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The Wisconsin Light

State Wide Gay Political Network Is Off to Big Start

[Madison]- Fifty activists from around the State of Wisconsin gathered in the State Capitol last Saturday, February 12, to contribute to the development of a Lesbian and Gay statewide political network.

The objectives of the organization are three-fold: 1) to enhance communication among persons and organizations around the state who are interested in keeping informed about the civil rights initiatives on Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals;

2) To educate the general public about LesBiGay issues;

3) And to create a strong political voice in order to advance equal rights measures for the LesBiGay community and to respond to assaults on our civil rights.

Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and supporters from as far away as Menomonie and La Crosse answered State Representative Tammy Baldwin's (D-Madison) call to gather to help organize this critical Network.

"This meeting was so exciting!" said United Director Jane Vanderbosh. "We had representation from many people within our diverse community and we hope to broaden that group."

Representatives from any organizations participated in the meeting. They included: 10% Society (Stout, Madison), Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Human Rights Campaign Fund, The United, Men of All Colors, United Methodist Church, Queer TV in Milwaukee, Lesbian Parent Network, UW United Council, Lesbian/Gay Law Student Association, Log Cabin Club, and the Human Rights League, among others.

After introductions and a discussion about the organization's working philosophy, individuals divided into six working groups on resource assessment, communication, structure, fundraising, strategy and conference planning.

Some of the recommendations that emerged from the working groups included: development of a survey to be sent to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual and ally organizations and interested individuals, ideas for a logo and a newsletter, a press release announcing the organization's formation, discussion of by-laws, ideas relating to a statewide conference on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues, and a fundraising strategy that will include state and national resources.

The organization has established its working philosophy which is founded upon inclusion. "This organization will be most successful when it includes all within our community and our supporters," one leader said.

For further information, contact Rep. Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.

In Madison: Pocan Wins Primary; Gore on Top With 9 Vote Margin

[Madison]- The Lesbian and Gay community took another step on Tuesday, February 15, in our quest for visibility and equal rights. Mark Pocan won his primary contest for a second term on the Dane County Board of Supervisors. At the same time, Cathreen Godre has advanced to the general election for the Board.

After a long primary campaign, Godre won a close contest to take on John Hendrick, a straight Farm-Labor Party candidate for a position on the Board.

"We worked very, very hard over the last 8 months and it really paid off," said Godre. "Every vote counted and the victory would not have been possible without the Gay and Lesbian community."

Godre edged openly Gay candidate, Tim O'Brien by 9 votes and labor activist Robin Nix by 48 votes in a primary where nearly 1100 people voted. Godre was trailing O'Brien by 25 votes until the last ward reported.

"This was a very difficult race and Tim

Clinton Blasts Anti-Gay Initiatives; Committed to Equality For All

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PRIDEFEST

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STONEWALL 25— The 1994 PrideFest logo was unveiled at the February 5 Mardi Gras. Designed in three colors, T-Shirts are already available with the logo.

State Losing Thousands of Dollars A Year in Federal AIDS Funding

[Milwaukee]- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Executive Director, Doug Nelson, is taking his role in national AIDS politics seriously if his latest trip to Washington, D.C. is any measure.

In an exclusive interview with *Wisconsin Light*, Nelson reported that he waged a tough and lonely fight within the National AIDS Action Council for making AIDS funding from the Ryan White CARE Act equitable throughout the country.

"This is a huge battle with very high stakes for Wisconsin AIDS funding," Nelson said. "For the most part I feel like

the Lone Ranger in raising the issue of equitable Ryan White AIDS funding. But Wisconsin and other heartland states are getting shortchanged from Ryan White because of arbitrary funding formulas and a historic practice of investing more AIDS funding per case in east and west coast states where AIDS incidence has historically been higher."

Nelson's battle centers around the debate on Congressional reauthorization of the federal Ryan White CARE Act which was originally passed in 1990 and which requires reauthorization for a second 5 year period. The Ryan White Act is the largest federal outlay of funding for health care and support services for people living with HIV and AIDS.

"It is a lonely game because most all of my colleagues on the AIDS Action Council come from east and west coast states where Ryan White funding has been very high and they want to protect the structure and system that delivers for them," Nelson explained. "But there is great disparity and injustice with the current system that harms Wisconsin and thereby fails to meet the needs of people with AIDS who live here."

Nelson characterized the issue as one of a wide disparity in AIDS funding on a per case or per capita basis that results from two separate Titles of the White Act. Title I for high incidence cities with AIDS caseloads above a 2,000 case threshold and Title II for all of the states. Although Wisconsin's AIDS caseload is currently at 2,241 cases which is well above the threshold, because the Milwaukee metropolitan area accounts for only about 1,150 of these cases, Milwaukee and Wisconsin do not qualify for Title I funding.

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[Washington, D.C.]- Leaders of six national Lesbian/Gay organizations heralded President Bill Clinton's strong statement against anti-Gay initiatives occurring in 11 states around the country. The President said, "I am committed to the fight for equality for all Americans."

The President's letter to William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, came on February 15, in response to a request by the Victory Fund on February 9, and five other Gay and Lesbian groups.

"Those who would legalize discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or any other ground are gravely mistaken about the values that make our country strong. The essential right to equality must not be denied by a ballot initiative or otherwise," the President wrote.

In addition to the Victory Fund, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the Black Gay/Lesbian Leadership Forum and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays had requested Clinton's statement.

"All people in our society must enjoy the opportunity to be judged on their merits," the President wrote. "Sadly, as you point out, this simple principle of justice has come under assault in several states this year."

Anti-Gay campaigns are currently underway in Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon and Washington. These are fueled by the Religious Right Wing.

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The President went on to commend Gay organizations and other groups "who have united to oppose these ballot initiatives. This is not an issue of 'special rights' for any one group. This is a battle to protect the human rights of every individual," the President said.

In announcing the President's support, Waybourn said, "The President's backing brings a measure of hope to those who are fighting in the trenches every day to defeat these anti-Gay measures. It will sustain them through this long battle. We are not alone."

Waybourn went on to say that Lesbians and Gay men are "victims of a holy war. We have been subjected to an epidemic of violence, hatred, bigotry, discrimination and prejudice."

Waybourn said that obtaining the President's support was crucial to the Victory Fund, which supports openly Lesbian and Gay candidates for public office, has candidates running for office in eight states where referendums are scheduled.

"We are a community that seeks inclusion, but finds intolerance," Waybourn said.

Waybourn said the Victory Fund trained at least three organizers from each of the 11 targeted states and gave them tools and skills they needed to return to their communities and organize others to manage campaigns against the Religious Far Right.

"Today we're drawing a line — a front line of defense," Waybourn said. "And this is just the beginning."

Editor's Note: If you would like to help the Victory Fund in its drive to protect human rights, write: Victory Fund, 1012 14th Street NW, Suite 707, Washington, D.C. 20005.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Oregon's Anti-Gay Laws Unlawful

[Salem, OR]- The *New York Times* reports that on February, 9, an Oregon state judge upheld an Oregon law that voids local measures barring Gay people from equal rights. "The issue of homosexual rights is such a substantive social issue that the Legislature may pre-empt" local governments, said Judge Albin Norblad of Marion County Circuit Court.

Five Oregon counties and 11 cities have prohibited protection of Lesbians and Gays from discrimination in hiring and elsewhere.

Lon Mabon of The Oregon Citizens Alliance, a Christian Right-wing group, said he would appeal Judge Norblad's ruling.

Fundamentalists Disrupt PFLAG Meet

[Forest Grove, OR]- Fundamentalist recently turned the heat up a notch higher when members of a Christian Right-wing group called HOPE (Help One Person Escape), disrupted an Oregon Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) meeting in Forest Grove, a suburb of Portland. HOPE is run by Ellen Brandt, a self-described "recovering Lesbian."

PFLAG members report being attacked and harassed by bigots at home, on the job and on the street when their names have been publicized by the Christians.

HOPE has characterized PFLAG as a "front organization for the militant homosexual movement."

Activists Outraged by Speech

[Washington, D.C.]- African American Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual activists have joined in condemning the homophobic and anti-Semitic remarks made by Khalid Abdul Mohammad, the national spokesman of the Nation of Islam during an appearance at Kean College in New Jersey in the first week in February.

"We will not silently accept racism in the Gay community or homophobia in the Black community," said Gregory Adams, Executive Director of the Bayard Rustin Alliance.

In his speech, Mohammed described openly Gay civil rights pioneer and principal organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, Bayard Rustin as a "half-baked, half-fried, sissified, punkified, pasteruized, homogenized nigger." Mohammed also attacked Jews, praised Hitler and called for the execution of white men, women and children in South Africa.

Episcopals Strongly Affirm Rights

[Washington, D.C.]- At annual conventions held January 29-30 and February 4-5, 1994 respectively, the Episcopal Dioceses of Washington, D.C. and Newark, NJ, overwhelmingly reaffirmed their support of the rights of Lesbians and Gay men both within the Episcopal Church and in society at large and called on the national convention of the Episcopal Church meeting this Summer in Indianapolis to do likewise. Both dioceses have ordained openly Lesbian and Gay clergy.

The Washington Diocese called on the National Episcopal Church to guarantee non-discrimination based in sexual orientation in the "life, worship and governance of this church," and asked the church to support the addition of sexual orientation to the 1964 Civil Rights Act or similar federal legislation.

The Newark convention endorsed a federal civil rights act and called on the church to establish educational curricula for youth and their parents to assist them in understanding and accepting their own and their children's sexual orientation.

The Newark diocese also approved a resolution calling for "rites and ceremonies for celebrating the commitment of Gay and Lesbian couples...to life together." In this it follows the dioceses of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Minister Protests at Clinton Funeral

[Washington, D.C.]- According to the *Advocate*, Kansas Christian Right wing minister Fred Phelps, held a protest in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the funeral of Virginia Kelly, President Clinton's mother. As the President and his family mourned, Phelps et al carried signs reading "Virgina in Hell" and "Bill Loves Fags." To make his point clear, Phelps sent a FAX to the White House showing Mrs. Kelly burning in Hell.

Gays Blamed for World Woes

[Virginia Beach, VA]- Ever watch Pat Robertson's *700 Club*? If you had on January 17, you'd have learned that all the cold weather and snow we've been having in the Midwest is due to "God's displeasure with Gays, Lesbians and Pro-choice activists. If that isn't enough, we're also responsible for the earth quake in L.A., the blizzards in the East, flooding in the Mississippi Valley, Hurricane Andrew, famine in East Africa and the war in Bosnia.

Texas Schools Teaching in the Dark

[Austin, TX]- Under great pressure from Christian Right wing, family values groups, *USA Today* reports that the Texas State Board of Education has decided to delete over 300 items from high school health texts.

Items deleted include: All AIDS hotline numbers and all information about the disease; all mention of contraceptives and how to use them; the words "erogenous zone" wherever it appears; all mention of homosexuality; and no mention of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Let Gay Couples Marry, Europeans Say

[Strasbourg, France] The European Union should allow Gay and Lesbian couples to marry and adopt children, the European Parliament said on February 8. The resolution was offered by German deputy, Claudia Roth.

"Heterosexual and homosexual couples are just as able to provide children with an upbringing in a loving atmosphere," Roth said. "Studies carried out in the U.S. and elsewhere have shown that children brought up by Gay couples" have no more tendency to become Gay or Lesbian than children raised by heterosexuals.

Pentagon to Delay New Gay Policy

[Washington, D.C.]- The Associated Press reports that the Pentagon will delay implementing new regulations banning homosexual conduct in the military because of a crush of paperwork in aligning the policy for the various services, a spokesman said recently. The Pentagon expects the paperwork to be completed by the end of February.

Right Wing Group Speaks Lies

[Washington, D.C.]- The *Psychology of Homosexuality* is a glossy little tract being circulated by the Right Wing group, Family Research Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based group that lobbies against reproductive freedom and civil rights for Gays.

According to the tract, Lesbians and Gays tend to "display defensive malice towards others," are "generally unreliable" and "of a more or less psychopathic nature." The tract goes on to say that Gay people "provoke attacks against themselves and then count these as injustices they have suffered."

The authors conclude, "The Gay life is short, lonely, and filled with cheating, insecurity, disease and danger." The Institute's findings were widely touted during Colorado's Amendment 2 trial.

If you want a copy, write: Family Research Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 2091, Washington, D.C. 20013-2091 or call: (703) 690-8536.

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.

Community Leaders Receive Training

[Washington, D.C.]- In a move to counteract the Right-wing backlash, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Training Institute for Initiative Campaigns held educational sessions on February 4-6 to arm local leaders with the skills they need to defeat anti-Gay campaigns in their home states.

Community leaders from targeted states, including Oregon, Michigan, Idaho, Missouri, Maine, Florida, Ohio, Arizona, Washington and Mississippi attended the three-day training. Besides teaching the nuts and bolts of running a ballot-initiative campaign, the training encourages team building, partnership and resource sharing among participants.

Charges Dropped for Leafletting

[New York, NY]- The State of New Jersey has dismissed all charges against internationally known Gay activist Stephen Durham, who was arrested for leafletting at the Walt Whitman Turnpike rest stop while on his way to the National March on Washington in April, 1993.

Durham, who was defended by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, called the State's dismissal of the charges against him "a vindication of everyone's Constitutional right to express their political viewpoint." Durham, a New York City organizer of the Freedom Socialist Party, was supported by hundreds of people across the U.S. and as far away as Australia who wrote letters or signed petitions to the Cherry Hill, NJ court calling for the dismissal of charges.

7,776 Already Registered in Gay Games

[New York, NY]- With the final deadline still over two months away, the organizers of Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival have announced that they have already received 7,776 registrations from around the world for this event.

Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1990, had 7,250 participants. The Games will be held June 18-25 with venues located throughout the New York area.

Gay Games IV will also feature a Cultural Festival, the largest assemblage of Lesbian and Gay culture ever. The deadline for project proposals is March 1.

For more information on registering for Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival, call: (212) 633-9494.

ILGA to Hold World Conference

[New York, NY]- The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) will be holding its 16th Annual World Conference in New York City in June, 1994. The event will coincide with Gay Games IV and the Stonewall Celebration. ILGA, which in 1993 became the first Lesbian and Gay non-governmental organization with consultative status at the U.N., represents over 300 groups worldwide whose aims are affirming the human rights of the global Lesbian and Gay community.

To obtain a registration form, contribute, volunteer, or get information, please write to: ILGA Committee, c/o Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, 208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011, or call, (212) 620-7310.

Time Warner Considers Gay Magazine

[New York, NY]- According to Reuter's news service, media giant Time Warner, Inc., is considering "the creation of a magazine aimed at Gay readers." A Time Inc. spokesperson said, "We're exploring the idea and concept at this point. It's at a very preliminary, early stage. A lot of work needs to be done."

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), asks you to send your "preliminary, early comments" to: Public Affairs Department, Time Warner, Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019 or call, (212) 484-8000.

Most High Schools Teach Sex Ed

[Washington, D.C.]- The Associated Press reports that classes on sexuality and AIDS are offered at about "93%" of American high schools, and the most effective combine lessons on abstinence with the importance of using condoms and other contraceptives, research suggests. Douglas Kirby, research director for ETR Associates, presented his conclusions on January 24 in a paper to the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a conservative think tank.

Contrary to claims of some opponents of sex education, Kirby found such classes neither hasten the start nor increase the frequency of intercourse. Nor do the classes increase the number of sexual partners, he said.

But he found the programs had a mixed result in changing the behavior of teenagers. To be effective, Kirby said, the programs should focus on reducing "specific sexual risk-taking behaviors," reinforce values, and provide information on social influences and pressures.

Douglas J. Besharov, a resident scholar at AEI, forecast that about "three million" teenagers will become infected with sexually transmitted diseases this year, including HIV.

Gay Physicians Meet with CDC Chief

[San Francisco]- On Friday, February 4, the leadership of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, the national organization of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual physicians and medical students met in Atlanta with the newly-appointed Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, David Satcher, MD. This is believed to be Dr. Satcher's first meeting with representatives of the Lesbian and Gay community.

Among the issues discussed were HIV prevention efforts for Gay men and Lesbians, anti-Gay Gay/Lesbian violence, HIV positive health care workers, and the high rates of substance abuse, suicide and other health problems in the Lesbian/Gay community.

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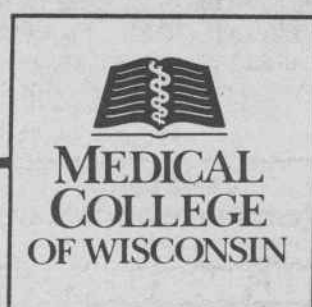
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EDITORIAL

Cathreen Gorde and Tim O'Brien Are Both True Winners in Madison

While only one of their names will appear on the ballot in April, two leaders in the Lesbian and Gay community emerged as "winners" during the race for Dick Wagner's seat on the county board. The near east side Sixth District is home to many in our community.

Shouts of joy and exclamations of relief filled the room at the victory party for openly Lesbian County Board candidate Cathreen Godre when her nine vote margin of victory became known on the night of the February 15 primary. Later that night as the champagne and sparkling water flowed, campaign workers began planning for the general election in just six weeks. While the congratulations came in from all over, another realization slowly dawned on everyone. In a race in which five people voting differently could have changed the outcome, the efforts of each person there that night could truly be said to have made the difference.

Just down the street at the home of openly Gay candidate Tim O'Brien, the mood among campaign workers was considerably mellower, but upbeat nonetheless. While watching the Olympics on TV, good friends laughed and remembered with pride all of the hard work and passion that had gone into the campaign that was now over. Finishing third and missing the final cut by only a handful of votes had to be painful. However, the closeness of the race reflected extremely favorably on a well-run campaign and a candidate who had worked with characteristic fervor and commitment.

A campaign, by necessity, is a seriously passionate undertaking, and emotions run strong. That's especially true in a race like this one where long-time friends and political comrades suddenly found themselves in different camps.

As we look to the general election in April, it's extremely important that people from both of the campaigns come together, to rediscover the sense of community that helped launch both of these two exceptional individuals on their respective political odysseys in the first place.

This is an important time of transition for the Gay and Lesbian community as it relates to local politics. Although we will likely continue to benefit from Mark Poca's capable leadership, the retirement of Dick Wagner and Tammy Baldwin leave an undeniable vacuum on the Dane County Board.

This makes our community's full-fledged support of Cathreen Godre in the April general election especially critical.

In the traditions of so many local openly Lesbian or Gay politicians who have gone before her, she is a candidate with a broad depth of experience. Through her activism and her law practice, she brings a much-needed perspective to the board as an advocate for the full diversity of people who live in her district. Among her special interests is seeing to the needs of our county's children and she speaks passionately about the lessons she's learned in advocating for children in her role as a guardian ad litem.

Despite recent gains, women are still dramatically under-represented in government and that carries over to our own delegation of openly Lesbian or Gay officials. If elected, Cathreen would be the only Lesbian official on either the Common Council or County Board. As all people who have long been invisible know well, the value of having "a seat at the table" cannot be underestimated.

As the political power of our community grows, exciting possibilities lie ahead. We have the opportunity to move beyond mere "tolerance." The more we accomplish, the harder our work becomes. However, working together, we can achieve understandings that will mean the full recognition of our rights as partners and parents.

The Wisconsin Light offers its heartfelt congratulations to both Tim and Cathreen for two well-run campaigns that energized countless Lesbians, Gay men and our allies. We hope that in keeping with his long history of activism and community service, Tim will continue to lead and inspire our community.

Never has it been more important for us to work together. In the weeks ahead, we strongly encourage everyone's enthusiastic support of Cathreen Godre for County Board.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Besides President Buchanan, How Lavender Was The White House?

By Terry Boughner

It's never been much of a secret that at least one of the Presidents was Gay. That, of course, was James Buchanan, our 16th Chief Executive. Historians tell us that he was a shy man, the more cynical of them adding that he had good reason to be so. But before we're too harsh on Pennsylvania's only President, let's remember that he kept the Union together for four years. The result (unforeseen at the time), was that Northern industry could build up so that it could supply a war.

But if Buchanan was Gay, then were there others as the odds say should be the case? Certainly there's always been a lot of talk about Washington.

A story that comes down in my family says that in the evening after the Battle of Monmouth, my great-great-grandfather saw the General and the young, handsome and quite attractive Marquis de Lafayette lying snuggled together underneath one blanket.

There are also letters, numerous letters, between the two, each protesting his undying love for the other. But then, perhaps one does have to take into account the more flowery 18th Century prose.

But there is one other about whom I've always had my suspicions. This was a man who, in his youth, wrote love poetry to his male friends. Not strange when you consider that his biographers agree about his sensitivity and his "extremely compassionate" nature. One of them wrote that he was "prone to tears" and cried easily. Yet another was so bold as to write that he had "a touch of lavender in his soul."

In his 20s, he and his closest friend, Billy Hearndon, formed a club, an all-male club, whose members agreed never to marry.

In the course of the years, he and Hearndon opened a law office. The future President needed a clerk and wrote out an

ad. It said in part that anyone accepting the job wouldn't have to worry about sleeping accommodations. There was a double bed upstairs from the office which "I share with the clerks now and then."

A young man named Joshua Speed got the position. He moved in and did not move out for four years.

The town where he lived was small. There was talk. Why wasn't he married, they asked? The constant reply was that he'd given his heart to a woman in another state. Unfortunately, she had died and she had taken his heart to her grave.

No credible evidence of the existence of this "mystery woman" has ever been found.

Eventually, he did marry, but it took two weddings to do it. The first time, the guests were all assembled, the bride was ready, but the groom was a no-show. Later he said that he'd gotten cold feet.

What seems more likely is that Speed was dead set against the match and fought as hard as he could to prevent it.

The second time worked and there were children, but it was a miserable match. He and his wife fought constantly, so that he spent many nights in his law office with Hearndon. Perhaps Speed would have been of greater comfort, but he wasn't around. He had left, in a fury, they said, and returned to his home state.

In the White House, all accounts say that he was a haunted man, a person of deep and abiding melancholy that he could not shake. Perhaps there was a reason for it, a greater, more terrible reason than an unhappy marriage and a lost, forbidden love, but I have to wonder.

When he died, murdered by an assassin's hand, he was mourned by millions. But none were so poignant in their memorials than the Gay poet Walt Whitman. A fitting thing perhaps, Whitman's tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

LETTERS

Kudos to Huston

TO THE EDITOR:

Kudos to Kathleen Huston, Milwaukee City Librarian, for testifying at the Hales Corners Library in defense of keeping the Wisconsin Light on the shelves there.

Take one look at the Milwaukee Public Library system and you will find an environment that supports the myriad of views that make up Milwaukee. Gay and Lesbian information is available and up to date. And the Religious Right is represented as well.

The Milwaukee Public Library has compiled booklists with information of interest to Gays and Lesbians. I am pleased to have such a supportive institution underwritten by my tax dollars. Thanks Ms Huston! You and your staff are doing a fine job.

— Barbara Jean Angela C.
Milwaukee

Gun Control

TO THE EDITOR:

As a steady reader of your paper, I take this opportunity to write. The continuing harassment of the women of Camp Sister Spirit in Mississippi shows the problems of gun control in America today, particularly where Gay people are concerned.

The Washington Blade has reported that the local law enforcement officials of Overt, Mississippi, are not exactly eager to address this harassment, so the women of Camp Sister Spirit have taken the most logical step to assure their immediate survival — they have bought guns and learned how to use them.

Across the country today, people, including a growing number of women, are deciding that they can no longer rely on the police for protection, and are taking responsibility for their own personal safety. For millions of people every year this means buying a gun, one of the most effective tools of self-defense available. Fortunately for the women of Camp Sister Spirit, the State of Mississippi does not throw up many roadblocks to legally acquiring firearms for self-defense.

Gays should keep in mind that gun control laws generally impact the hardest on minorities of all sorts. Some of the first gun control laws in this country were passed in the South following the Civil War to disarm the newly freed slaves and make them easier targets for nightriding Klansmen. Until recently, the city of St. Louis routinely denied handgun permits to known homosexuals and to wives who lacked their husband's permission.

The plight of the women at Camp Sister Spirit is only one of the most visible and recent examples of members of our community needing to be able to defend themselves. Many of us quietly arm ourselves to be safer from both ordinary crimes and the added danger of bashers and hate crimes.

Shouldn't we at least be legally able to be as well armed as those we need to protect ourselves from?

— Austin Fulk
Falls Church, VA

Religious Debate

Letter to the Editor:

In answer to the commentary of Darren J. Foster in the January 20 issue of Wisconsin Light entitled "A Heretic Takes Freedom with a Quick Exit from Church," permit me to say that this kind of bashing cannot remain unanswered. He ends his commentary by saying that he met a God who gave him his only Son and who loved him. All this is true. But he also should realize that this same God condemns in the 6th Commandment any violations of the Natural Law in matters of sexual gratification. The 10 commandments He gave are not a smorgasbord or a pick and choose morality such as if it feels good, do it, if it tastes good, eat it.

There is also some will power on the part of the individual to resist. There are millions of people who in spite of an orientation to satisfy their passions have asked God to help them and who have made us of the sacraments, and who have even become saints regardless of the cross they are carrying.

Ideally, the church would want a person to be honest with him or herself in this relationship with God. The church would rather have a man who says, "Yes, I love my own sex to the exclusion of women, but I love God so much that I'll take a vow of chastity because of my love for Him."

It is true that it could happen that there are some who take the vow of chastity, but then break it. In such a case, it is the fault of the individual and not the church which is the mystical Body of Christ on earth. The person did not have recourse to sufficient prayer for God's help.

As a Catholic speaking to another Catholic, in this case Darren J. Foster, I can sense that he doesn't know the difference between the human element in the church and the Divine element. While the human element needs constant reformation and change and correction in matters of discipline, the Divine element or those truths taught by Christ, can never be changed.

A Catholic must still obey the Divine element such as truths in matters of doctrine given by the church, and not take a quick exit like Darren did. Unless one is ignorant of the Divine origin of the Church, one is in danger of a one-way ticket to Hell.

The church never abandoned Darren, nor is he a second-class citizen. The church does not teach that Gays are intrinsically evil even if there is an orientation to indulge.

As for orientation, we all, as a result of Original Sin, have orientations towards evil. But we must battle them and use the grace of God to be victorious.

The reason the Church outlaws condoms is

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AIDS Agency Urges State Division Of Health to Support Prevention Ads

[Milwaukee]- Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), parent agency to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) urged the Wisconsin Division of Health to promote the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) new AIDS prevention Public Service Announcements (PSAs) that explicitly urge condom use for AIDS prevention by those who are sexually active in a letter to Ann Haney, Administrator for the Wisconsin Division of Health on February 11, 1994.

With the AIDS PSAs playing elsewhere in the country, the Division of Health has not yet decided whether to promote the ads.

Nelson wrote that the PSAs are an

Nominations Sought for UW Distinguished Gay/Lesbian Alumni

[Madison]- The University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council is seeking nominations for the 1994 Alumni Award to recognize a woman and a man who have excelled and distinguished themselves.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented at the Annual Reunion Brunch on Sunday, July 17, 1994 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend), at the Memorial Union on the campus of UW-Madison.

Please make your nomination by sending the name, address and phone number of your candidate as well as your reasons for nomination. Also include your name, address and phone. The deadline is March 25, 1994. Nominations should be sent to: GLB Alumni Council, c/o Steve Braunginn, Wisconsin Alumni Association, 650 N. Lake St., Madison, WI 53706.

Alumni Association Receives Official Recognition

At the February 7, 1994 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Alumni Association (WAA), formal affiliation of the University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual Alumni Council was recognized.

Although many Gay/Lesbian alumni groups exist, this recognition is a first for a Big Ten University, and one of only a handful nationally. The Council now has a member on the National Board of Directors of WAA.

For further information, contact the GLB Alumni Council, c/o Steve Braunginn, WAA, 650 N. Lake Street, Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-5895.

Madison Resource Center Seeking Updates for Sixth Annual Edition

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

When first published in the Fall of 1988, **The Directory** included descriptions of 28 organizations, with 4 pages of advertising. By 1993, **The Directory** had grown to include 83 organizations, and was supported by 31 pages of advertisements from over 100 businesses.

MG/LRC expects to print about 3,000 copies of the 1994 edition to be distributed at local businesses, organizations and social events. Publication is expected in early April, 1994.

New organizations or any group inadvertently omitted from previous editions, should send a description of the organization (up to 200 words), along with a contact name, address and/or phone numbers. Ad sizes and rates are also available. All inquiries should be addressed to: MG/LRC, ATTN.: The Directory, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

important first step by the CDC towards implementation of an aggressive national AIDS prevention strategy.

"It is with the greatest sense of urgency that I ask you to take leadership in promoting the use of these PSAs by Wisconsin's broadcast media," Nelson wrote Haney. "The AIDS death rate in Wisconsin continues to mount with a person dying from AIDS every day. HIV transmission continues to occur in every region of the state and the epidemic continues to worsen in Wisconsin."

Nelson added that the PSAs communicate essential life-giving information to millions of people who are sexually active; that consistent and correct use of latex condoms will prevent AIDS and save lives. "This fundamental public health message is critically important in light of society's continuing promotion of sexuality through almost every communication medium," Nelson wrote.

Nelson's message to the Division of Health coincides with National Condom Week which began on February 14 and runs through February 21.

The main objectives of National Condom Week include overcoming information and attitude barriers about condoms and emphasizing the importance of communication directly and honestly with one's sexual partner(s) about using condoms.

State's Health Bill Must Address People With AIDS

[Milwaukee]- On Monday, February 14, Republicans pushed health insurance reform through a State Senate committee, setting up a full Senate battle over health care and abortion rights. The bill, which has the strong support of Governor Tommy Thompson, came out of committee on a straight Party line vote. Four Republicans supported it, three Democrats opposed.

While the major issue of contention over the measure involves insurance to cover abortions, others see other problems with the bill as well.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), said that, "Health care reform is very much an AIDS issue." Nelson went on to say that, "Wisconsin's health care system has far too often failed people with AIDS. We must be sure that health care reform in Wisconsin meets the needs of the AIDS community. A health care system that works well for people with AIDS, will work well for all Wisconsin citizens."

The bill (SB 722) is limited, Nelson said, in that it does not extend health care reform sufficiently to meet the needs of the worsening HIV epidemic in Wisconsin.

In a letter to State Senators dated February 15, Nelson wrote his recommendations for "meaningful health reform." These include: 1) Pre-existing condition exclusions are totally eliminated

with no caps on disease-specific claims;

2) Portability of coverage must be completely guaranteed for people changing employment and communities;

3) Universal coverage with access to medically necessary health services without financial barriers for low income people; 4) There must be comprehensive benefits including coverage for in-patient and out-patient health care services and substance abuse services and long-term care;

5) Affordable health care coverage for all, with premiums, deductibles, and payments based on ability to pay, subsidies for lower income people and employers sharing the cost of the premiums.

Nelson warned Senators that unless the bill included these provisions, "health care will be out of reach for many of the 20,000 people living with HIV disease in Wisconsin."

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Domestic Partners Effort to Get First Statewide Test In California

[San Francisco]- A domestic partners bill is to get a first statewide test in California. On Monday, February 14, Richard Katz (D-Los Angeles), introduced legislation that would allow couples to register with the Secretary of State's office for a small fee and get a certificate recognizing their relationship.

According to copies of the bill sent to **Light**, couples would have to live together, provide for each other and be at least 18 years-old.

Registration would allow unmarried partners to visit one another in the hospital, to will each other property and to have control over each other's life if one is incapacitated.

According to Laurie McBride of LIFE AIDS, the Gay and HIV rights group behind the proposal, "such basic human rights can be — and often are — denied Gay and Lesbian partners if families disapprove of their relationship."

Katz's bill would also cover heterosexual couples.

"This is in response to the horror

Record 15,000 Athletes Expected To Participate In Gay Games IV

[New York, NY]- With the final deadline still over two months away, the organizers of Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival have announced that they have already received 7,776 registrations from around the world for this June's historic event.

The numbers exceed Gay Games III which was the largest athletic event held anywhere in 1990. Gay Games III, held in Vancouver, British Columbia, featured 7,250 people in 29 different sporting events.

Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival to be held June 18-25, 1994, is expected to draw 15,000 athletes to participate in 31 team and individual sports. The 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona had 10,568 athletes.

TEAM WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, Team Wisconsin, started by Chris Boyd and Stacy Seibert, is encouraging Wisconsin athletes to participate in Gay Games IV. Boyd, a Madison police officer, attended Gay Games III in Vancouver as a member of the Bovine Babes soccer team. At Gay Games IV, Boyd will be participating in volleyball.

Seibert, a bookseller at Borders Book Shop in Madison, is a former soccer player. She is currently co-coach of the Bovine Babes soccer team and is helping

19 U.S. Senators Earn 100% Voting Score on Gay Issues

[Washington, D.C.]- The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has given 100 percent scores to 19 U.S. Senators for votes taken during the first session of the 103rd Congress.

The rating was based on voting on nine issues including: Lesbians and Gay men in the military; Prohibition of the immigration of HIV positive individuals; Confirmations of Roberta Achtenberg and of Joycelyn Elders; Codification of the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military; the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act; and freedom of access to abortion clinics.

Both Senators from the states of California, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maryland and New Jersey scored 100 percent for nine votes cast on these issues.

Wisconsin Senior Senator Herb Kohl got a 78 percent. Kohl voted for the

stories we hear on a routine basis — for example, of unmarried partners having to fight their way to get into an emergency room when their partner is hurt," McBride said.

In a press release, Katz said he was sponsoring the bill because "there are many family relationships in addition to those that have marriage certificates, and I think it's important that California recognize them."

A spokesman in Katz's office said that he was not aware of Rep. Tammy Baldwin's projected domestic partners legislation, but wished her well. He said too that Katz was optimistic about passage of the legislation despite expected "vocal" opposition.

"I think the Religious Right — which unfortunately views their own way as the only way — is very strong. I hope legislators have the courage to stand up for relationships that are, perhaps, not like their own, but nevertheless can be as loving and caring as their own."

the team to prepare for their participation in Gay Games IV.

Team Wisconsin is well on its way to representing the State of Wisconsin. Its goal is to get as many athletes involved as possible. Approximately 50 athletes are currently committed to going and others remain interested. Anyone is welcome to participate — Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transsexual and straight — and skill level is not a prerequisite.

Future plans for Team Wisconsin include a Pre-Games Celebration — suggestions on possible locations are welcome.

Team Wisconsin would also like to hear any suggestions on ordering uniforms for each team. For more information or if you have suggestions, call Chris Boyd or Stacy Seibert at The United: (608) 255-8582.

The Cultural Festival

Gay Games IV will also feature a Cultural Festival, the largest assemblage of Lesbian and Gay culture ever. The Festival will include world-renowned artists and lesser known performers in a variety of artistic disciplines. The deadline for project proposals is March 1.

For information on registering for the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival, call: (212) 633-9494.

prohibition of the immigration of HIV positive persons and against Barbara Boxer's (D-CA) amendment that would have prevented the codification of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding Gays in the military.

Wisconsin Junior Senator Russ Feingold voted against Senator Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) amendment to increase penalties for federal crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation and other characteristics.

No Republican Senators scored 100 percent, although Senator John H. Chafee (R-RI) scored 89 percent and Senator Jim M. Jeffords (R-VT) scored 88 percent.

Only three members of the Senate received zero scores: Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC), Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) and Malcolm Wallop (R-WY).

Clinton Administration Takes Steps To Ban Anti-Gay Discrimination

[Washington, D.C.]- For the first time in history, the White House has said that discrimination against Gays and Lesbians will not be tolerated in the Federal Government, and violations of that prohibition can be rectified, and if necessary, adjudicated in the Federal courts.

Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) has announced that the Clinton Administration has ensured that Federal employees are specifically protected against discrimination based on sexual orientation and that grievance procedures in place for those Gay and Lesbian employees who believe they have been discriminated against have been made explicit.

This came about because early last year, members of GLOBE (Gay, Lesbian

or Bisexual Employees in the Federal Government) came to Frank and asked for his help.

"What has been missing is a clear statement that, if discriminated against, Gays and Lesbian have a specific grievance procedure. Because we are excluded by statute from Title VII and the Equal Opportunity Law, there was no clear avenue of redress for Gays and Lesbians within the Federal government," Frank said.

"What the Clinton Administration has done is make clear to all Federal Agencies and Departments covered by Title V of the Civil Service Act that Gays and Lesbians who feel they have been discriminated against may follow a number of grievance procedures," said Frank.

Frank added that the Clinton Administration has also begun to remove the obstacles that Gays and Lesbians have encountered in the security clearance processes

"What we need to continue to push for is the removal of sexual orientation as a negative factor in security clearances throughout the Federal Government, including the CIA, NSA, and the Department of Energy," Frank said.

Newsweek Poll Shows That Being Out of the Closet Is Helpful

[Washington, D.C.]- The majority of Americans continue to oppose legally-sanctioned adoption rights and marriages for Lesbians and Gays, despite stated support for Gay job and housing rights that remains above 70 percent, according to a new **Newsweek** poll.

The poll finds continuing opposition to measures that would legally recognize the Gay lifestyle. Sixty-two percent of Americans do not believe there should be legally-sanctioned Gay marriages, as compared to 58 percent in a September, 1992 poll.

Twenty-nine percent say Gay couples should have adoption rights, while nearly two-thirds (65 percent) disagree. The poll appears in **Newsweek's** February 14 issue.

According to the poll, 74 percent of all Americans favor protecting Gays from job discrimination and eight in ten of those polled (81 percent) favor equal housing rights for Gays.

But less than one half (48 percent) of Americans believe there should be special legislation to guarantee equal rights for Gays.

Gay rights activists, however, may have time on their side. Younger Americans are significantly more liberal than their elders on virtually every Gay rights issue.

Two-thirds of young adults (61 percent) say there should be special legislation to guarantee equal rights for Gays, while fewer than half of those aged 30 to 40 (46 percent) and 50 and older (41 percent) agree.

The poll also presents an argument to Gays for coming out of the closet. People who knew Gays were significantly more likely to be supportive of civil rights for Gay people. Thirty-six percent of those polled who knew someone Gay favored legally sanctioned marriages as compared to 29 percent total.

Seventy-one percent of those polled who knew someone Gay favored inheritance rights for Gay spouses — ten percent more than the 61 percent total who agree.

Similarly, 71 percent of those who know someone Gay believe Gays should be allowed to serve in the military. Only 58 percent of all Americans agree.

For the **Newsweek** poll, the Princeton Survey Research Associates interviewed 750 adults by telephone on February 3 and 4, 1994. The margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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First Interstate Bank Backs Down; Protects their Gay Employees

[Washington, D.C.]- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced on February 7 that First Interstate BankCorp had reversed its decision to remove sexual orientation from the corporation's non-discrimination policy. The Bank's decision came after a February 2 announcement by NGLTF that it considered the corporation's policy "hostile to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people" and asked First Interstate customers to press for its restoration.

At the time, First Interstate spokesman, Ken Preston, said that sexual orientation had been dropped from the company's equal employment opportunities policy in order to create "uniformity" with state civil rights laws which differ from state to state.

First Interstate Executive Vice President Lillian Gorman informed NGLTF officials that old policy would be restored and would be once again effective in the 13 states in which First Interstate does business. Gorman did not give a reason for the reversal.

Last October, NGLTF released a Gay-related policy survey of the Fortune 1000 companies, which includes First Interstate. Of the 1000 companies, 243 responded. Roughly three fourths of the responding participants have a corporate non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation.

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Clergy Invited to a Closed Meeting to Hear Anti-Gay Rhetoric

Commentary By Terry S. Underberg

So California's "Traditional Values Coalition" leader, Lou Sheldon, comes to Milwaukee to shout some hateful words and falsehoods about Gay men and women. As a Christian who was recently hired by two churches to be an assistant worship leader and preacher, I went to Sheldon's "Clergy Forum" held Friday morning, February 11, at WVCY's office. Special mention was made that this event was for clergy only, no lay people nor secular press were invited. I was intrigued and needed to hear for myself the voice of such oppression.

I'm too young to know what people said about African Americans to convince some white people that it's all right to own slaves. I'm too young to have heard for myself what Hitler said to convince so many that there were actually valid reasons for destroying an entire group of people and their culture. But I suspect the ignorant propaganda I heard in this forum is history repeating itself.

During 90 minutes of illogical dialogue, Sheldon himself emphasized the Christians are not to hate the homosexual, but they must hate the sin. I have come to understand that this statement coming from a Fundamentalist can be paraphrased "Hug 'em before you stab 'em." Either way, they are out to wound anyone whose opinion differs from their own.

Further, if the "religious right" can't get us on earth, they can always forecast eternal doom on us. The trouble is, they can't be assured of their own eternal bliss much less attempt to take ours away.

It was immediately made clear that Sheldon was brought to town to initiate the pep rally of opposition to pending state legislation pertaining to domestic partners and recognition of same-gender marriage. These are concepts, they, for whom the only definition of family is a working male and a homemaker female with 2.5 children, are capable of comprehending. In his "Traditional Values Coalition" press release distributed nationwide, Sheldon writes that this is an "assault against the traditional family."

There is no need to have legislation to assault the traditional family, for the traditional family is assaulting itself. Consider the following: Heterosexual marriage, which has the recognition of the state and blessing of the church, has more than a 50 percent chance of ending in divorce. That is, if one spouse doesn't kill the other before they get to court. What kind of role model is the "traditional" family these days when heterosexual spouses mutilate one another, or abuse and throw their kids

into the streets?

Sheldon's own definition of homosexuality is "the sexualization of an emotional hurt." While most people know that this is far from the truth, if it were true, does it not follow that most of these "emotional hurts" stem from abuse within the "traditional" heterosexual family? Until the heterosexual community can improve their own commitments and nurturing skills, perhaps they should stop trying to prevent those who have.

We do need legislation to recognize what we already know. Commitment between consenting adults has different forms, but the outcome should be the same: a stable environment in which all family members are nurtured, sustained and encouraged to realize their individuality and potential.

It seems this proposed legislation poses a threat to Mr. Sheldon and he's in full blast to hype this threat to convince others. The idea of two Lesbian women living together diminishes the heterosexual male's sole purpose: "to deposit their seed into the reproductive parts of a woman," (Sheldon's words, not mine).

Does he not realize that even if this is his purpose, not every woman who walks the earth desires his seed?

He claims artificial insemination will do away with the male species. Where does he suppose the donated sperm will come from? What frightens me most is that the other 40 men in the room seemingly made sense out of this disarray of thought and bought into his twisted logic. Surely their grasp of reality is suspect.

The traditional family and heterosexual marriage will not end with the recognition of same-gender marriages. If you don't want to recognize committed relationships between two people of the same gender... don't get into one. If the traditional family continues to be functional for you, start one and stick with it. You already have everyone's blessings.

Vic Eliason concluded the forum also quoting the words "Onward Christian Soldiers... onward as to war." What he and the others were oblivious to was that this is my hymn too. Fundamentalist Christians have no more exclusive rights to "family" than they do to being created in the image of God. Several paths lead to the foot of the cross. When we all get there and the Lord asked who among us have led a life of compassion and sought to make peace with their neighbor, we'll let God be the judge. Until then, I'll fulfill my sole purpose, making this world a little better by my having been here.

1,000 to Attend Make A Promise Dinner, Raise \$100,000

[Milwaukee]- More than 1,000 people from throughout Wisconsin and the surrounding states are expected to attend the Eighth Annual Make A Promise Dinner on Saturday, March 19. The event is sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), the parent agency of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Miller Brewing Company, Aurora Health Care, Time Insurance Company, and United Airlines.

Make A Promise will be held at the Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Avenue and will feature elegant dining, a silent auction and a variety of entertainment. Event organizers expect to raise well-close to \$100,000 for AIDS care and services.

Leading off the list of 64 Honorary Hosts is Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson and U.S. Senator Russ Feingold and State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). Also included will be Congressmen Tom Barrett, Peter Barca and Gerald Kleczka, Rabbi Francis Silberg, Bishop Roger White, Sara O'Connor, Tom Reed, Tony Rhodes, Kitty Barber, Michael Wavra, Scott Evertz, State Attorney General James Doyle, Milwaukee city Alderman Michael Murphy and others.

Four individuals and organizations will be honored at the Dinner for their commitment to the struggle against the AIDS epidemic. Community leadership awards will be presented to the Congregation of the Blessed Trinity, Today's TMJ-4, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and State Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee).

Blessed Trinity will receive the Sterling Rose Award for its leadership in the conversion of a former convent into Wisconsin House, a 33 unit home for people living with HIV disease. Previous recipients of the Sterling Rose Award were Miller Brewing Company and the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.

In addition to the Sterling Rose Award, Red Rose Awards will be given. A Red Rose Award will be given to recognize Today's TMJ-4 for its commitment to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk and for keeping AIDS at the forefront of the viewers minds through both news and public service

campaigns.

State Rep. Tim Carpenter will be recognized for his political leadership on AIDS public policy and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company will be recognized for its continuing financial support of vital AIDS prevention programs in Milwaukee.

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Tickets are \$180 (Forever Yours Rose), \$85 (Peace Rose) and \$60 (Friendship Rose). Ticket costs reflect preferential seating. For tickets and other information, call (414) 273-1991 or 1-800-359-9272.

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Hendrick," said Godre. "I don't believe that he can represent the needs of the 6th District where many Lesbians and Gay men live," she said. "Gay and Lesbian issues are very politically charged and we need to develop coalitions with our supporters to accomplish our goals."

In her Guest Opinion on the editorial page of *Wisconsin Light*, Godre spoke to her vision for Lesbian and Gay leadership. "If 1992 was 'The Year of the Woman,' let us make 1994 'The Year of the Queer'... I have decided to run for public office because I know that it is one thing to fight for principles and quite another to fight for our lives. As the Right Wing escalates its attacks on our community through anti-Gay initiatives and propaganda, we must have open Lesbians and Gay men in positions of power who are ready to confront the hatred."

Godre received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her J.D. from the Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco. Godre is 52 years-old and lives on Madison's east side with her partner Mary and their 4 cats. She is a former rugby player (bad knees) who now spends her Summers on the softball field. This is her first try for public office.

Clinton 1995 AIDS Budget: Disappointment Beyond Words

By Luke Sissyfag

Disappointed. Disappointed beyond words and almost to the point of tears, is how I felt after looking over President Clinton's 1995 AIDS budget. I am disappointed because we have yet another president who is allowing us to die in ever increasing numbers from this plague named AIDS. I am disappointed because our national groups, our leaders and our community all are standing by and allowing this to happen to us.

Clinton's 1995 AIDS budget is a slap in the face. The Administration is playing the same dirty numbers game that George Bush played: inflating the AIDS budget by including entitlement spending such as Social Security and Medicare, counting funds spent on testing members of the military as increases in AIDS spending.

Once you get past the smoke and mirrors, you find that AIDS funding has only increased by 6.9 percent over last year's level. This petty increase hardly keeps up with a plague that is mushrooming out of control. And prevention efforts receive not one new penny.

This is the same Bill Clinton who, during the campaign, promised to lift the ban on HIV infected people and people with AIDS from entering the U.S., but signed it into law after a few months in office.

The same Bill Clinton who promised a cabinet level AIDS czar, but then gives us Kristine Gebbie, a low-level bureaucrat with an office above a McDonald's who, by her own admission is not an AIDS czar. She roams the country lowering expectations, underwhelming everyone she meets up with.

AIDS research at the National

Institutes of Health is still in the stoneage. Thirteen years into this pandemic and we have not one effective treatment to keep us alive. Bill Clinton promised us a "Manhattan" style research project to do the basic science, to unlock the secrets of AIDS and find a cure. One year, where is it?

The 30 recommendations of George Bush's National Commission on AIDS Report, with recommendations spanning needle exchange and condoms in schools to housing for homeless people with AIDS is still sitting on a White House shelf. Bill Clinton attacked Bush for not having taken action on this report.

One thing we've learned over the past several years is that things don't change unless they're pushed. Knowing this, why do idiots like Tim McFeeley say such stupid things as "He's done better than his predecessors" and fools like Barney Frank blabber, "You have to look at what we had in the past." Garbage!

We must grade Clinton by what's desperately needed, what's been promised and what's right. Not by what George Bush did or didn't do. That's irrelevant.

After I confronted Clinton on World AIDS Day, Rush Limbaugh said, "Clinton is big on symbolism, but little on substance." If Rush can see this, why can't we?

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TRUTH NOT PRETTY— Sophie (Katrin Cartlidge) and Louise (Lesley Sharp) star in Mike Leigh's new film, 'Naked', which is playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

The 'Naked' Truth Is Not Pretty in New Mike Leigh Film

By Cynthia Van Vreede

When we first meet Johnny (David Thewlis) he's assaulting a woman in a dark Manchester alley. After brutalizing her, he runs off, steals a car and drives to London to find his former girlfriend Louise (Lesley Sharp). Louise is at work but her drugged out, space cadet of a roommate Sophie (Katrin Cartlidge) is home and Johnny seduces her. And so goes life with Johnny. He is an emotionally starved drifter, compassionate and cruel, philosophical and frustrated. He is angry at himself and the others who share his lot in life; the life of a thick-accented working stiff going nowhere.

After his short-lived affair with Sophie, Johnny takes off for several days and embarks on a strange journey through the dark London streets. Along the way he meets more of life's victims. Archie (Ewen Bremner) a Scot with turrett syndrome, and his girl Maggie (Susan Vidler). Both speak with such heavy accents that Johnny can't even make out what they're saying.

A night watchman, Brian (Peter Wight) allows Johnny to come in and warm up a bit. Brian is lonely and wants someone to talk to. The two get into a metaphysical discussion about the apocalypse, Nostradamus and the end of the world and God. During Johnny's stay with Brian he sees a woman undressing in a

window. Johnny goes to her and she invites him in, ready to have sex. But Johnny refuses at the last minute and tells her she's older than he thought and that she reminds him of his mother.

Intercut with the story of Johnny and his adventures is the story of a very sadistic man known as Sebastian (Greg Cruttwell). Eventually, Johnny, Louise, Sophie, Sebastian, and Louise's other roommate Sandra (Claire Skinner) all end up in Sandra's apartment. In this scene, the mood shifts from funny and farcical to sad, yet hopeful.

David Thewlis won Best Actor at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival, the New York Critics Circle and The National Society of Film Critics for his portrayal of Johnny. He's that good. Thewlis makes the despicable Johnny seem almost okay at times.

The film was written and directed by Mike Leigh and has some of the best dialog ever written. Check out Johnny and Brian's discussion on the end of the world or Johnny's dissertation on the mysteries of life.

"Naked" like the naked truth, isn't always pretty. Sometimes it's bleak, raw and savage. And sometimes it's insightful.

"Naked" opens Friday at the Oriental Theater in Milwaukee.

PrideFest Seeks Entertainers For June 11-12 Celebration

There is still time to join the great line up of entertainers at this year's PrideFest celebration.

PrideFest will be held on June 11th and 12th on the grounds of Milwaukee's War Memorial Center. This year's theme is "Stonewall 25 Our Time to Shine."

Organizers are seeking talented singers, dancers, comics and bands who want to shine. This is a great chance to expose your talents to thousands of people.

If YOU or someone you know is interested in performing at PrideFest call the Pride Line 272- FEST on or before February 28th.

Pridefest Selects Logo

The theme for PrideFest 94 is "Stonewall 25, Our Time To Shine." If this year's logo is any indication, PrideFest 94 will indeed be "a time to shine."

The logo was designed by Barb Peterson. Barb, a professional graphic designer, donated her services to PrideFest. Barb, Milwaukee native, had just returned to the Cream City after a six year stint in Minneapolis when she offered her services.

Barb feels that everyone should pitch in

and help. "I think its important that we all take some time to promote our community and the arts. I was happy to have some time to be able to help do that."

Peterson is just beginning to develop a thriving free lance business in Milwaukee, but she already has the PrideFest Committee and its supporters as big fans.

The three color logo which features the Statue of Liberty holding a flaming pink triangle and the 1994 PrideFest theme is done in two pastel colors, Jade Green and Deco Pink in addition to black.

PrideFest Committee Co-Chair, Bill Meunier said that reaction to Peterson's design has been extremely good. "We are very pleased with the initial reaction. We have already sold a number of T-Shirts and everyone who has commented on the logo has been complimentary."

The T-Shirts are 100% cotton. To order a PrideFest 94 Shirt send a check or money order made payable to PrideFest to: PrideFest 94, Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203

Different Drummer Theatre Successful In New Setting

By Geno

In spite of below zero blizzards, Different Drummer Theatre Alliance played to capacity for five performances, presenting **Our Way, A Queer Evening of One Acts**.

Forget Him by Harvey Fierstein and directed by William Stotts, was the perfect curtain raiser. Michael, played by Richard Runkel, wants his money back from matchmaker Sandy Lewis, played mischievously as a wily yente. It seems Michael is dissatisfied with Eugene (Robert Hoyt) after four years together, but Marlowe maintains she doesn't give refunds. The interplay between the three characters is high comedy even though Eugene is blind and deaf. Gestures can speak volumes.

In **The Way We Live Now**, it seems to me that Susan Sontag exploits the AIDS crisis to no real purpose. She wrote **TWLN** as a short story in which five women discuss at great length the death of a friend from AIDS. Rewritten for the stage, it is a hybrid form.

Lawsuit Claims Film 'Philadelphia' Stole Story

[New York, NY]- Geoffrey Bowers lost his fight against AIDS, but won his discrimination suit against Chicago-based Baker & McKenzie (the world's largest law firm) for firing him because he had AIDS. The case was settled last December. The firm was ordered to pay \$500,000.

Now, his survivors are suing the producers of the movie **Philadelphia** for \$10 million, saying the filmmakers stole Bowers' story.

In a suit filed February 1 in Manhattan federal court, Bowers' family accused Tri-Star Pictures, director Jonathan Demme, producer Scott Rudin and others associated with the movie of using intimate details about Bowers' life without acknowledging they were doing so.

Bowers died on September 30, 1987, at age 33, two months after testifying at the Hearing.

In 1988, while the Hearing was still in progress, Rudin is alleged to have contacted Bowers' attorneys about making a picture. Rudin is said to have agreed to compensate and acknowledge Bowers' estate, family and attorneys for providing information about the lawyer.

Book Club, Writer's Group Meet in March

[Milwaukee]- Despite the worst the Winter of '94 can dish out, the AfterWords Book Club is thriving. The second Monday of the month is to be the usual meeting date so the Book Club won't interfere with GAMMA's popular Book Club which meets on the third Monday of each month.

The next topic for the AfterWords Book Club is "Coming of Age Novels." The two books selected are two classics: Rita Mae Brown's **Rubyfruit Jungle** and Edmund White's **A Boy's Own Story**. The date of the next AfterWords Book Club discussion is Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. As a new Book Club, we are continuing to welcome new members. There is also a special AfterWords Book Club discount on featured titles. For further information, call (414) 963-9089.

Gay and Lesbian writers have lacked a forum for discussion until the formation of the Gay and Lesbian Writers' Group. All interested writers, would-writers, or other interested parties, are encouraged to join the group's next meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Both groups meet at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar at 2710 N. Murray Avenue.

In spite of director Joseph Rabensdorf's attempts to mount the work as "multi-medium and performance art," the dialogue delivered at top speed could only be caught sporadically. There would have been no real loss with some judicious pruning, and concentration upon meanings would have kept this one act from becoming tedious.

Rules of Love by Joe Pintauro and directed by James Bolton has the intriguing premise of Bolton confessing his sins to Michael Reynolds as a priest. He's been having sex, it seems, with a priest. Bolton plays the penitent as one so seemingly sorry for his transgression that he could be forgiven almost anything and with Reynolds as the priest on the horns of a dilemma, they realize tantalizing possibilities. Hallelujah! The audience loved it.

The new Theatre X space within the Broadway Theatre complex was ideal for the presentation of all three plays. Perhaps Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian theatre company has found a home.

the then-pending AIDS discrimination suit and the rights to the story.

"We made the mistake of trusting people," said Dana Bowers, one of Geoffrey's brothers. "They betrayed us."

Tri-Star spokesman Ed Russell denied that **Philadelphia** is Bowers' story.

"**Philadelphia** is a fictional story which addresses a regrettably recurring theme of AIDS discrimination in this country," Russell said in a statement issued on behalf of himself, Demme and Rudin.

Tri-Star previously has said that the movie was inspired by dozens of cases, including one involving a Philadelphia law firm.

Lawyer Daniel Felber said Bowers' brothers and their mother, Alberta Bowers, all of Medford, Mass., shared their reminiscences with people involved in making **Philadelphia** with the understanding that they would be paid and that Geoffrey's name would appear in the credits.

The Movie and the Oscar

The Bowers family issued a statement in which they "applauded" the decision to "honor **Philadelphia** with five Oscar nominations. "We see the movie as the vehicle which is carrying Geoffrey's message around the world," the statement said.

Watch for the first quarterly **BOOK SECTION** in "Light's" March 3 issue!

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Folk Artist Lucie Blue Tremblay To Perform in Milwaukee March 4

By Sue Burke

She's still a premier folk artist, but Lucie Blue Tremblay's new, third album **Transformations**, could surprise a few fans.

They'll still find intimate lyrics written in a graceful mix of French and English. They'll find romantic love ballads and beautiful melodies. Fans will also find what Tremblay has called a "you broke my heart, so go to hell" song called "The Guilty One."

She still performs on guitar, piano and electric keyboard, but on some songs she's backed up by Vicki Randle of the Tonight Show Band, Teresa Trull and other musicians.

And yes, Tremblay still whistles.

Tremblay will perform in Milwaukee on March 4 as part of her U.S. tour celebrating the release of the album.

The daughter of a musical family in Montreal, Quebec, she began singing at age 6, sometimes singing with her mother's band. When a student teacher strike shut down her college during her first semester as a voice major, she began a professional musical career.

In 1984, Tremblay swept honors in the 16th Annual Granby Song Festival in Quebec. Her first, self-titled album was released shortly afterwards in the United States by Olivia Records.

She adopted the middle name "Blue" after she was told Tremblay was too common a stage name. Because of her whistling, she first consulted Roger Tory Peterson's field guide to birds to look for a new name, but instead took Blue.

For her, the color holds emotion. "I love the color of the water and the sky," she says.

She has charmed the folk music scene, the Canadian scene and the Lesbian scene, playing in venues from coffee houses to Carnegie Hall to the Canadian Pavilion at the 1992 World's Fair.

Her voice accounts for part of her appeal usually described as rich and warm and easily able to slide from a throaty purr to soaring tones.

Her lyrics account for the other part of her appeal. She understands love, love lost and love won. She can express universal feelings in simple words.

"I write from the heart," she said. "Whatever touches me is what I write about."

Of course, not all her songs are about love. In past albums, she has sung about politics, incest from a child's perspective, the difficulties of boarder crossings, and the life of a homeless 16-year-old.

Her song "Two Lives" on her second album describes the separate public and private lives of Lesbians. Her "Coming Out Song" has been released as a cassette single for Lesbians and Gay men to give to their parents: "I want you to know/ who I really am/I want to be free/to be me/with you," she sings.

BestD Clinic T.V. Show Marks First Year

[Milwaukee]- **BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions** Cable Television Program is celebrating the completion of its first year on MATA Channel 47 in Milwaukee. The program was conceived by Clinic Administrator Bob Ambelang to reach an at-risk population not normally reached by the non-profit clinic.

"Our first year of programs has dealt primarily with HIV transmission and safer sex practices," Ambelang said. "This year we are going to focus on other issues including: living with HIV disease and caring for people infected with this deadly virus."

Ambelang added that the program producers are lining up programs dealing with other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

If you are at risk for HIV, you are certainly at risk for other more easily transmitted diseases, Ambelang said. "Many people are walking around with easily cured diseases, but they are not informed as to symptoms and signs of infection. We hope to change that," he said.

Ambelang co-hosts and co-produces the program with Jeff Buckles, a Clinic volunteer who is also Vice President of the Clinic Board of Directors. The program is a live call-in show and airs at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday on MATA Channel 47. It is re-aired on Saturdays at noon following the re-broadcast of **Queer TV**.

"I try to come from a place of strength," she explains. "I try to be positive about issues that affect women."

In **Transformations**, she sings a tribute to her mother and mortality, "Getting Old." She shares the love of nature in "A Place in the Woods." And she sings a little Calypso ditty about sailing away on an Olivia Records cruise.

Careful listeners, however, might detect a little more depth somehow, in her music. Tremblay explains that she had been sick recently. "It caused me to reflect on life and not take it and people for granted. Don't put things off," she says. "You have to let those you love know it. Tell them now."

Tremblay will appear at 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 4 at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$11 in advance at Peoples Books, Outpost Natural Foods and AfterWords Book Store. Tickets will be \$13 at the door.

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LUCIE BLUE TREMBLAY



Jerry Johnson

MARDI GRAS 94— The top winners are pictured above at the Feb. 5 Mardi Gras held in Milwaukee's Mitchell Park Domes. The event was a fundraiser for the June 11-12 PrideFest.

Jerry Grillo Trio Performing Feb. 26

The Jerry Grillo Trio will be performing at Cafe Phyllis, 734 S. 5th Street on February 26 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. There is no cover, but reservations are suggested. The Grillo Trio will be performing at Cafe Phyllis on Saturdays in March and April.

Romanovsky & Phillips Perform Mar. 4

[Decorah, Iowa]- The Gay singing duo of Romanovsky and Phillips will be appearing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa on Friday, March 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Luther College's Center for Faith and Life. Tickets are \$7 and on sale by calling (319) 387-1357, Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mastercard, Visa and personal checks accepted.

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Fitness Buffs To Flex Muscles To Raise \$1.5 Million for AIDS Center

[Madison]- In Madison and Milwaukee, fitness buffs will be stepping up to a challenge on Saturday, April 16, 1994, when they flex their support muscles for the Sixth Annual Workout for Hope, an international fitness marathon benefiting AIDS research at City of Hope National Medical Center.

The City of Hope National Medical Center and its Beckman Research Institute, is located outside Los Angeles. While more than 90 percent of all City of Hope patients are treated for some type of malignant disease, active research is also underway to address Alzheimer's disease, AIDS and a number of genetic and hereditary disorders.

Leading the Madison Workout from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Madison Area Technical College, 3550 Anderson Street,

will be chairperson Krista Wondergem. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For information and registration forms, call 1-800-779-5893.

Leading the Milwaukee Workout from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Italian Community Center, 631 e. Chicago, will be chairperson Suzette Whiteside. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. For information and registration forms, call (414) 321-8305.

Film and TV actress, Cathy Lee Crosby, has been named the 1994 Workout for Hope Celebrity Spokesperson.

A record 120 cities from around the world will be joining in the Workout. An estimated 30,000 people will be participating. The fundraising goal is \$1.5 million.

Romania Continues To Torture Gays and Lesbians

[Paris, France]- Amnesty International reports that Gays and Lesbians in Romania are the victims of police brutality, including beatings, torture and forced confessions. Romania continues to enforce its sodomy law. According to Romanian government figures, 60 men have been convicted under the law this year.

Romania is one of the last countries in Europe to ban consensual same-sex relations. Other countries are: Belarus, Bosnia, Macedonia, Moldova and Serbia.

Tim Baach Wins Outstanding Service Award By Men's Group

[Milwaukee]- The 1993 award for outstanding service to the Men's Support Group at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee was given to Tim Baach, who coordinated the Men's Program in 1990-91.

Tim has consistently shown his commitment to the support group program by donating hundreds of hours of work and service to several Counseling Center components.

Editor's Note: Wisconsin Light would like to join in offering Tim its congratulations.

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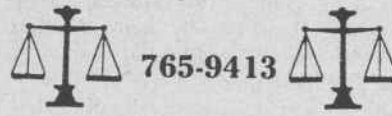
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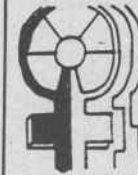
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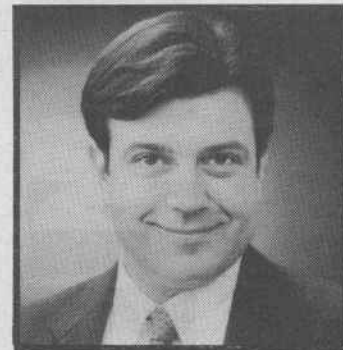
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Is Barney a Tool of Satan? Are Bert and Ernie Lovers?

By Bill Meunier

NEWS ITEM: Fundamentalist Ministers in the Carolina's are denouncing Barney as a tool of Satan and Bert and Ernie as "homosexual lovers."

Up to this point the people of the Carolina's have been not been known for their intelligence. But with one fell swoop they have swept away all those jokes about inbreeding and the stupidity that goes with it. They have uncovered a secret Gay and Lesbian plot.

We thought we'd put one over on them. But nothing gets past their pointy little heads. Their love for deductive reasoning is matched only by their fondness for those special nights with a six pack and their favorite first cousin.

Most people view Barney (the purple dinosaur) and Bert and Ernie (the muppets) as innocent characters their kids like to watch. But not our friends in the Carolina's. They have uncovered the truth.

They have been denouncing Barney as a "tool of Satan." I knew that sooner or later they would catch on. First we shouldn't have made Barney a Lavendar Dinosaur. Barney's message of love and acceptance was just too obvious too miss. Anyone who preaches loving your neighbor and accepting them for what they are is obviously the anti-Christ. How Unchristian can you get?

These guardians of truth have sounded the alarm bell. "Don't let your children watch Barney," they thunder, "Or they may grow up and accept homosexuals as people." They know that no one wants to bash people they accept.

Not satisfied with exposing Barney the fundies have struck at the heart of the Gay and Lesbian conspiracy, Bert and Ernie. They have dragged Bert and Ernie out of the closet and exposed them as "homosexual lovers."

It should have been obvious to almost any regular watcher of Sesame Street or the Muppet Show. As the people of the Carolinas point out, "they live together in a one bedroom house, never do anything without each other and exhibit feminine characteristics."

The cat is out of the bag. And no I don't mean Felix the Cat, I mean Tom. He's been messing around with Jerry for years. It's only a matter of time before they get outted too.

That's okay though they can handle it. But what will happen when Fred and Barney are exposed? Fundies all over the country will demonstrate to demand that Wilma and Betty be given custody of Pebbles and Bam-Bam.

Bugs Bunny isn't immune. We've seen him in women's clothes trying to entice Elmer Fudd. A shameless attempt to

recruit no doubt. What kind of career will he have left when his transvestite tendencies are exposed? If children watch Bugs they may soon think its okay when Daddy dresses up in Mom's undies. With his career in a shambles, perhaps Bugs can market his own brand of condoms, with little rabbit ears at the tip.

It's probably only a matter of time before they catch on to the S & M elements in Popeye cartoons. It's obvious that Bluto enjoys pain or he wouldn't keep trying to steal Olive Oyl knowing that Popeye always beats his butt. In fact given Olive Oyl's looks it's obvious that Bluto is either blind or Gay. And speaking of Popeye, should fundie kids watch cartoons that feature an obviously illegitimate child, Sweet Pea?

If you have any stock in the Disney Company, sell it quick. There is no doubt that its value will plummet when the truth about Donald and Mickey comes out. And they are just the tip of the ice burg.

What about Donald's nephews? Three young men sleeping in the same bed is sure to raise suspicions.

Fortunately neither Chip or Dale is married so no families will get wrecked when they are outted. Frankly I am surprised they have gotten away with it as long as they have. They are so anal retentive and living in that one hole tree is a dead give away.

Its even possible the Fundies will realize why those seven dwarfs never married. Not that Snow White, a supposed pure and innocent girl, living with seven men in a one room cabin wasn't scandalous enough. Was it a poison apple that put her in a coma or an abortion that went bad? I'm sure our Fundie friends will ferret out the truth!

And let's not forget Cinderella. Soon everyone may know why those step sisters were called wicked. What were they really doing while poor Cinderella was scrubbing floors? The fundies may even want her 'Fairy' Godmother run out of town. You know how much they hate 'Fairies.'

Network Executives and Children's Show Programmers have been thrown into a panic. On the one hand they are our puppets, but on the other hand they need to keep their ratings up.

There's only one thing to do. We will just have come up with some new cartoon characters. Selected Gay and Lesbian bars (those with big screen televisions) throughout the country will be holding secret meetings next Saturday morning to do just that.

Bring your own milk and cereal, pj's are optional. And this time let's be more subtle.

UW Center Women's Studies Celebrates 20 Years In March

[Milwaukee]- March is Women's History Month. The Center for Women's Studies in the Graduate School has planned a number of special events during that month to mark 20 years of women's studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"Laverne and Shirley Hit the Books: Women's Studies and the Milwaukee Community" is the theme for four programs in March. The programs explore links between women's studies and the community. Participants include past and current students, faculty and community members with connections to women's studies.

The series is sponsored by the Center for Women's Studies in the Graduate School at UWM, with funding from the Wisconsin Humanities Council serving on behalf of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

All of these planned events take place in the Hefter Conference Center, 3271 N. Lake Drive, at 7:30 p.m. The sessions on March 3, March 9 and March 23 include a formal presentation, followed by a panel discussion and audience response.

"Women and Education — The importance of Education in the History of Wisconsin Women" is the topic Thursday, March 3. Lynne Kleinman, senior research analyst at Alverno College, is the speaker. Kleinman received her Ph.D. at UWM, and her talk will reflect her dissertation topic, "Milwaukee-Downer College: A Study in the History of Women and the History of Higher Education in America: 1851-1964."

The panel following her presentation

includes Cheryl Ajitotutu, UWM assistant professor of anthropology; Diane Pollard, professor of educational psychology; Sandra Park, literature teacher, Rufus King High School; and Monica Hubble, UWM student and recipient of the 1993 American Association of University Women Scholarship.

On Wednesday, March 9, feminist writer and historian Jamakaya, discusses "Women and the Labor Movement-Milwaukee's Union Women: Two Generations of Leadership."

Panel members on March 9 are Judy Kuhn, legal counsel for the Milwaukee Plumbers Union Local 75 and a founding member of the Milwaukee Women in the Trades; Barbara Follmann, UWM program assistant and member of AFSCME Local 82; Nellie Wilson, Smith Steelworkers (retired); and Helen Hensler, business representative for the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local No. 9.

Genevieve McBride, UWM assistant professor of mass communication, discusses "Women and Community Activism-Municipal Reform, the Progressive Movement and the Milwaukee Ladies of the Clubs" on Wednesday, March 23.

Panelists include Sarah Anne Ford, coordinator for the Milwaukee Foundation's "Neighborhood and Family Initiative;" Dorothy Dean, Milwaukee County Supervisor; and Ellen Langill, history instructor at UW Center-Waukesha County and board member of the Waukesha Women's

Center.

On Thursday, March 31, the Twenty Year Women's Studies Reunion will be a celebratory reception.

As part of its 20th anniversary celebration, the Center for Women's Studies held a student work contest for the best undergrad and grad student research papers and projects. Winners will be announced and cash prizes will be

awarded at the reunion.

Student winners in a design competition were Karen Parr, who designed an image celebrating the 20th Anniversary, and Neena Peterson, whose design will be used on Center for Women's Studies materials and throughout the Center's newsletter. (Both students received \$100 for their designs).

One Thousand Florida Activists Go On A Quayle Hunt

Commentary By Steven Warren

The odds were better than in the real world. Inside were two or three thousand homo-hating (allegedly) heterosexual pro-lifers gathered to hear Dan Quayle and other major conservatives speak about "Reclaiming America," the theme of their conference held the weekend of January 22, 1994.

Outside were one thousand activists, mostly Queer with a few who preferred to be identified as feminists, claiming our share of the rights guaranteed (supposedly) to all Americans.

The site was the Coral Springs Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, home of James Kennedy, Ph.D.'s ministry, which spews its venom nationwide over TV and cable.

Editor's Note: Kennedy's show can be seen on WVCY-TV

Kennedy has filled the void left when some of his fellow hypocritical televangelists were caught with their hands in the cookie jar or their dicks in hookers.

If you've never watched **The Coral Ridge Hour**, Dr. Kennedy (why no "Rev" in his title if he's a minister?) spends most of the time railing against Gays, Lesbians, abortion and liberal politics. He asks viewers to send for a "State of the Nation" survey so their opinions on such slanted questions as "Do you favor federal funding for abortions under any circumstances?" and "Should the National Endowment for the Arts continue to... fund Lesbian and homosexual art?" can be tabulated and sent "to the president, to leading government officials and to the major media outlets throughout this country" for the purpose of influencing legislation and public opinion (and obviously to build up the mailing list for fundraising pitches from Coral Ridge and other Right-wing organizations).

One point the demonstrators were making was that churches should stay out of politics or lose their tax-exempt status. Ironically, one of more than 15 sponsoring groups was Sunshine Cathedral MCC of Fort Lauderdale, and at least three other congregations of the primarily Gay and Lesbian fellowship were represented.

About a dozen skinheads, complete with swastikas and "white power" signs, were assembled on the other side of Federal Highway, shouting their uncensored opinions on homosexuality at the protesters. Even if we hadn't been on our best behavior — and the warning was spread beforehand not to give the Right-wingers material for their next hate video — the neo-nazis would have made us look good.

About two and a half hours of peaceful picketing, there was an attempt to hold a rally outside while the former V.P. spoke inside. As there was no public gathering place nearby, the logistics were impossible. Organizer Dennis Delia of Gays United to Attack Repression and Discrimination called off the rally in the middle of the fourth brief speech.

"The people inside would have you believe America was founded by people

who think as they do," said the first speaker, Rev. Grant Lynn Ford, Senior Pastor of Sunshine Cathedral MCC. In reality, he pointed out, "they were fleeing religious intolerance"

Intolerance is the key. Inside Coral Ridge, Quayle claimed, "Reclaiming America is an inclusive goal, not exclusive. It's not the prerogative of any single denomination. We're all in this together."

The idea of inclusion for Quayle and his ilk is suggested by an inscription on the outside of the church: "I will give unto him that's athirst of the water of the fountain of life freely." (Emphasis added.) That already excludes half the population; and even if they've taken the "whites only" sign off the fountain, try going into Coral Ridge and saying, "I'm Queer. Give me a drink." While the Religious Right accuses Gays and Lesbians of wanting "special rights," they're the ones who are trying to limit the application of the constitutional rights to people who think as they do. Only their more acceptable rhetoric, polyester suits and hairpieces distinguished them from skinheads across the street.

I've been an American all my life, but I haven't always been proud of it. It was only during the last presidential campaign, when Bill Clinton made the United States sound like the country I used to believe in, that I snapped out of a decades long slump with regard to my nationality.

I've been a Christian more than half my life, but I don't relate to the "Christians" who use that label as a clubbeat outsiders into submission. Maybe it's time MCC and other liberal denominations set about "Reclaiming Christianity" from those who would put conditions on God's unconditional love.

Although he coyly avoided declaring himself a candidate, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church was one of Dan Quayle's first stops on the 1996 campaign trail. Perhaps we helped him get more publicity by picketing him, or perhaps we made him share the media time and space he would have gotten. CNN and the major local TV stations (representing four networks) all covered our demonstration outside the church as well as Quayle's appearance inside.

Bill Clinton may have disappointed us by backing down on Gays in the military and being slow to take effective action against AIDS, but the sight of J. Danforth Quayle looking "tanned, rested and ready" to challenge him for the White House made me reach for my checkbook to contribute to Clinton's re-election campaign.

My lover and I were recently told by State Farm Insurance that we don't qualify for a multi-car discount because we're not "related by blood, marriage, or adoption, as defined in applicable state law." It's just another example of the "family values" people imposing their own definition of family and penalizing those of us who don't fit it.

That's why the only right we don't want is the Right wing.



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not because it wants the sinner to become infected, but not to be tempted to us them as a license to sexual behavior by encouraging juvenile vice.

Then too, Darren as a Catholic and perhaps his lover, likewise a Catholic, should have realized that such sexual activity is contrary to what Christ and His church teaches.

The Catholic Church has opened up Her heart towards victims of AIDS through the many hospices and help given to AIDS victims. Recently the Pope himself embraced an AIDS victim. What Darren needs is a good confessor and frequent reception of the Sacraments to strengthen his will power.

My prediction is that Darren will never be happy in the real, strict sense unless he seeks a good priest or someone who would help him to accept himself according to the plan of God and His Church.

— John Margola
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: While I usually don't reply to Letters to the Editor, let me as a very happily married Gay man, make a few brief points.

First of all, before anyone cites the bible as an authority for making some judgment or another, they should know what it says. Since it is impossible to rely on a translation, this means learning Hebrew and Greek. If the

above writer had done this, he might be amazed at what he finds.

For example, while Jesus says nothing at all about homosexuality (there's no word for it in Aramaic nor any other ancient tongue), he does heal the male lover of a man. He does not condemn the relationship though he knows what it is.

He might read too that Paul condemns straight men who have Gay sex for money, but not Gay relationships themselves. What he does require is love and commitment on the part of the two parties be they Gay or straight. Paul doesn't like promiscuity at all.

In the Hebrew Bible (the "Old Testament"), the condemnation in Leviticus must be taken in the context of the Book as a whole. Either you accept all the laws, or none. You cannot be arbitrary about it.

And by the by, that while the letter writer constantly refers to "God" with the masculine pronoun, in Genesis, the word for "God" can be found in the Hebrew feminine plural. Did the ancient writer know something many now refuse to admit?

On the subject of AIDS: it is not "the Gay disease." Let's be quite clear on that. Secondly, so the pope embraced someone with AIDS? At the risk of sounding cynical, I have to say, "Big Deal."

There's much more, so much more. Suffice it to say that before founding your life on the bible (or judging anyone else on the basis of it), you've got to know the languages it was written in. A little history (both church and secular),

some cultural study and even a bit of theology wouldn't hurt either.

One final point. The writer ignores or forgets that the essence of being Lesbian or Gay is not sex, it's love. A Gay person falls in love — just like anyone else. That love is unbounded and beautiful — as with anyone else. Gay love is not something to be ashamed of, nor feel guilty about. Gay love is something to enjoy in maturity, responsibility and commitment — just like anyone else.

In that context, sex is not the goal of a relationship. It is an expression of it. Sex, I believe, Gay or straight, is the necessary outward expression of a powerful inner reality, love, the most powerful force this universe knows.

Deny sex as a symbol of love? Why not call for the stars to go out? Why not tell the flowers not to bloom in the Spring?

Don't condemn sex, but thank whatever god you believe in for love.

This, to me, is what religion at its best teaches. This is what being Lesbian, Bisexual or Gay is all about.

One last word (I promise). Please, Mr. Margola, look up the definition of "doctrine."

AIDS FUNDING

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"It is totally unfair," Nelson explained. "Wisconsin Ryan White funding per AIDS case is \$250 while the State of Washington's Ryan White funding per AIDS case is \$700 because 75 percent of Washington's AIDS cases are in Seattle which meets the arbitrary case threshold and qualifies for Title I funding."

"The person with AIDS living in Wisconsin is just as important and has just as much need of care and support as the person with AIDS living in Washington," Nelson stressed. "Yet Ryan White delivers almost three times as much funding to Washington as it does to Wisconsin."

"The disparity worsens when we look to California where Ryan White funding is \$1,238 per AIDS case, about \$1,000 more per case than Wisconsin receives," Nelson exclaimed. "If we look to the east coast and Washington, D.C., the District of Columbia receives \$1,817 in Ryan White funding per AIDS case compared to Wisconsin's \$250 per case."

Nelson Pressures Council

Nelson aggressively took his case to a meeting of the AIDS Action Council's Public Policy Committee which, ironically, he chairs. Nelson is a member of the AIDS Action Council's Board of Directors, the only member from the Midwest.

"It was a tough meeting because I confronted a Committee of my colleagues who were happy with the Ryan White system and who were pushing for a fast track reauthorization," Nelson said. "I knew that fast track would not allow the time to fully address the critical equity issues of Ryan White funding."

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"There is a tendency at times, for people on the coasts to forget that the AIDS epidemic also ravages the heartland of this country," Nelson said. "In fact, the pace of the epidemic is no increasing more rapidly here than on the coasts."

"My objective was to get that Committee to recognize it had a policy obligation for the entire country and to assure a fair Ryan White system," Nelson said. "After hours of debate I was pleased that there was consensus to conduct a 90 day review of the Ryan White system and structure and to work towards improvements in Ryan White while, at the same time, pursuing a fast track reauthorization."

Nelson called it a "good compromise." Nelson explained that he personally believed that the two separate Titles of the CARE Act should be collapsed into one Title with a single formula for the allocation of White funds based on the Wisconsin model or the number of people living with AIDS throughout the country.

"The AIDS epidemic is an emergency in every area of the country, not in just a few select cities that happen to reach an arbitrary threshold of AIDS cases," Nelson exclaimed. "The separate Titles have fostered competition and divisiveness, not coordination and collaboration. A fair and equitable formula based on the number of people living with AIDS is essential if we are to meaningfully address the worsening HIV epidemic throughout the entire country."

Nelson praised the staff of the AIDS Action Council for its understanding and support of his position on a more equitable funding for Ryan White. "It is a fair and sensitive staff and one that I have great confidence in."

Nelson said that he will be returning to Washington at the end of February to participate in a full Board of Director's meeting. At that meeting he will present the compromise plan for Ryan White reauthorization and will work to secure full Board support for eliminating the inequalities in the White CARE act.

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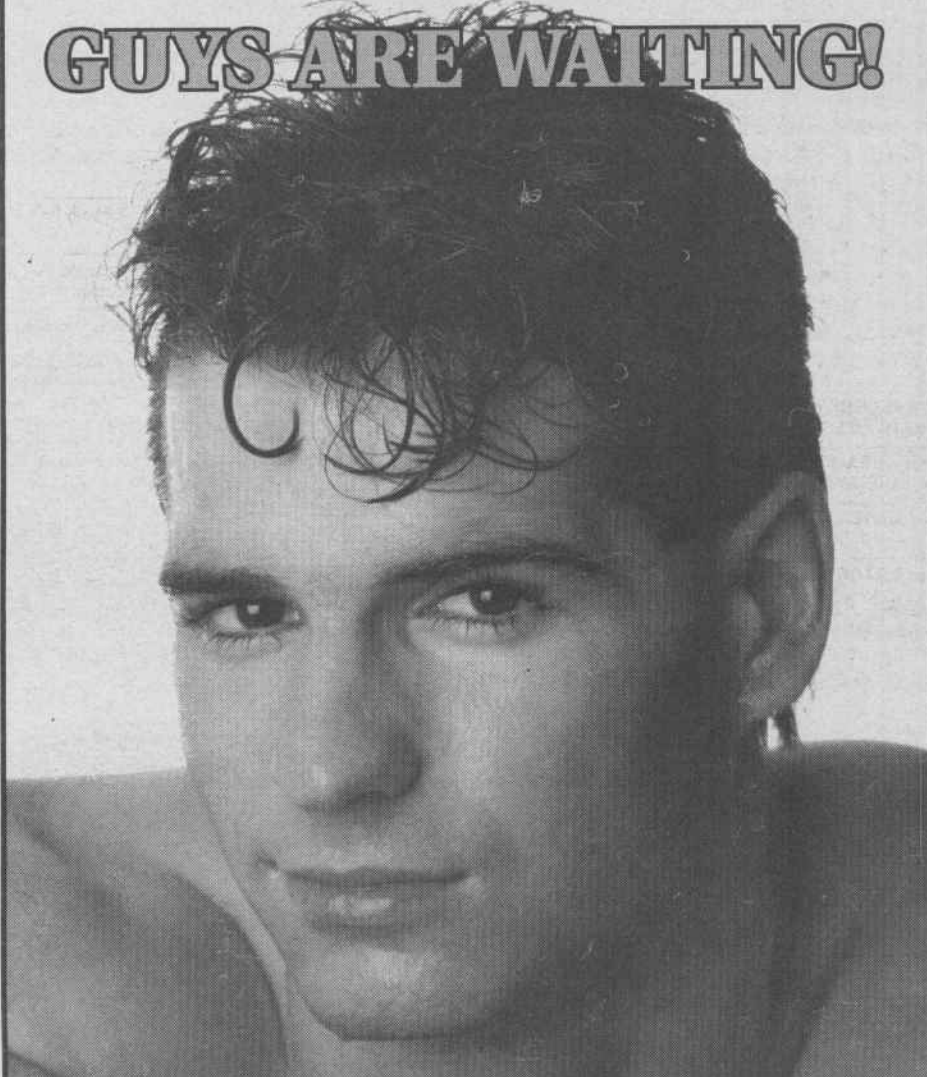
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WI **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED:** 5'8", 165 bbuilder is into the tp scene. I am a great daddy. #15839

Milwaukee **COUNTING ON YOU:** 5'11", 175. Pos. 33 year old seeks someone secure and reliable. Please call. #16093

Milwaukee **TRUCK DRIVER:** I need a massage. Call me. #16354

Eau Claire **GREAT OUTDOORS:** Seeking 30-35 year old guy. I like snowmobiles and four-wheeling. I am a good looking btm. #16762

414 Area Code **SHOPPING SPREE:** 21 year old vers guy seeks professionals 23-47 for friendship and maybe more. I like the theater and shopping. #16844

Milwaukee **MAKE THE MOST:** 5'11", 175. 33 year old pos. guy in good health seeks a friend to enjoy life with. Must like a good time and be relationship-minded. #16093

Milwaukee **MULTI-LINGUAL:** WM seeks 25-35. I am fluent in several languages and like to travel. No smoke/drink. Seeking similar minded. #16901

WI **TOYS FOR TPS:** Call for a present. #7338

WI **SMALL OPENING:** GWM 6'1", 185 is tight and into crossdressing and cuddling. #11250

Milwaukee **STEAMY:** 28 YO seeks other smooth and ht guys for safe action. #11256

WI **SNUGGLED UP:** Attractive blk male 200+ lbs. btm loves to get into music and cozy nights. #11509

WI **I LIKE TO WATCH:** Feel like putting on a show for this 33 YO? #11182

WI **SETTLING DOWN:** 29 year old is looking for a long term relationship. #12141

Milwaukee **WORLDLY:** 40 YO gentleman is very athletic and stached. I am a cultured model/professional. Into antiques and partying. #12558

Milwaukee **SO I LIKE DRESSES?:** 21 year old crossdressing white male seeks same types. #12602

Milwaukee **CALL ME:** 40 year old has blue eyes and light brn hair with a beard and stache. I am not that into the bars, but do go out on occasion. #12730

WI **GOOD TALK:** EZ to get along with guy seeks a white male for pleasant conversations. #12947

Madison **ZANY:** 22 year old is blde and blue and a student at U MAD. Into Mel Brooks and Monty Python. #13239

WI **DADDY DEAREST:** 43 yr old ltr btm seeks a dom dad. Please call me. #13395

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WI **BEAUTIFUL HAIR:** 21 year old Mike has long brown hair and is seeking an eighteen to 21 YO for ht fun and possible relationship. #13442

Kenosha **SLOW AT FIRST:** GWM, 31, is seeking a blk male to get to know and we'll see about a possible relationship. #13806



WI **LET'S START A FRIENDSHIP:** Hispanic male is 29 and new to the area. I will return all calls. #14034

Green Bay **I AM NEW:** 39 year old 38-28-34. I would like to try ANYTHING. #13147

Madison **QUIET MEETING:** 25 year old brn/bm and bearded is seeking 18-45 for discreet get-togethers. #12439

Milwaukee **PLEASED TO MEET YOU:** 6'1", dark hair and musc seeks 18-23. I have many interests I would like to share. #14232

WI **PARTY ON, DUDES:** Bi-head banger into partying. I can be creative and flexible. #14259

La Crosse **ZEPELIN TO ZEPEP:** 23 year old, 5'10" and seeking 18-25 into sports, classic rock and the Marx Bros. #14358

Milwaukee **MUTUAL INTERESTS:** 40 year old, 6' with a beard and a stach and blue eyes seeks a relationship. Into the theater and movies and gardening. #14363

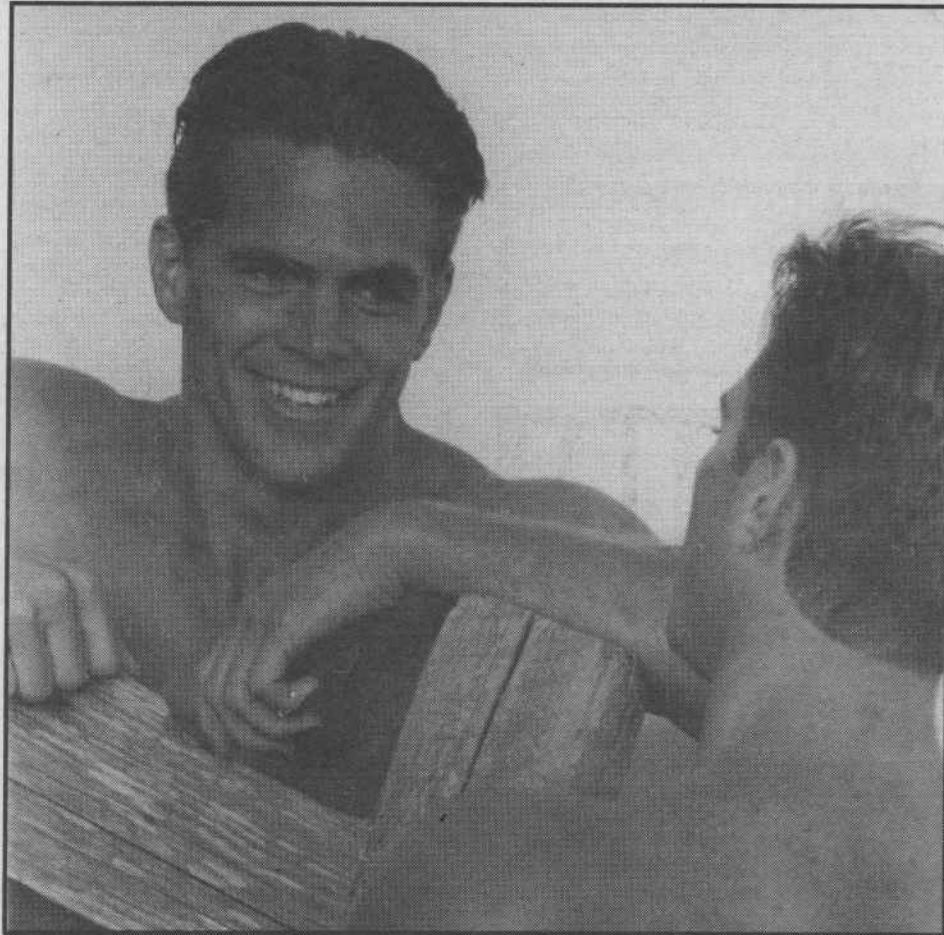
WI **TRADE OFF:** Gay couple looking to get-together with a third. Call us! #14477

West Alice **ARE YOU MASC AND YNG?:** 5'8", 165. I have a bbuilder type body and a short beard. I like masc men. I am 40 and am looking for younger men. #14598

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

Milwaukee **JERRY MEI:** 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



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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 workouts. 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 swimmer'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. #10101

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

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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

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

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

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, muscrl, 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

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

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

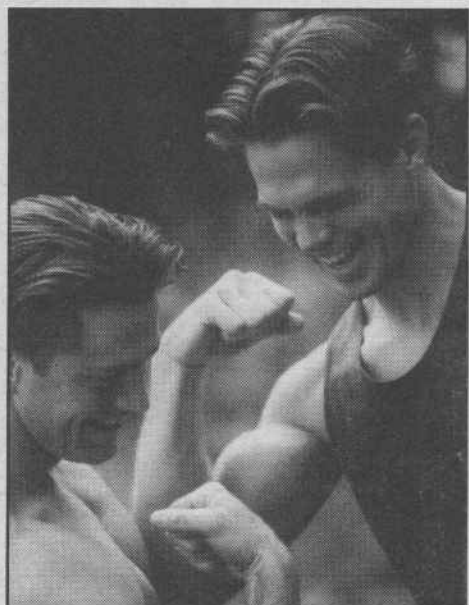
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 Jeff, 35, WM, 195, brown hair/eyes, good body/looks, hairy chest, looking to have fun with other men. **(Call Thru) Box# 4558**
 Michael, BM, 23, ISO guys my age for football, movies, etc. **Box# 6919**
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 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**
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 GM, John, 22, college student, ISO someone out-going for good times. **Box# 5093**
 GM, Mike, looking for people to party with. **(Call Thru) Box# 1595**
 Dave, ISO someone for a good time. **(Call Thru) Box# 2200**
 GM, Chip, 5'10", 160, athletic, 28, light brown hair, blue eyes, ex-military man, business student, like weightlifting, outdoors, ISO a muscular M, 22-35. **(Call Thru) Box# 5135**
 GM, Gordon, ISO guys for hot fun. **(Call Thru) Box# 8176**
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 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**
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 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**
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 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**
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 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support Group for Women

[Madison]- Relationships can be wonderful as well as stressful. Leaving a relationship can be a traumatic experience. The Relationship Improvement and Recovery Support, sponsored by the Campus Women's Center, Group is designed to cover issues surrounding all aspects of relationships. This supportive space is for both students and non-student community members. The group is free and is run on a drop-in basis. For more information, call the Women's Center at (608) 262-8093.

Lavender Hill Party August 6

[Milwaukee]- A little too early? Not at all. The annual Lavender Hill Party will be held on Saturday, August 6 in the Wisconsin Room of the UW-Milwaukee Student Union from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. This year's theme is Lavender Fairy Tales.

Lavender Hill is an annual fundraiser to benefit and provide services for those living with HIV and AIDS. For more information, call Larry at (414) 964-0772 or Therese at (414) 464-0223.

Mil-maids AIDS IX Set for April 16

[Madison]- Bette Davis is proud to announce that MilmaIDS IX will be held on Saturday, April 16, 1994. This year's benefactor will be the Madison AIDS Support Network and will be held at Prairie Lanes in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Bowling will be limited to the first 320 registered bowlers, 2 shifts will be used with 160 bowlers on each shift.

The first shift will register at 9:00 a.m. and bowl at 10:00 a.m. Second shift registration will be at 12:00 and bowl at 1:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$25 payable in advance and will include cost of bowling, donation to MASN, door prizes, buffet and awards program. This year's awards program will be held at Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 1344 E. Washington. For more information, call Joe Feigley at (608) 271-8889.

United Plans Volunteer Training

[Madison]- The United as announced an upcoming training for new volunteers. There will be an orientation meeting for interested persons on Tuesday, March 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program will include general information about The United, a highlight of on-going programs and special events, and volunteer possibilities and needs in the organization.

At the close of the orientation program, people will be encouraged to sign up in areas of volunteer service that are of interest to them. The evening will conclude at about 9:00 p.m. with short exit interviews. For more information, call The United at (608) 255-8582.

Seers & Rowback Perform March 19

[Milwaukee]- After some "west and wewaxation," the musicians with a message, Seers & Rowback, are back in action. On Saturday, March 19, they will be holding an encore performance at Chicago's None Of The Above coffee house, 656 W. Barry beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$3 cover. They will be joined by singer/songwriter Melonie Miller, a transplant from Wisconsin.

On Saturday, March 26, Seers & Rowback will be appearing at Milwaukee's Coffeehouse, 19th and Wisconsin Ave., beginning at 8:30 p.m. There is a \$3 cover. The duo will be splitting the bill with Susan Urban. For more info, call (414) 344-8093.

Women Plan Pot Luck Feb. 27

[Madison]- Women interested in expanding their circle of friends should plan on attending the monthly pot luck at the Atwood Community Center in Madison. The pot luck is designed for women to share social time in fostering a sense of community. Each pot luck will have a different theme or activity to encourage discussions and connections.

The pot luck will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month at 3:00 p.m. in the Center's Main Room. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. The first pot luck will be on Sunday, February 27. For more information, call (608) 241-1575 and ask for Patti Thompson.

Social Security Issues HIV Guide

[Washington, D.C.]- A Guide to Social Security and SSI Disability Benefits for People with HIV Infection has been revised and is now available in Spanish and English. The revisions reflect the changes in Social Security rules published in the Federal Register on July 2, 1993.

Individual copies of this brochure can be obtained through your local Social Security office, or by calling 1-800-772-1213. For more information about Social Security, or for confidential assistance in applying for benefits, call 1-800-772-1213.

Davis and Parks Open Art Gallery

[West Hollywood, CA]- Claire Davis and Philip Parks, the former artistic director of the Cream City Chorus, has opened a new art gallery in West Hollywood. The Gallery, called The Eighth Muse, opened on Feb. 7 and will feature artwork by Davis and Parks, who create handmade paper wall hangings, sculptures, cards and journals. The gallery is located at 8713 Santa Monica Blvd, W. Hollywood, CA 90069. For more information, call (310) 659-2545.

Danceworks to Hold Auditions Feb. 21

[Milwaukee]- New York-based choreographer, Chris Ferris, will hold an audition for six dancers for a new work to be performed at her Danceworks concert April 8 and 9. Dancers will be paid \$250 each and must be available February 21 to March 6 and March 28 to April 7 for rehearsal.

Auditions will be held Monday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee Street. Daytime auditions are available by appointment. For information, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

Country Dance Gala Set for April 9

The Second Annual Country Dance Gala will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall Ballroom of the War Memorial Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive.

In addition to performances by Milwaukee's own Shoreline Dancers, the ChicaGoWest Skyliners of Chicago and Borderline of Minneapolis-St. Paul will perform. Singational Productions, back by popular demand, will also be performing. Dance lessons will be offered.

Tickets can be purchased from Cheryl or Bill at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee or at the 3Bs bar. Proceeds benefit the Women's and Men's Support Group Program of the Counseling Center.

Cowboys Dance in Madison March 13

[Madison]- Apple Island, 719 E. Washington Avenue in Madison will be hopping once again as Dairyland Cowboys hit the country dance floor.

Both two step and line dancing will be featured Sunday, March 13 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Instruction will be provided as well as time to put your skills into practice. \$3 at the door.

For info on this and up-coming country dances, call "Sidekick Steve" at (608) 251-6723 or "Galloping Gary" at (608) 255-1523.

Poetry and Music to Benefit ACT UP

[Milwaukee]- Deanna and long-time ACT UP member Tim Grair have arranged a benefit of poetry and music for ACT UP Milwaukee for Monday, February 21. The event will feature area poets and performance artists, plus perennial ACT UP friends MOOK. The benefit will take place at Cafe Melange beginning at 8:30 p.m. The \$3 cover goes to support direct action against AIDS. Cafe Melange is located in the Hotel Wisconsin, 720 Old World Third Street.

Long Cabin Club Elects Officers

[Milwaukee]- The Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin elected officers at their January 19 meeting. Elected were: James McFarland, Pres.; Scott Evertz, First V.P.; Timothy Russell, Second V.P.; Pat Prudlow, Sec.; and J. Robert Moore, Trea.

Log Cabin's Milwaukee Chapter currently has 60 members and prospective members. Log Cabin intends to be actively involved in statewide and local races in the 1994 elections. Log Cabin exists to promote and support the principles of the Republican Party in the Lesbian and Gay community and to support and promote the concerns of Lesbians and Gays within the GOP.

Partners of Incest Survivors Meet

[Madison]- The Lesbian Partners of Incest Survivors meets Tuesday for a 16 Step meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at The United, 14 W. Mifflin Street. This is a free peer support group for Lesbians whose lover is an incest survivor and needs support. For further information, call (608) 244-3903 or (608) 244-5893.

Wellness Project for Those With HIV

[Oshkosh, WI]- The East Central Wellness Project, a not-for-profit organization to assist those infected with HIV disease, is seeking donations of fine art and fine crafts from local artists. This art will be on display and an auction will be held at the second annual Arts Desire fundraiser to be held April 10, 1994 in Oshkosh, WI. If you would like to donate or have further questions, call Deb Toman at (414) 688-5068 or Bill Griswold at (414) 426-5307.

'Gay Men's Sexual Health' Is Topic

[Milwaukee]- The Gay Mens Discussion Group presents the last in its series of discussions on Gay men's health titled "Gay Men's Sexual Health" with guest facilitator, Jeff Miller, RN. The discussion will be held Sunday, Feb. 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. There is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

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Small Audience Hears Preacher Blast Rep. Baldwin's Bill; Says 'Heterosexual Ethic' Is Under Attack

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- Concerned Wisconsin Christians should organize a Wisconsin Family Congress to work against "special rights" for homosexuals, according to a Religious Right leader.

The Rev. Lou Sheldon, who spoke at the Waukesha Expo Center February 12, called on the 250 people attending on that snowy night to "rise up" and defend "what is morally right and decent." Those efforts, he said, should include stopping State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's proposed domestic partners bill.

"Tammy Baldwin is the perfect example of why we need the Wisconsin Family Conference," he said. "Because if you think that (her proposed bill) is something, you wait and see when they begin to take your children by force to cultural diversity programs."

Sheldon, 60, a Presbyterian minister and federal lobbyist, heads the 13-year-old Traditional Values Coalition (TVC), which, he said, has 31,000 churches as members. (Others say TVC has 15,000 member churches.) The TVC has backed campaigns against Gay and Lesbian rights in nine states.

Sheldon spoke in Arizona in late December last year, and the next day the local TVC chapter began a drive to forbid legal protection for "any pedophile, homosexual, Lesbian or Bisexual."

The TVC and other Religious Right organizations have turned toward grassroots electoral organizing as an avenue for power.

Some Wisconsin Gay and Lesbian leaders worried that Sheldon's Waukesha speech, "Exposing the Homosexual Agenda," could be the first step toward a major organizing drive. The speech was sponsored by the Monroe-based Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) and WVCY broadcasting, which have led other local anti-Gay efforts.

In a press release from WCU sent to Wisconsin Light and dated February 10, WCU head Ralph Ovadal called homosexuality "an abomination" and said the "homosexual life-style is an immoral, disease-causing one." Ovadal urged the repeal of Wisconsin's 1992 Fair Employment Act which codified into law sexual orientation as a protected classification.

Sheldon called on his audience to become "consecrated activists" and put their beliefs into public policy.

"I believe that in America, in every school district," he said, "if we organize down to the precinct level, we will be able to turn out the votes in a reasonable manner and win school board seats, city council seats, county board seats, state legislature seats, and the federal Congress and U.S. Senate."

Baldwin's Phone Stays Quiet

However, although audience members clearly enjoyed Sheldon's speech, they did not immediately rise up. Sheldon exhorted them to "ring her (Baldwin's) phone off the hook." A Baldwin aide said on the Monday after the speech, Baldwin's telephone was quieter than usual.

Sheldon also spoke against the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrance Act (FACE), which would penalize protesters who block the doors of abortion clinics. He said FACE has been stalled in Congress because of a "killer amendment" he asked U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) to sneak into the act.

The amendment extends the act's protection to persons "legally exercising... the First Amendment right of religious freedom at a place of worship."

Sheldon said he asked for the amendment as the result of Gay protesters "storm trooping" the Hamilton Square Baptist Church in San Francisco, where Sheldon was speaking on September 19, 1993. The protesters attempted to kick in the door of the church.

However, Dick Withers, director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, said the amendment was accepted amicably in a Senate committee. He said some senators initiated the amendment because a few pro-choice protesters had blocked church driveways.

Those protests, Withers said, "had been so rare that the pro-choice people didn't consider it a problem to throw it (the amendment) in there."

Final work on the bill has been delayed because senators were busy, he said, but the amendment, which is "not worded very strongly," should cause no problems.

Sheldon Targets Turkey Basters

Sheldon's hour-long speech rambled over several other targets: the separation of church in state, condom distribution in public schools, single-parent families, the use of turkey basters by Lesbians for artificial insemination. Evangelicals Concerned, Gays in the military, and the media — in particular the Milwaukee Journal, Milwaukee Sentinel and Wisconsin Light.

He criticized another evangelical speaker, Anthony Campolo, who was leading a youth rally at the same time in Milwaukee, for saying that lifelong covenants between homosexuals were morally acceptable as long as no homosexual acts took place. Sheldon said such beliefs are "weaned way from the teachings of god."

Sheldon also attacked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. "Her orientation is not predicated upon a moral basis," he said. "I hope some paper picks that up because I'm willing to challenge her right to the wall."

Sheldon won applause from the all-white crowd when he recommended reaching out to African-Americans of similar religious beliefs.

He said some Black ministers have complained that homosexuals are not a true minority. Sheldon agreed with that. "I have never met a former Black, have you?" he asked. "But we've met former homosexuals, haven't we?"

He said homosexuals enjoy a \$55,000 average annual income and hold significant political power, which also proves they are not a minority.

The Family Began With Abraham

Sheldon based his opposition to homosexuality on the biblical belief that god gave Abraham a revelation 3,800 years ago for "a mutually monogamous heterosexual relationship in the context of marriage." He did not mention that even in the bible as it is translated in English, Abraham was not monogamous.

Before that time, Sheldon said, people did not have a commitment to families and children, husbands and wives, grandchildren or family reunions. Instead, he said, they practiced homosexuality, bisexuality, pedophilia, bestiality and cross-generational sex.

The "heterosexual ethic" is under attack today, and "it's later than we really had thought," Sheldon said. "We have to understand in medical terms, educational terms and psychological terms why same-sex relationships will destroy the culture."

"If you and I don't learn how to answer the enemy in substantive and credible ways, he will trick us like many have been tricked," he concluded. "We pray now that in Wisconsin there will come a mighty wave of Christians who are saved and who want to take a stand for what is right in the kingdom of god."

After the rally ended, a young man in the back of the auditorium distributed flyers for the LaPorte, Colorado, Scriptures for America ministry. The fliers bore the headline: "The death penalty for homosexuals is prescribed in bible." He wore a T-shirt that said, "Homophobe? You bet! Save the gerbils!"

Other Right Wing Organizations Listed

People For the American Way identify Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition as one of 11 Right Wing Organizations. The others are:

American Family Association This is chaired by Donald Wildmon of Tupelo, MS. There are 650 local chapters across the country. Latest revenue figures put the organization's income at \$5.8 million per year. Their 1992 budget was \$7 million.

Christian Coalition Founded in 1989 by Pat Robertson. Executive Director is Ralph Reed. There are 872 chapters in 50 states. Its 1993 budget was approximately \$14 million.

Reed on election strategy: "I want to be invisible. I do guerrilla warfare. I paint my face and travel at night. You don't know it's over until you're in a body bag."

National Association of Christian Educators Founded in 1983 by Robert L. Simmonds in Costa Mesa, CA. It claims a membership of 130,000.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Concerned Women for America Founded in 1979 in San Diego, CA. The current president is Beverly LaHate. It claims a membership in excess of 600,000 with 1,200 chapters nationwide. It has a reported annual budget of \$10 million.

"I am aware that America is and must be a land of freedom including freedom of speech. But there is a time and place for everything," said LaHate.

Eagle Forum Founded in 1972, its current president is Phyllis Schlafly. It is headquartered in Washington, D.C. Schlafly's radio commentaries are heard on 250 stations.

Family Research Council Founded in 1981, its current president is Gary Bauer. It has a budget of about \$3 million a year.

Focus on the Family Founded in 1977, its current president is James C. Dobson. Its current budget is \$77 million a year and has a staff of 900.

Operation Rescue Founded by Randall Terry, its current Executive Director is Keith Tucci. Annual income unknown. The latest membership figure is 35,000 as reported in the Washington Post in 1989.

All of the above organizations, in addition to their other agendas, are virulently homophobic. The New York Times estimates that their combined membership may be in excess of 5 million. The Times estimates that there are 40 million people who consider themselves "born-again" Christians.

Rep. Baldwin Is Not Concerned About Religious Attacks Against Her

[Madison]- The Rev. Lou Sheldon was brought to Waukesha on February 12 by Wisconsin Christians United to attack State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and her legislative proposal to provide legal recognition to Lesbian and Gay families. Baldwin however, does not feel there is reason for alarm.

"I am not concerned about Reverend Sheldon's visit to Wisconsin," said Baldwin. "No one can or will stop the momentum of the Lesbian and Gay civil rights movement. In fact, I welcome his comments. He is creating a dialogue and his words demonstrate that his beliefs are founded in bigotry and hatred."

Although the Lesbian and Gay community did not protest Sheldon's visit, Gays, Lesbians and their supporters carefully monitored everything he said while he was in the state. Lesbian and Gay activists say they intend to use the information to find more ways to stop assaults by the Religious Rights. "Reverend Sheldon's visit has inspired the Lesbian and Gay community to action," said Baldwin.

"The rhetoric of the Religious Right is the rhetoric of intolerance and it is a threat to all who care about living in a state which supports the basic civil rights of all of its citizens," said Baldwin. "Lou Sheldon attacks the core values that our nation is founded upon."

While Sheldon is attacking families, Baldwin wants to see us support them. "Families are the building blocks of this nation," Baldwin said. "A family is made up of people who are committed to building trust, security and love. Families, regardless of gender make-up, protect and care for one another. With so much hate and unkindness in the world, finding love should be a reason for

celebration and joy, not hatred and violence."

Baldwin, who is participating in the development of a state-wide Gay and Lesbian political network, feels that the achievement of equal rights for Gays and Lesbian rests upon a clear strategy. "It's time we stop simply reacting to attacks from the likes of Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition," Baldwin said. "With the state-wide political network, we will become more organized than we ever have been, developing a sophisticated strategy and agenda for change."

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