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The Wisconsin Light

Governments New T.V. Condom Ads Upsetting Both Sides of Issue

[Washington, D.C.]—The Clinton Administration has begun using the hype of Madison Avenue, soap stars, rap artists and TV actors to create a series of TV ads promoting both abstinence and the use of condoms. The ads are aimed at young people between the ages of 18 and 25.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 86% percent of men and 76% of women have had intercourse by the time they are 20.

The ads are quite restrained. None of the condoms is shown out of its package. None of the condoms is shown being used. And none of the ads is aimed specifically at Lesbians or Gay men, although Kristine M. Gebbie, the Clinton AIDS czar, told *Light* that "Gay leaders had approved them."

One ad shows a man and a woman embracing, kicking off their shoes, pulling off an earring and unbuttoning a shirt.

"Did you bring it?" the woman asks barely able to restrain herself.

"I forgot it," the man replies.

"Then forget it," the woman says.

The campaign was unveiled on January 5 by Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services. Shalala told the press that she saluted the ads "for their vision."

Not everyone agreed. Msgr. Robert N. Lynch, the General Secretary of the National Conference of Bishops called the campaign "irresponsible" because it did not promote abstinence.

Steve Michael of ACT UP D.C. in response to Lynch's statement said, "Before any leader of the Catholic Church tells any of us about the virtues of abstinence, they should practice it themselves. One has to wonder how many of our youth have been infected by Catholic priests."

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) condemned the ads saying that taxpayers were being forced to pay for something they found "personally and morally offensive."

Lynch and Lamar were joined in their condemnations by Lou Sheldon, Televangelist Pat Robertson and others. Wayne Turner of ACT UP-D.C. also condemned the ads, saying "Clinton's dancing condoms won't save lives."

ACT UP said that the ads do not explain that condoms should be used only with water-based lubricants and called for more sexually explicit ads such as those being run in Britain.

"We don't tell kids to just drive a car 'correctly' and then throw them the keys," Michael said. "Yet this President and his Cabinet are doing just that with condoms."

"These ads fall far short of the aggressive leadership promised by the Clinton Administration for this public health emergency," Michael continued, adding, that the ads "can't even say the word 'Gay' and won't play during prime time."

"A half-hearted prevention program comes as no surprise," ACT UP spokespersons concluded.

Milwaukee Performing Art Groups To Raise Funds for AIDS Project

[Milwaukee]—Twenty-six Milwaukee area performing arts organizations will raise their curtains in February and March in support of AIDS care, education and research as they take part in Audiences For AIDS. This is a first-time event, sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Arts Action Committee, gives patrons of the arts an opportunity to support programs for hundreds of men, women and children with HIV disease at MAP.

Among those groups participating are: The Boulevard Ensemble, Dancecircus, Different Drummer Theatre Alliance, Fest City Singers, Dale Gutzman Productions,

'Light' to Stay On Shelves At Hales Corner's Library

Library Board's Decision Is Unanimous

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]—In a compromise move that seems to satisfy both sides, the Hales Corners Public Library will continue to distribute copies of the *Wisconsin Light* — but from the top of a much taller newspaper rack in a location where the library staff can keep an eye on it.

A Hales Corners resident, Jeff Baas,

had filed a complaint about the newspaper in July. He said some of the newspaper's advertisements were "almost pornographic" and the newspaper was too available to children by being distributed from a low brochure rack in the library lobby.

Now, the *Light* will be distributed from a rack for free newspapers mounted on a column inside the library near the

circulation desk. An additional copy of the newspaper will continue to be kept with other newspapers in the newspaper collection for reading at the library, but the *Light* will be on the top shelf.

Baas's wife, Marilee, said keeping the newspaper was "no problem" and moving it out of reach of children was "an acceptable step in the right direction. It certainly shows that they (Library Board members) do recognize that they that they do have some responsibility for controlling what kids read."

Another woman who had said the newspaper "promotes depravity," Nada Marcetich, commented: "At least they acknowledged that there was something that needed to be changed. I'm glad to see it out of the brochure rack."

Terry Boughner, Ph.D., editor of the *Light*, said he was satisfied with the Library Board's decision. "As long as they put all their other free publications to give away are there, then I see no discrimination and I have no problem with it. I think if they had taken *Wisconsin Light* in particular and hid it behind a desk or put it in some special place, I would have had trouble," he said.

"If they had decided to exclude the paper they would have had a suit on their hands," Boughner said. "I hope this is the end of it."

The change came after months of meetings and two heated public hearings. Most Hales Corners residents who spoke against the newspaper at the hearings expressed concern about telephone sex ads and nudity in ads that might be seen by children. Others spoke angrily against Gays and Lesbians in general.

Opponents of the paper outnumbered supporters two to one. Supporters said the library should not limit what people may read and said the newspaper serves some Hales Corners residents.

The Library Board delayed a decision about the newspaper in December to rewrite its policies for the brochure rack and the selection of library materials. The new policies, 11 pages long plus supporting documents, replace four pages of policies that had been drafted in the 1970s.

Library Director Patricia A. Laughlin said she modeled the new policies in part after the policies at the public library in Fairfax, Virginia, which recently dealt with a complaint about another Gay and Lesbian newspaper, the *Washington Blade*.

The new policy on materials selection lists several objectives, including: "To provide a place where inquiring minds may encounter the original, sometimes unorthodox and critical ideas so necessary as correctives and stimulants in a society that depends for its survival on free competition in ideas."

Some materials may offend some clients, the policy says, and clients may ask for reconsideration of particular materials, but they "cannot exercise censorship to restrict access to materials by others."

The policy also says "selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that material may be accessible to use by children."

The Library Board unanimously approved both the new policies and keeping the *Wisconsin Light* — in the new location. As recommended by a library committee that had studied the newspaper complaint, the Board also voted to post a copy of the Library Bill of Rights in a prominent place.

The Board approved another committee recommendation to ask the Milwaukee County Federated Library System to change the forms for children's library cards to remind parents they are responsible for what their children read.



A CLASSIC RETURNS—Blanche DuBois (Vivian Leigh) and Stanley Kowalski (Marlon Brando) star in the restored directors cut of "A Streetcar Named Desire." The film opens Jan. 28 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre for a limited run.

Krestine Gebbie, Federal AIDS 'Czar' Visits Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]— "If you're thinking sexual thoughts, you ought to also think condoms," said Kristine Gebbie, citing a condom ad being used in Portland, Oregon and aimed at young people. They are also looking to things like putting condom vending machines in the Berger King bathrooms, Gebbie said, because that's one of the places where the kids hang out.

Gebbie, President Clinton's AIDS czar, was in Milwaukee on January 12 at the invitation of the Wisconsin AIDS Resource Center, a part of the Milwaukee Foundation. Her office had contacted the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) to ask if she could speak to people there.

Gebbie came to MAP for a 7:00 a.m. meeting and was joined by some 50 people: MAP Directors, members of the Board, staff, representatives of the Madison AIDS Support Network, other representatives of Wisconsin AIDS service agencies and the press.

Gebbie said that she did not think that cost was a reason that young people do not use condoms. "My perception," she said, "from talking to a lot of people, is

that a lot of the barrier (to getting condoms) is they're too embarrassed to do it; I don't want to go into that section of the store, I don't want to have to face a clerk, I really don't know what kind to buy, how do I talk to my partner about it.

AIDS PSAs

Gebbie was asked by *Light* if she foresaw the time when any of the PSAs on condom use coming out of Washington would be directed toward the Gay community?

Gebbie replied that she didn't know "if we'll see it in the PSAs." She added however, that "we're very aware of the need to talk to Gay men."

The current PSAs (all seemingly heterosexually oriented), she said, "were targeted at an age group and they were tested with both Gay and straight populations. They were tested with Hispanic, African American and white populations and they tested well with all of them. Gay men viewed them and got the message from them." The radio PSAs, she said, are much less specific as to sexual orientation.

Gebbie said she had "no opposition" to targeting a PSA directly at Gay men. The question, she said, should it be done on the national level or should it be done on a local level.

Gebbie was asked how she reacted to the position of conservative religious groups that there should be mandatory testing for HIV? Gebbie responded, "Hold my temper."

She went on to say that anyone who has been at risk for contracting HIV should seriously consider testing. She said she "strongly supported" early treatment and planning out approaches.

However, to do testing as a "preventive device and to talk about it as a mandatory thing, really does drive me crazy."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gay Bar Fires Straight Bartenders

[New Port Richey, FL]- According to the *New York Times*, when the Late Show Night Club in New Port Richey, Florida, went Gay, out went four barmaids who were not.

"It's the twist of all twists, a Gay bar firing straight women," said Todd Simmons, spokesman for a statewide Gay rights group that has taken up their cause, the Tampa-based Human Rights Task Force of Florida.

"Sexual orientation has no bearing on your capacity to mix drinks or serve them. Discrimination is wrong whether it's directed against Gays or straights," Simmons said.

The women have taken their case to lawyer Kay Morgan. Morgan plans to file a complaint with the Florida Human Rights Commission and eventually take the case to court.

Such a case would be reminiscent of the strategy used by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg when she won many of her women's rights victories before the high court in the '70's by using male plaintiffs to attack gender-based stereotypes.

Florida has no state law banning discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Convention Boycotts Cincinnati

[San Francisco, CA]- The Associated Press reports that the American Historical Association (AHA), America's premiere professional association for historians, will move its 1995 conference out of Cincinnati because that city's charter forbids laws to protect Lesbians and Gay men.

Cincinnati voters amended the city's charter in November to bar the City Council from enacting laws that give equal protection to Lesbians and Gay men in housing, employment or public accommodations. A federal judge has blocked implementation of the amendment pending a trial of a lawsuit filed by Gay rights activists.

The AHA has 16,000 individual members and 5,000 institutional members. Its annual conference draws between 3,000 and 4,000 people.

The American Library Association also canceled plans to hold its 1995 convention in Cincinnati.

Chicago Archdiocese Offers to Pay

[Chicago]- The Chicago *Sun-Times* reports that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati offered to pay therapy bills for the man who accused Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago and another priest of sexually abusing him.

Documents filed January 14 in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati said the Archdiocese offered three months ago to pay for some of Steven J. Cook's therapy but denied his allegations. The documents also said the Archdiocese removed the Rev. Ellis N Harsham, the other accused priest, from the school in the 1970's "because of an incident of sexual behavior with an adult seminarian" other than Cook.

Archdiocesan Chancellor, the Rev. R. Daniel Conion said Harsham admitted he had a close friendship with Cook, but denied having sexual contact with him.

Cook, 34, of Philadelphia, sued Bernardin, Harsham, the Archdiocese and Archdiocesan officials November 12. He claims Harsham sexually abused him in the mid 1970's. Cook alleges that it was Harsham who introduced him to Bernardin, which Conion denied.

Country Music Helps Fight AIDS

[Washington, D.C.]- Reuters news service reports that 46 top country music singing stars have unveiled a sweeping advertising campaign designed to prevent the spread of AIDS and targeting rural areas, where the disease is rapidly growing.

Mary Chapin Carpenter, Mark Chesnutt, Garth Brooks, Clint Black, Willie Nelson and others will appear in the "Break the Silence" campaign, which urges AIDS education and prevention, including condom use and even abstinence.

The ad is less explicit than government ads, in which a packaged condom leaps from a drawer, moves across a room and wriggles under the covers with an amorous couple.

Texas Keeps Sodomy Law

[Austin, TX]- The *New York Times* reports that a divided Texas Supreme Court has let stand the state's law against homosexual sex, ruling that a lower court exceeded its jurisdiction when it declared the law unconstitutional.

The 5-4 decision dismissed a civil lawsuit by opponents of the sodomy law, who had prevailed in the 3rd Court of Appeals, a state civil court.

Since they are not appealing a particular prosecution, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the court of last resort in criminal matters, had declined jurisdiction over the lawsuit in 1992.

But the Supreme Court, being a civil court, has limited power to overturn a criminal statute.

The statute, which is rarely, if ever, enforced, drew national attention in 1990, when Dallas city officials cited the law in refusing to hire police officers who are homosexual. A Lesbian successfully challenged the law in that case, and the Supreme Court has let stand that victory for the sodomy law's opponents.

PBS Film Critic Is Anti-Gay

[San Francisco]- And speaking of ignorant film critics... The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that Michael Medved was a guest on the January 2 broadcast of *Politically Incorrect*, a talk show that airs on the Comedy Central cable channel. Medved, who GLAAD describes as "about as witty and interesting as a Chia Pet," hosts his own TV show, the PBS film review series *Sneak Previews*.

When *Politically Incorrect* regular Bill Maher asked his guests if children "should be taught about alternative lifestyles in school," Medved answered, "Until they start doing courses in heterosexuality, they should just leave the issue alone. Medved also attacked AIDS education, lambasted the children's book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, and argued that "the (Lesbian and Gay) agenda is to create more homosexuals."

To criticize PBS's taste in film critics, write: Jennifer Lawson, Executive Vice President, National Programming and Promotions, PBS, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314, tel. (703) 739-5000.

Vermont is 'Gay-Friendly' Getaway

[Montpelier, VT]- A Gay ski weekend at on major Vermont mountain — and Vermont's distinction as the only major ski state with a Gay rights law — are combining to make the state a "Gay-friendly" Winter vacation spot. Annual Gay weekends have been offered for the last four years at Mt. Snow in West Dover, and following last Winter's Gay boycott of Colorado, Vermont's popularity among Gays is on the rise.

"If you were to choose a ski destination based solely on its politics, Vermont would win with ski poles down," said the December issue of *Out and About*, a travel publication for Gays and Lesbians.

Stop Gay-Bashing Says Right Winger

[Virginia Beach]- Ralph Reed, head of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, is urging the evangelists to stop spending so much time on homosexuality as an issue. Reed says that the "pro-family" movement must broaden its scope.

The problem is, as has been widely reported, that Right-wing Fundies need Gays in order to raise money. Direct mail pleas focused on a "Gay scare" tactic bring in the bucks.

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.

National Lesbian/Gay Law Association Begins in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA). According to the statement of purpose, "NLGLA is an association of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals, law students and affiliated Lesbian and Gay legal organizations. The Association exists to promote justice in and through the legal profession for Lesbians and Gay men in all our diversity."

The visibility of the '90's brings with it great rewards and challenges. Only a handful of states protects against discrimination based on sexual orientation. The legal profession has traditionally been very conservative. Everyone, from students to judges, is constantly reminded that how you are viewed may reflect upon your client. Therefore, most Lesbian and Gay lawyers have remained in the closet to protect their jobs and the interests of their clients.

NLGLA offers those in the legal profession an opportunity to support the

Lesbian and Gay community. NLGLA offers a wide variety of services including: training and education, networking, mentoring and support of law students, professional development and a national voice.

The Lavender Law Conference held every two years brings together hundreds in the legal profession for seminars, networking and support, as well as CLE credits. The next Lavender Law Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, October 21-23, 1994.

NLGLA is a 501(c)(6) organization affiliated with the American Bar Association and a member of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

If you are interested in knowing more about the organization, such as how to become a member or supporter, please contact: Attorney Deb Procknow, P.O. Box 07223, Milwaukee, WI 53207. All contacts will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

A 'Heretic' Takes Freedom With A Quick Exit from Church

Commentary By Darren J. Foster

It was after the priest invited the congregation to stand for the Prayers of the Faithful that I timidly stood, then shook my head and turned to my partner and said, "I have to get out of here."

After Bill appeared to be confused, I repeated my initial statement and added, "Let's go. I can't do this anymore." At that moment I abruptly stepped into the aisle and hurried out of the chapel with Bill close behind.

On that Saturday evening, almost two years ago, I knew that "I had just had enough" and that I would not again "practice my faith."

Was it something Father Ray had said in his homily that caused me to lose my faith? Or was it something more encompassing that made me feel that the "faith of our fathers" had abandoned me, not the other way around. My leaving the church was caused by a feeling of total abandonment by the church of my youth.

My departure from Rome to follow my conscience was a reasoned response to the emotional and spiritual molestation that was visited on me by those who were entrusted with my spiritual formation. Such a molestation was no less severe than that suffered by Steven Cook, allegedly at the "chaste" hands of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin.

As I served Father Ed in his sanctuary in the 1980's, listening to his sermons on

the family that derided "homosexuals, freaks of nature," the Vatican, likewise issues statements saying that non-celibate Gays were "intrinsically evil" and that Gay-bashing, although "sinful," were the "logical" result of AIDS-era activism by Gays.

Even in my tender years, I knew that such utterances were not only offensive, they were evil. Did not Adolf Hitler say the same?

And what was equally outrageous was that during the 1980's, as America was losing the war against AIDS and I lost my first lover to the plague, the Church crusaded for the "right to life" of unborn fetuses. At the same time, they would not allow condom distribution in the schools nor would the Church allow teens to receive the information that they needed to protect and preserve their "right to life."

Those who leave the Church, for whatever reason, are often derisively referred to as "fallen away Catholics." However, in my situation, it is clear that it was the Church who never really embraced me; it was in discovering this abandonment that I ultimately discovered the path to wholeness in my taking leave.

And it was in leaving, that I met a God "who so loved me that She gave me the Son of God," Her son, so that in my belief, I shall not die.

France Extends Benefits to Gay Couples

[Paris, France]- A new law, which took effect August 3 in France, extends domestic partnership benefits to Gay couples. The new law allows Gays who receive state health benefits to claim coverage for their unemployed domestic partners. To qualify, couples must have been living together for at least one year.

French Gay activists say the law marks an important victory in the drive toward official recognition of same-sex marriage.

Gay Couples Wed in Norway

[Oslo]- Five Gay couples were wed in a joint ceremony on August 6, 1993, less than a week after Norway's domestic partnership law went into effect.

The law, adopted by the Norwegian parliament on April 1, is very similar to the one that has been in place in neighboring Denmark since 1989. It gives registered Gay couples the same legal rights as married couples, except for the right to marry in church, and the right to adopt children.

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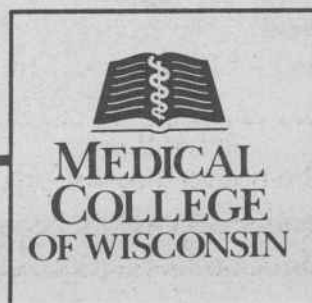
- The Gay community has taken a leading role in AIDS prevention efforts. Yet, even men who know a lot about AIDS often need support to keep up their change efforts, and want to learn even better ways to stay safe and help others stay healthy. That's why the Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin created **MEN AT WORK**.
- We're inviting 600 men to attend one-day workshops where groups of guys will work together to:
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 - Develop ways to put safer sex knowledge into practice
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If you're a gay or bisexual man over 18, call us weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00 at 287-4680 for more information and your invitation to participate. Ask for **MEN AT WORK**.



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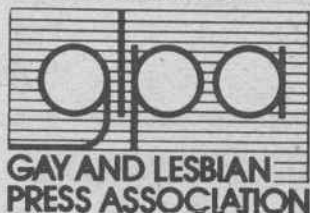
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EDITORIAL

As Assaults Against Us Grow, We Must Get Better Organized

We have said it before, but we think it is worth repeating: the LesBiGay community has got to get organized. There isn't one of us, be they victims of entrapment, bashings, discrimination or people living with HIV/AIDS who shouldn't realize that.

There isn't one among the LesBiGay community who shouldn't be tired of our ad hoc reactions to things and letting others define us.

There isn't one among us who shouldn't be tired of politicians who think they can ignore us because "we're expendable" and "have no real power anyway."

There isn't one among us who shouldn't realize that in the face of the Right Wing, how fragmented we are, here in Wisconsin and across the country.

Look at the facts. According to *The Washington Blade*, from 1974 to the present (Nov., 1993) there have been 57 ballot assaults by the Religious Right on Gay rights laws throughout the country. Of these, we've won 13 of them. That's all. And next year, we can expect more.

For anyone who thinks Wisconsin is exempt, that we've got a Gay rights law, forget it. That kind of complacency doesn't wash and can be fatal.

In our present condition, we're just as vulnerable here as anywhere else because all we have now are some relatively small local groups. They do what they can, but they are limited in scope.

We need an organization, a state-wide organization, that, as we see it, must be prepared to be all-inclusive. It must include those able to pay dues and those who cannot. It must include both street activists like ACT UP, Queer Nation and the Lesbian Avengers, as well as those whose forte is in negotiations. As David Mixner says, "It's important to know when to express outrage in the streets and when to sit down and talk."

We must have an organization that knows how to raise money, lots of it. And part of that money should go to a paid staff. That is, we think extremely important.

We must have an organization that has its media in place and knows how to use it.

We must have an organization that can and will encourage and then back open members of the LesBiGay community to seek public office on all levels. We've got to quit relying on others to do what we should do for ourselves.

We must have an organization that is able to engage in education; one that will reach out to other minorities because against the Right Wing, all our liberties are at stake.

All over the country, the Religious Right Wing, homophobic and ultra-conservative groups are out to destroy us and with us, the American ideal of equality for all people. This battle has got to be fought and it has got to be won or what's this country for?

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Ever Feel Like a Two-Year-Old Wandering In The Computer Store?

By Terry Boughner

So, in the course of things, the flu left, there was a break in this awful weather, and Jerry and I trundled off to a computer store, checkbook in hand. The clerk was pleasant, but he took one look at us and clearly he knew he had the upper hand.

And he was right! God, I felt like an idiot, like I'd spent my life majoring in Sandbox 101. He could have sold me bottled cat piss and I wouldn't have known the difference. It didn't make me feel any better to see all these little kids running around and "talking computer-ese" as if they'd been born in the place.

Anyway, we finally walked out with some stuff, one box of which assured me that with it, I would have 16,000,000 colors. I kid you not, but that's progress. In my day and age, there were only eight.

NEW FAX NUMBER

All this by way of saying that after the phone company (whatever name it goes by now), comes in next week, *Light* will have its own FAX number and machine. The new number will be displayed prominently in the next issue of the paper, so please be aware that it's coming and look for it. The old one will still work, but we won't be paying as close attention to it as before. If you have any questions, please call us.

TYPESETTING

While at the computer store, I told the guy I wanted a printer. "Oh, a Laser-jet printer," he said, winking knowingly at a six-year-old standing nearby who seemed to be building a computer from scratch. I got this immediate picture of some kind of machine squirting lasers and ink all over the place.

Be that as it may, that's what we wanted — and all the software to go with it and more memory — and god knows what else.

That's coming up in February. Ron Geiman assures me that it's all easy to work, but somehow I doubt it. When it comes to computers, nothing's easy. I'll push a button and erase the cat.

Nevertheless, by the middle to the end of the month, *Light* will be an "in house" operation (literally in our case). That's progress. Only a few years ago, I thought the ultimate in writing was a quill pen. Now I've got 16,000,000 colors. Count 'em.

BOOK SECTION

On March 3rd too, *Light*, in cooperation with AfterWords and Room of One's Own Bookstores, will be initiating a new pull-out section exclusively devoted to books.

We've always tried to run book reviews in the Lively Arts section of the paper, but more often than not, there's never been

room. Like other things around here, that too will now change.

The book section will be published four times a year, beginning next month. There will be book reviews, synopses of books, and all the latest for the reading public.

So that's about it. They tell me it's going to warm up. I don't believe it, but we'll see. I can always hope.

LETTERS

Thanks, This Is It

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Joe, the owner of This Is It, for showcasing my new compact disc, *This Funny World*, at his establishment on January 17.

His support comes with his sincere desire to see someone like myself succeed at something which many others make very difficult.

I am very happy to announce that I will be appearing Saturdays at Cafe Phyllis, 734 S. 5th Street, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

— Jerry Grillo
Milwaukee

LETTER POLICY

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The Young Can Learn Much From Older Generation Experience

Commentary By Marvin Liebman

Gay men and Lesbians too, are caught up in the cult of "cute." Without exception, all of our "cute" ones are young. This focus on youth and physical attraction in our community narrows our outlook and diminishes our ability to mature. It also does a great disservice to older (and, like me, just plain old) Gay men and Lesbians, the no-longer cute. By the same token, this attitude deprives the young men and women of our community of a wealth of experience, knowledge and love.

My friend and younger mentor, Betty Berzon (Ph.D., author of *Permanent Partners* and editor of *Positively Gay*) wrote in *The Advocate*: "... older Gays don't get invited to the party. I wish it made more of them angry. By passively accepting a segregated status, the elders give permission to the youngsters to continue stereotyping and segregating them. It is the same dynamic that keeps so many Gays and Lesbians in the closet. The heterosexual society has conspired for years to keep us invisible, and you know what? We Gay and Lesbian people are co-conspirators."

Vanishing Elders

Many of our elders just return to the lonely closet from which they came out when they were younger. They are the disappeared, the invisible men and women of our community. Then there are the unhappy few who still dream of taking part in the oft-heralded "lifestyle," the old Gay men and Lesbians, always outside, looking in at the party to which they were not invited.

Finally, there are the lucky ones like me, who still find love and respect in spite of, or maybe because of, all the years. I've found some of the young men and women of a new generation, those who are truly accepting of the diversity of our community, who are anxious to learn from the past of shared experiences and pain.

Most all of us were "cute" in our day. Many of us, like me, were in the closet, especially in those dark ages before we had a real community. We thus kept ourselves outside the joys of Gay life, even then. But, all of us, each and every one of us, was young like you.

Let Us In

Young Gay men and Lesbians, let us in. Invite us to the party. Most of us are pretty good cooks by now, so there'll be plenty to eat. We're really not as boring as you may think. Love us as we love you. Go out of your way, make the effort, to find some of the senior Gays and Lesbians in your community. Remember, you will be us someday.

And to my peers, I ask that you open your hearts and homes to the young Gays and Lesbians in your community. It's worked for me, and I am truly enriched by my young friends.

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Milwaukee PrideFest Moves to New Location For June 11-12 Events

[Milwaukee]- With the theme, "Stonewall 25 Our Time to Shine," this year's PrideFest celebration will be bigger and better than ever. Wisconsin's annual Pride celebration will be held on June 11th and 12th. In honor of the national Stonewall 25 celebration, organizers are pulling out all the stops.

The PrideFest Committee has announced that plans for PrideFest 94 include the addition of several major attractions and a new site to accommodate them.

At the top of the list of changes for 1994 is a new location, Veterans Park. The Park is located just North of the War Memorial Center down the hill from the old site at Juneau Park.

Organizers are working with Park officials to provide a large parking lot next to the festival grounds.

This year's PrideFest will have expanded hours. For the first time the festival will cover two full days, opening at noon on Saturday June 11th and continuing until 10 p.m. that evening. Sunday's festivities will also last until 10 p.m.

One of the reasons for the expanded hours and new site is the expanded list of activities that PrideFest will be offering this year. Organizers have been working for months to bring Wisconsin a celebration everyone will be proud of.

For the first time, PrideFest will have a dance tent. Sponsored by **In Step** and Madison's Club 3054, the PrideFest Dance tent will feature a spin off of DJ's from all over the state.

A second entertainment stage will be added this year. This stage will be placed in a large tent and will operate during daylight hours both days. The new stage will allow PrideFest to have more acts than ever before.

Another new addition is the PrideFest History tent. This tent will feature a large display of panels showing Gay and Lesbian history from the days before Stonewall through the mid 1980's. The display has been put together by James Kepner, founder of the Gay and Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles. Keppner a nationally known Gay historian will be joined by other Lesbian and Gay historians in giving lectures in the tent throughout the festival.

PrideFest 94 will see the first Wisconsin Pride Stride. The Pride Stride will be a run/walk to benefit a national Lesbian and Gay organization. The Pride Stride will be held on Saturday.

A new Games area will include a number of games run by volunteers from the Sherman Park Rainbow Association.

Plans also call for the addition of a new multi-cultural tent. This tent will display the cultural and art of people of color.

As if all these new additions weren't enough, PrideFest and GAMMA are hoping to put on the first annual PrideFest Invitational Volley Ball

Lawrence Univ. To Host Gay Studies Confab

[Appleton, WI]- Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, will be the site of "Sexuality in the Academy: A Conference on Gay and Lesbian Studies," on January 29, 1994. This will be the third annual B-GLAD (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Day) conference hosted by Lawrence University's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness organization.

Lawrence University professors will deliver informal presentations on the influence that Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues have on their fields. Topics will include "Homosexual Elitism in James Merrill's Epic Trilogy," "Constructing and Deconstructing the Visual Language of Homosexuality" and others. These topics will be presented in the late morning and early afternoon.

Christopher Lane, Assistant Prof. of English and Comparative Literature at UW-Milwaukee, will be speaking on "Controversies of the Sexual."

Jonathan Weinberg, Assistant Prof. in the Department of the History of Art at Yale, will deliver the keynote address, "Making it Queer: The Gay and Lesbian Presence in Art History."

Due to the generous support of Lawrence University, the conference will be free and open to the public. Lawrence University has a limited number of rooms available for those who wish to stay overnight.

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tournament.

Of course all of the elements that have made past PrideFest celebrations successful will be back. The Stonewall Stage will feature cultural displays, dance lessons, lectures and poetry. The Outdoor Stage will show off the many talents of our community. The Wisconsin Pride Parade will step off early Sunday afternoon. There will plenty to eat and drink too.

The "Sing Out And Dance With Pride Showcase" will again take place on Saturday evening. Co-ordinated by Scott Stewart, the Showcase will feature professional performers from around the state. As it did last year, the PrideFest Committee will be urging those in attendance to bring candles to "light up the Park with Pride."

Those who don't live in Milwaukee will be pleased to know that PrideFest is working with Bottom Line Travel to get packaged discount rates on hotels. The Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau has offered the use of its 800 number to help PrideFest get out information about the event, hotel rates and other events happening in conjunction with the celebration.

Producing a first rate festival is a lot of work and requires everyone's support. PrideFest is always looking for volunteers to help produce this mammoth celebration. To volunteer call the PrideFest Hot line, 272-FEST.

Back Door BBS Computers Users Can Now Access PrideFest Updates

[Milwaukee]- PrideFest proudly announces that thanks to the Back Door BBS, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual computer users will be able to access information about Wisconsin's Stonewall 25 Celebration, PrideFest 94 via modem.

Computer users equipped with a modem can call the Back Door at 414-744-9336. At the Main Menu hit M for the Message area. Press * at the Message area menu to access the Pride Message Board.

Users will find information about PrideFest, fund raisers, volunteer opportunities, and more. All of the information on the Pride Board can be downloaded for later viewing or printing.

PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier thanked the Back Door BBS for its help. "PrideFest is deeply grateful to the Back Door BBS for its offer to help us get out information about PrideFest 94. Users will be able to download booth and parade applications, entertainment schedules, all kinds of information about PrideFest. The Back Door has allowed us to enter the computer age."

In addition to the Public Pride Board, the Back Door has also set up a "private board." PrideFest Pride Council members, Co-ordinators and planners will use this private area to exchange messages and reports. The private board will provide a record of activities, minutes, and reports that can be easily

accessed when needed.

"One of the hardest things for any volunteer organization to do is keep records," said Meunier. "As volunteers come and go reports and records can get lost. Thanks to the Back Door we will always have one copy of everything available to key volunteers who need them."

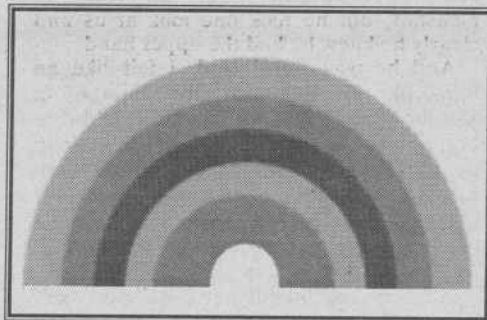
The Back Door System operators Will and Paul Parkinson are equally pleased about the relationship. In a prepared statement Will and Paul said, "The Back Door BBS has always been committed to helping with community building activities. By helping PrideFest we are assisting with an activity that promotes unity within our community, helps display our pride in our selves and strengthens our commitment to each other."

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'Tales of the City' TV Series Attacked by Right

[Washington, D.C.]— Even before the three part television production of Armistead Maupin's **Tales of the City** completed airing on public television stations in Milwaukee, Madison and elsewhere around the country, representatives of national Right Wing organizations began to attack the program and threaten to pressure Congress to restrict Gay and Lesbian content in programs shown on public TV.

At a public hearing held by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in Washington on January 12, 1994, Robert H. Knight of the Family Research Council, an anti-Gay organization headed by former Reagan Administration official Gary Bauer, and Reid Irvine and Joseph Goulden of the Right Wing organization Accuracy in Media, sharply criticized the series, based on the novel set in San Francisco in 1976.

Tales of the City is "a slick piece of propaganda," Knight told a panel which included Sheila Tate, CPB Chair. He objected that "taxpayers are hit up to pay for a national propaganda exercise glorifying homosexual promiscuity." Goulden, in his testimony, showed clips from the film showing a male character attempting to pick up a woman in a heterosexual bathhouse. Goulden objected that the bathhouse scene did not focus on homosexual sex clubs. He called for CPB to air **The Gay Agenda**, an anti-Gay film produced by a West Coast hate group which has been widely distributed to churches throughout the country.

Two openly Gay representatives testified before the panel, Cathy Renna of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), and Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). Renna called on CPB to continue its commitment to Lesbian and Gay programming and urged greater funding for the production of programs. She noted that the majority of programs with Gay and Lesbian themes and characters are funded independently or overseas, including **In the Life**, the monthly Gay series which is entirely funded through private contributions.

King charged that the Right Wing attacks on **Tales of the City** are part of a larger anti-Gay campaign of hate and distortion, "designed to de-humanize us, to suggest that we threaten America, the American family and America's traditional values."

"The real threat to America," King said, "comes from those who argue that some Americans are not members of the general population, that some Americans should be silenced, and that some Americans are sub-human and are undeserving of human rights simply because they are different."

HRCF is encouraging individuals throughout the country to contact their local public TV stations in support of such programs as **Tales of the City**, and is urging phone calls and letters to Capitol Hill to counter an expected flood of mail from the religious Far Right. "We need to let Congress know that small numbers of Gay and Lesbian films shown on public TV should not be blown out of proportion by the extreme Right."

OBITUARIES

Michael Callen

Michael Callen, a composer, singer, author and prominent AIDS activist who was among those to survive the longest with the disease, died of AIDS complications. He was 38.

Callen, who died Monday, December 27, was diagnosed in 1982 as having the disease that later was called AIDS.

Callen never took the commonly prescribed AZT and received alternative chemotherapy for AIDS-related cancer. "He tried to keep in motion to present a moving target for the disease," said Richard Dworkin his companion.

Callen, known as "The Diva," was one of the original Flirtations, the nationally known, openly Gay singing group. Aurilio Font, a member of the Flirts, told **Light** that the group had started with Callen, singing one evening on a corner in the West Village in New York. They "raked in" \$40 that night, Font said, enough so that Callen suggested that "We all go out for



MARDI GRAS 94— Several who attended last year's Mardi Gras in Milwaukee are pictured above. While costumes are optional, many do come dressed for the gala evening. This year's event will be held Saturday

evening, Feb. 5 at the Mitchell Park Domes. All proceeds will go toward funding this year's PrideFest and parade.

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There will be a costume contest which will be held in the show dome. First prize for best costume will be \$250.00 cash. Other prizes include weekend getaways at the Northland House Bed and Breakfast located in Northern Wisconsin in Pence and dinners for two at the Cafe Melange restaurant on Old World Third Street.

Tickets are only \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door and are available at the M and M Club, This Is It, **In Step** and **Wisconsin Light**. Tickets are available by mail. All proceeds benefit the PrideFest Committee and will help it put on Wisconsin's Stonewall 25 celebration. Costumes are optional.

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MICHAEL CALLEN

Chinese- food, that is."

In so many ways, Callen was the spirit and the guiding light behind the singing group. It was he who with his humor, his drive, and his creativity who inspired the Flirts to reach for heights no Gay singing group had ever gone before.

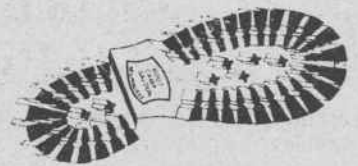
By the time the Flirts appeared in Milwaukee at MAPfest in September, 1993, Callen had left the group to devote his remaining energies to musical composition. The Flirts joked about "The Diva" but sorely missed him as well. They said they knew then, that it would not be long.

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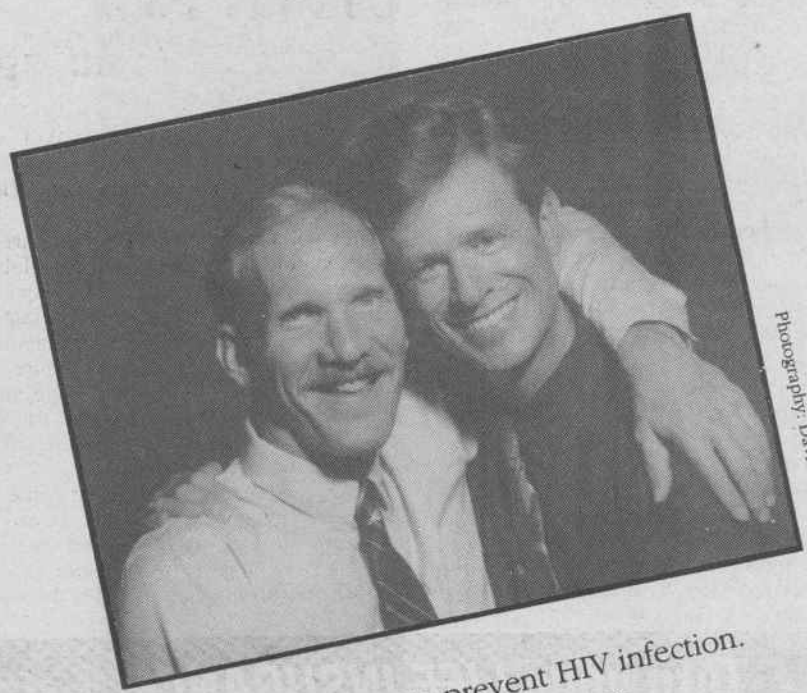
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Religious Right Now Attacking Families of Lesbian/Gay Parents

[Seattle, WA]- On Monday, January 10, two anti-Gay initiatives were filed with the Washington State Secretary of State, setting off petition drives to get the measures on the November, 1994, ballot.

One of these two measures, filed by the Citizens Alliance of Washington, a Right-Wing religious group, targets Lesbian and Gay parents and their families with unprecedented vigor — prohibiting Gays and Lesbians from becoming foster parents, adopting children, or gaining child custody in a divorce. This measure also bars "minority status based on homosexuality," prohibits schools from presenting homosexuality as positive behavior and bans same-sex marriage.

"The Radical Right has tried before to deny Lesbians and Gays from becoming foster parents and adopting children who need good homes," said Tim Fisher, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International. "But this is their first attempt to enact legislation which prohibits Lesbians and Gays from retaining custody of their own children in a divorce."

If this initiative passes, thousands of families in Washington State would be placed in jeopardy.

"Parents are scared," said Gloria Stanchich of the South Puget Sound Lesbian and Gay Parents Support Group in Tacoma, Washington, "particularly

those dealing with custody issues. Washington State is a state that's been very fair to its Gay and Lesbian citizens, but we cannot afford to be complacent."

"The Radical Right perpetuates the myths that Lesbians and Gays are unfit to be parents — unfit to be near children," Fisher said. "The truth is there are over three dozen reputable, scientific studies showing that our kids are no different from kids raised in non-Gay households — except ours are a little more tolerant of human differences."

As the religious Radical Right increasingly targets Lesbians and Gays in general, and parents in particular, parents have increased their activism.

"Having a child puts fire in your belly," said Pat Justis. "This is not a battle where I can sit back, there's too much at stake in my son. I'm writing a letter about this initiative and mailing it to very straight person in my address book."

Public opinion polls show that "coming out" is the most effective and persuasive tactic for Lesbians and Gays. "The more out we are," said Stanchich, "the more they know us as human beings — as normal everyday working people and parents."

Currently in the U.S. only Florida and New Hampshire outlaw adoption by Gays and Lesbians. New Hampshire also prohibits foster parenting.

Our History: Lesbian Couples Formed Daughters of Bilitis in 1955

By Owen Keehnen

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, along with three other Lesbian couples, formed The Daughters of Bilitis in 1955. The organization was named after the fictional heroine of *Songs of Bilitis*, who was a contemporary of Sappho. The Daughters of Bilitis was the first Lesbian membership organization in the United States.

Del and Phyllis are also the authors of the recently reissued classic *Lesbian/Woman*.

Recently I talked with them about the evolution of the Lesbian and Gay movement and the emergence of a consciousness over the past 40 years.

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Owen Keehnen: What was the purpose of The Daughters of Bilitis [DOB]?

Del: When we first started in 1955, we began as a very secret Lesbian social group. We had parties at each other's homes and avoided the bars that were frequently raided.

OK: What were the bars like at that time?

Phyllis: Well, the police were such a problem. The bars were very closed in and usually not in the better parts of town. But there was no dancing, and in fact, no touching.

OK: At the beginning in the DOB were you aware that you were part of a Gay and Lesbian movement?

Del: There was no movement. Everybody was very much in the closet and we were having a great deal of difficulty meeting each other. Phyllis and I had been very isolated until somebody called us and asked if we wanted to get in on the beginnings of this private social club.

Phyllis: When we started the DOB, we didn't know there were other organizations. Subsequently we discovered that Mattachine was here and ONE Inc. was down in Los Angeles. ONE Inc. is still there, the oldest, still-functioning Gay organization.

OK: Describe the first DOB meeting.

Phyllis: The first four or five meetings were just the eight of us, four couples. The first meetings were the founders getting together and talking about what we wanted to do and how we wanted to do it. By the fifth meeting, we decided we had to reach out and get more people.

OK: A very frightening thing to do in 1955.

Del: There were purges in the government and armed services and frequent raids on Gay bars.

Phyllis: People were losing jobs right and left. If they were found to be Gay or

Lesbian, they were out.

Del: If you were picked up in a raid, your name and address would be in the newspaper.

Phyllis: Or cops would call your employer and tell them you'd been arrested.

OK: Did the DOB have some sort of secrecy pact or way of checking out new members or something?

Phyllis: We didn't assume there would be spies.

Del: But we learned later we had been infiltrated by the FBI and the CIA.

OK: Tell me some things that the DOB did as a political group and as a social group.

Del: It started as a social club and the ones who joined were really pretty scared. We were faced with the fact that we were considered illegal, immoral and sick. Before we could have a movement, we had to have some self-esteem. We had to allay their fears. We got professional people to come talk about the different things we needed to know and learn.

We heard many tales of women who came down to the office building, once we had acquired an office, and stood looking up at the windows, afraid to come inside. Some stood across the street for weeks or even months before they came in to see us.

Phyllis: About a year after forming, we began a monthly newsletter called *The Ladder*. Then, in 1956, we started public discussion meetings. We rented a room downtown and that was when we got people to come and talk to us about our rights. We didn't have to plead guilty to something when we were arrested just because we were Gay, but in those times that was happening because people felt so guilty for being Gay.

OK: How long have you two been together?

Del: Over 40 years now.

OK: What's something exciting that's going on now?

Del: There's a new Lesbian movement among old Lesbians called OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change). Old Lesbians started having conferences and decided that 60 was the beginning of old. They were going to make old a positive word and educate about ageism. They're getting pretty militant. A lot came out in the 50's and 60's.

OK: What advice do you have for today's activist groups?

Del: We have to be less critical of groups for using tactics that maybe we, personally, wouldn't. No one group has the answer to our needs. We need all these perspectives.

NGLTF, Justice Dept. Meet Over Ovett, Mississippi Case

[Washington, D.C.]— The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) met with U.S. Department of Justice on January 13 to discuss federal involvement in the on-going volatile situation in Ovett, Mississippi. Two Lesbians in Ovett have been harassed and threatened because of their sexual orientation, and opponents of the women have organized two town meetings to condemn the women and plot ways to force them from town. NGLTF has called on the Department of Justice to intervene by monitoring and mediating the situation in order to insure the safety and civil rights of the women, Brenda and Wanda Henson.

Attending the January 13 meeting on behalf of the Justice Department were Nancy McFadden, Deputy Associate Attorney General; Jim Turner, Acting Assistant Attorney General in charge of Civil Rights Service (CRS).

Attending on behalf of NGLTF were Tanya Domi, Legislative Director; Martin Hiraga, Anti-Violence Project Director; and Robin Kane, Public Information Manager. Robert Raben of Rep. Barney Frank's office and Judith Schaeffer of People for the American Way also participated.

At the January 12 meeting, NGLTF encouraged the Justice to intervene immediately under any authority it could determine to insure the safety of the Hensons.

In turn, Justice Department officials outlined actions taken thus far by the Department. CRS has contacted the Hensons, the local FBI in Mississippi, the U.S. Attorney's office in Mississippi and the sheriff's department in Jones County to inform them that a federal agency is monitoring the situation.

In addition, the Justice Department has directed the FBI to increase its monitoring of the situation and to stay in close contact with the Jones County sheriff's department.

Because sexual orientation is not included in federal civil rights laws, the Civil Rights Division said the agency

could only launch an investigation if there is evidence indicating violations of other generally applicable federal statutes, such as threats by mail or telephone.

NGLTF agreed to forward to the Justice Department details of violent and threatening incidents aimed at the Hensons so that the agency could determine whether any of the incidents violate federal criminal codes and could cause an investigation.

"I don't believe there is an unwillingness on the part of the Justice Department to protect the rights and lives of the Hensons, or anyone targeted because of sexual orientation," said NGLTF's Robin Kane. "But this situation illustrates that federal laws must be expanded to include sexual orientation so that federal agencies can intervene to protect Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual citizens. We plan to work with the Justice Department to make sure that occurs."

Silvermarie and Conway Plan Hawai'i Wedding

Sue Silvermarie and Patricia A. Conway of Milwaukee, Wisconsin declare their commitment and announce that their marriage will take place on Oahu, Hawai'i, February 20, 1994.

They will marry one another as part of a group joining ceremony, held to celebrate the anticipated passage of Hawai'i legislation that will sanction Lesbian and Gay marriages. If there is a favorable decision on the legislation before the couple leaves Hawai'i, they hope to be one of the first mainland couples to marry in Hawai'i and then challenge Wisconsin for recognition of their marriage.

Editor's Note: It is with great pride and particular pleasure that we print this announcement of marriage. We wish Sue and Patricia all the very best as they embark on this most serious of steps.

Studies Show That Drug Addicts Are Willing To Exchange Needles

[Washington, D.C.]— The *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), in its January '94 issue reports on two new studies that add to the growing evidence that drug addicts will readily accept programs to trade used syringes for clean ones, thus reducing their risk of catching the AIDS virus.

The studies are important because they were done in New York City and San Francisco, while most others have been done in Europe, said Dr. Don C. Des Jarlais, the lead author of the New York study.

Des Jarlais' team surveyed 141 intravenous drug users at Beth Israel in 1984 and 974 intravenous drug users there from 1990 to 1992. Over the study period, the use of dirty syringes declined from 51% of injections to 7%.

The researchers said the reduction appears to have resulted from needle-exchange programs and a large increase in the sniffing of heroin, rather than injecting it.

The San Francisco study evaluated a needle-exchange program that began in 1988. The exchange program was technically illegal, but had the tacit approval of two mayoral administrations,

researchers said.

"Syringe exchange was readily adopted by intravenous drug users and appears to have replaced the black market as a primary source of injection equipment," said the researchers, led by John K. Watters of the University of California, San Francisco.

By Spring, 1992, 45% of intravenous drug users surveyed reported "usually" obtaining syringes through the needle exchange, and 61% said they had used the program within the past year, researchers said.

Dr. Lawrence S. Brown, a critic of needle-exchange programs, said he had not read the new studies, but that it was unlikely they prove needle exchanges stem the spread of AIDS.

"There's a difference between potential value and actually being able to attribute a particular benefit to participation in a program," he said, speaking in New York.

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'Schindler's List' Is Overwhelming, Gut-Wrenching and Brutally Stark

Commentary by Terry Boughner

I have no doubt whatsoever that when the Oscars are handed out this year, **Schindler's List** will get its share. As we've come to expect from Steven Spielberg, it is superbly executed and brilliantly done. The power of the film is nearly overwhelming, gut-wrenching and brutally stark.

Afterward, as the credits rolled, the audience sat silent. No one moved. Each person there, I thought, was caught up in the horror of what they had seen. To be blunt, I think it is the best movie on the Jewish Holocaust that has yet been done and probably ever will be done.

But all that being said, I have a few other thoughts as well. For one thing, when are we going to see a film about the Gay Holocaust? The stories are there, god knows, and if something isn't done, they're going to be lost and forgotten. Like the Jews, we cannot forget. We must not forget or it's going to happen all over again.

That's another thing. As I sat through the film, watching it drip with prejudice and hate, I knew just as sure as I was sitting there that none of that has vanished. It's all still there.

The Fundamentalists would like to put

us all into camps (Reparative Centers, they're called). In San Francisco, a city official says we're deserving of death. He was finally dismissed, but he's not alone in his thinking. In Colorado, Washington, Oregon and elsewhere, anonymous leaflets circulate saying that the bible condones our deaths.

What I thought of as I sat through that movie was that the Nazi massacre didn't happen in some vacuum. It was no historical aberration. On the contrary, the Holocaust of Gays, Jews, Gypsies and other "subhumans" was a hideously logical consequence of centuries of prejudice built up in European society and sanctioned by the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches. It was that poisonous atmosphere that was the fertile seed bed for the Holocaust. The Nazis didn't invent the thing out of whole cloth.

I think the movie should be seen, but I think too it should be seen with a sense of horror and outrage at the prejudice that produced the terror, at the hatred — and at the fact that Lesbians, Gays and untold numbers of others who got eaten alive in that infernal maw, have been ignored and are well on the road to being forgotten.

When the memory has finally gone, then it will happen again.

Fest City Singers Seeks Talent For Spring Musical Revival

[Milwaukee]- The Fest City Singers (FCS) is mounting a new production of **History Herstory Ourstory**, June, 1994, in conjunction with Gay Pride celebrations.

The original musical, written and directed by Peter Mortenson, was first performed by FCS in 1991. The show was an overwhelming success, and additional performances were scheduled in Milwaukee. The show toured throughout southeast Wisconsin.

The Fest City Singers is holding open auditions on Wednesday, February 2 and 9, at the Milwaukee War Memorial Building, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Room 419. The Audition time is 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Those auditioning will be asked to do a short reading, and sing and perform some simple movements. Comfortable, loose clothing is suggested.

For those who do not wish to perform, but want to be a part of this show, there is ample opportunity in the other aspects of production: publicity, costumes, tech, etc.

Because this show is about the history of our community, FCS would like community participation. Auditions are open to anyone who would like to be part of this production. You do not need to be a member of FCS, although membership is welcome. All past members and friends are invited to again become part of this

most special show.

History Herstory Ourstory will be directed and choreographed by Peter Mortenson with musical direction by Peggy Lozier. For more information, call the Fest Line (414) 263-7464.

Cream City Chorus Sings At King Celebration

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus kicked off its Spring '94 season on January 15th by participating in a local celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For the hearty individuals who faced the bitter cold to attend, the Chorus performed both "We, The People" and their signature song, "I Love Myself."

Any and all interested persons are invited to join the Chorus for its weekly practices each Wednesday night at 7:15 p.m., at the First Unitarian Church of Milwaukee, at 1342 N. Astor. Women's voices are especially needed. Come join us as we prepare for our performance of the Spring '94 season.

For further information, call the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC.

Madison Author Keely Dwyer To Read From Novel On Feb. 3

[Madison]- Local author Kelly Dwyer will read from her first novel, **The Tracks of Angels**, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 3, at A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison. The event is free and open to the public. **Tracks of Angels** was recently published by Putnam. Dwyer started writing her novel when she was 21, while living alone in Boston. Dwyer juxtaposes past with present in a moving story of childhood and adolescence.

The book opens as Laura arrives at a Greyhound station in Boston, the city farthest away from her home in southern California and the painful memories of her parents: her mother, who wanted to cure her own cancer, but died from it when Laura was 12; and her father, who soon after married the woman with whom he'd been having a long affair. Then, after a car accident left him almost completely paralyzed, he involved Laura in a plan to end his life.

Laura struggles with her memories and her new existence in Boston. A spellbinding mood is set as Laura reflects on death and moving on:

"It's only now, with everything behind me, that I understand that Boston was the best place for me to go, that it was the right setting in which to learn that we bury the dead by carrying them with us."

Kelly Dwyer attended Oberlin College and the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she was awarded the James Michener/Paul Engle Fellowship.

She grew up in southern California and now lives in Madison. She will be teaching creative writing at Oberlin this Spring and is currently working on her second novel.

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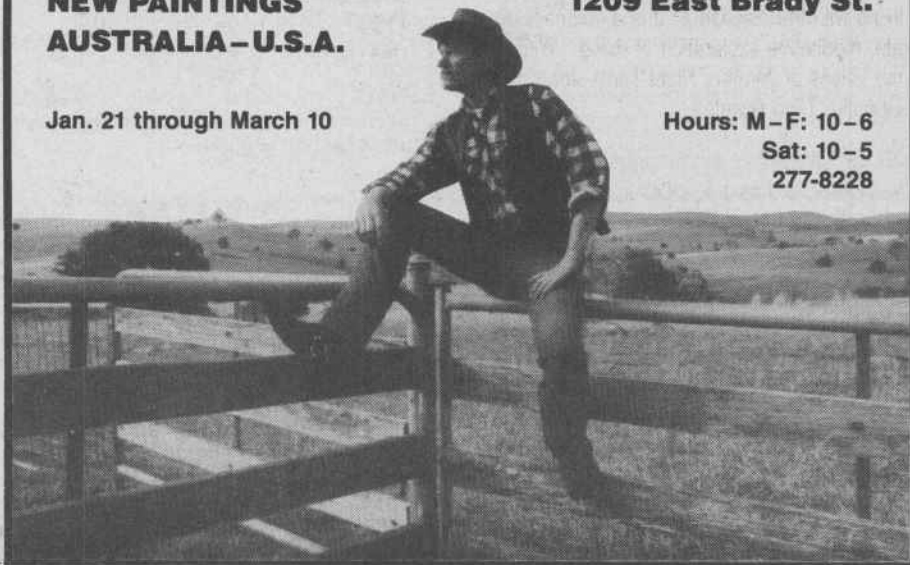
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Friday, January 28 at 7:30pm
GIRL POWER: LESBIAN SHORTS

LESBIAN AVENGERS EAT FIRE
(1993, 15 min excerpt)
The Lesbian Avengers was founded in New York City in June 1992 by 6 experienced political activists. Since that time, they have staged actions throughout the city. This excerpt gives a glimpse into their work.

GIRL POWER
(1993, 15 min) by Sadie Benning
Set to music by Bikini Kill, an all girl band out of Washington D.C., Benning's latest work is a raucous vision of what it means to be a radical girl in the 90's.

BELOVED MURDERER
(1991, 8 min) by Heidi Kull
Two lesbian women are hired to bump each other off in this darkly romantic animated film noir video.

JUST A LOVE THANG
(1993, 4 min) by Mari Keiko Gonzalez
Funny, sexy, and erotic, this video presents an Asian Pacific American lesbian couple juxtaposed with the way APA's are depicted in the media.

BIRD IN THE HAND
(1992, 25 min) by Catherine Saalfield & Melanie Nelson
Simone and Kaya are lovers trying desperately to escape New York city and the reality of their friend Ayo's abusive relationship. Along the way, Kaya who is Ayo's ex-lover, becomes more and more obsessed with tracking her down.

IFÉ
(1993, 16mm, 5 min) by Len Keller
San Francisco from the point of view of a black French lesbian on the prowl.

AFTER THE BREAK
(1992, 16mm, 13 min) by Mary Guzman
A lesbian therapy group leads to personality clashes in Guzman's funny, funny film addressing co-dependency, domestic violence and the ability to love.

Friday, January 28 at 9:30pm

BEING AT HOME WITH CLAUDE
(Canada, 1992, 35mm, 84 min)
by Jean Beaudin
Queer criminality meets aching romanticism in a daring, moving illustration of Wilde's sober maxim: 'each man kills the thing he loves.' Opening with a stunning montage sequence in which one man kills his lover, the mystery of the film is not whodunit, but why.

"The lead performances are superb, the direction is tighter than a hustler's vest, and if the opening scene doesn't leave you gasping for breath, you're probably dead already." - Paul Burston

Saturday, January 29 at 5:30pm

JOLLIES
(1990, USA, 11 min) by Sadie Benning
Working alone in her room with a Fischer Price Pixelvision camera, Milwaukee's Sadie Benning recounts her earliest sexual encounters, tracing the development of her emerging lesbian identity.

HOMOTEENS
(1993, USA, video, 60 min)
by Joan Jubela
In HOMOTEENS, five young gay and lesbians in New York City have produced their own vivid autobiographical portraits. Each portrait is unique. Monique talks about her girlfriends and about being a Latina dyke in NYC. Peter, who is white and middle class, tapes the story of his long-distance relationship with his closeted boyfriend. An anonymous 15-year-old talks about being hassled in school and shows off his scrapbooks of gay and black American history. Nicky, a 19-year-old Afro-Caribbean-American lesbian tells us about her girlfriend, growing up as a Jehovah's Witness, and being institutionalized for being a lesbian.



Saturday, January 29 at 7:30pm

FORBIDDEN LOVE
(Canada, 1992, 16mm, 85 min)
by Aeryn Weissman and Lynn Fernie
Compelling, often hilarious and always rebellious, the nine women interviewed in *Forbidden Love* paint a portrait of lesbian sexuality and survival in Canada during the 1950's and 60's. Against a fascinating backdrop of lesbian pulp-novel covers, tabloid headlines, archival photographs and film clips, these women recount stories about their first loves and their search for the beer parlours and bars where openly gay women were tolerated in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. Their histories are interwoven with a fictional love story inspired by the then popular lesbian paperback novels.

Saturday, January 29 at 9:30pm

FOR A LOST SOLDIER
(Netherlands, 1992, 35mm, 94 min)
by Rosland Kerbosch
In this lush, moody and romantic movie, choreographer Jereon recalls his adolescence and his first erotic relationships. Sent away to a small fishing village during WWII, young Jereon develops a strong friendship with another boy, Jan. In the games and stories that mark the beginning of his sexuality, Jereon plays the spectator. Then comes Liberation, and the arrival of the Allies. Jereon finds a new friend in the handsome Canadian soldier Walt. Best Feature, 1993 Turin Gay & Lesbian Film Festival.

Sunday, January 30 at 7:30pm

GREETINGS FROM OUT HERE
(1993, 57 min) by Ellen Spiro
In this colorful whirlwind tour of gay Dixie, videomaker Ellen Spiro captures the people, places, politics and queer roadside signs of the South. In a series of vivid moving picture postcards Spiro visits landmarks, events, and just plain characters, including: the Gay Rodeo, Mardi Gras, Gay Pride in Atlanta, Rhythmfest Women's Music Festival, the Short Mountain Radical Faerie sanctuary, and Dollywood. Interviews with gay men and lesbians along the way convey the range of Southern lives.

OTHER FAMILIES
(USA, video, 48 min)
by Dorothy Chvatal
This video documentary focuses on the feelings and perceptions of 7 adults, ages 18-40, who were raised by lesbian mothers. Through their stories and reflections, these adults reveal some of the pressures they felt growing up in a society that defined their family as different.

Monday, January 31 at 7:30pm

ONE NATION UNDER GOD
(USA, 16mm, 83 min) by Teodoro Maniaci
This riveting documentary offers the most dynamic historical overview of gays and lesbians in modern American society since Before Stonewall. Focusing on the contemporary religious right wing proliferation of curative therapies for homosexuality One Nation Under God offers historical context as well as political analysis of this large movement.

Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00pm

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WITTGENSTEIN
(Great Britain, 1993, 35mm, 75 min)
by Derek Jarman
Derek Jarman's WITTGENSTEIN is a humorous portrait of one of this century's most influential philosophers. A visually stunning work, it reflects Jarman's distinctive sense of style and sophisticated sense of the absurd. Best Gay Feature, 1993 Berlin Intl. Lesbian & Gay Film Festival.

Tuesday, February 1 at 8:30pm

BLUE
(Great Britain, 1993, 35mm, 76 min)
by Derek Jarman
Director Derek Jarman's most experimental and yet most accessible work, BLUE is a film without moving images whose subject is AIDS. Faced with the challenge of "[making] a drama out of something invisible," Jarman chose to limit the screen to a single wash of blue. The soundtrack takes the primary focus with its passages of music and poetry, polemics, documentation, and reverie that center on the experiences of coping with AIDS. The result is less a celebration of living with the disease as it is a compassionate, meditative exploration of dying. With the voices of Jarman, Nigel Terry, John Quentin, Tilda Swinton.

"BLUE functions as a non-sectarian mass, as heartbreak, and as a benediction. Like a great requiem, it forces you deep into yourself and back toward the light."
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Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30pm

MORE LESBIAN SHORTS
SISTERS IN THE LIFE
(1993, 23 min) by Yvonne Welbon
Dionna, a thirtysomething black lesbian recalls her first experience with platonic love as a 14-year-old.

ME AND MRS. BERGER
(1991, 4 min) by Heidi Kull
A funny, animated intergenerational love affair.

WHERE THE COWS GO
(1991, 15 min) by Maggie Ford
A touching reminiscence of a woman institutionalized in her youth for kissing girls.

MAYA
(1992, 10 min) by Catherine Benedek
Maya's mother wants her to get married but Maya wants a woman in her Afro-Caribbean dance class.

A CERTAIN GRACE
(1992, 40 min) by Sandra Nettelback
Zelda meets Alice and they begin to work together on a photography project. The erotic tension between Zelda and Alice heightens as Zelda's boyfriend starts to think that she is spending too much time with Alice.

Thursday, February 3 at 7:30pm

GAY SHORTS
DEAF HEAVEN
(1993, 25 min) by Steve Levitt
An accomplished and affecting drama about a young man tending to his dying lover, DEAF HEAVEN is about AIDS, angels, faith and the Holocaust. Best Short, San Francisco Int'l. Lesbian & Gay Film Fest.

THE ATTENDANT
(1992, 8 min) by Isaac Julien
Isaac Julien's attendant is older, wiser, black and works in an art museum where, with a young white gay boy as his erotic memory, he sees a nineteenth century painting of slaves and chains come to life.

CITIES OF LUST
(1993, 30 min) by Raul Ferrara-Balaquet
Filmed on location in Meridia, Chicago, and San Francisco, this video addresses issues of relationships, desire and ethnicity among African-American and Latino gay men.

THE LETTER OF INTRODUCTION
(1992, 6 min) by Patrick Snee
This video tells a tangled story of love through the want ads.

TIM MILLER LOUD AND QUEER
(1993, 30 min) by Richard Harrison
Celebrating the talents of performance artist Tim Miller, this video uses excerpts from his work My Queer Body along with interviews and images spanning his 15 year career.

POOL DAYS
(1993, 27 min) by Brian Sloan
One Life to Live's Josh Weinstein signs on as a new pool attendant and finds himself the object of desire for both the healthclub's amorous aerobics instructor and a male club member.



Lesbian Comic, Westenhoefer, To Get Last Laugh In Milwaukee

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]—This comedy has a message: Lesbians are fun.

A little over three years ago, Suzanne Westenhoefer walked on stage in a straight comedy club and started telling lesbian jokes.

She tells the same jokes to lesbian and gay audiences. Everybody laughs. She tells how one comedy producer told her there will never be any lesbians on television. Her reply: "What about Wimbledon?"

She can go on like that for an hour, but to repeat any more might ruin the fun for the audience when she appears in Milwaukee on February 19.

A big-eyed, big-haired blonde, Westenhoefer once won Miss Runner-Up in a beauty pageant in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where she grew up. (By coincidence, she came out the next year.)

Recently, she won the New York City Outstanding Achievement in the Arts Award for comedy. She has appeared on Caroline's Comedy Hour, Evening at the Improv and Comedy Central.

She never intended to be a comic and had to be pushed into attending a comedy class. "I knew that if I were a comic, I would want to be out, and I knew that there was no such thing as an out comic. This was 3-1/2 years ago," Westenhoefer said.

She attended a comedy class because "my ex-lover, she just sort of signed me up — the little shit — and said 'Go.' It was pretty funny now that I think of it. Then it wasn't pretty funny. It was very scary."



SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

She made it through the class, though, and won a comedy contest the first time she went on stage. Now she uses comedy to try to show straights something.

'Iron Art by J.P.' Exhibit Opens Jan. 22 in Milw.

[Shorewood, WI]—The Out of Solitude jewelry gallery will present a special showing of "Iron Art by J.P.," January 22 through March 5 at the gallery located at 3817 N. Oakland Avenue in Shorewood.

"Iron Art by J.P." refers to the whimsical, linear metal sculptures designed by local artist Jerry Peterson, a resident of Grafton, Wisconsin. Peterson's sculptures are designed from collected pieces of iron and steel — unique items of all grades — which are welded, sandblasted and further enhanced by a spray-coloring finish. Sizes range from table-top pieces to large, free-standing sculptures. The sculptures can be displayed indoors or outdoors.

The public will have a chance to meet Peterson at a special opening night reception at Out of Solitude on Saturday, January 22, 1994, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event is free of charge.

Out of Solitude features the conceptually sculptured artwork of local metalsmith/jewelry designer Charles P. Bahringer, whose work has been displayed nationwide. Talkshow host Oprah Winfrey and actress/singer Cher are among the celebrities who own Bahringer's jewelry.

Winter hours for Out of Solitude are Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"I just want them to see what they're missing by not having Gays and Lesbians in their lives, that we're fun, that we're OK," she said, "that we're not particularly scary. To educate, to open the discussion up, to change the world! It's got to be done," she insisted.

"Straight people have been really cool about it. They've been pretty fairly accepting and even fairly into it — which is great."

Westenhoefer met her worst audience not at a straight club but at a party attended by wealthy middle-aged Gays and Lesbians. "They got drunk and they crucified me. I think they just had to be there to make fun of me. It was so awful I cried the whole way home and I told my lover I was quitting."

She wanted to quit after a performance in front of 800 Lesbians in Phoenix, Arizona, too, but for a different reason. "I did an hour and they just totally loved everything, which was so special. I got three encores" and a standing ovation. Westenhoefer thought, "I want to quit right now so that's my last memory."

Besides stand-up comedy, Westenhoefer finds additional avenues to spread the word about Lesbians.

Sometimes she acts as a "display lesbian" for high school sex education classes, urging young people to treat Gays and Lesbians fairly. But only a few schools let her do that, so she goes on talk shows: Sally Jessy Raphael, Joan Rivers and Jane Whitney. On Geraldo, she and other guests discussed "Lesbian chic."

"Is it chic to be lesbian?" an interviewer innocently asked.

"Where are you calling from?" Westenhoefer demanded with mock indignation. The singer k.d. lang appeared on the cover of New York Magazine, she pointed out. Cosmopolitan magazine carried an article about Lesbians. Newsweek showed Lesbians embracing on its cover.

"You must have seen Newsweek. That was such a big deal, wasn't it. That was so exciting!"

Westenhoefer also appeared live on CNN as an emcee in the April 25, 1993, March on Washington.

In some places, she said, she has become "sort of famous." She likes that. She wants to be an "out gay person for all gay people to see and to feel like they're getting some representation, not like they're being ignored. I like to be on TV as much as possible. I like to be out!"

Suzanne Westenhoefer will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, February 19, at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. Serial Carol, from Chicago, will open the show.

Tickets are \$13 at the door or \$11 in advance, available at Peoples Books, Outpost Natural Foods and Afterwords book store.

The concert, presented by Full Moon Productions, will be sign language interpreted. Seats for the differently abled will be reserved until 7:45 p.m. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m.

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CON ARTIST PRO— Donald Sutherland, Jan McKellen, Stockard Channing and Will Smith star in the witty, contemporary satire, "Six Degrees of Separation" which opens Jan. 21 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

Gay Character 'Steals' Show In 'Six Degrees of Separation'

By Geno

A series of bizarre incidents furnished the basis for *Six Degrees of Separation*, the play and the movie, as well as providing fascinating television fare for several talk shows.

The real life story concerns a young man who conned some supposedly sophisticated New Yorkers into believing that he was the son of Sidney Poitier, first gaining their confidence by claiming to be a college friend of their children away at Ivy League schools. Impressed by the young man and thrilled by his promise that he would convince his father to give them fun roles in his next film, probably and rather improbably, the musical *Cats*, they took him in and lent him money and credit cards.

The impostor was found out when the families compared notes. At present, the con artist is being prosecuted for fraud, but his story is making money for those who have turned it into a brilliant satire for stage and screen. The play has been a surprise hit on Broadway and in London, and now with Director Fred Schepisi, the playwright John Guare, has beautifully transferred his play into a movie that sparkles with wit and irony. The dialogue is clever, fast-paced and great fun.

Stockard Channing, who I have always thought has been underrated as an actress, has found her ideal role here as Ouisa, the wife of art dealer Flan Kittredge (Donald Sutherland), two of the three main characters in *Six Degrees*.

The third member of this star ensemble is Will Smith, best known as Grammy-winning rap artist and *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* in his first dramatic role as Paul, the intriguing con artist.

Smith is likable and convincing with all the dash and audacity needed to charm the pair and their friends. Paul's scheme ends when he is caught bringing a male hustler into the Kittredge's posh Fifth Avenue apartment. A wild scene follows in which the completely nude hustler runs around the apartment retrieving his clothes before he and Paul are thrown out.

"Why, we could have had our throats cut," Ouisa and Flan twitter, breathlessly telling and retelling the story to others in their well-heeled social circle. In this way, they discover that they

weren't the only ones to be taken in.

More complications ensue involving Paul and there is a mystery to be cleared up — how did Paul achieve his worldliness and learn so many intimate details of their private lives?

Here playwright Guare has woven a gay thread that fits neatly into the story. Ironically, all of the children are brats who hate their parents.

Such plot additions deepen this modern comedy of manners. Ironies abound. For example, Ouisa and Flan are part of the Manhattan art world where they induce others to buy into the sale of million dollar paintings then take their whopping commissions without having risked any of their own money. Their scam gives them a precarious hold upon their upper class social position.

The major difference between the stage play and the movie is that the play was performed primarily on a bare stage. Schepisi and Guare, with the help of their production designer and photography director, Patrizia von Brandenstein and Ian Baker can show the high life of Manhattan in all its pretentiousness. Breath-taking interior and exterior shots are a constant feast for the eye.

At one point, Ouisa recalls a study she read which stated that we are all interconnected, each one of us is just six people away from everyone else on Earth. This concept underlies much of *Six Degrees of Separation* and lends to this romp of a story serious overtones and meanings.

Reading, Writing Groups Meet At AfterWords

There was a time when bookstores were not just places to sell books. They were more like coffeehouses where one went, browsed or read some pages of some favorite work. They were places where, over coffee, you met friends, kindred spirits of like mind, and held conversation, discussed someone's latest work or listened as an author read from a manuscript she'd been laboring on for time untold. That's the way it is at AfterWords.

The Reading Group

On February 7, the book discussion group will be mulling over *Heartlands: A Gay Man's Odyssey Across America* by Darrell Yates Rist. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. If you like good books, if you like talking with others about them, this is a group worth joining.

The Writer's Group

On February 10, the Writers Group will hold its second meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is an informal group of people gathered to share what they've been working on, poetry or prose. They share their experiences as writers, explore with each other problems they may be having with a plot, or read something they've been working on just to hear what it sounds like and get reaction.

This latter is why the group is not restricted to writers. It is open to anyone writing or not. After all, writers don't write for each other, but for the reading public. It is their reactions that are the most valuable of all.

Whether you're a reader or a writer, one of these two groups should interest you. Please plan on attending.

AfterWords is located at 2710 N. Murray Avenue. For further information, phone (414) 963-9089.

UWM Holds Gay Issues Hearings

[Milwaukee]- The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Task Force on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues will hold two special closed hearings for UWM faculty and staff this month. The purpose of the hearings is to collect information on the experiences of Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual faculty and staff, or experiences of other faculty and staff relevant to those issues.

Hearings will be in R. E220 of the UWM Union, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24 and 5:00-6:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27.

Faculty or staff who want to participate but are uncomfortable with the hearing format, may send a letter about their experiences and a description of their relationship with UWM to: Tom Drake, Office of Student Life, UWM, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0413. For more information, call Tom Drake at (414) 229-5780.

Teens Like Us Group Meets in Madison

[Madison]- Teens Like Us (TLU) is a weekly group for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual teens and those questioning their sexual orientation. TLU is sponsored by Briarpatch and PICADA. Group time and meeting place are confidential. Call Donna K. or Pete at Briarpatch for more information: (608) 251-1126.

PFLAG Moves Meeting Location

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is now meeting in a new place. The new location is Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd. The church is just north of I-94. There is a parking lot just east of the church building. There is also street parking. For more information, call Pastor Alexander M. Jacobs, (414) 962-9320.

Ads Needed for PrideFest Guide

[Milwaukee]- PrideFest '94 has chosen Wells Ink, a local Gay-owned and operated advertising agency to publish **The 1994 Pride Guide**, the official publication of PrideFest '94 and Milwaukee's Pride Parade.

In celebration of Stonewall's 25th anniversary, **The 1994 Pride Guide** hopes to provide the most comprehensive listing of LesBiGay and supportive businesses, organizations and professional services in the state. To that end, there is no charge for a basic listing in the **Pride Guide's** Resource Directory.

For more information on display advertising or on how to be listed in the **Pride Guide's** Resource Directory, please contact Wells Ink at (414) 272-2116.

Sherman Park Gays Plan Meeting

[Milwaukee]- The Sherman Park Rainbow Association will meet on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3617 N. 48th St. The agenda will feature the Association's involvement in this year's PrideFest, ShermanFest and the HIV positive outreach program proposed by the Civil Rights and Health Committee. Also to be discussed will be the February Bowling Party and a potluck for March.

The Rainbow Association is open to all Lesbians and Gays who live in the Sherman Park area. For more information write: Sherman Park Rainbow Association, P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

Your Legal Rights Workshop Set

[Milwaukee]- LOC/Women of Color and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) are co-sponsoring a workshop, "Your Legal Rights and How to Protect Them" on January 29, 1994 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Milwaukee Room of the UWM Union, 220 E. Kenwood Blvd. The workshop will be presented by Abby Abinanti, Esq., Legal Director of the California-based National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and Stephanie Smith, NCLR Lesbians of Color Project Coordinator. The workshop will also feature State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, who will discuss spousal benefits in Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee workshop is part of a series of workshops offered in various cities nation-wide. The workshop is free and open to all Lesbians and Gay men and will provide an opportunity for participants to complete living wills, durable powers of attorney and other legal documents. All necessary materials will be provided at a nominal charge.

A benefit/reception for NCLR is scheduled for Friday evening Jan. 28. Abinanti will discuss Wisconsin cases of importance to Lesbians. The suggested donation for this reception is \$35. For more information, please call the LAMM Resource Center at (414) 264-2600.

Chicago Pride Parade is June 5

[Chicago]- This year's Chicago Pride Parade, originally planned for Sunday, June 12, has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 5, 1994.

PrideChicago was informed on January 6 by a representative of the city's Department of Special Events that a moratorium on all city events will be in effect from June 10 through July 2. For any further information contact PrideChicago at: (312) 348-8243.

BWMT Plans 1994 Convention

[Washington, D.C.]- The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) will be hosting their 14th Annual Convention from July 16-24, 1994, in Washington, D.C. Over 200 people are expected to take part in this event which will be housed at the Sheraton Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

For more information, contact NABWMT at (202) 462-3599 or write: NABWMT Convention '94, 1747 Connecticut Ave., N.W., 3rd Fl., Washington, D.C. 20009-1108.

Health Professionals to Meet Feb. 5

[Milwaukee]- Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual People in Medicine (LGBPM) is a group of health professionals — students and degreed persons which meets regularly as a means of support. Until now, the group has consisted of medical students and residents of the Medical College of Wisconsin. The group would like to expand to include other health professionals in the Milwaukee area. All different kinds of health professionals from physician assistants and social workers to nurses, dentists, Ph.D.'s and any other health professionals, including students in any of these fields, are welcome. For further information, call Francesco Leanza at (414) 933-6581.

LGBPM is having a Winter Holiday party on Saturday, Feb. 5, 1994. Significant others, including children, are welcome. For directions, call Leanza at the above number.

Buchanan: Christians Are Superior

[Washington, D.C.]- Pat Buchanan brought 2,000 Christian conservatives to their feet on September 11 with a fiery defense of the Republican Party's anti-abortion stance and a vow to rebuff GOP moderates and never "raise a white flag in the cultural war."

Buchanan won rousing applause when he attacked "multiculturalism," scoffing at those who say the world's cultures are equal. "Our culture is superior," he said. "Our culture is superior because our religion is Christianity and that is the truth that makes men free."

AIDS

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"The issue," she said, "is human sexuality in adolescence and how we deal with it in a country that doesn't like talking about sex. We do not talk well about things sexual."

Gebbie cited her own experience in nursing school where she "learned a whole lot about human plumbing and almost nothing about human sexuality in that entire curriculum." Thus, she concluded, we (people in general) are trying to deal with the AIDS epidemic with "an almost non-existent vocabulary for discussing sexual orientation."

She added that if you can't talk about sexual orientation and sexuality, how then do you prepare a teenager, "someone whose hormones have started raging," to take responsibility for their actions?

A Real AIDS Czar?

Gebbie has been criticized by some AIDS activists for not being the "czar" they envisioned. She said that if by "czar" was meant someone who had absolute power to "do things," she was not a czar. There is, she said, no position in American political life that has that kind of power.

Gebbie said she views her position as a "policy co-ordinating position."

Her job, she said, was two fold: One, to make sure there was "good policy in this country" in the battle against AIDS; and, two, to make sure that policy was coordinated. That meant she was to make sure that the various departments in the federal government "aren't tripping over each other, aren't duplicating crazy stuff, or aren't duplicating useful stuff and wasting resources."

She said also that part of her job was to go out into the country to publicize the

importance of everyone dealing with the AIDS crisis, not just those affected by the disease.

Gebbie was asked if she felt her office was powerful enough to handle the AIDS crisis?

Gebbie responded by saying that the President knew what she was doing, that she had access to the President and she does give him a weekly report.

She said too, that she had access to the Cabinet Secretaries so that she didn't have to "thread my way through the federal bureaucracy" to get things done. "We go from the top down, not the bottom up," she said. "When you have the Cabinet's attention, it makes a big difference," she said.

A Manhattan Project for AIDS?

Gebbie was asked by **Light** whether she foresaw the President backing a Manhattan-style project to conquer AIDS?

Gebbie said she got the question everywhere, but "Would you know a Manhattan project if you saw it? That term means so many different things," she said.

She said she got "real nervous" when the term was mentioned. "The legacy of secrecy, of non-peer review, of subsequent unexpected damages that were associated with the (original) Manhattan project make me very concerned."

She added, that there was a "great deal" of energy going on on how to streamline the research process, and to work creatively at management techniques."

She pointed out that if by "Manhattan project," you meant an invigorated, targeted, energetic attempt to solve the AIDS problem, "the President is committed to that and I'm committed to that."

Gay Movement Forms in Russia

[Moscow]- Three months after homosexuality was decriminalized in Russia, Gays are organizing to fight rampant discrimination, according to the Associated Press.

Organizers announced the formation of their first nationwide advocacy group, Triangle, to promote equality for Gays and Lesbians and combat the spread of AIDS.

Russian lawmakers formally lifted a Soviet-era law in late April that made male homosexuality a crime punishable by up to five years in prison. The decree took effect in late May.

There are estimated to be hundreds of small Gay and Lesbian groups across Russia, but the organized "Gay" movement — Gays here use the English word since there is no like word in Russian — is still in its infancy.

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June Stonewall 25 Plans Moving Forward In New York

[New York, NY]- Plenty has been happening and continues to happen, getting ready for the Stonewall 25 celebration in June.

Hospitality New York has formed a "host city" committee to facilitate work on logistics while events are happening during the celebration. There will be individuals located in all major arrival areas to direct participants and help them if necessary.

ACT UP New York will be observing the immigration registration process at the airports and will make sure all international participants will enter the country without a glitch.

Travel Stonewall 25/Project Wings will supply official travel information and donate a percentage of proceeds back to the National Office. Call 1-800-216-1880.

Domestic Outreach A map has been on display showing the areas of the country of known organizing committees. As usual, the mid region looks pretty bleak with the exception of the metropolitan areas.

International Outreach Countries are beginning to respond. So far, 46 countries have begun preparation for travel to the U.S.

March The March committee has prepared 5 routes for the March, each

approximately 5 miles long. One of the routes begins near the Stonewall Inn and two near the United Nations.

Direct Action Procedures and workshops have been put into place for Direct Actions to take place before the March and non-violent civil disobedience after the March.

Romania has also responded with their request for Direct Action on their representative U.N. Mission. A committee from Chicago will be forming to organize and train local people for their planned actions.

Housing A joint effort has been formed with the International Lesbian and Gay Association, Gay Games IV and Stonewall to facilitate housing needs for this event. Yet to come will be information on housing in: churches, school dorms, Y's, youth hostels, community housing through Actor's Equity and various other organizations.

A form has been developed for use which will be made available at all local meetings. Community housing forms are due in New York no later than March 15, 1994. Forms can be gotten from any Illinois committee member or call the hotline and complete one over the phone: 1-800-216-1880.

Commentary: 1993 — A Period Of Failure, Re-assessment and Change

By Atty Mickey J. Wheatley

The 1993 March On Washington was more parade than march, more celebration than rally. We believed we had much to celebrate. Clinton's election was sealed by our vote, and he professed his support. Yet, as I look back on last Spring's March, I feel an emptiness of spirit. How did we end up with a codification of the military ban — our first monumental national defeat?

When the military issue came up in January, we didn't get focused quickly enough. As Barney Frank complained, we organized as if we had until July to make our case, when the hard realities of Washington dictated we get Congress members on board within a few weeks. Furthermore, our national organizations and media did an inadequate job of articulating to the community why the military issue was important.

But I fear our loss on this issue is emblematic of a more fundamental problem. We simply haven't organized a real movement.

Many of us focused on trying to get heterosexuals to like us. We attempted to accomplish this through lobbying and encouraging our people to come out. In the meantime, we have been giving our money to heterosexual politicians, trying to buy their support.

ACT UP And Queer Nation

The most explosive new force has been the militant groups, most notably ACT UP and its progeny Queer Nation. The militant approach renounced the apologetic, "please-like-me" tactics to replace it with banshee cries of "We're here, we're Queer, get used to it." The militants' strategy recognized that we had no significant national base and used the couple thousand militant activists around the country to create the appearance of a large, vocal movement.

Yet the militants didn't recognize the limitations of their strategy. In the fire test of our first big national fight, Congress discovered that the Emperor had no clothes. The militants could deliver us to the front pages, but did not have the strength to deliver a national political victory.

We could get a million people to the Capitol Mall in April, but we did not influence Congress.

The Christian Right

So how then do we create a broad-based movement? Let's look at the Christian Right for some answers. Despite low poll numbers for their ideology, they have enormous influence on Capitol Hill.

Twenty years ago, there was no organized Fundamentalist Christian movement. We watched the ragtag band of televangelists as an amusing diversion. Yet these eccentric cranks did their homework.

They learned to use their media. They built a base of zealots who gave them money and did their bidding. Now, while our top six groups have a combined budget of \$12 million, the top six Christian groups will spend \$213 million this year. They will battle and batter us with a multitude of referenda to stop our advance.

There's talk from some quarters about holding Clinton to the fire, forcing him out front on passage of a federal civil rights bill. This approach invites further disaster.

Clinton doesn't have the power to accomplish this task without a movement and we haven't built one yet.

A Media Network

Like the Right, we need to build our own media empire. It is no longer enough for us to try to manipulate the mainstream media for our own purposes.

We need control of our message and to get our message heard by all our people in a format appealing to contemporary viewers and listeners.

We need TV stations that can plug into the 500-channel future. We can build a network empire like the Right wing has if we have the long-term vision and determination those crackpot preachers had in the 1970's.

A New, National Organization

We have been hearing increasing discussion that many activists have an anti-leadership bias. Yet I believe these critics are not anti-leadership — they oppose a system of self-appointed leaders. Many of us long for leaders, leaders who speak to our deepest hopes, and for our most basic rights.

Leadership by a board of directors made sense in the past, when we were happy if we could get a room full of people together. We are well past that point in our history. It's time to make our institutions democratic.

We need a national organization based on area chapters, with local and national leadership chosen by a majority vote of

the group's members. Democracy can bring our movement the kind of leaders it so desperately needs.

Leaders create constituencies and the constituencies develop leaders. Democracy can create our Malcolm X, our Martin Luther King, Jr., our Pat Robertson.

If people feel they have a voice, they are more likely to join up. If our board members can see fit to trust our people, to give them a voice, I guarantee that our ranks will swell with the most committed, determined Queers this country has ever seen.

Editor's Note: The author is a Civil Rights attorney and former staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

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Carl, 29, GWM, 180, 5'9, ISO a sincere open minded man, any race. **(Call Thru) Box# 3779**

GM, 21, blond hair, blue eyes, like bars, safe sex, ISO a masculine and/or feminine guy, lets get it on. **(Call Thru) Box# 4266**

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Curt, over-weight GWM, ISO nice, hairy, funloving top men. **(Call Thru) Box# 2875**

WM, 6', 190, athletic, well-built, very submissive bottom, ISO a large well-endowed top, you won't be sorry. **(Call Thru) Box# 7197**

Jason, 24, 5'9, 165, well-built, ISO guy around the same age. **(Call Thru) Box# 6510**

John, 6'1, 240, top, aggressive, ISO a passive, very feminine male, any age/race. **(Call Thru) Box# 1862**

DAVE, if you want goodtimes and long fun, call me. **(Call Thru) Box# 9590**

Don, BiWM, 33, 5'8, 165, brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, ISO guy, 18-35 who likes conversation and making love. **(Call Thru) Box# 4501**

Juston, BM, 25, ISO other males 25 or younger. **(Call Thru) Box# 4147**

Chip, like long walks, volleyball, ISO someone to build a relationship. **(Call Thru) Box# 9352**

Male, young, hot and ready to go. **Box# 2545**

Adam, 20, college student, ISO someone 18-25 for dancing, clubs, etc. **(Call Thru) Box# 8936**

David, nice, very hairy, 5'9, I am looking for a honest, loyal, respectable relationship with the right man. **Box# 2700**

Michael, 32, GWM, ISO guy for relationship, no games. **(Call Thru) Box# 8812**

Joe, GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung, like 69, hot oral sex. **Box# 8561**

Mark, short, stocky, Hispanic bottom boy, ISO hot mid-western top boy. **(Call Thru) Box# 2146**

Joe, BM, 29, ISO other BM, I like the outdoors and I am down to earth. **(Call Thru) Box# 4522**

Kevin, 24, bottom, still in the closet. **Box# 5610**

Joe, GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung. **(Call Thru) Box# 9750**

Dave, 26, 5'9, bottom, 160, ISO a cute guy. **Box# 7571**

Dave, 26, bottom, long blond hair, 5'8, 160, great job, ISO a top to live with. **(Call Thru) Box# 5547**

Nancy, bi female, love to share fantasies 1 on 1, with other women, uncensored anything goes. **Box# 10491**

6'2, 200, nice looking, I think I'm gay, I never been with another man before, I think I'm ready now, call if interested. **Box# 10377**

It's been two years since my last experienced with a man and would love to try it again. **Box# 10509**

Two lesbians would love to watch two men, call us. **Box# 10294**

Sara, I have fantasies about being with another woman, my husband finds this attractive, we are looking for a female to share this with. **Box# 10428**

WM, I have this fantasy to be with a big black man, I'll show you my appreciation. **Box# 10359**
I don't believe I'm gay, but I'm interested in she-males or guys who can look like a female, convince me. **Box# 10526**

I been feeling very lonely and lost and need to talk to someone who understands what I'm going through. **Box# 10410**

Married female, I have a strong desire to be with another woman, I need to talk, do I have a problem? **Box# 10452**

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doors, and camping. **Box# 3224**
GWM, Kurt, 36, bottom, ISO super-hairy top, who is fun-loving and adventurous. **(Call Thru) Box# 7370**

Hot, young, Army dude, 25, college jock, ISO guys my age or younger, who are jocks, military, students. Call if you can handle it. **(Call Thru) Box# 6970**

Jim, hot, bottom, 32, 5'9", 150, short beard, dark hair, good-looking, trim, hairy, open-minded. Willing to get into anything that makes you feel good. **Box# 2957**

GWM, Cory, 18, romantic, looking for fun. **(Call Thru) Box# 2313**

Shaun, 27, GWM, 5'9, 160, very muscular, 43" chest, 31" waist, attractive, short dark hair, clean shaven, ISO WM 28 or younger. **(Call Thru) Box# 5435**

Lee, extremely fun and exactly what you want. **Box# 1752**

Brad, ISO top M. **(Call Thru) Box# 9818**

Gene, 5'11, 210, chubby teddy bear, smooth legs, love lace, ISO mature top man, 50 or over, for long-term relationship. **Box# 7877**

GWM, 41, (look younger), ISO guy, 19-30 for good hot times. **(Call Thru) Box# 8955**

Michael, GWM, ISO another GM. **Box# 6562**

Michael, GM, HIV-, like to be very oral, I love sucking dick. **(Call Thru) Box# 5600**

Women seeking Women

Female college student, 24, ISO a sincere, warm, kind, gentle female friend. **(Call Thru) Box# 6822**

Kim, 5'6, long brown hair, very attractive, ISO a nice female for relationship. **Box# 2708**

GWF, 23, 5'4, 117, long brown hair, 2 kids, ISO another WF, 19-27, who loves kids. **(Call Thru) Box# 6294**

GF, ISO another nice young GF, any age/race, weight, fems, butch, stud whatever, just be a female. **(Call Thru) Box# 9232**

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Mia, ISO nice, young, wonderful lady, any race, for friends, poss. rel. **Box# 7727**

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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**

New to area. 27 yrs old, very clean and very good looking. Call and I'll tell you more. **Box# 8953**

Muscular body-builder, very well-built (chest: 54, waist: 34) late 40s but look and feel younger. Interested in meeting someone between 25-40 who admires a nice body. I love massages, and cuddling and kissing. **Box# 1689**

36 yrs old, 5'5", 135 lbs, hairy chested, and clean shaven. I like a good time, and I particularly like lots of body contact—massages, showers,.... I'm passionate and I'm good. **Box# 2134**

29 yr old black male, athletic, masculine, and looking for other guys who like to have fun. If this sounds like you, give me a call. **Box# 4502**

5'5", 160 lbs, ISO a TV, TS, or very fem male. Please call. **Box# 6633**

Fun-loving, attractive guy in 40s. I like the gym, but am tired of the lines, so I've bought equipment. Seeking buffed, attractive M who knows about fitness to be a partner, motivator, coach. Romance & eroticism optional. **Box# 2864**

38 yr old GWM, 5'10", 185 lbs, stocky build, blond w/ short beard & moustache, seeks masculine type guy, 25-45. If you're serious and want to have a good time, enjoy each other's company,....then, please give me a call. **Box# 3678**

Athletic, masculine Black male, 5'8", seeks guys with similar builds. You? Let's talk. **Box# 9728**

Looking for a SWM, bi or straight. I like to have a lot of intense fun. Leave a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. **Box# 2887**

Professional, grad student, 40 yrs old, 5'11", 155 lbs, pierced—you'll have to call to find out where. I'm not looking for a relationship, but rather other PMs that are

like-minded for some hot, fun play. **Box# 4447**

GWM, well-built, very attractive, 35 yrs old, 6'1", 190 lbs, blk hair & eyes, passionate & sensual, serious yet fun. Seeking the same in a man, 20-30. We can get better acquainted through conversation, so please call. **Box# 3249**

29 yr old BM, 5'7", 165 lbs, long black hair, brown eyes, seeking fairly aggressive Ms—not domineering, just aggressive—for get together & fun times. If you're interested, please call. **Box# 3789**

5'9", 145 lbs, blond with blue-eyes, clean-shaven, very tan. A passive bottom, I prefer a masculine top larger than myself—stocky, muscular. I've been told I have very attractive legs. Interested? Please call. **Box# 4874**

Tall (6'4"), good-looking, and fun-loving. I'm looking for and am anxious to find a playmate—hope it's you. **Box# 7416**

WM, 40 yrs old, very masculine and attractive. A really hot bottom. I'm looking for a well-built top. Why don't you make me make your day. Everything considered and lots more. You won't be sorry. **Box# 8285**

I'm looking for someone, 30-40, who's into outdoor, sportsy kinds of things like hiking, swimming, baseball, biking, I'm 5'8", 180 lbs, blond. If you're interested, give me a call. **Box# 9390**

GWM, 33 yrs old. I'm into waterskiing, swimming, fishing,.... anything to do with the outdoors. These days I have a lot of time to play in the sun and water & would love to have some company. Give me a call. **Box# 4108**

5'8", 175 lbs, blond hair, ice-blue eyes. I'm looking for somebody to take me horseback riding. I've never been before. I'm into sports, cozy dinners, Anyone up to 40 yrs old, give me a call. **Box# 2393**

Good-looking GWM, 21 yrs old, 5'9", 135 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeking a LTR w/ an intelligent, stable, humorous GWM, 18-25. I like music, film, video, art, & good conversation. **Box# 4451**

BM, 5'11", 175 lbs, attractive, smooth, muscular, seeking a WM, 25-40, who's masculine (perhaps a bit husky), professional, easy-going, fun to be with, and looking for some company. **Box# 5101**

GWM, 31 yrs old, 6'4", 190 lbs, brwn hair & eyes, short

beard & moustache, looking to meet men of color for good times. I'm very passionate and looking for the world's greatest kisser. **Box# 7754**

This is Tony. You can give me a call. Oh, and by the way, you must be over 6', over 190 lbs, and Black. Peace. **Box# 8614**

33 yrs old, 6'3", 230 lbs, very hairy and well-built, seeking men, over 45, of similar description for fun. Let's see what we can do. Leave me a message. **Box# 8749**

SWM, 28 yrs old, 6'1", 175 lbs, well-built, attractive and very straight-acting. I enjoy many sports as spectator & participant, & most other outdoor activities. Seeking tall, well-built, very masculine guy, 21-35, w/ similar interests. **Box# 9809**

GWM, 25 yrs old, 5'11 1/2", 167 lbs, wanting to meet someone interested in something other than the "same ol', same ol'." I'm looking for someone new, honest & true to himself. I hope that's you; give me a call. **Box# 4873**

GWM, 32 yrs old, 6', 165 lbs, brown hair, pretty good build, and lots of interests. I'm a business professional looking for someone to share the quiet times and fun times with in a friendship/relationship. **Box# 5565**

GWM, 23 yrs old, 5'11", 175 lbs, straight-acting and looking, brown short hair, brown eyes, good body. I'm very attractive and monogomous seeking a LTR. You can call if seeking the same. **Box# 5875**

Seeking TSs, or very feminine cross-dressers. I'm interested in friendship, and possibly a long-term relationship. **Box# 6204**

GBM, stocky build, 22 yrs old, 5'9", brown eyes, passionate & sensual nature. I like going out to parties as well as giving them, and am seeking GMs with similar interests. I can't wait to hear from you. **Box# 7539**

Seeking someone who's fun, exciting, and great to be with. Hope to hear from you soon. **Box# 9216**

Italian male, 23, 5'8, 145, brown hair and eyes, like outdoors, biking. Seeking male 22-30 for friendship and maybe more. **Box# 9908**

Mike, 18yrs old, wm, 5'11, brown hair, green eyes, looking for friendship. I like bar hopping, alternative high energy dance. Give me a call if you like the same. **Box# 6968**

GWM, 38yrs old, 6', 150lbs, drk. hair, br. eyes, HIV negative, very versatile, looking for mate with similar qualities to get along with. **Box# 8307**

GWM, 31 yrs old, 5'9", 176 lbs, blue-eyed & blond. I like to go out to the bars, socialize, dance, play pool & darts, go to movies, dine out, etc... I'm seeking a new friend to do things with. If you're a GWM, 25-35, give me a call. **Box# 1421**

New to area and interested in a first experience. I'm 27 yrs old, 5'10", slender but broad. Not interested too much in looks but rather chemistry. **Box# 1473**

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Milwaukee **SSSSSHHHHHH**: Tom likes the movies and quiet times at home. Please call him there. #10523

Milwaukee **ALL I NEED IS YOU**: Greg is on his way out and willing to try anything. #10570

Green Bay **GOOD TIME GUY**: Lenny is 38 and 5'11", 160. Looking for a friend to enjoy gd times. #10587

Madison **WEST SIDE**: 6'1" 23 year old into light wrkouts. Looking for new friends. #10604

Milwaukee **MIRROR IMAGE**: Bi-WM bbuilder 29 years old seeks similar. Call if this is you. #10851

Watertown **ANYBODY AROUND HERE?**: Eighteen 5'9" short wavy brn hair. Looking for 18-25 for friends and more. #9528

Milwaukee **CUTE JOCKS**: Gd looking and vers male seeks cute athletes. #10967

Milwaukee **FREESTYLER?**: Attractive masc male, 28, is seeking 21-30 with a swmmr's bld. Let's be friends first. #11083

Milwaukee **IMAGINATIVE PHONE CONVERS**: Pls call and maybe we could meet sometime, let's at least talk. #11147

Milwaukee **HI, DUDES**: 30 YO Tom Cruiser wrks out religiously and is waiting for your call at home. #11148

414 AC **KICK UP THOSE HEELS**: 23 YO WM seeks 18-30 for gd times and poss rel. I am into dancing and the clubs. #11515

Milwaukee **READY, WILLING AND ABLE**: 24 YO WM interested in others about the same age. Will try anything once. #9249

Milwaukee **STOCKING STUFFER**: 28 YO, 5'11". Seeking sock and ft men. ages 25-35. Let's get together and see what happens. #9658

Madison **SLIM AND SEXY**: Seeking 18-35. I am 6'2" and slim. Please ring me. #9718

Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE**: Looking for someone to party without the strings attached. Good looking and easy going. #9940

Milwaukee **TOUGH TP WANTED**: Seeking 19-24. Must be masc tp. #10069

Milwaukee **ON THE SIDELINES OR IN THE GAME**: 29 YO WM prof. Blk hair and brn eyes. I love sports. Participating and watching. #10071

715 AC **SOUTHEASTERN**: Seeking friends and couples. Varied interests. Call me. #2609

Milwaukee **DRESS ME UP**: 21 year old cross-dresser seeking the same. #10160

414 AC **BLUE COLLARS**: Hairy and hunky waits. #1001

WI **INFINITY**: BM, 24 serious minded homebody. Possibilities are endless. #1001

Lacrosse **STOP THE FREEZE**: New to area. Let's warm up these Wisc nights. Like bowling golf and shopping. 2 or 3 ain't bad. #2411

Milwaukee **TWENTY-SOMETHING**: 20 y/o, looking to have fun all the time, let's get together. #7625

Milwaukee **ALL THE GOOD STUFF**: bm, 40 y/o, into travel, electronics, sports, & v. interested in finding the same or anyone into fun. #8049

Milwaukee **SIZZLER**: 26 y/o, fun person: into exploring, trying new things. looking for some wild & sizzling nights. #8123

Milwaukee **JERRY ME!**: GWM, 31, bi-okay 18-35. Big deadhead and tape collector. Btm seeks tp. #8172

Kenosha **KENOSHA**: 22 WM 5'6". Seeking fit man with long hair. Italian A+. Music and cuddling are the best. Pls. write. #9227

Jamesville **STUDENT BODY**: 24 y/o, gwm, work a lot, go to school. Pls call for fun and friendship. #9249

608 Area Code **IT STARTS WITH TALK**: gwm, blond, blue, dark stach, 155lbs, would like to meet new people to talk & maybe something more. #9262

Madison **28 YO 6'11"**, 175 looking to talk and get together. #2206

Milwaukee **TEDDY BEAR**: 5'9" Brn and Brn. Hairy chest seeks 18-40. Pls call for my hm phone. #

Milwaukee **BACK TO SCHOOL**: 29 YO student 5' 11" BM seeks friends for fun. #4239

Milwaukee **FEELIN GOOD**: 39 YO, 5'7" looking for any-aged hot man. I like to feel good. #8354

Green Bay **LATIN** bi-curious guy is ready to try and do anything. #9538

Milwaukee **FULFILL ME**: Seeking tall blk tps. I am unfulfilled. Please help me. #1476

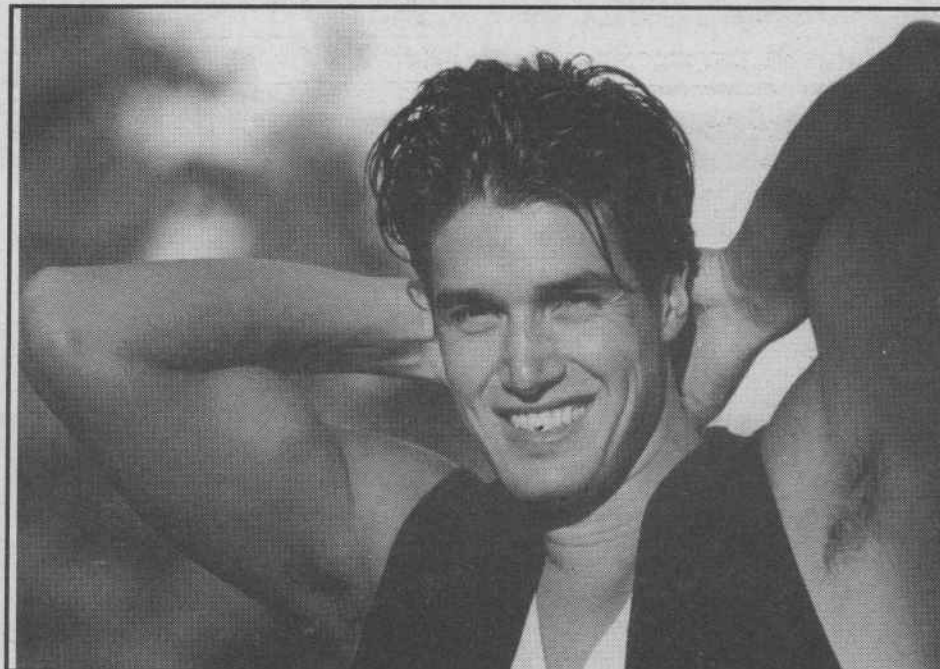
Milwaukee **SPECIAL SOMEONE**: 28 YO, 5'11". Looking for someone to share the quiet evenings with. I love camping and the outdoors. I will return all calls. #7752

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE**: 24 YO is physically fit and gd looking. Hoping for hot safe times. Please call me at home. #9368

Madison **INTO BIKING**: rollerblading and skiing. Seeking under 25 year olds. #9462

Milwaukee **ENERGETIC, HONEST ROMANTIC**: gwm, 26, 5'9, med build, enjoy movies, C & W dancing, looking for someone 18-30 for quality times. #7654

Milwaukee **HEY NINETEEN!**: 19 y/o, 180lbs, builder, enjoy having good times getting to know people & just staying home cuddling. #7868



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Milwaukee **EITHER WAY**: black bi-male, seeking tp, for casual or long term rel. # 8231

Green Bay **ACTIVE**: 5'9, blond, blue, positive, 150lbs, med. build, good person to know, call me sometime. # 4051

Wisconsin **V.GOODLKG**: 30, 5'11, 160lbs, btm, blond, blue eyes, seeks agres tp, (prefer blond, blue & under 30). # 8281

Kenosha **ASIANS WANTED**: goodlkg bi-wm, 35, looking for asian guys for fun /etc., # 1329

Milwaukee **TOP FLIGHT**: looking for tp guys, 5'10, 160lbs, light brw hair, enjoy movies, outdoors, leave msg. # 5441

Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES**: 24 y/o, brw hair & eyes, stacked, 5'11, 190lbs, looking to meet masc. acting guys, looking for friends first. # 8750

Milwaukee **COACH ME**: I enjoy leather & water sports, looking for tall, musclr, builder or leather tp man for discreet calls. # 2077

414 Area Code **FASHION FRENZY**: 35 y/o, x-dresser seeks simlr. # 2716

FRESHMAN: 18 YR OLD: 5'9, brw hair/eyes, interested in hiking, biking, nature trail walks, horseback riding, canoeing seeking any guy 18-25 for rel. # 2792

WILD IN WISCONSIN: 24 y/o, blond, green eyes, 5'10, 120lbs, seeking someone in my age & area. # 4630

Kenosha **DOUBLE DARE**: 2 bi-men in their 40s seeks other fun guys. Call if you dare! # 6858

Madison **TENNIS ANYONE?** 38, 5'8, 150lbs, med. build, clean cut, masc. new to area, Looking for athletic ynger guy. #8897

414 area Code **HURRY**: 19 y/o, looking for tp guy 19-24. #3967

Milwaukee **GOLDEN TONE SKIN**: gbm, 19, 6'2, looking for man any race to call me day or night! #7373

Milwaukee **VERY GOODLKG**: in shape, 26, seeking friends 18-25. #6280

Kenosha **SEEKING STRONG PERSONALITY**: 48 y/o, prof. w/ 2 children. Seeking active adult w/strong personality for relationship. #8434

Fox Valley **21 YR OLD**: 6'2, 170lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, seeking gwm 18-30 for friendship maybe more, I like movies & social get together. #8435

Milwaukee **LOVE MALE CLOTHING**: ht btm, N2 boots, straps, get the picture, call for more info. #6423

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE**: gwm, 25, 5'10, 160lbs, enjoy dining out, water sports, seeking tp man, leave msg in my box to get together. #1991

Milwaukee **AMATEUR KICK BOXER**: 5'8, 165lbs, great shape, love latin or white cross dressers that look good for intimate private encounters, if this is you, leave me a msg, I will call you. #4038

Milwaukee **SINCERE**: brw hair 22, 6'2, 145lbs, green eyes, enjoy movies & music seeking smlr aged for rel. #4699

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE**: 25 y/o, 5'10, blond, blue eyed, 160lbs, like outdoors, reading, movies, dinner, dancing, looking for simlr attrac. tp man under 40, hope to hear from you soon. #5441

Milwaukee **VERSATILE GBM**: 6'2, hazel eyes, golden skin, enjoy anything, call me day or nite. #7911

Milwaukee **VERY AFFECTIONATE**: 38, 5'9, real cute, would like to meet someone real soon to date, call for hm number if interested. #7978

WI **COLLEGE DUDE: 20 YRS OLD**: 6'1, 200lbs, very romantic, seeks smlr for off campus fun times. #8037

414 Area Code **YOUNG 20 YR OLD**: w/ dark hair brw eyes, in need of companionship, all calls get mine. #8518

Milwaukee **BI-WHITE X-DRESSER**: seeks 35-45 y/o bi-wm to share tender moments together,—call soon. #8544

Wisconsin **SLOW TALKIN**: wm, 6'5, 210lbs, 43, would like to meet guy my age or older for back rubs. #4637

Milwaukee **CUTE 18 YR OLD**: w/ wavy short brw hair/eyes, 150lbs, like hiking, biking, walking, swimming, wrestling, seeking guy 18-24+ for good times/maybe more. #5646

Green bay **YOUNG 21 YR OLD**: 5'11, 155lbs seeks, older gentleman for long term rel. #1551

Walkshaw **BLOND/BLUE EYED**: 27 y/o, 170lbs, is looking for someone to workout with, hangout with, (prefer masculine) #4252

Wisconsin **MAN 2 MAN MUTUAL ENJOYM'T**: 22 y/o, 5'10, 155lbs, shoulder length blond hair, green eyes, seeking 25-35 y/o for dining, dancing & 1/1 fun. #3159

Milwaukee **LONG BROWN HAIR**: medium built, 26, 5'9, 150lbs, masc., enjoy working out, music & seeking tall masc. man, (muscles A+). You: surprise me. #6608

Madison **21 YR OLD WM**: 5'8, 155lbs, brw hair/blue eyes, smooth body, seeking men 18-35 (muscles A+) leave your name & number & best time to get back to you. #1340

Rust river **V. CUTE**: 26 y/o, 5'10, dark brw hair, waiter, enjoys cooking dinner, watching movies, seeks masc. goodlkg tp, #1342

Wisconsin **THOUGHTFUL**: 35 y/o, gwm, 6'1, dark hair, stached, caring, & understanding, seeks LTR w/simlr monogamous guy (preferably bearded & tall) #4315

Manatawalk **FARM RAISED**: 35 y/o, (look 25) into country, enjoy rare plants/animals. #5246

Appleton **SENIOR GWM**, romantic, gentle & affectionate, 5'9, 165lbs, wavy gray hair, seeking ynger bi or gwm for occasional get togethers—hoping to hear from you. #1331

Wisconsin **SKS BIG GUY FOR REL**: 5'9, 145lbs, 25 y/o, 5'9, looking for sensitive, sensuous person, call soon. #1675

Madison **COLLEGE GUY**: 5'10, 150lbs, sandy brwn hair, enjoy back packing, hanging out. #2174

Appleton **35, 175LBS**, 5'9, enjoy biking, lookin for friends 25-35, poss. re. #2417

31, 5'6, 150LBS, brw hair/eyes, seeking guys 18-25 for interesting times. #6824

Milwaukee **LIKES RAVES SCENES?** 19 YR OLD, brw hair/eyes, 130lbs, seeking guy 18-30. #3918

Manahaukin, **MASC. ACTING**, 36, GWM, enjoys cooking & discreet times w/other masc. guys, looking for serious, down to earth type, #4859

Milwaukee **HEY COOL DUDE!** 24 y/o, BM, like movies, sports, dining out, reading, looking for any race, if interested leave name & Number. #7116

Milwaukee **NICE WHEELS**: v. Vers. 45, 5'9, 175lbs, cute, like to work out, enjoy quiet evenings, have great legs, take a chance, I did. #7556

Wisconsin, **RUNNER'S BODY**: looking to pursue a physical rel. with somebody, I like to run, and stay fit. #4429

Milwaukee, **WILD THING 25 YR OLD**: 6'1, blond, green eyes, like to dance, love to talk on phone. #7187

N. Milwaukee, **EZ TO GET ALONG WITH**: 20s, masc., seeks simlr. dwn to earth, laid back type to start something special with. #2922

Milwaukee, **OLDER EXPERIENCED SOUGHT**: 27, new to this, just looking for exper. older guy who likes to have fun, (call also for my writing address). Looking for partnership are you? #5910

Wisconsin, **LIKE RAVES OR GRUNGE?** 5'6, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, looking for smooth, clean shaven, short haired, looking to meet like minded indiv. #7295

Wisconsin, **CREATIVE SPIRITUAL SOULMATE WNTD**: 36 y/o, 175lb, 5'11, brwn long curly hair, seeks Soulmate to enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, and setting by the lake & talking. #4797

Milwaukee, **AVID OUTDOORSMAN**: prof., married, bi-white, 40, educated, avid reader, I feel just as awkward placing this ad as you may be responding to it, but don't let that stop you, please leave msg. #5977

Milwaukee, **TO DATE, PERHAPS TO MATE**: I'm looking for someone 20-27, good personality, clean cut, with his own unique personality, call my machine & leave a msg. #7339

Kenosha, **FUN STUFF**: 35 y/o bi-WM into camping, concerts, down hill skiing, looking for 21-37 y/o guy to share the above. #4687

715 Area Code **STAR GAZER**: sensitive 25 yr old WM, 6'1, 195lbs, new to area, looking for solid friendship based on trust, #5690

Milwaukee **POSITIVE** seeking positive man 35-45, I'm into TV, walking & crafts. #5906

S.E. Wisconsin **MANSIZED MAN**: 6'2, 180lbs, vers. mansized man, smooth tanned bodies a plus. #3700

Milwaukee **BUDDIES WANTED**: 24, GWM, beginner, seeking straight acting men. Let be friends and see what happens from there. #2104

Cent. Wisconsin **HANDSOME ITALIAN**: 38, 5'10, 155lbs, (feeling a bit alone on weekends) seeking soulmate to share & grow with, if you enjoy opera, ethnic foods. Call & let's connect. #6026

Wisconsin **CUTE** 19 y/o, college student, 5'10, 150lbs, call. #6374

Milwaukee **MEET YOUR MATCH: HARD CORE** body builder seeks simlr for relationship. #7181

Milwaukee **COUNTRY MUSIC FAN**: 34, also into sports, prefer someone for friendship first building toward relationship. #7649

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Milwaukee **GOODLKG**: gwm, 32, into feet & socks would like to meet simlr up to 38. #7851

Milwaukee **BLUE EYED BLOND**: 24 y/o, 5'10, 160lbs, into classical music seeking guys my age. #1912

Milwaukee **YOUNG VERSATILE**: 5'10, 145lb, 29, seriously into school seeking fun times w/stable 25-35 y/o. #1937

Milwaukee **30 YR OLD BLACK MALE**: 5'11, 140lbs, looking to meet wisc. men, for candle light dinners & fun. #4062

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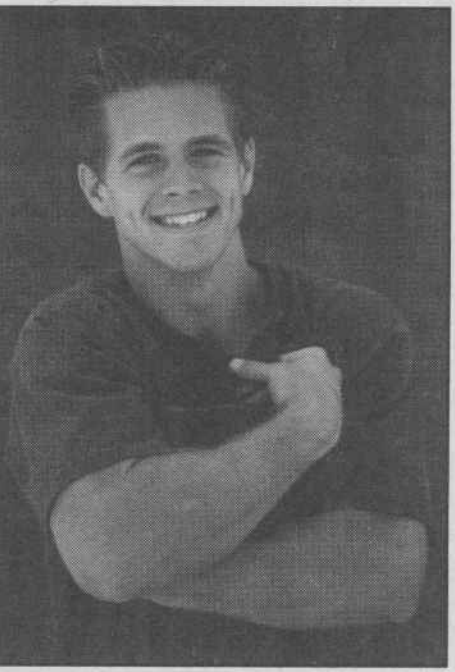
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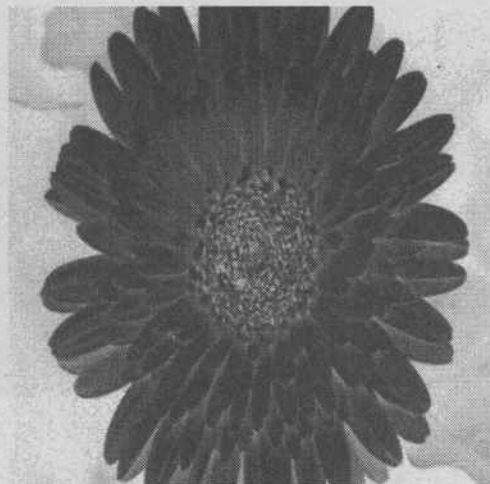
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