history, Fundamentalism will wind up on the same scrap heap with Communism (and for many of the same reasons), but we must not sit back and wait. We must each of us fight for the American dream. It is our country's gift to the world. It is our hope for the future.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

On White House Subscriptions, J. Edgar Hoover and 'Inside Edition'

By Terry Boughner

Friday, February 5, I got a call from someone identifying themselves as "The White House." I was pretty well certain that it was Bob or John from across the street fooling around as they sometimes do, so I replied, saying something to the effect that the caller had reached Buckingham Palace, but the Queen was out!

To my red-faced embarrassment, it wasn't Bob or John. It was the White House. I was told that Lesbian/Gay papers were being sought and that **Wisconsin Light** was one of them. Would we please consider sending a subscription?

Yeah, sure, well I guess. Of course. "Does a check come with this?" (I didn't say that, really.)

So the paper will now be finding its way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue—or close enough thereto to satisfy the requirement.

"Do you think HE will read it?" someone asked.

"Yeah, sure," came the dry and all too cynical reply. "I mean there probably isn't another paper in the country going there." (said very sarcastically). "And HE doesn't have a single thing else to do."

But still, it's impressive, you know?

On another topic, I really am convinced that it's more important than ever to give serious consideration to attending the March On Washington. If you're able physically and financially, you should go. There's lots of transportation being arranged in Milwaukee and Madison and the prices aren't that steep. I guess a lot of the hotel rooms are already booked, but if you're young enough, you can always sack out in the car, bus or van.

Or, when I was young (back before Gloria Swanson stopped tasting salt), there was another and very pleasant way to find a place to stay. The details, I leave to your imagination.

But the thing is, that coming when it does, when the Congressional hearings on Gays in the military will be going on and the fascist Christian Fundamentalists are trying to force their lifestyle down everyone's throat, to be in D.C. in our hundreds of thousands is important. It's very important, I think.

Besides, if you've never been to Washington in April, it's beautiful, absolutely lovely. The cherry blossoms will probably be in bloom, the air will be warm and full of Spring and all the world will seem Gay and alive. As a sure cure for cabin fever, there's nothing like it.

J. Edgar Hoover

Well, I see that it's now out — or rather J. Edgar Hoover is. Hoover was Gay. Ho-hum. Big deal. No one I know is at all surprised about that.

I remember when I lived in Washington in the late '60's. I had just come out of

Western Pa. The buffalo chips were still on my shoes, as I was told. And then I heard all this talk about "Miss Jeddy." I remember looking in question, wondering who that could be. Then I found out that Miss Jeddy was none other than the head of the FBI himself, J. Edgar Hoover.

That was titillating stuff, but, of course, we didn't know all the rest; his gambling, his relations with the mob and all the things that are coming only now to the surface.

What we did know and know well, was that Hoover was one goddamned mean, rotten son of a bitch. The man hated African Americans, foreigners of all kinds, "homosexuals," and just about anyone else who didn't fit into his narrow, bigoted mold.

J. Edgar was one disgusting human being, a tyrant, a bully, an ignorant man, none of which had anything to do with his being Gay. He was the very opposite of what America stands for, which would, in my mind, have made him a good Fundamentalist Christian. Hoover is one of the two or three Gay people I can think of who I'd "In" if I could.

Jeffrey Dahmer

Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer gave his first interview and what is said to be his last. The sad part about that is that he gave it to Nancy Glass of ABC's **Inside Edition**. The two-part program was, to put it kindly, terrible.

For one thing, Glass acted like a kid sucking on a lollipop and looking at some road kill. She was just "horrified all to pieces." You heard more about how horrified Glass was (who cares?) than you did from Dahmer. When I think of what Barbara Walters, for example, could have done with an interview like that and then what Glass did with it — Geezzz!

There are so many hard questions that needed to be asked; that must be asked if we're going to learn anything about him. But we know no more now than we did before. Glass's questions escaped TV journalism for the **Weekly Reader**.

Glass could have at least done her homework, but she obviously did not. At one point she says that Dahmer's victims were all "either young Black men or homosexuals." Or?!

Then, I have to remind myself that this is supermarket tabloid stuff. That's understandable enough for **Inside Edition**, but the problem is the mainstream media didn't do much better with Hoover.

Let me tell you. Being Gay doesn't make you bad. Being Gay doesn't make you good. But the way the media have it, "you are Gay, therefore...." You fill in the blank.

It doesn't work that way, not at all.

LETTERS Support Boycott

TO THE EDITOR:

As someone who has found employment in only the last few days, I certainly sympathize with Adam Rudziewicz of Breckenridge, CO, when he writes of the economic hardship he is facing as a result of the Colorado boycott. Where Mr. Rudziewicz loses any sympathy from me is when he complains about the confusing wording of Amendment 2; that 20-25% of the voters were uncertain of the correct choice on their ballots, and that even he almost voted the wrong way on the Amendment.

Where the hell was Mr. Rudziewicz during the several months before the election? Was he educating himself on the right way to vote? Was he educating his neighbors? Or did he rely on the "quick moment of pounding by the local Gay media" to do his job for him?

I certainly do not want this person to go out of business. But how can we expect straights to protect and defend our rights when we won't make even a minimal effort to defend ourselves? Continue the boycott!

—John Cain
Madison

Support Clinton

TO THE EDITOR:

After years of fighting against the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military, we were very pleased with President Clinton's strong, principled commitment to this effort.

One factor that will determine the outcome of this fight against discrimination is the extent to which our congressional colleagues hear from their constituents on this issue. The single most important thing anyone can do to fight this discriminatory policy is to write to the three people who represent him or her in the United States House and the United States Senate. Members of the House and Senate are influenced far more by expressions of opinion from the people in their own constituencies than they are from other sources.

We would add on additional letter that it is important to send — to President Clinton to thank him for standing up for the principle that Americans should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation, despite strong political opposition.

There will be organized efforts on the part of those opposed to fair treatment of Gay men and Lesbians to flood Members of Congress with constituent communications against the President's position, and it is essential that those who believe in fairness do what they can to offset this. And if after writing your own letter or making your own phone calls you can persuade friends, coworkers, relatives, etc., to do the same to their own Representatives and Senators, that will also be very helpful.

—Rep. Gerry Studds
Washington, D.C.

—Rep. Barney Frank
Washington, D.C.

Change Is Coming

TO THE EDITOR:

I received the E-mail below from a Gay co-worker after I suggested fellow staffers call Senator Sam Nunn, (202) 224-3521, and make their support known for lifting the Gay ban in the military. The second E-Mail is my response to this timid soul, whose name I have omitted. He also thought a Bush victory over Clinton was pre-ordained in the stars as divined by Nostrodamus, and therefore wouldn't lift a finger during the campaign (sigh).

To: Gary

Re: Gays in the Military

Sometimes I really think what people really want is a good fight. What I think is truly necessary is to soft-sell middle America on Gayness. They have a horror of what they are unfamiliar with. Give them the facts of what it's like, i.e. sitcom characters, exposes on real Gay life.

I know you feel strongly about this, but Washington is a reflection of many American people and those fat, white-haired ones in Topeka need to get it in a palatable way. Otherwise, they are not gonna swallow.

The attack approach is a good expression of angry feelings, but militancy is not effective. A spoon full of sugar makes the medicine...

To: Timid Soul

Re: Soft-Sell

We've been soft-selling Gay rights to fat, white-haired Topekans for over twenty years now and they just don't want to buy. There's no way to spoon sugar to someone who's kicking your head in with his hob-nail boots. There's no rational basis to their hatred; it arises from their own fears, failures, and insecurities and is projected onto us.

Dispelling bigotry finally comes down to seizing so many public institutions that the bigots have no foundation or authority to stand on.

The military serves as a national mixer for men and women who serve in it. In the military, they look around themselves, see soldiers of all different races, religions, backgrounds, and say to themselves, "Oh, these are all Americans as well." Acceptance and camaraderie follow.

Military service equals respectability in the public mind. As Gays are accepted in the military, other institutional barriers will go down like a row of dominoes. Our bigoted opponents know this and that is why they're fighting so hard. They're not worried about Gays' impact on the military mission, but rather the military's impact on the visibility and status of Gays.

The change is coming. Our team won the election, we call the shots. As Lyndon B. Johnson said, "When you've got them by the balls, their hearts and minds will follow."

—Gary Pierce
San Francisco

Madison's Gaylord Could Become State's First Openly Lesbian Judge

[Madison]- Madison activist and civil rights attorney Shelly Gaylord could make history by becoming Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian or Gay judge if she wins election on April 6th.

Gaylord hopes to be the first person elected to the newly-created post of Madison Municipal Court Judge. Toward this end, Gaylord has the almost unprecedented distinction of having been endorsed by seven Madison area judges. Rep. Tammy Baldwin has offered her enthusiastic support, as have a host of other politicians and community leaders. Gaylord has also earned the support of the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Gaylord is a nationally-recognized litigator in the area of Lesbian and Gay rights. She has a long history of accomplishment as a leader and a spokesperson for Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community, including service as a valued advisor to former Gov. Tony Earl.

Look for an in-depth interview with Gaylord in the next issue of the Wisconsin Light. Persons who wish to contribute to her campaign or who would like more



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information can call (608) 255-7477 or write to P.O. Box 825, Madison, WI 53701-0825.

Milwaukee's PrideFest Celebration To Expand To Two Days June 12-13

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has announced plans to expand its popular PrideFest celebration. For the first time ever, the Pride Celebration will be held on more than one day.

On June 12 a free candlelight concert, "Sing Out For Pride" will be held on the PrideFest grounds. The concert will precede the all day Sunday June 13th Pride celebration. Last year's PrideFest attracted over 7,000 people. The site of PrideFest 93 will be Milwaukee's Juneau Park.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to add a new dimension to our annual celebration," said PrideFest Chairman Bill Meunier. "The Sing Out For Pride concert will provide a great evening of free entertainment in a wonderful outdoor setting."

Among the performers who have agreed to sing at the concert are the Cream City Chorus, the Fest City Singers, and Singational. They will be joined by several outstanding soloists. The musical director for the evening will be Scott Stewart. Mr. Stewart will be working with all of the entertainers to co-ordinate the program.

Saturday's festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and go until 10:30 p.m. MLGPC is working to organize a "Pride Run" to precede the concert.

On Sunday PrideFest will begin at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Sunday's festivities will see many new wrinkles as well. The organizers are hoping for an even bigger crowd than last year's record breaker.

Festival Co-Chair Roberta Niggemeier says that MLGPC will be ready for a big crowd. "We are expanding the size of our food area so we can provide faster service. We will be offering a larger menu as well. We are also increasing the number of cold drink stands from one to

four. We are adding another bar area as well."

Organizers are also planning three new additions to this year's Sunday festivities. A sports area sponsored by MLGPC and GAMMA, a youth tent sponsored by MLGPC and Gay Youth Milwaukee, and a huge rummage sale sponsored by Wisconsin Light will make their debuts at PrideFest 93. "The addition of the sports area and youth area allow us to better fulfill our mission of displaying all aspects of Lesbian and Gay life," said Meunier. "Of course the rummage sale allows us to hone our shopping skills." All funds collected at the rummage sale will be used to help defray the costs of producing the festival. (See classified ad in this issue for details.)

The PrideFest Planning Committee is planning a repeat of the elements that made 1992 such a success. These include an interdenominational service, the wide variety of outstanding performers on the main stage, great food and drink, and of course the annual Pride Parade.

"This year on the Main stage you are going to see a very strong entertainment line up. We will have performers from throughout the state. We want this to be a statewide celebration and we want people to have fun all day long," said Meunier.

The second stage will also be returning but this year it will be enclosed in a tent. This stage features dance classes, poetry, self-defense demonstrations and more.

Meunier says that the line up for the stages is not yet completed. "We are looking for people who perform live entertainment." None of the performers are paid.

Those who are interested in performing or volunteering to help put on Wisconsin's largest Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender event are encouraged to call the Pride Line (414) 342-2330.

Republican Log Cabin Club Supports Lifting Gay Military Ban

[Milwaukee]- At its January meeting, the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin meeting in Milwaukee unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the movement to end discrimination in the military based on sexual orientation, provided that adequate provision is made for the safety of Gay and Lesbian personnel.

The Log Cabin Club is a Republican organization dedicated to advancing and promoting the civil rights of Lesbians and Gays within the Republican Party.

Log Cabin members felt that the strong opposition to the lifting of the ban by the Joint Chiefs of Staff was based on "ignorance and prejudice" rather than an unbiased judgment that lifting the ban would reduce the effectiveness of the U.S. armed forces.

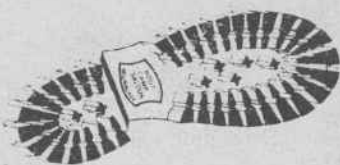
In a January 27, 1993 press release, Log Cabin stated that its members "know that Gays and Lesbian are no less likely to be able to control their sexual behavior than heterosexuals."

The release went on to state Log Cabin's belief that "unacceptable sexual behavior on the part of homosexuals or heterosexuals" could be adequately controlled by firm regulations regarding conduct without discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, "over which

an individual has no control."

Log Cabin sent copies of the resolution calling for an end to discrimination to the Republican members of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation. A copy was also sent to Democratic Senator Herb Kohl who had not yet made up his mind.

A special thank you was sent to Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) who announced his opposition to the military's discriminatory policy at the outset of the debate.



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Madison Resource Guide to Be Published in April

[Madison]- The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) is currently preparing the fifth edition of its publication, **The Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community**. This resource guide provides information on Madison-area organizations, including history, size, structure and contact address and/or phone number. Publication cost are underwritten solely by advertisements from area businesses. MG/LRC expects to print about 3000 copies of the 1993 edition. Publication is expected in early April, 1993.

New organizations, or any group inadvertently omitted from previous edition, should send MG/LRC a description (up to 200 words), along with a contact name, address and/or phone number.

All inquiries should be addressed to: MG/LRC, Attn.: Directory, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

All-Gay/Lesbian Radio Station Plans to Go National

[Denver, CO]-On November 28, 1992, the world's first all-Gay and Lesbian radio station signed on in Denver. "All Gay, All Day" is one of the positioning statements KGAY president Clay Henderson uses to promote the new network. Alternative music is a staple of the on-air sound, but listeners will also hear provocative talk, issues-oriented news, dance music, classical selections, Hollywood soundtracks and more.

Currently, KGAY's signal is available primarily via C-band satellite dish to 7-8 million homes, and on a few traditional broadcast stations, including Colorado Springs (home of Colorado For Family Values) and Key West, Florida. But a series of bold expansions should bring the sound of this different drummer to your radio soon.

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A GREAT FILM—Richard Loeb (Daniel Schlachet) and Nathan Leopold, Jr. (Craig Chester) drive off in their getaway car in the film "Swoon," now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

Disturbing 'Swoon' Is A Great Film; A Must See

By Terry Boughner

Swoon is, I think, undoubtedly one of the best and most disturbing movies that I have ever seen. In fact, **Swoon** is only one of a handful of movies, maybe five, not more, in which I completely lost track of time. It is only one of a very few that I left the theatre lost in thought. Now, as I write, near 24 hours later, I'm still entranced by it and want to see it again. That's not me either. Ordinarily, when I've seen a movie, I've seen it, you know? **Swoon** is different, very different.

Let me tell you a little history. **Swoon** is the story of Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb, two young intellectuals in Chicago of the Roaring Twenties. They were brilliant, precocious and rich — and in love with each other. But they were caught in a society informed by Fundamentalist Christianity where homophobia, anti-intellectualism and anti-Semitism were rampant. In 1924, they kidnaped and murdered a 14-year-old

boy named Bobby Franks.

They were caught, admitted their guilt and were brought to trial. The case was the cause celebre of the day and has continued to inspire books and movies ever since, the latest of which is **Swoon**.

Other movies such as **Compulsion** and Alfred Hitchcock's **Rope**, have more or less accepted what was thought in the '20's; that there was an intimate connection between Leopold's and Loeb's sexual orientation and their crime. **Swoon** sees this as well, but with a difference. That, to me, is what makes the film so disturbing and so intriguing all at once.

Writer/Director Tom Kalin has focused on Loeb (Daniel Schlachet) and Leopold (Craig Chester) in a way no other film has done. These young men are murderers. They have committed a detestable crime. Yet in Kalin's hands the crime is not the point. The point is the tragic flaw of Greek dimensions that these two young men share. It will destroy them in the end, just as surely as they destroyed Bobby Franks. I knew that. Nevertheless, I found myself, in spite of myself, hoping that it would not be so.

Schlachet and Chester are brilliant in their roles. By turns tender and tempestuous, self-assured and vulnerable, they bring life to their characters and to the love they shared.

But the flaw riven in Loeb and Leopold goes beyond them to society at large. Against Gay love is juxtaposed the virulent hatred, the miasmic homophobia, rabid anti-intellectualism and vicious anti-Semitism that is with us to this day. There remains the question of which then, was the greater flaw? The viewer is left to make up their own mind.

There is one scene that sticks in my mind. In black irony, Loeb is murdered in prison and Leopold stands, looking down at his lover's corpse. What happens was so moving to me that I had to fight back the tears.

There are a few historical inconsistencies. For example, they didn't have touch-tone phones in the 1920's nor were diesel engines running on Chicago tracks. Neither did Calvin Coolidge attend the trial. But those are minor things.

What's important is that this is one damned good film. It's worth seeing once and then seeing again.

Swoon opens at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee on February 19. Don't miss it!

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'Execution of Justice' Courtroom Drama Opens March 4

[Milwaukee]- **Execution of Justice** is the next play that will be presented by the Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (DDTA), Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian theatre company. The production will be at Vogel Hall in the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center at 8:00 p.m. on March 4, 5, 6 and at 2:00 p.m. on March 7. All seats are \$10.

Execution of Justice is a courtroom drama that deals with the trial of Dan White who murdered San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and openly Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk on November 27, 1978. The verdict of guilty of voluntary manslaughter instead of first degree murder outraged the Gay community in San Francisco and around the nation.

Director Stephen Spera, stated that "the play came to mind as a possibility for performance while I was watching the

Republican National Convention." Spera also said that "even though the incidents in the play happened some 15 years ago, the theme of the play speaks to us today. We are witnessing another execution of justice in relation to Gay and Lesbian people in the military."

Spera said that he also likes this play because it offers an opportunity to experiment in staging and music and to use a multi-media format.

Different Drummer was selected to participate in the Tenant Development Program sponsored by the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center. To be included, a theatre company must not only have merit, but must also show promise. **Execution of Justice** is DDTA's third production. For more information, call DDTA at (414) 347-0673.

Theatre X To Present 'Quorum' and '7 Blow Jobs' Late Nights

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Theatre X will present two late night events during the run of **Quorum** by Mark Anderson. Late Night Theatre X will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays after the 8:00 p.m. performance at 158 N. Broadway.

The first Late Night, February 19 and 20, 1993, will present a staged reading of **7 Blow Jobs**, a comedy by Mac Wellman. The hilarity begins when titillating photographs appear at a senator's office, bringing into play politics, blackmail, art, morals and religion. The play is directed by Mark Anderson.

The second Late Night February 26 and

Women's Dance Planned April 3 In Madison

[Madison]- A women's dance performance will take place on April 3, 1993, beginning at 8:00 p.m., at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington in Madison. A dance, with music by DJ will follow, starting at approximately 10:00 p.m. All proceeds will go towards league fees and equipment for the first women's baseball team, planned to enter Madison's Summer city league.

Tickets are \$3-\$7, sliding scale and can be reserved or purchased at the door.

Dancers for any type of dance are still needed. Dance routines will be accepted up to one week before performance night. For more information call: (608) 233-3014.

27 will present two works by Judy McGuire, a writer, director and multimedia artist living in Minneapolis. The two works presented will include **Wishbone**, a curtain opener featuring a bizarre musical Siamese twin act performed by Carolyn Goelzer and Louise Smith.

The second piece, **Interview**, is performed by Goelzer. This humorous and idiosyncratic play focuses on fears, phobias and anxieties about AIDS and other contemporary issues.

For more information, or to reserve a ticket, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

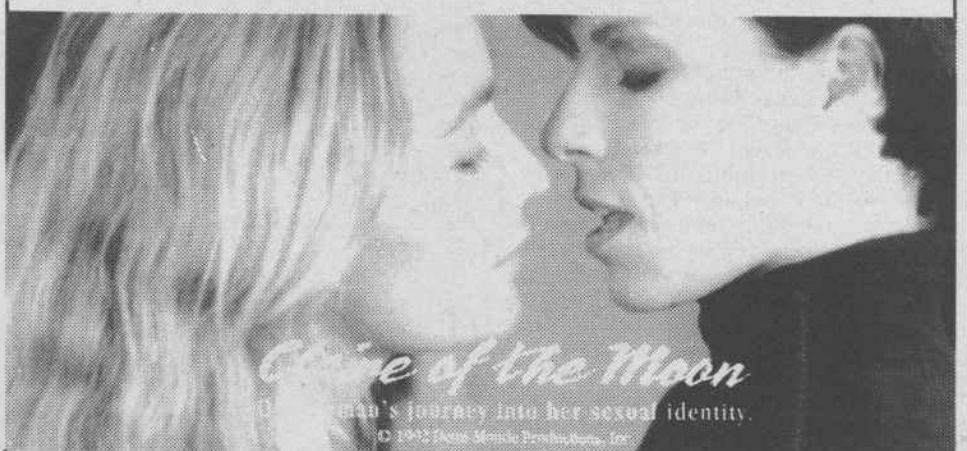
Women's Tri-City Choral Concert To Be Presented March 6

[Milwaukee]- The organizers and performers at the Tri-City Choral Concert would like to remind you to mark your calendars for this musical event. The Concert will be on March 6, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor Avenue in Milwaukee. Featured choruses will be: Womansong of Madison, Artemis of Chicago and, in a rare public appearance, the Mukwonago Feminist Singers and Eaters of Milwaukee. Tickets are on a sliding scale of \$0 to \$10.

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[Madison]- You Are Not Alone, a coming out group for Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men has begun meeting at the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center (LGB-CC) in Madison on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. The group is described as "new friends" who are starting to explore their sexuality, their responses to themselves and the misconceptions about being Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual and coming out to friends, family and strangers.

The group is facilitated by a friendly, supportive trained counselor and is very confidential, informal and relaxed.

For more information on the group and location of meetings, please contact LGB-CC at (608) 265-3344. If you are interested in sitting in on a meeting, you are asked to contact the Center prior to dropping in at a meeting. The Center is located at 336 W. Dayton Street in Madison.

LGB-CC's Video Night

The LGB Campus Center in cooperation with Madison's Video Heaven sponsors a Video Night on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming videos for February and March are: **February 25:** Host's Choice, call (608) 265-3344 for more info;

March 4: The Outcasts, (Chinese w/Subtitles, Gay);

March 11: Spring break, no film;

March 18: I've Heard the Mermaids Singing (Lesbian);

March 25: Torch Song Trilogy (Gay).

All films are shown at the LGB Campus Center, 336 W. Dayton Street in Madison.

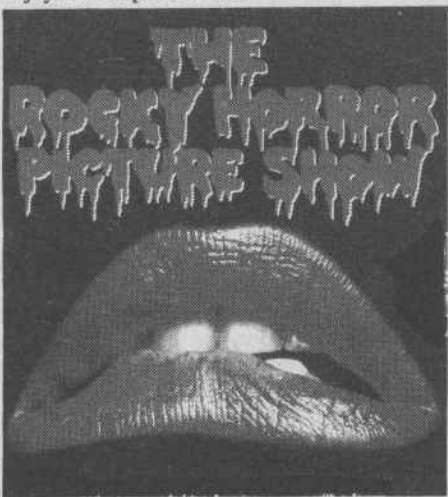
Watching Laserdisc Is Great Way To View 'Rocky Horror Picture Show'

By Daevid Bornhuetter-Machen

First, let's address a couple of preliminary issues. Primary among rule-of-thumb for film criticism is never reviewing a cult classic without girding the loins with a suit of cast iron. It can lead to all manner of verbal attacks, especially when pointing out flaws (remember what Pauline Kael got for wondering in print why Orson Welles sent a newsreel reporter to find out what "Rosebud" meant without also sending a camera operator?

The second is a personal point: in general, I've always had a schizoid attitude towards musicals of any form. I usually love the songs involved, particularly if there aren't too many references to the story of the play that prevent them from standing alone. *Ol' Man River*, *My Funny Valentine* and *What I Did For Love* are prime examples of this.

I also usually find my intelligence strained when a character in an otherwise engrossing story breaks from everyday speech into a full-length song; after all, you rarely see that happening at the Amtrak terminal. Resultingly, I can count on the fingers of one hand the musicals I enjoy as complete units.



Rocky Horror Picture Show

This review of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* provides an exception to both rules. The first is surpassed in all current video releases by the organic culture that has grown, and remains largely confined, to its theatrical screenings; the second is tossed away when you realize that this musical is infused with such a spirit of abandon — and a flipping of the bird, to Wildmonesque pseudomorality — that to consider comparing it to, say, *West Side Story* is to miss the point.

Of course, to critique the storyline is also to miss the point, as well as redundant. (If you're reading the *Light*, you've either already seen it or are fated to, with no middle ground available to the argument.) So we won't do that at this sitting.

k.d. Lang's 'Ingenue' Album Is One of the Best of Past Year

By Michele Lasyren

1992 was a reasonably good year for music. As always, there were some disappointments and some downright horrible albums, but the year also brought some truly outstanding releases. The following is a list (in no particular order) of the best albums I've heard this year.

3 Years, 5 Months And 2 Days In The Life of..., Arrested Development. This landmark hip-hop debut featuring former Milwaukeean "Speech" as lead vocalist and producer is, by far, 1992's best album. Arrested Development is an enormously talented group of people who are truly deserving of their new-found success.

Hypocrisy Is The Greatest Luxury, The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy. This debut is a bold, intelligent and gripping album. Hiphoprisy's Michael Franti and Rono Tse shoot through the prevalence of hypocrisy in government, religion, rap and our everyday lives to deliver an enraging and powerful State of the Union Address. Further, it is one of the few albums of rap or any other music form to unapologetically attack Gay-bashers.

Magic and Loss, Lou Reed. On this release, Reed reflects on the deaths of two friends from cancer. It is a heartbreaking and bone-chilling account of the mourning process, guilt, rage, sadness, confusion and eventual acceptance that "there's a bit of magic in everything and then some loss to even things out."

Ingenue, k.d.lang. With this album,

The Laserdisc

The recent release of *Rocky Horror* on laserdisc by Fox Video does, however, provide the opportunity — or the excuse, if you will — to point out other ways of enjoying it in the voyeuristic privacy of your, or your best buddy's, home.

First is figuring out exactly how many cross-references to other films are included, and precisely what they are. *Rocky Horror* wasn't the first place I had fun with that little device. I picked up on it from the 1979 drive-in programmer *Fade to Black*, about a psycho cinemaphile who kills people while in the costumes of his favorite film characters. (Unfortunately, *Fade to Black* has yet to show up on laserdisc.)

While the cross-references are just as abundant here, most of them are more subtle. Let's see now...Columbia Pictures, *RKO*, *King Kong*, *Frankenstein*, *Forbidden Planet*, *Dracula*, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*...and those are among the obvious ones. (Had Richard O'Brien seen *Plan 9 from Outer Space* before creating *Rocky Horror*?)

Then there's coming up with your own lines to shout at the screen, should you want to jazz up your next visit to a theatrical screening. My favorite: after one of Brad's most brainless lines — such as, "Any of you guys know how to Madison?" — yell back, in the lustily boisterousness of Yosemite Sam, "AHH, SHUDDUP!" That also allows you to add yet another cross-reference, by the way...

Of course, if you prefer to be more pedestrian about it and simply enjoy the spectacle, the disc does feature a surround-stereo mix and closed captions, the latter of which also go a long way towards allowing you to create your own new lines.

Drawbacks

Drawbacks? Well, first of all, the disc edition is at Extended Play (CLV) speed, which doesn't allow for freeze-framing on most players (only Standard Play, or CAV speed guarantees that).

And while it does contain the audience-participation video version of *Time Warp* as a bonus track (that's the one run on The Jukebox Network from time to time), it doesn't contain introductory prologue that appears at the beginning of the VHS edition. That one explains how the audience participation cult got started, and is a nice primer for the theatrical virgins.

But the main draw here is the show, not whatever's on the periphery. I say go out and get it.

And let the Criminologist, if he may, send you off on a strange journey...

Suggested audio companions to the videodisc are *The Rocky Horror Picture Show 15th Anniversary Collection* and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show Audience Par-Tic-I-Pation Album*, both released by Ode/Rhino.

lang departed the country music scene and emerged with a brilliant hybrid sound, creating one of her best works.

The Missing Years, John Prine. Prine is a tremendous songwriter who for too long has been relegated to the status of a critic's darling. The success of this fine album has given him some long-deserved attention.

Lucky Town, Bruce Springsteen. Most of this album poignantly addresses hard-won love and happiness, but around every corner lurks an ever-present vulnerability to their loss.

Arkansas Traveler, Michelle Schocked. Several musical genres are gathered here as well as guest musicians ranging from Pops Staples, Hothouse Flowers, Alison Krauss and Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown to Schocked's dad with surprisingly cohesive results.

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Comic/Writer Karen Williams To Appear March 26 In Madison

[Madison]- Comic/writer Karen Williams is one of the country's leading stand-up comics, having played to standing room only audiences from coast to coast since 1984. Known as the "Diva of Comedy," she is one of the best known comics and emcees on the national college and women's festival circuits.

Williams' reviewers find her "charming, likable, warm, sexy and irreverent," but most of all, they know her to be consistently funny and highly entertaining. Gene Price of the *San Francisco Bay Times* writes, "...Karen Williams is the funniest woman on the comedy stage today...I cannot think of anyone, male or female, who is funnier, more polished, more universal in the contemporary traumas she chooses to share with her audience. Trying to analyze Williams' comedy is nigh impossible. She doesn't do one-liners, accents or characters. She just involves you in a one-sided conversation that takes off on many tangents...Her problems are my problems and your problems."

Williams will be appearing in Madison at Apple Island on Friday, March 26, 1993



KAREN WILLIAMS

at 8:00 p.m. Apple Island is located at 849 E. Washington Avenue. Call (608) 258-9777 for ticket and other information.

Relationships, Gays in Military Featured On Queer TV

[Milwaukee]- February's Queer Television (QTV) celebrates Gay and Lesbian relationships. An African American and white Lesbian couple and a white Gay male couple who have been together for 35 years are the featured guests. Cablecast dates for QTV #21 are: February 18 and 21.

Never before has the idea of openly Gay men and Lesbians serving in the military been the subject of so much public scrutiny. QTV talks with distinguished former service people about the military's greatest challenge since desegregation, lifting the ban on Gays in the armed

'Advocate' Issues Challenge To Competition

[Los Angeles]- According to *The House Organ*, a publication of West Hollywood-based AKA Communications, Inc., *Advocate* editor Niles Merton has issued a challenge to magazine competitors *Genre*, *Out*, and *Ten Percent* to participate in an Audit Bureau Circulation Check that Merton asserts will show his magazine's relative strength. (At press time, *Genre* had accepted the challenge.)

Meanwhile, the *Advocate* recently cut loose several staff writers, and separately faces sex-discrimination suits from former male and female employees.

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Praise for Milwaukee and Pratt

In contrast, Nelson praised Alderman Marvin Pratt and the City of Milwaukee for the aid, compassion and understanding that has been demonstrated in the establishment of the new residence.

"Our experience in Milwaukee is just the opposite (from West Allis)," Nelson said.

Nelson praised Pratt highly and with enthusiasm for his help and support for people in need.

Nelson also praised the "kind people" of the parish and neighborhood where the new facility is to be located. "They gave their overwhelming support," Nelson said.

A Home-Like Atmosphere

According to Steve Steinhauer, MAP's housing manager, the new facility will have all the amenities and comforts of a fine home. There a large dining room and a beautiful living area as well as extensive kitchen facilities. Hot meals can be prepared there, not only for residents, but for others of MAP's house-bound clients as well.

In addition, Steinhauer said that the home-like atmosphere will foster mutual support among residents. Case management and other support services provided by MAP, such as support groups, legal assistance, transportation, financial assistance, emotional and practical support, will be available to all residents.

Through a grant of nearly \$28,000 from the State of Wisconsin Division of Housing received in February, MAP will

forces. Cablecast dates for QTV #22 are: February 25 and 28 and March 4 and 7.

All programs are produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and are cablecast on Milwaukee Warner Cable's public access Channel 14 (MATA), Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian charitable organization. For more information, call: (414) 277-7671, (414) 271-7812, or (414) 265-8500.

employ a housing coordinator. This person will work with volunteers and a resident manager to supervise operations of the facility, including building maintenance and meal preparation.

Nelson said that so great is the demand that he expects the new facility to be filled to capacity within six months.

Those interested in more information on the new facility may call ARCW at (414) 273-1991 and ask for Steve Steinhauer.

MAP Experiences 140 Percent Increase In Service Requests

The new housing facility comes just in time. While the number of people with AIDS and HIV disease served by ARCW's agencies has increased by 26% the number of service requests has increased by 140%. The more than 4,300 requests from clients include access to MAP's food pantry, free legal consultation, house and rent assistance, a volunteer buddy, transportation help and numerous other services.

"A continued dramatic increase in the number of people becoming infected with HIV, and more individuals of lower income accessing our comprehensive support services, will place even greater challenges to our ability to provide service in 1993," Nelson said.

Through a \$4.2 million budget in 1993, ARCW must raise nearly 50% through the private sector, including \$1.4 million through its own fundraising campaigns.



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Violence Against Gays and Their Supporters Increases in Colorado

[Milwaukee]—In Colorado it will be legal to: deny service based on sexual orientation in a restaurant, hotel, motel or at a theatre; refuse apartment rental, home sale or extension of credit to Gays and Lesbians; fire someone from a job because of their sexual orientation; evict from a rental property because someone is Lesbian or Gay. According to Boycott Colorado, all these acts of discrimination will be legal if Amendment 2 is upheld by the courts.

While the case winds its way through the courts, **The Rocky Mountain News** reports increased assaults on supporters of Gay people as well as on Gays themselves.

For example, Ruth Williams, 48, was attacked in her office and knocked unconscious by an intruder who cut crosses in her hands, sprayed her with mace and wrote: "Seek God," "Stop Evil" and "Repent" on her walls. Williams is not a Lesbian, but has been outspoken against Colorado for Family Values (CFV).

Amy Divine, a member of Citizens Project, a moderate citizens group that opposes Amendment 2, said, "Virtually everyone who has written a letter to the editor or made a public statement (against CFV or Amendment 2) has gotten hate calls," said Divine. According to Boycott Colorado, the incidents of violence are increasing.

Boycott Gathers Strength

Boycott Colorado reports that as of the first week in February, 1993, over 100 cities, groups, organizations and individuals have officially endorsed the Colorado boycott. The "most conservative" tracking procedures place the estimated total loss in revenue since November 3, 1992 at a minimum of \$30,000,000.

In estimating this figure, Boycott Colorado uses a standard estimating

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p.m. on Friday, April 23 and return to Madison by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26. Squires said that the schedule keeps costs low, allows a comfortable evening and night in the D.C. area before the March, and minimizes the amount of school or work that the marchers have to miss. The buses will be a smoke-free, alcohol-free, environment, and there will be stops along the way.

Squires expects that the Madison contingent's buses and hotel rooms will be filled. "Traveling together and marching together at the largest American civil rights event ever will build a sense of community and will empower and energize people. That is our most immediate goal," Squires said.

The Madison contingent is part of the March's "Upper Midwest Delegation" that will include marchers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Registration and information forms are available in Madison outside the WSA Office (room 511 Memorial Union), at the United (W. Mifflin Street on Capitol Square), and at the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Campus Center (336 W. Dayton Street, in Capitol Center).

Special accommodations for attendees with disabilities will be addressed upon request. Forms and any payment must be received by March 12. Extensions of this deadline are not possible.

procedure recognized by the tourism industry, including the Colorado Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Among the cities nationwide endorsing the boycott is Madison, Wisconsin.

Individuals include Joan Rivers, Whoopie Goldberg, Barbra Streisand, Madonna, Liza Minelli, James Taylor and the Kennedy family.

Do Not Buy These Products

Boycott Colorado asks that people refrain from buying the following products: **Coors Beer, Holly Sugar, Monfort Meats, Samsonite Luggage, Celestial Seasonings Tea, Gates Rubber Products, Mesa Verde Pottery and Bula Wear.**

If you or your group endorses the boycott, contact Boycott Colorado, Inc., at P.O. Box 300158, Denver, CO 80203-0158 or phone: 1-800-4-BOYCOTT or FAX (303) 733-6901.

According to Tim Creekmore, President of Boycott Colorado, "Amendment 2 has set a precedent for the whole country. It is a malignancy not only on this state, but on the body of our nation and it must be stopped now. If that means that Colorado must be isolated from the life of the nation in order to get that message across, then so be it."

Counseling Center Plans Dance, Relationship Building

[Milwaukee]—On Sunday, February 28, 1993, the Gay Men's Discussion Group will hold a discussion about building and maintaining long-term relationships. The event will be held at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join them as Kurt, Dave and Chuck share their experiences as people who are in committed, long-term relationships. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Country Dance Gala

On Saturday, March 6, there will be a Country Dance Gala sponsored by the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. Featured will be Country 2-Step and Line Dance lessons and performance by the Shoreline of Milwaukee.

The Gala will be held at the Lake Park Pavilion, 3133 E. Newberry. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. The time is 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. There will be a raffle and prizes and a bakery bar. For more information call Cheryl Orgas or Bill Hanel at the Center; (414) 271-2565.

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

With the Help of the Opposition Gays Will Be Allowed into Military

By Bill Meunier

I have been politically active since High School. I have been involved in both issues that pertain to both the Gay and Lesbian community and issues that don't. I have been on the winning side and the losing side.

It is because of that long involvement that I can appreciate what happened on the afternoon of January 29th. It was one of those rare moments that comes along all too infrequently.

I turned on the radio and tuned in WUWM to listen to the BBC World Service news hour. What I heard instead was Bill Clinton announcing his decision on the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military. What I heard was leadership.

For the first time ever a President of the United States had publicly spoken out on our behalf. For the first time ever a President had stood up, taken the heat for us.

I listened with pride as OUR President, told the world that discrimination against Lesbians and Gays was wrong and that he intended to put a stop to it. I listened and knew that Bill Clinton is a man of his word.

The war over this issue has only really begun, but a key battle has been won. The President has joined forces with us and he is a powerful ally to have.

There is no guarantee of victory. A few Democrats representing pro-military Southern states have joined forces with Senate Republicans and an insubordinate Joint Chiefs of Staff to try to cheat us out of what we won at the ballot box in November.

Perhaps someone should tell Bob Dole, the National Republican Committee and especially General Collin Powell, that the American people and not the military run this country. In November 62% of the voters selected a candidate who favored ending discrimination in the military. (Clinton's 43% plus Perot's 19%)

Yet in January it seems that in the words of Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass) ring true. Studds says "I am surprised that the Republicans haven't learned their lesson. Despite the disastrous results of their convention in August and the American people's rejection of their politics of using scare tactics to divide us, they continue to preach the politics of hate."

And so the Republicans prance about and make all these solemn pronouncements. Unfortunately, you have to understand Republican speak, to make sense out of what they are really saying.

They say "the issue hasn't ever been

studied." What they really mean is that we must ignore the numerous Pentagon studies that showed lifting the ban would pose no problems for the military. We must ignore these studies because they don't agree with the GOP position.

They say "The President doesn't have the authority to do this." What they mean is that the American people don't have the right to vote into office a President who openly promised to end a policy that they like.

They say "The American people are solidly against this." What they mean is that only those Americans who they care about, (basically conservative, white, heterosexual, males) should be listened to. Polls showing that a plurality of Americans favor lifting the ban don't count.

They say "We want to work with the President." What they really mean is "We want to help him dig his own grave and we want to use this issue as a shovel."

About the only time these bigots have been honest about what they really felt was when Bob Dole referred to the whole thing as "a minor issue that only a very tiny minority is concerned about."

That's the kind of arithmetic that got them into trouble last November. Get that man a calculator.

Clinton wisely compromised, thereby averting a potentially dangerous and disastrous defeat in the Senate. Some question the wisdom of the compromise. They are wrong.

Clinton is a good politician. He was taken by surprise by the strength of his opposition, but that is a mistake he won't make again. There will be six months to debate the issue. In that six months the Pentagon studies will become public knowledge. In that six months we will see Gay and Lesbian soldiers, sailors and airpersons talking about how they are accepted in their units.

The opposition has already shot its wad. They have made all the arguments they can make. And their arguments don't hold water. Take the Marine Captain who was on CNN. This able spokesperson for the military mind said that this issue isn't the same as the issue of letting blacks in the military in 1948. According to the Captain "That was because of prejudice and bigotry. This isn't. This is because we just don't like homosexuals."

With guys like that on the other side, I say let them talk. By the time they are done, we might not to have say much at all.

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Eight Non-Political Reasons To Attend the March on Washington

Commentary by S. Michael Woodward

I've spoken with a number of Wisconsin people about the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Rights this coming April. (Most people simply refer to it as the "March on Washington.") To my surprise, I've heard very little interest or knowledge from Milwaukeeans.

As a participant in the 1987 March, I can only look back longingly to the week where I was surrounded by more than 700,000 Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals; feeling a part of one big community, where many diverse members were represented.

So what's the hold up with people? Is it travel? When there's a will, there's a way. My plane ticket is purchased. My bags are packed, and I'm ready to go. So what's keeping others from boarding Midwest Express with me?

Political Disinterest

Much of the lack of interest I've encountered is related to a misconception that the March itself is inherently political. Questions like "Are you going?" seem to bring out a response of "I don't want to get involved in anything political."

Although a political activist of sorts (I voted for Clinton this year and ended 12 years of Republican rule, didn't I?), I viewed my participation in the 1987 March in a much different way. For me, the week-long events which culminated in a day-long march and rally, were a celebration of sameness.

It gave my self-esteem a boost I never knew I needed. Although political issues involving Gays are more apparent this year than ever, I still think the March has so much to offer us in other parts of our lives. Let me offer eight reasons for people to take part, eight non-political reasons.

First: If you have an interest in country music, leather, sports, computers, travel, drag shows, spirituality, student groups or...you name it...you'll definitely encounter people with similar interests. What better way is there to network, make new friends, or maybe even hear about a job.

Second: It's a great place to meet a lover. Dupont Circle is a well-known neighborhood for Gays. Regardless of the

time of day or night, the place is guaranteed to be full of people.

Third: Have you ever thought of moving to someplace new? Well, with people from all over the U.S., it's a great way to find out what other Gay parts of the country are like.

Fourth: For people living with HIV infection and their caregivers, it's a great time to share your experiences about living with HIV. March organizers are planning to accommodate your needs and those of the differently abled. Take advantage of them.

Fifth: Expect to see a star or two. Many Hollywood notables will be involved in the March. For all you autograph seekers, get out your movie stills. You might be surprised at who shows up.

Sixth: Recovery works doesn't have to stop when you leave your hometown or city. Other people in recovery will be at the March, so the opportunity to be connected through meetings and stay safe is there.

Seventh: For those of you who are shy or OUT-rageous, you will certainly be on common ground knowing that almost everyone in the streets has a certain affinity. Holding hands couldn't be easier. Where else to display your affections but in our nation's capital?

Eighth: Getting there is the best part of all. When I took Amtrak in 1987, I was amazed at the numbers of Gay people I rode with. Whether you drive, fly or take the train or bus, look around you. There may be a friendly face smiling back.

There is one aspect of the March that makes it difficult for some people, and that is media coverage. Who wants to be outed in their hometown by CNN?

But if you're afraid of being seen, just step aside. Nobody will spot you in THAT crowd.

But if you're like me and you have the opportunity to be honest — it could be Oprah asking the question — just simply say why you're there. Maybe that's the political part...

For more information on the March (including events, travel, and accommodations), call: 1-800-800-0350 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; or 1-800-800-0907 (Noon-Midnight, Saturday). Or write: MOW/Upper Midwest Delegation, P.O. Box 120973, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Use Creative Approaches To Protest During the March on Washington

Commentary by Peter S. Neupert

The reaction of Congress to President Clinton's move to end the military's ban on Gays and Lesbians in the armed forces is truly amazing. Not because of Congressional opposition. That was expected. But because the opponents are acting as though the President never made the commitment.

What they're doing, is acting as if President Clinton's promise was just another deceitful campaign pledge that should be conveniently forgotten, exactly as many of the members of Congress do themselves. Apparently, it hasn't yet occurred to those people in the House and Senate that we Americans have elected a leader who keeps his word, and who has morals above the level of expediency.

There is one more thing Congress seems to have forgotten. That is that in a few short weeks there will be one million Gay and Lesbian voters in the streets of the capital petitioning their government for redress of their grievances.

There will be much speechmaking and marching. No doubt people from ACT UP and Queer Nation will manage to get a number of themselves arrested. After a few days, everyone will go home and the national media will find a new story to bring into America's living rooms.

On the other hand, what if we didn't go home?

In Feudal England the monarchs practiced a form of economic warfare upon the nobles of the land. The idea was to so weaken them that they couldn't raise armies against the Crown.

In what was called "a royal progress," the king, accompanied by a large entourage, arrived at a noble's country seat and stayed — and stayed. Just how long they stayed depended on how rich the noble was, but during the entire time, the exulted lord was expected to entertain the monarch and his retinue lavishly. After the lord's treasury was sufficiently depleted (almost to the point of bankruptcy) the royal mob moved on to the next lord on the list.

The point of this is that instead of

merely marching on Washington for one weekend, the Gay and Lesbian entourage should encamp there and proceed to "visit upon" Washington. While there, we should do our best to tax the city's resources to the uttermost.

Apply for welfare, try to get a D.C. driver's license, and maybe a library card, too. Send 10,000 people each, to tour the Capitol, the Smithsonian, the National Gallery, the National Archives, the Supreme Court, the Pentagon, the White House and the Rayburn and Hart Congressional Office buildings.

Rent every car in the city and cause a massive traffic jam. Make reservations in every power restaurant in D.C. Don't scream or shout, just stay and overload the city services. Watch Washington grind to a halt with one million of use encamped on the Mall.

In the '30's, the unemployed workers had their Hooverville. We can call ours "Helmsville." Make sure two or three hundred people from your state visit their Senators' and Representatives' offices. They always like to hear from voters — it's so much nicer in person.

A few hundred anti-abortion protesters cost the City of Milwaukee one million dollars in court costs and police overtime over a three month period this past Summer. Imagine the cost of a million angry Gays and Lesbians.

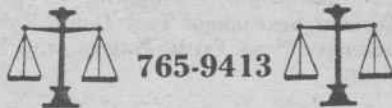
Wisconsin No. 87 In March On Washington Parade

[Washington, D.C.] As of February 16, the national office of the March on Washington lists 98 contingents in the April 25th March. Wisconsin is listed as number 87 in the line of march, just prior to West Virginia and after Alumni Groups.

The order of the March was determined during a national organizing meeting held in Washington on February 6-7, 1993. At that time, it was determined that the

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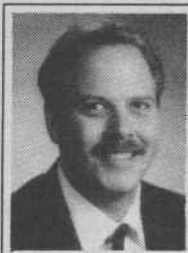
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March would be led those of the pre-Stonewall generation. "We wanted to honor and recognize those who have waited the longest for our community to be treated as equal citizens," said Derek Livingston, a national co-Chair of the March.

The "Contingent of Elders" will be include Holocaust survivors and older people living with AIDS. They will be preceded by the Banner Contingent, which will be made up of a cross section of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community.

When it came to the order of march for the states, it was decided that Colorado would go first, followed by Oregon. Livingston said that "with more than a dozen anti-Gay statewide initiatives on the horizon, we felt it was important to focus on the two states that have become nationwide symbols of that battle."

A lottery drawing was then held to determine the order of the remaining states and groups. Wisconsin drew number 87 in the drawing.

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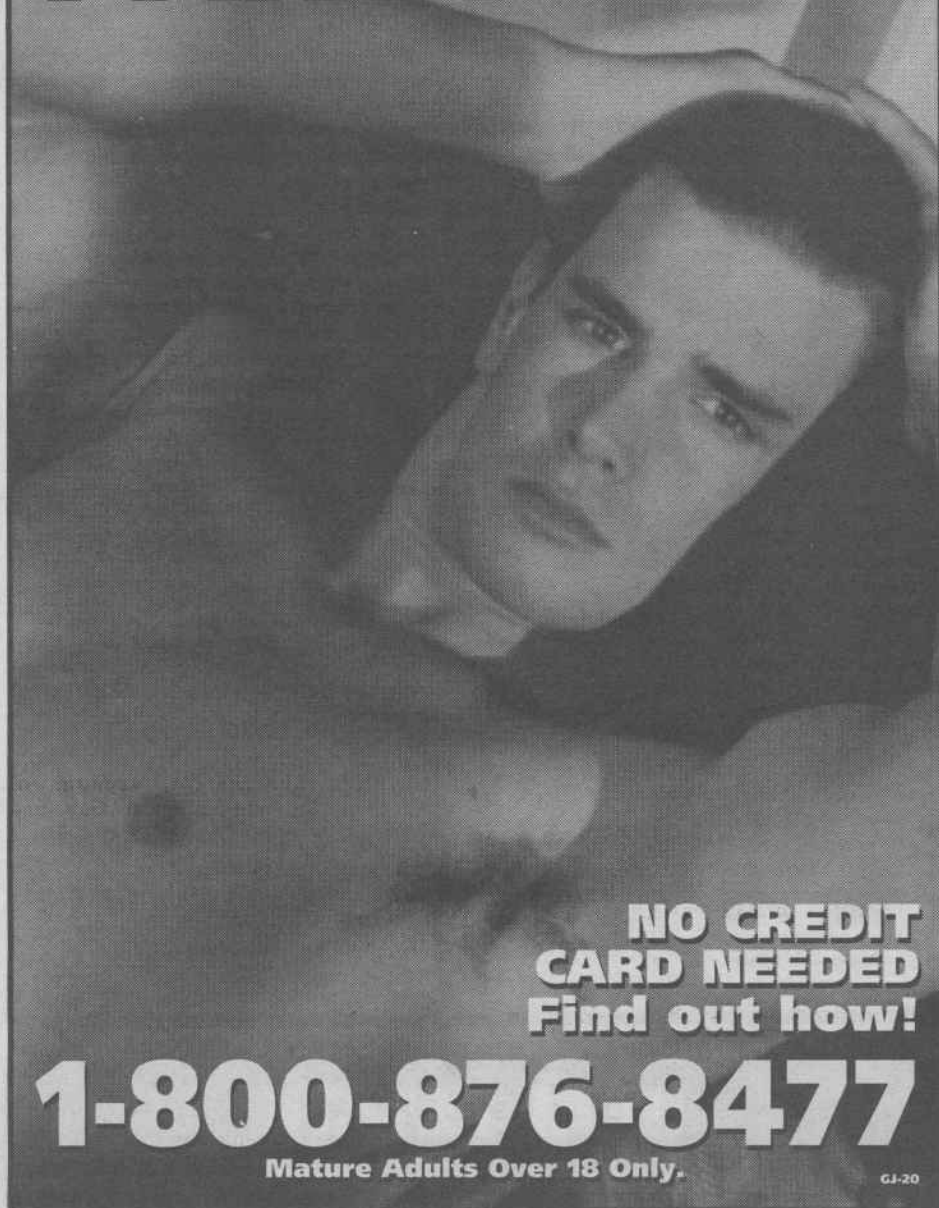
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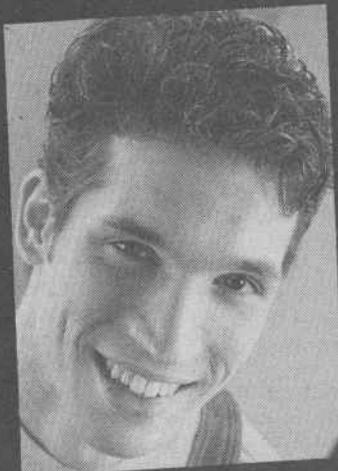
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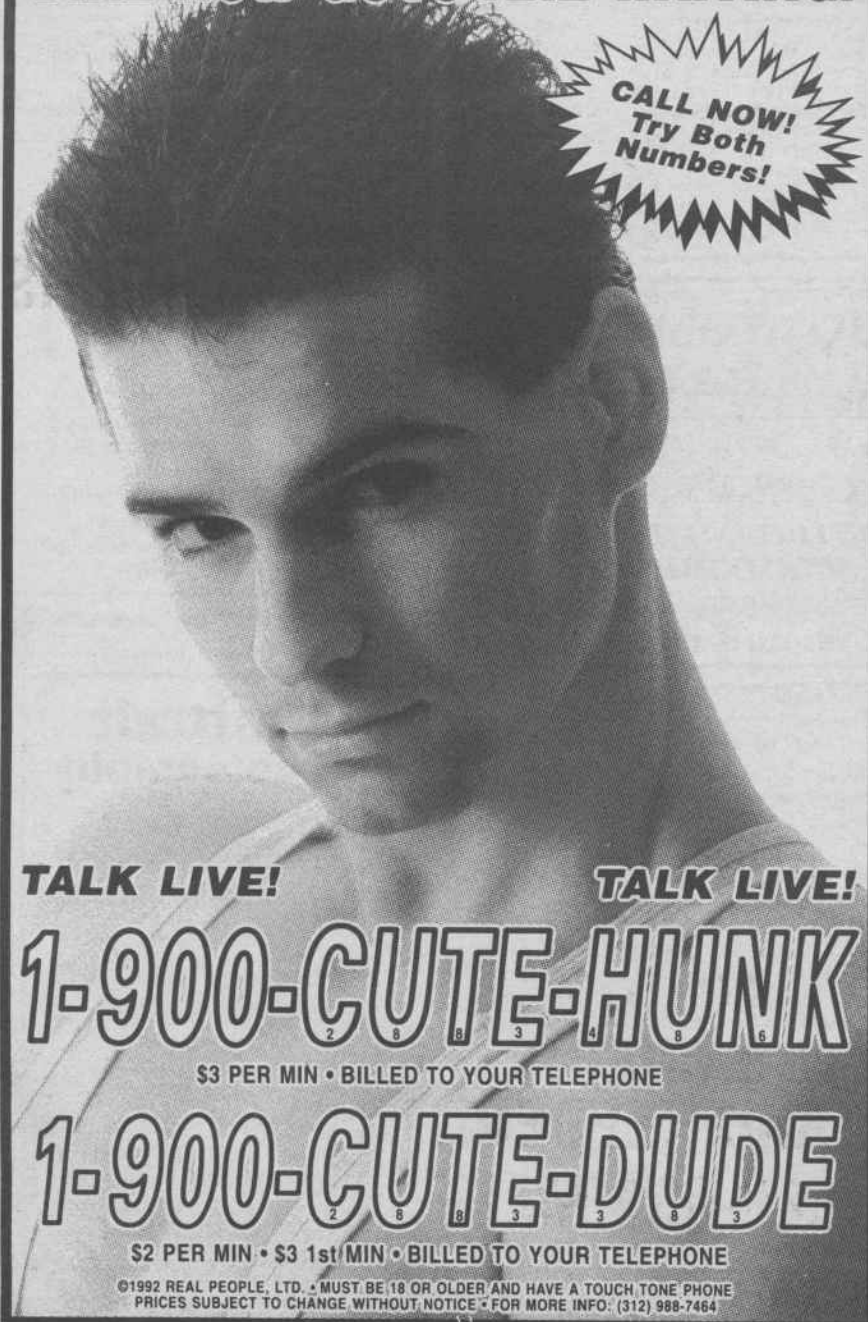
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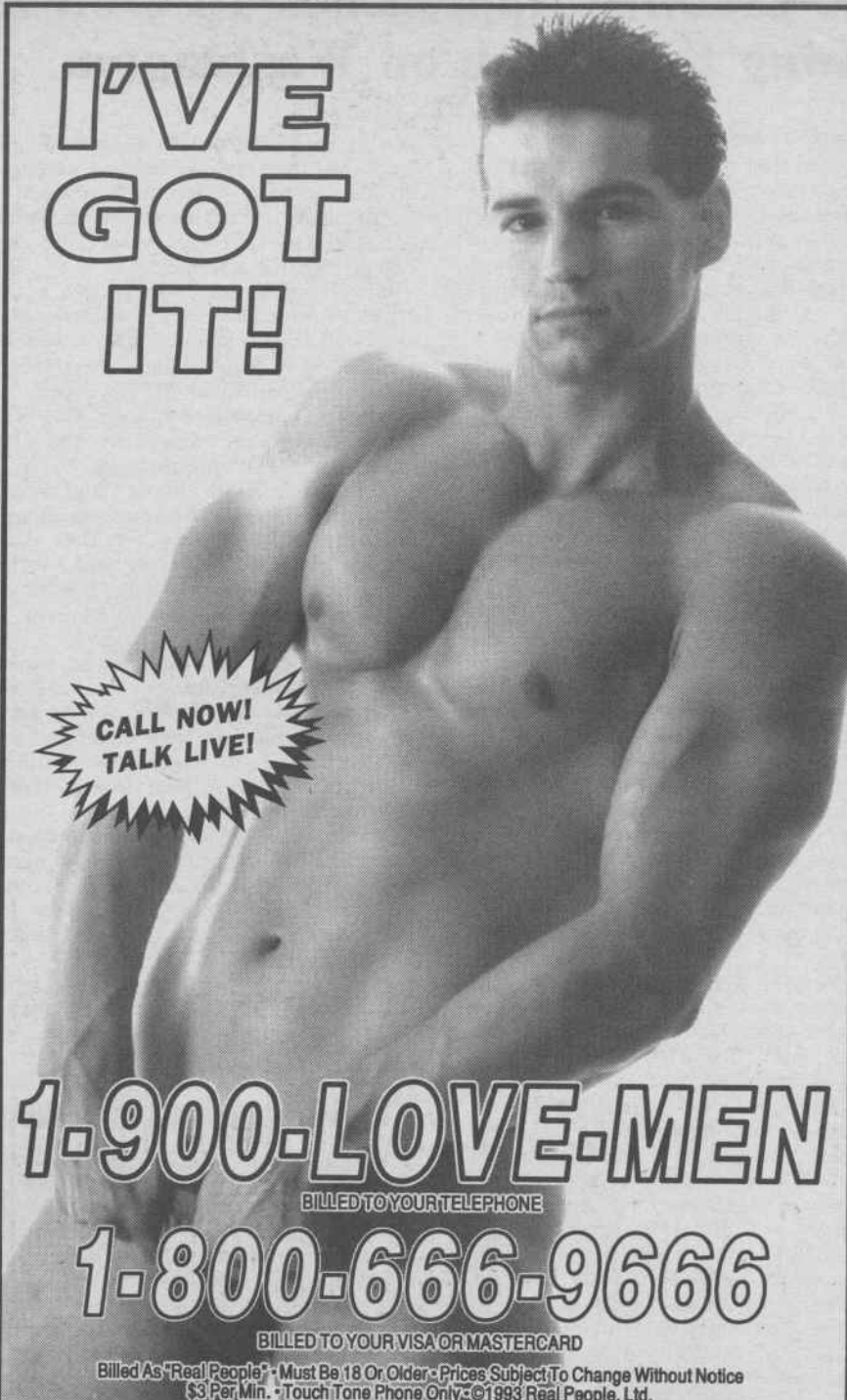
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partner be "both the beneficiary and the purchaser" of the life insurance policy.

Stam notes that he and his partner, and other Gay and Lesbian couples, are at a distinct disadvantage in several significant areas no matter what measures they take. For example, in the case of heterosexual marriages, surviving spouses can continue an IRA account with taxes deferred. Surviving Gay or Lesbian partners must pay what amounts to a significant tax penalty. Heterosexual

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survivors can also continue to receive their spouse's social security retirement benefits, while Gay and Lesbian partners cannot. Until the law changes, Stam said, these inequities will remain.

Assigning Power of Attorney

While strongly emphasizing the importance of "good documentation," Madison attorney Shelley Gaylord placed even more importance in finding "good people you can trust" when making plans to protect loved ones in the event of your incapacitation or death. (Gaylord, a community activist and respected civil rights attorney, is running as an openly Lesbian candidate for the newly-created position of Madison Municipal Judge.)

When drafting a document giving "power of attorney" to someone in the event that you are incapacitated, the most important thing is to "find an attorney and healthcare professionals who will honor it," Gaylord said. The document itself should be as specific as possible in addressing a wide range of contingencies. For example, it should cover the possibility of various kinds of incapacitation where "either your body or your personality do or don't remain intact."

Since many of the questions that arise are difficult ones, there may be some that require further thought. However, it's important not to delay moving ahead with the assignment of the power of attorney. "Get as many blanks filled in as possible, find a person, and sign it, even if one hundred per cent of the decisions aren't made. You can always change it later," Gaylord observed.

Gaylord also emphasized going to each institution and agency you deal with and filling out their own forms designating power of attorney. "This makes it clear to each of them that you're covered, and the form you file with your attorney becomes a catch-all."

Drafting a Will and Choosing A Personal Representative

In the absence of laws that recognize the rights of their life partners, many Gays and Lesbians have reason to fear that their wishes will be overridden by their parents or other family-of-origin members. This makes it doubly important for Gays and Lesbians to be clear and thorough in drafting their wills — with one caveat.

"You want to be clear, but you also don't want to sound too hateful toward your family of origin versus your partner — sounding too fanatical makes it easier to challenge," Gaylord said. If it is drafted carefully, however, contestation of a will is rare because it involves "serious money," especially if the person lives out of state.

The will itself should be stored in a readily accessible place along with a list of relevant names, addresses, and account numbers. Gaylord says that ease of access is crucial, and recommends a

fireproof storage box in your home over a bank safe deposit box.

One of the most crucial decisions you will make is your choice of a personal representative who will carry out your wishes in the event of your death. "It should be someone you trust, preferably someone in-state," Gaylord said. "Contrary to what you might think, this probably shouldn't be the person you're closest to. It's a lot of work, and, except in the rare instance of someone whose make-up is such that they'd be comforted by doing something like this, it makes sense to appoint someone who's more detached."

Child Custody Issues

Gaylord, who has done pioneering litigation in the area of legal recognition for Gay and Lesbian families, laments the fact that the law still favors biology over reality in the area of child custody cases. For example, in a case where two women in a committed relationship actively co-parent a child for much of its life, the death of the biological co-parent could mean loss of custody for the non-biological co-parent. In this case, this would probably occur if either the biological father or the child's biological grandparents contest custody.

Regardless, Gaylord said, it's important to make the effort to make your wishes known. "State in your will that 'this person has been a parent to my child.' Use specific, descriptive language." She suggests making a videotape in order to document concerns about the other biological parent. In extreme cases, involving potential abuse to the children, you can make provisions in your will to fund the contestation of that person's custody.

Despite the current vacuum of protections for non-biological Gay and Lesbian co-parents, Gaylord and Baldwin noted that a case is currently on its way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court involving the parental rights of a non-biological Lesbian co-parent that could set a favorable precedent.

Pen Pals Embrace People With AIDS

[Chowchilla, CA]—A unique correspondence club is reaching out to people who are HIV positive or who are living with AIDS, particularly those who are Lesbian or Gay men.

According to Jay Eastman, the club coordinator, the club gives all its members a chance to meet interesting new people with whom to share experiences.

Eastman said that the club assures total confidentiality. Details about the organization may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Pen Pal, P.O. Box 635, Chowchilla, CA 93610.

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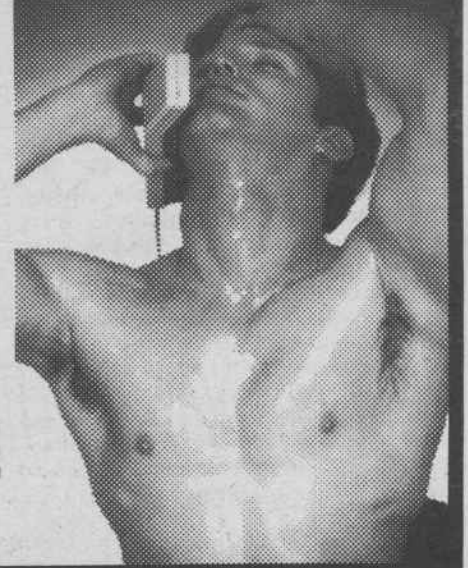
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Religious Right Intensifies Campaign of Anti-Gay Intolerance

[Washington, D.C.]—“Judging from Religious Right leaders’ own pronouncements, and from their 1992 track record, we could be in for a year of unprecedented political activity. On issues including Choice, Gay rights, public education, freedom of speech and more, the Religious Right is poised to wage an unprecedented campaign,” said People For the American Way President Arthur J. Kropp in a report released on January 27, 1993.

People For the American Way is a 300,000-member nonpartisan constitutional liberties organization, based in Washington, D.C. that works to counter intolerance in American society.

The goal of the Religious Right is “to subvert an important public discussion into a free-for-all based on myths and misperceptions, calculated to divide America,” said People For’s Senior Vice President John Buchanan in the report. Buchanan was speaking of the campaign mounted by the Christian Right against lifting the ban against Gays and Lesbians in the military.

According to the report, these attacks “have all the earmarks of an orchestrated campaign designed to whip up public anger.” The report identifies the key players as: Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Christian Action Network’s Martin Mawyer, Traditional Values Coalition’s Lou Sheldon, Freedom Alliance’s Oliver North, and Operation Rescue’s Randall Terry.

Gay Issue: A Money-maker

In addition to seeking to ignite a firestorm of protest as a means to accomplish its public policy goals, the report says, the Christian Right movement has its own organizational purposes as well: fundraising and membership.

According to Religious Right leaders, including Milwaukee’s Vic Eliason, anti-abortion and other causes do not bring in the funds. Anti-Gay rhetoric does so that it has now, according to People For’s report, supplanted abortion as a favored direct mail issue.

Gay/Lesbian Groups Swing into Action

The strength of the Religious Right is seen by some observers in the sheer volume of phone calls to Capitol Hill on the lifting of the Military ban.

The Washington, D.C. office of the March on Washington (MOW) reports that “most senators are receiving calls 30-1 against lifting the ban.” To counter this, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) released “thousands of telegrams” in support of President Clinton’s intent to end the ban.

At the same time, according to the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) alerted its membership to call and balance the Right’s attempts to make Congress think mainstream America was calling.

A Gallup poll shows that 65% of Americans oppose kicking people out of the military because they are Gay, reports Marla Stevens, MOW Executive Committee member and the acting director of Public Policy for NGLTF.

Out of Reagan Comes the Right

Throughout the presidency of Ronald Reagan, Religious Right leaders charged that the Reagan team regarded their movement as little more than a source of

votes on Election Day. In 1988, televangelist Pat Robertson, sought to change that dynamic by mounting a dark horse campaign for the White House. He failed in his quest for the GOP nomination, but he laid the groundwork for an impressive series of victories later.

After George Bush’s inauguration in 1989, Robertson formally converted the infrastructure of his campaign into a new and, ultimately, very powerful grassroots organization, the Christian Coalition.

The emergence of Robertson’s group coincided with a realization on the part of other Religious Right leaders that their eight years of backing Reagan had gained them little or nothing. It was time for a change.

“We tried to charge Washington when we should have been focusing on the states,” said Ralph Reed, Christian Coalition Executive Director. “The real battles of concern to Christians are in neighborhoods, school boards, and city councils and state legislatures,” he said.

In the four years since 1989, the Religious Right has grown by leaps and bounds. Heavily funded, Robertson’s Christian Coalition has coupled high-tech grassroots political techniques with issue positions reflecting Robertson’s extreme views.

Robertson hosts “The 700 Club,” a Christian news and variety TV program produced by the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN), of which Robertson is Chairman. Some eight million households report that they regularly watch CBN programming. Donations amounted to an estimated \$75 million last year. Robertson has stated that “all the force” of CBN will be brought into the fight to stop lifting the anti-Gay ban in the military.

People For the American Way issued a report dated November 5, 1992, saying that the Radical right had racked up victories in the November 3 election in more than 40% of the state and local races where they were involved.

Key wins for the movement include defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment in Iowa, success in overturning Gay civil rights laws in Tampa and Colorado, control over at least three district school boards in San Diego County, California, as well as other victories.

People For’s Kropp noted that one of the “key lessons” to take away from the election was that the Christian Right learned that “anti-Gay campaigns worked” and anti-abortion did not.

Robertson: Gays Not Human

The Christian Coalition’s state mission is “to mobilize and train Christians for effective political action.” Robertson describes himself and his followers as “God’s Representatives,” destined to “rule and reign.” Robertson has identified his political opponents as “Satanic forces,” not just “human beings to beat in elections.”

To counter this, NGLTF, HRCF, the Victory Fund and MOW have urged Lesbians and Gays to call or write the President, and their representatives in Congress.

“This is one issue that individuals may have an immediate impact on by simply calling their elected representatives to let them know that the religious right’s behavior is unacceptable,” said Tim McFeeley, HRCF’s Executive Director.

New Study Finds That Lesbianism Runs In Families

[Chicago]—Lesbians and Bisexual women are up to five times more likely than heterosexual women to have Lesbian or Bisexual sisters, indicating that female homosexuality runs in families, a new study has found.

The report’s author, J. Michael Bailey, an associate professor of psychology at Northwestern University, led an earlier study published in December, 1991, that found genes influence male homosexuality. His research for that study was based on male twins. Wisconsin Light’s publisher Jerry Johnson and his twin brother, Jim Johnson, took part in the study.

“Male homosexuality has been studied far more than female homosexuality, so we’re a little further along in male research than in female research,” Bailey said.

His new study found that Lesbians and Bisexual women were 2 1/2 to five times more likely than heterosexual women to have Lesbian or Bisexual sisters. The variation depended on the strictness of defining sexual categories.

Subjects were 84 Lesbian or Bisexual

women and 79 heterosexual women between ages 25 and 40 who were recruited through newspaper ads.

The Lesbians and Bisexuals had a total of 99 sisters, of whom 12 were Lesbians or Bisexuals, for a rate of 12.1 percent, Bailey said.

The heterosexual women had a total of 83 sisters, of whom two were Lesbian or Bisexual for a rate of 2.4 percent, Bailey said.

The findings by Bailey and co-investigator Deana S. Benishay are to be published in the February issue of the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

The report doesn’t sort out whether genetic factors or social influences are at work, Bailey said. But he’s researching the role of genes in Lesbianism and plans to report on it in April.

One biological theory about homosexuality is that each man and woman has an area in the brain governing sexual orientation, Bailey said. “If it gets masculinized, you’re attracted to women. If it doesn’t get masculinized, you’re attracted to men,” he said.

Highlights of Clinton’s Los Angeles Speech to Community Remembered

On May 18, 1992, Bill Clinton spoke at a Gay and Lesbian political dinner in Los Angeles during which he sent a message to our community that “I have a vision and you are a part of it.”

Some excerpts from that landmark speech:

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Tonight, I want to talk to you about how we can be one people again — without regard to race or gender or sexual orientation or age or region or income, how we can be one again....

And those of you who are here tonight, you represent a community of our nation’s gifted people whom we have been willing to squander. We can’t afford to waste the capacities, the contributions, the hearts, the souls, the minds of the Gay and Lesbian Americans.

For every day that we discriminate, that we hate, that we refuse to avail ourselves of the potential of any group of Americans, we are all less than we ought to be....

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

I want people like David Mixner and Roberta Achtenberg, Dr. Scott Hitt, some of you in this audience, to be a part of a Clinton Administration, not because of or in spite of your sexual orientation, but because America needs you. And if I become the President of the United States, I owe it to my country to find the best and most gifted and most knowledgeable people in the United States of America to solve the problems and embrace the challenges of this time.

We cannot afford to do otherwise. I want to crack down on those who do want to do otherwise, who now practice hate crimes that the Justice Department should move against. And perhaps more importantly than anything right now, I’d like, for a change, for there to be a real war on AIDS.

When children are shot going to and from school, are shot in their own schools... we can say, they are all our children, and we cry. But well over 100,000 Americans have died of AIDS, and they are all our children, too....

When it comes to AIDS, there should be a Manhattan Project. One person

Is ‘The Turner Diaries’ The Bible To the Fundamentalist Right?

Commentary by Darren J. Foster

In much of my reading about the rise of far Right extremism in this country, one book, *The Turner Diaries* by Andrew McDonald, is often mentioned as being the Right’s philosophical counterpart to *The Communist Manifesto*.

Though this book may be the bible of the racist Right, as represented by the Aryan Nations and the KKK crowd, what it says within its 211 pages is also applicable to our more sophisticated enemy, the Christian, Fundamentalist Right.

In *The Turner Diaries*, page 19, The Order, which engages the System in sabotage, political assassination, and revolt, describes itself as “the illegals.” The “legal units” are “members not presently known to the System...it would be impossible to prove that most of them are members...Their role is to provide us with intelligence, funding, legal defense and other support.”

Having monitored Pat Robertson’s “The 700 Club” and “Christian Coalition” activities after reading *The Turner Diaries*, I have recently wondered if this “grass roots” Christian coalition comprises this segment of Turner’s Order known as the “legals.” But before we reach that conclusion, let’s look at the Diaries further to see if there are any connections to the desperate utterings of “Judeo-Christian” propagandists.

On page 58 we read, “Sexual debauchery of every sort on the part of young White men and women...has reached a level which would have been unimaginable only two or three years ago. The queers, the fetishists, the mixed-race couples, the sadists and the exhibitionists — urged on by the mass media — are parading their perversions in public....”

should be in charge. One person who can cut across all the departments and agencies, who has the President’s ear and the President’s arm....Someone who will see that women and people of color are included in the research and the drug trials....

I just want to thank the Gay and Lesbian community for your courage and your commitment and your service in the face of the terror of AIDS. When no one was offering a helping hand, and when it was dark and lonely, you did not withdraw, but instead you reached out to others.

And this whole nation has benefited already in ways most people cannot even imagine from the courage and commitment and the sense of community which you practice.

It was your community who created the first AIDS service organizations, who did the first important work in pioneering AIDS drugs, who sounded the alarm and created the first education programs, who stood strong in the face of all governmental opposition and discrimination and killing silence.

This nation owes you thanks for that, and I want to give you my thanks and respect for that struggle today.

Finally, let me say again, this is not an election, or it should not be, about race or gender or being Gay or straight, or religion or age or region or income. What kills the country is not the problems it faces. There will be problems even until the end of time. What kills the country is to proceed day in and day out with no vision, with no sense that tomorrow can be better than today, with no sense of shared community.

What I came here today to tell you in simple terms is I have a vision and you are a part of it. I believe tomorrow will be better than today if we act. And we are all a part of the same community, and we’d better start behaving as if we are.

If I could, if I could wave my arm for those of you that are HIV positive and make it go away tomorrow, I would do it, so help me God I would. If I gave up my race for the White House and everything else, I would do that.

Let us never forget, there are things we can and cannot do. But the beginning of wisdom is pulling together and learning from one another and being determined to do better. And this country is being killed by people who try to break us down and tear us up and make us be little when we have to be big.

This is a big time. Let us rise to the challenge.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Page 71: “I understand now why we cannot fail, no matter what we must do to win and no matter how many of us must perish in doing it. Everything that has been and everything that is yet to be depend on us. We are truly the instruments of God in the fulfillment of His Grand Design.”

Pages 166 and 168: “...when evil men rule, as has been the case in America for many years now, most of the population will wallow happily in degeneracy of the worst kind and will self-righteously parrot every filthy and destructive idea that they have been taught....”

The above passages call to mind dialogue from 1992: Dan Quayle warning America about the “cultural elite” and the “liberal media establishment”; George Bush saying that the GOP was doing God’s work and that the Democrats were without “G.O.D.”; and Pat Buchanan calling America to wage “a holy war to recapture the soul of America.” Taking to heart what we observed in ‘92, in view of *The Turner Diaries*’ description of “the legals,” it is possible to pose the idea that Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, Randall Terry, Lou Sheldon and Don Wildmon may either be the “brains” behind the “brawny” agenda of the Far Right or the unwitting pawns of a dangerous group of American terrorists. The prospects of either being true are frightening.

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