

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light

Milwaukee

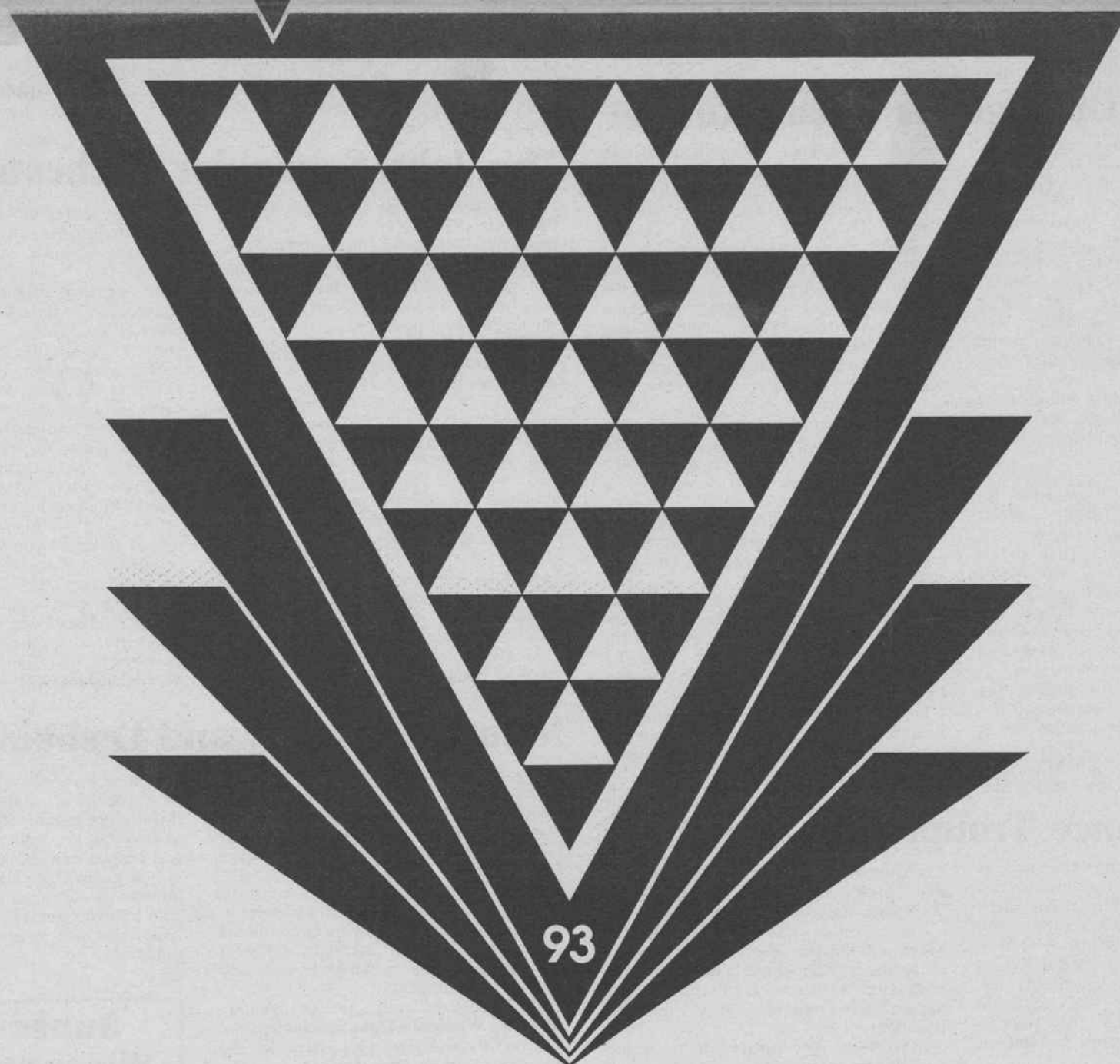
Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 12 and

Sunday, June 13, 1993

Juneau Park

F O N R W A R D D
I N P R I R D E



P R I D E F E S T

PrideFest Entertainment Offers Wide Variety Over Two Day Period

Green Bay's Bay City Chorus

The Bay City Chorus, the Pride of Green Bay will be making its Milwaukee Debut at 4:00 on the PrideFest 93 Main Stage.

The Chorus is composed of 28 Gay and Lesbian singers as well as a few non-Gay/Lesbian supporters. Founded in 1991, with just eleven members, the Bay City Chorus has rapidly grown in numbers and in stature.

"We are so pleased that PrideFest 93 invited us to perform," said Steve Jones, Bay City President, "Everyone is very excited. We are all working hard to put on a fantastic display of great music and entertainment."

At its Spring concert held at St. Norbert's College on May 8th, the chorus attracted a large crowd and was rewarded for its efforts with several standing ovations. "We have been thrilled with the response we've have been getting from the Green Bay community," said Jones.

It's no wonder that Green Bay has taken notice of this group. Not only does the chorus perform for the Gay and

Lesbian community, it also has given a number of performances for the community at large. In fact the chorus estimates that perhaps as many as 80% of those attending its concerts are heterosexual.

That should tell everyone something about the quality of this chorus. "We have found that when we present good music in a professional manner, all sorts of barriers come down," said Jones.

Bay City performs a wide variety of music from pop and show tunes to religious pieces. In fact some of its members are church organists.

At its PrideFest appearance the Chorus plans to reprise some of the songs that earned it so much applause back in May. PrideFest 93 Chairman, Bill Meunier says he is very pleased that this chorus will be performing. "I am sure that they will do Green Bay proud. PrideFest is pleased that the Bay City chorus was willing to make the trip and perform for us. I know our audience will be equally pleased by their music."

The B.J. Daniels Review

Last year PrideFest started a new tradition, the BJ Daniels Revue. The revue feature closed the festival and brought the house down. In keeping with that tradition, BJ will again present an extravaganza of talent to close out PrideFest 93.

BJ has managed to put together a line up that is sure to please. All but one of his performers are current or former title holders. They are the cream of the crop.

The revue includes thirteen different acts, which will be presented in a fast paced format. The performers are:

Kitty, - a live singer hosts a Karaoke at Za's in Green Bay. Glorie P. Hole, - her wildly funny impressions and comic routines, T.C. Hammond, - Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA, Dominique Mahon - Miss Gay Wisconsin USA, Mark Hammerline - Mr. Gay Wisconsin, D.B. Douglas - Miss Gay Wisconsin, Lena Chevez - Miss Club 219+, Duwanna Moore - Miss Black Gay Wisconsin, Greg Diring - former Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Mary Richards - former Miss

Gay Wisconsin USA, Tiffany - former Miss Continental Wisconsin, Tracy Shane, - Miss Great Lakes USA and of course, BJ Daniels - a former Miss Gay Wisconsin.

The BJ Daniels revue is not the only contribution BJ has made to PrideFest. As a member of the PrideFest Organizing Committee, BJ helped recruit some of the performers and lent technical expertise as well.

PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier is one of BJ biggest fans. "I can't say enough good things about BJ. BJ is very selfless. He raises money for charity throughout the year, and helps us to raise Pride. He is someone you can always count on to come through for you. He is a real joy to work with, and he has tremendous talent."

BJ's other fans (and they are considerable in number) would agree with that assessment. The BJ Daniels revue starts at 7:00 on the PrideFest Main Stage.

Chicago's Outrageous Smart Answer

The outrageously funny, sarcastically PC group, Smart Answer is slated to make two appearances on the PrideFest 93 Main Stage.

The Pride of Chicago, Smart Answer features what has been described as strong singing voices, vigorous harmonies and imaginative guitar accompaniments. Among their better known hilarious parodies are "Homophobic Lies in Colorado," and "Gee I Wish I Was Back in the Army Now."

With its defiant lesbocious and comedic antics mixed with its music, the group says its style can only be described as "acoustic fusion."

"Acoustic fusion means we'll steal from anyone we can," according to spokesperson Susan Urban. "We'll make you think, we'll make you cry, we'll make you laugh out loud." Then Urban admits "We stole that quote. They don't call us Smart Answer for nothing."

Group members are:
LINDA BOYLE who has been described as true "Woman's womyn." Her soul shines through at every performance.

KAREN MOONEY who's singing has been described as "like listening to the voice of the Goddess." In addition she is a talented and sensitive songwriter.

TOKEN MALE JIM SIMONIS is of course the group's token male and

besides being known for this illustrious title, he also writes and performs songs such as "White Male Disease" and "Won't You Please Take Me for Granted Again." These and other songs express his totally warped and witty world view.

SUSAN URBAN is a dynamic and prolific story songwriter who observes the world around her with thought provoking laughter and tears. Susan facilitates song writing workshops whose goal is to encourage each participant to find their own unique path to creativity. She also manages Chicago's None of the Above Coffeehouse at the 2nd Unitarian Church. The coffeehouse takes place on the third Saturday of every month September thru June and features 8 to 9 acts in a vaudeville format.

JENNIE BARTOLINE is a signer, poet artist and activist said to have "a goddess biased sense of wit that challenges and enlightens..."

Smart Answer will be performing as part of the Special Saturday June 12th evening "Sing Out and Dance With Pride" concert. They will also be appearing on the PrideFest Main Stage at 2 pm on Sunday 13th.

In addition to her stage appearances, Susan Urban will be presenting one of her song writing workshops. The workshop will held on the Stonewall Stage at 4:00.

Iberian Dance Troupe

One of the most exciting attractions at last years PrideFest will return to the Main Stage this year. The Bellet Ibero Hispanic Dancers otherwise known as the Iberian Dancers wowed the crowd with its different sounds and a very colorful look.

The different sounds, specifically the click of castanets and the rhythmic stomping of boots and the colorful costumes worn by the troupe's members were a big hit.

When this dance troupe takes the stage at 4:30, those who are watching will see and hear a spectacle of color and sound.

The purpose of the group is to present Hispanic Culture through dance and music, thereby promoting cultural understanding and awareness. The group

has appeared at the annual Holiday Folk Fair, Fiesta Mexicana, Summerfest the Wisconsin State Fair and PrideFest.

The troupe has researched the Mexican, Puerto Rican and Spanish cultures. They have developed a repertoire of dances and costumes to authentically represent their beautiful traditions.

MLGPC is very pleased to have this excellent troupe for the second consecutive year. Anyone who has ever seen them knows how exciting they are to watch," said PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier. "We are all looking forward to their performance."

The Sensational Singationals

Making their second appearance at PrideFest is a singing foursome that wowed the crowd last year, Singationals.

Last year almost as soon as they took the stage, Singationals had the post parade celebration off in fine style and they had nearly everyone in sight dancing.

Composed of the four of the best voices in Milwaukee, Patti Michale, Garret James, Sharon and Mike Borg, this foursome sings a wide variety of music with a unique style all its own.

Sharon, the group's Manager is excited about the group's repeat performance. "We got such a great reaction last year. It was such a great feeling to see thousands of people get up and dance."

PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier was equally impressed. "They really were fabulous. By the time they were half way through their first number all you could see were people getting up and dancing. Their vocal range is remarkable. Their ability to adapt themselves to various styles of music from country to club is equally remarkable. They literally fill the

air with exciting music and rich tones."

The group's members were all part of the Creamettes, a sub group of the Cream City chorus. In 1992 they decided to form their own singing group in order to display their talents on a more regular basis than the three annual Cream City concerts allowed.

"Singationals sings a wide variety of music from Country to Disco, from the Forties to contemporary and everything in between," says Sharon. "We wanted to be a group that can perform for just about any occasion."

Although it is less than two years old, Singationals is a group that is making big waves. A Wisconsin Light review said they were "sensational" a group with "powerful and rich voices." The review said that regardless of whether they were doing solos or singing in harmony, Singationals was "outstanding."

Singationals will be performing on the PrideFest main stage on Sunday June 13th at 6:00. As one critic wrote "Singationals is sensational," don't miss them.

The Fest City Singers

The Fest City Singers are a very talented group. Composed of 18 men and women, Fest City, produces musical comedy revues that rival anything you'll see off Broadway in New York.

That's why they were selected to lead off the Sing Out And Dance with Pride Concert on Saturday June 12th. More than singers, Fest City members are dancers and comics too. Anyone who has seen one of their shows can sum up their reaction in one word, "entertaining."

At PrideFest 93, Fest City will be performing several numbers from past shows. Included in their performance will be a piece or two from their latest production, "Boyfriends."

The production of Boyfriends marks the beginning of the Pride Week celebration in Milwaukee. Written and directed by Peter Mortensen with musical direction by Peggy Lozier, "Boyfriends" is a satirical look at relationships, ours, theirs, everyone's. "Boyfriends" will be playing at the Skylight Theatre 813 N Jefferson St. on June 4, 5, and 6th. Show times are at 8:00 Friday and Saturday and 2:00 and 7:30 on Sunday.

"We always look forward to performing at the Pride celebration," said Fest City spokeswoman Sandy Lewis. "This year of course we are doing double duty preparing for a major production and preparing for our PrideFest appearance. But it really is a labor of love. We love to perform for our community."

That love for the community shows whenever Fest City takes the stage. They are known for their ability to shape a revue and its music and add their very own special Gay and Lesbian flair to it. Whether it is witty repartee, flashy dance steps or outstanding vocals, Fest City Singers put their heart and soul into every performance.

"I am really pleased that Fest City is willing to perform at PrideFest on top of their show, Boyfriends," said PrideFest Chair, Bill Meunier. "This really shows their commitment to bringing Gay and Lesbian musical comedy to the community."

Fest City is scheduled to perform at 6:45 on Saturday June 12th. Don't miss them.

The John Schneider Orchestra

One of the big name bands appearing at PrideFest 93 is the John Schneider Orchestra. The group is well known to Milwaukee fans of jazz and swing. In fact last year the Milwaukee Journal praised the John Schneider Orchestra calling it the city's "best jazz band."

Band leader John Schneider will be doing double duty during PrideFest. Schneider is a member of the PrideFest Organizing Committee and for the third year in a row, Schneider will be managing the PrideFest Main Stage. Those who saw this orchestra at last year's PrideFest may remember John as the one with the bubbles. This year he promises to bring the bubbles and to tap dance.

This PrideFest also marks John's third anniversary with his partner Jay Peschman. John and Jay met at the Pride celebration three years ago. "That's one of the reasons why PrideFest has such significance for me," said Schneider.

At 3:00, Schneider will be joined on stage by featured vocalist Suzette Nelson, Rick Tenner, aka Milwaukee Shepard

columnist Art Kumbaleck, on the sax, John Derezynski playing guitar, David Maleck on bass, and Drummer Kenny Baker.

The group is well known to those who are regulars at Cafe Melange and recently played at MAP's Make A Promise Dinner. Schneider's group has also played Summerfest, the Wisconsin State Fair and the Third Ward Block Party to name just a few of its engagements.

Schneider and company excel at all the jazz standards, as well as lesser known works by American composers such as Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Harold Arlen among others.

"We alternate in creating upbeat joyful moods along with romantic moods," said Schneider. "We have enormous love for the music we play."

That respect comes across to the audience. That's why the John Schneider Orchestra is so popular. It's also why those who hear them at PrideFest will become instant fans.

Moments In Gay and Lesbian History

The Saturday evening "Sing Out and Dance With Pride Concert" will feature more than just music. In order to remind people of our past, "Moments in Gay and Lesbian History" will be presented between acts.

These "moments" will spotlight different segments of our community. Each of them will actually be two minutes in length. They will spotlight pioneering events in Lesbian and Gay History in Wisconsin.

The spotlight will be on Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin Light and Instep, the Cream City and Fest City choruses, the Saturday Softball Beer League, and the Holiday Invitational Tournament, the Cream City Foundation and Gay People's Union, Ujima and Lesbians of Color, The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and Club Muse, Stonewall, the Lambda Rights Network and Gay Cable.

The idea behind these presentations is

to remind people of what has gone before us. A PrideFest statement says "Unlike the straight community where new groups and trends get well publicized, the Gay and Lesbian community is pretty unaware of how much of we take for granted came into being. By remembering our past, we gain a better appreciation of how far we have come, and we gain renewed hope for the future."

Subscribe to Wisconsin Light

1 Year (25 issues)
First Class \$24.95
Third Class \$11.95

1843 N. Palmer St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212

'Sing Out and Dance With Pride' To Open PrideFest Saturday, June 12

This year's PrideFest will see many firsts. Perhaps one of the most significant is the Saturday June 13th evening concert, "Sing Out and Dance With Pride." The free concert which may be the only outdoor evening Pride concert anywhere in the country begins at 6:45.

The three hour long extravaganza will display a broad overview of what Gay and Lesbian music is about. "We wanted to get a wide variety of music to fit the diversity of the Lesbian and Gay community," said PrideFest Chairman Bill Meunier. "From club music to choral music, this concert will have a little of everything. If people were to see these acts individually it would be quite costly. We are presenting them free of charge."

The highlight of the evening is likely to be a special candle lighting ceremony. Representatives from various segments of the community will take the stage to light candles. They will then spread the light into the audience.

An official PrideFest Committee Statement urges everyone to come to the park with candles. The statement reads in part, "Let us come together and celebrate. Bring a candle so that those who are afraid to be with us can find their way. Bring a candle to remember those who have gone before us. Let us light up the park with and for Pride."

In case you running short on candles don't worry. The PrideFest Merchandise booth will have small candles available for a nominal charge.

There will be no shortage of great entertainment on stage. The Fest City singers will lead off the evening with their own special brand of musical comedy. The group which drew rave reviews during their appearance at GALA in Denver last year is one of the most original and talented groups in the Milwaukee.

Next on stage will be David Figueroa, one of Wisconsin's best dancers. David will perform an original interpretive monologue.

David will be followed by Josie Santiago. Backed by a dance troupe, Ms. Santiago's renditions of club music covers are designed to create excitement in her audiences.

Seers and Rowbuck a new Lesbian duo will perform next. Singing their own original compositions, Cindy Seers Lampman and Dawn (E-Pooh) Rowbuck Rotherer will premiere a special song written exclusively for PrideFest.

Smart Answer a satirical folk group from Chicago will bring its humorous outlook on life in general to the stage. Known for its biting lyrics in songs like "The Colorado Boycott Blues," this creative troupe is very popular in the Windy City. This appearance marks its Milwaukee debut.

Appleton will contribute Jill Clarke to the festivities. This is Jill's second appearance at PrideFest. Last year she wowed the crowd with her songs.

Jill will be followed by Womonsong, an outstanding woman's chorus from Madison. Womonsong strives to give its audience a full range of emotions from comedy to love.

Garret James will be the final solo performer of the evening. James is well known for his show stopping solos when he was a member of the Cream City chorus. Capable of singing everything from k.d. lang to Classical pieces, James

PrideFest to Hold Christian Interfaith Service

The annual InterFaith Pride Service will again be held at on the grounds of PrideFest. This year's service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Sunday June 13th on the PrideFest Main Stage. Last year's service attracted over 200 worshippers.

The idea behind the InterFaith Service is to promote community unity. Groups participating include Affirmation, Lutherans Concerned, Dignity and MCC. The Rev. Leu Broyles from the Metropolitan Community Church will preside. The service will be complete with communion, music, scripture readings and a special blessing for our veterans.

"The park provides a wonderful setting for worship," said Tim Hansen InterFaith Committee Chairperson. "This service is a unique opportunity for Lesbians and Gays of all faiths to worship together as a sign of our community and our faith."

The service will be followed by a time of fellowship with coffee, and juice at the Stonewall Tent. During the fellowship gathering, supplies to make march signs will be available. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

has a wide vocal range and is considered one of the best, if not the best singer in Milwaukee.

The Cream City Chorus will bring the evening to a close under the leadership of Director Scott Stewart. Stewart will be doing double duty, since he is also the Musical Director for the entire evening. Like the Fest City Singers, The Cream City Chorus drew critical acclaim during GALA in Denver.

In between acts there will short presentations of Wisconsin's Lesbian and Gay history. These are intended to give the audience a sense of where we have been and where we are going.

Food and drink will be available throughout the evening. Beer will be served from two bars, but The PrideFest Committee reminds concert goers that it is against the law to bring alcoholic beverages into the park without an individual permit.

The concert will be preceded by other festivities. PrideFest opens at 5:00. A Country Western dance featuring Square and Line Dancing will begin at 5:30. A brief opening ceremony will be held at 6:30.

The PrideFest Committee is hoping for a big crowd. "This is the first time anyone has tried this," said Meunier, "We are anxious to see how people react. We are hoping to attract a crowd of 1,000 or more."

A crowd like that would ensure a repeat at future PrideFests, and a new Pride tradition will have been born.

Food and Beverage Areas Expanded For This Year's PrideFest

There will be plenty of good food to eat at PrideFest 93. Co-Chair Roberta Niggimeier has been working hard at ensuring that festival goers will get the best quality available at the lowest cost possible.

The food and beverage areas have been reorganized and expanded. There will be a separate booth selling corn, veggie plates and fruit salads. The Food Tent has been greatly increased in size.

This year there will be three bars serving Miller products. There will be three outlets for soft drinks and sparkling water. The menu has also been expanded. Chicken Breast sandwiches (real chicken breasts not the chopped formed meat you get at many fast food places) and rib sandwiches have been added. Another addition is Broasted Chicken dinners which will be sold on Sunday only. Each dinner comes complete with broasted potatoes, cole slaw and bread.

Of course those great PrideFest brats and burgers will be returning for a repeat performance. So will the roasted corn on the cob, popcorn and nacho plates.

In another change from last year, this year none of the food or drink booths will accept cash. Food and Drink tickets will sold from four booths on the grounds. The tickets are 50 cents each. Each ticket booth will have four ticket sellers, two will only sell \$5.00 sheets, two will sell individual tickets and \$5.00 sheets.

"We have gone to a ticket system because it will speed service," said

Niggimeier. "For example the bartenders will only have to pour beer, not count out change, the same applies for the other booths as well. I know it sounds funny, but even though people will have to buy tickets, they will still get their food and drinks faster than an all cash system would have allowed."

"We have worked hard to provide better service and offer a more diverse menu that will appeal to all tastes," said Niggimeier. "I think people will be very pleased with this year's selection and with this year's prices. We want people to enjoy eating at PrideFest. It's hard to enjoy your food if you feel you paid too much for it."

"But," she adds, "People should understand that the food and drink booths constitute the main source of revenue to pay for the festival. That's why we have worked so hard to have good quality and reasonable prices. If the crowd doesn't patronize our booths, the festival will be in financial trouble."

PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier praises Roberta's efforts. "She is another reason to be real proud. Roberta is showing off her considerable talents just as much as those on the stage are."

Roberta Niggimeier has of course gotten help. Her special thanks go to D.C. Cooper and her partner Anne are the Beverage Captains. D.C. is one of the founders of Milwaukee's Afro Fest.

PrideFest '93

(Wisconsin's Largest and Best Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Event)

Over 300 Entertainers!

Great Food and Drink
THE PRIDE PARADE

A Sports Area, Booths, Lectures & More

10,000 People Celebrating

Saturday Evening, June 12th

5:00 Country Western Dance

6:30 Opening Ceremonies

6:45 Sing Out & Dance With Pride Candlelight Concert

(Light up the Park with Pride. Bring a Candle)

Sunday, June 13th

10:00 InterFaith Service

11:20 Pre Parade Rally

Noon THE PRIDE PARADE

1:00 Post Parade Rally

1:15 Continuous Entertainment to 8:00

Milwaukee's Juneau Park

Major Sponsors of PrideFest include: The Cream City Foundation, Gay People's Union, In Step, Miller Brands & The Wisconsin Light

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Veterans Collective Grand Marshall at Parade

[Milwaukee]- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual veterans have been chosen to be the collective Grand Marshall for this year's Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Pride Parade. The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) is more than pleased to announce that it will attend and participate to the fullest extent. As the home chapter of GLBVA's National Executive Director, Miriam Ben-Shalom, GLBVA-Southeast Wisconsin/Milwaukee will march with pride and honor.

Currently, plans are being made to organize a Color Guard. GLBVA-Southeast Wisconsin/Milwaukee requests that anyone interested, please contact either Fr. Robert Nicholas at (414) 744-0343 or Jim English at (414) 562-4191.

In order to have a formal Color Guard, a minimum of eight members are required. GLBVA is asking for interested parties to contact either of the above people so that the Color Guard can be made up and practice arranged. More than eight is possible, so everyone please call.

GLBVA has been advised that the Chicago chapter is also planning on attending, which will enlarge the Grand Marshall delegation to even greater

numbers. This is exciting news because the Southeast Wisconsin chapter is currently undergoing some re-organization. The former Milwaukee chapter has joined forces with the Southeast Wisconsin chapter to make one joint chapter. It is hoped that veterans from all over southeast Wisconsin will join us at the Parade as well as join the organization for year-round support.

GLBVA is planning on sponsoring a booth at Milwaukee's PrideFest. If you are interested in becoming a member of the largest growing Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organization in America, currently with over 45,000 members nationwide, then see GLBVA at PrideFest.

The new joint chapter of GLBVA is also holding a newly re-organized meeting on June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at 2472 S. Burrell Street in Milwaukee to finalize plans for PrideFest. It is also the first of the monthly meetings for the new chapter. All current and prospective GLBVA members are asked to attend whether you can participate in PrideFest or not. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed.

For further information, call (414) 744-0343 or (414) 562-4191.

Cream City Chorus to Bring Saturday PrideFest Concert to Dramatic End

Milwaukee's oldest Gay and Lesbian musical group will again grace the PrideFest Stage at PrideFest 93. The Cream City chorus will provide a rousing finish to Saturday evening's "Sing Out And Dance With Pride Concert."

Under the sure hand of Director Scot Stewart, the chorus is in fine shape. At its GALA appearance in Denver last Spring the group won high marks from critics as well as from other Lesbian and Gay chorus members.

For its PrideFest appearance, the chorus will sing a set of songs written by and for Gays and Lesbians. During the opening ceremonies the chorus will sing a special verse of the "Star Spangled Banner" written especially for Pride celebrations. Then later in the evening it will bring the concert to a dramatic finish with a candle lighting ceremony.

"We want to set the tone for the celebration on Sunday," said Stewart. "Through our music on Saturday evening, we will be expressing the hopes, and the joys of our people."

Last year the chorus appeared on Sunday afternoon. They won loud and prolonged applause for their music.

Composed of over 20 singers, the chorus has built up a loyal following over the years. Recognition of its ability has come from many quarters including the Miller Brewing Company which has recognized the chorus with two large

grants. "The chorus normally charges \$5.00 to \$10.00 per ticket for its concerts and it is well worth the money," said PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier. "We are honored that the chorus is donating its time to bring some fabulous music to PrideFest 93. Those in attendance are in for a real treat."

The Cream City Chorus will take the stage for a brief appearance during the opening ceremonies and will perform again at 9:30 pm. The chorus will also be featured in a "Moment in Gay and Lesbian Wisconsin History," during the concert.

Its PrideFest appearance is only part of Cream City's busy schedule. The Chorus will be producing its annual Pride Week concert on June 19th. This year's concert is entitled "We the People." For more information 344-9222.

PrideFest Is Becoming a State, Regional Event

PrideFest may be located in Milwaukee, but people from throughout the state are contributing to it.

The stage and sound system are coming in from La Crosse. Madison is contributing two chorus' and its leading organization, the United has won this year's Community Service Award. In addition Tammy Baldwin will be speaking at the Post Parade rally.

Green Bay is sending the Bay City Chorus, Kitty, and Gloria P. Hole along with hundreds of their fans.

Appleton is sending Jill Clarke and the Ladies of the Valley along with a bus or two.

Even Illinois is getting into the act. Smart Answer a very funny folk group is coming from Chicago, while the Travlur Motel is sending a float and contingent for the Parade.

Former Pride Committee Chairperson Sue Cook is heading south from her far Northwoods home to make an appearance as a presenter of one of the "Moments in Gay and Lesbian History" on Saturday.

Lisa Ambacher and her karate dancing troupe are coming from Whitewater.

And of course thousands of others from throughout the state are planning to make the trip to eat, drink and enjoy.

PrideFest is really becoming a statewide affair.

Boyland Band Making Milwaukee Debut At PrideFest on June 13

[Milwaukee]- What do you do when you're a songwriter/impresario/producer and you can't get the big labels to do your covers? If you're Al Martin, you form your own band, call it Boyland, and give it lots of the high energy that you show in your music.

Boyland bills itself as a band that performs club music in a combination Chicago/European style. The result is their own unique sound of both original music and remakes. This blended sound is sponsored by Martin's own production company, Blue Note Music/Entertainment.

"I firmly believe in the adage 'You make it happen,'" says Martin. "Without that attitude Boyland would not exist today." Over the years, Martin has developed an extensive list of contacts within the recording industry. He has learned though that if he wants to get something done, he has to do it himself.

"That's how Boyland really got going," said the 28 year old songwriter. "I got tired of waiting for the big name groups to get around to playing my music. So what I decided to do was recruit my own group and make it into a big name."

Boyland will be making its Milwaukee debut at PrideFest on the Main Stage at 11:00 on Sunday, June 13th. "I've been told by some of the music industry's big names that it's unusual to have an openly Gay band," said Martin. "But we are not ashamed of what we are and it's fitting that we make our hometown debut at the

Pride Festival." At their PrideFest debut, Boyland will be performing their latest demo, "Waiting For You" (originally recorded by R and B artist Malyra) and remakes of Ooh Child as well some of their own original music.

Boyland is composed of Mike Stebnitz and Lee Jordan.

Sign Up For The Proud Crowd Ads

Want to show your support for the PrideFest? Miss out on the proud crowd ad? Not to worry its still not too late.

You can sign up to be a member of the Proud crowd during PrideFest 93. Proud Crowd membership is only \$10.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for businesses and organizations. All new members will be listed in two ads, one in Wisconsin Light and one in In Step.

Sign ups will be taken at the Information Booth, the Rummage Sale Booth and the Official Pride Merchandise Booth. Checks or cash will be accepted or if you prefer PrideFest will bill you.

The PrideFest celebration needs your support and the Proud Crowd is great way for you and/or your business or group to show that you are a proud member of our community.

So show your Pride, get your name in two papers! Be a member of the Proud crowd!

Line-Up Presented For PrideFest Stonewall Stage

This year's Stonewall Stage line up will provide a wealth of information and fun for those in attendance. The idea behind the Stonewall Stage is to display our talent and promote the development of skills as well as the promote the sharing of information.

This year the Stone Wall Stage will be in a large tent located on the Southern end of the grounds. This will help make it more easily identifiable.

The line up is as follows:

1:00 SQUARE DANCE LESSONS - Learn the basics of square dancing courtesy of the Cream City Squares.

1:45 LECTURE ON BREAST CANCER - Presented by the Milwaukee Health Department

2:15 COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE LESSONS - Learn the basics of line dancing and the two step, courtesy of the Shoreline.

3:00 LECTURE ON MENOPAUSE - Presented by Debra Reed

3:30 TALKS ON GAY HISTORY AND LESBIAN HERSTORY - presented by noted experts Terry Boughner and Pat Calchina

4:00 SONG WRITING WORKSHOP Susan Urban of the popular Chicago group, Smart Answer, presents a hour long how to workshop

5:00 DANCE FACTORY DANCE LESSONS Learn about modern and high energy dances from the experts.

6:00 POETRY CORNER Poetry readings presented by some of Milwaukee's most accomplished poets.



BOOT CAMP SALOON
MILWAUKEE'S
LEATHER / LEVI BAR

209 E. National
Milwaukee, WI
414-643-6900



CELEBRATE YOUR PRIDE
GAY Rubber Art STAMPS

Special - \$8.99 ea. Post. Pd. - 2 for \$13.50
Pink or Lavender Stamp Pads - \$3.95, Rainbow - \$5.95
(NYS residents add sales tax)

Check or M.O. to:
Rubber Stamps
Running Rampant!

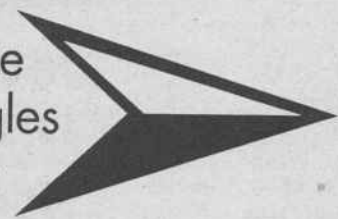
Dept. WI., P. O. Box 107
L.I.C., NY, 11101

Proudly GAY Owned and Operated

© 1993 RSRR
Stamps Made of Resin - A Biodegradable & Earth Friendly Product

On Pride Day,
Sunday, June 13th
park where there's
plenty of room
and take the
FREE SHUTTLE
to & from PrideFest.

Stops at the
pink triangles
located at:



Your Place
813 S. 1st St.

M & M's
124 N. Water St.

In Step
225 S. 2nd St.

Pre-Parade Bus runs:
11:00 & 11:30
Post-Parade every 30 minutes:
1:00 to 9pm

Pride Is Busting Out All Over As State Readies For PrideFest 93

Pride is busting out all over. As we approach the big days of this year's PrideFest, hundreds of performers are busy rehearsing, organizations around the state are planning their floats and marching units, friends are calling one another to arrange to attend the biggest Gay Lesbian Bisexual event in Wisconsin history, PrideFest 93.

The PrideFest 93 Organizing Committee is busy planning the last minute details. Dozens of organizations are recruiting volunteers to work at their booths. While the newsrooms of Wisconsin Light and Instep are bustling with preparation of their Pride issues, The Cream City chorus is rehearsing its exciting finish to Saturday evening's concert, and Dance Factory is polishing its steps for its Sunday afternoon appearance on the main stage. Meanwhile Josie Santiago is rehearsing an exciting club music number.

Nearly a thousand people will be directly involved in the booths, the stages, the set up and all of the other things that make up PrideFest 93. Thousands more are laying plans to join them for the celebration.

You can see the pride, you can feel it, you can get engulfed in it.

It's there at the Cream City foundation which donated \$5,000 to make sure that this event would go on as planned. You can see it at Gay People's Union which joined CCF in making a substantial contribution. You can see it in the faces of those members of the Leather community who bought Pride T-Shirts and pins at a fund raiser at the Boot Camp.

You can hear the Pride as the boots of the Shoreline line dancing group and the Iberian Dance troupe hit the floor as they get ready for PrideFest. You can feel the pride in the notes of the Fest City singers as they get ready to perform in the "Sing Out and Dance With Pride concert."

Pride has spread beyond Milwaukee. Like a wildfire it is raging throughout the state of Wisconsin. It has even crossed the border into Illinois.

Pride is in Madison. It's there as Myxolidian gets ready for its Milwaukee debut, while Lesbian herstorian Pat Calchina prepares for her talk on the Stonewall stage. You can see it at the United, the winner of this year's Community Service Award. You can hear it at Womonsong rehearsals.

Madison and Milwaukee are joined by

Green Bay. You can hear the pride in the voices of the Bay City Chorus as they get ready for their first ever Milwaukee appearance. It's there as Kitty and Gloria prepare to repeat their wildly successful appearances here last year.

The spirit of pride is in Appleton as Ladies of the Valley and Jill Clark get ready for PrideFest 93. It's there as bars sign up patrons for their buses.

Pride is there as Boyfriends prepares for its first public performance. It's there as Lesbian Gay and Bisexual veterans get ready to march as the Grand Marshals of this year's parade.

Pride fills the air as Seers and Rowbuck put the finishing touches on their Pride music. It's there as BJ Daniels lines up his acts for the famous "BJ Daniels Revue."

Pride is there as Loey Nelson and the Carnival Strippers as well as David Robinson and Road Damage two non-Gay supportive groups prepare to bring their music to the PrideFest stage. They are joined in pride with the John Schneider orchestra which will be repeating its acclaimed PrideFest 92 appearance.

Pride is in the room as the InterFaith committee meets to plan its annual open air service. It's there as the Cream City Squares go through their routines in preparation for their PrideFest appearances. It's there as Garret James and Singational go through their repertoire picking out just the right pieces for PrideFest 93.

Pride is there as hundreds of couples get ready for the Queer Nation Commitment ceremony.

Pride is in Chicago where Smart Answer is rehearsing for its Milwaukee debut. It's in Rockford where a contingent of marchers is getting ready. It's in Racine, Kenosha, La Crosse, Beloit, Janesville, Wausau, Eagle River and dozens of other places as thousands of people get ready to sing, dance, speak and march enjoy at PrideFest 93. It's there in dozens of bars, organizational meetings and in thousands of homes and apartments where people are talking about being there.

The evidence is all around us. There is no stopping it, there's no denying it. Despite the best efforts of the fundamentalists, the Jesse Helms, the Sam Nunn and others, Pride is busting out all over.

Country Western Dance Groups To Be Very Busy At PrideFest

The Cream City Squares and the Shoreline country dancers will be very busy during PrideFest weekend.

These groups are jointly hosting a "Country Western" dance to start off the entertainment at PrideFest 93. The fun starts at 5:30 at the PrideFest main stage. Members of both groups will be on hand to help those who may not be familiar with square dancing and line dancing steps. Join in or just relax and watch.

At 1:00 on Sunday June 13th, the Cream City Squares will be hosting Square Dance lessons on the Stonewall Stage. This is a great opportunity to get a free lesson for an authentic American dance form. Square Dancing is fun, and it's a great way to meet people.

"Cream City Squares are proud to be participating in PrideFest 93," said President James Tate, "Gay and Lesbian Square Dancing is hot all over the country. We hope that people will take advantage of the opportunity to join in the fun."

Square Dancing may look hard, but it's not difficult to learn and everyone can do it. Not only that, but it's great exercise too. During the lesson you will learn how to pick up some of the basic calls and by the end of the lesson will be able to dance simple square dances. The Cream City Squares will be playing the role of "Angels" during the lesson.

About the time that the Square Dancing lesson is ending, the Shoreline will be taking over the PrideFest main stage to show off a special suite of dances. The

Shoreline is one Milwaukee's fastest growing groups. Country Western Dancing is becoming very popular all over the country. Over the last few years, Gay and Lesbian Country Western dance groups have been springing up everywhere.

If you miss the Shoreline's performance don't worry. You can catch them again at 2:15 when they present free line dancing lessons on the Stonewall stage. Like Square Dancing, Line Dancing and Two Stepping is easy to learn and a great way to make new friends.

Shoreline will teach you a basic line dance or two. This is not the same type of line dancing we all did in the disco's about 10 years ago.

"Shoreline is really looking forward to performing our Nashville suite of dances at PrideFest 93," said Alan Karbel, Shoreline President. "We are always eager to introduce Country Western Dancing to others and we look forward to doing that at PrideFest."

Shoreline members will be on hand to give you individual attention so that you can join in on the fun at the dances it sponsors at 3 B's.

So if you are looking for a new experience, one that will be fun, entertaining, educational, healthy, and give you the chance to make new friends then come over to the Stonewall Stage for these Country Pride Dance Lessons. You'll meet new people, learn something new and have a great time doing it.

Webster's at Prospect

The Reader's Bookstore & Café

is proud to participate in
PRIDEFEST '93

Milwaukee's 6th Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration

If you are at the Parade Rally, please stop by our booth. Or visit Webster's Books & Café, the alternative choice on Milwaukee's East Side for coffee, pastries, and light meals at our new location at 1932 E. Kenilworth Place. In addition, the bookstore still boasts the longest browsing hours in Milwaukee and features the newest and the best in Gay and Lesbian literature all in the cozy atmosphere of a literary café.

Hours:

Friday 7:30am - 1:00am Saturday 9:00am - 1:00am
Sunday 9:00am - 11:00pm
Mon. - Thur. 7:30am - 11:00pm

Webster's at Prospect
1932 E. Kenilworth Place
765-1221

Webster's in Bay View
2352 E. Oklahoma Ave.
744-1333



Putting PrideFest On Is No Simple Financial Task

With all the fund raisers, grants and donations you would think that PrideFest 93 will be fully paid for when it opens. You would think that, but you would be incorrect.

The amount of money needed to produce a festival of this magnitude is enormous. The PrideFest Budget including the purchase of food and drinks for sale is in excess of \$20,000.

Some of the major items in the budget include Insurance (Over \$2,000), the Parade Permit (\$1,500), Publicity (\$2,000), Rented equipment such as generators, booths, tables and chairs, staging, portable bathrooms, walkie talkies, etc. is budgeted for \$4,500.

The above figures don't include food and drink permits, park rental fees, and countless other items like PCV piping to hold banners and truck rentals to haul equipment and food.

"People should understand that although we don't charge admission, the festival is not free," said Chairman Bill Meunier. "We work hard year round to raise money but we still need people to buy the Pride merchandise, and eat and drink the food and beverages we have for sale. We aren't trying to make money out of this, but we do want to break even."

"We are dependent on our merchandise and our food and drink sales to make the festival a financial success," says Meunier.

In the early stages of planning the PrideFest Committee did seriously discuss charging an admission fee for the Festival — something done in several other cities. The idea was rejected because the Committee didn't want to do anything that may discourage people from coming.

This year PrideFest is in much better shape financially than it has been in the recent past. In the last year the Pride Committee has been able to pay off nearly all of its outstanding debts which at one time approached \$10,000.

Despite that, Meunier points out that without the help of others, especially the

Cream City Foundation, (which donated \$5,000) and Gay People's Union "the show would not be going on."

PrideFest has no paid staff, all of the people involved with PrideFest are volunteers. All of the performers donate their time. Even so, the festival and parade still need the Festival financial support of the community.

Once on Saturday and twice on Sunday a crew of volunteers will circulate through the crowd to give people a chance to donate. Says Meunier, "When you realize that you would spend at least \$75 to see all of the acts we are presenting for free it doesn't seem unreasonable to ask those who can afford it to put out a dollar to help defray costs and begin building a seed fund for next year."

This Is It Bar To Hold Annual Fundraiser

This Is It Bar located at 418 E. Wells St. in Milwaukee, will be holding its annual Pride Button Fund raiser from Friday June 4th thru the closing hour on Friday June 11th. The fund raiser is one of the more successful annual Pride fundraisers.

Patrons who wish to buy a Pride Button can purchase one for the regular \$2.00 price. A contribution of \$3.00 or more, however, gets the patron a button and drink on the house. Last year This Is It raised over \$500 for Pride.

"We are really gratified to see Joe and his staff get behind us year after year," said PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier. "This Is It is not a very large bar, but year after year the bar and its customers have contributed substantial amounts to make sure our Pride celebration happens. We can't thank them enough."

So get your Pride Button at This Is It and for a little extra get a free drink too.

WANTED:

Volunteers for PrideFest '93

REWARD:

Fun, Excitement, New Friends

To Turn Yourself In:

Call the Pride Line

342-2330

New Parade Route Announced For June 13 Event

They are coming. They are coming from Rockford and Chicago, Illinois, from Appleton and Green Bay, from Madison, Racine, Janesville, Beloit, Wausau and La Crosse. Who are they? THEY are marchers and floats in the annual Pride Parade.

This year's Pride Parade promises to be bigger and better than ever. This year's march will see several changes from past parades.

The parade starting time has been set at Noon. It will assemble in Juneau Park in front of the PrideFest Main Stage. The parade will be preceded by a pre-parade rally which will begin at 11:20.

The parade route has been drastically changed. For the past few years the Parade has gone down Wisconsin Ave past empty stores and then turned north on Water to march past an empty City Hall.

This year the Parade will focus in on "our neighborhood." The Parade will leave the park and proceed West on Juneau. It will turn left on Marshall St and proceed South to Kilbourn. Then it goes West on Kilbourn to Jackson, south on Jackson to Wisconsin, East on Wisconsin back to Prospect and then North on Prospect the entire length of the park. The parade will re-enter the park at its north end.

"We understand that many people want to march on Wisconsin Avenue because it is Milwaukee's main street, BUT, we just didn't think it made much sense to march past all those empty stores," said PrideFest chair Bill Meunier. "The parade is for us, not empty streets. We mapped out the route so that it would go through the heart of an area where many of us live, yet still go part of the way on Wisconsin Ave. We also thought it was important for the parade to re-enter the park at its northern end. This gives those who are in the park a chance to see it."

For the first time there will be more than one Grand Marshal. The grand marshals of this year's parade are America's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans. "We are deeply honored, that

3B's Bar to Host PrideFest June 4 Fundraiser

You can start off the Pride Week festivities right by attending a special 3B's Beer and Soda Bust fund raiser for Pride on Friday June 4th.

Not only will you get free beer or soda, but you'll also get free dance lessons from the Shoreline Line Dancing group. That's just what you need to get in shape for the Country Western Dance which will open PrideFest 93 at 5:30 on Saturday June 12th.

The fund raiser will also feature raffles of Pride T-Shirts and other merchandise. Of course there will also be plenty of great down home hospitality that 3 B's is famous for.

The 3B's is located at 1753 S. KK. (That's just South off Mitchell and 1st St.)

Admission is just \$3.00 and it includes free beer and soda plus a free raffle ticket. All money taken in at the door will help support PrideFest 93.

So come on down partner. Everyone is welcome. The fun starts at 8:00. Don't miss it.



Fri., June 4
7:30 — 10:30 P.M.
 Shoreline
 Presents
Pride Beer Bust
 \$3 Cover
 A Benefit for MLGPC

June 5 & 6 - 10 A.M. — 8 P.M.
Car Wash and Cookout
 To Benefit A.I.D.E.R.

672-5580

1753 S. Kinnickinnic Milwaukee, WI 53207

DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE PARADE ROUTE

SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROX. 0.33 MILES
 One-way Streets
 Skywalk

1. Amtrak Station	F-10	3d Grand Avenue Retail Center	F-10	6b Milwaukee School of Engineering	E-10	12a Reuss Federal Plaza	F-10
1a Bus Depots	F-9	4. Lincoln Center for the Arts	E-11	7. Municipal Building	E-10	12b St. Joan of Arc Chapel	F-9
2. City Hall	E-10	4a Marine Plaza	F-10	8. Municipal Pier	F-11	13. State Office Bldg. (Civic Center)	F-10
3. County Court House	E-9	4b Marquette University	F-9	8a Performing Arts Center	E-10	14. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	E-10
3a County Court House Annex	E-9	4c Mecca Convention Center	E-10	8b Police Administration Building	E-9	15. War Memorial Bldg. and Art Museum	F-11
3b Federal Building	F-11	5. Milwaukee Area Technical College	E-9	9. Post Office	F-10	16. Y.M.C.A.	F9,F11
3c First Wisconsin Center	F-11	5. Milwaukee Arena	E-10	10. Public Library	F-9		OD-1047-S-XA
		6. Milwaukee Auditorium	E-10	11. Public Museum	F-9		
		6a Milwaukee Co. Historical Society	E-10	12. Public Safety Building	E-9		

Milwaukee's PrideFest committee remembered the sacrifices we have made to promote Lesbian and Gay rights," said Gay Lesbian Bisexual Veterans of America Chairperson, Miriam-Ben Shalom. "We have been busy contacting our chapters in other cities and encouraging their attendance."

Another change will be the day long display of floats. In the past, the floats were simply driven away after the parade. This year they will on display all day long at the Southern end of the Festival

grounds so that everyone can see them.

"We've had some real nice floats in the past but if you are marching you don't get to see them all," said Parade Coordinator Chris Lubus. "We want people to be able to see the hard work that so many people put in."

Yet another change is the presentation of the parade awards later in the day. In the past the parade awards have been given shortly after the conclusion of the parade. This year they will be given out sometime around 3:00. "It was unfair to

the judges to have them rush back to the park adding up their scores as they ran," said Meunier. "We want them to be able to enjoy themselves too."

Among the special things to look for in this year's parade are the special "Living Rainbow Flag" marching unit being put together by Instep Magazine, (to participate call Instep 278-7840), the "train" being brought in by the Travlur Lounge and Motel in Rockford, the always spirited contingent from the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee.

The Cream City Foundation

SALUTES

Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee

The C.C.F. Is Very Proud Of Our Queer Community and the Work of The Pride Committee



SOME OF OUR 1993 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

- Gay/Lesbian Film and Video Festival
- Milwaukee Public Library System
- Wisconsin Outdoor Women
- Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay PrideFest

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING GRANTS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO D.C.

- Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee
- LOC/Women of Color
- Lambda Rights Network
- ACT UP

OTHER CONTINUING GRANT PROGRAMS:

- John Cowles Scholarship Fund
- Community Leadership Development Fund

IF YOU WANT TO HELP OUR QUEER COMMUNITY MAKE PROGRESS IN PRIDE, SEND YOUR DONATION TO:

the cream city foundation
 P.O. Box 204
 Milwaukee, WI 53201

The Cream City Foundation Thanks Its Donors For Helping Us Build A Solid Foundation Under Our Queer Community.

The Complete PrideFest Schedule— Saturday, June 12 & Sunday, June 13

SATURDAY JUNE 12TH

5:00 Festival opens, food and drink booths open, Country Western Dance begins.
6:30 Opening Ceremonies
6:45 "Sing Out and Dance With Pride Concert" featuring:
The Fest City Singers
Josie Santiago
David Figueroa
Seers and Rowbuck
Smart Answer
Jill Clark
Womonsong
Garrett James
The Cream City Chorus

SUNDAY JUNE 13TH

10:00 Interfaith Service
11:00 FOOD AND DRINK BOOTHS OPEN
PRIDEFEST SHUTTLE BEGINS
Boysfriends (Main Stage)
11:20 Pre Parade Rally
Noon THE PRIDE PARADE
12:45 Post Parade Rally Main Stage
1:00 Organizational Booths open
PrideFest Shuttle resumes
David Robinson and Road Damage Reggae Band
Cream City Squares Square Dance lessons (Stonewall Stage)
1:45 Shoreline Country Western Dancers
Lecture on Breast Cancer (Stonewall Stage)
2:00 Smart Answer
2:15 Shoreline Country Western Dance Lessons (Stonewall Stage)
2:30 Mxalydian Chorus
3:00 Menopause Talk (Stonewall Stage)
3:00 The John Schneider Orchestra
3:30 The Dance Factory Ensemble
Talks on Gay History, Lesbian Herstory (Stonewall Stage)
4:00 The Bay City Chorus
Song Writing Workshop (Stonewall Stage)
4:30 The Iberian Dancers
5:00 The Cream City Squares
Dance Factory Dance Lesson (Stonewall Stage)
5:15 Queer Nation Wedding Ceremony
5:30 Loey Nelson and the Carnival Strippers
6:00 Singational
Poetry Corner (Stonewall Stage)
6:30 Ladies of the Valley
7:00 The BJ Daniels Revue
Throughout the Day, food and drink, rummage sale, sale of pride merchandise,
PrideFest Shuttle runs 11 to Noon and then 1:00 to 9pm, Same for organizational sales
and information booths.

M&M Club, Partners and In Step Providing Free Shuttle To PrideFest

Worried about finding a parking space for Sunday's Pride Celebration? No problem! Park where there are plenty of spaces and ride the free PrideFest Shuttle trolley bus to and from the fest.

Through the generosity of the M and M Club, Partners, the Lambda Rights Network, *Instep* Magazine, and the *Wisconsin Light*, the PrideFest Organizing Committee has been able to rent Milwaukee County's Red Trolley Bus for use as a shuttle.

The Shuttle will be stopping at three locations all of which have ample street parking. Its route will originate at Your Place, 813 S. 1st St. From there it will go to the office of *Instep* Magazine 225 S. 2nd St. The final stop will be the M and M Club 124 N. Water Street. From there it will proceed directly to the festival. On the return trip, the bus will drop off passengers at each of the locations and start the route over.

The shuttle will make two pre-parade runs on Sunday. One will start at 11:00 and the other will begin at 11:30. During the parade the trolley will carry those who are unable to walk the route.

Starting at 1:00 the trolley bus will run

continuously until 9 pm. It should be stopping at each location at least once every 20 to 30 minutes.

Bus stops will be marked by large pink triangles. The shuttle will stop only if there are riders waiting at the stops or if there are riders who want to get off at the stop. No stops will be made at any other points.

PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier is ecstatic over the shuttle. "We can't thank these sponsors enough. Their willingness to give financial support so that people can have easy access to the festival is very gratifying to us. Thanks to them, people won't have to worry about finding a parking place near the festival and a number of people who are physically unable to walk the parade route but who want to participate will be able to do so. These community minded donors deserve all of our thanks."

From California, Former PrideFest President Thanks Volunteers

Commentary By Alan Stroik

One of the hardest parts of leaving Milwaukee behind at the beginning of May was having to resign from the MLGPC. If things hadn't turned out the way they did with my job, I would still be in Milwaukee working to insure Pridefest's success.

As it is, I have to sit back from half way across the country and wonder how the festival turns out. I have a feeling that it will be the biggest and best ever.

Every year the people who organize and run the festival fail to receive the thanks and congratulations they deserve. From the volunteer staff of MLGPC and the Pridefest committee, to the volunteers and entertainers who donate their time, to the members of different organizations that build floats and run information booths; all leave the festival without receiving the recognition they truly deserve.

This year, as you wander the festival grounds, sample the food, enjoy the entertainment and browse the information booths, stop for a minute and let these people know that you appreciate them volunteering their time so everyone can enjoy Pridefest. They are the ones who make it a celebration.

Congratulations to all on what I'm sure will be another sensational Pridefest.

• • •

Have you ever wanted something so badly you could almost taste it in your mouth? (Get out of the gutter for a few minutes — I'm not talking about sex!)

Since I moved out here one of the things I have had the biggest fear of was wondering how I would handle an earthquake.

The other night I found out. About 5:00 in the morning I was jolted awake by a loud rumbling. I woke in time to feel the whole house shudder and shake. I could hear a wave of sound and feel movement run through the house, into the yard and off into the distance.

I sat in bed thinking to myself, "So that is how it feels to be in an earthquake." I wanted to wake up Mike and tell him what had just happened but I thought that a

seasoned, lifelong Californian would have laughed at me for being so excited over a little earth movement.

So as I sat there listening to the house settle back to normal, another bolt of lightning lit up the early morning sky and the house rattled again. The sound of thunder split the skies open and rocked the house. A blast of lightning struck in the neighborhood for the second time that morning.

Yesterday when a REAL earthquake hit 200 miles away, I disappointed myself by not feeling a thing.

Confidential to Paul: Did you call Mom this month?

Rep. Baldwin Introduces Bill to Repeal Abortion Financing Law Ban

[Madison]- On May 17, 1993, State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) introduced legislation to repeal the current prohibition of public financing of most abortions.

Rep. Baldwin stated, "Constitutional rights should not be available only to those who can afford them."

Currently, a woman is not eligible for public medical assistance to pay for an abortion unless the procedure is necessary to preserve her life or prevent grave, long-lasting physical health damage, or if the pregnancy is the result of sexual assault or incest.

"All women, including poor women," continued Baldwin, "have the right to decide for themselves whether and when to have children."

Eight other legislators have co-sponsored Rep. Baldwin's bill.

PRIDE

Pride (prid) *n* 1. A sense of one's own proper dignity, value or self-respect.
2. Satisfaction in one's work and achievements.

BEST D

C•L•I•N•I•C

Serving Milwaukee's
Gay and Lesbian Community
with Pride since 1974

Brady East STD Clinic • 1240 East Brady Street • Milwaukee, WI 53202 • (414) 272-2144

"Your Ultimate Dating Experience"

SoulMates, INC.

We're ready - Are You?

Packages starting at
\$49.95

Stop in for an appointment at:
8626B West Greenfield Ave.
Suite 150

- OR -

Call 881 - 9586

For more information

See Our Booth At Pride Fest '93!

SoulMates^{INC} is a non-discriminatory association believing in equal, just treatment of any individual regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light



Executive & Editorial Offices

1843 N. Palmer
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 372-2773
Light FAX: [414] 289-0789

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Publisher
Jerry Johnson

Executive Editor
Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

Madison News Bureau
John Quinlan
(608) 256-8100

Arts & Entertainment Editor
Geno

Advertising Manager
Jerry Johnson
372-2773

Madison Advertising Representative
John Quinlan
(608) 256-8100

COLUMNISTS

Maytee Aspuro, Jamakaya, Karen Lamb, Ph.D., Bill Meunier, Deb Procknow

REPORTERS

Eugene Brzenk, Ph.D., Sue Burke, Darren J. Foster, Jamakaya, Julie Kleppin, Bill Meunier, John Quinlan, Mary Shafer, Carl Szatmary, Woodrow Thalberg

Typography & Process Graphics
C.S.P., INCORPORATED

THE WISCONSIN LIGHT is published biweekly by NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD., with offices at 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Advertising and copy deadline is the Thursday prior to publication. Opinions expressed by writers in WISCONSIN LIGHT are not necessarily those of the publisher, editor, or our advertisers. Any reference made to any individual or organization should not be construed as an indication of the same's sexual or affection orientation or preference. All copy, text, design, photos, and illustrations in advertisements are published with the understanding that the advertiser is fully authorized and has secured proper written consent for the use of names, pictures, or testimonials of any living person, and WISCONSIN LIGHT may lawfully publish and cause such publication to be made; and the advertiser agrees by submitting ads to indemnify and save blameless the publication of any error that may be contained in said ad. WISCONSIN LIGHT does not accept any responsibility for any claims made by advertisers. The entire contents of WISCONSIN LIGHT are © Copyrighted and protected under the Federal Copyright Act and International Conventions. Reproduction of any portion of any issue will not be permitted without express written permission of NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD. Legal venue is Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Printed in the U.S.A.

Copyright © 1993
By Novo Graphics, Ltd.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
24-hour recording

SUBSCRIPTIONS

First-class subscription rate is \$24.95 for one year (25 issues).
Third-class subscription rate is \$11.95 for one year (25 issues).
Foreign subscription rates available upon request.

Institutional Member



EDITORIAL

PrideFest Volunteers Give Opportunity for Self-Affirmation

Wisconsin Light heartily congratulates the Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay community of Milwaukee and all Wisconsin on the annual celebration of our Pride. We also congratulate all those who have worked long, hard hours in bringing it about. You have done something good, something very good. You have provided to our community an opportunity for a ringing statement of self-affirmation and awareness of who and what we are. In this age of AIDS and right-wing backlash against us, there can be nothing better that we can do.

It is good to frolic and to play. People are most themselves when they are at play. It is good to march in a parade, to see rainbow flags snapping in the wind. It is good to show ourselves in all of our inclusiveness; women and men of all colors, all shapes, all fantasies, all varieties of dress. And it is good to look forward.

Next year in Madison, we will gather once again, but this time for a different purpose. Then, we will come from all over the state to the capital to celebrate and to assert and demand our civil rights. This will be a more serious occasion, a time when we ask for ourselves and others only what America has promised to all its citizens, equality for all.

In Milwaukee this Summer, we will celebrate. In Madison next year, we will march. Wisconsin Light looks forward to both times.

Editor's Note: Whether it be celebration or march, the work that goes into organizing these events is monumental and often thankless. For those of you who wish to lend a hand with Madison's March, call Ben of GALVANize at (608) 256-4289.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Shame To The Media Bigots Who Think They Know How It Is to Be Gay

By Terry Boughner

When you get up in the morning and hear a death threat (from Houston) on the answering machine, the anger builds. Then, on May 22, you read in the Milwaukee Sentinel that Joseph Sobran thinks that "death is a slightly excessive penalty for sodomy." Only a short time before, there was Cal Thomas reminding his readers that the bible requires death for Gay people. Finally, but not last, there's the Vatican statement that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered" so it isn't unjust to discriminate against us.

Of all these people and all the rest that appear without respite in the media these days, there is not one so far as I know, who is Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual. Yet they have the unmitigated brass to tell me what it is to be Gay. Well, friends, I am Gay and I've got a few things to say.

From the people I've heard and read, I'd gather that being Gay is all about sex, nothing but sex. But I live to tell you that they are wrong. Being Gay is about love. It is about that most glorious and most powerful of emotions, that one thing, the only thing in this poor, tired, often dreary world that's worth having. That is love.

Being Gay is about looking into someone's eyes and suddenly realizing that there's no other human being on this earth and you two are all alone, suspended somewhere between earth and the farthest star.

Being Gay is getting to know that person, discovering wonderfully that they are indeed the most important human fact in your life above which there is no other.

Being Gay is about wanting to spend the rest of your life with that person; wanting to build a home with them; wanting to be together as one soul in two bodies, each complete, each joined, not alone any more.

Gay love is about sex just as straight love is, but like the love of two people of the opposite gender, our love transcends sex. Ideally, as with people of different genders, sex for us is the most beautiful, the most wonderful, the most glorious outward symbol of a deep, overwhelming interior reality, the reality of love.

Do we, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gays, live up to this all the time? Of course not. We're human. But neither do we chase down and fall in love with everyone we see.

We are about love and we are about expressing our love. If you think that's "intrinsically disordered" Churchmen of Rome, then may I suggest you look again. Either that, or admit your ignorance and shut up. Your record on civil rights and common humanity over 1,500 years isn't all that good.

And if you columnists, anonymous callers, bible thumpers and others think love is worthy of condemnation and even death, then I for one, will go happily and confidently to my grave knowing that the greatest gift in the cosmos has been mine.

If your god objects to human love, then away with that god.

If your holy book sees love as a sin, then away with that book.

Is the love of one person for another so common that you can despise it? Is the magic, the ineffable sublimity of love so widespread that we can detest it — and feel ourselves righteous in the doing?

Pardon me, you pendants and religious types if I still believe that faith, hope and knowledge itself, all give place to love. Pardon me for believing that love is sacred; that God Himself is Love. Gay or straight, it's all the same.

LETTERS

An Evil Burden

Editor's Note: The following letter to Wisconsin Light is a response to a Letter to the Editor published in the Milwaukee Journal, May 15, 1993, from Katherine Knaack of Greendale, Wisconsin. Knaack objects heatedly to the Journal's giving coverage to the March On Washington without ever mentioning "the disgusting sexual acts that Gay people perform."

TO THE EDITOR:

I've read your Letter to the Editor "Gay March" in Saturday's May 15 Milwaukee Journal several times since it first appeared and I am just amazed.

Oh, what an evil burden you bear. It must be excruciating and overwhelming for you to imagine that two Gay men or women could possibly love one another. Well, indeed they do, Katherine, right in your very nice little Town of Greendale, and it is everything but disgusting.

No, I don't believe The Journal would react the same way to a pro-life, pro-family parade. Wake up and smell the coffee, Katherine! Your pro-life, pro-family ideals have been suppressing the rights of minorities in this country for centuries. I'm thankful to The Journal for recognizing that we have rights, too and for giving our March on Washington the kind of coverage it rightfully deserves.

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

—Thomas Jefferson.
Your letter, your pro-life and pro-family groups make a mockery of the Declaration of Independence. Think about that when your nice families overpower our liberal East Side on the 4th of July.

—Warren B. Plummer
Milwaukee

Homophobia

TO THE EDITOR:

Back when Mayor Norquist took his famous Winter vacation in Israel, which he paid for from his own pocket after there was a public outcry of influence peddling regarding that originally free trip, the Milwaukee Sentinel's phone lines nearly burned up, and its mailbox was stuffed with messages denouncing it as anti-Semitic.

The reason for the accusations of anti-Semitism against the Sentinel was a very insensitive cartoon it had published on its editorial page. Local notables such as Ben Barkin jumped to the Sentinel's defense and averred that it had never ever been anti-Semitic.

The Sentinel seemed to have learned its lesson well. At a later date, its frequent columnist Joseph Sobran was accused of anti-Semitism. Not only was Sobran guilty of speaking out against giving Israel anything and everything it wanted, he had also defended fellow columnist Pat Buchanan against charges of anti-Semitism.

Having burned the toast once, and knowing which side the bread had the butter, the Sentinel quickly dropped Sobran's column.

Now, the Sentinel has resurrected Sobran not just once, but twice in the last month. In both cases, Sobran wrote anti-Gay columns. The Sentinel's own attempt at Gay-baiting (May 15) was an embarrassment not just for its content, but for its eighth-grade writing level.

Apparently Sobran, blacklisted for alleged anti-Semitism, is just too good to resist as a "safe" voice for the Sentinel's homophobia. I'll bet the Sentinel's editorial meeting table resembles that old advertisement for breakfast cereal: "Let Joey try it... He likes it!"

That the Sentinel should resort to a putative anti-Semite to achieve its ends should give thought to the local Jewish community: for what motive did the Sentinel print Sobran's earlier, allegedly anti-Semitic columns? Was the Sentinel using Sobran against Jews in the same way it now uses him against Gays?

—Al Gellersbach
Milwaukee

Gays In Military

TO THE EDITOR:

Many of us thought that the establishment of Gays in the military would be no great problem. We thought it would merely take a stroke of the pen and all would be well. We found out that it is a bit more complicated than that. We also found out that many of the representatives of the nation don't mind if Gays serve the country as long as we shut up about it.

It looks as though this objective may not be taken. As of this writing, everyone is coming up with every possible alternative to Gays being openly members of the military. They'll let us serve, but only if we're nice and quiet about it.

I'm sorry. If I'm good enough to spend years in the service, I'm good enough to do as who I am. I don't plan on any marriage ceremony at the base chapel with crossed swords and the whole bit. I don't plan on demanding on-base housing for my spouse. I do expect that we should be able to serve without having to have one eye looking behind us all of the time.

The number of Gay/Lesbian veterans in this country must be in the many tens of thousands. Among that staggering number of ex-military, there must be many, many medals and decorations. I think what I'll do if this whole enterprise falls through, is to pack up my medals (the dangling ribbon and badge, not the little rectangular ribbon) including my Combat Infantryman's Badge, and mail them back to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I will include a note: "These decorations are returned to an Ungrateful Nation." I figure I will time it for Flag Day, 1994.

I figure if, say, one hundred thousand Gay veterans (and I'm sure there are more than that around yet) do the same, there will be several tons of colorful ribbon and metal along with a lot of terse notes showing up at the nation's capital sometime next June.

I like to think there is at least one Medal of Honor out there given to some Gay or Lesbian veteran that will end up prominently on the Speaker's podium. That alone should embarrass the representatives of the nation, such as they are.

It occurs to me that there is one chance in ten that the remains of the Unknown Soldier, who receives just honor for those who have died, could possibly be one of us. I wonder if some boondoggle committee will try to investigate that.

Perhaps I'll try to communicate this idea to other veterans around the country and see what they think. The Congress should be ashamed of itself.

—Richard L. Mence
Milwaukee

Living With AIDS

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with concern and empathy the article entitled "Not Alone: Living With A Person Living With AIDS" by John Smith (a pseudonym) in the May 13-26 issue of Wisconsin Light. Yes, John (and others like you living with Gay men or are HIV +, there are people to talk with and share with. Men just like you, living with partners or lovers who are positive or who have AIDS.

The Support Group for Partners/Lovers of HIV + Gay men meets each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on the second floor of the BestD Clinic at 1240 East Brady (at Arlington Place).

The group encourages participants to verbalize, vocalize and unload, as they have the need. There are also the usual opportunities to give and receive information, resources, and "things that work."

John, if you feel alone, please join us any Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Your anonymity will be respected as well as your partner's. Incidentally, there is another group for HIV+Gay men which meets separately in the same location at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. If you want more information or just need to talk to someone, please call me at (414) 353-4798 (that invitation goes to others in your shoes).

BestD Clinic is ready and willing to provide services to the Lesbian and Gay community which are not already offered by other agencies. We don't want to re-invent the wheel or duplicate services! If anyone has ideas or suggestions for such services that are within the scope of BestD Clinic's activities, please let me know. Once again my number is (414) 353-4798.

—Ross Walker, President
Brady East STD Clinic
Milwaukee

Make Informed Decisions

The most comprehensive source of information on approved and experimental treatments for HIV infection and related disorders. Annual subscription (four issues) is \$44, outside the U.S., \$66 U.S. currency. For credit card orders, call (800) 39-AmFAR.

People with HIV disease who cannot afford a paid subscription—call 1-800-458-5231.



Cream City Foundation Awards Grants to MLGPC, Libraries

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) has announced its grants for May, 1993. Two grants were approved to purchase material about Gays and Lesbians for local public libraries.

The first grant has provided money to each of the libraries in the Milwaukee County Federated Library System. According to Bill Wilson, the System's Director, there are 27 libraries in the system; 14 in the suburbs, 13 that are part of the Milwaukee Public Library (including the downtown central library) and 2 book mobiles which qualify as libraries for the grant.

A list of suggested titles was compiled by a committee of librarians and community members. The list consisted of introductory material that reflects the broad spectrum of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle. The list was distributed to each library for their selection. Wilson said that when a library had made its choices, they were sent to the central office where a bulk purchase was made.

Each library could purchase up to \$60 in books, Wilson said, with 3 to 6 titles being the usual number selected.

Asked if all the libraries had selected books, Wilson said that "a few chose not to or were late." The ones who chose not to select books, including the East Side branch, did not do it, Wilson said, because "they would have been duplicating titles" in their collections.

An attempt was made to contact Bill Beaudot of the East Side library, but he was in a meeting and could not be reached.

Wilson had high praise for the Foundation. "CCF approached this in a way we would welcome from other organizations," Wilson said. "It allows us to maintain quality and balance in our collection. It (CCF's way of handling the grant) is a much better way of doing things."

Suggested Books

A total of 13 titles were submitted by the Foundation's committee. These include: **Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story**, by Paul Monette; **Bridges of Respect: Creating Support for Lesbian and Gay Youth**, by Katherine Whitlock; **Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men**, Essex Hemphill, ed.; **Home Girls: A Black Feminist Anthology**, Barbara Smith, ed.; **Rubyfruit Jungle**, by Rita Mae Brown. The books will be available for the public to borrow in June.

Second Grant

A second grant places several well known and respected publications in the Central Milwaukee Public Library: **Advocate**, **BLK**, **Common Lives**, **Lesbian Lives**, **Gay Community News**, **Lambda Rising Book Report**, **Off Our Backs** and **OUT/LOOK**. Current and back issues will be available in the downtown library's periodical room. The magazines will be held by the library indefinitely.

To facilitate research, the Milwaukee Public Library has reinstated the **Alternative Press Index**, a publication which indexes the contents of these and other Gay and Lesbian publications.

Grant To The Pride Committee

In a statement issued May 12, 1993, CCF announced that it has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC). The statement said that the Foundation

that the reason for the grant was that the Foundation believes that since 1988 when MLGPC put on its first Pride Parade and Festival, the celebration "has become an extremely important instrument of social change, not only in Milwaukee, but for much of southern and eastern Wisconsin's and northern Illinois' Queer population as well."

The statement went on to say that "The community Pride developed by MLGPC's work is crucial to the advance of our Queer community. The Cream City Foundation is proud to help fund MLGPC's continuing work."

Other Grants

In addition to the grant to MLGPC, the Foundation also awarded two other grants: \$1200 to Milwaukee PBS Channels 10/36 and \$570 to Wisconsin Outdoor Women.

The grant to Channels 10/36 will sponsor three programs in the Point of View (POV) series, two of them about nationally famous Gay writers, Armistead Maupin and Larry Kramer.

The third program is **Silverlake Life**, the story of the life of two lovers with AIDS. **Silverlake Life** won a Sundance Film Festival Award.

The grant to Wisconsin Outdoor Women is to assist them in celebrating their 10th Anniversary on June 26, 1993.

The Cream City Foundation awards grants in January, May and September. Applications may be requested by calling (414) 265-0880.

The Cream City Foundation is the only grant-making community-based foundation in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Financial donations to CCF are welcome. Donations are tax-deductible. Contact CCF at (414) 265-0880 or write: CCF, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Men of all Colors Plans June 5 Meeting

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Men of All Colors Together (MACT) held its first meeting on May 22, 1993. The new chapter has plans for a "get acquainted" social event to be held in July. MACT will be providing social activities, a forum for addressing political issues, and an opportunity for discussion groups on topics of interest to Gay and Bisexual men.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 1993, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the Milwaukee Public Library at 310 Locust. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Veral at (414) 347-0580 or Dave at (414) 527-4296.

Subscribe to Wisconsin Light

1 Year (25 issues)
First Class \$24.95
Third Class \$11.95

1843 N. Palmer St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212

PRIDEFEST Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 13, Juneau Park

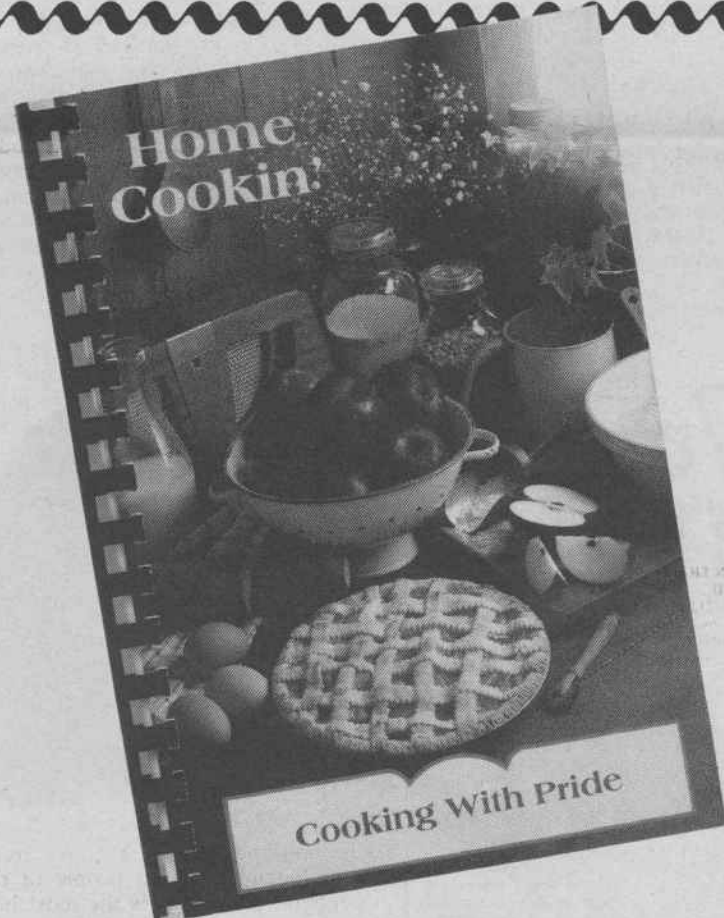
Have items you can donate to the PrideFest Rummage Sale?

WE NEED THEM!

To donate, please call (414) 372-2773 for pick-up or bring items to the Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer St., Milwaukee

OR BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE WISCONSIN LIGHT BOOTH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13!

A Fundraiser for the Parade and Festival Sponsored by The Wisconsin Light



"Cooking With Pride"

The Cookbook with 400 recipes

Purchase your copy at PRIDEFEST

June 12, 13, 1993

A very special benefit for the Pride Parade and Festival

Advance Copies Are Now On Sale At:
Video Adventures - 1418 E. Brady St.;
This Is It; 1100 Club;
Websters Bookstore and Cafe
At Prospect and In Bay View
Wisconsin Light Office

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Light



THIS IS IT!

Celebrate and Enjoy Milwaukee's Sixth Annual PrideFest Weekend!

418 East Wells Street
Milwaukee 278-9192



The Light LIVELY ARTS

Racine Artist Creating Series Of Posters on AIDS Epidemic

[Milwaukee]- Proceeds from the sale of a series of posters reflecting the seriousness of the AIDS epidemic will directly benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), and its service agencies. Thomas Pawzun, a Racine artist, is creating the posters and hopes to raise over \$15,000 for the agency's comprehensive AIDS support services.

The first poster in a series of 12, **Faces of AIDS**, features pencil sketches of four well-known people who have died of AIDS: Rock Hudson, Freddie Mercury, Arthur Ashe and Ryan White. The names of other men and women who have died also appear on the poster.

Pawzun was inspired to create this series by the deaths of five close friends due to AIDS. "It just hit such a nerve in me," he said. "I had to do something."

The second poster, **Share the Ribbon**,

encourages people to recognize those who have died of AIDS by wearing a red ribbon.

Pawzun has started to work on the third poster, **Life Goes On**, which will encourage people with AIDS and those who are HIV positive to follow a healthy lifestyle.

The first two posters are available in Kenosha at Club 94 and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project; at Racine at JoDee's International and Contemporary Junque; and in Milwaukee at This Is It, Partners, the 1100 Club and at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The posters sell for \$10 each.

For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-1991, or the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project at (414) 657-6644.

Kristen Wilson, Nate Lippins To Perform at Borders Book Shop

[Madison]- June is Gay and Lesbian History Month, and in honor of the event, Borders Book Shop in Madison is pleased to host an evening of performance by performance artists Kristen Wilson and Nate Lippins on Thursday, June 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Wilson studied theatre at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will be performing an original piece entitled "Burning in Hell and Other Family Values." She's previously appeared in performances featured in "Mything the Point" at Apple Island in Madison. "Burning in Hell and Other Family Values" addresses issues of acceptance and family.

Lippins is a performance artist who has performed across the U.S. including New York City, San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia and Seattle. His performance at Borders is part of a work-in-progress, "Narrow Escapes" to be premiered in Seattle at the Alice B. Theater later this year.

"Narrow Escapes" is an autobiographical monologue about coming out as a teenager, dropping out of high school, leaving home and moving on. Lippins mixes humor and irony in this conversational piece.

For more information, contact Lisa Sweet at (608) 232-2608.

MAP Food Pantry To Benefit At Fest City Singers' 'Boyfriends'

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Fest City Singers (FCS) is asking persons attending their performances of **Boyfriends** to bring a donation of non-perishable food or personal hygiene items to the theatre to help fill the needs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Food Pantry.

These Food Pantry items benefit individuals and families with HIV disease and AIDS.

Fest City Singers is a member of the Arts Action Committee, a coalition of performing arts groups dedicated to raising awareness and funding for the

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., MAP's parent agency.

Boyfriends, an original musical, written and directed by Peter Mortensen with musical direction by Peggy Lozier, will be presented at the Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson Street in Milwaukee, Friday, June 4 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 5 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Group rates are available. Call the Fest Line for reservations or further information. (414) 263-SING (263-7464).

Paradise Theatre Continues Film Classics

[Milwaukee]- The Paradise Theatre, 62nd and Greenfield in Milwaukee, is pleased to announce the release of the June-July Weekly Classics schedule which includes 14 very exciting film events. Of particular importance is **The Seven Samurai** (June 15-17), a Japanese epic, in its first Milwaukee screening in almost a decade.

In addition to the regular Weekly Classics, the Paradise is continuing its series of silent classics with live accompaniment by local keyboard virtuoso, Sigmund Snopek. There will be one or two evenings each month devoted to the screening of a gem from the early years of cinema with orchestral style accompaniment.

The first silent film event (June 7-8) will feature Rudolph Valentino in **The Sheik**, and a short comedy starring Buster Keaton.

The Paradise will now also feature midnight movies every other Friday and Saturday.

For further information, call (414) 259-5122.

Cream City Chorus To Present 'We, The People' June 19

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd., under the direction of Scott S. Stewart, announces its up-coming Spring concert, "We, the People..." Each of the evening's selections speaks to individual freedoms — or life without them — highlighting those issues which affect the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community.

The performance will be held on Saturday, June 19 at 8:00 p.m. at Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 123 W. State Street in Milwaukee. Tickets may be purchased at the PAC box office; from the Cream City Chorus members; or by calling (414) 344-WCCC (9222).

Advertise In Wisconsin Light

We, the People ...

WISCONSIN
Cream City Chorus, Ltd.
MILWAUKEE

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Limited • In Concert
Saturday, June 19, 1993 • 8:00 PM
Milwaukee Performing Arts Center • Vogel Hall
Tickets \$5.00 in advance • \$6.00 at the door
Available through Chorus members 344-WCCC
and the Performing Arts Center Box Office 273-7206

BOYFRIENDS

The Show that asks the musical question:
"WHY BOTHER?"

Written & Directed by:
Peter Mortensen

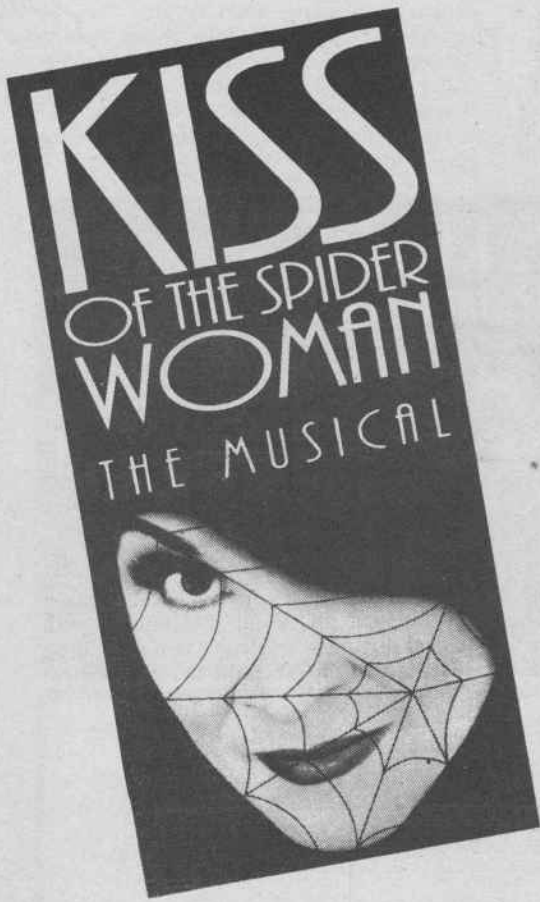
Musical Direction by:
Peggy Lozier

PERFORMED BY
FEST CITY SINGERS

FRIDAY JUNE 4, 1993 8:00 PM
SATURDAY JUNE 5, 1993 8:00 PM
SUNDAY JUNE 6, 1993 2:00 PM
SUNDAY JUNE 6, 1993 7:30 PM
ADMISSION: \$8 in advance \$10 at the door
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE

SKYLIGHT OPERA THEATRE
814 N. JEFFERSON ST., MILWAUKEE
Reserve your tickets by calling 263-SING

THEATRE



A GAY FANTASIA ON NATIONAL THEMES
ANGELS IN AMERICA
MILLENNIUM APPROACHES

2nd SMASH YEAR!
THE BEST MUSIC ON BROADWAY!
WINNER! 1992 TONY AWARDS
BEST SCORE • BEST BOOK
"THE BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR!"
Joel Siegel, WABC-TV

FALSETTOS
EVERYBODY'S MUSICAL

**Gay Themes Prevalent In Broadway
Threatre String of Hit Shows**

By Geno

[New York, NY]- When news that Harold Prince, together with composer John Kander and lyricist Fred Ebb, was directing *Kiss of the Spider Woman* as a musical with Chita Rivera in the title role, scoffers asked, "How can they possibly do it?" Well, they've done it, brilliantly. Within days of opening, *Kiss* was awarded the New York Critics Circle Award and since then, the musical has garnered eleven Tony nominations.

Gay and in Jail

The story of two men, one of them Gay, imprisoned in a Latin American jail, has been kept intact. Like the novel by Manuel Puig (1976), and the play and the movie (1985), it traces the way the two men work out their differences, personal, political, and sexual. Molina (Brent Carver), the window dresser, loves to talk, to brighten up the small cell with his artistic touches, while Anthony Crivello as Valentin the revolutionary political prisoner, draws a line down the middle and warns, "Just stay on your side of the line."

Eventually, the brutality and endless waiting of prison life forces the two to exchange life stories and ideas. Molina relieves the boredom and worry with his imaginative retelling of the plots from movies made by Aurora, a movie diva of the '30's, a combination of Dolores del Rio with even a bit of Carmen Miranda. With each retelling, the small cell disappears and Chita Rivera and her chorus boys take over the stage, re-enacting scenes from early Technicolor movies.

The Players

Although recently celebrating her 60th birthday, Rivera sings and dances with all the passion and panache of her role as Anita in *West Side Story* over 30 years ago. She and the two male leads have been nominated for Tonys — it should be a clean sweep.

Canadian actor Brent Carver, makes a brilliant Broadway debut as Molina, a debut that has been called electrifying by the critics. Comparisons with William Hurt's movie portrayal are invidious; Hurt deserved the Oscar for a well-thought out acting job at a time when Gays were not being portrayed sympathetically in films. Carver's Molina is completely honest, likable and mischievous — he remains loyal to Valentin.

Milwaukee native, Anthony Crivello, familiar to local audiences from appearances with the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre and other area venues, made his Broadway debut as Che in *Evita* and brings the same strength and passion to the role of Valentin. His rich baritone voice can be soft and tender in duets with Marta his sweetheart, or ring with power when he sings of *The Day* when tyranny will be overthrown.

The book, by Terrence McNally, changes the ending so that Molina is back in jail and he and Valentin undergo torture together. The final curtain is another

scene taking place in Molina's imagination as he sees himself dancing in white tie and tails with *The Spider Woman*. All the characters watch, seated in a small movie theatre, as Molina receives his reward, *The Kiss of the Spider Woman*.

"A Shiver of Pure Theatre"

According to the *New York Times*

By now, *Angels in America* is known as a play seven and a half hours long that won the Pulitzer even while in lengthy tryouts abroad and around the country. The first half, three and a half hours long, is now on Broadway with 9 Tony nominations. Like *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, it is highly theatrical though with obvious intentions to shock, again and again.

This half of the play focuses on three intertwined stories. Joe, a sincere young man, a Mormon, suspecting that the his homosexual, turns his wife into a Valium junkie since he cannot be honest with her or himself.

Louis and Prior are Gay lovers, but Lou abandons his lover when he learns that Prior has AIDS.

Dominating all of the action is Ron Leibman in a bravura performance as the historical Roy Cohn. As Senator Joe McCarthy's right-hand man, he pursued Communists and homosexuals in government though he was a homosexual himself. Even when dying of AIDS, he continued to deny his sexuality — "I'm a heterosexual who fucks around with guys."

To him, money and power were all that counted and during his illness, he used his clout to obtain AZT when it was unavailable to others. He influenced the presiding judge in the Rosenberg case to change the sentence from life imprisonment to death. Hardly a candidate for a Gay Pantheon.

My main objection is to the play's dwelling on the sordid aspects of Gay life without any redeeming features. Lou, walking in Central Park, lowers his pants to be serviced onstage. ("Hey, the condom broke...Just keep going.") His Jewish guilt about having abandoned Prior is repetitious and tiresome.

Prior is undressed completely to display his Kaposi lesions and emaciated body, a Grand Guignol touch designed seemingly only to shock. Playwright Tony Kushner's portentous message in this half of *Angels* is that the country, the world, is going to Hell in a handbasket. In the final scene, an angel crashes through the ceiling above the dying man and announces: "Greetings, Prophet! The great work begins. The messenger has arrived!" Did I say portentous? Pretentious?

The second three and a half hour segment entitled *Perestroika*, is still being hammered out and due to play alternately with *Angels* in October. Will Kushner's dismal apocalyptic vision fulfill its subtitle as "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes?"

On Broadway and Off

Broadway and Off Broadway theatres have produced a surprising number of successful plays on Gay themes which approach their subjects on a less sensational level. William Finn's *Falsettos* on Broadway and Paul Rudnick's *Jeffrey* at the Minetta Lane Theatre in the Village, now rank as long-running shows.

Falsettos opens with Mandy Patinkin as Marvin, leaving his wife for Whizzer, a younger man. The musical traces the working out of a complex situation on a very human level. Much of the action is seen through the eyes of Marvin's young son, Jason, who often understands more than the adults do. When Whizzer contracts AIDS, the situation brings all of the principals together in a positive way.

AIDS figures almost like a *deus ex machina* in most Gay-themed plays and musicals. *Jeffrey*, which describes itself as tackling the serious subject of AIDS with humor, optimism and romance, does

just that leaving audiences smiling when they leave the theatre.

Jeffrey, who has been a bit of a slut, decides that being celibate is the only way to go in the time of AIDS. He resists all kinds of temptation, deciding to leave New York for his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The premise provides occasions for all sorts of humorous and serious encounters.

Steve, a magnificent hunk, who sincerely loves Jeffrey, cannot get him to change his mind. Steve is HIV positive and positive is how he faces up to the inevitable. The final scene of the play has the two men tapping a balloon back and forth on the observation platform of the Empire State building. It's inspired, playful, uplifting — touching in its simplicity.

'Last Summer at Bluefish Cove' Receives Encore

[Milwaukee]- *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* is a play by Jane Chambers, involving Lesbian love, humor, friendship and loss. The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMMEF) is sponsoring an encore performance of this play at Milwaukee's Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street (adjoining the Central Library): Friday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.; and a Sunday Matinee on June 20, at 2:00 p.m.

After having endured much controversy for their March show at Marquette University, the actresses, all Marquette students and alumni, including director Debra S. Krajec, are all thrilled to offer this encore performance to the Lesbian and Gay community and family and friends.

The cast is enthusiastic about the community education and outreach possibility. A talk-back after Friday's performance is scheduled for anyone who would like the opportunity to talk to the cast members and the director.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Visit Outpost, Peoples Book Store, Fannies, Nitengales, or the Lesbian Pride Tent at the PrideFest Rally for purchase of tickets. Look for signs of ticket sales at other outlets as they are secured. You may also purchase tickets by sending an SASE with your check to: LAMMEF, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. **Be sure to indicate the performance you wish to attend.**

After each performance, the following bars have committed to offering \$1 off your first drink price with a ticket stub: Fannies, Nitengales and 3Bs.

A special thank you to *Wisconsin Light* and *In Step* for assisting us with free advertising space and promotion of the event.

ENCORE PERFORMANCE

Jane Chambers'

"Last Summer at Bluefish Cove"

Directed by: Debra S. Krajec

Sponsored by:

**The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee
Education Fund**

With support from:

In Step and
Wisconsin Light

Friday, June 18, 7:30pm
Saturday, June 19, 7:30pm
Sunday Matinee, 2:00pm

Centennial Hall
733 North 8th Street
(adjoining the Central Library)

Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.
Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check to: LAMMEF, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203
***Be sure to indicate the performance you wish to attend.**

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Washington D.C. ACT-UP Folds

[Washington, D.C.] ACT UP/DC voted on May 18, 1993, by an "overwhelming majority" to disband itself. Effective immediately, the group will cease its operation. The group will liquidate its assets to eliminate its liabilities.

The group folded due to lack of interest, members and money within the Gay/AIDS community. "Trying to keep ACT UP afloat has become like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic to keep it from sinking; it just isn't going to work. What happened with ACT UP/DC is just the tip of the iceberg, I predict that other ACT UP chapters will soon follow suit," said ACT UP/DC founder, Stephen J. Smith.

Michael Petrelis said ACT UP/DC members are "burnt out beyond belief."

March Brings \$177 Million to D.C.

[Washington, D.C.] The March On Washington and the events surrounding it brought in the neighborhood of \$177 million in revenue to the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, according to the D.C. Convention and Visitors Association (WCVA)

Although crowd estimates have varied, WCVA derived the \$177 million figure based on March organizers' estimate of at least one million people. The figure is broken down into hotel occupancy (\$7 million); shopping and entertainment (\$50 million); public transportation (\$30 million); food (\$90 million).

Officials from WCVA said they used conservative figures in estimating the total.

Montana Supports Human Rights

[Seattle, WA] Seattle Gay News reporter, Tom Flint, reports that in Billings, Montana, the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi Skinheads began handing out leaflets denouncing "Rich Jews" for financing the "Montana Homo Rights Network." The result was a civil rights march in Billings attended by some 600 people on May 2. The march was sponsored by the Community Coalition to Oppose Hate Groups, a Billings-based group. "The Coalition is speaking for Billings, and serves notice to these hate groups that they are opposed," said Billings Police Chief Wayne Inman.

Hate literature in Montana, Flint reports, is largely focused against Gays and Lesbians and frequently appears on car windshields or graffiti on buildings.

Sailor Admits Murder, Gets Life

[Yokosuka, Japan] Terry Helvey has admitted killing Gay sailor Allen Schindler, but his admission of guilt may keep the issue of homophobic violence in the military from further public scrutiny in the case. Helvey pleaded innocent to charges that he tried to convince Charles Vins to lie about the crime.

Vins, a sailor who participated in the murder and pleaded guilty to charges of resisting arrest and failing to report a serious crime in return for his testimony against Helvey, received a dishonorable discharge and a reduced sentence of four months.

The judge in the case, Cmdr. David P. Holcombe, has yet to rule on Helvey's plea. If Holcombe accepts Helvey's plea, the defendant would be tried only on the obstruction of justice charge relating to Vins, ending Gay activists' hopes for an investigation of homophobic conditions on the Belleau Wood.

Editor's Note: Dorothy Hajdys, Schindler's mother, received her wish that Helvey would receive life in prison. He was sentenced to life, as **Light** goes to press.

Fire-Bombers Guilty of Murder

[Portland, OR] Two men have been convicted of felony murder in the deaths of a Lesbian and a Gay man in Portland, Oregon, last Fall at the height of the campaign against homophobic Measure 9.

According to Portland's **Just Out**, Leon Tucker and Philip Wilson were found guilty of throwing Molotov cocktails into the basement apartment of Hattie Mae Cohens and Brian Mock. In addition to murder charges, Tucker and Wilson, identified as Skinheads, were found guilty of racial intimidation.

During the trial, evidence was presented that the intended victims were relatives of Cohens, who was African American, and that the crime was more a racist one than homophobic.

Family Values Tactics Criticized

[Colorado Springs, CO] Colorado for Family Values (CFV) co-founder Tony Marco, who was also the primary author of Colorado's Amendment 2, has condemned the group's strategy of portraying Gays as perverts, saying it costs votes and promotes violence against Gays, according to **Out Front** in Denver.

A Colorado Springs free-lance writer, Marco left the group during the campaign for financial and philosophical reasons. In a letter to CFV Chair Will Perkins, he warned that the group could self-destruct by "rubbing the faces of the state's people in repulsive, extremist homosexual behavior."

Out Front reports that Marco becomes one more in a growing number of former CFV members and Amendment 2 supporters who have expressed disenchantment with CFV's increasingly strident reliance on Gay-bashing.

Maine Governor Vetoes Gay Bill

[Portland, ME] Maine Governor John R. McKernan on May 6, vetoed legislation that would have prohibited discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in that state.

McKernan's action makes Maine the second state in which such legislation was passed, but then vetoed by the governor. Pete Wilson of California vetoed similar legislation in 1991 as did California governor George Deukmejian in 1984.

An attempt by the Maine Senate to override McKernan's veto fell two votes short of success. Activists say they expect victory in 1995, the next year the legislature meets.

General Schwartzkopf Shifts

[Washington, D.C.] General Norman Schwartzkopf, who led the war in the Persian Gulf, in testifying before the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee on May 11, 1993, shifted from opposing lifting the ban against Gays in the military to one of support for the "don't ask...don't tell" compromise.

During questioning, Schwartzkopf said that he had served with a "brilliant" Gay lieutenant in Korea. Then he said, "If a person chooses to come in (to the military) and does not engage in homosexual acts, then... they are not engaging in homosexual behavior," the **Washington Blade** reported.

"If we continue to practice the interim measure (don't ask... don't tell), could you live with it?" asked Sen. Charles Robb (D-VA). "Absolutely," Schwartzkopf replied.

New Oregon Anti-Gay Measure

[Salem, OR] Oregon Citizens Alliance members filed a new anti-Gay initiative in that state in early May, hoping that voters approve passage if they gather enough signatures to put the measure on the ballot in November, 1994.

The new measure, which is more specific, but less inflammatory than Measure 9, defeated by voters last year, would amend the state's constitution to prohibit anti-discrimination laws protecting Gays.

The new measure is titled "The Minority Status and Child Protection Act." It would prohibit schools from teaching children that being Gay is "the legal equivalent of race, color, religion, gender, age, or national origin."

The new measure also specifies that it does not intend for Gays to be fired or denied permits, business licenses, or services because of their sexual orientation.

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.

Vegetable and Flower Plants Still Available

Still need some vegetable and flower plants for your yard? The **Wisconsin Light** still has a selection available. Proceeds of this sale go to the Milwaukee Pride

Committee as a benefit to raise funds for the June 12-13 festival and parade.

Several varieties of tomatoes and green peppers, eggplant and parsley are still available. In addition, flowers are on sale. Petunias, salvia, wax begonias, dusty miller, impatiens and marigolds can be purchased. If you still need plants, call 372-2773 for up to date information on what's available.



THE KLARK GROUP
HAIRDRESSING

50% Off
YOUR NEXT HAIR DESIGN
INCLUDING CONSULTATION, CUT & STYLE

PLEASE USE THIS ON YOUR VERY FIRST VISIT. SELECTED STYLISTS ONLY.

773 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET / 224-1783 • HOURS: 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Alternative Connections™

*A Matching Service for
Same-Sex Relationships
and Friendships*

*For Free Information
Call (414) 765-1233*

Personalized • Discreet • Confidential

HIV POSITIVE MEN & WOMEN NEEDED FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH STUDIES

We are an experienced Research Clinic currently working with major pharmaceutical companies to conduct Research Studies

Study #1 (8131-3)

- June, Men only, 19-55 years
- Participants who complete the study receive \$750.00
- Involves three 36 hour stays at our clinic

Study #2 (8158)

- July, Men only, 18-40 years
- Participants who complete the study receive \$800.00
- Involves four 24 hour stays at our clinic
- Requires CD4 counts above 200

Study #3 (8178A)

- June, Men and Women, 18-55 years
- Participants who complete the study receive \$900.00
- Involves three 48 hour stays at our clinic
- Requires CD4 counts of 50 to 500

Travel and child care allowances provided
Some restrictions apply

608-283-3519 (Madison, WI.) OR 1-800-732-2528

Besselaar Clinical Research Unit
Madison, WI 53715

Medical College of WI Leading Center for AIDS Prevention Research

[Milwaukee]- In less than three years, the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has become a leading national center for research that is identifying improved new approaches for HIV prevention and improved methods to meet the mental health needs of persons with HIV infection.

In just this short period of time, the MCW Community Health Behavior Program has attracted nearly \$10 million in federal research funding that is addressing such questions as how to help Gay men consistently maintain behavior changes to reduce their risk of contracting HIV; how to develop and extend effective AIDS prevention programs to better reach inner-city women, the chronic mentally ill, and the homeless; and how to provide mental health services that can assist men and women with HIV infection cope with the stresses and emotional ramifications of their health status.



JEFFREY A. KELLY, Ph.D.

Milwaukee, Not San Francisco and New York

"People think of San Francisco and New York as the centers for research on AIDS, yet Milwaukee has now gained a reputation for major research on HIV prevention and mental health issues," said Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of

Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences and Director of the MCW Community Health Behavior Program.

There are two reasons for Milwaukee's new prominence in AIDS research, said Dr. Kelly. "First, we have been able to attract to the Medical College of Wisconsin a group of behavioral scientist faculty who devote all their effort to HIV prevention and mental health research, as well as 25 community research personnel who have dedicated their careers to solving problems related to AIDS.

"Second, Milwaukee is a city in many ways representative of much of the country where AIDS prevention is urgently needed and where it must work. Approaches to that work in Milwaukee can be used by public health and AIDS organizations throughout the nation."

As an example of the attention being given to AIDS studies conducted in Milwaukee, Dr. Kelly pointed out that nine different presentations will be made by Community Health and Behavior Program researchers at the International Conference on AIDS that takes place in Berlin, Germany, June 5-11, 1993.

Also in the past year, over 15 scientific articles have been published by the MCW group in national public health and medical journals.

The objective of the presentations and articles is to inform public health, mental health, and AIDS service organizations about new approaches that appear most effective in preventing HIV infection, and in assisting persons with HIV disease. With this information, community and public health organizations can improve their AIDS prevention activities and services to persons with HIV infection.

Frightening Statistics

Within the Gay community, knowledge about AIDS is high, but many men have trouble putting that knowledge into consistent effect.

"Unfortunately, HIV is now prevalent among Gay men, with about 10% of men infected in very small American cities and over half of men in cities like San Francisco are already HIV positive," said Dr. Kelly.

"This means that there is now little margin for error in following safer sex practices. It also means that we must shift our attention from providing very

basic AIDS education to a new generation of HIV prevention efforts which help people to actually make and then consistently maintain risk reduction changes," Dr. Kelly said.

Community Health Behavior Program research is evaluating the benefits of groups that help Gay men learn specific strategies for avoiding unsafe sex "lapses," approaches that provide support for maintaining behavior change, and friends-talking-to-friends approaches that make risk avoidance an accepted social norm within the Gay community.

Although a number of their studies are evaluating approaches for stopping new HIV infections in the Gay community, the MCW researchers are also addressing AIDS prevention methods with other vulnerable communities.

"Because AIDS is disproportionately affecting the urban poor, ethnic minorities, and women in addition to Gay men, we have launched large-scale HIV prevention research focusing on the socially-disadvantaged," said Dr. Kelly.

"Examples include projects that evaluate women's risk reduction support groups offered in Milwaukee inner-city health care clinics, programs that incorporate AIDS prevention into mental health clinics serving the chronic mentally ill, and evaluations of HIV prevention for homeless men and women. In each case, our research is attempting to find the best ways to help disadvantaged and disenfranchised people reduce their risk for contracting HIV," Dr. Kelly said.

Living Longer and Better

"As people with HIV live longer, it is critical to also help people with HIV live better," Dr. Kelly said. "For that reason, our research also identifies the mental health needs of people with HIV disease and evaluates the effectiveness of mental health services to meet those needs and improve life quality."

In an article published in the May, 1993 issue of *Health Psychology*, a research team headed by Dr. Kelly found that persons with HIV disease often have high levels of depression, that high depression is related to absence of personal social supports, and that persons who cope

better emotionally with HIV infection are less likely to abuse chemical substances and less likely to engage in unprotected sex.

In a related study to be published later this year in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, an MCW team directed by Dr. Kelly, Debra Murphy, Ph.D., and G. Richard Bahr, Ed.D., evaluated 8-session small group mental health interventions for depressed persons with HIV infection. That research established that even brief specialized mental health services produced evidence of reduced depression, improved coping, and more healthful self-care regimens among HIV-positive persons.

"These findings," reports Dr. Kelly, "underscore the need to make available high-quality mental health services to the one to two million people in the country with HIV, many of whom will need — and can benefit from — help in coping in order to maintain and improve their quality of life."

UW Gay Alumni Reunion July 18

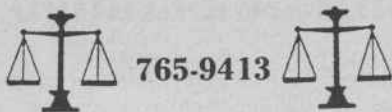
[Madison]- At its Spring meeting, the University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council unanimously elected Mary Alice Mowry and Dick Wagner as 1993 Co-Chairs and is busy making plans for the '93 Reunion Brunch to be held Sunday, July 18 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend), from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union on the Madison campus. In addition to the presentation of distinguished alumni awards, the Reunion Brunch will offer a short informational update regarding the progress of student activities and support as well as academic concerns.

The Council welcomes the support of all alumni, university friends, students and faculty and staff. To add your name to the mailing list or to request further information, write to: UW G/L/B Alumni Council c/o WAA, 650 N. Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706 or call (608) 257-8580.

Thomas E. Martin

ATTORNEY AT LAW

General Practice of Law
Fifteen Years Experience



765-9413

Serving the Lesbian and Gay Community.

PROCKNOW ATTORNEY AT LAW

Domestic partner protection (wills, power of attorney, etc.), Unemployment Compensation, Equal Rights, Family Law, Landlord/tenant, and Social Security disability.

Home Visits Arranged

Call Deb Procknow (414) 769-7265

Kathleen A. Neville MS, MSW
Psychotherapist
Lakeshore Clinic
3970 N. Oakland, Suite 502
Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211
414.332.3331

OFFICE HOURS BY APPOINTMENT



THEODORE I. FRIEDMAN, Ph.D.
COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Private, discreet services in a non-medical setting, by a highly experienced professional.

Suite 206, 2266 N. Prospect Avenue
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202; (414) 272-2427
Suite 2506, 55 E. Washington
CHICAGO, IL 60602; (312) 726-5241

DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONALS

BESTD

1240 East Brady Street • Milwaukee, Wisconsin

HIV Counseling and Testing
Sexually transmitted disease diagnosis, testing and treatment
Alternative Womens' Clinic
Support Group for HIV + Gay Men and Lovers/Partners of HIV + Gay Men

Call for Information and Appointment

272-2144

BOTTOM LINE TRAVEL

964-6199 or 800 933-8330

GAY OWNED & OPERATED

CONTINUING TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

MEMBER: I.G.T.A.

3610 N. OAKLAND AVE.

Bon Voyage
TRAVEL, INC

For All Your Travel Needs

Call
(414) 771-5530

7935 Harwood Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Portrait Photography

Business • Personal
Passports
Old Photographs Copied & Restored
Theatrical
Pets

Breitlow Studio

7405 West Harwood Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI

476-3777

REAL ESTATE

IF YOU ARE BUYING OR SELLING,
PLEASE CALL ME:
DAVID CHESTER

(414) 964-3900

Mediterranean Villa— Uplifting & dramatic, this architecturally significant gem features stepdown beamed ceiling living room, high energy kitchen & pavillion style family room.

Knickerbocker Condo— Grand New York style, coupled with generous room sizes, top flight restaurants in your lobby, & old world charm.

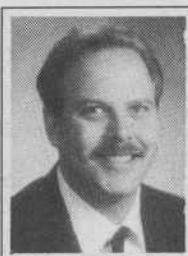
10% of my commission at closing will be donated to the AIDS charity of your choice when you mention this ad.

Prime East Side— Smashing 3 level townhouse condo with private garden & heated parking. Walk to Coffee Trader & Sendiks. Loaded with costly upgrades.

North Shore Treasures— Great selection of vintage bungalows, loaded with charm, style & value.

Federated Realty Group, Inc.
We're your home team.

6000 N. Port Washington Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53217



Alan Strozak
Realtor®

Moving across town?
Moving across state?
Moving across country?

I have the answers to your relocation concerns.

(608) 276-3161
(608) 276-3171 FAX
(608) 271-9142 Home

COLDWELL BANKER SVEUM REALTORS®
2817 Fish Hatchery Road
Madison, WI 53713

'Magic' Johnson Basketball Star To Co-Chair Sept. 26 AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- Ervin "Magic" Johnson, retired Los Angeles Lakers star and 1992 Olympic "Dream Team" member, will co-chair and participate in the 1993 Wisconsin AIDS Walk, organizers announced on May 20.

Johnson will co-chair the event with Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy, who formerly coached Johnson in Los Angeles.

Johnson's role as co-chair with Dunleavy was announced during a news conference at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The conference was attended by Dunleavy, MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson and others.

"Coach Dunleavy and I both know the importance of a team effort to win the game. We'd like a strong team effort from the entire state of Wisconsin to help make this year's AIDS Walk a great success," Johnson said in a special video message recorded earlier in Los Angeles for the news conference.

Coach Dunleavy said, "Magic and I encourage thousands of Wisconsinites to join us on September 26 along Milwaukee's lakefront to support AIDS care, education and research. I'm glad to be working with him again, especially on such an important effort."

Johnson retired from professional basketball after testing positive for HIV. He has since devoted much of his time to promoting awareness and education about HIV disease.

During his videotaped message, Johnson stated that he looks forward to "joining my friend, Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy, as we work together to help meet the challenges" of HIV-AIDS.

Nelson said, "We're honored to have an internationally recognized sports star as our co-chair for 1993. The participation of Magic Johnson and Coach Dunleavy in this year's Walk can help make it a success."

According to Nelson, the 4th Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 26, at Milwaukee's lakefront. Approximately 6,000 walkers are expected to participate this year, with

a fundraising goal of \$550,000. The proceeds collected will be distributed among organizations providing AIDS services throughout Wisconsin.

Johnson's scheduled appearance is made possible by Miller Brewing Company. Last year, Miller entered into a partnership with the Magic Johnson Foundation to promote HIV-AIDS education and awareness. As part of the partnership, Miller contributed \$500,000 to the Foundation for community-based AIDS groups throughout the country, including the seven states where Miller operates its breweries.

MET Opera Singer Joins MAP Benefit

[Milwaukee]- The second annual "A Grand Night of Singing," an evening of opera arias and ensembles produced by Singers' Career Development (SCD) to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), will be performed by six well-known singers including Metropolitan Opera Artist Kitt Reuter-Foss, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp Street, Milwaukee on Saturday, June 19, 1993, at 8:00 p.m.

This annual gala will feature popular performers singing a varied program of arias and ensembles from *La Traviata*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, *Così fan Tutte*, *Candide*, *The Old Maid and the Thief* and *Die Fledermaus*.

The featured performers this year are: Sopranos Debra Hogan, Kathleen Matts, and Rachelle Starr; Mezzo Kitt Reuter-Foss; Tenor Timothy Bradley, and Baritone James Sampson. They will be accompanied by pianists Jeffrey Peterson, Janet Ashley, and Elna Hickson.

Tickets for the benefit are \$15 per person. Advance tickets are available by mail. Send a SASE with a check made up to: SCD/MAP to: SCD, 3419 N. Dousman Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212-1735. Mail requests received after June 11, will be held for pickup at the door, where tickets can also be purchased the evening of the gala.

Wisconsin Outdoor Women Celebrate 10 Years with Celebration

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, June 26, 1993, Wisconsin Outdoor Women is inviting the Milwaukee women's community to attend its 10 year Anniversary celebration. This event will honor the achievements and successes of the organization and the hundreds of women whose involvement has enabled the organization to thrive.

An evening program will feature Ann Linnea, an outdoor adventurer, educator, activist and author. She recently circumnavigated Lake Superior in a kayak and will share the challenges, beauty and inspiration of her journey.

The evening's entertainment, to be hosted by a local woman radio personality, will include: an audio-visual show highlighting memorable events of the past ten years; a volunteer award presentation, and dinner provided by a local caterer.

The event is sponsored in part, by a grant from Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation. It will take place at the Shorewood Women's Club, located at 3565 N. Morris Boulevard in Shorewood, from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available to members and non-members by writing: Wisconsin Outdoor Women, P.O. Box 92434, Milwaukee, WI 53202, or by calling (414) 643-8645. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

A Decade of Growth

Wisconsin Outdoor Women is a volunteer-run organization which sponsors outdoor recreational, social and educational activities. In the past ten years, our membership has participated in hundreds of day and weekend-long trips, from nature hikes to high adventure rock climbing. Current membership ranges from 80 to 90 women, mainly from the Milwaukee area, but often from other parts of Wisconsin and Illinois.

Wisconsin Outdoor Women (WOW) was founded in June of 1983 by a visionary group of women committed to providing the women's community with an organized way to share in their love of nature, respect for Mother Earth, outdoor skills and spirit of adventure and fun.

From the beginning, WOW has been a Lesbian grassroots organization, primarily drawing upon the Lesbian community for the enthusiasm of its membership and the talent of its

leadership. Through WOW, many hundreds of women of varying lifestyles have had the opportunity to network with each other, establish a circle of friends, and develop on-going mutually supportive relationships.

Wisconsin Outdoor Women prides itself in making a long-standing contribution to the Milwaukee Lesbian community. There are, unfortunately, far too few organizations of its kind that can reflect back on 10 years of viable and active history. The 10 year Anniversary celebration on June 26, 1993, is a way of commemorating such a significant milestone, giving a well-deserved recognition to the women who made it all possible and looking forward to future years of service to the Lesbian Community of Milwaukee.

Dykes To Watch Out For



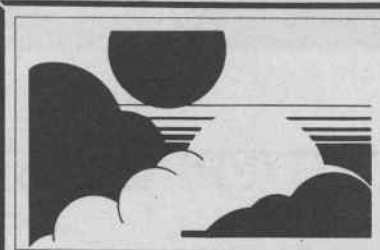
WSA COMMUNITY PHARMACY

nutritious holistic body care co-op

bulk herbs & herbal formulas, tinctures & teas, homeopathics, vitamins, nutritional supplements, safe & fun pleasure products, natural hair & body care, holistic health books, aromatherapy, essential, fragrance & massage oils, quirky & informative staff, and a full prescription pharmacy.

All this with a staff that is gay and lesbian friendly (sometimes very friendly). Come see us, we won't necessarily give you the straight answer.

341 State Street (Entrance on Gorham) Madison, WI (608) 251-3242



Wisconsin Outdoor Women

TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SHOREWOOD WOMAN'S CLUB - JUNE 26, 1993 - 5:00-11:00

BUFFET DINNER, PROGRAM, VIDEO RETROSPECTIVE
TICKETS \$12.00 - Purchase at PrideFest - LAMM tent*

Narrated Slide Show by Ann Linnea, Ecofeminist, Educator

*OR mail a SASE with check payable to Wisconsin Outdoor Women to: WOW, PO Box 92434, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Specify scandia chicken or pasta alfredo as entree.

This herstoric women's event is made possible in part by a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

Bi? Shy? Why? Madison Members Reflect On D.C. March

While stuck in traffic at the corner of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue on Saturday afternoon in Georgetown, we overheard one female police officer say to another, "You know, I really don't mind them so much; they're very sweet."

I participated in the Pro-Choice March for Women's Lives in Washington last year, and I couldn't help but compare the two experiences. The goals of the March for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation were similar to the Pro-Choice March in the sense that it was a civil rights march which promoted personal choice.

The 1993 March On Washington felt more like a joyous celebration, a parade of color and imagery. The Pro-Choice March had a more serious tone. During the Pro-Choice March, I felt sad and indignant that we had to fight to give women control over their own bodies and lives.

During the March On Washington, I felt uplifted by the energy and playfulness of the crowd. Exuberant Bi, Gay, Lesbian and straight people marched with broad smiles and beautiful banners which combined to say "Join us, it'll be fun."

Bi? Shy? Why? Group Meets Regularly In Madison

[Madison]- Members of Madison's group Bi? Shy? Why? attended the March On Washington carry a banner that read, "Bi? Shy? Why?, Working Towards Queer Equality, Madison Wisconsin." Our banner poles were so large they were shipped air freight to Washington, D.C., arriving before we did.

Nearly 20 members of our group attended the March and many of us participated in the National Conference Celebrating Bisexuality, held at American University on Saturday, April 24. Featured speakers included: Dr. Faraje-Jones, Professor of the School of Divinity at Howard University, Loraine Hutchins and Lannie Kahamanu, co-editors of *Bi Any Other Name; Bisexuals Speak Out*; and Warren J. Blumenfeld, co-author of *Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life*, and author of *AIDS and Your Religious Community*, and editor of *Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price*. Speakers and workshops were exceptional, with more than 60 workshops offered, it was difficult to decide what to attend.

Workshops of note included: "Bisexuals, Lesbians and Gays: Building Political Alliances." Warren Blumenfeld and Robin Oches facilitated this well-attended and very thoughtful workshop. Paula Rust and Ron Fox both presented the findings of their independent research studies at a workshop entitled "Current Research in Bisexuality."

DC provided an emotional high with many rich memories of community. As Bi activists, we sometimes feel alone or excluded in the Queer community, we didn't in DC; we felt enriched sharing this experience with our Queer brothers and sisters.

Since this was the first year that Bi's were a recognized part of the March, many of us chose to march with the Bi contingent. It was empowering to join more than 400 people at the conference and to march with them and other Bi's. After we completed the March, many of us joined up with Wisconsin to march again.

Outing ourselves, being visible in the community and working hard to build alliances with the Gay and Lesbian community is the clear message many of us came home with (I outed myself to a client at the Chicago airport on the way back from the March.)

Bi? Shy? Why? continues to meet regularly to discuss issues, network, share information, organize political actions and socialize. We are a loosely structured group who welcome anyone interested in Bisexual, Lesbian or Gay issues to drop in and join us.

Come to our meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the LGB Campus Center, 336 W. Dayton Street, Madison.

Editor's Note: This article was to have appeared in the last issue of *Light*. Unfortunately, there was a mix-up and the article was misplaced. We welcome Bi? Shy? Why? to the pages of the paper and hope to see them soon again.

Equal rights for all of us. Don't miss this party."

We were everywhere in Washington that weekend. A group of us Bi women went to the National Gallery of Women in Art. There were Queer women everywhere we looked, both in paintings and in person.

Joining some straight former workmates for lunch at Mr. Yungs in Chinatown, we couldn't help but notice Queers at many tables and waiting in line to get in.

The day after the March, we walked around historic Alexandria in the rain. As soon as we looked around for a passer-by to take our picture, two Queer men from Tucson stepped forward.

Here's a list of some chants we heard: From the "Queer and Sober Group: '2,4,6,8! We remember who we date!' and 'We're here, we're Queer, we don't drink beer.'"

Towards the end of the March: "We're bitchy, we're tired, we want our rights now!" and "We're here, we're Queer, we're bringing up the rear!"

Vermont: "2,4,6,8, Maple Syrup won't make you straight!"

Gay and Lesbian Horticulturalists: "2,4,6,8, We're the Queers who irrigate!"

Gay Fathers: "We're here, we're Gay, we're in the PTA!"

Harvard: "Yale sucks, but Harvard sucks better!"

Florida: "F-L-O-R-I-D-A, orange juice will make you Gay!"

Wisconsin: "Don't be cruel, don't be mean, we're just a bunch of Dairy Queens!" and: "M-I-L-K, drinking milk will make you Gay!" and: "Swiss, Brick, Cheddar; Wisconsin's Dykes are better!"; "Ho moooo..."; "2,4,6,8, How do you know your farmer's straight?!"

Here's some signs we saw: "Get Curious;" "You're Confused; I'm Bisexual;" "I love My Gay Uncle;" "Dykes: Strong enough for a Man, but made for a Woman;"

"The problem isn't Gay soldiers in the military, it's dead soldiers;" "Love

Knows No Gender;" "Straight but not Narrow."

I used to live in Washington, so while I was there, I arranged to meet my former housemate for dinner. Some of my Bi women friends joined me to visit him.

At dinner, we learned that his ex-wife is now a militant Lesbian soap opera star on local access TV. She had previously accused me of being homophobic. Later, at the March, we ran into her and her female spouse. She was surprised to see me. At the end of the day, a man chose us at random to interview for his TV show. He happened to be from the same local access TV channel.

Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Guide Lists 83 Organizations

[Madison]- The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) has published the fifth edition of *The Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Communities*.

The *Directory* contains descriptions of 83 different organizations which are either specifically for Gays, Lesbians or Bisexuals, or which in some way support the community. Descriptions include information on history, purpose, size, address, contact person, phone number and/or accessibility. Twelve organizations are included for the first time. Publication costs of *The Directory* were underwritten by advertisements

placed by over 100 businesses in Madison and surrounding communities.

Copies of *The Directory* will be distributed at Madison area Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual social events (MAGIC Picnic, 10% Society dances, etc.), area organizations (The United, Apple Island, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, etc.), and local businesses (A Room of One's Own, Four Star Video, etc.). Delivery of bulk copies can also be arranged by contacting MG/LRC directly at P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701. *The Directory* will be updated again in early 1994.

FINALLY, LONG DISTANCE CALLING FOR GAYMERICA



Call anywhere in the world with simple dial-1 service from your home-just like you have now. We provide a calling card to use away from home-just like you have now. Customer service and long distance operators are available 24 hours a day-just like you have now.

WE MUST ADMIT, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE...

OFFICIAL LONG DISTANCE



2% of your long distance charges are donated to the gay, lesbian, bi and AIDS groups of your choice.

You can save up to 25% off your long distance charges compared to the rates of AT&T, MCI or Sprint.

MAKE THE SWITCH TODAY

1-800-546-0551

Scientists Deliberate On The Genetic Basis of Gayness

By Kristina Campbell

[Boston, MA]- Some of the country's most accomplished scientists in the field of sexual orientation gathered February 13-14, 1993, at a conference in Boston to compare, contrast, review and refute findings.

The forum was a seminar at the annual meeting of the American Association for Advancement of Science in Boston. It was organized by Cassandra Smith, a Boston University biotechnologist and Richard Pillard, a psychology department faculty member at the university who has published studies in recent years looking at the incidence of homosexuality among male twins.

Three speakers presented papers at the seminar. These were: Sandra F. Witelson, a neuropsychologist from McMaster University in Canada; Roger Gorski, a cell biologist at the University of California at Los Angeles; and J. Michael Bailey, a psychologist at Northwestern University who worked with Pillard on a 1991 twin study about homosexuality.

Constellation Theory

Witelson presented findings indicating that a homosexual orientation may be associated with other differences in functioning, including whether a person is right or left handed. In studies of Gay men, the incidence, she said, of left handedness appeared to be around 50%. This, in contrast to the general population where left handedness is about 35%.

Witelson also point to differences in the sizes of some brain structures among left handed and right handed men, which coincide with findings of differences in the brains of Gay men compared to heterosexual men.

"The main hypothesis that I think one could draw from that is that sexual orientation is related to a (neurological) feature that is hard to explain by differential learning or environmental factors," Witelson said.

She theorized that sexual orientation "may be...just part of a much larger constellation of characteristics."

Brain and Hormonal Studies

Gorski's research indicates that the brain, like genitalia, is female by default, and only in the presence of an

androgynizing hormone does the brain take on male characteristics.

"My prediction would be that there will be shown to be hormone-dependent sexual differentiation in the human brain, but we still don't know what those differences mean," Gorski said.

Genetic Overview

Bailey, in his overview of studies about the inheritability of sexual orientation, reviewed research on twin studies which overwhelmingly shows a family basis for homosexuality in men and, to a lesser degree — partly because of a smaller amount of research — in women.

Studies of Gay men with twin brothers have found a much stronger correlation of Gayness between identical twin brothers than fraternal twins.

The findings certainly indicate a genetic basis of homosexuality, Bailey said, but what happens after that basis is established is an unknown.

One possibility, he said, is that genes determine brain structures such as the hypothalamus, where differences between homosexual and heterosexual men have been found.

The second possibility is that genes determine the child's personality and appearance, which then impact how parents treat the child. The parental treatment could then have an impact on sexual orientation, Bailey said.

Editor's Note: Ms. Campbell's article, from which this is excerpted, appeared originally in the February 19, 1993, issue of *The Washington Blade* and is used with the publisher's permission.



CK'S OUTBACK
"A WOMYN'S PLACE
TO EXPERIENCE"

Camp in the beautiful woods of South Central Wisconsin. Enjoy the outdoors and relax in a safe space for womyn.

Reserve your site today!
(608) 847-5247



M&M Club

Milwaukee

Lunch ~ M-F ~ 11:30 ~ 2:30

Sat. ~ noon ~ 3

Sun. Brunch ~ 11 ~ 4

Dinner ~ nightly ~ 5 ~ 11

Major Credit Cards Accepted!

124 N. Water St. 347-1962

On Sale At PrideFest



Proudly Carry A 3' x 5'

GAY RAINBOW FLAG

or a

GAY AMERICAN FLAG

(Rainbow Flag with 50 Star Field)

We Have Both Flags In Stock
\$24.95 Each

(Wisconsin residents add \$1.37 sales tax per flag)
On sale at the address below or by mail order
(Mail orders add \$2 per shipping per order)

The Wisconsin Light

1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212
414-372-2773

COMMITMENT COMPASSION CONVICTION

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., borne from the commitment of the Gay and Lesbian community, continues a dedication to providing the highest quality in AIDS and HIV support and prevention.

ARCW strives to meet the diverse needs of the Gay and Lesbian community through:

- ▼ Comprehensive case management and supportive services for men and women with HIV disease
- ▼ HIV prevention education
- ▼ Clinical research on HIV therapies
- ▼ Volunteer opportunities

▼ MILWAUKEE AIDS PROJECT (414) 273-1991

▼ SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN AIDS PROJECT—KENOSHA
(414) 657-6644 (800) 924-6601

▼ NORTHWEST WISCONSIN AIDS PROJECT—EAU CLAIRE
(715) 836-7710 (800) 750-2437

▼ WISCONSIN COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

▼ WISCONSIN AIDSLINE
(414) 273-AIDS (800) 334-AIDS



AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Safe...Affordable...



HOUSING PROGRAM

FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV DISEASE

- RENT ASSISTANCE
- TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT Living Facilities
- EMERGENCY HOUSING
- HOUSING REFERRALS
- ROOMMATE REFERRALS

No ONE should be without safe, affordable housing.

Milwaukee AIDS Project
P.O. Box 92505
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
(414) 273-1991



A SERVICE OF THE AIDS RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN, INC.

The Lesbian Avengers Were 20,000 Strong at DC Pre-March Rally

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The approving media and exultant Gay leaders who reported the restrained normality of the March On Washington missed something new and unique. These were the "Lesbian Avengers." I marched along with them for awhile, some 20,000 strong, and saw them as they went past the White House to the Washington Monument in the early hours of Saturday night before the March. With the proud pink and blue banners flying, I would say there was as much energy concentrated in them as in most of the units together the next day. They were, as reported, the "largest Lesbian-only" march in history. The thing was, who were they?

In June of 1992, six Lesbians met at the Lower East Side apartment of playwright Ana Simo in New York City. They were Anne D'Adeski, Marie Honan, Anne McGuire, Sarah Schulman, Maxine Wolfe and Simo. They were women of various backgrounds and experience, but with one goal in mind: that of creating a Lesbian organization for direct action and Lesbian visibility. They chose the name "Lesbian Avengers" for themselves.

A Year of Success

Now, a year later, the Lesbian Avengers boast 150 members and has organized and executed five major actions on issues including the fight over New York City's multi-cultural curriculum, the anti-Gay legislation in Oregon and Colorado and violence against Lesbians. In addition, there are chapters or groups forming around the country.

Today, the women-only group remains committed to finding creative ways of making its presence known. Several members with years of political activism behind them are attracted to such new solutions by the desire to avoid standing yet again in front of a building, yelling at concrete. Those newer to the scene of political action find more daring, "in your face" solutions more attractive.

"Most of our actions are attempts to find alternatives," said Jennifer Monson. "They come from a Lesbian point of view and are subversive by definition."

As an example, in December, 1992, a squad of Lesbian Avengers followed the Mayor of Denver during his visit to New York to drum up business for Colorado. His visit began when eight Avengers charged into the Regency Hotel where he was having breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The

women circled the room, distributing literature supporting a boycott of Colorado and shouting "We're here! We're Queer! And we're not going skiing."

Symbol of Change

In the May 10, 1993 issue of *New York Magazine*, Jeanie Russell Kasindorf cited the Avengers as a symbol of the growing political influence that Lesbians are wielding in the larger Gay world. Why? According to Kasindorf, the answer is that "Gay men have always treated Gay women the same way straight men have treated straight women."

Rita Mae Brown said, "Lesbians have always been in the Gay movement, and we've always been ignored. One of the saddest realizations of my life is that a woman can be a Lesbian and not be a feminist."

Torie Osborn pointed to the effect of AIDS. "As the men became weakened by the fight," Osborn said, "the women began to fill the leadership vacuum." This will continue, she said, and grow.

Growth and Expansion

Avengers say that their effectiveness is due to their ability to respond quickly and effectively to important events. "We take up things quickly, as soon as they happen; or at times, before, thereby creating an issue," said Avenger, Marie Honan.

For the future, the goal is for the Lesbian Avengers to grow and to inspire the creation of similar Lesbian Avenger groups around the country. In selling the idea to other Lesbians, Avenger, Carrie Moier, admits the total dedication required. "It's taking over my life. It's ruining my life," she said. But, she adds, "It's fabulous. I totally love it. It's great to be in a room where anything you want to get done in the world can get done, from storming the White House to storming the Board of Education."

Deborah Goldstein, Media/Lesbian Avengers of New York, told *Light* that "We are just starting to put together 'how-to's' on chapter formation. As soon as that's accomplished, 'We'll be spreading the news to Lesbians expressing interest.'"

Until that time, Goldstein advises interested Lesbians to call the Avenger Hotline number: (212) 967-7711 ext. 3204 for further information.

Political Work

Flexible evening and weekend positions are available now at one of the nation's largest political and non-profit fund-raising firms.

Great Lakes Communications, Inc. advocates for political campaigns, environmental groups, national non-profit organizations, public broadcasting stations, and the Arts.

No selling is involved. After paid training, earn \$6/hr. East Side Location.

**HELP US
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**Great Lakes Communications
963-2800**

CLASSIFIEDS

Accommodations

BE-YOURSELF INN

Time to get-away to Minneapolis/St. Paul? Relax in our executive setting B&B. Close to Mall of America, Gay nightlife, large deck for natural sunning. Call Jon/Phillip: (612) 698-3571.

INN AT PINE RIDGE- B&B esp. for womyn. Hot tub, sauna, veg. brunches. Hike, bike. Nr. Eau Claire. By res. only. 715-984-2272.

Escape to the country- Enjoy the charm & hospitality of a cozy farmhouse B&B. (608) 868-6646. m

Villa Toscana Guest House- Cozy B&B located in a Chicago Gay neighborhood. Close to theaters, Lake Michigan. Convenient to downtown. Call 1-800- 404-2646.

Housing/Rent

Lg. 4 Bdrm Home/ 18x20 Lvrm/ Basement Attic/ Sm. Fenced Yd/Security System. \$480. & Security. (414) 342-3327.

COOP HOUSING

In Madison. We are a diverse group of individuals who are non-heterosexual, non-sexist, non-racist, non-anti-semitic. Cost \$198 - \$270 + \$64/mo. food. Call 256-3131 or stop by for dinner, Sun.-Thu. 6 p.m. 636 Langdon St. k

57TH/BURLEIGH

Upper 2Bdrm Duplex- Balcony, Built-in China Cabinet- Stained Glass Doors- Leaded Windows- Natural Woodwork- Washer/Dryer Hookup- Garage for 1 Car. \$450 & Security. June 1st. (414) 447-1541. m

Employment

End the Ban! Fight the Right Wing! Earn money at Lesbian/Gay/Bi Pride and other community events. Enroll people to send letters to Congress. Do your part to keep the pressure on. Have fun, earn money and make a difference. Call 1-800-777- HRCF.

Moving Services

MOVING? CALL AFFORDABLE Exp., licensed, insured, very careful, discreet. One item or everything, fast. (414) 258-8437. o

Organizations

Why not spend more time in the nude? Nude social group for men 21-45 in the tri-state area. SASE to: TSB, PO Box 3392, LaCrosse, WI 54602.

International Gay Penpals. Meet men around the world. For info: send stamp/addressed envelope to: IGP, STE.320, Box 7304, North Hollywood, California 91608.

Volunteers & Ideas Needed Hurricane Productions Womyn's Music & Culture, P.O. Box 71268, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

National Gay Pilot's Assoc. 703-660-3852.

GALANO CLUB. A social club serving the recovering Gay and Lesbian community. Regularly scheduled AA, NA, Al-Anon, ACOA and other 12-step meetings. Open nightly. 2408 N. Farwell Avenue, (414) 276-6936. x

Real Estate

I understand your special needs. Please see my display ad in the "Directory of Professionals" in this issue. David Chester, Federated Realty (414) 964-3900. z

**LOG INTO THE
FUTURE!**

GLINN

GLINN Multi-Board Super System

24 Hrs. 300-2400 bps
(414) 289-0145

14.4K v.32bis Nodes
(414) 289-9348

Special Access for
Small Computers
(414) 289-0181

The Midwest's Premiere Gay/Lesbian Computer BBS

4 Complete Bulletin Boards at one number. 5 Nodes & growing. Over 5 Gigabytes of files. Home of GLINN, the Gay/Lesbian International News Network. Free Access. Hot Gay Personals BBS with thousands of adult GIF files, original adult stories, games, and much more. Over 50,000 shareware computer programs for downloading, including non-DOS and orphan computers. 50 on-line games, on-line faxing, private file transfers, and Custom Forums for business, organizations and individuals available. Low cost nationwide access coming soon. More than you'll find anywhere else.

Free Voice Mail (414) 289-8780

Modem & Disk Offers. BBS Help. GLINN Info and more.

New TerraCom Long Distance

Call 1-800-969-9152 (voice or TDD) for information on the best gay-friendly value in long distance telephone services. Special services for the hearing impaired, too.

GLINN Publishing Corporation
P.O. Box 93626, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0626
Office: (414) 289-8644 Fax: (414) 289-0789

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ORDERS: Completely fill out this form and mail to WISCONSIN LIGHT, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

RATES ARE \$2 for each line. Each line can contain up to 42 characters, (including spaces). Indicate if you would like a **BOLD HEADLINE** of up to three words above your ad for an additional \$2.50. Also indicate classification under which your ad is to be run.

DEADLINE for placing a classified ad in WISCONSIN LIGHT is noon Wednesday prior to publication. If you mail your ad we must receive it on or before Wednesday. **NO CREDIT** or **BILLING SERVICES** are offered, and we **DO NOT** accept any classifieds on the phone for placements or renewals.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PLEASE CHECK THE ISSUE(S) IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR AD TO APPEAR.

June 10; June 24; July 8; July 22; Aug 5; Aug 19; Sept. 2

Hawai'i Supreme Court Ruling Brings Same-Sex Marriage Closer

[Honolulu]- Same-sex marriage in the United States took a step closer on May 5 when the Hawai'i State Supreme Court ruled in a 3-1 decision that the state's ban on same-sex marriages may be unconstitutional because it amounts to sex discrimination, which is illegal in the Aloha State. Marriage, the court said, was a civil right, and when the state says who may marry — and who may not — it violates the guarantee of equal protection under the law.

The ruling on a 1991 lawsuit by two Gay couples and one Lesbian couple said, in essence, the state has no business regulating marriage. The court also invited the state to offer compelling reasons to keep the ban.

Wisconsin To Come Down the Aisle?

Constitutional and general legal principles require states to honor each other's laws. "Essentially, it is what allows us to exist as one nation, that we don't have a million different laws across the states," said William Rubenstein, director of the American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

But another important tenet says states can make an exception when the public there holds strong contrary views.

Courts weighing differing marriage laws, "as a general rule, will validate the parties' expectations if (the marriage) was valid where the relationship was entered into — unless it violates public policy," said Professor Linda Elrod of Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. She is editor of the American Bar Association's *Family Law Quarterly*.

But how do you measure public policy?

Laws on the books are one indicator, say experts who suggest the 25 states that outlaw sodomy will have a strong argument against recognizing same-sex marriages, as will those with laws specifically defining marriage as a contract between a woman and a man.

What is clear is that lawyers, judges, lawmakers and the public, including Gay male and Lesbian couples eager to tie the knot, will probably find themselves hiking through a legal tangle if Hawai'i allows same-sex marriages.

"This is uncharted terrain," said

Harvard law Professor Martha Minow, a family law specialist. "The Hawai'i decision is not over, but it shows there is an avenue for possible recognition of Gay and Lesbian relationships, even in the traditional marriage."

It could be up to two years before Hawai'i settles this question, at least for its own citizens.

BestD Clinic Needs Medical And Other Volunteers

[Milwaukee]- The Brady East STD Clinic is seeking Nurses and other qualified medical persons for the Tuesday night STD Clinic. Nurses and Phlebotomists are also needed for the Monday and Wednesday night HIV Clinic. Bob Ambelang, Clinic Director said that the need for Clinic services is increasing and that to meet the request for services, the Clinic needs more volunteers.

BestD Clinic was organized in 1974 by the Gay Peoples Union as a Venereal Disease Clinic that treated predominately Gay people in an understanding and unbiased setting.

Other positions that the Clinic is seeking volunteers to fill are those of counselors and reception staff. Volunteers can sign up for one or two nights per month or more depending upon their schedules.

Other services that the Clinic offers are an Alternative Women's Clinic on the first and third Saturdays of each month and also two support groups, one for Gay HIV positive men and the other for partners and caregivers of Gay HIV positive men. For more information on Clinic services or volunteering, call Bob Ambelang at the Clinic, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesdays between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. at (414) 272-2144.

ACT UP Disrupts Dr. Fauci's Milwaukee Appearance at MECCA

[Milwaukee]- A dozen members of ACT UP protested against Dr. Anthony Fauci who was the keynote speaker at the Medical College of Wisconsin's graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 1993.

Outside Bruce Hall in downtown Milwaukee where the graduation was being held, ACT UP members held up signs reading "Tony! A Little Spine Goes A Long Way!" and "Fauci Out Now!" Demonstrators passed out leaflets that branded Fauci a murderer, described his clinical trials network as the "HUD of the nineties," and demanded his removal as the Director of NIAID (the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases).

Inside the auditorium, Deanna Basile and Yuri Keegstra of ACT UP Milwaukee disrupted Fauci's speech by first unfurling a banner that read "ACT UP to Fauci: Get A Spine or Get Out!" and blowing their whistles and then chanting, "Killing Time is Killing People — AIDS Cure Now!" and "How Many More Have to Die Before You Really Fight?!"

Members of the audience ran towards protesters, one of them tearing the banner away. Security guards dragged

Basile and Keegstra out after about 10 seconds; one guard put Keegstra into a choke hold and covering his mouth. Another lifted Basile over his shoulders and carried her out. Members of the audience applauded as the two were taken out.

"I found that reaction most disturbing," said Christopher Fons, also of ACT UP Milwaukee. "I understand being upset at the disruption of the ceremony, but to so hatefully deny the urgency of the AIDS crisis made me want to vomit."

Once outside, Basile and Keegstra were taken aside by Milwaukee police and questioned. The Medical College of Wisconsin decided not to press charges and the two demonstrators were let go with a warning.

Keegstra reported that one of the arresting police told him that if Gays didn't have sex, there wouldn't be any AIDS, and that he (the officer) was sorry Keegstra was "going to die" because he was Gay. The same officer told Basile that she wouldn't have to worry about AIDS if she "stayed away from Gay men's butts."

Congressman Barney Frank Should Be Trusted In Lifting Military Ban

Commentary by Rep. Tammy Baldwin

I trust Congressman Frank's assessment of the political climate in Congress on the issue of lifting the ban. Barney Frank has been working toward lifting the ban for years, long before President Clinton and long before this issue received national prominence.

His compromise is based almost solely on political pragmatism. He recognizes that there are currently enough votes in Congress to codify the ban as it now stands and that since so many members of Congress have publicly stated their positions, the chances of achieving what we want this Summer is next to nil.

The positive aspects of Congressman Frank's proposal are:

- 1) His compromise recognizes that the problem is homophobia, not the Gay or Lesbian soldier;
- 2) Gays and Lesbians would be able to remain in the military and would have

more freedoms than they do today;

3) It puts us in a better position to make further progress in the future.

While Congressman Frank's compromise is pragmatic, I believe that it remains important for the Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual community to point out its inadequacies (as Frank himself has done). We must continue to educate others about how ludicrous the ban is. We must continue to let straights know who we are, so that we can destroy their harmful fears and stereotypes.

We must continue to loudly criticize any measure that links the right to be considered for employment to status rather than qualifications to perform.

It is for each of us to decide whether we believe that this is an "all or nothing" issue for us or an issue where compromise is acceptable. However, regardless of what we decide, we must continue to speak out and educate.

WISCONSIN Phone Personals

ONE phone call. Over 1000 Men.

Meet the boy next door in our local Wisconsin section. Or search the country for your type of guy in one of our specialty categories of "talking personals." Respond to over 1000 gay/bi ads! Record your own local and specialty ads today!

- FRIENDSHIP (non-dating)
- MILITARY/UNIFORMS
- YOUNG/UNDER 25
- PHONE FRIENDS
- INEXPERIENCED
- BODYBUILDERS
- RELATIONSHIPS
- BLACK GUYS
- TVS/X-DRESS
- MARRIED/BI
- WRESTLERS
- COUPLES
- LEATHER
- LATINS
- ASIANS
- BEARS
- HAIRY
- HIV+
- 40+



1-900-454-3325 \$1.25/min.

Must be 18; Touch-tone Required; Paradise Enterprises, P.O. Box 19149, Washington, DC 20036

WHERE
THE
GUYS
ARE...

TALK LIVE!
99¢ PER MINUTE
PLUS \$3.00 CONNECTION CHARGE

CALL NOW! TRY BOTH NUMBERS!

1-900-HOT-HUNK

BILLED TO YOUR TELEPHONE

1-800-767-6767

BILLED TO YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD

Billed As "Real People" • Must Be 18 Or Older • Prices Subject To Change Without Notice
Touch Tone Phone Only • © 1993 Real People, Ltd.

Mega900 styleTalk Personals 1-900-454-1492, ext 14

24 hrs/day, 7 days/week, 18 yrs. Touch-tone required \$1.95/min

Finally a 900 service that lets you talk **directly**, and **privately**, to other people with similar interests: REAL PEOPLE from Philadelphia and all over the USA. Call someone or be called yourself. Add your name to our National Caller's Bulletin Board. This allows you to receive calls directly when you want to. Or call others when they are home and taking calls. Or just leave messages. Your Choice!!

It costs you *nothing* to receive calls and your phone number remains absolutely private. The 900 caller pays the regular charge. So add your name **today!** Just call 1-900-454-1492, ext 18 and follow the instructions. *That's all there is to it!*

Only people who have selected the National Caller Bulletin Board (Call Thru) option, can be talked with directly.

Men Seeking Men

WM, mid 40's seeking first time experience with another WM. I'd prefer a dominant man. Please let me know how to contact you. **Box# 3586**

35 yrs old and bi-curious. I would like to meet someone compatible to help me act on some fantasies. **Box# 9479**

GWM, 5'9 1/2, 175 lbs. Call. **Box# 0866**

GWM enjoys talking on phone and the company of others. Please call! **Box# 9376**

Hi, I'm Tom. I'm 35 WM who is coming out. Interested in meeting men, 18-40 to share similar interests. **Box# 3385**

Good-looking man, 5'7, 148, seeks male married or straight. **Box# 7199**

Dominant WM, 42, who enjoys fun with males new to the world of domination and submission. **Box# 1543**

Straight appearing, discreet SWM, 5'11, brown hair and blue eyes, 165 lbs. Looking for first time experience with another male, preferably bi, who is muscular, & attractive, well-built. Please call, have my own apt & can entertain. **Box# 9875**

Looking to hook up with other married or bi-guys. Leave a message or call on this neat call-thru system. Let's talk! **Box# 7837**

SWM, straight, looking for my first bi experience. ISO man 18-28 who wants their first or second experience. **Box# 1697**

Submissive bi WM, ISO good looking WM, 18-35, who are dominant and like good times. **Box# 1478**

WM, 36, 5'10, 165 lbs and good looking ISO first experience with good looking, experienced man. **Box# 4376**

WM, 46, ISO men, 20-30 who want to fulfill fantasies. **Box# 1380**

SWM, 5'11, 165 lbs, mid-30's ISO attractive male mate, thin and in good shape for fun and a possible relationship. **Box# 1392**

GM, 34, 175 lbs, looking for older WM. Must be a teddy bear. I know I'm the best; I just want to hear you say it. A couple of hours a week. I know all the right areas. **Box# 2623**

Gay male ISO companionship. I'm open to

New! Hot!

about anything. **Box# 7884**

Jeff, 27, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'8, 165 lbs, good body, bi-sexual. ISO male, 20-35, attractive, clean & discreet. **Box# 2199**

I'm Joe, 6'3, 195 lbs, brown hair & eyes. ISO man who is drug free. Call. **Box# 4647**

I'm Mark, 5'9, 140 lbs, cute. ISO male friendship **Box# 7740**

GM, 6'3, attractive ISO partners for bar hopping, love and caressing. **Box# 9547**

GWM, attractive, inexperienced and interested, 6' 180 lbs. **Box# 6907**

GWM, attractive, self employed. ISO friendship, race not important. **Box# 7143**

New man in town, attractive, 6'1, 170 lbs, brown hair & eyes. ISO of male friendship. **Box# 2361**

Submissive WM in 40's would like to meet a dominant male. **Box# 5570**

GWM looking for fun and possible relationship. I'm good-hearted and flexible seeking GWM 25-40 yrs old. **Box# 1429**

Hi, attractive 30 year old white male looking for aggressive man, bears a plus. Look forward to hearing from you. (Call Thru) **Box# 2748**

23 yr old looking for first-time experience. You can call me; I'll answer all calls. (Call Thru) **Box# 2661**

SWM, bi, submissive, 6'1", 200 lbs, brunette with green eyes seeking single or married males, bi, gay or straight to get together for good times. No pressure. I aim to please. (Call Thru) **Box# 3173**

5'11", 168 lbs, brown hair looking for a young guy, 18-22, decent build—not heavy—who would like to have a full body massage and has stamina. No reciprocation needed. **Box# 9429**

Looking for any male that would like to spend some time together to have fun—and occasionally while in the mood of things—cross dress in women's lingerie. **Box# 1426**

Transsexual, pre-operative, 6' w/ heels. I'm active, enjoy most any sports, and am a lot of fun. I like to go out and am passable. (Call Thru) **Box# 2842**

SWM looking for other males who really like to receive undevoted attention. **Box# 4684**

BiM, 28 yrs old, self-employed, 6', seeking first-time experience with M preferable around the same age, and straight acting. **Box# 6619**

SWM, 5'11", 165 lbs, smooth, clean shaven, muscular and well-built, seeks M, 18-29 who is also athletic and possibly into body-building. (Call Thru) **Box# 7729**

SWM, 27 yrs old, drug and disease free. Athletic, 6'3", 210, blond with blue eyes looking for M, 20-30, well-built, for first time experience. **Box# 9750**

GBM, 6'3", 210 lbs, very athletic and extremely well-built. If you want to meet me, you should be very well-built and attractive too. I'm clean and very particular. **Box# 2523**

6', 190 lb, athletic, well-built 29 yr old. I like all sports and am very straight acting. Looking for another person with the same qualities. Friendship comes first in my book. **Box# 3120**

Guys in South Jersey area: I'm 5'11", 200 lbs, and very muscular. Leave me a message and I'll give you a call. **Box# 3220**

ISO men looking for pleasure. Anything goes; let me know what's on your mind. Generous men only need call. **Box# 3324**

23 yr old, brown hair, brown eyes wants to meet guys 18-26. Leave me a message. **Box# 3832**

BiWM seeks someone for an occasional get together. Someone in their 30s, attractive and wanting a good time. Sounds like you? Please give me a call. (Call Thru) **Box# 4286**

25 yrs old, 5'11", 170 lbs, brunette with brown eyes, very well built seeking someone laid-back, and intelligent, not pushy. I know what I like, and you should too. **Box# 4868**

Very straight acting, sounding, looking 28 yr old, 5'10", 190 lbs, long brown hair, moustache, hazel eyes seeks straight acting M. Into cycles, trucks, cars.... Leave me a message with a way to contact you, and I'll give you a call. **Box# 5947**

GM, 32, 180 lbs, extremely attractive. You should be good-looking, clean and fit too. Leave me a message and we can tell each other more about ourselves. **Box# 6312**

BiM ISO biM, black or white, 18 or older, well-built for 3-some with me and my wife. She's a 35 yr old, tall, slim redhead. I love to watch and sometimes join in. (Call want to check it out, please leave me a message. **Box# 9685**

Women seeking Women

Bi-female, 34, red head, slender and attractive. I'm married but want to meet a female to share time and tenderness with. Consider it. **Box# 1713**

5'3, 125 lb WF with long hair seeks attractive, exotic and sophisticated woman. **Box# 0202**

I'm attractive, intelligent woman capable and looking for the same qualities in another woman. Sound like you? Let's have fun. **Box# 0000**

Bi white female, attractive, thin, brown hair, brown eyes. ISO attractive, thin woman, 25-30 for friendship. No men please. **Box# 6376**

I'm a bi-female, 5'11, red hair, seeking funloving and friendship relationship. I am married and would be interested in sometimes a threesome and sometimes not. Looking for a new friend. **Box# 1641**

Hi, my name is Joyce. Looking for female friends and a possible relationship. Leave a message and I'll get back to you. **Box# 6966**

SW biFemale would like to meet other biFemale. 5'5", reddish hair and hazel eyes. If you're interested, leave me a message and I will get back to you. (Call Thru) **Box# 5561**

BiF, 5'10", redhead. Married to a wonderful person who lets me explore myself, I'm seeking a biF who's slightly more aggressive than I am and who's a fun and up person. We can share smiles and explore fantasies. **Box# 6938**

Looking for a biF who would be interested in showing me the ropes. I'm interested. **Box# 7718**

Seek biF for partnership in swinging. Whether you're w/ a friend or not, give me a call. I'm 32, 5'6", 148 lbs, athletic, clean, very discreet, and a true gentleman. **Box# 1554**

SWM, 28 yrs old, self-employed, adventurous and looking to get together with two women for a first-time encounter. Please leave me a message. **Box# 3184**

46 yr old dominant SWM seeks submissive or

Caution, These ads are HOT!

Mega900 Personals are real. These people want to meet you! But be careful, learn about the other person or persons before giving your home phone number, your last name or other personal information. That's why we recommend you use Call Thru. You can talk with someone new while maintaining your complete privacy. Make your first meeting in a public place at noon time. Always think before you act. Sex is wonderful but always practice safety.

novice female. I am disease and drug free, and look to explore all the realms of submission with you. (Call Thru) **Box# 8651**

Couple seeking biF, or biC. We're both into relaxed evenings and friendship, but also interested in exploring new things. (Call Thru) **Box# 8704**

BiSWF, 25 yrs old, very attractive, petite and blond. I'm seeking sensuous experiences with a friend. **Box# 1707**

Married biWF seeks bi or gay, black or white female who's clean and discreet, preferably over 5'7", not heavy and shapely. If you're very interested, please call my number. (Call Thru) **Box# 4297**

WF seeks someone feminine. I'm one to take control over the relationship. Short hair, 5'9", 125 lbs, manly, interesting, attractive. **Box# 5347**

GWF, 23 yrs old, 5'8", 120 lbs. If you're experienced that's great, but if you're not that's fine too. We can start out as a friendship and take it from there. **Box# 5810**

SWF seeks other females for a good time and fun. It's fine if you're inexperienced. **Box# 6144**

Couple looking for bi-curious females and other couples to join for evenings of fun and various delights. Give us a call, and tell us a bit about yourself. (Call Thru) **Box# 6378**

BiWF seeking young inexperienced females. I'm intelligent and have a lot to offer. I'm into couples, and really anything you have to offer. I'm not desperate, just eager. **Box# 8826**

Attractive 37 yr old biWF, blond, blue-eyed seeking attractive biWF to explore fantasies and friendship with. I'm married and would be interested in a 3-some and sometimes not. **Box# 9411**

MWC, early 20s; she's bi, I'm straight. She's looking for a biF in early 20s. I can either join, or not. (Call Thru) **Box# 1187**

Seeking attractive females, bi or straight, or couples to join me for quiet evenings at my condo at the beach. Let's talk and we can take it from there. (Call Thru) **Box# 2231**

22 yr old female, 5'7", brown hair and brown eyes, is looking for a friend—a girl I can talk to and possibly have a relationship with. Preferably blond with a good body in good condition. No men please. **Box# 2376**

Dominant GBF, 43 yrs of age, seeking submissive GBF, mid-30s to 40s, with at least 10 yrs experience in the gay life. I'm 125 lbs, 5'3"—weight and height are important to me. I smoke. (Call Thru) **Box# 5377**

20 yr old female living with male boyfriend interested in 3-some. I need a pro biF to teach me the ropes. (Call Thru) **Box# 7173**

56 yrs old. A silver fox, modest and single, intelligent with a sense of humor. A mountain rather than a beach person. I enjoy Bridge, bowling, swimming, and reading. I'm looking for intelligent companionship and possibly a housemate. (Call Thru) **Box# 8997**

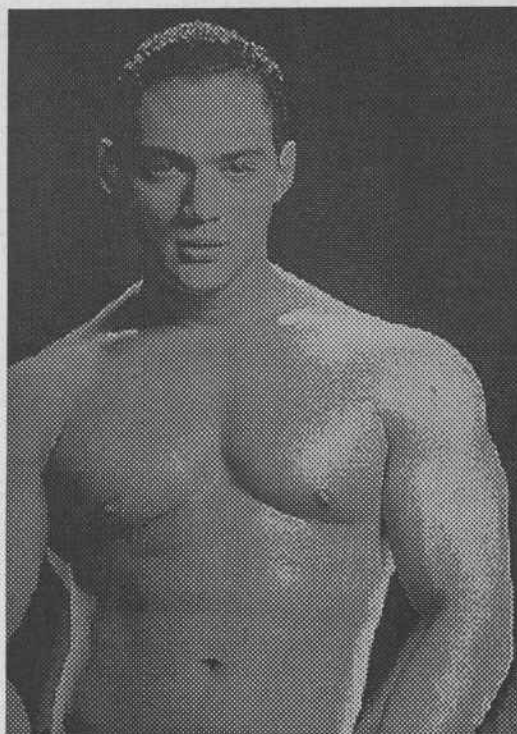
BiSWF, 34 yrs old, uninhibited and intelligent. I enjoy, reading, and the arts, and am searching for quality companion. I'm not interested in any butches, please. **Box# 6293**

Your print ad will be

Free!

Just call 1-900-454-1492, ext 18, leave a message & we'll take it from there!

Mega900 and this publication assume no liability for the content of or responses to any ad. The advertiser assumes complete liability for the content of, and all replies to, any ad or recorded message and for any claims made against Mega900, this publication or their agents as a result thereof.



Call me, 1 on 1

1-900-976-1155, ext 22

from \$2/min - 18+

1 on 1, Live Group Talk, Fantasies you won't believe!

Argument Rages Over Nunn's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Stance

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- With less than two months to go in the debate over lifting the anti-Gay ban in the military, the search has begun to find a compromise. U.S. Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA), powerful Chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, continues to put forth his "don't ask... don't tell" stance toward the issue.

Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), who is against this, has offered a compromise of his own. (See Commentary by Rep. Frank, this issue).

Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) supported Frank in the need for compromise. Studds issued a statement on May 18, said that while he did not believe "the American people have concluded that the debate is over," added ominously that "It is a fact of life that if a vote were taken today, we would not be able to sustain the President's lifting the ban." Studds added, "I realize that the time may come when we will have to decide whether to accept half a loaf." Both Frank and Studds blamed the strength of right-wing opposition and its influence on Congressional opinion for the need to compromise.

All Or Nothing; a Matter of Principle

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) issued a statement condemning Nunn's position. Nunn's "don't ask...don't tell" position would "force Gay and Lesbian service members to stay in the closet and would mandate discrimination in the name of 'compromise,'" NGLTF said.

"Unlike Rep. Barney Frank, we oppose any compromise that would codify discrimination through enforcing the lie of the closet," said Torie Osborn, NGLTF Executive Director.

NGLTF continues to lobby for strict codes of conduct, enforced equally among heterosexual and Gay and Lesbian troops. "Gay and Lesbian soldiers should be held to the same standards as straight service members," said Tanya Domi, director of the NGLTF Military Freedom Initiative. "We simply want a non-discrimination policy with parity of treatment."

The Campaign for Military Service (CMS), a broad-based coalition of Gay and civil liberties groups, condemned Frank's compromise.

"Congressman Frank's proposal is unconstitutional in concept, and untenable in practice," said Thomas B. Stoddard, CMS Coordinator. On May 19, CMS issued a proposal of its own.

The components of CMS's proposal

include the following:

1) No discrimination based on a servicemember's sexual orientation. The mere "status" of being a Gay person, without any information regarding the person's conduct, should not be the basis for precluding that person from serving in the armed forces.

2) No discrimination based on private, consensual Gay conduct. According to the report, "A policy ending the exclusion of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people from service in the military cannot be combined with a policy of excluding such individuals when they engage in private, consensual Gay conduct."

The proposal points out that under Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, "sodomy" (anal or oral sex) between both heterosexuals and homosexuals is forbidden. However, an admission of being Gay or Lesbian, is treated as evidence that sodomy has been committed. The same is not true of straights. CMS advocates that Article 125 not be enforced at all in cases of "sodomy" between consenting adults.

3) There should be a parity of treatment in the matter of sexual conduct for both Gays and straights.

4) The military's policy of discouraging inappropriate public displays of affection — in uniform and on base — should be continued for both Gays and straights.

Spousal benefits in the military would go "only to those who are legally married under state law," domestic partnership laws not withstanding.

5) Individuals who were discharged prior to the Clinton Administration should have the right to re-enlist and good-faith efforts should be made to put them in "desirable positions."

Those who were discharged for being Gay after Clinton took office, should be reinstated to their former positions, and receive backpay and any seniority rights they may have lost.

Presented to the Working Group

On May 20, CMS presented its proposal to the Military Working Group of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The Working group, composed of representatives from the military as well as Gay advocates, has the responsibility of proposing a program on the ban to the Secretary and to President Clinton.

"We had a very frank discussion," said Stoddard.

CMS Legal Coordinator, Chai Feldblum, said she believed that the CMS proposal would "have an impact on the Working Group's final recommendations."

Gays In The Military: Most News Stories Based On A False Premise

Commentary By John Cain

In all the months since Bill Clinton tried to drop the military's ban on Queers in the armed forces, hundreds of stories on the subject have appeared in every medium. Almost without exception, these stories, whether pro-ban or anti-ban, have been based on a false premise.

Let's examine the argument. It looks something like this:

The military bans Queers from service. Discrimination against Queers is intolerable.

Therefore, the ban must be overturned. It looks good on the surface. But there is an unstated premise which, when added to the construction, generates a second conclusion. The argument really goes:

The military is a viable and desirable institution.

The military bans Queers from service. Discrimination against Queers is intolerable.

Therefore, the military as an institution should continue, and the ban must be overturned.

Red light. Flag on the play. A brief examination of the use of American military power in the last ten years (Grenada, Panama, Kuwait, Tailhook), let alone of thousands of years of military history, ought to be enough to invalidate that argument. As a leftist, I feel safe in the assumption that most leftists are dissatisfied with the status quo in this country. What greater tool than the military is there for swift reinforcement of the status quo?

There can be no clearer indication of the military's desire to maintain its own status quo than the oft-levied charge that dropping the ban would be "social engineering." Of course it would, just like every other law, action or trend is "social engineering." Ban supporters are also right in saying that such engineering doesn't work, but not for the

reasons they give. The success of experimentation can be judged only by the results, and the two most far-reaching "social experiments" in the military, racial desegregation and the admission of women, have been failures.

The "social engineering" theory states that changes in the military will be reflected in society. Racial integration of the troops did not lead to a reduction of racism. If anything, society is more openly racist now than it ever has been.

Women are still economically, physically and sexually subjugated. Sure, there are some civil rights laws on the books, and these are very important on a symbolic level. A national Queer civil rights law would have the same symbolic effect. But really, civil rights laws just force bigots to be more clever in their bigotry.

Neither civil rights laws nor access to the military is going to cause the attitudinal shift that will actually reduce prejudice. That shift can't be legislated, and the military has no interest in effecting it.

I have been torn over the military issue for over a year. I hate the military. I hate discrimination. I hate the ban. I want it gone, like I want all bigotry and barriers to equality gone.

But as we rush headlong at this particular barrier, let us not confuse removal of discrimination with approval of an institution. Because I also hate being made to feel like an outsider in my own community because I refuse to demand the "right" to become a trained killer. That's why I was gratified, after 18 months of feeling isolated in my opposition, to see stickers plastered around D.C. at the March On Washington: "Homosexual not Homicidal; FUCK the ARMY!"

Editor's Note: This article appeared in *The Madison Edge* and is used with the permission of the author.

Rep. Frank Offers Compromise Bill For Gays Serving In The Military

Commentary By
U.S. Rep. Barney Frank

I am writing this to explain why I proposed a compromise on the question of the right of Gay men and Lesbians to serve in the military.

For several years, I and other members of the Gay and Lesbian community have been working without exception to get the ban repealed. Unfortunately, with less than two months to go before Congressional committees begin voting on this, I believe we have to face a stark fact: if the choice before the Congress is instant equality or a statute which enacts the complete ban into permanent law, Congress will choose the latter.

Our lobbying efforts have not been nearly as successful as those of our opponents and time is running out. What has happened over the past few months is that significant numbers of Members of Congress have committed themselves to oppose the total repeal of the ban which will mean voting for the ban.

Trying to Prevent Action

I felt we were heading towards a total statutory reimposition of the ban or an unacceptable compromise which would still leave Gay men and Lesbians in the military vulnerable to having their careers destroyed if they were seen, overheard or otherwise "discovered" while expressing their sexual orientation off duty and on their own time.

It was for this reason that I decided to try to promote a compromise that would be far better than the very limited proposal known as "don't ask, don't tell", which proposal would have left Gay men and Lesbians totally unprotected.

Four Criteria

I had four criteria in trying to find a compromise. First, I obviously wanted one that would give us the maximum of what we are trying to get, given that we cannot get 100%. Second, a compromise had to be one that could be sustained by a vote of both Houses of Congress. I have long ago lost my taste for glorious, principled defeat.

The third criteria is that we find a solution which had as its logical core a recognition that Gay men and Lesbians were not the problem. The problem is prejudice from some of the straight majority. Finally, I wanted a compromise that would leave us a position to make further improvements.

My Proposal

The proposal I have advanced says, essentially, that the military will not ask people of their sexual orientation; will not investigate them for their sexual orientation; and will pay no attention to things that happen when people are off the base, off duty and out of uniform which may express sexual orientation.

In return for this, the Gay men and Lesbian joining the military would have to accept a restriction on their ability to express their sexual orientation while on base, in uniform or on duty.

I should add explicitly that under my proposal, if someone were "reported" to the military commanders because they went to a Gay bar or lived with a same-sex lover, the response of the military would have to be "none of your business." Off

base activities would not be relevant to their careers.

This is where my proposal differs from the "don't ask...don't tell" proposal because under versions I have seen of that proposal, people who were seen going into a Gay bar, or whose mail was read, etc., etc., would be kicked out. The practice of spying would be banned.

It is important to note that accepting this proposal would mean acknowledging the fact that Gay men and Lesbians are perfectly qualified to serve in the military, and that people who serve in the military were entirely free on their own time to live the life of a Gay man or Lesbian.

Back to 1954

To some extent, we are in the position that the Supreme Court was in in 1954 when it ruled unanimously that racial segregation was wrong, and that young Black children were entitled to go to school with whites. At that time, the Court noted that the accumulated weight of white prejudice against Blacks was so strong that it would not be possible to order immediate integration. This was a negative statement on the prejudiced state of mind of the white majority, not a negative comment on the Black minority. I think a similar analysis applies here.

I also think that this compromise is a first step. My view is that if we had this situation, a certain percentage of straight people would soon figure out who was Gay and Lesbian, since people's private lives are not entirely secret from their colleagues.

And I believe the result would be in the military as we have found it in civilian life: that as straight people have learned that friends and co-workers are Gay and Lesbian, they have easily adjusted.

Thus, I believe that my proposal meets all of my criteria — it gives us the greatest personal freedom that we are able to get for Gay men and Lesbians for the near term; it can pass the Congress; it is explicitly based on the assumption that the problem is not with Gay men and Lesbians, but with the prejudice that exists against us; and it offers us the basis for moving ahead.

Finally, under my proposal, there would be no statute locking in any particular set of rules, but rather a modified executive order. The alternative is a statute which takes the policy of total exclusion and writes it into law. I cannot think of a worse outcome than that and it is this particular disaster that I am working hard to avoid.

IT'S TIME FOR A SPRING BREAK!

2 people, 3 nights: \$90 plus tax; 2 people 5 nights: \$140 plus tax. Sun.-Thurs. excluding holidays at your bed-&-breakfast second home in the great north woods. (Ask about Northstar House for group outings!)

NORTHLAND HOUSE
609 Hwy. 77, Pence, WI 54550
(715) 561-3120

ARE YOU looking for a faith community in which to share your gifts and nurture your personal and spiritual growth?

Plymouth United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation which welcomes all people, including gays, lesbians and bisexuals as an integral part of their faith community. Plymouth is an established church with excellent music, education and social programs as well as a wide range of social justice activities. If you're looking for a spiritual home, come to Plymouth at 2717 East Hampshire Avenue. Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. and are followed by a time of fellowship and coffee.

PLYMOUTH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Are you searching for a spiritual home?

Come and visit the
United Unitarian Universalist Church of Mukwonago



216 Main Street
Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149
(414) 363-5686
Arnida Alexander, Minister

Sunday Services at 10:30 thru June 27 (Call for Summer Service times)

We accept and celebrate the search for truth
in each individual's life.