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The Wisconsin Light

Statewide Organization Formed To Fight Bigots and Hate Mongers



WEARING THE GREEN— Gay and Lesbian marchers make their debut during the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13, 1994. San Francisco invited them to join the celebration in response to Boston canceling their Annual Irish Parade in protest of a court order allowing Gays and Lesbians to march.

Legislature Passes State Health Care Reform Bill

[Milwaukee]- In a follow up to the article in the last issue concerning the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) fight for health care reform in the State Assembly, a major victory was achieved in the final hours of legislative debate. The focus was on the ARCW-sponsored amendment to the Assembly Democratic health care reform bill which would require a biennial open enrollment for all health insurance plans.

By a 56-42 vote, the State Assembly endorsed the ARCW proposal which assures that people with pre-existing health conditions such as HIV disease can obtain health insurance coverage.

"This was a very important win for the AIDS community," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "It is also the first time that we have taken an AIDS public policy initiative to the floor of the Assembly against great odds and won."

"Throughout the history of the AIDS epidemic, we have had to battle the insurance industry to gain coverage for people with HIV who need medical care and the industry's tradition of excluding people with pre-existing health conditions has been the biggest and cruelest barrier."

"With the Assembly's support of our amendment which is consistent with the Senate position, the Legislature has endorsed a crucial state policy change that begins to break down this barrier by requiring the insurance industry to open enrollment in all insurance plans at least every two years," Nelson explained. "It's an important step forward and truly a rare success in the face of Wisconsin's giant insurance industry," he said.

Nelson reported that ARCW public policy coordinator Mike Gifford made more than 65 lobby visits at the State Capitol during the week prior to the Assembly vote. While support for the amendment came from Republicans and Democrats, Nelson signaled out praise for State Rep. Peter Bock (D-Milwaukee) for his floor leadership.

Other key supporters included State
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Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade Canceled to Keep Gays Out

[Boston, MA]- If the Massachusetts State Supreme Judicial Court thought it had the last word when it ruled that Gays and Lesbians must be allowed to march in the South Boston St. Patrick's Day parade, it was wrong. The parade's organizers have announced that the parade has been canceled.

"We are overruling the Court's decision," said John "Wacko" Hurley, president of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council. "They're not going to shove something down our face that's not our traditional values."

"We're disappointed, but we're glad they stuck to their guns," said "Sis" Joyce, a South Boston resident. "We certainly don't need Gays in our parade. It's a family."

A last minute request to Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter on March 16th by the parade sponsors to bar Gay marchers from the parade was denied.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino

Cities Must Re-assess When To Issue Water Advisories

[Milwaukee]- "More people died from Milwaukee's water crisis last year than died in this year's Los Angeles earthquake," Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) told a medical group in an address on March 15.

Nearing the anniversary of Milwaukee's cryptosporidium crisis, Nelson has urged the city to establish water quality policies and protocols that specifically address people with HIV and AIDS and other immune compromised conditions.

Nelson said that the city should establish standards for water advisories that are different for the immune-compromised and the immune-healthy populations.

"The risk of contaminated water, the health impact of infectious dosages of contaminated water and the protections to avoid illness and death are all different for these distinct populations," Nelson explained.

"There is scientific reason to the premise that people who are severely

expressed disappointment at the cancellation of the 92-year-old parade. He said that the city will sponsor the parade next year and will include the Irish-American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexuals of Boston.

In San Francisco

Meanwhile, Gay and Lesbian marchers made their debut in Frisco's 142nd annual St. Paddy's day parade.

"We wouldn't be consistent with our stand on no political or religious discrimination in Northern Ireland if they were kept out," said Joe O'Donoghue, the parade chairman.

The only glitch in the parade came not from Gays, but from the fact that the parade's four Grand Marshals were all in jail. They had escaped from Northern Ireland's Maze Prison and were captured in California. They are awaiting extradition.

immune-compromised are susceptible to lower infectious dosages of contaminated water than those who are immune-healthy," Nelson said.

"It's also reasonable, therefore, for different water advisory standards to be promulgated," Nelson said.

Nelson said there is public health precedent for such a dual approach to water advisories, citing the air quality advisories that are regularly made for people with chronic lung disease when air pollution is acute.

"The most important purpose of water advisories is to provide the public with full disclosure of risk information so that everyone can make their own decision about self-protection," Nelson said.

"The city now has the ability to constantly monitor water turbidity and particle counts and make an immediate decision on issuing a water advisory. The standards used to issue such an advisory must eliminate all risk of illness for people with AIDS and severely compromised immune systems," Nelson

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[Madison]- The entire Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community of Wisconsin is uniting to create a statewide network. This "congress" of organizations is expected to be a powerful political force in the next few years.

"We are becoming extremely organized," said Dale Johnson, President of the Board of The United and an AIDS activist. "Bigots and hate mongers will no longer be able to attack any member of our community without a swift response from the Gay and Lesbian community. An attack on one of us is an attack on all of us."

There is a Gay rights agenda," said Karl Hoagland of the Human Rights League. "We want equal, not special, protection under the law. We want our basic civil rights. We want to live without fear of violence. We want to be able to marry and raise families. We want to pursue our personal dreams and goals. We want the same opportunities that others take for granted."

The statewide network has been the brainchild of State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). "We need to be unified to confront the assaults on our community," she said. "When I introduce Domestic Partnership legislation and same-sex marriage legislation, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual and supportive communities will be organized to lobby their representatives, talk to the media, and inform the public."

The statewide network is still in formation with nearly 100 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual and ally organizations becoming involved, including:

The Wisconsin Light, In Step Magazine, the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Campus Center, Lizards (Lesbians 35 plus years in age), Northern Women, the Democratic Party, GALVANize, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), the National Organization for Women (NOW), Briarpatch, Bi? Shy? Why?, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Center for Public Representation, People Living With AIDS Coalition, the ACLU, Gay/Lesbian Ethnic Minority Association, Lesbian Parents Network, Log Cabin (G/L Republicans), The United, the Madison AIDS Support Network, Dykes Disabilities and Stuff, the UW System Gay and Lesbian Task Force, PICADA, Human Rights Wisconsin, the 10 Percent Society, Frontiers, Men of All Colors Together, Human Rights Campaign Fund, International Network of Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials, and dozens of Lesbian/Gay businesses.

"This will be an extremely powerful and influential organization," said Alice Reynolds, member of the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "It will be a leader in the Federal Advocacy Network (of HRCF) that is creating a national superstructure of Gay and Lesbian organizations."

"The strategy of the religious right has been to launch many attacks against our community that leave us burned out and divided," said Jane Vanderbosh, Director of The United. "With the statewide network, we will develop our own sophisticated, cohesive strategy for attaining the basic civil rights of Lesbians and Gay people. We will no longer spend all our time reacting to attacks, now we are taking a pro-active approach."

"The statewide network will be monitoring and working with all types of legislation locally, statewide and nationally that affects the Lesbian and Gay community," said Judi Trampf, WisTec Director at the State Independent Living Centers.

"Homophobic bigot and the religious right should be very concerned," said Kevin Baird, Co-chair of Human Rights Wisconsin. "It is time for the discrimination and hatred to end. This statewide network will make change happen."

The next meeting of the statewide network will be Saturday, March 19 at noon in the North Hearing Room of the State Capitol. For more information, please call Rep. Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Former 'Bewitched' Star Near Death

[Los Angeles]- Former *Bewitched* star, Dick Sargent, who was diagnosed with prostate cancer 4 1/2 years ago, says the disease has spread and he's close to death. Sargent, who is openly Gay, says he does not have AIDS. "I am HIV-negative. But if I did, I would wear that badge as proudly as everybody else who has it," he said. Last April, Sargent rode in the March On Washington and was given an enthusiastic reception by the crowds.

Roseanne and Carol Exchange Kiss

[Los Angeles]- Roseanne Arnold and Carol Burnett cooked up their raucous People's Choice Awards smooch to deflate the controversy over a Gay bar kiss on *Roseanne*, a spokesman said.

Burnett presented the People's Choice Award for favorite female TV performer to Arnold. Arnold came up on stage and grabbed Burnett in a prolonged embrace and kiss.

Burnett "definitely was not taken by surprise. It was her idea," said Tom Nedderman, a spokesman for the comedian.

Idaho Initiative Too Close To Call

[Boise, ID]- A new poll suggests that the proposed anti-Gay initiative in Idaho may be too close to call. The random telephone survey of 807 Idaho voters conducted February 25-28 found that 48 percent said they would vote against an initiative that would deny civil rights to Lesbians and Gays. Another 36 percent said they would vote for the measure and 16 percent were undecided.

Gay leaders, however are cautious. A similar margin existed in Colorado before the vote on Amendment 2 and it passed.

Barry Goldwater's Grandson Speaks About His HIV Infection

[Phoenix, AZ]- Barry Goldwater's grandson, Ty Ross, 31, appeared in *POZ*, a new national magazine for people infected with HIV. Ross, a resident of Scottsdale, AZ, appeared in the nude and talked frankly about his HIV status.

POZ editor Richard Perez-Feria, said, "Mr. Ross is an extremely attractive man, and that's not a contradiction for AIDS."

Ross, who came out as a Gay man at 17, said that his grandmother had told Goldwater about his diagnosis and that he was treated with sympathy.

Gays Celebrate Mardi Gras in Sydney

[Sydney, Australia]- The Annual Gay/Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade in Sydney, Australia, attracted a record crowd of an estimated 500,000 spectators. The parade caps a month-long series of Gay Mardi Gras events, which organizers say brings \$28.4 million into Sydney. The Parade is held as a protest against the oppression of Gays and Lesbians.

As always the Parade poked fun at conservatives and Christian Fundamentalists. The latter, in Australia, are known as "Wowsers" (We Only Want Social Evils Remedied). The king of Australian Wowsers is the Rev. Fred Nile, lampooned this year by 15 marchers masquerading as him accompanied by men in nuns' habits.

Rep. Gunderson Speaks to Gay Group

[Baltimore]- Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) told an audience at the annual dinner of the Human Rights Campaign Fund that Gays should reach out to middle America if they want more political support.

"Those who advocate tolerance and respect for diversity must first be willing to practice it themselves," Gunderson said, adding that Lesbians and Gays need to better understand middle America's perspective on civil rights issues.

Library Battle Launches Career

[Springfield, VA]- Karen Jo Gounaud is being called "the new darling of the Religious Right" by Washington papers because of her leadership in the battle to get the *Washington Blade* removed from Fairfax County libraries. Gounaud, 46, began her fight 14 months ago by organizing Christian activists in her area for a "crusade" against Gay people. She was successful in having the *Blade* given restricted access and having the libraries buy dozens of anti-Gay books. Her success has led leaders of the Religious Right from all over the area to seek her advice on how to wage their own war against Gays.

"I'm getting my community and my God to use me," said Gounaud. "We're fighting evil." She added, "Homosexuals are a definite no-no."

Researcher Pledges to Prevent Gay Gene From Being Misused

[San Francisco]- A researcher who has found a genetic pattern that predisposes toward homosexuality has said he will do all in his power to prevent that discovery from being misused. "There will never be a test to tell if someone is Gay," pledged Dr. Dean Hamer, a National Cancer Institute Researcher. He said he would act through patent rights to block commercialization of any test that would detect the presence of the gene.

Hamer and his research team isolated a pattern on the X chromosome that was linked to homosexuality in a study of 40 pairs of Gay brothers. A male with that gene marker has a 50 percent chance of being Gay.

Oregon Rights Bill Buried in Senate

[Olympia, WA]- Legislation to protect Gays and Lesbians under the state's anti-discrimination laws has died in the State Senate, leaving supporters bitterly disappointed and anti-Gay forces buoyed. Backers, including Gov. Mike Lowry and Rep. Cal Anderson, the state's only openly Gay legislator, worked feverishly to try and pick up the last two votes they needed, but it was not to be.

The 5:00 p.m. deadline for consideration passed and the bill died in the Rules Committee. Leaders had sidelined it there while sponsors tried to find the 25 votes needed for passage. It was the third defeat in the Senate in as many years. The bill has been introduced in the House for the past 17 years.

Anderson blamed a last minute letter from the state's Roman Catholic bishops that condemned the measure.

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.



Jerry Johnson

WELCOME!— Rob Bruckner, the new owner of Milwaukee's Triangle bar and Jeff Butler were enjoying themselves at the Triangle one recent evening. The bars name will not change, Rob says, but he plans numerous improvements inside the building.

Justice Dept. Sued; Postpones Mediation at Camp Sister Spirit

[Washington, D.C.]- U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno has announced that the Justice Department will postpone a mediation session in Overt, Mississippi because opponents of Camp Sister Spirit, founded by Brenda and Wanda Henson, have filed suit against the Department.

On Monday, March 7, John Allen and James Hendry filed suit asking the court to order Reno to stop her agency's attempts to mediate the dispute between Camp Sister Spirit and Overt. They are also seeking damages of at least \$50,000 apiece.

Hendry is head of the Mississippi for Family Values (MFV), a group of Overt-area residents opposed to Camp Sister Spirit. Allen is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richton, Mississippi.

Mediators have met with some camp residents and opponents, but there have been no joint meetings.

More Shots Fired

Meanwhile, on Saturday, March 5, MFV held a rally near the camp to raise money for the suit and for the planned legal battle that would cause the camp to close.

A TV crew from WHLT-TV in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, reported "about five shots" were fired at Camp Sister Spirit from a white station wagon

driving by. No one was injured. The shots were apparently fired into the air.

On March 5, U.S. Rep. Mike Parker (D-MS) sent Reno a letter demanding that she apologize to Overt and Mississippi for writing to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force that "The intolerance and bigotry demonstrated by some people in Overt has no place in this country." Parker's demand was in response to a letter from MFV's Hendry.

"I especially didn't appreciate her (Reno) saying the people of Overt had intolerance and bigotry."

A spokesman for Parker said that the Congressman had gotten no reply from Reno. He added that Parker "wants that camp moved because they (the Hensons) are Lesbians."

On March 8, Reps. Barney Frank (D-MA) and Gerry Studds (D-MA) met with the Hensons in Washington. Afterwards, both Congressmen gave their public support to the Hensons.

"I think people have a right to say what they want, including if they don't want the Hensons there. But they don't have a right to physically interfere with where another person wants to live," said Frank.

As of now, the Hensons have 20 women in residence at Camp Sister Spirit helping to rebuild the farm.

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- ⑦ Massage ⑧ Acupuncture ⑨ Risk Reduction
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For more information on PATH, call the Milwaukee AIDS Project at 414.273.1991. **Positive Approaches To Health is a collaborative program of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and STD Specialties Clinic.**

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ALSO WANTED: vocalists, instrumentalists, conversationalists, anyone. Anyone who wants to be part of a diverse, thriving community of faith. **Plymouth United Church of Christ** is an open and affirming congregation which welcomes all people, including gays, lesbians and bisexuals as an integral part of their faith community. If you're looking for a spiritual home, come to Plymouth at 2717 East Hampshire Ave. Sunday services begin at 9:30 a.m. and are followed by a time of fellowship and coffee.

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MEN AT WORK

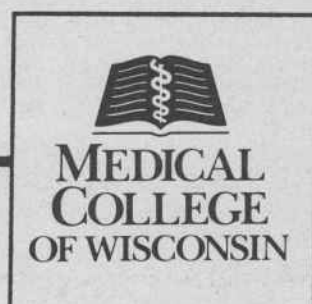
- The Gay community has taken a leading role in AIDS prevention efforts. Yet, even men who know a lot about AIDS often need support to keep up their change efforts, and want to learn even better ways to stay safe and help others stay healthy. That's why the Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin created **MEN AT WORK**.
- We're inviting 600 men to attend one-day workshops where groups of guys will work together to:
 - Learn up-to-date information on ways to protect yourself from AIDS/HIV
 - Develop ways to put safer sex knowledge into practice
 - Learn how to stay safe all the time, not just some of the time
 - Have relationships that are both good and safe
 - Contribute to research that will improve the effectiveness of AIDS prevention efforts
 - And do all this in a warm, friendly atmosphere

Earn While You Learn...

Because **MEN AT WORK** is a study evaluating the best new approaches for maintaining healthy behavior, each participant will receive \$40 for completing evaluation questionnaires at the one-day workshop, as well as other payments for attending follow-up meetings or completing later questionnaires. You will also be helping in research on AIDS prevention and, in doing so, helping others. We've taken careful steps to protect the confidentiality of all participants including use of code numbers rather than names on questionnaires.

Interested in Learning More?

If you're a gay or bisexual man over 18, call us weekdays from 9:00 to 5:00 at 287-4680 for more information and your invitation to participate. Ask for **MEN AT WORK**.



**Community Health Behavior Program
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EDITORIAL

Godre, McCormick, Steinberg, Pocan Deserves Madison Voter's Support

The Dane County elections to be held Tuesday, April 5, give us an opportunity to vote for four fine candidates, each one highly qualified, each one on the front lines in the fight for human rights.

Cathreen Godre is running for the Dane County Board of Supervisors from the 6th District. Godre has long been an advocate for the needs of children, adolescents and family issues. She has also been a staunch activist in the cause of the rights we all seek. Her knowledge of County government is extensive. Her energy is monumental. **Wisconsin Light** strongly urges that the community support her. She will be a fitting successor to Dick Wagner.

Scott McCormick is a star on the rise, one of our young political movers. Scott earned his stripes in a closely fought battle for a seat in the State Assembly and now seeks Tammy Baldwin's old seat on the Dane County Board.

Scott, an undergrad at UW-Madison, has shown a strong and extensive knowledge of human services, the environment and safety concerns. He has also been strong in the area of civil rights. We do not hesitate to say that Scott McCormick will be a fitting successor to Tammy Baldwin.

Peter Steinberg, a strong ally of our community, is seeking a seat on Dane County's 8th District Court. Steinberg, currently working at the Alternative Law Office on King Street, has a long history of battling the status quo. (See interview this issue).

Can you really imagine Patrick Fiedler as a judge?

We heartily endorse Peter Steinberg.

Mark Pocan is seeking re-election to the Dane County Board. Pocan, a small business owner and long-time activist in the cause of our community's rights, is clearly a leader to be proud of. For example, he has been responsible for raising some \$75,000 for AIDS services and research in Dane County. Mark Pocan has our unqualified endorsement.

But now one final word. These are four fine candidates, the best. These are people our community can and should support without reservation. In this day, when human rights are under assault from the forces that do not understand what America is all about, these four can take their places along side Tammy Baldwin, Shelley Gaylord, Dick Wagner, David Clarenbach and others who have made Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin and their world a better place.

Please, whatever you do, vote on April 5. Vote for **Cathreen Godre, Scott McCormick, Peter Steinberg and Mark Pocan**. Vote as if our rights depended on it, because they do.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Critics of Gay Studies Program Under Illusion of Mis-Information

By Terry Boughner

The proposal to inaugurate a Gay/Lesbians Studies Certificate Program at UW-M, has brought forth an explosion of comment that has been mind-boggling to say the least.

State Rep. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine) has labored and brought forth a letter condemning the program. The letter, unparalleled in its lack of awareness of the purpose and functioning of academic institutions, is, as I read it, a sly little epistle that shows her prejudices like a dirty slip.

Unfortunately, Ladwig and others like her, seem to be under the illusion that being Gay or Lesbian is a sexual activity, and that's all that it is.

For example, back in January, Ladwig in, I guess, an attempt to sound liberal, said she didn't "care what people do in their bedrooms." This is very noble of the State Representative, but it doesn't wash. What she does is relegate people to the status of one-dimensional beings, whose relationships and they themselves are to be defined by nothing but sex.

Ladwig might pause and think that if human beings are to be defined by sex and if sex is the only thing she's got going in her relationship with her husband, the marriage is in trouble. They'd better get counseling or get a divorce. The same thing would be true for any other couple, Gay or straight.

By taking that position, Ladwig assumes, as does the Religious Right, that sexual activity creates sexuality. The logic of this is that if the activity is discouraged or if it can be stopped by enough negative reinforcement (guilt, for example), you can put an end to someone's being Lesbian or Gay.

This is the basis of the "ex-homosexual ministries." The error in their thinking comes in the belief that the exterior activity causes or always reflects interior reality. It doesn't, not by a long shot. Any teacher or parent should know that.

A Gay person may have sex with a member of the opposite gender, but that doesn't make them an 'ex-Gay.' All they are is a Gay person acting like a heterosexual. The same would be true the other way around.

To put it another way, no amount of practice on the piano is going to make me anything more than a piano player. I will never be a pianist. That isn't in me.

What Ladwig and others choose to ignore is that while Gayness has its sexual component, it is more, far more than that. Gay people find deep within themselves a reality that sex doesn't cause but can express. That reality is love about which the Religious Right says nothing at all.

Gay people meet, we fall in love. It's overwhelmingly beautiful. You didn't

choose to do it, but there it is, like a rose window glowing in the dawn.

If it's real, it's honest, committed and, I believe, monogamous. It is a spiritual force that demands many forms of expression, one of which is sex. To me, sex then becomes a symbol, a necessary symbol, a wonderfully powerful, exterior symbol of a burning interior, sacred reality called love.

It is love that makes life worth living and allows two people to know that they can be more together than they can ever be apart. It is sex which helps to express this bond to each other and to themselves and helps to make them one.

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LETTERS

Courage Needed

TO THE EDITOR:

I question the community who reads this paper. "Where is your outrage?" "Where is your voice?"

We have enslaved ourselves to our Gayness. We have restricted ourselves with our orientation and have set parameters to our activism.

I refuse to go through life as just an orientation, or a sex, or a color, or an ethnic group anymore than I care to identify myself as just someone who has green eyes.

I don't ask anyone to disregard the struggle for the recognition of our rights as human beings. I ask that we all remember the struggle for the globe that envelops us all and that we make an effort not to confine ourselves to the issues that include the words "Gay" or "Lesbian."

I am outraged at our inability to help the starving at home and abroad. I am outraged at our inability to house our brothers and sisters.

I am outraged that the city I call home is one of the most segregated cities in the country.

I am outraged that we continue to destroy the planet with abandon. I am outraged that the nation subsidizes the tobacco industry that helps people kill themselves by the tens of thousands every year.

I am outraged that we are so rich in America and so many nations are so poor.

I am outraged that the stars are still so far away while human beings are still paying for a thousand armored infantry and mechanized divisions and a hundred thousand combat aircraft and yet begrudge a space station that will help us travel into the future.

I am outraged that our media foster and project the ugliest and dirtiest aspects of humankind to the detriment of humankind's wondrous qualities.

I am outraged at so much as we all should be.

We can have a better world for ourselves and for everyone, but we must demand it of our leadership. We must compel our leaders to follow us. We must not be lured into submitting to those we elected as servants.

The world is more than homosexual and heterosexual. If we could all see the cloud-fringed blueness from the point of view of the moon, perhaps we could better understand how petty and selfish we sometimes are.

— Richard L. Mence
Milwaukee

Support Steinberg

To The Editor:

Dane County voters should not lose sight of the fact that there is a crucial judicial race to be decided on April 5. Peter L. Steinberg is seeking to unseat Patrick Fiedler, who was appointed to the bench by Governor Thompson. Peter Steinberg deserves the support of all progressives.

Voters should ask Patrick Fiedler, who has successfully courted conservative Republican power brokers, meaningful questions about his judicial philosophy when it comes to dealing with offenders.

Before his appointment to the bench, he was the head of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections. He was responsible for policies that made it harder for HIV-infected prisoners to receive adequate medical treatment, made it harder for all prisoners to receive AODA prevention and treatment, and imposed harsh discipline on prisoners who spoke out against abuses by guards and generally deplorable prison conditions.

In the four fiscal years between 1991-92 and 1994-95, the budget for drug testing has remained steady at \$38,900 per year, the amount budgeted for the mother-young child care program has decreased, and only a modest increase (\$246,000) has been budgeted for correctional officer training.

In these same fiscal years, the tax-supported budget for the DOC has risen from nearly \$237 million to almost \$309 million. Keep in mind that the prisoner population — especially the female prisoner population — has skyrocketed during these years and that it is widely agreed that an overwhelming number of inmates have untreated AODA problems.

On April 5, cast your vote for a judge who will not allow justice in the Dane County courts to reflect a conservative political agenda: Peter L. Steinberg.

— Kim Karcher
Madison

Associated Press

TO THE EDITOR:

Your decision to subscribe to the Associated Press news service was a good one and a bargain at the price. In the years you've been in business, you've carved out a niche for yourself in covering the "Gay angle" that AP can only enhance. But don't become addicted to it. Use it simply as another "arrow in your quiver." As such, it is a great additional source of information as I have reason to know. No paper can or should run on only one source of information. That includes the reporters that you hire.

Please don't use my name if you print this. It can get pretty homophobic around here.

— Name and city withheld on request

TO THE EDITOR:

It's good to hear you'll be getting Associated Press news. I've been surprised at the number of Gay-related stories I've found on the very limited free AP computer service I see.

I wish you and other Gay editors would rethink the idea of editing out "insensitive" AP language, however. I'd rather see it and then see a thousand letters to AP complaining about it. (And, of course, you could, especially if people complain to you, tell readers where to send their complaints.)

— Al Gegersbach
Milwaukee

TO THE EDITOR:

Congratulations on going on the AP "wire." I imagine it was expensive, but it will add a new depth to **Light's** news coverage. From what I read in the last issue, it's done that already. I think it was a good move.

It's only a shame that the Lesbian and Gay papers and publications in the country can't have an AP of their own. I guess that's too much to expect.

Anyway, who cares where the news comes from as long as it's accurate. Besides, you don't have to rely on AP for everything — and you don't.

— Marsha Brink
Madison

Ignorance Personified

Dear Fagots, Dikes, Sodomites, Lissbians, and Queer Bates:

Their is no excuse for you. Your all sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick, sick. Gays are barf-inducing because you know what they do in private. Sex organs are not very sanitarially clean. Regardless of a man's ability as an artist, dress designer or choreographer the bottom line is that he enjoys (a long, explicit and obviously well-researched description of Gay male sex). I'm sure that lesbians engage in similar disgusting acts (no description: they still can't figure out what Lesbians do in bed!).

Who is Barry Goldwater compared to God? Check the following versus of scripture: Genises, Romens, Leviticals and Profits. God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. The Bible makes it clear that Jesus preferred straight men. That is why God sent you Aides. In our day Aides were helpers in the principles office.

The homophiles are nothing short of a hatred-spreading group that has joined forces with the KKK, and the brown shirts and the anti-semetics. Homos have no right to teach in our public schools. You just want to pray on our children and lead them a stray. There isn't a homosexual alive who fought and died for his country like we did.

My wife is not a lesbian and neither is my son. I've never had sex with a man and neither has my wife. I hope that your campaigning for homosexuals is due to your being unknowable rather than you thinking the things they do are just "sexual preference." Keep your sexual perversions to yourself and I'll keep my sexual

perversions to myself.

I also challenge the word "homophobic" as fear of hobosexuals. I'm not homophobic I just hate queers. And now you have homophobia to wave around just like the jews have anti-semetic. So lets get rid of the word homophobia: how about "Homo-Blyicccch" (gag, choke, vomit)? Sure, you can call me homophobic if you like but I know what's right and what's wrong. When all you pervers are in hell it will be a much better place.

I am curious about how you got our name. I suppose that's a secret you'll keep buried in your bosom. I do not encourage anyone likely to place me on a mailing list to get more such weird offers. I demand that you remove my name from your roster!

— Satan
Hell Fire Lane

Editor's Note: The above was taken from the Winter issue of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund newsletter. It is made up of snippets of letters, "the best of the Beavises and Buttheads of the biblically impaired." All spelling errors are in the original.

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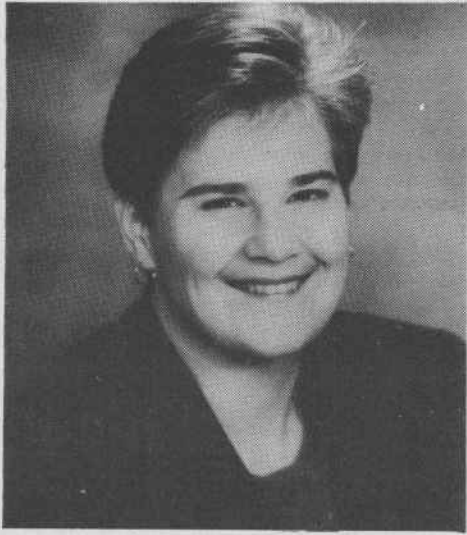
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Godre Running Volunteer, Grass-Roots Campaign; \$1,305 Raised

[Madison]- "I am very concerned about the public misinformation about my campaign," said Cathreen Godre. "I do not have thousands and thousands of dollars to run my campaign. I do not have a paid staff person. I question where these rumors are coming from."

The Godre campaign has, to date, raised \$1,305 for the general election. "We are running a grass roots campaign with many volunteers," said Godre. "Our average pre-primary contribution was \$35. We are having the same grass-roots effort for the general election."



CATHREEN GODRE

"Hotly contested races traditionally spur contributions," said Dane County Supervisor Dick Wagner (6th District). "She has had to overcome name recognition and a very tough primary."

"We need more money to get the word out," said Dale Johnson, campaign treasurer. "We spend almost all of our money on printing materials like position papers. We are the first campaign to offer substantial information about issues. We want the public to judge her on how well prepared she is to serve the 6th

District."

"I have been extremely impressed with Cathreen," said Joy Newmann, a 6th District resident and Associate Professor of Social Work at UW-Madison. "She is very much aware of the issues affecting young children and adolescents, family issues, poverty and violence. She is working for creative ways to, for example, avoid out-of-home placements, which is costly for the community and does not address the real problems that undermine the quality of family life. It is unusual to find a politician who is thinking about the mental health needs of children and adolescents at this level of complexity."

"We invited Cathreen to our home to talk with our neighbors," said Eloise McAllister, a 6th District resident. "She listened to our concerns and collected small contributions from people who were impressed with her knowledge and desire to listen."

"Cathreen has been given a singular identity in the media as a 'Lesbian activist,'" said Margaret McMurray, President of Wisconsin NOW. "She has put out more material that demonstrates her extensive knowledge of county government, to overcome being labeled a single-issue candidate."

"What it comes down to is which one of us is more willing to listen to the people of the 6th District, represent their interests and build coalitions on the County Board," said Godre.

"The 6th District need coalition-building on the County Board," said Becky Steinhoff, a 6th District resident and Director of the Atwood Community Center. "Given the polarized nature of the County Board, we need Cathreen Godre."

"I believe that I can be very effective on the Dane County Board. I will never lie to the voters of this district or the press about my campaign or my opponent. I am running a grass-roots campaign. I implore my opponent to do the same," Godre said.

Alternative Connection's Breaks New Ground with Journal Ads

[Milwaukee]- Alternative Connections, Inc., a Gay and Lesbian dating service, has become the first openly Gay business serving Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual clients to advertise in *The Milwaukee Journal* and *The Milwaukee Sentinel* Wisconsin's largest mainstream daily newspapers.

According to Alternative Connections owner, Steve Petullo, "By advertising in mainstream publications like the *Journal* and the *Sentinel*, we are reaching people who haven't heard of us and are hopefully paving the way for other Gay and Lesbian businesses to advertise in the mainstream press."

The ads, appearing in the Personal

Possibilities section of the papers are part of a year-long series planned and conceived by the locally owned and operated advertising firm, Wells Ink.

William Atwell, owner of Wells Ink, stated the acceptance of the ad may mark a subtle shift in the policy of large daily papers.

Atwell explained the impact of the ads by stating, "It's my understanding *The Journal/Sentinel* will review future Gay and Lesbian advertising requests on a case by case basis. I'm pleased to finally see the *Journal* implement an advertising policy that more closely resembles their editorial policy towards Gays and Lesbians."

Chicago Transplant Finds Being A MAP Volunteer Very Rewarding

Commentary by Ted Berg

My job recently moved me from Chicago to Milwaukee. I had never visited Milwaukee in my life. I knew it was north of Chicago. My company gave me two months to complete my ninety mile odyssey.

In planning my move, the first thing I got was a map of Milwaukee. I found the direction I would go on paper before driving up. I've always believed in volunteerism, so I went to Bonaventure AIDS Hospice to direct me to an agency that I could donate time. They told me to go to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. I paced my map and proceeded to volunteer at MAP.

My first encounter with MAP was a joy and a bit of a surprise. I called two days after I moved and was in an orientation session in less than a week volunteering at the Thursday Night Social that same week. There was no delayed gratification there.

Laura, who supervises the Thursday volunteers, makes stuffing mailings, counting condoms for the bars, putting together safer sex kits, pinning- repinning and pinning again, red ribbons to raise funds and even wrapping Christmas gifts fun.

Being a part of that group, we all professed ten thumbs and no craft abilities. Yes, I broke a stereo tape. I'm Gay and have little arts and crafts ability.

The bigots will have to report me to G.A.F. (Grand Association of Fairies), located at 22 Frills and Lace Lane, Gaysburg, Illinois.

I'm basically a shy person. All right! After my friends stop laughing, I'm shy, but if I feel comfortable or put on clown make-up (I'm a clown named 'T-Burger, Son of Ham), God help you. In January, I was interviewed by Chris. He made me feel very comfortable. I was impressed by MAP and his professionalism. We scheduled follow-up classes.

On February 19, I attended Sensitivity Training. I've been through many classes since college in '73. The trainers (Geni, Kari and Maggy) were able to bring out things that others didn't accomplish. Their chemistry was a catalyst for expanding our knowledge of AIDS and all it entails. The real heroes of the day were the client panel and their candidness helped our learning processes.

When I moved, my friends gave me good advice to consult a Milwaukee map. If you are starting your journey of volunteerism, please consult Milwaukee's special MAP.

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Superior Junior High School Play Educates Students About AIDS

Superior, WI — AP It was like putting a puzzle together.

The parts included communication, AIDS, peer pressure, life choices and problems.

But Superior, Wisconsin East Junior High students meshed their thoughts with those of teacher Gary Banker's and wrote *Opening Doors*. It's a play that attempts to educate the public about AIDS and, at the same time, hammer home the importance of communication between children and their parents.

That is quite a task for junior high students.

"We're a mature group and we knew how to handle it," said Len Hackensmith, a ninth-grader. "I was happy to see a good message get across to young kids before they get here (junior high)."

The students, under the guidance of Banker and fellow East teacher Daniel Kelly, will start showcasing their work in early April to elementary and junior high schools around Superior.

"We're also planning on showing it to adults," Banker said. "I think our younger audiences will understand it because it focuses on how important family communication is."

Cast member Janelle Butterworth was skeptical of the final product because it contained a scene discussing safe sex, which goes against her values.

"I don't believe in sex before marriage," the 14-year-old said. "But I got over it because I realized it was just acting."

Kelly, a sex education teacher, felt it was an important issue to bring up. "Obviously we want to stress abstinence," Kelly said. "But these are choices that kids are facing today."

Kelly said students have to look at the consequences if they choose to have sex. Teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases among teens are at all-time highs, he said.

And despite the growth of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, some people still don't take the hazards seriously, Banker said.

On Friday, March 4, 1994, the Wisconsin State Department of Health

and Social Service reported that 37 people were diagnosed with the AIDS virus in February. That brought the total number of confirmed cases in Wisconsin to 2,278 over the past 12 years.

Fifteen people died of AIDS in February in Wisconsin, bringing the death total to 1,240 since 1982.

A year ago, in March, there were 1,766 confirmed cases of the disease and 912 deaths.

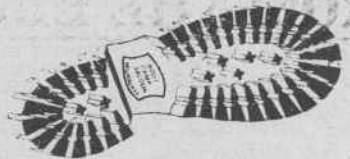
"One of the students wrote in the play that, 'All we have are statistics,'" he said. "Until the statistics become a real person a face they can relate to — the impact will not be as great."

Which is why teachers are educating their students on sex education at an earlier age nowadays, and why *Opening Doors* was written.

Early in the play, cast members portray a scene from the TV's *Leave it to Beaver*. "Beaver" comes home from school. Instead of being greeted by his mother and a plate of her freshly baked cookies, he finds a note:

"Have to work tonight. Wally's gone to Bolton for a game. Your father had to bring your stepmother to the doctor. Your supper is in the freezer. You can (microwave) it. Love, Mom."

That is quite a change from the original show. *Opening Doors* examines not only how families have changed, but how their problems have changed, Hackensmith said.



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Judge Candidate Steinberg Strongly Supports Equal Rights for Everyone

By Terry Boughner

Peter Steinberg is running for judge in Dane County's 8th District Court. His opponent, Patrick Fiedler is a political appointee to the bench, a man who, as head of the state Department of Corrections, did little or nothing when it came to AIDS among the prison population.

Steinberg is a veteran attorney of civil rights battles going back to 1977 when he worked for the Wisconsin Indian Legal Services. Fiedler has courted all the most conservative elements in the Republican Party.

I met Peter Steinberg in his office at the Alternative Law Center in Madison. He is a young man with that strikingly intense look about him that practical idealists seem to have.

He talks quickly and easily about his background, his work, beginning in 1985, in Cambridge, Massachusetts where he served at the Equal Justice Institute. He returned to Madison in 1988 and though he lives on the near west side, he still maintains many friends in the Williamson Street area.

Steinberg says that he "always expected to run for judicial office. I didn't think I'd be doing it so soon." What impelled him to run now was that he "saw that my opponent's qualifications were not as broad as mine. I realized that I'd been practicing law longer than he has, in more areas of law, in more geographical locations."

He notes with becoming modesty that he has appeared in 1988, before the U.S. Supreme Court (*Schmuck v. the United States*). "I felt I was better qualified to be a judge in the community in which I grew up, which I consider my home."

Asked about Rep. Tammy Baldwin's projected Domestic Partnership legislation, Steinberg said, "I think it's high time that there was a legal mechanism for recognizing families, whatever form they happen to take." He agrees with Rep. Baldwin makes is that you define a family by stability and by how well it handles the traditional duties and concepts of family, providing nurture and support.

"As far as I can see, there isn't any public policy reason that could be advanced against recognizing domestic partnership and for same-sex marriage. People are adults. They should be treated as adults, not children."



PETER STEINBERG

"Everybody should be treated with dignity and respect," Steinberg says firmly, adding that this is how he would conduct himself on the bench. "Judges have an obligation to treat everyone with respect who comes before them."

On his own impulse he says, "I have friends who I love who are Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual. I feel very strongly about discrimination and I would go to almost any lengths to protect my friends." He adds, his deep eyes solemn, yet blazing, "I would get into fist fights for them. I cannot imagine not defending my friends if they are attacked or insulted." He concluded saying, "I am proud to have my name and picture in your paper."

"The choice in this election," he says, "is between a candidate (myself) who was born and raised in this community, who shares its values and who will well-represent what this community wants to see on the bench; thoughtful, considerate and careful application of equal justice to all."

Peter Steinberg has been endorsed by many, including Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Earl Bricker, David Clarenbach, Sen. Russ Feingold, Cathreen Godre, Richardo Gonzalez, Heidi M. Nass, Sup. Mark Pocan and *Wisconsin Light*, among others.

UW-Parkside Gays Plan Annual Out and About Week April 4-8

[Kenosha, WI]- GLO, the UW-Parkside Gay and Lesbian Organization, is having its annual Out and About Week April 4-8. The entire community is invited to attend. Parkside is located just 20 minutes south of Milwaukee. Take I-94 south to Hwy E, then Hwy E east to Wood Road, then Wood Road north to the university (900 Wood Rd.). Some of the activities planned include:

Monday, April 4: Brown bag luncheon: Discussion with professors on how they handle issues dealing with homosexuality in the classroom. Event to be held in the Teaching Center lounge at noon.

Speaker: Jamakaya, a local news columnist, will lead a discussion on the portrayal of Gays in the media. This free event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Union 104. Reception will follow.

Tuesday, April 5: Marketplace: AfterWords bookstore will be selling various Gay and Lesbian items in the Alcove next to the Women's Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Movie: *Torch Song Trilogy* The movie will be playing in the Union Cinema at 7:00 p.m. The event is free for students, \$1 for non-students.

Wednesday, April 6: Speaker: State Rep. Tammy Baldwin will be speaking on various Gay/Lesbian issues, including the new Domestic Partnership laws being proposed. This event will begin at noon in Union 207.

Movie: *The Wedding Banquet*: The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free to students, \$1 for non-students.

Thursday, April 7: Movie: *Torch Song Trilogy* will again play in the Union

Cinema beginning at 7:00 p.m. and is free to students, \$1 for non-students.

Friday, April 8: Movie: *The Wedding Banquet* will be playing beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Cinema and is free for students, \$1 for non-students.

Social gathering/dance. Unwind after the movie Friday night in the Union Square from 9:00 to midnight. This non-alcoholic event is free and open to the community.

Grant Awarded To Help Fight Racism

[Sommerville, MA]- The RESIST Foundation of Somerville, Massachusetts is pleased to announce that they have awarded the Milwaukee chapter of Men of All Colors Together (MACT) an \$800 grant. The grant is for the development of an anti-racism brochure specifically written for the Milwaukee Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities.

Veral Adair and Brenda Coley will be coordinating the development of the brochure. The Milwaukee Women's Center, Inc., is serving as the fiscal sponsor for this grant. The brochure is targeted for completion by the Summer of 1994.

If you have any input for the brochure, please contact MACT, P.O. Box 12292, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Openly Gay Wins Chicago Primary

[Washington, D.C.]- Victory Fund recommended candidate Tom Chiola won an overwhelming victory over four candidates in the March 15 Democratic Primary for the Cook County Circuit Court. Chiola, who garnered more than 35 percent of the vote is in good shape to win the November 8 general election.

"This is a historic moment for Chicago's Lesbian and Gay community," said Stephen Wood a Chicago Victory Fund Board Member. "Tom Chiola is poised to become Chicago's first openly Gay judge and the first openly Gay candidate to win a major county-wide election in Illinois."

It's Best for this Girl to Have Two Mothers, State Supreme Court Told in Adoption Case

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- In Wisconsin, in all legal matters affecting a child, the best interests of the child must come first. For that reason, Annette Grinkev should be allowed to adopt 8-year-old Angel Grinkev, according to arguments made before the state Supreme Court early this month.

Annette considers herself married to Georgina Grinkev, the girl's mother, although the law does not allow same-sex couples to marry. The law also does not allow unmarried couples to adopt. Under that part of the law, Annette cannot adopt Angel, although everyone agrees it would be best for Angel.

This legal dilemma brought Annette's petition for adoption to be considered by the seven-member Supreme Court. Their decision should be rendered by May or June.

It could have a big effect on the rights of Wisconsin Lesbians and Gay men. Eleven states and the District of Columbia allow Lesbian and Gay couples to adopt. In Milwaukee County, a couple quietly adopted a child last fall, but no statewide policy governs such adoptions yet.

Annette and Georgina did not set out to create a legal precedent. They only wanted to protect Angel.

In 1988, Georgina Grinkev and her husband, Terry Moede, adopted Angel, then 2 years old. Later, she and Terry separated. He voluntarily surrendered his parental rights.

Annette began living with Georgina and Angel. In 1991, the two women were married at New Hope Metropolitan Church in Milwaukee. Annette took Georgina's last name.

The Grinkevs live in Suamico, near Green Bay. Annette, 35, works as a Brown County sheriff's deputy. Georgina, 47, cares for Angel and two foster children with special needs at home.

Two years ago, Annette went to court to adopt Angel. Adoption would give the girl access to Annette's health and life insurance benefits and to Annette's protection if Georgina died. The Grinkevs would be a legal family. They already consider themselves a real family.

Brown County Circuit Court Judge Richard Dietz ruled that while the adoption would be in the best interests of Angel, unmarried couples cannot adopt. He denied Annette's petition. Annette appealed, and the appeals court, noting the potential statewide impact on family law, sent it straight to the Supreme Court.

Madison attorney Judith Sperling Newton represented Annette. "The issue of the non-traditional family was not raised by anybody," Newton said. The only issue was the law.

Newton told the court the law already allows Annette to adopt. "You can adopt as a single person -- an unmarried adult -- and my argument was if one unmarried adult can adopt, then two unmarried adults can adopt," Newton said.

If the justices do not accept that, "then we argued that the child had due process and equal protection to have the statute protect her familial association," Newton explained. In other words, if the law would give any other child the right to an adoption that was in her best interests, Angel deserved the same right.

State law, she said, compels judges to construe laws in the best interests of the child above all else, even above other laws. She also argued that Annette and Georgina deserved equal protection under the law, but that was "secondary," Newton said, because the law requiring the courts to put children first is so clear.

"Angel really has no choice in this situation," Newton said.

Because no one opposed the adoption, the court took the unusual step of appointing an attorney, John S. Skilton of Madison, to argue against the adoption. No one had ever seen such a thing before, Newton said, even Skilton, but she thinks having an opponent helped her case. "If I'd been there arguing alone without opposition, I think the court would have taken on the position of the adversary. Somebody has to argue the other side," she said.

Skilton argued narrowly that the law does not permit adoption by unmarried partners and only permits marriages between a husband and wife. He said the Legislature, not the courts, should decide the issue.

The justices seemed interested and well-prepared, Newton said. "You could tell that some were coming from different directions. I couldn't venture a guess as to how it's going to come out. Frankly, I think it's going to be close."

If the court rules against the adoption, she said, the adoption in Milwaukee should still be valid because the couple already has a court order approving their adoption. If the court rules for the adoption, depending on exactly how it rules, heterosexual unmarried couples still might not be able to adopt because unlike Lesbians or Gay men, nothing prevents them from getting married.

The Grinkevs have spent \$12,000 in court costs, but Newton said such a case would usually cost about \$50,000. "I reduced our rate by two-thirds so they could do this because I really wanted this case and it needed to be done," she said. "I was out to win this case."

The court received two "friend of the court" briefs urging it to approve the adoption, one from a coalition of national Gay and Lesbian legal defense organizations and one from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin Foundation. No briefs were filed against the adoption.

The ACLU's 14-page brief ended with a quote from a 1992 New York court decision on a similar case:

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MAP Begins Its Lifepoint Needle Exchange Program in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has begun Wisconsin's first clean needle exchange program, an AIDS prevention strategy it has long championed.

During its first day of operation on Monday, March 14, 1994, 114 clean needles were exchanged for used needles by injection drug users who are increasingly at risk for the deadly virus.

"Our purpose is to save lives," MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson explained. "This is an aggressive strategy that will prevent an explosion of AIDS cases among drug users, their sexual partners and infant children. It will save thousands of lives over the next several years."

Nelson said that the needle exchange program has been named "Lifepoint" to symbolize its purpose of saving the lives of men, women and children.

"Milwaukee can succeed in slowing down the AIDS epidemic and saving lives where many other cities have failed," Nelson said. "But we must be aggressive because the time bomb of AIDS within Milwaukee's drug culture keeps ticking and we know that the Lifepoint Clean Needle Exchange Program is the only strategy that can stop the deadly explosion."

Nelson reported that there are nearly 5,000 active injection drug users in Milwaukee and at least 50 percent continue to share used needles, a practice that is among the highest risk behaviors for HIV transmission.

"In addition to saving lives, an equally important goal of Lifepoint is getting injection drug users off drugs and into culturally appropriate drug treatment," Nelson said. "We encourage each drug user who exchanges a needle to seek drug treatment and we have the ability to get them admitted to excellent treatment programs."

MAP's staff will also help drug users access needed medical care and HIV drug counseling and testing. MAP staff will also provide drug users with HIV risk reduction counseling and will distribute AIDS prevention materials such as condoms and bleach.

For those drug users who test positive for HIV, the extensive support services of MAP will be available, including case management, legal assistance, housing and food services.

To ensure that injection drug users can safely utilize the program, they may anonymously exchange their syringes at

sites and times that they are informed about through word-of-mouth. Each syringe presented by an adult over the age of 18 to MAP's needle exchange worker is exchanged for a clean syringe.

Operation: Now and in the Future

The mobile Lifepoint program operates out of a small van owned by MAP. Stage One, beginning this month, will have two sites operated by three MAP employees two times a week. Each site will operate for two hours. The projected exchange is 600 needles.

Stage Two will begin in April and last through June. There will be four sites visited two times a week for two hours at each site. The projected exchange is over 3,000 needles.

Stage Three will begin in July and go through September. Six sites will be visited twice a week. The projected exchange is 8,000 needles.

By year's end, nine sites will be visited twice a week. The projected exchange is 13,000 needles.

Nelson said that he was encouraged by the significant community support for Lifepoint. "A collaborative approach to needle exchange is necessary to successfully accomplish the dual goals of reducing HIV transmission and facilitating access to drug treatment and other community health and social services."

Evaluation

Over the past several years, MAP has been evaluating the impact and success of needle exchange programs operating in at least 40 cities nationwide. This evaluation has shown:

that needle exchange programs like Lifepoint can reduce HIV transmission by as much as one third; needle exchanges do not encourage drug use by youth or people who were not on drugs, and does not lead to increased drug usage or more frequent injection by users.

Needle exchange programs like Lifepoint are successful in getting more users into treatment and are successful in reducing the number of contaminated, potentially hazardous needles discarded in neighborhoods.

Last month, the Milwaukee Foundation's Wisconsin AIDS fund contributed \$15,000 to help fund Lifepoint. This represents 18 percent of the program's start-up and first year costs which will total \$81,000, nearly the same as the lifetime cost of health care for one person with AIDS.

Number of New AIDS Cases in U.S. More Than Doubled Last Year

[Atlanta]- The number of new AIDS cases more than doubled last year under a broader definition of the disease and boosted by a sharp increase in the number of infections among heterosexuals.

The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had projected that the number of new cases would jump 75 percent. The actual increase was 111 percent, the CDC reported on March 10, from 49,016 in 1992 to 103,500 in 1993.

Last year the CDC expanded its definition to include those infected with HIV who also have a severely suppressed immune system, tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia or invasive cervical cancer.

The groups most affected by the expanded definition were women, African Americans, heterosexual intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs.

The increase was greater among women (151 percent) than among men (105 percent) and greater among African Americans and Hispanics than whites.

The largest increases reported were among teens and young adults, mostly from heterosexual transmission. "This is where the growth of the epidemic is," said Dr. John Ward, chief of the CDC's

AIDS surveillance branch.

AIDS cases resulting from heterosexual contact jumped 130 percent last year over 1992, from 4,045 or 8.3 percent, to 9,288 or 9 percent. Cases attributed to Gay male or Bisexual contact increased by 87 percent, from 25,864 to 48,266.

The total number of AIDS cases in the U.S. through September 30, 1993, was 339,250. The total number of deaths from AIDS through the same period was 204,390, according to the CDC.

United Sponsoring Facilitating Skills Workshop

[Madison]- Are you interested in learning counseling skills? Do you want to do counseling and activist work with the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community? The United has a way for you to get involved.

The United is offering a workshop to learn facilitating skills. The 20-hour workshop will be provided free of charge. Training will be provided by therapist Ricki Grunberg.

Participants must be available on the following dates/times:

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Monday, April 11, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Monday, April 18, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

"This workshop is a great opportunity for people to do activist work, learn counseling skills and to join a network of Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals around the state of Wisconsin," said Jane Vanderbosh, United Director.

Individuals who are interested are encouraged to have experience participating in or facilitating support groups, although it is not required. Upon completion, participants will be able to create their own groups at the United.

For more information, contact Jane Vanderbosh at The United. The phone number is (608) 255-8582. Or stop in at their new location at 14 W. Mifflin on the Capitol Square. The registration deadline is April 4.

Victory Fund Seeks Candidates For Public Office

[Washington, D.C.]- The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is seeking qualified openly Gay and Lesbian candidates who plan to run for public office in 1994 or 1995. According to William Waybourn, Victory Fund Executive Director, there is an urgent need for openly Gay and Lesbian officials at all levels of government.

"The events of the past year have proven to the rest of the community what Victory Fund members have known all along — that the inclusion and empowerment of Gay men and Lesbians in the political process can only happen when we are represented by our own," Waybourn said.

"Time and again we have invested our hopes and energy and our money into electing 'friends,' only to discover later that our rights and our progress are indeed negotiable," Waybourn said.

Candidates seeking Victory Fund support should contact Kathleen DeBolt at (202) 842-8679.

Out For Office

For those Lesbians and Gay men considering a run for office, the Victory Fund has published a book titled **Out for Office: Campaigning in the Gay Nineties**. This is the first political resource directory targeted to the Gay and Lesbian community and its supporters. The book gives readers a behind-the-scenes look at the realities of running for office as openly Gay or Lesbian.

The book includes more than 40 articles written by campaign professionals and openly Lesbian and Gay elected officials.

Look for copies at AfterWords bookstore, 2710 N. Murray Avenue.

Student Insurance Offers Domestic Partners Coverage

[Milwaukee]- The Student Association at UW-Milwaukee has for many years offered students the opportunity to receive health insurance at an inexpensive rate through a group health plan.

The plan now includes domestic partnership coverage. The UWM Student Association is one of the very few student governments in the country to offer this option. The domestic partnership coverage is open to both heterosexual couples as well as same-sex couples. In essence the plan offers students involved in a long-term relationship the opportunity to insure their partner if that partner is not a student and has no health insurance coverage. There is no price differential between spouse coverage and domestic partnership coverage.

Criteria for domestic partnership is determined by viable proof the couple is involved in a long-term relationship such as a joint checking account, a signed lease with both names, etc.

Inquiries for domestic partnership eligibility or applications should be directed to the Student Association at (414) 229-4366.

Lambda Legal Defense and ACLU Sue U.S. Over Gays in Military Rules

[New York, NY]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on March 7, 1994, filed suit in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, challenging the recently enacted federal law and Department of Defense (DOD) regulations excluding Lesbians and Gay men from serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The lawsuit, *Able v. USA*, was filed on behalf of six servicemembers, ranging from a lieutenant colonel to a petty officer and includes two active duty servicemembers who live in the federal judicial district covered by the court in Brooklyn. All of the plaintiffs wish to continue to serve their country, without fear of investigation or discharge based on their sexual orientation.

In filing the claim, Lambda and the ACLU seek to have both the new law and the final DOD regulations, which were issued the first week in March, found unconstitutional. (An earlier Lambda-ACLU case filed against the so-called "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was withdrawn last fall after Congress passed its law superseding President Clinton's policy.)

"The central promise of our Constitution is that all Americans are guaranteed the right to be treated equally under the law, to be judged on the basis of their abilities rather than according to the prejudices of others," said William B. Rubenstein, Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

After receiving assurances from the Justice Department that no action would be taken against the plaintiffs in the case, Federal Judge Eugene Nickerson determined that a temporary restraining order against the government was not necessary. Judge Nickerson scheduled a hearing on the plaintiffs' request that a preliminary injunction be issued against the government for Friday, March 18.

In papers filed with the Court on March 7, the ACLU and Lambda say that the statute and regulations create a system under which all Lesbian and Gay service members are not judged on their fitness and ability to serve their country, but instead are subject to discharge or denied entrance because of the perceived prejudices of others.

The organizations argue that the statute and regulations violate the Constitution's Equal Protection Clause because they punish Lesbian and Gay servicemembers for engaging in speech or behavior that is otherwise completely permissible for heterosexual servicemembers. This distinction serves no legitimate and rational government or military interest, the plaintiffs claim, but is based solely on the prejudices and presumed prejudices of heterosexual servicemembers and civilians.

Legislators Upset Over Gay Studies Program

[Madison]- In an update to the story in the last issue concerning the Gay and Lesbian Studies Certificate Program at UW-Milwaukee, the letter to be sent to George Steil, President of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents condemning the program received the signatures of 30 state legislators.

The letter was circulated by Rep. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine) to her colleagues and sent to Steil on March 9.

Among the signatories, including Ladwig, were four Democrats: Wayne Wood (D-Janesville), Larry Swoboda (D-Luxemburg), Dale Bolle (D-Whitelaw) and John Ryba (D-Green Bay).

The rest were Republicans. None of the signatories were from Madison or Milwaukee.



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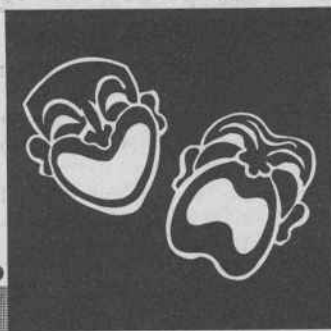
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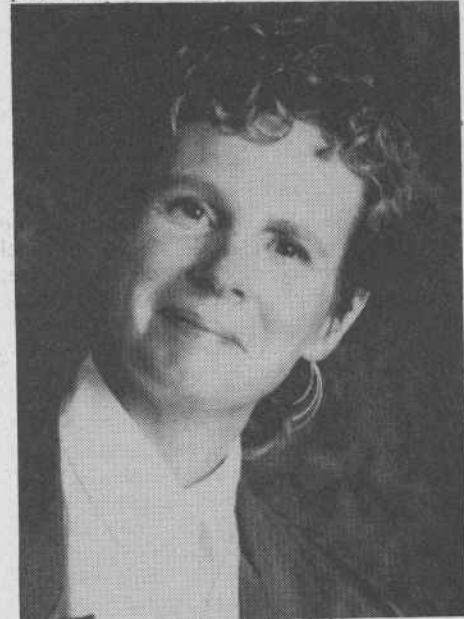
LIVELY ARTS

Bishop Brings Two Decades Of Talent to Her Latest Album

By Sue Burke

After 20 years of touring and eight albums, Heather Bishop has built up a repertoire for all ages that can appeal a broad range of musical tastes.

She will come to Milwaukee March 25 to celebrate the release of her new album, **Old, New, Borrowed, Blue**. A look at the 18 songs in that album reveals the range of her polished contralto voice, her talent as a song writer and her depth as a performer.



HEATHER BISHOP

Some songs are "old" and appeared on previous albums. Some are "borrowed" from other song writers. Some are "blue" — powerfully belted out blues, such as "Tell Me More and More" by Billie Holiday. Five songs on the album are "new", never before released by Bishop on a recording.

These five new songs, however, suggest different categories than the album title. First is the category for Bishop's homeland.

"Yes to Life" by Karen Howe, a passionate a capella hymn, opens the album. It blows in from the Canadian prairies, habitat for both Howe and Bishop. Bishop works on her solar home on a flat quarter-section of land in southern Manitoba when she's not on tour. "I'm going to open up my heart and say yes, yes to life/Like the frozen lake cracks with the flow," Bishop sings.

There are more warm prairie breezes on the album. Howe provides another song for the album, "Prairie Wind," about the prairie's aboriginal winds and grass and hills. Another new song, "Nothing Like the Freedom" by Deborah Romeyn, exalts the freedom to be found and seen in miles of open prairie.

The second category will make you laugh. In one new song, "Les Moutons" by Nancy White, Bishop sobs in French through an account of the melodramatic

Writer's Group To Meet April 21 At AfterWords

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian/Gay Writers Group met at AfterWords bookstore on March 10 with members of the Different Drummer Theatre Alliance there. There was a good discussion of plays — what's being done now in Lesbian/Gay theatre across the country. Also discussed was what members of the group are working on now and what they are interested in doing.

The next meeting of the Writers Group will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 21 at AfterWords, 2710 N. Murray Avenue. Different Drummer members will be reading from plays. There will be poetry readings as well.

The group is open to everyone, whether you're a writer and need encouragement, or simply interested in what writers do. Plan to attend.

tragedy of a housewife's battle with dustballs. "She thinks they are the pits," states the deadpan translation. (Does "merde" really mean "pits"?)

If that doesn't make you laugh, maybe you'll like "Did Jesus Have a Baby Sister," by Dory Previn. "Her brother's birth announcement/It was pretty big, pretty big I guess/While she got precious little notice in the local press."

In the third category — love — Bishop sings a new ballad, "Sailing Away" by the late Pat Paget. Seven other songs — old, borrowed and blue — intimately profess love or recount the tears of a broken heart.

Some of those love songs could make you cry. "I'm Not the One" by Bishop tells about trying to cope with a lover who is an incest survivor. "Every time you lash out/I can feel your pain and suffering/But every lash cuts deeply into me."

In the last category, the final new song, "Ancient Cry" by Bishop, protests the theft of Native land. Several other provocative songs on the album call for freedom and justice. "Liberty comes but liberty goes/To fight for her once is to never let go," sings Bishop in "If You Love Freedom." You can sing along with her.

The latest album leaves out one big Bishop category: songs for children. Three of Bishop's eight albums are for children, full of rollicking fun. Maybe she'll sing the "Belly Button Song" when she comes to Milwaukee.

Heather Bishop will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, March 25, at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$13 at the door. Tickets are on sale at AfterWords book store, Peoples Books and Outpost Natural Foods.

Original Gay-Themed Plays To Be Produced

[Milwaukee]- Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (DDTA), Milwaukee's only theatre company to produce, regularly, Gay-themed plays, is looking for original scripts by Lesbian/Bisexual/Gay playwrights from Milwaukee and around the state. The plays can be anywhere from five minutes to an hour in length. One act plays are preferred, but good three-act play won't be turned down. Minimal sets should be kept in mind.

Deadline for the submission of scripts is October 1, 1994. The plays chosen for production will be performed in DDTA's festival of one-act plays in early 1995. Scripts should be sent to Different Drummer at: P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Poet Frost to Read At Room of One's Own on March 25

[Madison]- Poet Helen Frost, author of the recent *Skin of a Fish, Bones of a Bird*, will read at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25 at A Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison. Frost is the winner of the 1993 Women Poets Series Competition. Her poetry explores the strength of women in many circumstances. Many of the poems in her new book draw from her experiences living in Telida, Alaska, a small Athabascan village near Mt. McKinley. The event is free and open to the public.

June Jordan Cancels

Due to a sudden cancellation, June Jordan will not be reading at Room on — Sunday, March 27.

Cream City Chorus Celebrates 7 Years With a City-Wide Party

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd., celebrates its 7th Anniversary with an open party at 7 Milwaukee bars. This traveling event will combine fun and fraternization with a retrospective look at each of the Chorus' seven years of history.

And what a seven years it has been! April, 1987 marked the start of Milwaukee's first chorus founded especially for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and their friends. Little did we expect back then that we'd have the chance to sing on stage with Barry Manilow at the Marcus Amphitheater, to attend two GALA conferences (Seattle, WA in 1989 and Denver, CO in 1992), to carol annually with Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, or that we would have the Performing Arts Center's (PAC) Vogel Hall as home stage.

The Chorus has come a long way since rehearsals in a party room of an East Side apartment building; over the years, two community churches have been our home. Performances throughout the years have found us anywhere from night clubs, to the library, to downtown Milwaukee, and even to the stage of recent Gay Pride Festivals.

Concert themes have ranged from "Dinner with Gershwin," a nostalgic retro of '30's music, to "We the People," a statement of who we are, and a celebration of individual uniqueness and growth.

But as much fun as it is to look back

over these seven years, the Chorus recognizes the single element without which it would have no purpose: You, the Community! Where would we be without supporters, patrons and friends who provide us with the privilege of performing?

Celebration With Gusto

As we enter our 8th year, we are eagerly putting together our Spring Concert **No More Walls**, scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. at the PAC's Vogel Hall.

But you don't have to wait that long to have fun with the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus. Join us Saturday, March 26, for our Anniversary Celebration.

Beginning at noon with a luncheon at the M&M Club, we launch our day of people, prizes, music and memories as we travel to 7 local bars that have welcomed and supported us throughout the years. Each stop will be another year of our life, complete with drawings, fun and stories you won't want to miss. (Reservations are required for the lunch function, but the rest of the day is open to everyone.)

Besides the M&M Club, you'll be able to find us at This Is It, The Ballgame, 3-B's, Your Place, The Triangle and the Wreck Room. This is our way of saying "Thank You" to the owners and staff of these fine establishments.

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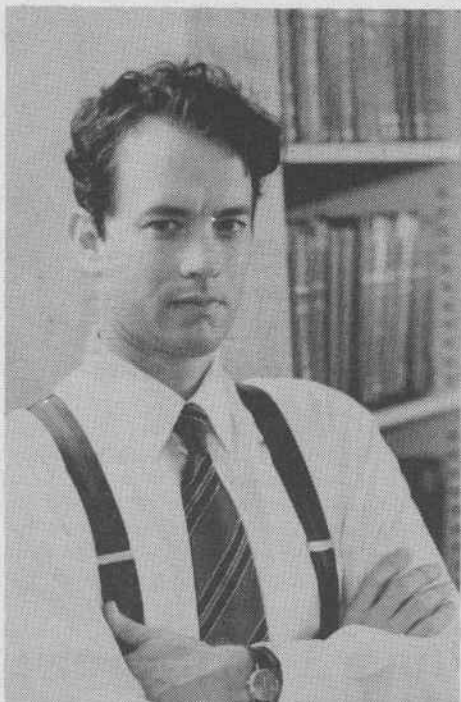
Oscar Nominee for Best Actor Represented by Five Diverse Rolls

By Bob Thomas, Associated Press

[Los Angeles]- For the category of best actor this year, Academy Award voters face the challenge of choosing from among five powerful performances, three of which were based on real people.

The diverse competition features true-life portrayals of a heroic German capitalist, a wrongly convicted Irishman and a hard-driving rock 'n' roller. Fictional roles include an AIDS victim and a dutiful English butler.

Two of the nominees are past Oscar winners: Daniel Day-Lewis for his performance as the afflicted Christy Brown in *My Left Foot*, and Anthony Hopkins for the demoniac Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence of the Lambs*. Tom Hanks was nominated for best actor in 1988 as the kid-turned-adult in *Big*. Laurence Fishburne and Liam Neeson are first-time nominees.



TOM HANKS IN "PHILADELPHIA"

Daniel Day-Lewis, in *The Name of the Father*, has created a string of remarkable performances in his brief film career: as a Gay man in *My Beautiful Laundrette*, a fop in *A Room With a View*, a randy Czech doctor in *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, a frontiersman in *The Last of the Mohicans*, a 19th-century socialite in *The Age of Innocence*.

Day-Lewis scored again as the Belfast drifter who served 15 years in prison for an IRA bombing of which he was innocent. The actor spent some time with his real-life counterpart, Jerry Conlon.

"I was most immediately struck by his sense of humor," said Day-Lewis in a *Los Angeles Times* interview. "He's very bright and witty, and by the time he finished, I was astonished to find myself howling with laughter at his descriptions of life in some of the toughest of Her Majesty's prisons. The story is so relentlessly grim that I think humor was terribly important."

Laurence Fishburne, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, has acted in movies since he was 12, winning a featured role in *Apocalypse Now* at 14. He distinguished himself in plays and films, then won stardom as the concerned father in *Boyz n the Hood*. His Academy nomination came with his role as Ike Turner, the explosive husband and musical partner of Tina Turner.

Fishburne analyzed Ike's character: "I think like most human beings, he was very complex. He was so complicated that he could be very simple. He was very driven, very ambitious. He wanted a lot of material things — women, cars, money, fine clothes. He liked fame. Emotionally, there were other things he wanted that he wasn't able to get."

"I think he used those other things outside himself — the cars, the clothes, his many affairs with women, the drugs — to fill himself up. But it wasn't enough."

Tom Hanks, *Philadelphia*, had a bountiful year between the powerful AIDS drama and the hit comedy-romance, *Sleepless in Seattle*. Possibly because Academy voters display more respect for drama than comedy, he was nominated for his role as the AIDS patient challenging his firing from a law firm in *Philadelphia*.

Hanks had to drop 35 pounds to portray attorney Andrew Beckett in the last stages of his illness.

"With *Philadelphia*, I saw in my head

some sort of image of just about every aspect of the character, to be supplemented, of course, by all the experts we brought in," he told *Interview* magazine. "We're all pretending (as actors), we all put on other people's clothes and pretend to be other people. After you get past that, you've got to figure out how to pretend so you're not faking that pretending. Does that make sense?"

Anthony Hopkins, *The Remains of the Day*, recently was described as the "best actor of his generation" by Richard Attenborough. Indeed, the Welsh-born actor has enjoyed an amazing streak of acclaimed portrayals, from *The Silence of the Lambs* to *Shadowlands*.

In *The Remains of the Day*, Hopkins faced the challenge of portraying a character whose emotions are held firmly in check. Stevens the butler remains unswervingly loyal to his master, an English aristocrat who consorts with Nazis. Stevens will not even allow himself to return the affection of the housekeeper, played by Emma Thompson.

"I can understand his denial," Hopkins said. He was dedicated to his job. He was an ultra-professional. I played many men like this, such as Captain Bligh in *The Bounty*. They are good men and dedicated, but they miss a lot. They are not flexible.

"Stevens misses out on love, a bit of humor and companionship in his life. The sad thing is he realizes at the end of the story that he has dedicated all his life to a man who is just naive and a bit of a lost cause."

Liam Neeson, *Schindler's List*, was born in county Antrim, Northern Ireland, and acted in Belfast and London before making his film debut in 1981 in *Excalibur*. He came to Hollywood in 1986 and distinguished himself in a series of feature roles.

After seeing the actor on Broadway in *Anna Christie*, Steven Spielberg chose him for the role of Oskar Schindler, the German war profiteer who saved the lives of his Jewish workers.

No "method actor," Neeson said that he refrained from steeping himself in the wartime period.

"As an actor I kind of wanted to distance myself a bit because Schindler has to be upbeat and sassy," he remarked. "I had a great angle on him by watching (*All About Eve* co-star) George Sanders. I watched all those black-and-white films to get a feeling for the period."

"I knew I was going to be in endless tuxedos, and Sanders was born in those things. He was a debonair performer and actually bore a resemblance to Schindler. Schindler was very flattered when people would come up to him and say he looked like George Sanders."

AfterWords Announces April Schedule of Events

April Special — 10 percent off all T-shirts in stock. Get ready for Gay Pride and stock up early.

AfterWords will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 3, but will be open, as usual, on Monday, April 4.

April 8 AfterWords will host the Brady Street STD Clinic Anonymous HIV testing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This off-site testing is part of the Clinic's continuing community outreach program. AfterWords will offer a special discount of 10 percent on any AIDS-related titles during testing.

April 11 The AfterWords Book Club will discuss Paul Monette's award-winning *Becoming a Man*. Everyone is welcome to join in on the discussion.

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Lesbian Comedian, the Chunky, Funky Lea DeLaria 'So out, She's In'

By Douglas J. Rowe

[New York, NY]- "My whole life people called me a dyke," the chunky, funky Lea DeLaria was saying one recent night as she waited for her dinner in a Times Square restaurant.

"There was a point in my life where I went, 'Oh, big insult,'" she added, emphasizing the sarcasm.

DeLaria, who talks faster than an auctioneer on amphetamines, broke ground last year on *The Arsenio Hall Show* by becoming the first openly lesbian stand-up comic to do Gay material on a late-night show. She emceed April's March On Washington and served as the host of television's first all-Lesbian/Gay comedy special in December on *Comedy Central*.

Her stage show, *Silent Night Homo Night*, ran for six weeks in London, where she also did an all-Gay Christmas special for British television. Her guest roles on the prime-time series *Matlock* and *The John Larroquette Show* aired in February. Also last month, she went Down Under for gigs in Australia.

She's been featured on *The World According to Us*, the all-female sketch show on Boston's PBS station, for which she won a local Emmy.

Despite her chalkstripe dark suit and nose ring, DeLaria can come across as efflike. She kids about how she's often mistaken for a man and that "open lesbians" are her favorite kind.

The 35-year-old DeLaria, who's been doing stand-up comedy for 12 years, said she decided a long time ago who she is and what her act would entail.

"This is who I am, when I'm up there. This is it. I'm a big butch dyke. That's who I am. And I'm a friendly one," she said, laughing. "I'm a big butch dyke with a smile on my face."

Because sexual orientation is right out there, she's surprised by the mainstream acceptance she's getting.

"Now my shows have so many straight people in it, and they totally get it, and they laugh at everything I do," she said, sounding amazed.

Daily Variety has said her "manic, campy style hints at a combination of Bette Midler and Robin Williams," while her performances have attracted

bible-thumping protesters — sometimes by the busload with signs reading: "Lea DeLaria is going to hell."

Her high-energy stand-up act plays to stereotypes while simultaneously trying to shatter them.

DeLaria, a Belleville, Illinois, native who's relocating from Boston to the West Coast, said her two sisters, brother and her parents are "very supportive." (Her mother has said: "I don't believe in homosexuality. But she's my daughter and I believe in her.")

DeLaria said it's inevitable that she would focus her material on the pre-eminent part of her persona. "If you're a comic, you have to talk about who you are. People go, 'Why did you decide to talk about being Queer?' How could I not? Oh, I pass. Oh, I could walk out and pass. Yeah, I'm not fooling anybody. If I walked out on stage and didn't talk about being queer eventually they're going to go. Look at that big bulldyke. Why doesn't she talk about it?"

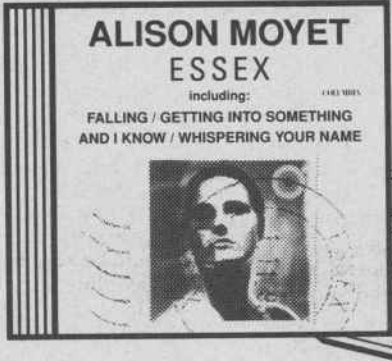
"But it's the same thing about being Italian or being a woman. These are all aspects of my life. Queer isn't the only thing that I am. I talk about the things that I am — coming from a working-class Italian family, being raised in a Catholic environment, going to Catholic school, tons of women's things, too."

Michael Callen On 'In the Life'

[Milwaukee]- A tribute to the heroic life of AIDS activist and singer Michael Callen, who recently died of the disease, is the centerpiece of *In The Life*, airing Thursday, March 24 at 12:30 a.m. on Channel 10.

As a soloist and member of The Flirtations, the internationally known a cappella singing group, Callen wowed audiences with his fantastic voice. As a founder of the People With AIDS Coalition and the Community Research Initiative, he was one of the Gay community's most outspoken warriors in the war against AIDS — even as he was fighting the disease himself. This is a show you should not miss.

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ANGELS ON HIGH—Ellen McLaughlin (the Angel) and Stephen Spinella (Prior Walter) appear in "Angels in America," on Broadway.

'Angels In America' Broadway Hit to Open National Tour in Chicago

[New York, NY]—According to *Variety*, *Angels in America*, one of Broadway's hit productions, is preparing for a national tour. The play, written by Tony Kushner, has been described as "a Gay fantasia on national themes." The play deals openly and "unabashedly" with Gays confronting AIDS.

The tour actually begins as a six-month sit-down engagement next September at Chicago's Royal Theatre before hitting the road in March, 1995. Minneapolis is among the 10 or so cities scheduled for the Spring leg of the tour. This will be followed by a Summer layoff and another 10 to 15 cities in the Fall.

The road production of *Angels* will be directed by Michael Mayer, director of the New York University production of *Perestroika*.

One city that won't be included in the tour is San Francisco. Despite the city's frequent mention in the play, San Francisco's cold reception to other plays has discouraged Kushner from taking his work there.

Nor will *Angels* be seen in "the buckle of the bible belt," where audiences prefer "Blondie and Dagwood" theatre mixed with "Leave It to Beaver" in the movies. For example, the stage production of *Six Degrees of Separation* flopped miserably in Palm Beach, Florida. That was "tame" beside *Angels*.

Still, *Angels* will be put on in some surprising places such as Iowa City, Sacramento, California, Scottsdale, Arizona and Pittsburgh.

Tom Cruise is Bloodied While Making 'Interview With a Vampire'

Editor's Note: The following was excerpted from *Esquire Magazine*

Author Anne Rice and the men who turned her best-seller, *Interview With a Vampire*, into a \$50-million movie have been attacking each other with fangs drawn — and Tom Cruise has gotten a little bloodied along the way.

Rice has embarked on a one-woman crusade. Jennet Conant wrote in an article in the current issue of *Esquire*, to embarrass Cruise, Warner Brothers, the studio bankrolling the film, and David Geffen, its producer.

While Rice has a number of objections to the movie, one of her main ones is that Cruise steadfastly refused to play the Vampire, Lestat, as a Gay roll. This, she has said, ruins the story. Many Lesbian and Gay critics agree.

Gay or not, for Cruise, 31, the film is a watershed role in which he drops the cute smile that earns him \$15 million a picture to play a sallow mass-murderer who sinks his teeth into everybody available (including men). The film is scheduled for Fall release.

"I just couldn't resist the role," Cruise said, adding, "Besides, he's not a bad guy, he just has villainous aspects about him. From his point of view, he's right. He's really a terribly lonely character."

The actor reread Rice's vampire books and spent time in museums in Paris and visited the palace of Versailles to get the feel of the film's period furniture and fashions. He went on a diet-and-exercise regimen and dropped 12 pounds to take on the gaunt physique of Lestat. His hair,

which he now wears parted in the middle, is streaked blond and his eyebrows are flecked with gold.

"There's a lot of biting going on. It is a very erotic picture," Cruise said of the film, explaining that every time Lestat goes for the jugular, he does so in a unique, seductive manner, adding, "The hard part is learning to bite someone in a different way each time. Each kill has to tell the story of that relationship."

And he added, "All I know is as an actor I am having a great time playing this character."

He has not enjoyed Rice's frequent, unflattering attacks. She has criticized Cruise's height ("too short"), his voice ("too high") and complained in a newspaper interview that Cruise is no more her Lestat "than Edward G. Robinson is Rhett Butler."

Rice modeled her character on Rutger Hauer when writing the novel, but conceded that, at 49, he might be too old to play the virile vampire. With Rice's blessing, Geffen pursued Daniel Day-Lewis for the role, but after six months he declined. Rice then favored either Jeremy Irons or John Malkovich, but director Neil Jordan — the man who made *The Crying Game* — chose Cruise.

Rice said she had put her trust in Geffen and Jordan, but the more she thought about what they were doing to her book, the more betrayed she felt. *Interview* was written in 1975 after Rice's 5-year-old daughter died of leukemia. Much of the story is autobiographical and it includes a 5-year-old vampire, Claudia.

Sixth Annual Lambda Literary Awards Finalists Named

[Washington, D.C.]— Many Gay men and Lesbians find themselves alienated and shunned by the society into which they are born. Yet 1993 saw a torrent of Lesbian and Gay biographies and autobiographies that captured the attention of the literary establishment, and which makes the Lambda Award Gay and Lesbian Biography/Autobiography categories among this year's strongest.

Whether it's Jean Genet imprisoned in pre-war France, or Marguerite Yourcenar retreating to rustic Maine, the stories of these and others' lives are resonating with readers — both straight and Gay.

Edmund White's *Genet*, for instance, has already received the prestigious National Book Critics Circle Award for biography.

Other finalists for the Lambda Literary Awards — including *Before Night Falls* by Reinaldo Arenas, *Marguerite Yourcenar* by Josyane Savigneau, and *Travels with Lizbeth* by Lars Eighner — received front page Sunday *New York Times Book Review* notices.

The other Gay men's biography/autobiography nominees are *City Poet* by Brad Gooch and *Coming Unbuttoned* by James Broughton.

The other Lesbian biography/autobiography finalists are *Forty-Three Septembers* by Jewelle

Gomez, *How Am I to be Heard: Letters of Lillian Smith*, ed. by Rose Gladney, *Mary Renault* by David Sweetman and *Family Values* by Phyllis Burke.

Among the trends noted this year was a decreasing number of Gay male genre titles, particularly in Science Fiction/Fantasy; Lesbian genre titles, on the other hand, continue to be produced in significant numbers.

The Lambda Literary categories have also been adjusted this year to reflect changes within the Gay and Lesbian publishing world. The increasing publication of Lesbian and Gay plays has led to the creation of a Drama category. Also, this year more categories combine Lesbian and Gay male writing: Anthologies, Children/Young Adult, Drama, Humor, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Small Press.

Award recipients will be announced at a gala banquet in Los Angeles on Friday, May 27, 1994, during the American Booksellers Association Convention at a location to be announced.

For further information about the awards program or banquet tickets, contact *Lambda Book Report*, 1625 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-1013 or phone the Lammys Line at (202) 462-7924.

Submissions Sought to National Gay Book Month Poster

[New York, NY]— The Publishing Triangle, an association of Lesbians and Gay men in the publishing industry and the sponsor of National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, is announcing a call for submissions for the 1995 National Lesbian and Gay Book Month poster. The Triangle expects the posters to be prominently displayed in windows and on the sales floors of the stores and libraries nationwide celebrating National Lesbian and Gay Book Month.

The following are general guidelines for submissions.

The poster must incorporate the following text: "Fourth Annual National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, June, 1995." Sponsored by The Publishing Triangle.

The poster should be visually striking, but there are no specific graphic requirements. It would be useful if the basic design of the poster, or some component of it, translates readily into a black and white or 2/C stat that could be incorporated into press releases, advertisements and other promotional items.


Anticipated specs of the finished poster: 4/C or 2/C as necessary, 11" x 17", 80 lb. coated stock.

The deadline for submission is October 1, 1994. All submissions should be sent to: The Publishing Triangle, P.O. Box 114, Prince Street Station, New York, NY 10012.

June 3 Boat Cruise To Benefit Legal Defense Fund

[Chicago]— Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's annual boat cruise and fundraiser will be the kickoff event for Chicago's Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend. This year the Lambda annual cruise will leave the Navy Pier on Friday, June 3rd. Supporters will board the *Anita Dee II* which features an outdoor deck and two spacious indoor decks as well as plenty of food and refreshments.

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Hate Speech Can Not Be Tolerated Against Anyone

By Bill Menuier

The rhetoric of hate can be frightening even when it is not directed at you. The thunderous applause the rhetoric receives is even more frightening.

I am not talking about the latest Fundie broadside at us. I am talking about the anti Semitic bigotry being spouted by some of those in leadership positions in the "Nation of Islam."

Last month one of these hate mongers was brought to Madison by UW-Madison's Black Student Union. How ironic that a group that just a short time ago was fighting for Hate Speech prohibitions, spent money to bring in a hate speaker.

Not to be outdone, the Black Student Union of UW-Milwaukee is trying to bring Khalid Abdul Muhammad to their campus. Muhammad touched off a national furor when during a speech in New Jersey he called Judaism "a gutter religion," and said that Jews were "blood suckers." And those were some of the nicer things he said that evening.

The BSU seemed put out when the university wouldn't cough up \$6,500 to pay for Muhammad's speaker fee. Talk may be cheap, but apparently hate speech isn't.

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farahkan demoted Muhammad for using profanity in his New Jersey speech. But at the same time Farahkan embraced what he called "the truth about the Jews" as preached by his former aide. One could probably not have expected anything else. Muhammad went only a little further in his condemnations of Jews than Farahkan himself has.

Despite his past and present statements Farahkan claims that he is not anti-semitic. According to Farahkan, Jews call him an anti-Semite because they don't like him.

There is no doubt that there are plenty of people, some of them Jewish, some Christian and some Islamic who prey on the African American community. But the activities of a few do not justify the condemnation of the many. An individual's actions are relevant criteria on which to judge him/her, their religion is not.

Farahkan's and Muhammad's tricks are not new. The Klan has used them. Adolph Hitler made them into an art form. It's really quite simple. Convince people that their problems are all the result of some alien/different/foreign people. Get them whipped up into a frenzy, make lots of money and possible gain some power as a result.

It is easier to tear down than it is to build. It is easier to blame than it is to accept the responsibility for creating change.

One of the sad things about this is that the Nation of Islam has done much good in some of the worst areas of America's cities. They have driven out drug dealers, created jobs, taken on the gangs and given hope. But rather than concentrating on the positive, some of their leaders have chosen to concentrate on hate.

What Farahkan and his minions preach is not Islam. Islam is not a religion of hate. The conflict in Israel aside, Jews and Moslems lived peacefully side by side throughout the Middle East for centuries.

It would be easy to dismiss Farahkan, Muhammad and the rest as extremists. That's what most Germans did with Hitler when he first started gaining attention. Later, many would regret not speaking up.

Those of us who are not Jewish must not let history repeat itself. What is at stake is our multi-cultural society. Hate speech is wrong no matter who it is directed against.

The Nation of Islam controversy is just one example of what appears to be a growing trend. Little by little we are seeing our fears take over and divide us. A recent poll of minority groups showed

that they believed in the stereotypes about each other even more than whites did. Our cities grow more segregated and the gaps between white, black, brown and yellow seem to grow.

Farahkan, Muhammad and those who aid in the spread of their hate are helping to create bigger gaps and feed mistrust. They are not alone in doing this. As Gays and Lesbians we are very familiar with fundie preachers and the hate they breed towards us.

The barriers hate speech creates threaten the tolerance and trust that must exist between groups if a multi-cultural society is to function effectively. If public speakers railing against one group is acceptable, then hate speech against everyone becomes possible.

There are clear signs of trouble lying ahead. If we don't learn to live together, to "get along with each other" as Rodney King put it, to work together and help each other, we will wind up tearing each other apart.

Any person, any organization that helps promote hate speech adds more fuel to a fire that could wind up consuming us all. They should be ashamed of themselves.

It's time to speak up when you hear people spreading stereotypes about other groups. As a people we will either stand together or we will not stand at all.

Short Stories Book Lacks Diversity

While diversity seems to mark this season's Gay fiction offerings, it is the surprising lack of diversity that characterizes *The Penguin Book of Gay Short Stories* (Viking, \$27.50), edited by David Leavitt and Mark Mitchell. This mammoth collection certainly includes some of the best Gay short stories ever written, but contains a surprisingly few stories written by women and very few by Gay men of color.

Speaking of David Leavitt, his troubles with *While England Sleeps* (Viking, \$22.00) continue. Stephen Spender just recently won his lawsuit against Leavitt with the result that further publication of *While England Sleeps* will cease and current editions are to be withdrawn from bookstores. Copies are still available at AfterWords.

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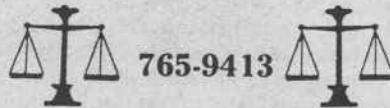
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(D-Milwaukee) and Judy Robson (D-Beloit).

Following the successful vote on the ARCW amendment, the Assembly Health Care Reform Bill was referred back to committee in an unexpected move by Assembly Democratic pro-life legislators. As *Wisconsin Light* goes to press, the latest information out of Madison is that with a compromise on the abortion issue, the Health Reform Measure will be reported out of committee and is expected to receive final floor debate in the Assembly on Tuesday, March 22.

"Although we worked hard and achieved surprising success on this amendment, we have an enormous amount of work ahead of us on health care reform. If we are to achieve a health care system that meets the needs of the AIDS community," Nelson said. "Universal coverage, comprehensive benefits, affordability, and consumer protection are all issues the legislature has failed to address. Our work is cut out for us and we must convince Wisconsin's political leadership that a health care system that works well for people with AIDS will also work well for everyone," Nelson said.

GAY STUDIES Continued from Page 4

Throughout history, Gay people have existed in every culture, time and place. So often we have been persecuted, despised as beings whose souls exist somewhere below our waists. But out of that maelstrom of hate, like many similar people, we have evolved a unique perspective, a distinct way of looking at the world. And, as with other peoples, we have created much from that. Remember this, Rep. Ladwig, the next time you hear *Swan Lake* or think the world would be poorer if Michelangelo (to list only two) had never lived.

Despite what Rep. Ladwig thinks, the contributions of Gay people deserve to be studied. We need to show young people, themselves born and growing up Gay, that there's no reason to be ashamed of who they are; that they can contribute to society, that they can dream of love and family with the probability that that dream will be fulfilled.

By this program and others like it, we can show to non-Gays the dimensionality of our beings, who we are and what we have done. By this program, we can educate. We can perhaps eliminate some prejudice. Is there so little prejudice in the world that we can afford to ignore it?

Rep. Ladwig, re-think your assumptions both about Gay people and certainly about the purpose of a university. What is a university for but to expand knowledge and further it? Not hide it under a rock as you would do.

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While city Health Commissioner Paul Nannis also participated in the forum, Nelson said that he would formally present the MAP recommendations to Nannis who indicated a willingness to consider them.

Nelson reported to the medical group that 80 clients of MAP had died of cryptosporidiosis and 42 other MAP clients continue to battle severe symptomology.

"It's been surprising difficult to get the acknowledgment that Milwaukee's

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water crisis has been disastrous for the AIDS community. The history of the AIDS epidemic is replete with the marginalization of those living with AIDS. We must not continue that tradition by marginalizing the AIDS community when we address water quality policy in Milwaukee, when people with AIDS have so much at stake," Nelson said.

Caution Urged on Water Consumption

When asked if it is safe for a person with AIDS to drink Milwaukee's water, Nelson replied that tap water is not sterile and there is a "small risk" of contamination that cause illness in persons with AIDS whose T-cell count is below 200.

MAP recommends, he said, that for 100 percent protection against illness that people with an AIDS diagnosis should consume water that has been boiled for 5 minutes.

Nelson said there is growing concern about the quality of bottled water, particularly bottled water that has been on the shelf a long time because of the bacteria growth potential. He stated that this is a new development and that MAP is consulting with public health authorities to generate a recommendation for its clientele and the public.

"We have entered a new era of questionable water quality and we are confronting a future where water quality advisories, as inconvenient as they are, will be common.

"In the face of a worsening AIDS epidemic with thousands of people in our city vulnerable to serious illness from even small dosages of contaminated water, everyone is entitled to all the facts about water quality and self-protection. That's why I am strongly recommending that the city establish water policies that address the unique and critical needs of people with compromised immune systems," Nelson said.

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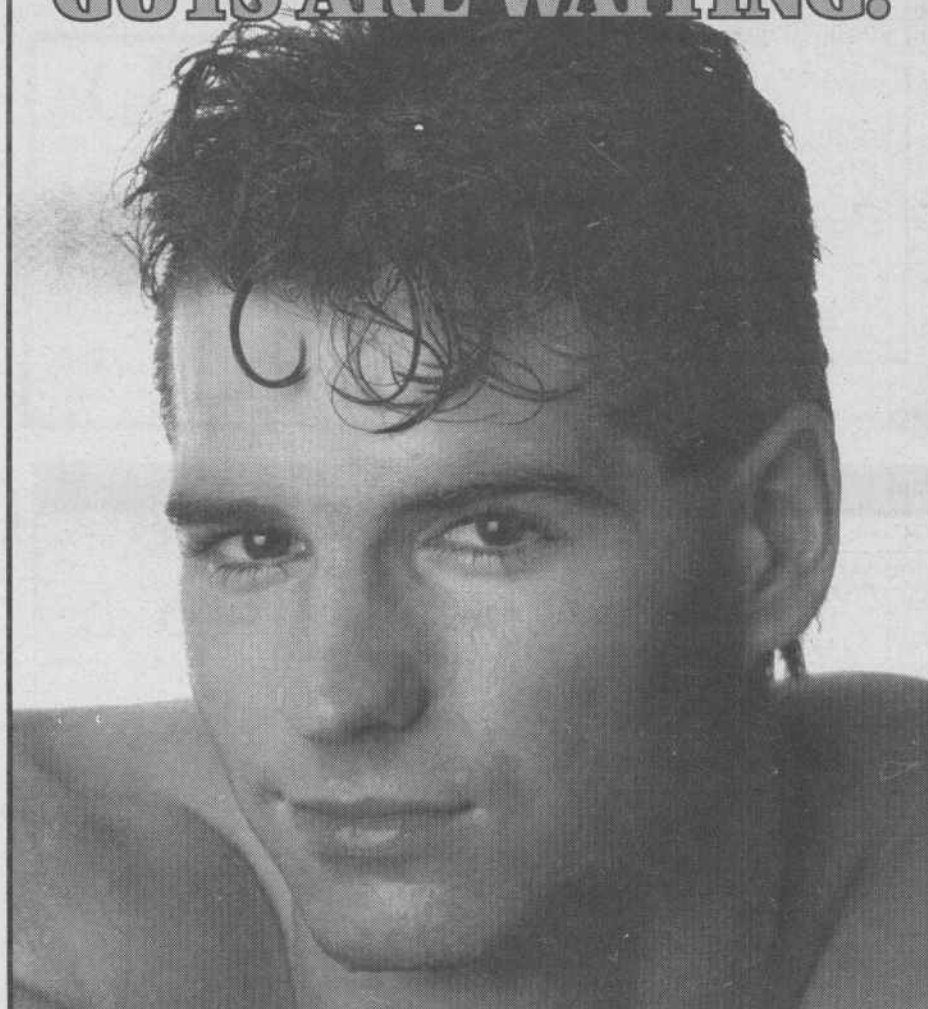
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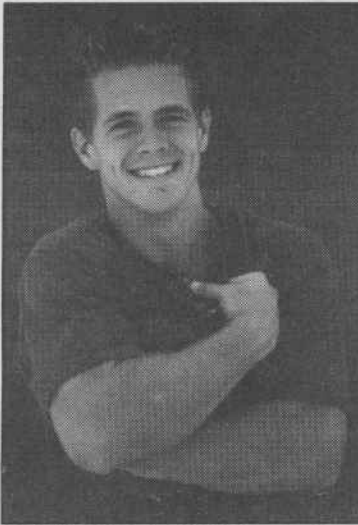
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Milwaukee YNG AND SATISFYING: Seeking good-looking guys under 22. I am very willing to satisfy. Just let me know. #19251

Green Bay GAY FRIENDS NEEDED: 39 year old guy seeks some friends to pal around with. I have curly hair and blue eyes. #15249

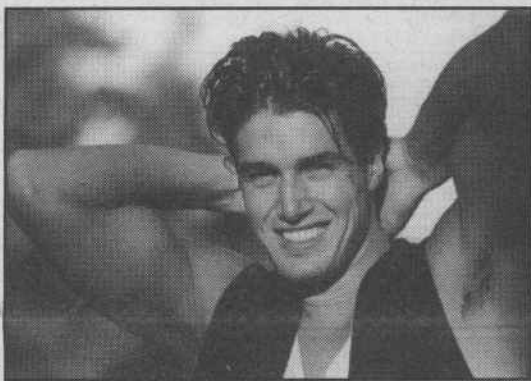
WI LIKE A ROCK: Attractive 6'4" guy is into guys who are masc and built. #15263

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 puffing 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

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Madison ZANY: 22 year old is blonde 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 dam dad. Please call me. #13395

608 Area Code LONELY BLK STUD: I am seeking fulfillment from an honest and sincere man. Call me at home. #13410

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/brn and bearded is seeking 18-45 for discreet get-togethers. #12439

Milwaukee PLEASSED 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 ZEPPELIN TO ZEPPO: 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 looking for yngr men. #14598

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

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

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

Madison WEST SIDE: 6'1" 23 year old into light 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 swmmr's bld. Let's be friends first. #11083

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee JERRY 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

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

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

Madison 28 YO 6'1", 175 looking to talk and get together. #2206

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 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

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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

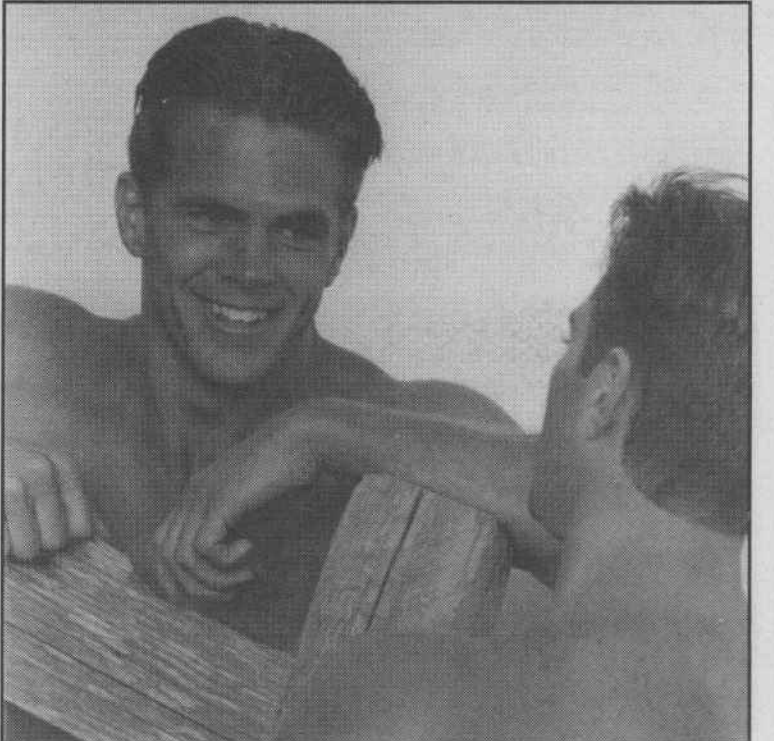
Wisconsin V.GOODLKG: 30, 5'11, 160lbs; btm, blond, blue eyes, seeks agres tp, (prefer blond, blue & under 30). #8281

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

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Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM, 25 and over. **Box# 2742**
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GBM, Mike, 35, slim, attractive, ISO GBM, bottom, 30-50, attractive, slim-med. build, for discreet fun. **Box# 3968**
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GWM, 41, (look younger), ISO guy, 19-30 for good hot times. **(Call Thru) Box# 8955**
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Michael, GM, HIV-, like to be very oral, I love sucking dick. **(Call Thru) Box# 5600**
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Paul, call me on call thru. **(Call Thru) Box# 6537**
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GM, 21, blond hair, blue eyes, like bars, ISO a male companion. **(Call Thru) Box# 4266**
TV, 5'11, 140, 30, blond hair, ISO a big black man. **Box# 1451**
Jeff, 35, WM, 195, brown hair/eyes, good body/looks, looking to have fun with other men. **(Call Thru) Box# 4558**
Michael, BM, 23, ISO guys my age for football, movies, etc. **Box# 6919**
Kevin, masculine, ISO Gay or BiWM, 20-35 who is built and masculine also. **(Call Thru) Box# 3560**
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Muscular body-builder, very well-built (chest: 54, waist: 34) late 40s but look and feel younger. Interested in meeting someone between 25-40 who admires a nice body. I love massages, and cuddling and kissing. **Box# 1689**
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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**
5'5", 160 lbs, ISO a TV, TS, or very fem male. Please call. **Box# 6633**
Fun-loving, attractive guy in 40s. I like the gym, but am tired of the lines, so I've bought equipment. Seeking buffed, attractive M who knows about fitness to be a partner, motivator, coach. Romance & eroticism optional. **Box# 2864**

38 yr old GWM, 5'10", 185 lbs, stocky build, blond w/ short beard & moustache, seeks masculine type guy, 25-45. If you're serious and want to have a good time, enjoy each other's company,....then, please give me a call. **Box# 3678**
Athletic, masculine Black male, 5'8", seeks guys with similar builds. You? Let's talk. **Box# 9728**
Looking for a SWM, bi or straight. I like to have a lot of intense fun. Leave a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. **Box# 2887**
Professional, grad student, 40 yrs old, 5'11", 155 lbs, pierced—you'll have to call to find out where. I'm not looking for a relationship, but rather other PMs that are like-minded for some hot, fun play. **Box# 4447**
GWM, well-built, very attractive, 35 yrs old, 6'1", 190 lbs, blk hair & eyes, passionate & sensual, serious yet fun. Seeking the same in a man, 20-30. We can get better acquainted through conversation, so please call. **Box# 3249**
29 yr old BM, 5'7", 165 lbs, long black hair, brown eyes, seeking fairly aggressive Ms—not domineering, just aggressive—for get togethers & fun times. If you're interested, please call. **Box# 3789**
5'9", 145 lbs, blond with blue-eyes, clean-shaven, very tan. A passive bottom, I prefer a masculine top larger than myself—stocky, muscular. I've been told I have very attractive legs. Interested? Please call. **Box# 4874**
Tall (6'4"), good-looking, and fun-loving. I'm looking for and am anxious to find a playmate—hope it's you. **Box#**

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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 monogamous 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

Sage-Milwaukee to Honor Kochman

[Milwaukee]- SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), a recently formed group with an outreach to older Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, announces a reception on March 28, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the Park East Hotel, 916 E. State St. in Milwaukee, to honor Arlene Kochman, Executive Director of SAGE, Inc., of New York City. Desserts and coffee will follow a brief address by Ms. Kochman, with a reception line to meet the newly selected Board of Directors of SAGE/Milwaukee and Ms. Kochman. Entertainment will be provided SAGE/Milwaukee member Shirl Greeb.

Arlene Kochman, MSW, CSW, is nationally known in the field of gerontology and is particularly known for her expertise in the area of the problems and challenges of aging in the Gay and Lesbian community. She will be available to meet the press and interested media persons at 6:00 p.m. on March 28 at the Park East. The reception, being a private function, will be closed to the press. For further information, call Eldon Murray- (414) 271-0378.

Coffee Lab to Display Art of Neff

[Madison]- The recently opened Coffee Lab will regularly present exhibitions of both new and established artists, helping to bring Madison's largely underground art scene to the public eye.

"Stolen Fish," an exhibition of recent works by Madison-based artist Laurel Neff, will debut with an opening reception on Friday, March 18 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The exhibition will run through April 18.

The Coffee Lab is located at 1101 Williamson Street in Madison. It is closed on Mondays.

'Long Awaited Pleasure' Film Showing

[Milwaukee]- The Womyn's Cultural Community Center is having a fundraiser Movie Night on Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Door will open at 6:00 p.m. The featured movie that evening will be **Long Awaited Pleasure**. Lesbian art work will also be on display and for sale.

The location is the First Unitarian Church at 1342 N. Astor in Milwaukee. The suggested donation is \$5. For more information call Mimi at (414) 445-4179 or Rosemary at (414) 383-3846.

Leather Daddy Weekend May 6-8

[Milwaukee]- The Wisconsin Leather/Levi clubs announce the 3rd Annual Wisconsin Leather/Levi Community's Daddy and Daddy's Boy Weekend, May 6-8. The focus of the weekend will be the contests in which Daddy and Daddy's Boy, 1994 will be chosen.

The Argonauts of Wisconsin, Castaways MC, The Oberons and the Unicorns of Madison, Inc., in cooperation with the Wreck Room, The 1100 Club and the Boot Camp Saloon are again presenting this fundraiser with the assistance of Peter Neupert and Joseph Mallien of North Woods Productions.

International Mr Leather '92, Len Broberg, will again emcee the weekend festivities. Daddy Paul and Daddy's Boy Alvin, both from Madison, who took the titles in '93, will be on hand to transfer the winner banners.

Weekend tickets at a reduced rate (\$20) as well as contestant entry forms will be available through club members, participating bars as well as North Woods Productions, P.O. Box 341611, Milwaukee, WI 53234-1611.

Ripon College Fights Homophobia

[Ripon, WI]- The Network is a group at Ripon College interested in Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual issues and concerns. The Network is co-sponsoring an event with the College Religion Department entitled "Homophobia, Heterosexism and Me." The program includes a panel discussion addressing how homophobia and heterosexism hurt individuals and social units. Members of the panel include Mitzi Eilts and Gregory Anderson, representatives of the UC Coalition for Lesbian/Gay concerns.

The event will take place Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Ripon College's East Hall Theatre. It is free and open to the public.

Tom Reed to Speak at PFLAG

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be hosting Tom Reed who will speaking about his experience as Director of Governmental Affairs for Miller Brewery. The event will take place March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd., in Milwaukee.

The second annual PFLAG "Wisconsin Connection" will take place Saturday, April 23 at the Quality Inn South in Madison. Featured speakers will be State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Harriet Bruyn, PFLAG Central Region Director. For more information call Sandy at (414) 962-9320.

'Relationships that Work' Discussion

[Milwaukee]- The Gay Men's Discussion Group presents "Relationships that Work: Building and Maintaining Satisfying Intimacy." The discussion will take place on March 27 at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Preregistration is not required and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Drag-a-Rama's Spring Tour Announced

[Milwaukee]- Drag-A-Rama, the traveling, non-profit comedic drag show will be coming to Wisconsin this Spring. Drag-A-Rama travels throughout Illinois and Wisconsin to raise funds for AIDS and LesBiGay charities. All funds go to charity, including tips the performers receive.

On Saturday, March 26, Drag-A-Rama will be performing at Club 219 to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

On Friday, May 13, Drag-A-Rama will be at the Pivot Club in Appleton to benefit the Fox Valley AIDS Project.

On Saturday, May 14, Drag-A-Rama will be at Club 94 in Kenosha to benefit both the Northern Illinois AIDS Project and the Southeastern Wisconsin AIDS Project.

Ninth Anti-Gay Violence Report Shows Slight Decrease

[Washington, D.C.]- Statistics released on March 8 in a report by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) illuminate the dramatic prevalence of hate-violence perpetrated against Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in the United States.

The 9th Annual NGLTF survey entitled **Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization and Defamation in 1993**, documents 1,813 anti-Gay incidents in six U.S. cities in 1993, including harassment, threats, physical assaults, vandalism, arson, police abuse, kidnaping, extortion and murder. This total, while troubling, represents a welcome 14 percent decrease in anti-Gay incidents over the all-time high of 2,103 incidents reported in Boston, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York City and San Francisco during 1992.

While the number of over-all incidents fell, the individual incidents in 1993 comprised a higher number of offenses per incident. Nationwide, the severity of anti-Gay incidents rose by 22 percent, from 1.6 offenses per incident in 1992 to 1.9.

"While any decline is welcome, it is too early to draw conclusions on whether 1993 numbers indicate a downward trend," said Martin Hiraga, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and author of the report. "Anti-Gay violence is still epidemic in this country."

The highest number of anti-Gay episodes were recorded in New York City (587), followed by San Francisco (366), Minneapolis/St. Paul (240), Denver (229), Chicago (204) and Boston (187).

Because of under-reporting by victims, it is estimated that these figures reflect only a fraction of the actual number of incidents that occurred in the six urban areas last year. Evidence in the report shows that in one community, a significant percentage of victims did not report their incidents because they feared public disclosure of their sexual orientation.

"The numbers reported continue to represent only the tip of the iceberg," said Hiraga.

Only 322 anti-Gay crimes were reported to local police in the six cities. Police reports declined 14 percent in 1993 from 375 crimes in 1992.

The decline in anti-Gay episodes could reflect a variety of factors according to Hiraga. These include increased outreach by Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual crime prevention education programs, greater vigilance against anti-Gay violence by local law enforcement officials, and enhanced penalties in local hate crime statutes. However, these figures also indicate that homophobic violence remained an on-going and prevalent problem in the six urban areas last year.

Hate Crimes and the Religious Right

Intolerance fomented by Religious Right propagandists may have contributed to anti-Gay violence in many communities.

For example, Denver victim advocates documented a 12 percent surge in homophobic incidents during 1992 in the wake of the passage of Amendment 2. In 1992, Denver advocates received 41 percent of the year's reports in November and December, after the initiative passed.

The number of anti-Gay incidents remained high through the first months of 1993. After a series of Colorado state

court decisions invalidated Amendment 2, anti-Gay incidents declined to their pre-1992 levels.

New York City advocates also noted a surge in anti-Gay incidents at the beginning of 1993, after a very visible Religious Right campaign to remove any mention of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual families from local school curriculums.

Anti-Gay incidents also decreased in other communities, especially when there was greater local Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual visibility and an accompanying religious backlash.

For example, victim advocates in Washington, D.C. noted an unusual rise in homophobic episodes in the weeks before and after the March On Washington.

"When individual communities face local anti-Gay battles, violence rises," said Hiraga.

Prevalence Studies

Data compiled by local anti-violence projects and by the police account for only a fraction of anti-Gay episodes that actually happen. More accurate and more disturbing are prevalence studies that question individuals directly about victimization they have experienced.

Fourteen percent of the men and 9 percent of the women questioned in a St. Louis survey said they had been punched, hit, kicked or beaten in an anti-Gay incident.

Missouri is a state targeted by the Religious Right for an initiative to ban protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Let them be Killed

Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) distributed a flyer in the Salem, Oregon public library in early 1993, calling for the execution, castration and imprisonment of Lesbians and Gay men. The flyer called on its readers to demonstrate their "love" for Gay men by slashing their wrists and bleeding them to death.

OCA is a Right Wing organization pushing an anti-Gay initiative in Oregon. It is also advising similar groups in Washington State and Nevada.

Throughout the country, Religious Right groups like OCA and many that are connected to it are sponsoring initiatives designed to deprive Lesbians and Gay men of civil rights. Their flyers portray Gay people as degenerate and subhuman.

Government and Community Action in 1993

In 1993, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously that states may enhance penalties for hate crimes when it is proven that the assailants chose their victims because of their race, religion, sexual orientation or other target status (Wisconsin v. Mitchell).

After the Supreme Court's decision, the Federal Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act was introduced and passed in the House of Representatives. The Act was introduced as an amendment to the omnibus Crime Bill in the Senate and passed as well. The Senate version awaits passage of the full bill.

The states of Washington and Texas both enacted hate crime penalty enhancement laws that include sexual orientation bias. The state of South Carolina ordered its law enforcement agencies to begin collecting data on hate crimes against Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals.



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Court Strikes Down Wording of Florida Anti-Gay Proposal

[Tallahassee, FL]- National Gay activist groups were elated by the Florida Supreme Court 6-0 ruling against a proposal to ban any law in the state that protects Gays from discrimination.

"It is the first time in the latest wave of anti-Gay and anti-democratic initiatives that a state court has struck a measure from the ballot," said Suzanne B. Goldberg, a New York attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

The Religious Right is waging campaigns to limit anti-discrimination protection of Gays in 7 other states.

Jeff Peters, a Tallahassee attorney who formed a state group to oppose the amendment, said he was "ecstatic" and

called the opinion a "slam-dunk blow" to the American Family Association (AFA) which had sponsored the amendment.

David Caton, president of the AFA of Florida said that the group would be refocusing its energies on the local level because the court's ruling has "made a statewide campaign virtually impossible."

In its ruling, the Court said the AFA amendment would encroach on the authority of government, mislead voters and limit the basic rights of Floridians, and therefore could not go on the ballot.

The Court further ruled that the amendment would encroach on the home-rule rights of cities and would have an impact on other parts of the state constitution, including one dealing with people's basic rights.

People reading the ballot language might believe they were casting votes that would restrict existing laws only and not realize it also banned future laws to protect other groups from discrimination, the Court said.

Wanted: Tougher, Sexier Robin For the Next 'Batman' Film

By Katharine Webster

Boston, MA [AP] - Batman's sidekick has grown up. But was the boy wonder in town last weekend?

Nearly 1,000 would-be Robins from throughout New England turned out Saturday, February 26, at a Warner Brothers open audition for the next Batman movie. But director Joel Schumacher isn't looking for the ingenuous Robin of the 1960s television series.

He wants someone with more Pow! "We're looking for a Robin for the 90s — someone who's tough, sexy, rebellious — not the 'Holy Cow,' 'Gee whiz' boy from the Burt Ward days," said Batman III casting director Mali Finn.

Applicants were supposed to be under 5 feet 9 inches tall and between 14 and 20 years old. No acting experience was required.

Schumacher is looking beyond the usual talent pool of actors represented by agents or recommended by high school drama coaches. "We're also having auditions with young people recommended by... youth clubs, parole officers and gang liaisons, because we're looking for a tough kid," Finn said.

Finn has held such auditions in Seattle, Minneapolis, Toronto and Chicago, plans similar auditions in New York, Washington, Miami and Houston.

In Remembrance of Kathryn Clarenbach

Wisconsin Light would like to offer its deepest sympathies to the friends and family of Kathryn Clarenbach who died on March 4. She was 73.

Kathryn Clarenbach was a giant in the women's movement, in Wisconsin and in the nation as a whole. She was a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, a leader who helped change the state laws on marital property, sexual assault and comparable worth.

As the first chairwoman of Alverno College's first lay board, she was instrumental in the decision to keep Alverno a women's college. She was also chair of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women from 1964 to 1978. She ended her career of activism and education as a professor of political science at UW-Madison.

In all respects, Kathryn Clarenbach was a great, wise and generous person. As such, part of her legacy is her children, Janet Mallon, Sara Clarenbach and David Clarenbach, who for 18 years in the state legislature, carried on his mother's nobility and ideals.

Kathryn Clarenbach will be sadly missed.



AU REVOIR— Al Thomas, Milwaukee Triangle Bar owner, posed with his bartenders at the farewell party held March 9, 1994. The bar was sold but will remain open under new ownership. Al had operated the bar since July 19, 1988.

124 Year Old German Law That Brought on Pink Triangle Repealed

[Milwaukee]- Germany has at last and finally seen the last of Article 175. On Thursday, March 10, 1994, that part of the German Criminal Code was finally abolished by the German Bundestag by a large majority 124 years after it was passed. Article 175, as it has stood since 1969, put sexual activity between a man older than 18 and a man younger than 18 under penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment. (The age for heterosexuals has been 16 years.)

Article 175 has been the symbol of legal discrimination against Gay men (Lesbians were not mentioned) for the last 124 years. It was originally introduced in 1871 into the Reichstag (the Imperial German parliament) by then Chancellor Otto von Bismark to appease his clerical and conservative supporters.

At the time, the "Koenigliches wissenschaftliches Deputat fur das Medizalwissen" (medical advisory group on legal questions) urged the members of the Reichstag not to enact the measure. Bismark paid no attention.

In succeeding years, countless attempts were made to get rid of it (many of them led by Magnus Hirschfeld, the great pioneer of the movement for civil rights for Gays). These attempts were always defeated, often by narrow margins.

Shortly after the Nazis gained power, it was announced that the Reich would be "cleansed" of "homosexual degeneracy." To accomplish this, the Nazis broadened Article 175 to put Gays under even harsher penalties. Gay men and Lesbians were rounded up in their tens of thousands, perhaps in their several millions. (Gay life was very open in previous years) and shipped off to camps like Dachau and Auschwitz, to mention only two. Gay men wore the Pink Triangle, Lesbians wore one that was Black.

They suffered indescribable humiliations and tortures on the road to their extermination. To all of this, Article 175 provided the legal disguise.

With the end of the war, Nazi court sentences against Jewish or political victims were declared invalid and the survivors were (at least partially) compensated.

However, sentences against Gays and

Lesbians were enforced by the Allies and were upheld by the West German Supreme Court in 1957. Nazi sentences remained on the "offender's" criminal record. West German police continued to compile lists of "homosexuals and perverts."

Only in 1969 was the article reformed; sexual acts between males above 18 were exempt from punishment.

In East Germany, the Article had already been abolished in 1968, leading to an outcry by West German Right Wingers about Communists and "perverts" being in cahoots.

Now 175 is gone altogether, and the German Criminal Code no longer mentions homosexuality at all.

Al Sells Triangle Bar and Says Au Revoir to Friends

[Milwaukee]- To a near capacity crowd and the bursts of flashbulbs, Al Thomas, owner of The Triangle, spent the evening of March 9, bidding a fond "Au revoir" to all his friends. Al has sold the bar to Rob Bruckner who was due to take over the next day.

It was not a party. Al had said that. But a time when he was "at home." Nevertheless, it was a party atmosphere that prevailed.

Almost everybody, it seemed, had a camera and was taking pictures of Al with everyone in sight. When they weren't taking snapshots, people sat or stood around remembering the good times they'd all had there.

Asked how he felt about taking over the bar, Rob answered that he was "so excited" that he found it hard to sleep. He said he is looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know them.

Will there be any changes? The name will remain the same, he said, but he does plan to lay new carpeting, redo the bathrooms and change the walls so that they are all one color. Also, with the coming of better weather, he will repaint the outside.

As to Al, he plans a vacation, he said, and then, who knows?

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