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# The Wisconsin Light

## Longer Sentences For Hate Crimes Constitutional

[Washington, D.C.]— People who commit "hate crimes" motivated by bigotry may be given longer prison terms without violating rights to free speech or expression, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Friday, June 11, 1993.

Ruling unanimously in the Wisconsin case (*Wisconsin v. Mitchell*) of an African American male convicted in the beating of a white youth, the High Court said government may combat such offenses with penalties tougher than those for crimes not motivated by bigotry.

The June 11th ruling reversed a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling that struck down the state law, authored by former State Rep. David Clarenbach, as a violation of the First Amendment.

Writing for the High Court, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said that the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment which guarantees freedom of speech and expression "does not prohibit the evidentiary use of speech to establish the elements of a crime or to prove motive or intent."

### Second Ruling

It was the High Court's second ruling since last year on the heavily debated hate-crime issue.

In June, 1992, the Supreme Court struck down a St. Paul, MN ordinance that banned cross-burnings, swastika displays and other expressions of racial bias. That ordinance violated the right to free speech because it sought to ban some viewpoints, the Court said.

"Whereas the ordinance struck down (in the Minnesota case) was explicitly directed at expression... the statute in this case (*Wisconsin*) is aimed at conduct unprotected by the First Amendment," Rehnquist wrote.

The Wisconsin law allowed longer sentences for people convicted of violating existing laws — such as those against assault — if they chose their victim because of race, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

The FBI has said more than 4,500 hate-crime incidents were reported in 1991. Of those, 60 percent were attributed to racial bias.

### NGLTF Hails Decision

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) hailed the Supreme Court's decision as "a critical victory for the Lesbian and Gay movement," according to Martin Hiraga, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director. "It vindicates our contention that because hate crimes are not simple assaults, but attacks against entire groups, they deserve tougher sentences," Hiraga said.

## Ginsburg's Nomination to High Court: Cautiously Optimistic

[Milwaukee]— Reaction to President Bill Clinton's nomination of Ruth Badar Ginsburg to the U.S. Supreme Court ranged from the optimistic to one of caution.

In a press release, U.S. Senator Russ Feingold said he was "delighted" with the nomination. "President Clinton has done a good job in his choice," Feingold said.

Gay and Lesbian activists reacted as well. Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) praised Ginsburg as "a respected jurist with a long record of leadership on discrimination and women's issues." McFeeley added, however, "We would like some clarification of Judge Ginsburg's position on the right to privacy" as well as Lesbian and Gay rights.

Ginsburg has a reputation as a centrist, although her record prior to her appointment to the Appeals Court was as an attorney who brought several landmark women's rights cases to the U.S. Supreme Court. While her record in support of women's rights is well known,

## Clinton's \$502 Million AIDS Funding Increase Threatened In Senate



THOUSANDS CELEBRATE— An estimated 13,000 attended Milwaukee's PrideFest Celebration on June 12-13, 1993 including Country Supervisor Dorothy Dean (left), Cynthia Van Vreede and Sue Burke.

## Reports Say Aspin Backs The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Policy On Gays

[Milwaukee]— In a story carried by the *Washington Post* on June 23, 1993, Defense Secretary Les Aspin is reported as having thrown his support to a compromise proposal that would allow Gays and Lesbians to serve in the military as long as they keep their sexual orientation a secret.

The *New York Times* reported on June 23 that the proposal, dated June 17, had been circulated among the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

According to reports, the proposal would end the practices of questioning recruits about their sexual orientation, and "aggressively rooting out" Lesbians and Gays solely on the basis of sexual status.

At the same time, it would prohibit military personnel from "declaring" their homosexuality or engaging in homosexual conduct on or off base.

The proposal asserts that "homosexual conduct is inconsistent with high standards of combat effectiveness and unit cohesion."

A senior Pentagon official was quoted as saying that as a practical matter, the policy would mean that Gay men and Lesbians could still be investigated for homosexual conduct, but not if they were "outed" by a fellow service member.

her stand on Lesbian and Gay issues is less clear.

McFeeley made particular reference to the *Dronenburg* case (*Dronenburg v. Zech*) (D.C. Cir. 1984). This case, he said, "raises questions regarding her views."

In "*Dronenburg*," Ginsburg voted with the majority on a panel that refused to grant a rehearing to a sailor discharged for homosexual conduct.

McFeeley said that HRCF is preparing an "in-depth analysis" of Ginsburg's opinions on cases affecting Lesbian and Gay rights.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in a press release, while praising Ginsburg for her stand on women's issues, also expressed "some concern" for the judge's record on equal rights for Gays and Lesbians.

Like McFeeley, Lambda cited "*Dronenburg*" as their main cause for concern. However, they "remain hopeful" that Judge Ginsburg's approach to this case "is not one which she will follow as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court."

An addition to the proposal known as "Working Group Plus," would make a distinction between a soldier who discusses her/his sexuality with a comrade and one who does the same thing on a TV program.

At first, Defense Department officials denied that the proposal reflected Aspin's views, but since then have admitted that the proposal does reflect Aspin's views.

According to the *Post*, Aspin has worried in recent months that following through on Clinton's pledge to end the ban could cause an unacceptable rift with military leaders and has searched for a compromise the Joint Chiefs can support. This, with the addition of Working Group Plus, is the one he likes and will, reports say recommend to the President.

On June 22, Clinton told reporters that he had not changed his mind on lifting the ban, adding "The American people and the military are certainly ready for a resolution of it."

The *Post* reports that a senior administration official said on June 22 that Clinton had not yet seen the proposal and "wants to hear the Secretary explain the implementation, how this would work in the real world." The official added, however, that Clinton's pledge to lift the ban on Gays in the military was "not necessarily incompatible" with the language of the Defense Department's leaked proposal.

Aspin is tentatively scheduled to present the recommendation to the White House on Friday, June 25, the *Post* said, provided that negotiations over the shape of the budget bill do not interfere.

### Reaction

Reaction among Gay/Lesbian activist groups and others in Washington was swift. Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) told *Light* that "We are seeing a trial balloon and we're making every effort to shoot it down. This is not what the President promised and it can't fly politically."

King agreed that this was Aspin's proposal and went on to say that it "opens the closet door, but puts a solid gate in front of it." He went on to explain that if you're a closeted, celibate Lesbian or Gay, under the proposal, there'd be nothing to worry about.

Calling the leaked proposal "the Aspin policy," the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) condemned it utterly.

"It's just a re-packaging of the current policy. It's discrimination, with a new name," said Tanya Domi, Director of the

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[Milwaukee]— President Bill Clinton has submitted to Congress the largest increase in Federal AIDS funding in the history of the epidemic, and AIDS activists throughout the country are rallying to protect Clinton's budget in the face of serious threats by Congress to cut the President's AIDS requests.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), parent organization of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), called the Congressional threat to AIDS funding "a serious threat to the country's ability to manage the HIV epidemic" and is joining with AIDS leaders to secure Congressional support for the Clinton budget.

Nelson is on the Board of Directors of the national AIDS Action Council (AAC) and chairs its public policy committee.

Recently returned from an AAC meeting in Washington, Nelson praised President Clinton's "courageous financial commitment to AIDS."

Nelson continued, saying "The President has made a world of difference in the Federal budget and appropriations process, he has catapulted AIDS to a priority position on the national health agenda, and is enabling the AIDS community to have a fighting chance to successfully lobby for an historic increase in national AIDS funding."

Nelson explained that Clinton and the AIDS community are calling for a "triple track" approach to AIDS funding with major increases in AIDS research, prevention and care.

The President's budget authorizes a \$502 million triple track increase which includes: a \$127 million in AIDS research, a \$45 million increase in prevention and \$310 increase in the Ryan White Care Act.

Nelson said that the Clinton AIDS budget for research and prevention survived House Appropriation Committee cuts, but that the Ryan White Care Act was cut by \$110 million.

"Our mission is clear in the Senate," Nelson said. "There we must restore the \$110 million cut in care and protect the President's research and prevention budget. Ryan White funding has the most direct impact on Wisconsin where care and support services are delivered to dramatically increasing HIV case loads. We have a very realistic opportunity to restore the House cuts in the Senate and to gain Congressional approval of an historic increase in AIDS funding."

Nelson met Tuesday with Senator Herb Kohl (D- WI) while in Washington. Kohl sits on the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and has a key vote on AIDS funding issues.

"I emphasized to Sen. Kohl that Wisconsin was still suffering from Reagan/Bush neglect of the AIDS epidemic and that support of President Clinton's budget priority for AIDS was

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## Help Needed In Defending Abortion Clinics

[Milwaukee]— Pro-Choice groups have announced that the anti-Choice forces are once again out in force this summer, trying to stop a woman's right to have control over her procreative processes. The Milwaukee Clinic Protection Coalition needs your help to defend the clinics. Anti-Choice demonstrations are expected at the following locations:

On Saturday, June 26 at Affiliated Medical Services, 1428 N. Farwell Avenue at 7:00 a.m.; at Imperial Health Center, 6401 W. Capitol Drive at 8:00 a.m.; and at the Wisconsin Women's Health Center at 8634 W. Brown Deer Road at 6:00 p.m.

The Coalition asks that you please help if you can.

## Medical College Launches 'Men At Work,' Seeks Study Volunteers

[Milwaukee]- The Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has launched "Men At Work," a new HIV prevention program for Gay and Bisexual men in southeastern Wisconsin. The program will provide men with the most up-to-date strategies on ways to avoid contracting HIV infection, with a strong emphasis on ways to consistently maintain risk reduction behavior changes and to maintain safety in relationships.

All men participating are expected to personally benefit from "Men At Work" by learning better ways to consistently stay safe, and will also contribute to research leading to improved methods of AIDS prevention and thereby be able to help others.

"More than any other segment of the American population, Gay men have changed behavior to reduce their risk for contracting HIV infection and have taken the lead in community efforts to prevent AIDS," said Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., MCW Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences and Director of the Community Health Behavior Program.

"However," Kelly continued, "consistently maintaining change is difficult for many Gay men, and the risk for contracting HIV is high for persons who have any lapses into unsafe sex. For that reason, even men who are already knowledgeable about AIDS often want support to boost their efforts to remain safe."

"Men At Work" focuses its attention on ways to avoid risk at all times and under all circumstances; is intended to support men's efforts to develop relationships that remain safe, and help people handle situations that could trigger risk.

"Our objective," said Dr. Kelly, "is

to support Gay men in their efforts to have safe relationships, not just for a week or a month, but for years to come."

All participants in "Men At Work" will be invited to attend a day-long Saturday program, held by MCW personnel at a convenient eastside location.

Because "Men At Work" is a study evaluating the best approaches for long-term HIV prevention, all men contributing to this AIDS prevention research will receive \$40 for attending the session and for completing detailed, but confidential, questionnaires on the day of the program.

In addition, participants will be asked to complete follow-up questionnaires, and some will be invited to attend later short follow-up sessions. Additional payments of \$20 for completing follow-up questionnaires and \$15 for follow-up sessions will be given to men willing to assist in the follow-up evaluation of the program. A total of 600 men from southeastern Wisconsin are sought to participate in "Men At Work."

"We are pleased because Men At Work is not only a study intended to identify the best approaches for HIV prevention that will help in AIDS prevention everywhere, but is also a program that will offer the best available HIV prevention approaches to hundreds of Gay men of all ages in the Milwaukee area," Dr. Kelly said.

The program is open to all Gay or Bisexual men over age 18, and all sessions are led by MCW professional staff who adhere to the highest standards of confidentiality protection.

For information, interested persons should call (414) 287-4680 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and ask for "Men At Work."

## National Rally Against Military Ban Planned July 4 in Washington

[Washington, D.C.]- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans Association (GLBVA) is sponsoring a national rally on July 4, 1993 in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the rally is "to put the members of Congress and President Clinton on notice, that anything short of the complete lifting of the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military is absolutely unacceptable," according to NGLTF.

According to NGLTF's Jason Heffner, Coordinator of the National Mobilization Against the Ban, any compromise "simply renames the existing ruling. It would not eliminate the witch hunts, the falsehoods, and the tyranny of threats and violence that Lesbians and Gays already experience."

There will be a march that will kick off at 10:30 a.m. on July 4, starting near East Capitol and First Streets in Washington. At 11:30 a.m., participants will march across the U.S. Capitol grounds to the steps of the General Grant Reflecting Pool (located at the head of the Mall).

At noon, the marchers will join the official Independence Day Parade at 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. A

## MAGIC Picnic Needs Performers

[Madison]- The MAGIC Committee is actively seeking performers willing to donate their talents for the sound stage featured at the 20th Annual Picnic. Bands, dancers, vocalists, comedians, jugglers and all other types of performers are encouraged to register with the MAGIC Committee by July 1, 1993 to be on the roster posted at the park.

The Committee is excited to invite, for the first time in 20 years of MAGIC Picnic's history, vendors to accompany local organization tables along the waterfront. Please contact the MAGIC Committee by July 1, 1993, for further details.

The 20th Annual Picnic is upon us, on July 17, from noon until 6:00 p.m. at Brittingham Park. There will be an \$8 fee requested for food, beverages, games and much fun. All profits from this event will go to benefit many Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organizations locally.

For information pertaining to performing, vending, or to give a tax-deductible cash donation, please contact The MAGIC Committee, 636 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703.

brief "Presentation" will take place by the Lesbian and Gay veterans at the 17th Street reviewing stand.

At 2:30 p.m., a color guard will lead the marchers around the perimeter of Lafayette Park (directly across the street from the White House). There, notice will be served to the President, said Heffner, that a compromise is not acceptable.

GLBVA and NGLTF are calling on all Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual veterans, the supporters and friends, to come to Washington for the march.

For more information, travel instructions, or if you can come to Washington early and help, call Jason Heffner at NGLTF. The number is (202) 332-6483, Ext. 3360.

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NGLTF Military Freedom Initiative and a former Army captain.

Tori Osborn, NGLTF's Executive Director, called the proposal "an insidious form of double-speak. It would be similar to saying you are allowed to be Catholic — You just can't tell anyone you're Catholic, and you can't practice Catholicism," she said.

Congressman Barney Frank's (D-MA) office said that Frank considered the leak of the proposal "a trial balloon," but that Frank was against it.

Sen. Russ Feingold's office said that they too considered the leak a trial balloon. Feingold had no comment on the proposal itself, preferring to wait until the White House makes something official.

A White House decision is expected soon. Informed sources say that the "final announcement" will be leaked in Sunday, June 27's *New York Times*. The official announcement will follow from the White House on "Monday or Tuesday."

**IN THE MEANTIME, HRCF URGES YOU TO CALL LES ASPIN. TELL HIM YOU ARE FROM WISCONSIN (IF YOU ARE) AND URGE HIM TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL AND LIFT THE BAN.**

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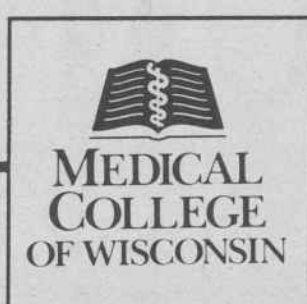
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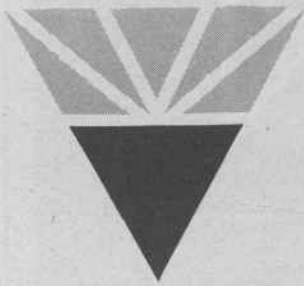
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# The Republican Party Is The New Frontier For Gays And Lesbians

Commentary By Scott Evertz

Some months ago, Michelangelo Signorile, author of *Queer in America*, wrote a column in *The Advocate* in which he referred to the Republican Party as the New Frontier for Gay men and Lesbians. Indeed, the GOP is not unlike the frontier that men and women in the late 1800's encountered as they trekked westward.

At times, the frontier is very exciting. At times it is terribly intimidating and downright hostile. But like the adventurers of the previous century, Gay men and Lesbians embarking on the journey within the GOP do so because of a belief that there is something better out there. As foolish as some may believe our efforts are, we know, like our foremothers did, that if we succeed, life will be better for us, for our families, for our community.

Make no mistake about it. Our frontier, the GOP, is changing fast and the self-appointed leadership of the Gay and Lesbian community would be well served to acknowledge this fact and cease its narrow minded exclusion of Gay men and women who identify themselves as Republicans.

As your President indicates that he does not want to appear to be "endorsing a Gay lifestyle," as he struggles to come up with a compromise for lifting the ban in the military, national leaders of the GOP, like Governor William Weld (R-MA), are enacting domestic partnership benefits for government employees.

As your openly Gay Congressman, Barney Frank (D-MA), undercuts the Gay community twice in as many years — first, by actively campaigning against Bill Weld and for a homophobic Democrat running for Governor of Massachusetts; and secondly, by endorsing a version of the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on the military ban — Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-WI) takes a national

leadership role endorsing the lifting of the ban and participates in debates on the issue in a Congressional district with a strong military presence.

Undoubtedly, we have our work cut out for us. As *The Milwaukee Journal* and *Sentinel* both reported, the delegates assembled at the recent State GOP Convention in La Crosse passed a resolution essentially calling for the ban to remain in place.

Those of us present can attest, however, to something that these two newspapers did not report. The vote was far from unanimous and GOP leaders such as former State Representative and Bush appointee, Betty Jo Nelsen, spoke out eloquently against the ban and received much applause for having done so.

Those of us present at that Convention, the annual gathering of the most Republican of Republicans, can also attest to the fact that for the most part, we were warmly received as openly Gay Republicans by the Party faithful. And although we still sensed from any that it is okay that we are Gay, but that they would rather not talk about it, the open hostility we would have once encountered is, for the most part, gone. Our voyage in our new frontier is going quite well and we encourage others of like mind to join us.

Face the fact. The Democratic Party takes the Gay and Lesbian community for granted. It uses us at their will and runs from us when things get rough. They think they can do this because they assume we have no place else to go. Well, we do and it's the new frontier of the Republican Party.

**Editor's Note:** Mr. Evertz is the Chairman of the East Side Republican Club in Milwaukee and Vice President of the Milwaukee chapter of the Log Cabin Club.

# Rep. Barney Frank's Military 'Compromise' Is Unworkable

Commentary By John Cain

Before I get into why Barney Frank's "compromise" is a crock, let me reiterate my total opposition to the military and my resentment that the military issue has become the current defining issue of my community.

That being said, the rest of this article will progress from the premise — false though it is — that military service is an acceptable career. Based on that premise, Barney Frank's "compromise" is unworkable, and his reasoning is faulty in the extreme.

Frank's "compromise" is a variation of the widely popular (among others) "don't ask, don't tell" proposition. Frank has given his compromise the label "don't ask, don't tell, don't investigate." It differs from "don't ask, don't tell" in that evidence of a serviceperson's homosexuality which stems from that person's activity while out of uniform and off-base must be ignored.

It does not modify the military's current policy statement that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The major problems with Frank's "compromise" are that there is no indication of what constitutes "asking" and no definition of what is "telling." On the surface, the "don't ask" and "don't tell" portions of the compromise seem clear-cut. But what if a Queer soldier is asked "are you married?" or "who are you dating?" Is that "asking?"

If that Queer soldier mentions his/her commitment ceremony, is that "telling?" What if a Queer soldier wears a "wedding" ring? Displays a picture of a lover on a desk, in a locker or wallet? Writes a letter to a lover from the barracks? Says, "I love you" over the phone? Are any or all of these "telling?"

Frank has listed four criteria that motivated his "compromise." He wanted to get "the maximum" he could get. But his "compromise" gets

nothing. He wanted something that could pass both houses of Congress. Does he think Clinton will not veto any attempt to write the ban into law? Does he believe our position is so weak that we can't muster 34 Senate votes or 146 House votes, either of which would sustain the veto?

He wanted something which put the onus of prejudice on heteros, and something which left "a position to make further improvements." These reasons do make sense, since we have seen nothing but hetero prejudice around this issue, and his "compromise" leaves nothing but room for improvement.

Actually, I think I may understand why Frank thinks his "compromise" is acceptable. I think he's forgotten what it's like to live in the closet. I've been out to myself for just 13 years, and to everyone else for only about three. Even in that short period, I find myself forgetting the reasons that kept me closeted, and the courage it took, and takes, for me and every openly Queer person to be out.

Frank has had the privilege of being out in a position of great power. He may be "the Gay Congressman," but he is still in Congress, and is therefore insulated from a lot of the day-to-day discrimination the rest of us face. Perhaps Frank had better take a nostalgic trip through his own closet before he "compromises" military Queers deeper into theirs.

# PFLAG Milwaukee To Hold Meeting June 27

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be holding its meeting on Sunday, June 27, 1993 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the King Lutheran Church, Olive Street and Wilson Drive in Shorewood. If you need directions to the church, call (414) 962-9320.

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# Christian Religious Right Movement Is Organized And Well-Funded

By Tom Flint

Most Americans appear to feel the religious right is only a lunatic fringe, but that is exactly what has helped fuel what is a national, well-financed movement. Among the targets besides the obvious Gay and Lesbian issues: the entire U.S. public school system, local and statewide political parties and a national agenda to unite church and state.

National leaders of the Christian right are currently visiting Washington and other states to help strategize and organize with local Fundamentalists.

## What We Can See

For example, on Saturday, June 5, 1993, the **Washington Family Council** sponsored a Community Impact Seminar at the Westminster Chapel in Bellevue, WA.

The Washington Family Council is an affiliate of the Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family organization which helped Colorado's Amendment 2 to pass.

James Dobson founded the organization in 1977, which claims two million supporters, has a paid staff of 900 employees and an annual income of \$77 million.

During 1992, Focus on the Family held two Community Impact Seminars in Colorado to help train Fundamentalist activists in that state.

The head of the Washington Family Council is a man named Jeff Kemp, son of Jack Kemp, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under George Bush. The Kemp family is notoriously homophobic.

Jack Kemp is the Christian right's favorite Republican candidate for President in 1996. The senior Kemp is a prominent figure at Christian right gatherings, such as Pat Robertson's annual Road to Victory conference, where he appears with leading right-wing activists including Senator Jesse Helms, Oliver North, Phyllis Schlafly and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

The junior Kemp was part of the Go '90 campaign, which attempted to evangelize foreign athletes attending the Goodwill Games in Seattle in 1990.

## Colorado Is All Of Us

Kevin Tebedo, director of Colorado for Family Values is spreading "the word" around the country. On June 12, 1993, he was in Washington State to warn citizens about the "Gay agenda, its threat and how Christians can counteract it." Tebedo is part of the "cultural war" being waged in Washington State and elsewhere around the country. The local Gay/Lesbian community is trying to respond, but so far has been no match for the Fundamentalists.

## Gays Should be Executed

The "traditional values" movement activists have learned to organize in secret, which they themselves call "stealth tactics." So it is difficult to draw a complete picture of what is happening in Washington, Idaho, Michigan, Wisconsin and elsewhere. But what is clear is that local Fundamentalists everywhere are involved with a national movement that aims to capture states county by county.

## Reconstructionists: Of Particular Danger

One of the more dangerous groups is one called the "Reconstructionists." The leader of the group is a man named Rousas Rushdoony, a 74 year-old Presbyterian minister who intends to establish an American theocracy. He wants his movement to replace the Constitution with the bible, and enforce it literally. In such a case, such things as disobedience to one's parents, blasphemy and homosexuality, among other things, would be punishable by death.

The Reconstructionists are organizing to take over the country in an effort called the Coalition for Revival (COR), based in Sunnyvale, California. COR was founded and headed by Jay Grimstead, another leader in the Reconstructionist movement. The COR has a 112 member steering committee that reads like a who's who of the Christian right, and includes virtually all the big names of homophobia that frequently appear in the media.

Grimstead has said, "We believe that God has given the bible as a rule book for all society, Christian and non-Christian alike. I concur with most of the Reconstructionist matters; I am trying to rebuild the society on the Word of God."

In a September, 1992 interview in **The Advocate**, Grimstead said, concerning the death penalty for homosexuals: "That is

a point upon which most of the men I work with on both the local and the national level have not arrived at a conclusion, or if they have, they are not telling me.

"The hard-core Reconstructionists, whom I believe are good men, support executions. We do believe that homosexuals and abortionists are committing murder, but most of us do not support the death penalty for them. This means that we are not being entirely consistent with the bible. I know, but most of us are not promoting that at this time. It's part of the debate, but it's certainly not unanimous."

Later in the same interview he said, "Homosexuality makes God vomit. If it's really an evil, as I believe, they are harming society because other people see a Lesbian couple and say, 'Well, they are a nice couple that is doing all this work for the homeless — maybe they're not so bad.'"

"Then the good works they are doing are actually contributing to an evil by making people think that homosexuality is acceptable."

## Death to Gays and Lesbians

Other Reconstructionists believe in the death sentence for Gays and Lesbians. Reconstructionist minister Leonard Coppes, Providence Church in Denver, CO, has said that homosexuality and abortion should be punished by death.

Coppes added, "The question is, who is going to set the legal system? I think God should set the law system, not man. If (homosexuals) don't repent, the bible says they ought to be put to death. It's just a matter of what God says."

## Targeting the Schools

The struggles in the country concerning prayer in the schools, multicultural education, AIDS education, are not occurring spontaneously, but are part of a strategic, organized effort by the religious right.

In 1989, Robert Simmonds, a member of the COR steering committee, sent out a letter to "Beloved Christian Warriors" that outlines a five-year plan calling for rallies, banquets, formation of new organizations and eventual take-over of school boards "to redeem your great city's children from atheist and immoral domination" and to "reclaim our Christian heritage in our public schools."

The first phase of school take-overs targets 60 cities, Milwaukee among them, and the Coors Foundation gave the Christian educators \$47,000 from 1985-'88 to launch the project.

## Arts and Entertainment

Another "sphere" of life that has been targeted for take-over is arts and entertainment. Rev. Don Wildmon, director of the American Family Association, is leading that effort. Wildmon is a COR steering committee member.

Wildmon gained national prominence in 1990 when he and Sen. Jesse Helms led the attack on the National Endowment of the Arts, for funding homoerotic art.

Currently, Wildmon and the American Family Association is leading the initiative to repeal Gay/Lesbian civil rights in Florida, and led the successful effort to repeal the Gay rights ordinance in Tampa in 1992.

## Concerned Women of America

The Washington State political action committee, IMPAC, also lists Tim and Beverly LaHaye as COR advisory committee members. Beverly LaHaye is head of the Concerned Women of America (CWA), which operated with a \$9.3 million budget in 1991, and claims a membership of over 500,000, making it the largest women's organization, far out-numbering the National Organization for Women (NOW).

CWA urges women to stay in the home and practice "kitchen table activism." It is organized in phone trees, and the network can be activated in a matter of minutes in letter writing and telephone campaigns on any given issue.

Beverly LaHaye is savagely opposed to Gay/Lesbian rights and claims that the "Gay rights agenda" will "force your churches to hire Gays and Lesbians. Make schools teach your children that homosexuality is a normal and acceptable lifestyle; legalize homosexual marriages," and "give homosexuals adoption rights."

LaHaye warned her members that "Worse yet, they are looking for new recruits!"

In early May, 1993, LaHaye took out a full page ad in **USA Today**, warning that lifting the ban against Gays in the military would destroy the military.

LaHaye, along with all the other Fundamentalist mentioned in this article, does not believe in the separation of church and state. In the February, '87 issue of **Ms** magazine, she is quoted as saying, "Yes, religion and politics do mix. America is a nation based on biblical principles. Christian values dominate our government. The test of those values is the bible. Politicians who do not use the bible to guide their public and private lives do not belong in office."

CWA was instrumental in the passage of Colorado's Amendment 2. Bert Nelsen, the president of the Colorado Branch of CWA, was an advisory board member for Colorado for Family Values, sponsor of Amendment 2.

## More Iceberg

If you think the word "conspiracy" is too extreme, consider some of the following links:

Beverly LaHaye's husband, Tim, is a Fundamentalist Baptist, one of the founders of the now defunct Moral Majority and head of the American Coalition for Traditional Values (ACTV) founded in 1983.

Tim LaHaye is also the founder of the Council for National Policy (CNP) and was its first president in 1981-'82. Other members of CNP included John and Holly Coors, Oliver North, and retired Generals John Singlaub and Gordon Summer.

CNP was founded when LaHaye presented his idea to Texas millionaire Cullen Davis, who in turn recruited billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt (Hunt was a member of the national council of the John Birch Society during an earlier era).

Tom Ellis was the second CNP president. Ellis is a top political operative of Sen. Jesse Helms, running several of the Helms organizations.

Ellis was at one point director of the Pioneer Fund, "a Foundation which finances efforts to prove that African Americans are inferior to whites" according to their literature, and provides funds to Helms' projects.

Pat Robertson was president of CNP in the late '80's. Oliver North and Reed Larson of the anti-union National Right to Work Committee recently joined the executive committee.

R.J. Rushdoony, the "death for homosexuals" Reconstructionist, is a board member of CNP.

Gary North, another Reconstructionist and Rushdoony's son-in-law, is a CNP board member. In relation to foreign policy, in the February 20, 1987 issue of **Christianity Today**, North wrote, "The so-called under developed societies are under developed because they are socialist, demonist and cursed. The bible tells us that the citizens of the Third World ought to feel guilty. They should feel guilty because they are guilty, both individually and corporately."

Other CNP board members include Jerry Falwell; Ron Goodwin, executive at the **Washington Times**, the arch-conservative D.C. paper owned by the Rev. Sun Yung Moon; Rev. Don Wildmon, Phyllis Schlafly and Robert Brown, publisher of **Soldier of Fortune**.

## Do Not Underestimate These People

The Christian right should not be underestimated or dismissed as a small group of irrelevant lunatics. The local groups in Washington State, Idaho, Wisconsin, Michigan, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York, California and elsewhere are aggressively organizing, having at their fingertips a large, very sophisticated national network with vast and growing resources.

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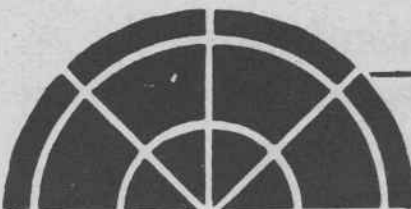
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# The Light LIVELY ARTS

## Often Offensive, Gay Zines Promote 'In-Your-Face' Brashness

By Brian Treglow

The past few years have seen the creation of a whole new type of publication. The new entries are a cross between newspapers, newsletters and magazines. They're simply called "zines." They can be slick, desk-top published jobs. They can be cut-and-past Xerox jobs, or simply hand-drawn cartoons. And they can be geared toward just about any niche you can imagine.

Want proof? How about a zine devoted to people who wish they were vampires? They can read *Splatterlip*. Into professional wrestling? There's *Wrestling Chatterbox*. Are you an anarchist? Then *Destroy All Humans* is for you. There's even a zine for people born on March 27, called *Three Twenty-Seven*.

### Lots Of Gay Zines

Not surprisingly, there are plenty of Gay zines; over 100 at the last count, and the number is rising fast. What they all have in common is an "in-your-face" brashness. They're young and they're hip.

Traditional journalistic rules about profanity, about copyrighting and about not offending readers are all thrown out. Some of these zines have every intention of offending anyone they can.

Many of the titles describe who the zine is aimed at. Zines titled *Gay Skinhead Movement* or *Infected Faggot Perspective* and *Dragazine* are intended for a particular audience. Others are more general. Here's a brief review of four Gay zines that are worth reading:

### Demure Butchness

The Minneapolis guys who write this zine are clearly having fun. One feature is a "Top 20 Men of Minneapolis" review complete with pictures, last week's ranking, and the number of weeks on the chart. Another feature is this week's "Phavorite Phallic Symbols."

The main article in the current issue is titled "Raised On Stephen King — Addicted to Pulp." It's topped off with a sassy gossip column by Miss Epiphany. It's all mildly outrageous and a good read.

### Bawdy Bible

The two Texas illustrators of this zine

## Neff's Artwork Eloquently Conveys Her Living Experience

By John Neff

[Madison]- Venus is more than a myth, spirituality is more than New Age bullshit and glitter has its place outside Las Vegas. This is what Laurel Neff's one-woman show at the Wayhouse of Light in Madison taught me last weekend.

The art, presented by Mona Webb, creator, curator and shaman-in-residence at the Wayhouse, is a testament to the power of belief and sincerity in an age fraught with doubt, irony and disbelief. Neff presents and staunchly defends, through the beauty of her creations, the collected experience of her life as a young woman, a family member and a Lesbian.

Defends is perhaps too strong a term. More than being aggressively confronted with an ideal, viewers find themselves seduced by the glow of the artworks; pulled into a warm and glassy world of altered perception. The optical effect of the show is, indeed, quite glassy.

Constructed of tile, stained glass, sand painting and all that glitters, the works have a kind of inner fire, squinting and changing with the eye's every movement.

Thematically, the works are a kind of visual diary — a meeting, in the world of art, of everyday experiences, spiritual beliefs, and feminist concerns. A work such as "The Wheel of Fortune" is not only a response to a specific time and place, it is also an appraisal of ancient beliefs, symbols, and concepts of human nature.

With its mixture of old and new, mundane and transcendent, Neff's

claim it's "... an attempt to introduce stories from the Bible to a much wider audience." Well, ahem, I suppose so.

The current issue is from the Old Testament "Book of Esther." For those of you who've forgotten your Sunday School lesson, let me jog your memory. Esther is the virgin who tried to please the king. She did so, and became queen. How she did is the story here.

The zine is basically X-rated pictures accompanying the actual scripture that depicts in detail our story. This is not specifically a Gay zine, but Gay readers will enjoy it. In truth, a little of this goes a long way, but the concept has such chutzpah it is refreshing.

### Brat Attack

This San Francisco publication is for Lesbians into leather, or as the cover says, "The zine for Leatherdykes and Other Bad Girrrlz." Interspersed with the comic and ads are articles like a survey of violence against S/M women within the Lesbian community, and an essay called "Why I Play With My Cunt." The comics are rather good, and as you might have guessed, nothing is held back.

### From Milwaukee

*Fuh Cole* is an angry little zine that comes from Milwaukee. For the last issue, the editor had a problem getting Kinko's to print the zine. Apparently Kinko's was offended by *Fuh Cole's* content. The zine did finally get published, but editor Dave has spent a lot of time here ragging on Kinko's. S-he even subtitled this issue *Fuh Kinko's*.

Once he gets over that, it picks up. A big feature is taking actual letters, corporate, mainstream, Gay, whatever, then analyzing, ridiculing and marking them up. It's more indignant than funny, but there are some amusing bits.

There you have a sampler. But there are many more. They're off-beat and well worth your time.

For additional information, contact: Demure Butchness, Box 2049, Loop Station, Minneapolis, MN 55402; Bawdy Bible, Box 165246, Irving, TX 75016; Brat Attack, Box 40754, San Francisco, CA 94140; *Fuh Cole*, 3540 N. Oakland, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

artwork eloquently conveys the experience of living as a Lesbian, a woman and a member of the human race.

The works of Laurel Neff, presented by Mona Webb, will be on display at the Wayhouse of Light on Williamson Street in Madison through July 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

## Submissions Sought for Military Anthology

[Altadena, CA]- Jody Hoenninger, the editor of *War Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Military*, is seeking submissions. Lesbians who have served in the military are encouraged to tell their stories and submit art, photographs, poetry, love letters and so forth that pertain to their experiences.

You need not be a skilled writer. Hoenninger is looking for a broad spectrum of experience, not literary prowess. It's okay to use a pen name, but please include your real name. It will be held in the strictest confidence.

Send submissions to: Jody Hoenninger, P.O. Box 94091, Pasadena, CA 91109.

Hoenninger is a writer/producer/community activist who was discharged from the Air Force in 1980 for being a Lesbian. She is currently in the Los Angeles Coalition for Military Service, working to lift the ban.

## Judith Katz, Randall Kenan Win Lambda Literary Fiction Awards

[Washington, D.C.]- Edmund White has written that the experience Gay and Lesbian writers bring to literature is that of the outsider, the person who always looks at society from a certain distance. What distinguishes the writing of this year's two Lambda Literary Award fiction winners is that they look through a double lens.

Judith Katz' winning novel, *Running Fiercely Toward a High Thin Sound*, details a life both Lesbian and Jewish. From this perspective, she has constructed a novel of magical realism, a dream world which interpenetrates and coexists with the world of ordinary existence, a world that borders on the mystical and the mad, a world of exaltation and of abject demoralization. Katz speaks with a unique, unmistakable voice.

Randall Kenan has been called the new James Baldwin, but that characterization is too glib and facile. Kenan may share with Baldwin an acute awareness of the destructive power of racism, but he writes, not so much out of anger, but out of knowledge.

Unlike Baldwin, who lived much of his life as an exile, Kenan can inhabit many worlds — Black and white, country and city. In his Gay Men's Fiction winning *Let the Dead Bury Their Dead*, kenan enters into many consciousnesses: a poor white Gay southerner and an over-educated white Confederate aristocrat; a Black woman school teacher descending into madness, and a successful Black accountant itemizing his own private hell. Kenan speaks in many voices.

Katz and Kenan are, however, but representative of a stellar year in Lesbian and Gay letters. Gay Men's Nonfiction winner Paul Monette, whose *Becoming a Man* has already been graced with a National Book Award, has in the past few years become a kind of living legend, an exemplary mortal transfigured by the truths he has to tell.

Similarly a figure of legend, the late Audre Lorde has left us in *Undersong* a testament to a will and a discipline and an integrity sorely needed and already sorely missed.

And Blanche Wiesen Cook, winner for Lesbian Nonfiction, has reclaimed a legendary figure in her biography, *Eleanor Roosevelt* and made her legacy more available to us.

Humor winner Alison Bechdel compresses a whole cosmos into a laugh. Joan Nestle, in editing the Lesbian Anthology winning *The Persistent Desire*, as explored the archetypes of our community made flesh, while John Preston, no stranger to the flesh, has brought together in the Gay Men's Anthology winner, *Member of the Family*,

compelling evidence that Gay men do not live solely in some magic circle of the Gay ghetto, but spring from and continually interact with the families that are our first homes.

In Edward Field, whose *Counting Myself Lucky* won Gay Men's Poetry, we have a poet who has labored long, and with humor, despite never having gained the full measure of fame he deserves. And in David Wojnarowicz, whose *Memories that Smell Like Gasoline* won the Small Press Award, we have a life cut short, yet treasured with a passionate, inflamed awareness every step of the way.

The Publisher's Service Award honors Craig Rodwell, founder of The Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop in 1967, a true pioneer in our movement. A veteran of Stonewall, he is, at this writing, in the final weeks of his life, suffering from terminal cancer. Where others saw mere books, Rodwell saw a Gay and Lesbian community.

And for the Editors' Choice Award, we have chosen a book that demonstrates that Gay and Lesbian writing still has the power to provoke, to shock, to irritate, and to bring new insights.

Nine publishers rejected Richard Mohr's *Gay Ideas* before Beacon Press found the courage to put it in print — only to face further obstacles from printers. Richard Mohr doesn't fly neatly on anyone's political map: his defense of outing is more radical than anything ACT UP has proposed, yet based not on the logic of punishment and reward, but on moral decency. His claim that Gay male relationships can provide a model for all society of democratic equality is daring and needed. And in his warnings of the risks that yet await our struggle, he provides a cautionary voice we ignore at our peril.

## Jani Kai Explores Personal Power in 'Tools of Survival' Art Exhibit

[Madison]- Tools of Survival, an artistic exploration of personal power by the artist Jini Kai, will be on exhibit at Sunporch Cafe, 2701 University Avenue, Madison, from July 12 through August 22, 1993. This exhibit was made possible in part by grants from The New Harvest Foundation and Kissing Girls Productions, Inc. All are welcome at the opening reception Monday evening, July 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Sara Killian at (608) 249-5741.

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## Cream City Chorus Pours Its Heart And Soul Into Exceptional Concert

By Bill Meunier

With its "We The People" Pride Concert, the Cream City Chorus added a large exclamation mark at the end of Pride Week in Milwaukee. The music, the words to that music and the spirit with which it was sung sent a clear message of pride.

That expression of pride was not just in our being Americans or Gays and Lesbians, but in being Lesbian and Gay Americans. The chorus paid homage to the American dream of equality and freedom while at the same time praising the efforts of so many who have worked to bring that dream into reality.

Throughout the concert wonderful narration written and read by Terry Underburg preceded the music. Underburg's narration tied together the music, and the spirit of the evening.

The highlight of the first half of the concert came with "Silent Guns" the third selection in the program. It is part of a set ten songs written by 19th Century Revolutionary poets and set to music by Dmitri Shostakovitch.

This is a very difficult piece even for a choir of professionals. It requires precision timing, as the volume rises and falls, it requires absolute attention to intricate layers of harmony.

The Chorus demonstrated absolute mastery of the music. Cascades of precisely timed, finely tuned harmony came flowing out. The volume rose and fell exactly on cue. Not one voice was out of place. It was the most difficult piece of music I have heard the Chorus attempt and it was one of the finest treatments I have heard it give to anything in its repertoire.

Next the Chorus performed Brahms' "Hymn of Freedom" from his Symphony No 1. This beautiful piece flowed sweetly throughout.

Not satisfied with the challenges Shostakovitch and Brahms, Director Scott Stewart included "Today I Built A Castle" the in first half of the program. Like the Shostakovitch, this piece by Linda Spevacek with texts by Joanna Heiman has very intricate arrangements.

The song speaks of our dreams and how we must work to build them. Unfortunately, for part of this piece it seemed as though some chorus members were shouting more than they were singing, but even that short annoyance did not detract much from the way the group met the rigorous demands of the music.

The first half of the concert concluded with a "Musical Risotto" by Jonathon Wilcocks. A wonderful solo performed by Terri Wedner brought the house down.

For the second half of the evening, the Chorus members changed into whatever clothing they chose to wear. The mixture of softball uniforms, leather, cowboy attire, jeans and business wear provided a fitting picture for the next three selections.

The members sang each of these with their entire hearts and souls.

"We the People" was spirited but at the same time moving. "Gay Pride March" was given just the proper amount of gusto without losing control. "Singing For Our Lives" was done with such emotion that many in the audience

### Missing Man Sought

[Boston, MA]- Sasha Alyson of Alyson Publications is seeking a man named C.E. Case (probably short of Chris). Case is the author of the book *Wingmen*. His last known address was in the Milwaukee area. If you know where Case can be reached, please contact Sasha Alyson at Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton Street, Boston, MA 02118; (617) 542-5679. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

joined in.

Next came a short piece "To the End of Our Tribe." This mournful song is taken from Native American poetry, it chronicles a people being pushed beyond their limits.

It was appropriately followed by a selection of songs about Gay and Lesbian life before Stonewall. Especially pleasing in this suite of music were "The Girl That I Marry" sung by the Female members of the chorus and "The Vice Squad is Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine."

Then came more fireworks and flashes of defiance. "Never Turning Back" by Judy Small was done with exquisite harmony and perfect timing. The Chorus belted out "Brothers and Sisters" giving it the enthusiasm it deserves. Both selections drew loud cheers from the audience.

Finishing with "Tomorrow Belongs To Me" and its signature song "I Love Myself Just the Way I Am," the Cream City chorus left the stage to loud and prolonged applause.

While the audience was appreciative it was on the small side. About half of the seats were empty. The love, the heart and the soul the Cream City chorus poured into this concert deserved a full house. If we truly want to see alternative forms of entertainment in Milwaukee then we must support them when they come along. I hope the Chorus records this music so everyone who wasn't there can hear what they missed.

## Kissing Girls Announces Winners Of Culture And Creativity Awards

[Madison]- The women of Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) are pleased to announce the recipients of the 4th Annual Kissing Girls Productions Lesbian Culture and Creativity Awards. The 1993 recipients of this year's awards are:

**Peaceseeker Martial Arts School for Women, Whitewater** — tumbling mats for women's karate and martial arts school, \$350;

**Re-formed Congregation of the Goddess (RCG), Madison** — to provide scholarships to low income Lesbians at a RCG sponsored Lesbian Sex Camp weekend, \$390;

**Wendy Hutton, Madison** — a group Lesbian art installation piece at Apple Island and partial scholarship to a multi-media art workshop at Split Rock Art School, \$400;

**Sue Silvermarie Milwaukee** — production of an audiotaped collection of poetry entitled *Menopausal Lust*, \$300.

Kissing Girls Productions would like to express our deep gratitude to all the Lesbians and women who continue to support the Lesbian Variety Show and our other production efforts. This year, approximately \$750 was collected in direct Variety Show audience contributions. Kissing Girls has matched that amount with a portion of the net profit from this year's show.

All of the above artists will exhibit or perform their work in the 1993 or 1994 Lesbian Variety Show Weekend Activities. A few will also be exhibiting in

other area forums. Please watch for advertisements or listings of their work.

KGP hopes that you will attend their performances or exhibits in order to further support their artistic and cultural efforts on behalf of Lesbians.

Again, our sincerest thanks... we look forward to seeing you in November at I GOT THIS WAY FROM KISSING GIRLS 8!

## West Side Dykes Plan Meeting On July 11

[Milwaukee]- The West Side Dykes is a group promoting Lesbian networking, friendship, discussion, and activities. West Side Dykes encourages the formation of "Womontown" on Milwaukee's West Side where housing is solid, cheap and integrated.

The West Side Dykes hold monthly meetings on the first Sunday of every month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The exception is the July meeting which will be held on the second Sunday of the month, July 11 at 2020 N. 49th Street. The time will still be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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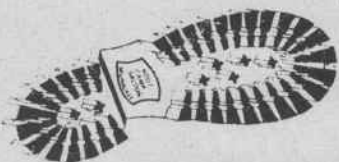
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# Time May Be Running Out On Getting Military Ban Lifted

Analysis By Bob Roehr

[Washington, D.C.]— July 15, 1993, is when Pentagon recommendations on lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military are due. Tensions are mounting as the date draws near.

The national Gay and Lesbian organizations continue their frenzied attempts to stimulate grass-roots pressure on Congress to acquiesce in lifting the ban. So far it has been too little, too late.

Sabrina Sojourner is a lobbyist hired by the Campaign for Military Service (CMS), the new coalition organization heading up these efforts.

In early June, at a town meeting in Washington on lifting the ban, she said that many members of Congress would like to "do the right thing" on this issue, but that they needed some political "cover" to do so.

## Goldwater Speaks Out

"Cover" can come from a number of sources. That's why CMS worked closely with Barry Goldwater, the retired conservative Senator and 1964 Republican presidential nominee, to place his op-ed article in the *Washington Post* and secure his appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live" on June 10.

The headline read: "The Gay Ban: Just Plain Un-American." In clear, blunt language, Goldwater, a former military man himself, dealt with the major myths surrounding the issue, laying waste to each one.

Goldwater began by saying that "After more than 50 years in the military and politics, I am still amazed to see how upset people can get over nothing."

He went on to say that with the American economy "going down the tubes," the military over the past 10 years, had "wasted a half-billion dollars" chasing down Gays and "running them out of the armed services."

Goldwater went on to cite studies, one dating back to 1956, that showed that there "was no valid reason for keeping the ban on Gays."

Goldwater compared the struggle to lift the anti-Gay ban to the struggles to let Blacks and women serve equally in the military. Then he went on to condemn Nunn's "Don't ask, don't tell" idea. "That compromise doesn't deal with the issue," he wrote. "It tries to hide it."

Goldwater concluding by saying in part, "If I were in the Senate today, I would rise on the Senate floor in support of our commander-in-chief. He may be a Democrat, but he happens to be right on this question."

Goldwater's article was, by all accounts, the best single synopsis, critique, and rallying cry for the pro-Gay forces that has yet come forth. And it has created the anticipated stir. Three "dear colleague" letters were said to be circulating on Capitol Hill by 10:00 a.m. the morning the article appeared.

"Cover" for members of Congress

# Military Veterans Appreciated Being Pride Parades Grand Marshal

Commentary By Jim English

[Milwaukee]— Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) stood at the front of the Milwaukee PrideFest Parade, proudly carrying the flags that represent the service that they still revere. Even with the pain of memories of their dismissal from military service, they banded together into a military unit and marched proudly as Grand Marshals. The pride was further enhanced as they followed the spectacularly flag-bedecked car of Alan Eslinger.

For those who saw GLBVA participate in PrideFest, it was obvious that the pride still exists. As a group, we are committed to furnishing an outlet to all those who have served, and to those who believe that Gays and Lesbians should be allowed to serve in the military of this nation.

PrideFest greatly assisted the Southeast Wisconsin GLBVA's chapter's further growth. Forty-five people signed up to receive our newsletter. All were given applications to join the group.

GLBVA will continue participating in regional Pride activities. As current Chapter Commander, I will be one of the guest speakers at the Rockford, Illinois Pride Celebration on June 26. We are hoping to recruit enough people there to form a new chapter.

On Sunday, June 27, the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter will be joining the Chicago Chapter in marching in the Honor Position at the Chicago Gay Pride Parade. As Gay vets at-large, we will be

could also come from strong leadership by the President. So far, Clinton has not chosen to supply that.

Thomas E. Mann, a Brookings Institute scholar on Congress, is quoted in a *Washington Post* article on governmental gridlock as saying that Clinton "has failed to provide the political cover for them (Congress) to do the right thing. He has not made it easier, he has made it harder."

One curious thing about the national Gay and Lesbian organizations' efforts is their myopic public focus on Congress. Many, here in Washington and elsewhere are wondering why there has been little political pressure on Clinton? Why is he getting a free ride?

Barney Frank is certainly one reason. The Gay and Lesbian community's best-known political standard bearer told the assembled Lesbian/Gay leadership recently that he "would not allow the President to be put in a position to veto (a proposal to codify the ban). He would not want to embarrass the President, he said, according to Tanya Domi, director of the Military Freedom Initiative at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Frank, as point man, has helped to curb any urge to criticize the President that might have arisen from the Gay/Lesbian leadership who are naturally close to Clinton.

Furthermore, most cut their teeth in the anti-war movement in the sixties and have neither great experience with nor affection for the military. The Task Forces' Domi is the only veteran among the senior staff involved with the campaign.

## Hopeful Signs?

Are there any positive signs in this gloomy picture? A few.

Lobbying efforts based on a process of education are slowly paying off in Congress. Time is clearly on our side. But many sense that time is running out.

The military seems to be slowly reining in its more vocal homophobic elements, as discipline of the loose-lipped Air Force general indicates. Also, their own studies supporting Gays in the military are having their effect. Forced to confront the inevitable, the military may accede to greater change than many think likely. What has been lacking is not studies, but the political will to change, especially from the Commander-in-Chief.

There are many signs that the broader Gay and Lesbian community is fast becoming engaged with this issue. Early muddled communications are beginning to clear and the community is beginning to understand how and why this issue is important to them.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is launching a national Mobilization Against the Ban beginning on July 4, including a march to the White House on July 15, and continued actions if the ban is not completely lifted. We must hope that all this is not too late.

marching in the number two position, right behind the Mayor's car. In Chicago, that's always first. Larry McKeon, the Mayor's Liaison for Gay issues, will be riding in the car along with his special guests, Dorothy Hadjys, mother of slain sailor Allen Schindler, and Tanya Domi, Legislative Lobbyist for NGLTF, and fellow GLBVA member.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to MLGPC for selecting us as the Grand Marshals of this year's parade. For many, it elevated self-pride to a new level.

Also, for many, it is the first acknowledgment of respect that they have received for the commendable service they gave.

# Summer Beach Party Planned For July 17

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# 13,000 People Make Milwaukee's PrideFest A Wonderful Success

In its advertising PrideFest 93 promised that it would be the biggest Lesbian and Gay event in Wisconsin history. With a crowd estimated to be over 13,000, a wide variety of acts and an atmosphere of pure celebration, PrideFest 93 lived up to its advance billing.

The event began with a country western dance sponsored by PrideFest, the Cream City Squares and the Shore Line Dancers. It ended with the BJ Daniels Revue. In between there were choirs, dance troupes, bands, an Inter Faith Service, the parade, speeches, singers, lectures, dance lessons and games.

Some who were there seemed overwhelmed by it all. One man from Milwaukee said "It's almost too much to take in, it's almost unbelievable." Others, like the 14 year old Brookfield Lesbian brought to the festival by her supportive parents just beamed with pride when asked what she thought.

A Milwaukee Journal editorial praised the event calling it a celebration "of community and individuality" where "people felt free to be themselves." Organizers called it "a stunning success." Nearly everyone seemed to agree.

The Saturday evening "Sing Out And Dance With Pride Concert" was a success. A crowd estimated at 2,000 was in attendance. They laughed at biting satire of "Smart Answer," roared their appreciation of Josie Santiago's Club Music set and erupted over the vocal stylings of Garret James and Jill Clark.

Various organizations gave "Moments in Lesbian and Gay History," detailing how they were formed and what impact they have had. The final "Moment" was the Pride celebration itself. Sue Cook, the first Pride Chairwoman, spoke about the first Pride Week in 1987 and how the celebration has grown.

Finally, at the end of a moving candle lighting ceremony the crowd rose holding their candles high and joined with the Cream City Chorus in singing "Singing For Our Lives."

The organizers had little time to rest and by 10:00 a.m. Sunday the park was cleaned up and ready for the Inter Faith Service, sponsored by the Inter Faith committee. Approximately 150 worshippers prayed, sang and gathered in fellowship.

The Pre-Parade Rally helped fire up the crowd assembling for the annual Pride Parade. Rodney Johnson spoke with pride of the contributions the African American community has made to the Gay and Lesbian community, BJ Daniels spoke about being a community, Scot Stewart asked and then answered the question "Why Am I Here." In her speech Miriam Ben-Shalom made a compelling case to continue the struggle to end the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military. Roberta Niggemeier urged the crowd to continue to feel proud all year long.

Then came the annual Pride Parade. It was a colorful assembly of floats, flags and marchers. An estimated 1,500 people took part in the parade with another 500 to 1,000 people watching along the curbs. Za's of Green Bay won the Committee's Choice parade award. Your Place of Milwaukee won the award for best Presentation by a business and The Travlur Lounge of Rockford won the trophy for Most Creative Presentation by

a Business. LAMM of Milwaukee won the award for Best Presentation By an Organization and ACT UP took the honors in the Most Creative Presentation By An Organization category.

After the parade State Representative Tammy Baldwin spoke of our successes and our need to continue fighting for our rights. She was followed by the presentation of the Alyn Hess award to Giselle Klemp.

Bill Meunier, President of GPU, presented the annual award. The Alyn Hess award is given by Gay People's Union to a heterosexual who has shown support for the Lesbian and Gay community. Ms. Klemp was honored for objecting to the Boy Scouts use of school property in Brookfield. She based her objection on the Scout's policy of discriminating against Gays.

Sunday's entertainment lived up to advance expectations.

David Robinson and Road Damage got everyone's feet moving as hundreds danced to their infectious reggae beat. Myxolydian did Madison proud with its performance. John Schneider and his orchestra turned in a great set of jazz complete with bubbles and tap dancing.

While the music was spectacular so was the dancing. The Shore Line Dancers had everyone oohing and aching as they went through their routines. The audience was fascinated by the Hispanic dances put on by the Iberian Dancers, and went wild over The Dance Factory's High energy dance routines. Gloria P. Hole's "infamous Betty Davis doing Madonna" dance was greeted by laughter and cheers.

Singsational got the crowd up dancing, the Bay City Chorus proudly sang out and the Carnival Strippers rocked the park. The Queer Nation Wedding joined couples together in a symbolic marriage and Ladies of the Valley showed that Appleton has some very good entertainers. As has been the case in the past, the BJ Daniels revue brought the house down.

The entertainment wasn't the only good thing going on the grounds. A volley ball net attracted dozens of players. Others heard lectures, wrote songs, and learned new dance steps in the Stonewall Tent. Throughout the afternoon a steady stream of people filed past dozens of information booths and bought rummage, t-shirts, buttons, books and jewelry.

Club 3054 of Madison used the flatbed truck it had entered in the parade as an impromptu dance stage and to the delight of many played club music tapes all afternoon.

Even with all of the activity spreading out the crowd, the park still appeared crowded throughout the day. Only at 6:00 was there a noticeable drop in crowd size. The Milwaukee Police estimated Sunday's attendance at 11,000.

Despite a large crowd there were few problems. There was only one arrest. One man, a skinhead, was arrested after he refused to leave and began pushing people. Several patrons complained that he was making derogatory remarks about Gays and Lesbians.

Service in the food and drink lines was markedly better than it had been in the past. Except for a brief period right after the parade the lines moved freely and easily. Al Thomas, owner of Milwaukee's Triangle Bar, commented on how good the

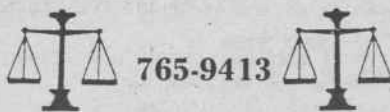
food was saying, "Everything is just great, the people who prepared the food are to be commended."

It is worthy of note that even before the

Festival opened, organizers were already busy laying plans for 1994 and the Stonewall 25 celebration.

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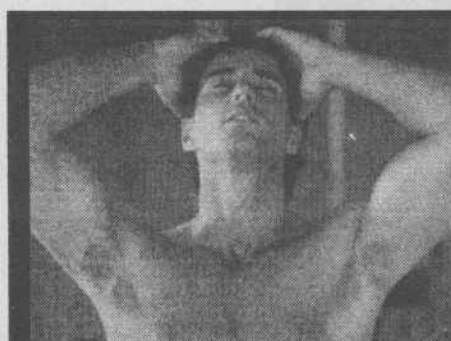
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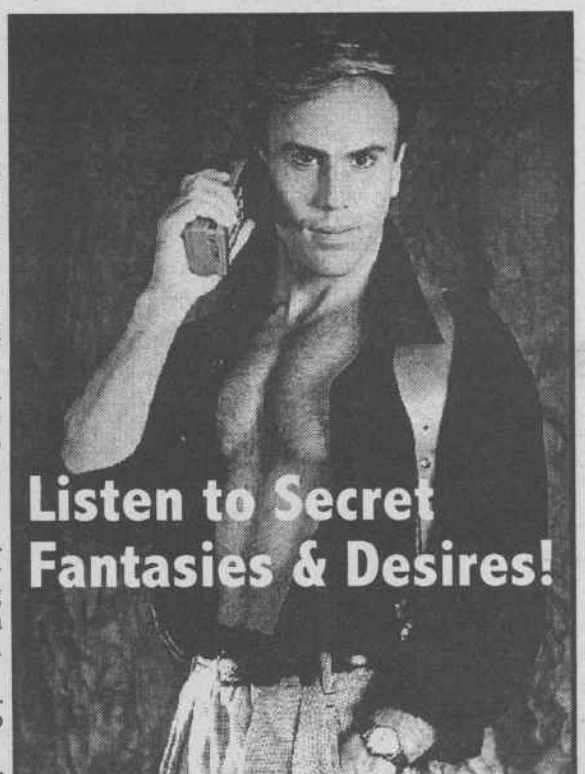
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our top priority for this session of Congress," Nelson said. "I believe Sen. Kohl cares deeply about how AIDS is affecting Wisconsin and he understands the seriousness of his vote on the issue of restoring the House cuts on AIDS care. I also know that he is under significant pressure to restore House cuts to the national immunization program and Head Start."

"So many discretionary federal social spending programs are being cut," Nelson said. "We are so fortunate to have President Clinton elevate AIDS to a national priority because it means that the lobby effort in Congress is to ask members of Congress to support the President's priority rather than to lead a greater commitment than the President has made as in past years. My hope is that Sen. Kohl will come through for us by supporting the President's AIDS budget when he votes on appropriations in the Senate."

Nelson urged everyone who cares about AIDS issues to communicate directly with Sen. Kohl urging his support for the AIDS budget and restoration of House cuts.

Nelson said that there was reason for optimism on budget issues in spite of earlier Congressional failures on AIDS.

"All of us were angry and disappointed with the codification of the HIV immigration ban by Congress and with the Congressional defeat of President Clinton's economic stimulus package which included \$200 million of additional Ryan White Funds for this year," Nelson said.

"We expected much more from a Democratic Congress and with the early disorganization of the new Administration, the political clout needed to correct these Congressional failures was absent."

Nelson reported that all of the national AIDS organizations recently boycotted President Clinton's Rose Garden signing of a new AIDS research law because the Congress attached the HIV immigration ban to the bill.

"The AIDS Research bill was a great achievement, but the raw discrimination of the HIV immigration ban required that on principle we not lend any visible support to its enactment."

Nelson expressed confidence that the Clinton Administration was demonstrating greater strength in the 1994 budget process and that the President's leadership on AIDS funding is making a big difference.

Nelson also praised the lobbying power of the AIDS Action Council.

"The Council has outstanding staff who are politically savvy and the active support of the country's best AIDS service agencies which combine to have a powerful presence on Capitol Hill. I am pleased to bring Wisconsin's voice to the vitally important work of the Council."

**Berlin Conference Affects AIDS Politics**

Nelson also reported that the recently concluded International AIDS Conference in Berlin, Germany, has cast a shadow over the political deliberations in Washington on AIDS. Politicians and AIDS activists are unusually cognizant of the negative reports out of Berlin, according to Nelson.

"The scientific gridlock that resulted from conflicting drug trials reported at the Conference along with disturbing reports on rapid spread of the AIDS epidemic around the world, have had an impact in Washington," Nelson said.

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"There is a growing recognition that a much greater national investment must be made in AIDS prevention that includes social marketing of condoms and the lifting of barriers to proven prevention strategies such as clean needle exchange. This was both important dialogue at the AIDS Action Council meeting and is being actively promoted by certain members of Congress."

Nelson said that data from the Berlin Conference that is causing the political re-consideration of prevention strategies includes the fact that in the past year one half million new AIDS cases were diagnosed throughout the world, and that world-wide AIDS cases will triple within the next six years.

Nelson also reported that five out of eleven new HIV infections are occurring among women, and that 50% of all new HIV infections are among individuals under the age of 25.

"It is the youth of the world who are driving the HIV pandemic," Nelson stressed. "We learned in Berlin that even in the United States, one quarter of all youth acquire a sexually transmitted disease by age 21. That means that 25% of youth are at risk for HIV infection. What's worse is that America's primary strategy for AIDS prevention among youth is the promotion of sexual abstinence."

"It is a national strategy that will fail because it does not treat youth as they are, but rather as society would like them to be."

"The European countries are far more advanced than America in their commitment to enlightened AIDS prevention," Nelson said. "Needle exchange programs and social marketing of condoms are commonplace because they are known to be effective strategies. As the AIDS epidemic continues to rage on, and international reports continue to worsen, enormous pressure will be placed on political leaders to stop the moralizing on AIDS and to get serious about preventing and managing the HIV epidemic effectively."

"The rumblings of discontent with America's response to AIDS are intensifying," Nelson said. "President Clinton's budget commitment is one step in the right direction, and Congress will need to follow him. However, the work to be done on AIDS research, prevention, and care is so enormous that I have now come to believe that the President's campaign promise of a Manhattan Project on AIDS is the only way we will make progress against this beastly disease."

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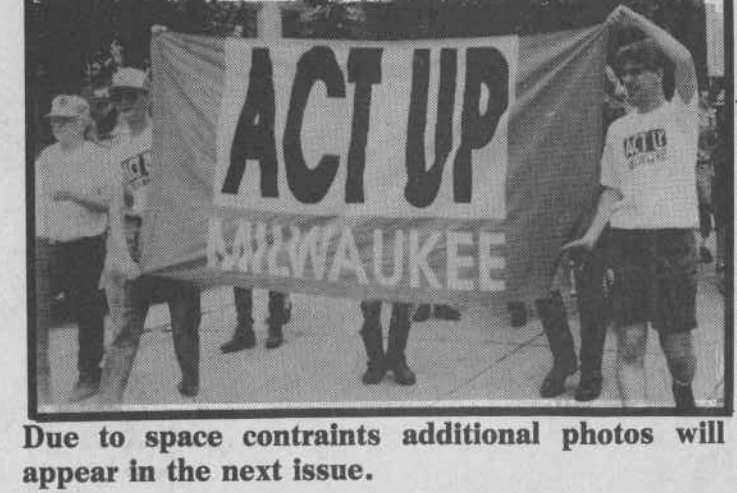
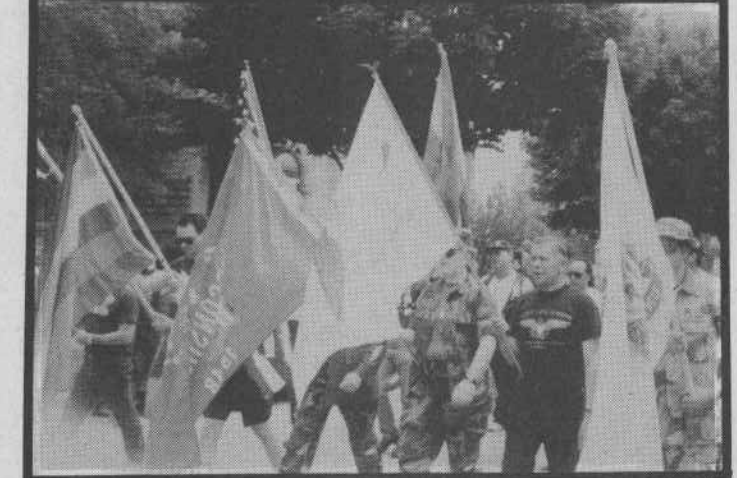
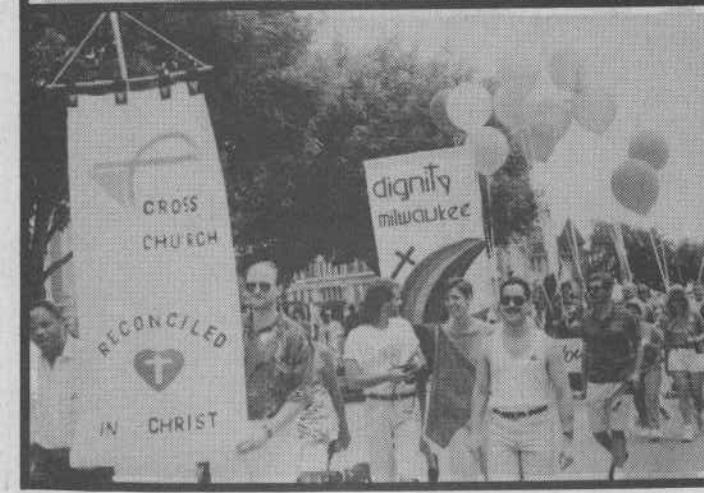
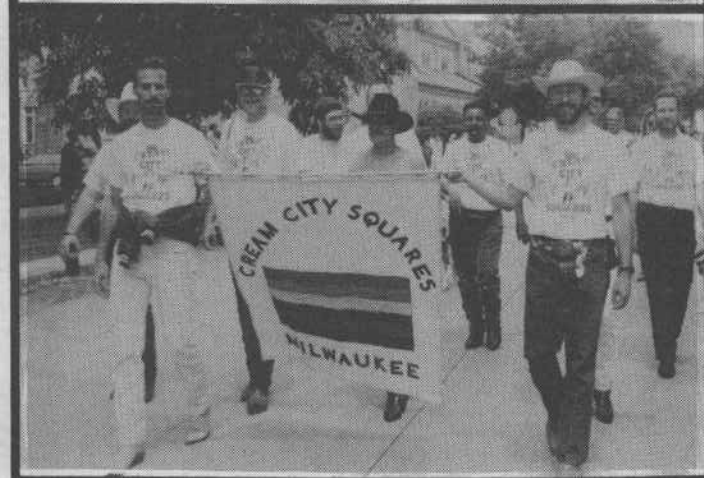
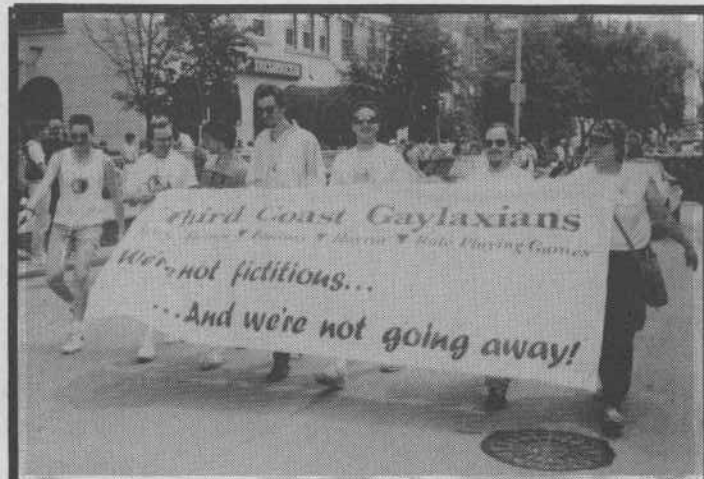
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