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THE BIG APPLE OR BUST—Athletes on "Team Wisconsin" posed at the opening of the Gay Games IV in New York City. Others from the state were not available at the time this photo was taken or arrived later in the week to participate in the various sports.

Thousands March to Remember Stonewall; Each One Has Their Own Story to Tell

(New York)—They marched behind a mile-long rainbow flag, cheering and chanting and proclaiming their Gay Pride. They mourned in silence and they screamed in rage. But no matter what they did, each had their story to tell.

There were people from places like Colorado and Indiana, still dismally oppressive places for Lesbians and Gay men.

"We want people to know, what happened here (at Stonewall) is happening in Indiana today," said Stephanie Minaert of **Out and About** in Indiana.

Dr. William Camerino of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, wore a picture of a young man. It said "Timothy Gallups 1961-1992."

"I'm keeping his memory alive," Camerino said. "He would have loved this." Then he began to cry.

Bobby Southwell of Portland, Oregon, carried a sign that asked, "How many of us will be alive for Stonewall 35?"

"It's amazing that in 25 years we've come so far, from when you couldn't get out of a Gay bar to where you fill the streets proudly," said Jerry Clifford, a parade participant from

Michigan.

At the post-parade rally in Central Park, Liza Minnelli was introduced by playwright Harvey Fierstein. Minnelli told the crowd that the commemoration had special meaning for her because the riots began the day of her mother's funeral. Then she sang "Someday We'll Be Free."

"Ain't no stopping us now," sang RuPaul **Two Marches.**

While most of the marchers headed up First Avenue, past the United Nations, to Central Park, a smaller contingent marched up Fifth Avenue.

As reported in the **New York Times**, three days prior to the march, local groups led by the New York Chapter of Gay and Lesbian Americans brought suit against the city for a permit for a second march.

Gay and Lesbian Americans (GLA) is a diverse, non-partisan coalition of grassroots advocates committed to civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people, and to a cure for AIDS.

While the main march was shaped by people and groups who wanted to focus out-

rage on the social and legal abuse that Lesbians and Gays suffer here and in other countries.

GLA and its allies fought to shift the focus to AIDS and sexual liberation. They also maintained that the march should begin at Sheridan Square, the site of the Stonewall Inn.

"A Stonewall 25 celebration with no connection to Sheridan Square is really ignoring the place where it all began, and the very people whose bravery we're celebrating," said GLA/New York member Mike Taglieri, a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

In the end, the second march was held without a city permit, but police closed off Fifth Avenue to traffic and didn't interfere.

The Associated Press reported that much of the police department's pro-Gay attitude was due to the Gay Officers Action League. Founded in 1982, the League is made up of about 1,000 Lesbian and Gay members of the NYPD.

The 31,000-officer department, the nation's largest, has quietly recruited and promoted Lesbians and Gay men for nearly 10 years.

The Fifth Avenue March was led by Sylvia Rivera, a drag queen and former street hustler, who, to many Gays is one of the bona fide heroes of Stonewall.

On the night of June 27, 1969, Rivera was dancing at the Stonewall Inn when the police launched one of their periodic raids. "I was just not in the mood," Rivera later told historian Martin Duberman. "I had got to the point where I didn't want to be bothered anymore."

According to Duberman who has written a book on Stonewall, every reliable account credits Rivera with a major role in the riot. Some witnesses even say she threw the first bottle, an honor she declines.

At the time of Stonewall, Rivera was a troubled, chaotic character who'd begun hustling in Times Square at the age of 11. Still, she seemed to realize that Stonewall could be more than a one-night phenomenon.

"Sylvia was the one who got everybody going the next day," said Ivan Valentin, herself a participant in the uprising.

For awhile, Rivera seemed to have disappeared. No one knew what had happened to her or if she was still alive. But on Sunday, June 26, there she was, at the head of the march up Fifth Avenue. She wore black pumps and a gold dress decorated with little rainbow flags.

Asked what it all meant to her, she replied, "It means I'm still alive to see our Gay brothers and sisters here fighting for our rights. It means I'm here to see that we still have the guts to take Fifth Avenue."

Religious Right Leaders Hold High Level Conference in Colorado

(Great Barrington, MA)—According to a report issued by the Institute for First Amendment Studies (IFAS), Religious Right leaders from across the country held a two-day conference in Colorado Springs in mid-May. The purpose of the meeting, according to IFAS and **The Washington Times** was to "coordinate policy and strategy in dealing with the Gay rights movement in the United States."

The Times is a conservative paper owned by the followers of Sun Myung Moon.

The **Times** article, procured by **Light**, says that the leaders of 35 state and national religious right organizations attended the meeting, which was held at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center. The conference focused solely on ways to deprive Gay people of equal rights.

The conference was hosted by Colorado for Family Values (CFV), the group which sponsored anti-Gay Amendment 2. It is headed

by Will Perkins.

In one of several tapes made at the conference and secured by IFAS, Perkins is heard telling the group that "there is not a more important meeting being held in these United States as is being held here these next two days."

John Eldridge, of the Texas-based Focus on the Family, outlined part of the Right's agenda to fight "Gay rights." Among other points made were the following:

- Use ideas and language that appeal to the public;
 - Create the impression that the "anti-Gay" movement is a local, grass roots movement.
- Eldridge cautioned leaders against allowing local people to know the extent of participation by national groups.

"If a community perceives that an outside, national group is behind local activism, the

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Increased Client Needs Forces MAP to Move to Larger Building Sept. 1

(Milwaukee)—The rapidly accelerating rate of the AIDS pandemic in Milwaukee as elsewhere in the state and nation, means more clients for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). This, in turn, requires that the AIDS service agency move to a bigger space. This will happen on September 1, 1994 when the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, MAP's parent agency, MAP and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium moves from the current location on Court Street to 820 N. Plankinton Street in downtown Milwaukee.

"It's sad that we have to have the extra area," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director. "It is terrible that the disease is growing so fast, but it is. MAP now serves over a 1,000 clients and that number is growing."

Nelson reported that MAP's new location would continue its history of cost-effective space. "The occupancy cost of our new facility will still be no more than 5% of our total budget," he said.

"We are proud of the fact that we will continue to keep our occupancy costs extremely low and that we will continue to invest our resources heavily in the provision of direct services," Nelson said.

"While our new location enables us to provide state of the art facilities for case management, primary care, and other support services for clients, the new building will also house our growing clinical drug trial program and our prevention services staff which conducts such critically programs like our Life-point Needle Exchange Program," Nelson said.

In addition to MAP's growing clientele, MAP's volunteer support now exceeds 1,000 trained and active volunteers who frequently access the MAP facility and significantly add to the need for expanded space.

MAP currently handles one half of the state's caseload, an effort which the current location cannot carry.

"This move is a positive move for our clients," Nelson emphasized. "MAP's consumers deserve and require of us the best in services that the agency is able to provide."

The increased room at the new location will allow MAP volunteers and professional staff to continue and expand quality care. "This is our bottom line," Nelson said. "We will go where we have to and do what we must to provide that."

MAP will occupy all floors of the four-story building, a 26,000 square foot space that will increase the AIDS agency's capacity by 75% over the current Court Street facility.

The building is completely accessible to all who are physically challenged and offers convenient free parking across the street as well as designated street parking in front for the physically challenged. The centralized location is convenient to many bus lines.

To meet the increasing need for all these things, improvements are even now taking place. Among other things, the Food Pantry will be twice its current size.

There will be a children's play area; 3 dedicated, private support group rooms; 8 confidential, sound-proofed client counseling rooms and private rooms for cooperative therapy sessions, along with a large, comfortable and well-appointed client lounge.

There will be new clinic space for the Early Intervention Program and expanded primary care services, and increased space for legal, housing and support services for clients.

The Plankinton Street facility is currently undergoing massive renovation.

Wisconsin Light will be carrying an update including both story and pictures as the new facility comes closer to completion.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Stonewall 25 Hundreds of Thousands in Debt

(New York)—The Stonewall 25 organization reportedly has a deficit of hundred of thousands of dollars, New York Newsday has reported. "The most recent figure I heard was \$300,000 in debts," one staff member who asked not be named told Newsday. Stonewall 25 national co-chair Franklin Fry told Newsday the organization would "pay off every single one of our debts. I'm not even thinking about anything else." Stonewall's budget projections took a dive on March Sunday when New York Parks Commissioner Henry Stern refused to allow organizers to collect money during the rally in Central Park. Stern said Stonewall 25 organizers had not applied for a permit.

Lesbian Encounters of the Disney Kind

(San Francisco)—The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that the homophobic Right Wing Christian American Family Association (AFA) has recently targeted the Walt Disney Company. "Disney helps push the homosexual agenda," screams the June issue of the AFA Journal. The AFA claims that Disney ranks among the leading advertisers "who constantly appear on homosexual propaganda pieces, such as 'Rosanne' where 'Lesbians cavort.'" The AFA reports that Disney is now producing "their most explicit movie yet" which will feature "Lesbian frontal nudity." There is no mention of what this movie might be.

Thai Developer Building Town for Gay Men

Bangkok-AP—A Thai real estate developer is building "Flower Town," a live-in resort for Gay men with everything from shopping to specialized room service. "Gay men need a place to live where they can feel comfortable and accepted," said Dejeow Srichai, a Gay man who is the manager of the project. The project will be completed in August and is located in the north-eastern province of Korat about 100 miles north of Bangkok. The 80 acre resort will include apartment buildings, houses, mini-marts, restaurants, pool halls, bars and health clinics. The exact location is being divulged only to buyers. An advertising leaflet says the resort will have "handsome and charming" male staff to bring "excitement or entertainment to your room, everything and everywhere." A similar development is being built in Pattaya, a seaside resort near Bangkok.

Idaho Anti-Gay Initiative has Qualified for Ballot

Boise-AP—The Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA) has achieved its aim of putting an anti-Gay initiative on Idaho's November ballot that would permit discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Brian Bergquist of the Don't Sign On campaign fighting the Right Wing ICA said that the ICA had achieved the required number of signatures (32,061). "Obviously we're disappointed that Idaho is going to have to fight about this," Bergquist said. "But Don't Sign On has always said we thought it would get on the ballot." Bergquist said that Idaho Gays and their supporters would give ICA "quite a fight."

Amendment 2 Returns To State High Court

Denver-AP—The anti-Gay Amendment 2, passed by Colorado voters, made its second trip to the state Supreme Court on June 30. Colorado Solicitor General Timothy Tymkovich argued that the state has an interest in protecting certain groups, but "They (Gays and Lesbians) have demonstrated their success in the political arena." He argued, therefore, that Gays do not need protection.

Jean Dubofsky, a Boulder lawyer, representing a coalition of Amendment 2 opponents, argued that there were no new issues "worth addressing. However, she told the 7 justices that "passage of Amendment 2 is the first successful effort to deny a group civil rights since racial civil rights lawsuits gained prominence during the 1960's."

In 1993, Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless, issued an injunction blocking Amendment 2. The injunction was upheld by the High Court on a 6-1 ruling that said that the amendment violates the right of Gays and Lesbians to participate fully in the political process. Dubofsky said that she thought the case "would go on for years."

Cammermeyer Upheld on Appeal

Seattle-AP—A judge has rejected Justice Department arguments that allowing a Lesbian National Guard colonel back in uniform while her case is appealed will cause irreparable harm to the military. "Indeed, in this case, the public interest is likely promoted by permitting such an extraordinarily talented and dedicated officer to serve her country," U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly wrote.

Zilly ruled Jun 1 that the government violated Margarethe Cammermeyer's Fifth Amendment rights to due process and equal protection when it discharged her in 1992 for being a Lesbian.

Ohio Right Wing Targets City-Level Politics

Cincinnati-AP—Self-described "pro-family" groups have shelved a plan to put a statewide anti-Gay initiative on the November ballot. "Another ballot petition drive would play into the hands of homosexuals because they would win in court and achieve their goal," said Phil Burress, chair of Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, which put the Cincinnati ban on the ballot last Fall. Instead, the groups will focus on Project Spotlight, a play to defeat city council candidates in Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton and Toledo who are supported by Gays and Lesbians. Project Spotlight is being spearheaded by the American Family Association of Tupelo, Mississippi. Gays are not powerless, Burress said, and "therefore they don't need civil rights protection like we give to Blacks and women."

A judge in Cincinnati has yet to rule on whether or not to uphold that city's anti-Gay ban, but Burress said that if the ban is struck down, "We fully expect the [U.S.] Supreme Court to hear this case."

Lesbian's Mother Appeals Custody Ruling

Richmond-AP—A decision awarding a Lesbian mother custody of her 2-year-old son was appealed on June 24 to the Virginia Supreme Court, perhaps delaying the child's reunion with his mother. A lawyer for Kay Bottoms, the boy's grandmother, filed the notice of appeal with the Virginia Court of Appeals, which had awarded custody of Tyler Doustou to Sharon Bottoms. The Court of Appeals order was scheduled to go to Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford Parsons for his signature 14 days after the June 21 ruling. Parsons is the judge who upheld a juvenile court decision granting custody of Tyler to Kay Bottoms. But Richard Ryder, attorney for the grandmother, said, "The Court of Appeals mandate will not be issued until the Supreme Court rules" in the case. Both sides could not say if the state Supreme Court would hear the case.

Sissy of the Year: Andre Agassi

Los Angeles—The latest issue of *The Advocate* lists its "Sissy of the Year" awards. At the top of the list is tennis star Andre Agassi. According to *The Advocate*, Agassi warned fellow player Pete Sampras that he'd really blundered by accepting a bouquet from Gay singer Elton John. "You can't go around getting flowers from a fag like that," Agassi is reported to have said.

A Bay State university to Actively Recruit Gays

Boston, MA-AP—Northeastern University in Massachusetts has adopted a new policy to recruit openly Gay and Lesbian faculty members. No longer will Northeastern be content to merely avoid discriminating against Gays and Lesbians, the university says. Now it will give them preferential treatment in hiring. Faculty members say the new policy will allow Gay people to serve openly as role models for LesBiGay students. In addition to seeking openly Gay faculty and staff, the university will also be seeking veterans and disabled people. Job notices will be sent to LesBiGay groups around the country.

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Religious Right 'Hellbent on Destroying Clinton Presidency' Democrats Say

Analysis By Martina King

Listen to the Democrats these days, from President Clinton on down, and it would appear that the Republican Party has changed its name to the Religious Party.

There certainly are deep fissures in the Republican ranks, deepest among them, the differences between cultural conservatives and moderates over issues like equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, abortion, and school prayer.

But as the Democrats try to fan that fight and attract disenchanted GOP moderates, there is a more immediate reasoning behind the effort to paint the Republicans as the party of religious loony-toons: Democratic turn-out has been pathetic this year, and the attacks are an effort to persuade the Liberals to vote.

"They only do well in low turnout," California Rep. Nancy Pelosi reminded fellow Democrats in June as she warned against "the Radical Right"—a label Democrats are using more and more these days as they search for a successful midterm election strategy.

That the Radical Religious Right is dangerous both to the Constitution and American ideals, few liberal and moderate thinkers have no doubt. That the Democrats are beginning to see it as their midterm mission to warn their stay-at-home fellows about that threat, there is no doubt either.

Clinton himself has taken issue with those he said "come into the political system and then say that anybody who doesn't agree with them is godless, anyone who doesn't agree with them is not a good Christian."

The President also took on ultra-conservative talkshow host, Rush Limbaugh and Right Wing TV preacher, Jerry Falwell. The latter is spreading a video tape that implies, among other things, that the president is guilty of murder.

Clinton's criticisms and those of others are being repeated with ever increasing urgency, as the Radical Religious Right has taken control of state Republican conventions in Texas, Virginia and Minnesota. This faction of the GOP, the Democrats say—and with reason—is hellbent on destroying the Clinton presidency and with it, the civil rights gains of the last 20 years of Gays, women, Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities.

"Christian bashing," is GOP Chairman Haley Barbour's label for the Democratic attacks, a line repeated, somewhat half-

heartedly, by Senate GOP leader Bob Dole in a recent C-SPAN broadcast.

Dole recently endorsed Virginia senatorial candidate and admitted liar, Oliver North, but insiders on the Hill say the dour Republican leader had to "swallow hard" to do it.

Democrats are denying the charge of bashing the Christians. "We want to compete for votes of people of faith," said Democratic National Chairman David Wilhelm. "What we take issue with is the suggestion that one group's political views are ordained by God and that all others are un-Christian."

In the meantime, the Religious Right, spearheaded by Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition, among other groups, is taking over the GOP precinct by precinct, state party by state party, a move which is increasingly driving moderate Republicans out.

"If we say that every woman who has an abortion is a 'baby killer,' and that every son and daughter who is Gay is an 'abomination,' we are relegating ourselves to the sideline," said former New Jersey GOP Gov. Thomas Kean to a Republican gathering in Iowa dominated by the Christian Right Wing.

Kean's remarks earned him 2 of the 1,349 votes cast in the Iowa GOP's 1996 presidential straw poll, obvious evidence of the influence Christian conservatives have in an increasing number of state Republican Parties.

On NBC's "Meet the Press," on June 26, former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp denounced the personal attacks on the Clintons, a staple on the TV shows of people like Robertson and Falwell.

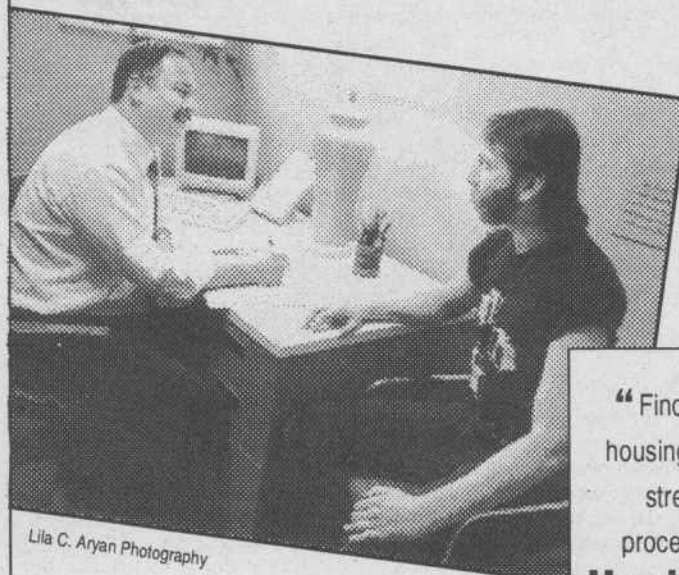
It is ironic, Washington observers say, how closely the fate of Clinton and of Gays are connected. Moderate Republicans and Democrats alike say that few in the country realize how many millions of dollars the Far Right is spending in the campaign to destroy them both.

Stanley Greenberg, the White House pollster, said one on three Republicans feels alienated from the Party because of the rising influence of the Christian Right Wing.

"This obviously helps Democrats, but it (attacking the Right) is not just a strategy on our part," Greenberg said. "The Christian Right stuff is underscoring a fault line in the Republican Party that is fundamental."

While it is too early to tell how the struggle will work out, it is soon enough to predict that the elections of 1994 and 1996 will be among the most crucial in American history.

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Marchers Absorbed Into New York City While Washington's Marchers Stood Out

Commentary By Thomas P. Heyl

I went to the March on Washington last year. That too was a "gathering of the tribe," as they say. But there seems to be a difference, a subtle, but distinct difference, between that March and this one in New York.

For one thing, in Washington we seemed to occupy the place. We seemed to fill it up. For a day, perhaps two, one of the world's great capitals belonged to us.

There was a sense of euphoria there, I think, a feeling that all those bright, glistening white buildings and monuments erected to memorialize human-kind's eternal struggle for liberty, had something to do with us Gays and Lesbians. We were part of the battle.

It's not like that here in New York. Here, where all the buildings look like a bunch of Fundie Christians at a Gay Pride event, we seem to be lost. We don't belong.

In Washington, the very spirit of the city seemed to speak to us, to our struggles for equality under the law. That's a beautiful dream, one to conjure with, one to inspire.

New York seems to me to have nothing of that. It's too concrete, too preoccupied with commerce and business to care too much about dreams.

Perhaps others sensed all that as well. I can easily believe that there were a million people in Washington for the march. They came with the fervency of pilgrims embarked on some crusade.

No matter what the organizers say, there are not a million people here, not by far. As Johnny (my lover) commented sadly, "This is just New York's Gay Pride Parade writ large."

In Washington, there was a sense that I got of unity, almost a feeling of community, as if we needed to gain strength from each other before going home to fight.

In New York, we split right down the middle.

While the main march went up past the U.N., a sidebar began at Sheridan Square and marched up Fifth Avenue. This latter was orchestrated by Gay and Lesbian Americans (GLA) and ACT UP. Their reasoning was two

fold: A Gay Pride March commemorating Stonewall should start where Stonewall was; and the main march did not (or would not) focus enough outrage over AIDS.

As far as I'm concerned, making a point over the start of march wasn't worth the split, not in the least. In fact, it bordered on being a childish tantrum.

Secondly, regarding outrage over AIDS, the Gay and Lesbian Americans et al should realize a couple of things.

One is that if ACT UP and GLA don't join their considerable energies in the fight for our legal rights, outrage and sorrow over AIDS

Texas preacher said, it's "God's way of cleaning house." They want us dead.

Let me say the unthinkable: AIDS is not the only thing this community has to deal with. This community has a life, it has interests, vital interests other than AIDS. The disease, terrible as it is, is only part of the whole.

Certainly, we must fight for research funding, fight for a cure. But we must also fight equally hard for our rights--and the two, AIDS and the political battles we must wage it seems to me are inextricably linked.

GLA and ACT UP should not have split off. As in Washington, ACT UP should have joined in the main march. As it was, they gave the mainstream press and a lot of others as well, the opportunity to talk about the "inherent divisions" in our community. That did damage.

We don't have time to fight among ourselves. We don't have time for splits.

I am convinced that we Gays and Lesbians carry in our knapsacks the hopes and dreams embodied in the monuments in Washington, the dreams of liberty, of equality, of dignity for ourselves and all human kind. If we don't win, if we don't achieve these things there is not a minority in this country who will not suffer.

We must unify. We must know that our struggle is not divisible, but all of a single piece.

I will remember Washington as a glowing time. I can't say the same for New York.



FLEX HEAVEN--Men and women body builders competed in the Gay Games IV in New York City.

Wisconsin Ignites the Stonewall March with its Plastic Cow and 'Moo-Cow' Dance

By Bill Meunier

The Wisconsin delegation in New York's Stonewall 25 March was variously described as "a floating party marching down the street," "spirited and enthusiastic," "nutty" and "people who put strange things in their milk." However, one would describe it the Badger State marchers served notice that they were in New York to have fun.

There was Tammy Baldwin pumping her fist in the air as she helped spell out "W-I-S-C-O-N-S-I-N, The Gay Rights State." There was the normally calm and sedate Carl Smanzy, owner of AfterWords Bookstore, joining in the "M-I-L-K, Drink Our Milk, It Makes You Gay." cheer.

There was BJ Daniels doing his best circle snap as he joined in the chant "We're Hot, We're Bitchy We Want Our Rights Now!" There was the normally quiet Attorney Steve Brondino doing the "Moo Cow Dance." There was Mark co-owner of Za's in Green Bay line skating circles in front of the Wisconsin banner joining the half of the group yelling "Eat Cheese" (while the other half chanted "Drink Beer.")

The on-lookers cheered, the parade marshal's loved it and the New York contingent which marched in front of Wisconsin kept looking back in amused amazement. When stopped to let traffic through the group chanted "We're waiting on the lights while we're waiting on our rights," and "We're Hot We're Bitchy We Want to Cross the Street." The latter to the laughter of the Police.

The party atmosphere attracted more and more marchers as the parade went on. The group which started out with about 150 finished the march with nearly 1,000. One man from California said "You guys looked like you were having so much fun I had to join in." Another from New York said "You looked much more exciting than New York was. We could hear you guys for several minutes before we saw you."

Most however, were Wisconsinites, proud to join in the merriment.

Every few blocks one young man would climb onto the shoulders of his friend. They would run out in front of the group and yell "1-2-3" which was the signal for everyone to yell "Cheese" and break out their very best pose.

The group yelled "We're Here, We're Queer Where the hell's the Beer," sang (or hummed) "On Wisconsin," and did the Gay Dance. "If you're Gay and you know clap your hands... stomp your feet... yell moo"

Things reached a fever pitch when half way through the route, those carrying the banner spotted a large inflated cow. It was being held by a Team Wisconsin member who was watching the march.

Four members of the contingent ran ahead and struggled to get it. Finally they convinced its owner to join in. As the black and white plastic bovine, made it back behind the Wisconsin banner the roar was so loud that the New York group (which by now was a block ahead turned around to see what was happening.)

Wisconsin's jubilation was matched only by the onlookers many of whom seemed to be equally delirious. That moment will forever be known as the time that Wisconsin introduced the "Moo Cow" dance to New York.

The Moo Cow is done by chanting "Moo Cow" (dip your left shoulder), "Moo Cow" (dip your right shoulder), "Everybody bow now." (Bow with arms extended). The Moo Cow is best done with someone carrying a plastic cow in front of you and with increasing speed.

Untold thousands of parade watchers joined in, becoming part of what one Lesbian called "America's newest religious fad "The cult of the Dairy Cow." One could hardly blame them, the sight of hundreds of people marching down the street bowing in unison before a plastic cow reminded many of a scene from the "Ten Commandments."

This time, however, there was no Charleston Heston to split the earth. There were only thousands of laughing amused people joining in the satire.

When the still spirited, still riotous contingent finally reached Central Park it was shifted to another entrance four blocks away. No March Officials were on the road which had a number of intersections. Yet the group was now leading the rest of the parade pushed on chanting "Wisconsin Leads the Way Again."

Several blocks later the group was chanting "We're Here, We're Queer, We're Lost in Central Park." And "We're Here, We're Queer Will Someone Show Us the Way." Finally the exhausted band reached the rally site and after one final "Wisconsin" cheer disbanded.

The rally was star struck. Ru Paul sang. Harvey Fierstein emceed, Liza Minnelli sang and told the crowd, "Judy would be proud." They were joined by Kaye Clinton, Gregory Hines, and Carol Channing to name only a few of the many celebrities on hand to speak and entertain.

Flags from Brazil, Belgium, France, Australia, Estonia, Poland, Ireland, Norway and Germany were clearly visible. A very good dance troupe from Thailand performed.

It was at the rally where several members of the Wisconsin contingent reported hearing others talking favorably about the spectacle the Badger State had put on the streets.

But the rally also had problems. There were no trash baskets, little to drink, no port-a-john's, and no food. Furthermore the City had put the rally in middle of an area that resembled the Kansas "Dust Bowl" of the 1930's. This made the need for liquids especially after the long march all the more pronounced.

But even the long march through Central Park and the lack of amenities at the rally site could not diminish the day. There was freedom in the air, there was unity, and there were memories of leading thousands worshipping a plastic cow with the words "Experience Wisconsin" written on its sides.

New York City's Mayor Not Allowed to March at Head of Stonewall 25 March

By Bill Meunier

In an exclusive interview with Wisconsin Light, Stonewall 25 vet, and LA activist, John O'Brien recounted what happened during his visit to the Stonewall 25 National office.

According to O'Brien "Mayor Giuliani's staff called to insist that he lead the Stonewall 25 parade. They didn't like the response they got." Giuliani's staff was politely told that the Mayor was welcome to march with other elected officials in the section of the parade set aside for that purpose.

It would be "inappropriate" for Giuliani to lead the parade since he was not Gay, and was not at the Stonewall riots.

The Mayor's staff countered telling the March organizers "You're not showing the Mayor any respect." The reply from the March spokesperson was devastating, "The Mayor has not shown us any respect. If he tries to march at the head of the parade, we will surround him with every drag queen we can find and that's what will show up on the news."

Giuliani went on television to downplay the controversy and say that he would join the elected official contingent.

There was considerable friction between the Stonewall 25 Committee and Giuliani even before his request. The Committee sued the City to get permission to use a march route that would start in Greenwich village and go past the site of the Stonewall Bar.

A court ruled that although it could find no reason why Giuliani had denied permission for the march to start in the village, it could not legally intervene.

On march day, an unofficial march of about 10,000 began in the Sheridan Square area anyway. The police did not try to oppose the marchers and cleared traffic for them all the way to Central Park.

Many wondered why the city provided no trash receptacles or toilet facilities for the rally site. Others fumed over the prolonged negotiations to get Yankee Stadium for the closing ceremonies of the Gay Games.

In his second bid for the office, Giuliani defeated incumbent Mayor David Dinkins. In his first campaign, he denounced the city's Gay community. A united Lesbian and Gay front more than provided the margin for Giuliani's defeat. A chastened Giuliani made overtures towards New York's Lesbians and Gays in the rematch.

These were largely rebuffed, but it didn't matter as other traditionally Democratic groups defected from Dinkins and put Giuliani in Gracie Mansion.

The fact that Police heavily supported Giuliani in both of his races for the Mayor's office seemed to support those who said he and they were trying to get some sort of political



New York City Mayor Giuliani speaking at the Stonewall 25 March.

revenge. Many found the Police estimate to be laughable in view of the NYPD's statement that it had 6,500 officers along the march route. Using the Police figures that would have meant one officer for every two marchers.

One New Yorker who said he was a political activist told LIGHT "Giuliani realized the cops overdid it with their low estimate. So he comes out with a higher number. That way it doesn't look like the fix is in. Even though it was. If he thinks that upping the police numbers will get him anywhere with us he's wrong."

Submissions Sought For Anthology of Gay 'First Time' Stories

(Boston, MA)- Jack Hart, the best-selling author of *Gay Sex: A Manual for Men Who Love Men* and *My Biggest O*, both published by Alyson Publications, is seeking contributions to a new book in which Gay men will talk about their first sexual experience with another male.

My First Time will be a collection of true, first-person stories by men from around the country and the world, describing their first consensual same-sex experience.

The book is scheduled for release by Alyson in 1995. Deadline for submissions is September 30, 1994. For guidelines, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: *My First Time* Guidelines, Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118.

Stephen M. Woodward

Wisconsin Athletes Win Medals At Gay Games IV

(Milwaukee)- Wisconsin athletes brought home a number of medals from the Gay Games, which ended Saturday, June 25 in New York.

Madison's Dan Lippett won a gold medal for in-line skating. Two others from Madison, power lifter Geri Steele and tennis player Mark Miller, earned silver medals.

In team play, the men's volleyball team took a bronze medal.

The Milwaukee Women's Softball Team and the Madison Women's Volleyball team--which included State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison)--both finished fourth.

11,000 athletes, including 70 from Wisconsin, took part in Gay Games IV.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

'Wisconsin Light' Must be Run as a Business to Survive in Our Community

By Terry Boughner

Maybe Calvin Coolidge said it best. "The business of America is business," he is supposed to have remarked. There have been those who have always winced at that, but like it or not, it's only the truth.

This certainly holds true for a newspaper, alternative or mainstream. Sound business practices are the top and bottom line. Take the Twin Cities' *Equal Time*, for example, from which, I think, we can learn some lessons.

The first is about business.

Equal Time was and hopefully will be again, one of the best Gay newspapers going, but as they point out in their "Special Issue" of June 15, unwise business decisions (in large part), closed their doors.

For instance, at one point when the decision had been made for *Equal Time* to go weekly and everything had been announced, they report that there were already red flags flapping in the wind. These were ignored because, in essence, "What would people say?"

Say!?! Hell! Who cares? I'd have backed off like a crab.

Equal Time, *Wisconsin Light*, *In Step* and any of uncounted other publications I could name, must operate as businesses or they simply cease to exist.

For example, it's all kinds of sweetness and light (very politically correct) to say that *Light*, (or other such publications) is a community service. The effect may be that, but in practice it is not. We, like the bars and other LesBiGay businesses, exist to serve the community, but we're not a community service. There's a difference, a big difference.

Not too long ago, Don Michaels, publisher of the *Washington Blade* was quoted in an AP story as saying that his publication was not a "Gay paper," but a paper that "happened to cover the Gay community."

At least one idealistic sort I know went into an "Oh, how awful" bit over the statement, but if I'm reading him right, Michaels had a point. It is the paper that must come first. You've got to worry first about having the means of getting it out. Aims, goals, content, ideals, come second. They have to come

second.

I've been told I should worry about the political position of some advertisers or what they or their parent companies produce.

Sure. You bet. I'm not going to lose any sleep over either of those things.

In this business as in any other, existence precedes essence. To put it another way, existence dictates if there's going to be any essence at all.

The second thing I learned from the situation at *Equal Time* is that you don't run a small business operation with a board. When I told that to someone, the response was "But that's not democratic!" Do tell.

I am reminded of what Pericles is supposed to have said. When complimented on the glories of Athenian democracy, he replied, "Yes, a democracy is indeed wonderful--as long as there's someone around to run it."

As Aron Pilhofer, news editor of *Equal Time*, wrote in his article, "The papers that succeed...are those that are best able to manage growth and change."

The key word here, I think, is "manage" and manage quickly and effectively in response to change. As one historian pointed out, nations and, indeed, civilizations live as long as they can effectively respond to challenges. When they can't, they die.

The same thing's true of newspapers or any other business. There's got to be a head of affairs; someone with a sign of their desk saying, "Not only does the buck stop here, but this is where it all begins."

How cynical. I lament the loss of *Equal Time* and hope to see them again on a regular basis. Our press (print or electronic) is the most valuable weapon we have in our struggle for liberty. The paper's situation points up yet something else. That is just how fragile the LesBiGay publications are.

Some time ago, I asked someone if they knew how *Light* and *In Step* were produced. I got a quizzical look and then the response, "Well, they're just here, aren't they?"

Yeah, right.

they erect heroic monuments to General Eisenhower, do these booted bigwigs who have lately proved so nervous-nellie about admitting Gays to their membership, do they for a moment consider the source of Eisenhower's strategy?

Are they prepared to recognize that a "sissy" general whom 23 centuries have acclaimed as Alexander the Great devised the basic Eisenhower plan?

Of course, there was no glaring difference: that sissy general was in the forefront of the battle! No one plunged into the maw of danger as deeply as Alexander.

Fifty years ago, our generals and admirals watched anxiously from a safe distance while cipher-soldiers and marines made a bridge of conquest with their young bodies, credulously consigned to await a distant resurrection.

I do not for a moment fault the common soldiers for the hatreds stimulated in them by the professional propagandists--their chaplains, their CO's. They need a bold, enlightened leadership--as do we all!--that is now wanting all over the world. The world needs an Alexander.

Lars M. Lofgren
Honaunau, HI

Thanks For Stonewall

TO THE EDITOR:

I am too young to possess a first-hand knowledge of Stonewall, having just completed kindergarten in June of '69, but nevertheless, my life--and those of millions of other Gay men and Lesbians--has been affected immeasurably by what happened there.

Though some may not share this opinion, it was a completely, indeed overwhelmingly, positive event in homosexual history. To those who were there to ignite the spark, and to all those who kept it aflame over these two and a half decades since, I am eternally grateful. Why, you ask?

The Stonewall Uprising was the birth of a movement. The lives of Gay men and Lesbians have forever changed. To prove this, one need only examine the lives we led in the decades prior, full of society-imposed self-loathing, detrimental psychological claptrap, incessant bar raids and harassment, and closets, closets, closets!

Well, yes, there's still a lot of that today, but just look at this partial record of our lives since Stonewall.

80 self-announced Gay/Lesbian elected officials (including two Congressmen!)

2 Pulitzer Prize winners (drama)

100 corporations and businesses have domestic partnership agreements.

70% of Americans oppose discrimination against homosexuals

8 states and 30 cities bar anti-homosexual dis-

crimination

The recent Virginia Appeals Court ruling stating that being a homosexual doesn't render a parent unfit, and returning a boy to his Lesbian mother

Senators Kennedy and Chafee have recently introduced a federal bill that would ban (job) discrimination based on sexual orientation.

That's pretty damn impressive, and absolutely unimaginable prior to Stonewall.

Yes, there is perhaps more polarization concerning our rights as citizens now than there was 25 years ago, with the Gay-baiting of the religious right et. Al., but this is not due to our failures, but to our successes and increased visibility and acceptance among the population at large.

We all owe a great debt of thanks to the older generation of Gays and Lesbians, who really stuck their necks out during a time of such awful conditions that we younger folks find hard to imagine.

So I say, "Thank You." And, Remember Stonewall!!

John A. Jahn
Milwaukee

93Q-FM Announcers are Accused of Hate Crimes

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter sent to Ann Marie King, Advertising Director of 93 Q-FM in Milwaukee.

This is an open letter of complaint to the Advertising Manager of 93Q-FM, regarding the "MC and Those Sports Guys" show aired on Monday, June 27, 1994 from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m., where Mitch invited heterosexual men who allegedly had been sexually harassed by "homosexuals" to call in and describe their experiences.

While I have been a regular drive-time listener to this program for its inventive, sometimes provocative opinions on issues no one in Milwaukee wants to talk about, this specific program was one of the best examples I've heard on the radio of irresponsible shock-schlock radio journalism.

On the program, two "straight" men called in and related "alleged" experiences of sexual harassment by Gay men who made unwanted sexual advances toward them. "Mitch", one of the announcers with a quite practiced, mocking, effeminate lisp, made quite intentional statements connecting these examples with "homosexual recruitment practices."

For a radio announcer to fill the airwaves with such anti-Gay/Lesbian propaganda at any time requires a response.

First, Gays and Lesbians do not recruit. There's no need for recruitment. Let's face it. There's enough "curiosity" and "exploring" done during adolescence for most people to know their sexual orientation by the time either of these men were "allegedly harassed."

Second, for Mitch to ask straight men to relate their experiences in this area was asking for derogatory opinions regarding a relatively invisible, less powerful minority, protected in the State of Wisconsin at this time.

Lastly, how can either of these experiences be called "proof of recruitment" done by homosexuals? There was no independent verification. There were no witnesses who would be willing to come forward and admit either harassment or deny the situation. We don't even know the names of these "alleged" victims. The real victims here were members of the Lesbian and Gay community, being again bashed by Mitch and his attitudes.

I do not ask for "special rights" as some would believe--but I want the same protections in work, housing, and relationships allowed the "straight" community.

Mitch created a situation as unethical, yellowed, slanted against the Lesbian and Gay community as any Geraldo or National Inquirer article. These "off the street" type of interviews perpetuate a negative stereotype of Lesbians and Gays which many people in the State of Wisconsin still believe.

By a copy of this letter, I am registering this broadcast as a "Hate Crime" in the State of Wisconsin. Also, I am notifying the major advertisers whose commercials are aired during the "MC and Those Sports Guys" program.

I no longer listen to 93Q-FM and will make a conscious effort not to purchase the products listed by a copy of this letter. I have also copied this letter to the Gay and Lesbian press so as to notify members of our community of the homophobic attitudes promoted by your station.

Jeff Lynch
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: Ann Marie King can be reached by calling (414) 276-2040.

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Help For Idaho

TO THE EDITOR:

The people of Idaho are faced with a petition drive to put an anti-Gay initiative on the ballot. I just called the Idaho Potato Commission to ask what this group was going to do about fighting the initiative, or if they were going to do anything at all. The receptionist told me I should speak to Mr. Mel Anderson, who was in a meeting.

I would urge everyone to call Mr. Anderson

[(208) 334-2350], not to threaten, but to inquire and express concern. If he and the Potato Commission get calls from people out of state expressing disapproval of the anti-Gay initiative (which is being pushed by the Idaho Citizens Alliance) and asking whether the Potato Commission is going to do anything to fight it, I think they'll get the picture.

In addition, you could MAIL a single potato to the Idaho Potato Commission (although writing a letter would work too), with a note expressing concern about the anti-Gay initiative, and politely asking to be informed of what the Commission is doing to prevent the initiative.

PLEASE: No threats of boycotts...no direct challenge. (These westerners are very touchy about being told what to do.) Merely polite requests asking what is being done to prevent the anti-Gay initiative. I think they just don't get it.

Send your potato and note to: Mr. Mel Anderson, The Idaho Potato Commission, P.O. Box 1068, Boise, ID 83702 or phone: (208) 334-2350.

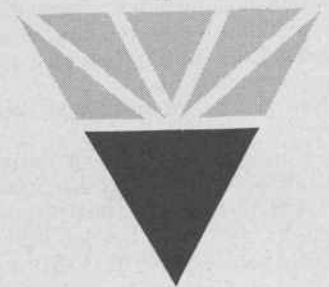
P.S. I'm not sure whether Mr. Anderson is a Republican, but if he is, you'd better send him a potato instead of a potato.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

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Fest City Singers Say 'Thank You'

Dear Community:

We would like to thank all of you who attended performances of *History*, *Herstory*, *Ourstory*. You truly created a spirit of enthusiasm that drew out the meaning of our production.

History, *Herstory*, *Ourstory* is about the struggles and pains suffered by the Gay community. But it is also about the laughter and togetherness we share when we are united! If the production brought heterosexuals a better understanding of our existence and the Gay community a little closer, then we have given you a successful production.

During the months of preparation, cast members had personal struggles, work and other obligations that took a backseat to rehearsals in order for the musical to be well presented.

However, there are three people that the cast would like to extend a grand round of applause: Peggy Lozier, Musical Director, for her unselfish dedication to hours of musical rehearsal and her baking treats;

Peter Mortenson, Artistic Director and Playwright, for creating a purposeful vision with solid direction;

Robert Hoyt, Production Manager, for being organized and almost brutal at times.

Their dedication and loyalty gave us the direction and tender loving care the performers so often need.

Thanks to them and to you in the audience. Maybe we were able to bring a little more soul and spirit to a great cause. The Gay Community United! Cast Members; *History*, *Herstory*, *Ourstory* Fest City Singers Milwaukee

Gay Generals

TO THE EDITOR:

Here I am, still carrying on with Madam Pele amid her sacred rocks and scarlet lehua-blossoms. Actually, every issue of the *Light* provokes an urge to comment on some item of its contents. Sometimes, I get so far as to insert a sheet of paper in the typewriter.

What I want to comment on is the military orgy (D-Day) that reaches its climax today (June 6). So while my feelings in this matter are still churning, I'm going to venture a sidelong glance on these events that we may depend upon being overlooked.

Half a century after D-Day, we have arrived at one of those landmarks of history that allow the military narcissistically to admire past glories and to preen themselves with deeds done to others. But as

National Census Reveals that One in Four Employees of Major Corporations are Covered for Sexual Orientation

(New York)- Over 5.7 million or one in four employees of Fortune 500 Service and Industrial Corporations are now protected by a written sexual orientation non-discrimination policy, according to a census released by The Wall Street Project, a program of the Community Lesbian and Gay Rights Institute.

The Wall Street Project is a non-profit program committed to help educate Americans on the need to provide non-discrimination policies to Gay and Lesbian employees. It also seeks to inform corporations of the financial clout and investing power of Gays, Lesbians and their friends and families.

The national census found that 134 of the 1,000 Fortune 500 companies surveyed now have written sexual orientation policies—triple the number in 1990. Companies range from General Motors with 750,000 employees to Bay View Capital Corporation with 275 employees.

Other firms include Miller Brewing, A.O. Smith and Harley-Davidson of Wisconsin, and Sears Roebuck and Walt Disney.

Fields leading in non-discrimination include Financial, High Tech and Diversified Services representing 28%, 12% and 12% respectively, although virtually every type of field was represented.

Real Change Has Occurred.

According to Diane Bratcher, co-chair of The Wall Street Project, "The number of companies now offering non-discrimination policies shows that real change has occurred in corporate America when it comes to giving Gays and Lesbians protection from unfair treatment."

Bratcher continued, "It is also interesting to note that in the majority of cases, employees asked for the policy and their request was granted. This proves that the time for employees to speak up on this issue has come."

Northeast Leads Nation

The census shows fairly even distribution of policies across the country with the exception of the South. When divided into regions of the Northeast, West, Midwest and South, companies with non-discrimination policies were distributed 43%, 30%, 22% and 5% of Fortune 500 companies.

Many prominent members of the Gay and

Lesbian community see the change in corporate non-discrimination employment policies as purely economic.

Michael Groff, Editor of *Out Magazine*, says, "This census handily proves that equality for Gays and Lesbians is good for the country and the economy. Unlike government, these Fortune 500 Service and Industrial companies change policies only for good business reasons. And clearly, they feel that providing these employment protections is good for business."

Citing The Gap and Levi Strauss, Bratcher sees many companies recognizing the buying power of Gays and Lesbians and, as reported in *Light*, last issue, are taking aggressive advertising and marketing positions which are aimed at the Gay community.

New York City Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi, praised The Wall Street Project for performing "an important service" and urged all corporations to adopt similar policies.

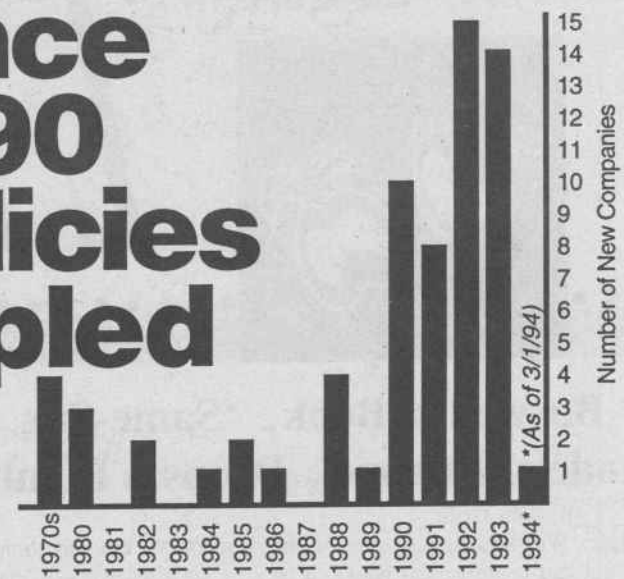
"The study shows," Hevesi said, "that more and more companies now understand that discrimination in any form is immoral and unfair and also bad for business. The Wall Street Project identified 134 companies out of the 1000 on the Fortune Service and Industrial list that have written policies banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. That is three times the number of such policies in 1990."

Hevesi added, "Unfortunately, that leaves hundreds of companies without such policies, so there is still much work to be done in fighting discrimination in the workplace."

Support for non-discrimination policies for Lesbians and Gay men was seen on a large scale recently when the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS), one of the nation's largest institutional investors, took shareholder action to end anti-Gay discrimination by Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc., a company which fires Gay and Lesbian employees.

The NYCERS shareholder resolution was supported by the multi-billion dollar pension funds of the states of California, Minnesota, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey and TIAA-CREF, the largest institutional investor in the U.S.

Since 1990 Policies Tripled



Most Corporations Have Adopted Written Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Policies Since 1990.

1993 Wall Street Project Census

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New Yankelovich Study Provides Insights on Marketing to Gays and Lesbians

(Westport, CN)- Yankelovich Partners Inc., the leading market research firm, on June 8 released important findings on the Gay and Lesbian population that should significantly affect how marketers and advertisers address this group in the future. The data is an offshoot of the Yankelovich Monitor, the firm's ongoing research effort that has collected and interpreted a broad range of consumer data annually since 1971.

Yankelovich has compiled this information to produce the first Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report.

Yankelovich has also provided the data to author/business consultant Grant Lukenbill, whose upcoming book, *Untold Millions: The Gay and Lesbian Consumer Revolution in America*, integrates the research. The book will be published by Harper/Collins.

The research profiles the attitudes, values, perceptions and demographics of Gay and Lesbian Americans. Watts Wacker, resident futurist and managing partner at Yankelovich, comments, "This research represents one of the first nationally representative portraits of self-identified Gay and Lesbian Americans. We believe it has important ramifications for businesses that currently market or plan to market to this segment of the population."

Gays Buy From the Gay-Friendly

A core finding is that Gay and Lesbian Americans are increasingly looking for products marketed by companies that address and serve their needs.

"The study validates that there is a real need and a tremendous opportunity for companies to market directly to the Gay/Lesbian population, as some have begun to do," said Rex Briggs, project director for the Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report. "The key to building strong relationships with Gay and Lesbian Americans is to learn about them as consumers, understand and fulfill their marketplace needs and effectively communicate to them."

Additional findings include:

- **Demographics**
- Approximately 6% of the U.S. population identify themselves as Gay/Lesbian. The distribution of this group mirrors that of the heterosexual population with regard to gender, ethnicity and age.
- Gay/Lesbian Americans are twice as likely as heterosexuals to have attended graduate school (14% of the Gay/Lesbian population compared to 7% of heterosexuals.)
- Personal income of Gay/Lesbian Americans is roughly equivalent to that of heterosexuals.
- Eighteen percent of Gay/Lesbian Americans are self-employed, compared with 11% of heterosexuals.
- Political affiliations of the Gay/Lesbian population mirror those of the heterosexual population. However, a higher proportion of the Gay/Lesbian population (28% compared with 17% of heterosexuals) holds a liberal point of view.
- The Gay/Lesbian population has fewer Protestants compared with the heterosexual population (46% compared with 56%). Other religious affiliations are represented in similar proportion in the Gay/Lesbian population as in the heterosexual population.
- Forty-two percent of Gay/Lesbian Americans indicate that they consider themselves married, compared with 54% of heterosexuals.
- Lesbians are nearly as likely as heterosexual women to have children. Fifty percent of the Gay/Lesbian population are parents (compared with 66% of heterosexuals); 25% have children under 18 in

the household (compared with 32% of heterosexuals.)

- The Gay/Lesbian population is more highly concentrated in the 25 most populated metropolitan counties (56% of Gay/Lesbian Americans live in the top 25 counties compared with 38% of heterosexuals); they are underrepresented in the South (25% compared with 35% of heterosexuals) and overrepresented in the North Central census region (32% compared with 23% of heterosexuals).
- The heterosexual population's unaccepting attitudes toward the Gay/Lesbian population have decreased significantly over the last 10 years.
- Gay/Lesbian Americans feel much higher levels of stress regarding financial security, employment, personal life and parents than do heterosexuals.

The Yankelovich Gay/Lesbian sample was defined through a confidentially disclosed, self-identified item within the 1993 Monitor questionnaire. Respondents were asked to review a list of 53 self-descriptors and choose those terms that best described or represented them. One of the self-describing terms was "Gay/homosexual/Lesbian." Their responses to the full survey were compiled as the Yankelovich Monitor: Gay/Lesbian Report.

Lukenbill notes, "The Yankelovich findings are not only the first of their kind, but they confirm that numerous presumptions and stereotypes about Gay and Lesbian Americans are incorrect, particularly those regarding individual values, income, education and political affiliations."

Yankelovich Partners, headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, maintains a network of offices and associates that provide research capabilities in more than 80 countries.

Stonewall 25 March Crowd Numbers Are Thought Inaccurate

By Bill Meunier

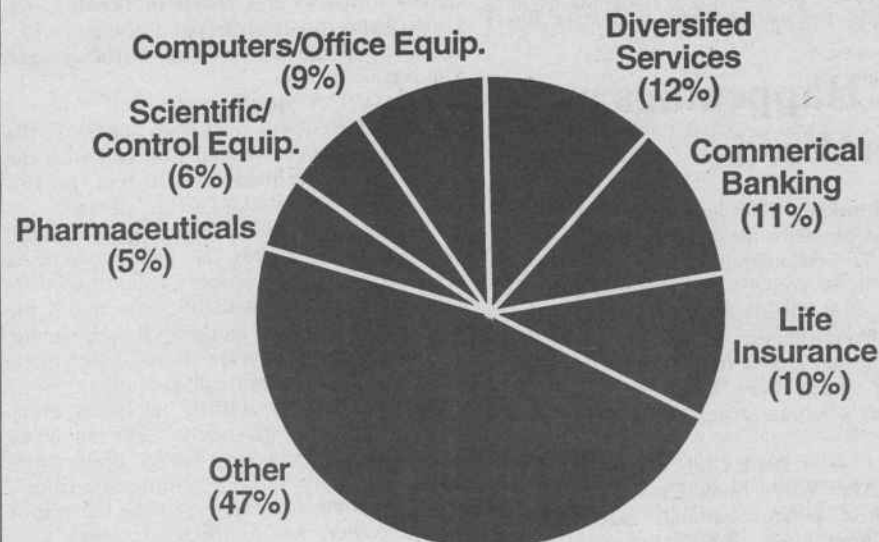
The New York Police estimated the crowd for the Stonewall 25 march and rally at 90,000 with 12,000 marchers. The Mayor's office said it was 150,000. The March organizers said it was 1.1 million.

None of these estimates seems accurate. While there were considerably more than 150,000 participants in the march and rally there were nowhere near 1.1 million. Most veterans of other national marches who spoke with *LIGHT* that they estimated the crowd for both at about 300,000 to 500,000 people.

The New York Stonewall 25 Committee's announcement that 1.1 million people were present for the march and rally, was greeted with polite applause at the Central Park Rally. It was clear that few people believed it.

But fewer believed the estimates from the Police and Mayor's office. The New York municipal government may have had revenge in mind and deliberately underestimated the crowd.

Leading Industry Sectors With Sexual Orientation Policies



1993 Wall Street Project Census

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Key Findings of the 'Wall Street Report'

- One employee in four, works for a corporation that has a written sexual orientation non-discrimination policy
- 5.7 million workers are employed by such companies
- This represents 25% of the total corporate workforce
- 134 Fortune 500 Service and Industrial Corporations have written sexual orientation non-discrimination policies
- 72 are in the Fortune 500 Service Corporations
- 62 are in the Fortune 500 Industrial Corporations
- Most corporations with written sexual orientation policies have adopted these policies since 1990
- Since 1990, the number of companies with such policies has more than tripled.
- Many corporations with sexual orientation policies are in diversified service, financial, or high tech fields
- Corporations of all sizes have adopted written non-discrimination policies
- Workforce size ranges from 750,000 to 275
- Median workforce size was 16,500
- Most corporations with sexual orientation policies are based in the Northeast or the West
- 43% are based in the Northeast
- 30% are based in the West
- 22% are based in the Midwest
- 5% are based in the south
- 42% are based in the States of California and New York
- Sexual orientation non-discrimination policies are generally adopted when employees ask for the policy

The Light



LIVELY ARTS

John Boswell's Book, 'Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe', Drops a Bombshell

By Tim Grair

Editor's Note: We think this is one of the most important and controversial books to be published in awhile. For that reason, we are running this mini-review and not waiting for our regular book review section.

"Lord God omnipotent, who didst fashion humankind after thine image and likeness and gavest unto them life eternal, whom it has pleased that thy holy and glorious apostles Peter and Paul, and Philip and Bartholomew, be joined together, not by the bond of blood, but of fidelity and love, who didst deem it meet for the holy martyrs Serge and Bacchus to be united together, bless Thou also these thy servants, N. And N., joined together, not by birth, but of faith and love."

Prayer for Same-Sex Union found in Sinai Euchologian (11th-12th Century); trans.: Boswell

The bomb has dropped.

Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe by Yale Professor John Boswell, is the most incendiary scholarly work in recent memory. Even "Doonesbury" is commenting on it. "Dateline" had a segment on it, while churchmen are scrambling to try and figure out how to reply to its arguments. (Many of

merits. If the only thing his detractors can say against his work is that Boswell wants it so, from my point of view, they must have no better argument."

One could go on and on. The debate is hot and getting hotter. Yet, for those with a vested interest in the sanctification of same-sex relationships, it is also one of the most beautiful.

In clear and heavily footnoted prose, Boswell, after a 12 year study of 55 ancient manuscripts--mainly in Greek--has not only documented the existence of same-sex unions in the early Christian Church, but he has also provided their context and detailed analysis of the shades of meanings of works used in the same-sex ceremonies.

Boswell provides translations of many of the documents as well as several contemporary heterosexual ceremonies for comparison. This is the heart of the book. This is the first time that most of these same-sex ceremonies have been available since the invention of the printing press.

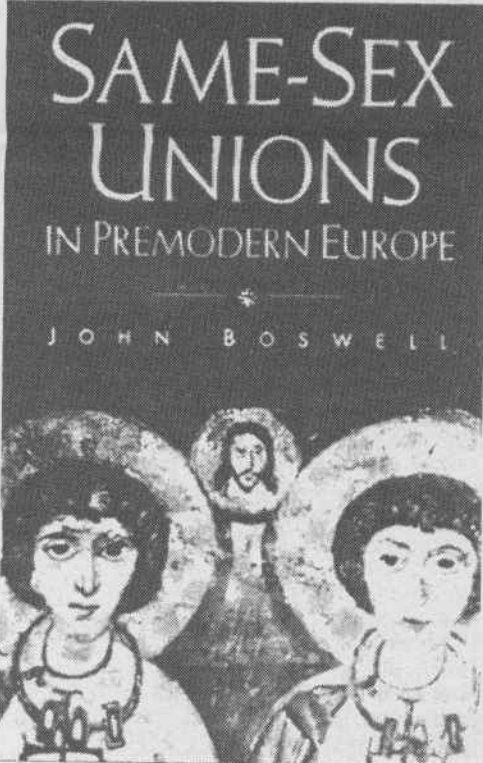
It is striking for a modern reader that much of the ceremonies' text is familiar. It quickly becomes apparent that current wedding liturgies share common roots with those documented in **Same-Sex Unions**.

Boswell presents beautiful and moving accounts of paired saints such as Sergius and Bacchus and Perpetua and Felicitas. The story of SS. Polyeuct and Nearchos led me to deplore my relatively saintless Lutheran upbringing.

Aside from SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, there are few women in the book, which, as Boswell notes, is more symptomatic of the nature of historical documentation than any omission on his part. The men who wrote history were not interested in relationships among women.

Boswell has included specific details about relationships among women and extrapolations from available information about the status of women at various points in history whenever possible.

Same-Sex Unions has sparked a firestorm that will not soon die. Look for a full review of the book in a future issue of **Light**. In the meantime, get the book. It's a very good read.



them are taking the academic way out: if you can't fault the theory, then malign the theorist.)

Boswell is, perhaps, used to controversy. His first book, the well-written and very readable **Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality** excited quite a stir.

Conservative Catholic theologian Richard John Neuhaus, writing in the March issue of the Catholic journal **First Things**, complained heartily about that book, "The influence of that book is truly remarkable; it has become a kind of sacred text for those who want to morally legitimize the homosexual movement. In certain circles, any allusion to what the Bible or Christian tradition say about homosexuality is likely to be met with, 'Yes, but Boswell says...'"

Now, with Boswell's claim that the church at one time performed Gay marriages, his detractors are even more aghast and do not believe his evidence convincing (even if they haven't read it).

Robert L. Wilkin, professor of the history of Christianity at the University of Virginia, says that he suspects Boswell of engaging in "advocacy scholarship" because he is Gay.

Ralph Hexter, a professor of Classics and comparative literature at the University of Colorado in Boulder, counters, saying, "Boswell's arguments must rise or fall on their

Acclaimed Film, 'Forrest Gump' Opens



RUN-RUN-RUN--Tom Hanks gives another Oscar-winning caliber performance in the title roll of the film **Forrest Gump**. He is shown above in a tender moment with his mother [Sally Field]. Run to your local theater to see this great film. It is not to be missed.

Sarah Schulman and Nina Barrett to Read at A Room Of One's Own in July

(Madison)- Sarah Schulman will read from her new collection of essays, **My American History: Lesbian and Gay Life During the Reagan/Bush Years**, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 15, at A Room Of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison. The event is free and open to the public.

This collection of essays examines the political issues and moments of triumph and tragedy of the progressive movements of the last decade--the inauguration of Ronald Rea-

gan, the rise of the Right, attacks on abortion, the sex wars in the feminist movement, the AIDS pandemic, censorship and the NEA, and the new Lesbian activism.

Also included is the **Lesbian Avengers Handbook**, which stands as a practical guide for others involved in political direct action, as well as a document of the theory and practice of the new Lesbian activism.

Schulman is the author of six novels, including **Empathy and People in Trouble**, and a contributor to numerous publications, including **The Village Voice**, **The Advocate**, and **The Nation**.

Nina Barrett

Nina Barrett will read from her book, the **Playgroup: Three Women Contend with the Myths of Motherhood**, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 22, at A Room Of One's Own.

In this profound and honest look at motherhood, Barrett probes the highly conflicted emotional and philosophical terrain of motherhood. Without sentimentality, she traces the lives of three young mothers, herself among them, over the two years during which their toddlers were in the same playgroup.

Their stories crystallize the issues every woman wrestles with--not just staying home versus pursuing a career, but the deeper conflicts over body image, control, autonomy, sexuality, competitiveness, and the balance of marital power that motherhood brings to a boil.

July Happenings at AfterWords

(Milwaukee)- Everyone at AfterWords is pleased to announce the store's first year anniversary. To celebrate this very special event, AfterWords is having a Big Birthday Bash on Saturday, July 9 beginning at 8:00 p.m. There will be several collective sighs of relief, free food and drink, lots of fun, special give-aways and much, much more. Everyone is welcome to help us celebrate AfterWords' first, great year!

Book Club

The AfterWords Book Club continues in July with a perfect Summer read, Robert Rodi's **Closet Case**. Rodi's hysterical farce illustrates the dangers of clinging to the closet.

The July Book Club will meet on Monday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Already picked as the Book Club's August selection is Bennett Singer's acclaimed anthology, **Growing Up Gay, Growing Up Lesbian**. The AfterWords Book Club's scheduled meeting in August will be on Monday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Gilligan to Read

Sharon Gilligan, one of Rising Tide Press's hottest authors, will be making an author appearance at AfterWords on Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. Gilligan has recently published her second Alix Nicholson mystery, **Danger! Cross Currents**. Sleuth Alix made her first appearance in Gilligan's **Danger in High Places**. In **Danger! Cross Currents**, Alix has settled into a position as artist-in-residence at a Pacific coast college. Falling in love with a face from her past, she is once again plunged into a murder investigation when her new lover is charged with slaying her landlady.

Gilligan has strong midwest ties having been born in Chicago. She and her lover now live in northern California. Gilligan has also been a women's rights advocate for over 20 years. Her first book, **Faces of Love**, was published in 1992 and is set in Madison.

Gilligan will do a reading from **Danger! Cross Currents** and will talk about Lesbian writing. The reading will begin at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

EVE Fund Seeks to Support Lesbian Erotic Film and Video Production

(San Francisco)- The EVE (Erotic Video Education) Fund, a project of Frameline, seeks to support erotic film and video projects targeting women who have sex with women to promote healthy behaviors which reduce the risk of HIV infection. The Fund is committed to supporting projects which celebrate diversity, make us care about ourselves, and turn us on.

The EVE Fund is currently seeking proposals for funding. Awards will be made on a two-tiered basis:

Professional Development Fund

Awards of up to \$500 and/or other resources for women who are first or second time video makers;

Project Subsidy Fund

Awards of up to \$1,000 for women with demonstrated professional experience.

Proposals will be due on October 15, 1994; announcements of awards will be made by December 15, 1994. For more information, call or write: The EVE Fund, c/o Frameline, 346 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103; (415) 281-0292.

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'Go Fish'--An Interview with Rose Troche and Guinevere Turner

Light columnist Jamakaya interviewed Rose Troche and Guinevere Turner about their movie comedy *Go Fish* on June 8, just before its national release. The film was shot in Chicago with an all-Lesbian cast. Troche co-wrote, directed and produced. Turner co-wrote, produced and acted in the film as Max, "the carefree single Lesbo looking for love."

Go Fish is currently playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater and opens at the Majestic in Madison, July 22.

I love your film.

TROCHE & TURNER: Thank you very much.

I saw it at a trade screening with a bunch of middle-aged white men.

TURNER: Oh no! We've heard this from so many women who've said: 'I was sitting there all alone laughing.'

But it wasn't that way--they were laughing! This seems to be the crossover appeal.

TROCHE: Yeah, I guess. It's nothing we had a formula for or even counted on. We made the film for the audience we made it for--the Lesbian audience--and how crossover it is is just a fluke, I swear.

So it's surprising you.

TROCHE: It's surprising us. It's been surprising us since Sundance, I think, because that's the first time it ever got called that.

The Sundance Film Fest must have been exciting.

TROCHE & TURNER: It was, it was.

TROCHE: For me or anybody who goes to film school in the U.S. knows about Sundance. It's like the brass ring.

Were you nervous or worried how it would be greeted?

TROCHE: Oh yeah--

TURNER: For me, I couldn't even have imagined how insane it was. I would have been so much more nervous if I knew what it was going to be like. We were just lucky.

TROCHE: And for me, expected reactions could have ranged from people heckling and walking out to--I don't know--the theater actually being full. There was no way of telling when we first got to Sundance what was going to happen.

And things have really gone through the roof since then.

TROCHE: They have.

Am I right that "Go Fish" opened the New York Gay and Lesbian Film Fest?

TROCHE & TURNER: Yes.

How was it received there?

TURNER: Fabulously. I'd say that was the best screening we've had yet.

TROCHE: It was the first time we'd shown *Go Fish* to an American Lesbian audience, and that was the target audience. They got it! They loved it, and that was really great.

TROCHE: They only saw half of it though because the laughter went on so long, you'd miss chunks of dialogue. People were screaming or starting to applaud between lines, and it was like: "Oh, but there's a good joke after this, hold on a second!" Literally, people missed a good deal of the movie.

TURNER: I hope people go and see it a couple of times, 'cause if you're seeing it for the first time there's some jokes that are just too close together. There's no room to laugh or breathe. So go once, and then take a date--

TROCHE: Test the waters. [giggles]

The Goldwyn Company is allowing the Lesbian Alliance here to do a benefit screening.

TROCHE: They're trying to do the right thing as far as the film is concerned. It's an independent company, but it's still big, and they're trying to have the most respect possible for the target audience. And I like that.

I imagine it's sort of a learning experience for them, knowing where to do the outreach.

TROCHE: Exactly. It's a nice reversal--to be the ones treated with respect, even caution.

So how is Hollywood treating you?

TROCHE: They made us look out at the Hollywood sign, which we couldn't even see because there's so much smog! We're at the Beverly Hilton right now--Merv Griffin's place! [Howls of laughter] We think it's just so funny!

"Go Fish" really rises above some recent Lesbian-themed films.

TROCHE: I hope something like *Cowgirls* doesn't kill it. You know, we've kind of been given some disappointing films. For some viewers, *Go Fish* may be disappointing because women want films that speak directly to them, and it is a lot to expect.

The thing that was so wonderful to me was the variety of women. For the first time, I felt like "These are Lesbians I know."

TROCHE: I think that's because we really didn't try to glamorize them at all, which I feel is the tendency of some Lesbian filmmakers. It's kind of the result of saying, "Well, even though we're Lesbians, we can still be attractive." And I think that's why we see lead women like in *Claire of the Moon*, or even women in *Desert Hearts*, that are--what can I

say?--passable. With *Go Fish*, the tendency was toward presenting women who look like women you might know, and I like that about it.

The variety of women is great. They're like women I hang out with. And I'm not 20-something either. I read you were concerned it may seem like a movie for younger Lesbians.

TROCHE: It's not as simple as saying anybody over 35 is not going to enjoy the movie. That's kind of like saying that we're as monolithic as people make us seem. We're just so diverse, as diverse as any cultural group.

Tell me a little about the development of "Go Fish." Did it start out as a documentary?

TROCHE: No, because I'm absolutely not a documentary filmmaker. The appeal was to have a documentary portion because we wanted to say, "We can't represent all Lesbians with just five women." We had open shoots and as many different Lesbians as we could, we had on film answering certain questions. And that's the section of the film that got dropped almost two years ago.

TURNER: It was really good and engaging, but it needed to be just a fiction movie. The documentary part was also in color.

TROCHE: The more you take risks in filmmaking, the more you jeopardize your chances of getting distributed or getting a wide release, so it was kind of honed down to be this more marketable thing. And I'm happy, because *Forbidden Love* came out in the interim and very successfully merges the documentary with the narrative. I think if *Go Fish* would have continued that, it would have been overkill.

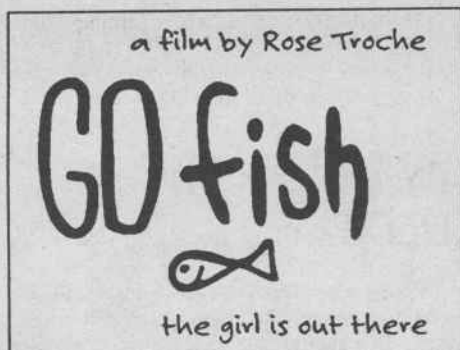
"Forbidden Love" is extraordinary. Of recent Lesbian films, it's certainly one of the best.

TROCHE & TURNER: Yeah, it really is.

When did the actual concept of "Go Fish" come together?

TURNER: It was originally titled "Ely and Max." We were 70% done shooting and John Pierson and Christine Vachon, mostly John Pierson, who is our producer's rep and gave us our completion funds, suggested it could have a more dynamic title that was a little more representative of the content, and we were kind of sitting there like, "Man, are we selling out already?"

TROCHE: Yeah, because a man wants us to ----



TURNER: But then we just sat down and said, "Alright, let's just think about other titles we could come up with."

TURNER: And we saw his point. There have been movies like *Frankie and Johnny--*

TURNER: *Turner and Hooch--*

TROCHE: That's the story of Guin's life.

[Laughter] But we could see it was really a valid point. So we sat down one night and we were out, and we just started writing on a napkin at this cafe. We were like, "Leave it to Beaver!" [laughter] Oh no, there's probably a lot of legalities around that one. Guin was like, "Some Girls." Finally, it was "Go Fishing."

TURNER: Gone Fishing. Go Get a Fish. Go Fish!

TROCHE: I've still got the napkin and we're gonna auction it off one day. Guin and I looked at each other and said, "We can't call it *Go Fish*. That's disgusting! Then we were like, "Oh yes we can!" We were cracking up too.

TURNER: It's funny! We said, okay, we'll write it into a scene so that it's just about the card game and we'll act ignorant to all the other ramifications of the title.

TROCHE: Actually, the film deals with that whole fish thing in the very same scene.

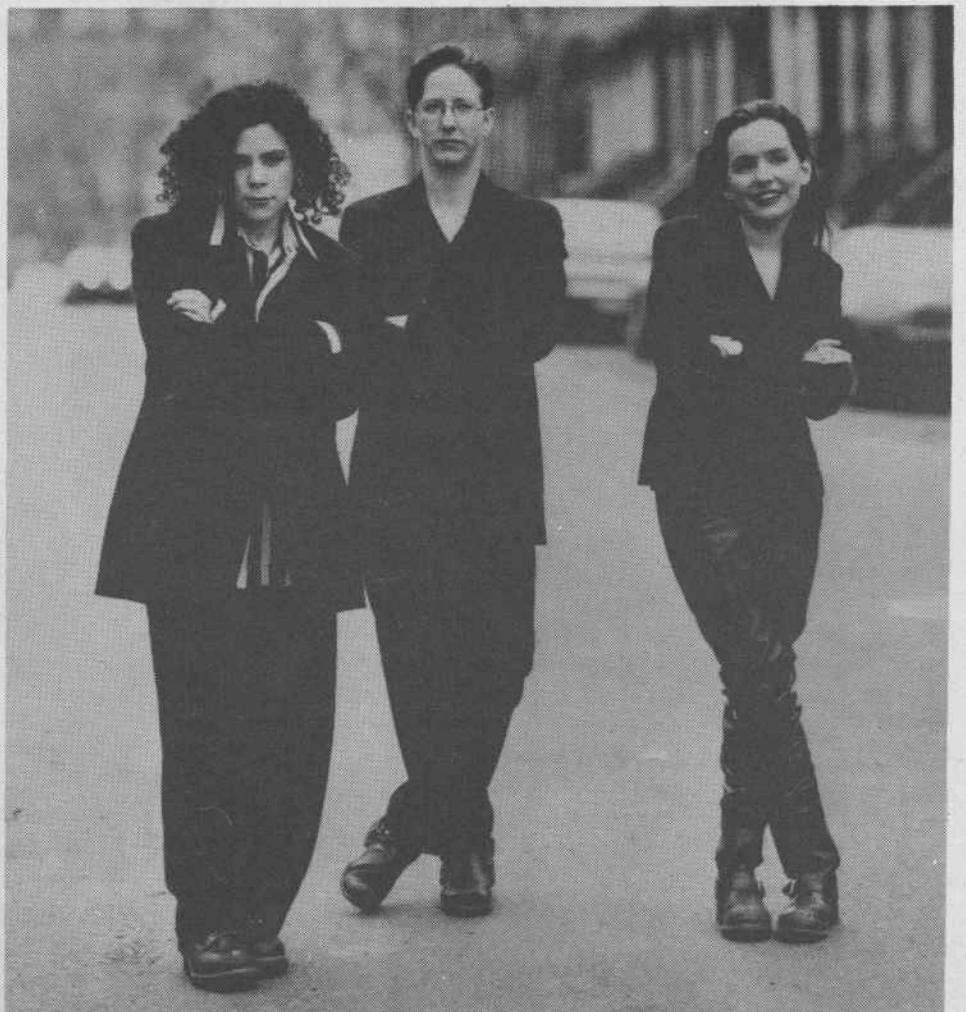
That whole fish thing?

TROCHE: As they say in the movie--

TROCHE & TURNER: "That whole clam-fish thing." [laughter]

When I first heard about "Go Fish," I thought it was strange. But it works really well.

TROCHE: It's so much more appropriate for the fun nature of the film itself. And at the end of the day, no matter how much people call it a crossover film, no matter how much people think we sold out, you will know who we made it for. Because the Lesbian audience will be the audience that enjoys it the most and gets the jokes--all the jokes. And that's a nice feeling. It's kind of like a club thing, our special movie. I have that collective sense, and



FISHERWOMEN--Rose Troche, V.S. Brodie, and Guinevere Turner are the creative team behind *Go Fish*. Troche is director, co-writer and producer. Brodie is associate producer and stars as Ely. Turner is co-writer, producer and stars as Max.

that's so much of a Lesbian experience, think, to have a collective sense of responsibility, like it's "our" film. It's nice when people can stake that claim and be proud of it.

In a recent interview with "Out," you both seemed to deny that "Go Fish" was a love story or a romantic comedy.

TURNER: When people call it a romantic comedy, I think of *When Harry Met Sally*, and that's so not what we were making. But I think we have to admit it is kind of a romantic comedy. But a love story would be pushing it.

TROCHE: They don't even have time to fall in love in the movie.

TURNER: No one ever says "I love you."

TROCHE: That's why we don't call it a love story. We know better. It's about that moment when you're getting together with someone. It's all you've been thinking about for a very long time, and they can do no wrong. That's where *Go Fish* ends.

You've said a sequel would have to deal with the rest of it.

TURNER: Yeah. Where they start processing and going into couples therapy together.

TROCHE: It's like, "Gone Fishing. Now I'm home!" [laughter]

Will the success of "Go Fish" bring you more money for future projects?

TROCHE: Already I've gotten funding for the treatment on my next project, which is another Lesbian piece, so that's good enough for me, that's all I came here for. As a filmmaker, I wanted to open a door, and *Go Fish* does that. But if a studio doesn't offer me a film or if they don't give me control, I'm not gonna cry about it because, in a way, it's a mixed blessing. Because if I work with a studio, the more control they're going to take, and the next thing you know, I'll be making *Three of Hearts* or something like that.

Has being an independent filmmaker in Chicago been tough?

TROCHE: I don't think *Go Fish* could have been made outside of Chicago.

TURNER: Yeah. We both live in New York now, but there's something about Chicago, maybe even midwestern. People were really excited to be part of something that was going on. People were so willing to do whatever, for whatever pay--which was none--and be like, "Wow! This is coming out of Chicago!"

TROCHE: For me, there was a long evolution into finally calling myself a filmmaker, and that's so tied up in ACT UP and Horizons Community Services in Chicago, about being in a real community that personally built me up. It's like being from ACT UP, where Guin and I met. It's kind of about empowerment. When you do these small things and they're successful, you begin to say, "Well, yeah, I can do something bigger and bigger." That's really what happened with *Go Fish*.

Where you both born in Chicago?

TROCHE: I was born in Chicago.

TURNER: No, I'm from the east coast.

I imagine "Go Fish" is very carefully scripted, but it gives the impression a lot of improvisation was done.

TROCHE: That's the nice thing about it. You're right. It's very carefully scripted. But I think the most improvisation came with Guin and Valerie [V.S. Brodie], who plays Ely. One of the nice things about Guin being a co-writer is that she was much more comfortable with the material and took more advantage of what we wanted to say. It was a nice device Guin used as an actress to play off Valerie.

And it made Valerie improvise in a way she wouldn't have otherwise. So when you get to the tea, tea, tea, thing on the first date, that was really fueled by Guin saying, "Tea, don't say tea anymore." They were the only two in the movie who had the longest relationship prior to the filming, so they had some sort of history. It was easier for them. So that little laughing when they kiss is so genuine--something I couldn't even direct.

TURNER: We were very much laughing the first time we kissed because that was actually the first time Valerie and I ever kissed. We were like, "Oh my god, I can't believe we have to kiss right now, and it's making us giggle."

The interactions between Max and Ely are wonderful--so sweet. I tell my friends this and they say, "Yeah, but what is it about?"

TURNER: [laughing] It's not about anything--

TROCHE: It's so simple!

I think they're skeptical of a "sweet" Lesbian movie.

TROCHE: It's so funny because it's not *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. The aesthetics of the film--black and white, kind of gritty, with this sort of hand-made feel. It's a nice contribution to the sweetness of it, to have the cinematic quality of it be the way it is. I mean, imagine if this were 35mm color, really slick. Ugh! I don't think it would work as well.

TURNER: It's a picture that lends itself more to this kind of style.

TROCHE: We call it "sweet" as well. I've seen *Go Fish* 1,000 times or more in various stages, and I still have a smile on my face when I watch it, especially the last third of the film. Guin, the same thing probably happens to you.

TURNER: Oh, totally. I actually laugh!

The trajectory of the film is great. It moves faster and gets funnier toward the end.

TROCHE: *Go Fish* really picks up momentum as it goes on. The beginning is providing you with a certain amount of background. It's sort of clunky, and that was when we first started filming before we cut Valerie's hair.

Did she have short hair and grow it out for this?

TROCHE: No, that's five years of hair growth! Those were her real locks that fell to the floor.

TURNER: She said when we first got started: "Oh, you guys, when are we going to get this done? I wanna get my hair cut!" And we were like, "No!"

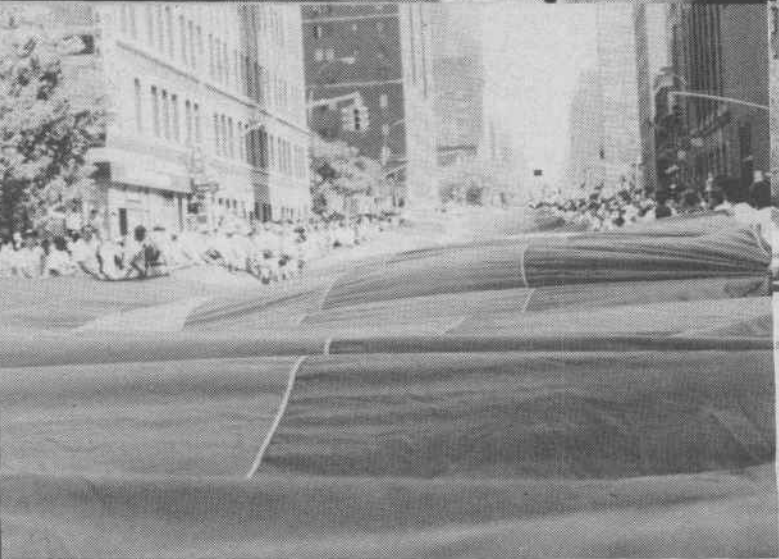
TROCHE: "Hold that thought!"

TURNER: "No! We're gonna work that into the script. It'll be great!" It was a year later when we actually got around to shooting the scene and she was like, "Wait a minute, I've gotta cut my hair now?" "C'mon, it's in the script!" "Let's go! Today's the day!" [laughter]

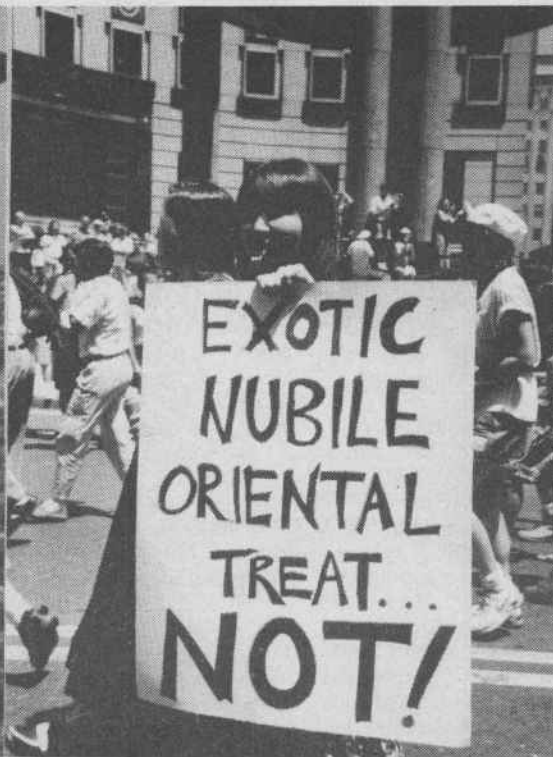
The sacrifices we make for art! I understand Christine Vachon ("Poison", "Swoon") helped find completion funds and got "Go Fish" booked at Sundance.

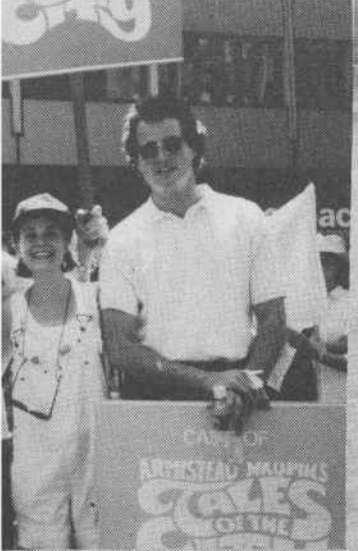
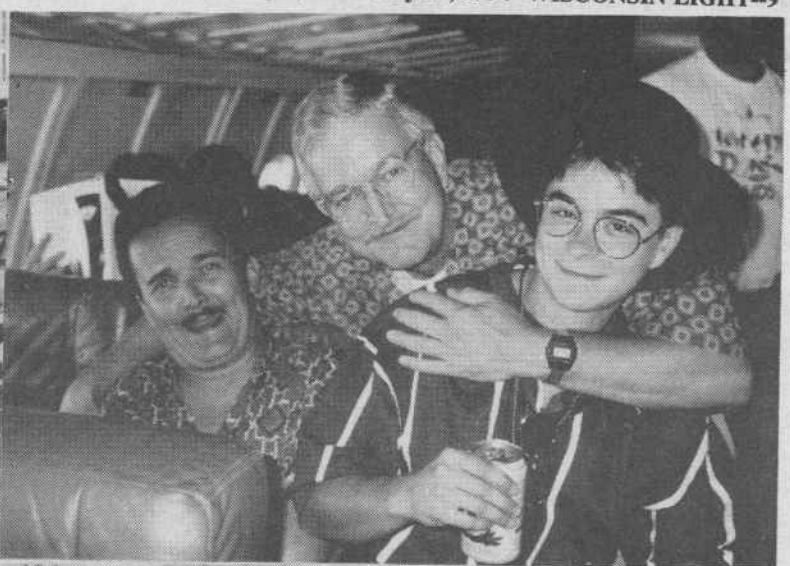
TROCHE: Christine and Tom Kalin were both Executive Producers on *Go Fish*. Christine has a bigger rep and she kind of overshadows Tom, but Tom is really the one who has helped *Go Fish* above and beyond the call of duty--

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In the Battle to Gain Our Civil Rights We Must End Divisiveness and In-Fighting; Focus on More than Political Interests

Commentary By Nadine Smith

On April 25, 1993, I stood on the stage at the March On Washington with fellow organizers, overwhelmed by the massive crowd gathered on the Mall. I was exhausted and emotionally raw; tears fell easily. All the heated arguments and angry debates that preceded the day fell away as the crowd filled every inch of grass from the stage to the horizon.

Two months later I was back in Florida attending a birthday party for a friend of my lover. This friend was extremely closeted. I doubt whether she was aware that the March On Washington had even occurred. As more and more guests began to arrive, she pulled me to the side and asked if we would mind not being "too blatant." Her sister was there, and she didn't want her to know anyone at the party was Gay.

I'm certain many activists experience this whiplash effect. One moment we're ready to face jail time to defend our lives and the next we're monitoring our public displays of affection. If this had been Jesse Helms asking me to tone it down, my response would have been unhesitating outrage. But here was someone I barely knew struggling at the closet door and I reacted only with sadness and uncertainty. We quickly left the party, without any grand gesture or speech.

I experienced that feeling again in Boston several months ago at a gathering of Gay and Lesbian leaders of national and regional organizations. On the first night we stood, one by one, to say something about our personal lives. The last person who stood pointed out what should have been obvious to us all: No one had mentioned a lover, discussed relation-

ships with family members or revealed any other life detail that might have hinted at the profundity or depth of same-sex love.

We have so divorced the personal from the political that we are floundering in each. Our political battles are cold, distant and technical. And the strategies that drive them grow out of polling rather than passion.

Travel from conference to conference and you will see variations of the same group of people talking, arguing, debating, while the vast, vast majority of our people stay at home, keep to their cliques and exclaim, "I'm not political." Those of us who are active in our community's political organizations can dismiss them as apathetic, or we can take a closer look at how and why our strategies and agendas fail to excite and mobilize people.

That we develop a new strategy is crucial. It's no secret that Right Wing initiatives threaten existing or future human rights ordinances in communities across the country. So far, we have taken a defensive posture, trying to fend off each onslaught with the argument that we're human beings and we deserve protection.

The need to stand our ground is obvious, but so is the need to take the offensive. At best our defensive efforts ensure that we are no worse off than before, but rarely do they move us forward. It is difficult to get the "bar crowd" and the softball teams and the non-politicals to be motivated by a Far Right amendment that takes away what most of our communities don't have anyway; equal protection under the law.

In Florida we have launched a pro-active amendment based on this state's strong right to privacy law. Those of us who have organized

here for years are suddenly finding it at our sides, pockets of energetic people who have never before stepped forward to help. New organizations have sprung up to assist the petition-gathering effort because--finally--the message of doom has been replaced by a sense of hope.

For years I have recited the horrible statistics--the deaths, the beatings, the injustices--hoping to wake people up and push them into action. But lately that tact is having the opposite effect. The problems seem too vast and distant, more of an excuse to stay closeted than a means of empowerment. Just as many people seem concerned about same-sex marriage and parental rights as others are about employment and housing discrimination. Our brothers and sisters want acceptance and support from their families more than they do from their employers.

Much has been written and said about the divisiveness and in-fighting in our community. But such disagreement is understandable when there is such a gap between what we organize around and what consistently affects our daily lives.

There are many fronts to this battle for equality and liberation. We must focus on more than just the political. We must get back to the basics of acceptance and self-love before we can begin to unite to fight for each other.

For if there's one thing the past year has taught me, it's this: Our own internalized homophobia and collective failure to validate our lives and relationships are doing more damage to us than Jesse Helms and his cohorts ever could.

Editor's Note: Nadine Smith is the Executive Director of The Human Rights Task Force of Florida and a member of the Democratic National Committee.

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Twin Spirited

TO THE EDITOR:

In many ancient cultures (including Eskimo and Native American traditions), the Transgender, Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay people were the "holy ones," the Shamans, the medicine people, the wise women and men, the counselors, the ones who saw visions and spiritual dreams with messages of guidance for the community. These sacred people were commonly referred to as being "Twin Spirited." Twin spirited people often held special healing powers.

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The title came, in part, from the belief that people with sexual orientations other than heterosexual possessed "blessed androgyny." The balance of having both feminine and masculine spirits gave birth to the term "twin spirited."

Does any of this strike a chord in your spirit? We in the Transgender, Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay community are inherently spiritual people with special blessings and sacred gifts. We all are today's high priestesses and high priests. This is our birth-right--claim it!

Mark Langenfeld
St. Paul, MN

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community will rebel against it," Eldridge said.

Eldridge also warned attendees that, "We must never appear to be attempting to rob anyone of their rights--their constitutional rights. We must never appear mean-spirited or bigoted. We must appeal always to fairness and justice."

Christians and the BBSs

Frank York, another spokesperson for Focus on the Family, urged Religious Right leaders to take advantage of new technology. Computer bulletin boards and systems must, he said, be used to "gather intelligence on the enemy."

"You have to know your enemy," York said. "Homosexuals are a large part of Internet."

"Monitoring on-line computer services," York said, "is an intelligence-gathering operation. They're not aware that you're gathering this information."

At the end of the conference, the results were put into a report entitled "Primary Strategy. This is divided into two parts: "Information and Data Exchange" and "Media."

Included under the first heading, IFAS reports, is the call for establishing a computer network using a BBS or a commercial on-line service such as America Online.

Included in the second part are "responsibilities" of local groups. These include

- Monitoring all pro-Gay and openly "homosexual" officials;
- Monitoring corporations; who they fund; where they spend their advertising dollars.
- Monitor local "homosexual" publications.
- Monitor all crimes committed by "homosexuals" and publish them.
- Give funding and legal support to anyone being sued by a "homosexual" (This presumably deals with harassment and/or discrimination in the workplace, according to IFAS.)

• School boards are to be taken over and text books changed to "to reflect the Christian message."

• Eliminate government funding for all situations which are "the result of improper behavior brought on by their lifestyle, such as AIDS."

In addition, the report gives plans to buy anti-Gay media advertising, a "media blitz;" develop plans in "all 50 states" for anti-Gay initiatives.

Included in the plan is a goal to get 25% of the voters in each state to sign a pledge not to vote for any candidate who supports equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men.

In those states which currently have laws banning discrimination against Gays, "every effort" must be made to repeal those laws.

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'Sunday Night Out' to Feature Madison Leaders

(Madison)- "Sunday Night Out" will broadcast on location from Mother Fool's Coffee and Tea Emporium (formerly the Coffee Lab) 1101 Williamson Street on July 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), local activist and news writer, John Quinlan and Diana Summers will host the show. Special guests will include Lesbian comedian Linda Lenzke, and Gay Pride march organizer Maria Hanson.

Dairyland Cowboys to Perform at MAGIC Picnic

(Madison)-In its tradition of promoting country dance, Madison's Dairyland Cowboys is hosting a two-hour country dance with performances and instruction, at the MAGIC Picnic, from noon to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 16. Featured performers include, Shoreline, Milwaukee's premier line dance organization, and Cream City Squares, a square dance group, also from Milwaukee, with Joe Frazier calling. Instruction of dances will also be offered, including country folk dances by Glenn Mitroff, and a line dance by Rick Hahn of Shoreline. There will also be some open dance time. Instruction is at the beginning level and is open to all.

The Country Dance events, along with other MAGIC Picnic events, will be held at the Brittingham Park Pavillion. Dairyland Cowboys' participation has been made possible with the cooperation of the Hotel Washington and the MAGIC Picnic committee.

Sherman Park Rainbow Assc. Marks First Year

(Milwaukee)- The Sherman Park Rainbow Association will mark its one year anniversary with a cookout on Friday, July 15 at Loose Ends, 4322 W. Fond du Lac Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring either something to throw on the grill or a side dish to share. The Association will be recognizing those members who have helped to make this past year such a success.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food or personal care item to kick off a food drive for MAP being sponsored by Loose Ends. For more information, contact the Rainbow Association at P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216 or phone, (414) 777-3986.

Ten Percent Society to Hold Dance

(Madison)- The Ten Percent Society of UW-Madison will be holding a dance for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and their friends on Friday, July 15 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Admission is \$3. There will be deejays and a cash bar.

MAP Summer AIDS Education Series Continues

(Milwaukee)- The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new community education series will continue with and Advanced AIDS Education program Wednesday, July 27. This series offers free HIV and AIDS training increasing the availability of timely, accurate, life-saving information. The two hour program starts at 6:30 p.m. at MAP, 315 W. Court Street.

MAP will also offer a Beginning AIDS Education program on Wednesday, August 17. The next Advanced AIDS Education series will meet Wednesday, August 31. All sessions are held at MAP from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Pat Hirvela at MAP: (414) 273-1991, Ext. 257.



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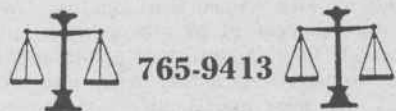
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MAP Food Pantry Offers Food and More for People Living With HIV and AIDS

By Fran Culbert

Basements are often seen as dark and dreary places. But for HIV positive people in Milwaukee, the basement of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) houses a food pantry that offers a direct link to a healthy diet and improved quality of life.

"MAP's food pantry addresses the special nutritional needs of people with HIV disease and AIDS," said program director, Andy Bagnall.

"Our consumers come from all walks of life," Bagnall said. "We serve single moms, single dads, children, male couples, heterosexual couples, families, you name it. They're African Americans, Caucasians, Native Americans and Hispanics."

Pantry volunteers, Marvin and Joan Frye agree. "We meet a wide variety of people in just two hours here every week. The only thing they all have in common is they or someone they know, lives with HIV."

The Fryes have been in volunteer work for the last several years because, according to Joan, "Life's been good to us, and we need to give something back."

Pantry Requests Double

On a typical day, pantry volunteers would pack 10 to 15 orders. Since January, however, more than 1,200 orders have been taken, helping 2,500 MAP consumers. Consumers from three area community-based organizations that MAP subcontracts with also access the pantry.

"That's double the number of people the pantry was serving a year ago," Bagnall notes. "The numbers are disturbing. I think they reflect the increase in people affected by HIV."

As they bustle about filling bags and boxes with food and household goods selected by each consumer from a menu of available items, the Fryes explained some of the unique services of the pantry.

Since nutritional and personal care needs of people with HIV vary so widely, "We provide fresh produce, frozen foods, and meats in addition to the nonperishable pantry items," Joan said. "And the toiletries and household supplies are really important since food stamps won't buy them in the stores."

"When people ask what they can donate," Marvin said, "I always tell them we need toiletries and cleaning supplies. As he hefts a box of food and supplies onto the counter for his client, Gary, Marvin adds, "We get a lot of personal satisfaction from this work."

As Gary checks the contents of his box, he says, "I'm glad it's here. I would have a tough time without it." Gary says that with the SHARE Program, he gets 40% of his groceries through the MAP pantry.

SHARE (Self Help And Resource Exchange) is a program which allows people to

receive food in exchange for volunteer work. MAP became a SHARE site in 1992.

As a participant in the SHARE Program, Gary pays \$13 in cash or food stamps and volunteers to work in the pantry two hours each month in return for \$35 worth of fresh meats, produce and other items. SHARE is open to everyone, regardless of HIV status.

Meals Prepared and Delivered

While the Fryes take a brief break after having served the last waiting customer, Thierry Ganiere, an exchange volunteer from Switzerland, continues to stack boxes of bottled water to be picked up by the pantry's food delivery program. Thierry explains that a client who is too sick or weak to leave home can have groceries and prepared meals delivered twice a week.

Cooked, portioned and individually packaged, the prepared meals are made by volunteers.

"There's a group of women from a local church who love to cook in large portions," Bagnall said. "But they didn't have anyone to cook for until they got involved with MAP."

Now they've started 'Leftovers of Love,' and they know they are making a difference in others' lives by donating these packages meals."

Volunteers and donors are the key to MAP's successful food pantry program. The pantry is staffed by 63 hard working, dedicated volunteers. Donations arrive in the form of goods and money from corporations and businesses, civic groups and churches, individuals, and other non-profit organizations like Second Harvesters. MAP's pantry also belongs to the Hunger Task Force of the Milwaukee Emergency Food Pantry Network.

On the surface, MAP's food pantry addresses hunger, but as Bagnall explains, the foundation of the program rests on "letting people maintain their independence and quality of life by meeting one of their essential needs."

MAP's food pantry is open Monday through Friday. Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, Noon to 7:00 p.m.; Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

LAMM Raises over \$1300 for Milwaukee Women's Center

(Milwaukee)- A team of LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) members participated in the First Annual Walk Against Family Violence on June 18, to benefit the Milwaukee Women's Center. The LAMM team raised over \$1,300, the highest amount collected of all 45 teams entered including corporate teams. Overall, the Walk raised approximately \$50,000. First prize for the top team was a behind the scenes tour of the Milwaukee County Zoo which LAMM donated to the Women's Shelter.

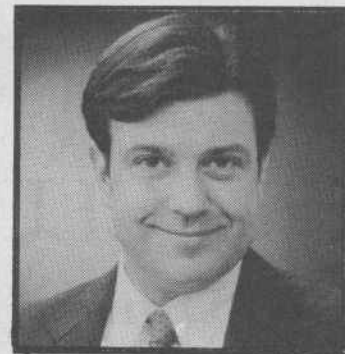
The Milwaukee Women's Center plans to hold a Second Annual Walk on Father's Day weekend in 1995 and LAMM challenges all organizations to help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

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WI NEW PASSAGES: Matthew, 18, 6'3", muscular seeks a TP who can show me a good time on this my first experience. #31417

Milwaukee NEW TO THE AREA: Single GWM looking for someone to show me good times and my way around the area. I love the outdoors in general. #31497

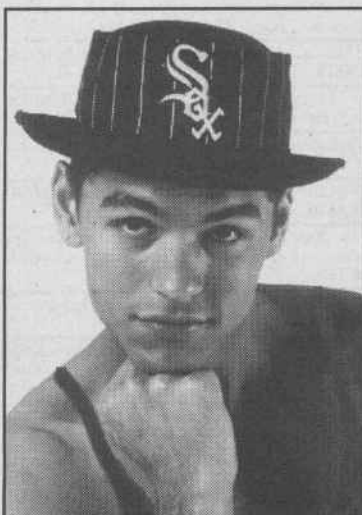
WI TALKIN' 'BOUT TALKIN': 28 yr. old, 6'4", CDer into talking with people who know what they want to talk about. #31559

Marshfield SLIM INTERESTS: 26 yr. old GWM, 6", non drinker, seeks slim guys 21-29 yrs. old for friendship. I like walks and movies and you should too. #27563

Green Bay TAKE IT LIKE A MAN: Gary, looking for 18-25 yr. olds who are very honest and kind. Bln/Blu guys a big plus. #31662

Milwaukee A FINE HOW DO YOU DO IT: Bi white male, 28, 6', Brn/Brn, new to this, looking for a body builder, 25-40 yrs. old. Hope to hear from you. #31620

Green Bay IN AND OUT...OUT AND IN: Looking for an athletic guy, 21-30 yrs. old, who is active both indoors and outdoors. I am 6'1", in good shape and healthy. #31777



Green Bay HEAD HUNTING: Bi white male, 5'11", 25, Blk/Blu, seeks other males 18-35 yrs. old for fun times. #31747

Eau Claire HAND ON THE CONTROLS: Looking for a man 40-60 yrs. old who likes to take control. I like hiking, camping, and the movies. #31856

Green Bay THIS IS THE HARD PART: 5'10", work out and enjoy dining out looking for someone who is sincere, honest, 25-35 yrs. old. #31859

Milwaukee _/!_ + (#)= FUN: 18 yr. old, 6'3", GM looking for someone 18-35 yrs. old, attractive Hispanic or white honest and sincere for a relationship. #31914

WI STOCKS AND BONDAGE: 51 yr. old, 5'10", sub, into being stripped naked and strip searched. I've been very bad. #31931

Green Bay RICK IS READY: 20, 5'8", looking for any one in the area who is looking for a good time. You are 18-25 yrs. old. #32024

Milwaukee HANDLE WITH GLEE: Looking for a single black male 25-32 yrs. old for a friendship and possible relationship. No head games. #32084

Madison HUNK HUNT: GWM, 28, 5'10", looking for other men in the area 24-32 yrs. old who are attractive and level headed. #32260

Madison GOING THE DISTANCE: College student, 21, 5'6", seeks a well built white runner for companionship. #32308

Milwaukee JUST THE THREE OF US: Couple looking for a third person for fun friendship and so forth. You name it, we are probably interested in doing it. #10639

Milwaukee JUST GETTING STARTED: 18 yr. old, 6'3", musc, looking for someone in the area. I am new to this. Looking for white or Hispanic males, 18-35 yrs. old. #10763

Wausau SOCIAL ANIMAL: 19 yr. old, 5'8", GM into just talking and socializing looking for friendship and possibly more later. #13075

Appleton CLOTHES ON/CLOTHES OFF: Dress for you. Bi white male, CD looking for people who enjoy sexy clothes. I am into just about anything. #14774

Milwaukee SAVE ME: Throw out the rope and rescue me. I'm looking for an experienced GWM to help this inexperienced man. #29761

Milwaukee NEW ON THE MARKET: GWM, 23 yrs. old, recently out, seeking GWM of similar age for friendship and more. #29896

WI CAN BOBBY SLEEP OVER?: 18 yr. old GWM. I live at home and am looking for versatile men to share in good times. #30037

Milwaukee HE'LL UNDERSTAND: 38 yr. old wants to meet other guys 38 and under. I have a relationship but want to meet friends. #30036

Milwaukee GRAB IT: GBM, 25, interested in having a discreet relationship with someone interesting and fun. #30588

Milwaukee FEED ME: Student into being fed cheese cake looking for someone honest and sweet natured to spend some quality time with. #30646

Madison LEATHER CUB: 6', seeking leather daddy. You are someone I can trust, respect and learn from. Hairy a plus. #30763

Eau Claire DON'T LET ME BE: 5'9", GWM seeks someone 21-40 yrs. old with any kind of hair color. I'm kind of lonely. #30862

WI JUST GOTTA DO IT: 20 yr. old, bi male, mature for my age, looking for TV's, TS's, CD's to explore my bi-ness. #30873

WI ALWAYS OPEN: 27 yr old, 5'9", tan and in great shape. Always open to new things. #28991

Green Bay YOUR SERVE: 5'9", 155, drk hair. I love tennis, walking, swimming, reading, movies, music, time in, time out. Seeking guys around here with similar interests. #28728

Milwaukee LEATHER BTMs: Seeking sub BTM boys who need a little control. I get into anything. Call if you are kinky and 18-27. #28747

WI BOY OH BOY: 5'9", 160, seeking yng smoothies, 18-25. I like bikes, the lake, movies and quiet times at home. #28955

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: I am seeking a buddy for good times. Let's give and receive massages. Long hair A+. #28957

Eau Claire TV OR NOT TV: GWM very discrete who wants to meet a TV but not necessary #11250

Milwaukee BRING ME ALONG: GWM, inexperienced handsome looking for men and TV's for mutual benefits. #28457

West Bend BEGINNING TO SEE DAYLIGHT: 20 yr. old 6'; Not out completely; looking for someone of similar age who is into the outdoors and who will be patient with me. #29166

Madison BEAR-LY ABLE: ...to contain myself. Looking for men 25-35 yrs. I am bearish 6'2" BTM looking for fun. #29224

Madison IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME THING: I'm sick of the dating game. Are you also? If so, call me. #29431

Madison FEEL SAFE WITH ME: Seeking a 19-35 yr old to get to know. I am 6'4", 280, shy and a nice guy. #26879

Milwaukee SOUTH SIDE: Gwm seeks GWMs for movies and quiet times at home. #26291

Milwaukee TREAT HIM RIGHT: 40 yr old GWM is new to town, friendly and vers. #26943

La Crosse WE CAN STILL HAVE FUN: Seeking a guy, 18-29, with a smwr's bld. No bars. BUT lots of travel and dining. #27079

Milwaukee SOUTH SIDE: Bi-WM, 5'5", 135. I am attractive and a workout buff. Let's show off. I have a washboard tummy. #27237

Milwaukee BIRDS OF A FEATHER: 27 yr old good looking guy seeks a man, 25-33 for a little travel/fun. #27340

Milwaukee HANKERIN' FOR A HUNK: WM, 35, 5'6", 160. I am healthy and hunky. Passionate guy needs some playful fun. I am worth the call. #27381

Milwaukee MILLER TIME: Seeking a lthr biker top who is endowed. I love watersports and want to drink some beers, kick back and enjoy a good time. #27472

WI WIDE RANGER: 24 yr old GWM, 5'10", 160, blonde and blue. I am seeking guys, 24-40. Dark hair and great personalities are A+. #27486

WI NO LIMIT: Seeking a lthr man. Test me all the way. I never fail. #27665

La Crosse NO FUN ALONE: 5'2", 125, brn/blu. Seeking a guy around my age (26). Please enjoy hiking, biking and a good workout. #27707

WI HOT TALK: 23 yr old seeks some guys for fun and talks on the phone. Call me and we'll take it from there. #27951

Milwaukee TV SEARCH: Handsome 37 yr old, 6'2". I am into all kinds of things. Seeking a fem TV for a sincere relationship. Don't be afraid to call. #27989

Milwaukee FEMME FATALE: Fem GWM, 36 yrs old, seeks slim male s who believe in love, passion and romance. I love nice clothes, dining out and travel. #28000

Milwaukee MONDO BONDAGE: Sub TV seeks guy for wild times and B&D. I am very clean and discreet. #28100

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Milwaukee DOWNTOWN: Seeking yng guys who are smooth, B&D, shaving, restraints used here. Safe only. #27712

Oshkosh VERY RECEPTIVE: 23 yr old Bi-WM seeks some guys for a good time. I am open to anything. #28279

Madison SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO: 26 brn/blu, 140. Seeking good times and a possible relationship with older men. Call me anytime. #28366

Milwaukee WHERE'S THE WELCOME WAGON: 23 yr old, new to the area. Seeking good looking guys under 25 who like to work out. #28539

Milwaukee COLLEGE STUDENT: Into bike riding, rollerblading and hot fun times. Seeking a guy 18-25. #23893

La Crosse CAT-O-2 TAILS: GWM professional couple, 40 & 27. We are attractive, into music, theater and light lthr. Seeking couples or singles. #25506

WI CLUB SCENE: 23 yr old Hispanic male, 160. Into swimming, music and the clubs. #25601

WI NATIVE AMERICAN: 30 yr old, 6'4", 220, blk hair, American Indian. Into outdoors, reading art and music. Please be affectionate, honest and clean. Call for home phone. #25608

WI WHAT'S UNDER THE DRESS, FELLA?: Seeking attractive guys into crossdressing. I love the mystery and being with a guy who is dressed fem. #11250

Milwaukee YOU TELL ME: 29 yr old blk male seeks a friend who is kind and knows what he wants. Please be a blk male, 21-40. Call me at home. #23108

414 Area Code HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?: Pent-up college guy seeks a cute campus dude. Call me at home. #23893

Kenosha BLACK SABBATH, A FEW BREWS, WHO KNOWS?: Bi-couple seeks more for fun. We are 40 and 21, into heavy metal, videos and social drinking at my home. #24064

Milwaukee O SOLE MIO: 19 yr old college student, 5'11", blonde and blue seeks guys 18-25. I am into opera and dancing. #24164

Racine SMOKIN' GOOD TIME: Handsome bi-WM seeks discreet guy for hot action. #24242

Milwaukee UP AND WAITING: 32 yr old, trimmed stache and beard. Let's have some quality times and build a good relationship. Call me at home anytime. #24326

Milwaukee SISSY TV: I am passable, need to be trained by a stern person into an adult baby girl. I wear it all, need a diaper or baby's dress now. #24366

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: Seeking Native American or Hispanic guys. I am 6'4", 190 and very athletic and masculine. Call me at home. #21606

Milwaukee HERE COMES SUMMER: WM, 23, 6', 180. Seeking a guy around my age to date. I like movies and summer sports. Just getting involved in the scene. #24503

WI IT'S YOUR SERVE: 20 yr old, 6'2", 190, blk/brn. I like biking, swimming and ping-pong. Kissing, smuggling big pluses. Honest guy seeks a guy of any age/race. #22880

WI VERY ROMANTIC: 43 yr old GWM seeks a guy 21-50 of any race for friendship. Into gardening, camping and fishing. Let's settle down and make a commitment. #24663

Milwaukee SOUTH SIDE: looking for GBMs. I am 32, 220. Into movies, dining out. Tps pls call. #24718

WI GREAT OUTDOORS: 19 yr old seeks a guy, 18-24. Into hiking, biking and horses. Any race. #24818

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: 29 yr old, short hair, stche. Into the outdoors, movies, concerts and dining out. #18745

WI GWM: 6', 165, 27 yrs old, blonde and green eyes. Into quiet times and cooking. Friends first, possible relationship. #19990

Appleton VERY SINCERE: 28 yr old, 6', 220. Into working out, skiing and reading. I am always willing to try new things. #22089

WI JOHN OR JOAN?: Fem guy into hiking, biking and trail walks. Dark brn eyes, 5'7", 135, slim. Seeking masculine blk males. #24818

Milwaukee TEACH ME TO TANGO: Fem TV seeks a blk or Hispanic male. Call me Michelle. #22207

414 Area Code CALL ME: 6'1", dark hair and grn eyes. Seeking a guy 18-30. I love movies going out, dancing and phone talk. Gimme a call at home. #14232

WI RIDE IN THE COUNTRY: 20 yr old, 6'2", 185. Seeking a guy who likes to cuddle, drive around and listen to music. Please be 18-40 (preferably). #22880

WI HERE COMES SUMMER: 29 yr old blk male, 5'8", 150. Med-build. Into music, dance and the lake in the summertime. Seeking a serious relationship with an 18-40 yr old. #23108

Milwaukee GOOD WITH MY HANDS: 37 yr old seeks a relationship. I am a handy man and home owner. #23153

WI DO YOU NEED A MAID?: TV, very passable. Totally shaven. I will cook and clean and provide EVERY service. I can dress from sophisticated to sleazy. Great legs! Call me. #23161

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: Seeking guys under 30 for a hot, safe time. #9368

Green Bay I WANT TO TRY: Seeking Bi or married guys. 26 yr old is very interested and would love to hear from you. #23421

Milwaukee YOUR CALL: Seeking a hot blk guy. 28 yr old white male for a long or short term situation. #23515

WI FIT AS A FIDDLE: Professional, healthy guy seeks a fit man in his 40's call me at home. #20766

WI NORTH-EAST: Outdoor guy isn't into the bars, but is seeking more than a one nighter. 5'9", 175 mid 30's. #19239

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WI SLEEP ON IT: 6'2", 34 YO, into men who are intelligent and fun-loving. Anything safe is OK. #20473

Milwaukee I KNOW MY PLACE: 34 year old 5'9", and med build. I am a definite btm. Seeking friends and a possible LTR. #20494

414 Area Code DOWN TO EARTH: Blonde and blue, 5'7", into sports, movies and all kinds of music. Seeking guys with good hearts and souls. Must be mutually respectful. #20506

608 Area Code CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE: 20 yr old, 5'6", 135 seeks men 20-40's for fun and excitement. #20614

Madison MILITARY SCENES: Workouts, crewcuts and having fun your thing? Call me. #20744

Wassau THRU THE UPS AND DOWNS: 23 yr old WM Bi-guy seeks a relationship with a WM 18-25. #20758

Milwaukee CREAM OF THE CROP: 39 yr old, clean healthy and ready for fun. #20769

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: 5'11", 165, seeking 18-26 yr olds. Must be fairly liberal and a non-smoker. #20777

Milwaukee ALL POINTS BULLETIN: Seeking hny Puerto Rican or blacks. #20879

WI WHERE DO YOU THINK?: GWM, 21, 145, 5'10". I am seeking an honest guy who thinks with his heart. #11508

Milwaukee GARDEN FAN: 35 YO. Into down to earth people, rare plants and country music. Call me at home. Seeking 18-35 year olds. #17697

WI CLEAV-AGE!!!: 5'8", 165 builder. Interested in masc guys. I am a strict tp with a beard. #17812

Milwaukee FIND ME IN THE GYM: 41 year old workout nut loves animals, movies and dining out. Open to all ages. #17954

Milwaukee WHERE YOU LEAD: I will follow. 6'1", 195, 37 blonde and blue guy seeks a white male 27-37 who is good-looking and athletic. Show me the ropes. #17940

Milwaukee YOU NAME IT, WE DO IT: Blue eyed professional is into various experiences and would enjoy hearing from you. #18299

Milwaukee GOING TO EXTREMES: 28 year old white male seeks a black guy for fun excitement. I am into music, movies, socializing. #18300

Milwaukee HAVE HAIR, WILL TRAVEL: 25 year old guy with brn hair and eyes seeks 18-26. Hairy/aggressive A+. #18327

414 area code EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: 22 year old black male is 5'9", med built and vers. I am open to all races and enjoy the theater and quiet times. #18381

Milwaukee NOW PLAYING: 6'2", good-looking guy seeks similar. Into all kinds of movies and quiet nights at home. #18556

414 area code YOUNG SPLENDOR: 21 year old, 6'2", blue eyes. Seeking a guy 18-25 for friends and a possible relationship. Call me at home. #18655

Milwaukee POOL PARTY: young ht studs for pool parties that are ht, ht, ht. #16120

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: Seeking bigger guys. Hairy A+. I am 30 with a slight beer belly. Into outdoors, bicycling, movies and music. Slim guys OK, too. #18745

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GWM, 5'10, 170, good-looking, well-built, versatile, ISO other hot guys for good times. You won't be disappointed. (Call Thru) Box# 3502

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M, 24, looking for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2104

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Richard, 25, WM, I like dancing, sports, ISO someone who's comfortable with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 9370

GWM, 39, 5'7, 175, top, jock type, ISO fun, affable, younger guy for fun, etc. Madison. (Call Thru) Box# 2777

Matt, WM, 22, 6', 180, ISO buddy, 25-40, very hairy, hung, top. (Call Thru) Box# 8933

WM, Shawn, escort, 26, 6'1, 150, strawberry blonde, blue eyes, cute, clean shaven, smooth. Box# 2400

Bill, HIV+, bottom, 5'9, 220, butch bear, ISO a tough man who's interested in falling in love. (Call Thru) Box# 8774

John, 5'9, red hair, blue eyes, good shape, bottom, college jock, ISO well-built, top, 30+, well-hung. Box# 6513

Jim, 29, ISO BM, 18-35. (Call Thru) Box# 9922

Sebastian, 18, have body piercing, ISO dominate, handsome, intellectual male, 18-21, respectable, having body piercings and tattoos in exotic places is a big plus. (Call Thru) Box# 1705

Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381

GWM, Garrett, 27, ISO young, GWM. (Call Thru) Box# 3295

Chip, 41, 6', 220, blonde hair, brown eyes, clean-shaven, versatile, football player build, likes mild to wild things. (Call Thru) Box# 1186

Jack, 36, ISO M, same age, open-minded, friendship, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 3143

Shawn, 19, BM, fun-loving, ISO dominant, masculine, muscular, intimate tops. (Call Thru) Box# 7280

Peter, ISO bottoms for good times. I'm very sexy and sensual. (Call Thru) Box# 2347

Mike, 28, 5'11, 200, handsome, ISO handsome man for fun. Box# 4679

Spanish guy, 148, ISO males 20+. Box# 6226

Chris, bi-BM, very straight-looking/acting, enjoys skiing, movies, travel. ISO someone with similar interests who is straight-acting and looking as well. Box# 1778

GWM, bottom, 53, 250, masculine, clean, discreet, ISO top guy, beard and mustache a plus, attr., 35-50, any race, no bums/fems/alcoholics. Bi's welcome also. (Call Thru) Box# 6450

Dave, very attr., 30, prof., 6'4, 190, brn. hr., blue eyes, affectionate, down to earth, enjoys photography, sci-fi, theatre, music, dancing, dining, outdoors. I'm intelligent, non-feminine, not into drugs or games, ISO similar guys. (Call Thru) Box# 4928

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Scott, 21, 6'3, 165, light brn. hr., longer in the back, blue eyes, ISO SWM, 18-25, for friendship, poss. long-term rel. To me life is too short. (Call Thru) Box# 3339

Kevin, 27, 5'9 1/2, 163, well-built, dark brn. hair, green eyes, likes sports, good times. ISO M with same interests. (Call Thru) Box# 3501

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Tom, 33, GWM, 5'6, versatile bottom, ISO young, hung, versatile tops, especially boyish guys. I have a need I want you to fill. (Call Thru) Box# 5881

Jim, 28, WM, 6'2, I'm outgoing, very personable, like music, movies, socializing, ISO BM, for one-on-one relationship, large gatherings possible also. Box# 3733

Paul, 27, bottom, very lonely, masculine GWM. ISO masculine GWM, 27-48, 6'+, mustache a plus, top, for friends and a monogamous relationship. Box# 2867

WM, 28, enjoys the company of black males. I have great communicating oral skills. Remember, I won't be able to talk with my mouth full. Box# 6656

Frank, GWM, ISO romantic fun guy, 18-25, to enjoy dinners, movies, etc. (Call Thru) Box# 1142

Mike, 5'7, 135, muscular, well-built, ISO male to have fun with. Box# 8815

GWM, 21, 6', 140, good-looking, ISO GBM, 20-30 for friendship and relationship. Box# 2429

GM, ISO very discreet guy who has 10 inches or more and loves to have a very good time. Box# 9501

Michael, GWM, 25, ISO people to have fun with. (Call Thru) Box# 4526

Tony, 30, 5'10, 200, very well-built, likes oral sex and am looking for someone to teach me about anal sex. (Call Thru) Box# 1576

Bob, I like to meet other males. Call, let's see what we can do together. (Call Thru) Box# 5303

GM, 26, 5'11, 165, brn. hair/eyes, very good-looking, clean shaven, work out, ISO guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 1583

Todd, BM, ISO GBM or GWM, I'm very handsome and ready to go. (Call Thru) Box# 1326

Dominick, 21, GWM, 5'9, blk. hr., hzl. eyes, Italian and Hispanic. ISO GWM, 21-25, down-to-earth, financially secure, for friendship, poss. rel., no phonies. (Call Thru) Box# 5433

Adam, GWM, 32, 5'8, 190, shoulder length hair, beard, ISO dominant big brother daddy type, black or white, to take charge. (Call Thru) Box# 8556

Steve, 6'2, 220, GBM, likes sports, long walks, quiet times, getting wild sometimes, ISO DWM with similar interests, sense of humor, financially and emotionally stable, for rel. (Call Thru) Box# 2644

Retired man, ISO GM who likes to cuddle. (Call Thru) Box# 6531

GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. Box# 8604

Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tattoos, long hair, tone body, smooth, 145, 6'2, touchie-feelie type, wild sense of humor, ISO other guys 25-35, dark haired, hairy body, no sissies, sensuality is top priority. Box# 8205

James, attr., 8 inch cut, aggressive, mustache, all American, blonde and blue, early 30's, 5'8, 150, 40-inch chest, 30-inch waist, ISO no-nonsense men, singles, couples or groups, who are intense and want safe and sane liaisons. (Call Thru) Box# 9451

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Caribbean GBM, 20, ISO GM 18-24 for friendship, poss. rel., serious only. Box# 1627

Bob, 47, WM, ISO BM, well-endowed for fun. Box# 8710

Sara, 34, 5'10, somewhat stocky build, beard, mustache, like classical theater, cooking, travel, walks, ISO GM for friendship and love. (Call Thru) Box# 5751

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

GM, 21, blond hair, blue eyes, like bars, ISO a male companion. (Call Thru) Box# 4266

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Michael, BM, 23, ISO guys my age for football, movies, etc. Box# 6919

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GM, Mike, looking for people to party with. (Call Thru) Box# 1595

Dave, ISO someone for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2200

GM, Chip, 5'10, 160, athletic, 28, light brown hair, blue eyes, ex-military man, business student, like weightlifting, outdoors, ISO a muscular M, 22-35. (Call Thru) Box# 5135

GM, Gordon, ISO guys for hot fun. (Call Thru) Box# 8176

GM, Bob, 35, 6'1, 195, dark hair/eyes, masculine, working-out, ISO someone for some male bonding. (Call Thru) Box# 3440

GWM, 32, independent, financially secure, ISO someone fun for relationship and hot times. Box# 4506

GM, body-builder, 54-inch chest, 36-inch waist, 210, 40's, ISO someone younger, in good shape like myself. (Call Thru) Box# 4684

Tim, ISO dominant, masculine, very mature M, if you have these qualifications, please call me. (Call Thru) Box# 5304

GBM, James, 34, 5'8, 160, ISO friends any race, talk to me, lets get together. (Call Thru) Box# 8149

BiWM, 42, 5'7, 160, very oral, bearded, mustache, very discreet, ISO same. (Call Thru) Box# 1875

African-American GM, 31, 6'2, 180, beautiful voice/eyes, top, high sex drive, like bowling, fishing, horseback riding, ISO honest, mature, independent, HIV-, African-American bottom. (Call Thru) Box# 5943

GBM, Maurice, 30, 5'9, 140, ISO another masculine GBM, 25-35. Box# 9118

Michael, 5'7, GBM, top, looking for a goodtime, let's talk. Box# 6117

GM, Erin, 24, quiet, sincere, like music, astrology, ISO a monogamous fun male, 21-35. (Call Thru) Box# 2526

Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM, 25 and over. Box# 2742

GBM, Andre, 20, college student, ISO GWM, for dancing, movies, etc. Box# 6542

GBM, Andre, 5'10, 155, drk hair/eyes, ISO GWM 20-30, to enjoy life to it's fullest. (Call Thru) Box# 7751

GM, 21, 5'9, 140, grn eyes, brn hair, party size, ISO built, masculine guys around same age. (Call Thru) Box# 2503

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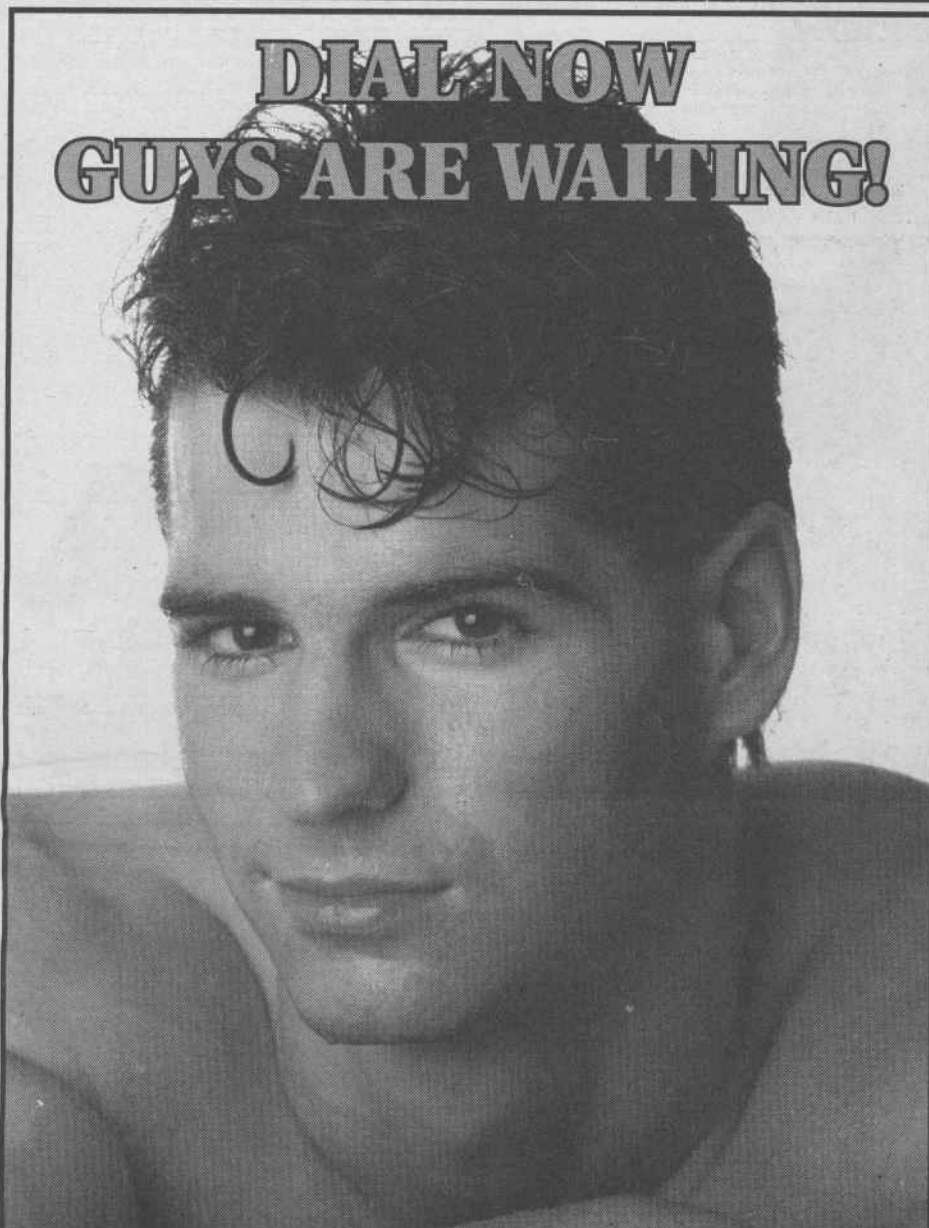
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54,000 People Pack Yankee Stadium for the Closing Ceremonies of Gay Games IV

By Bill Meunier

I have always been a fan of the Olympics, especially the Opening and Closing ceremonies, so I was exceptionally pleased when my friend John O'Brien of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives produced a ticket for me to sit with him and other Stonewall 25 vets for the Closing Ceremonies of the Gay Games.

This celebration of 10 days of competition was as good as any of the ceremonies I had ever seen at the Olympics. In fact it was better, because this time it was Lesbian and Gay athletes who were being honored.

Yankee stadium started to fill slowly and at 7:00 when the festivities were scheduled to begin less than a tenth of the sell out crowd was seated. But that didn't stop those who were there from giving the Lesbian and Gay Band of America and the Flirtations prolonged and deserved ovations.

Next came the athletes. A huge cheer went up as they began to proudly step into the stadium. Judy Gold, Harvey Fierstein and "Pat" (Julia Sweeny) from Saturday Night Live, welcomed the delegations and announced their presence.

The Sultanate of Oman, Ghana, Indonesia, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, and Antigua are not places known for being Gay friendly. But athletes from these countries along with those from 41 others marched in. It took about 90 minutes for all of the competitors to file into the stadium.

When I saw Team Wisconsin entering I raced to get a close up picture. I found a small group wearing medals. I got my pictures and raced back to proudly tell my friends, "Wisconsin won medals."

The parade of the athletes was only one highlight of a wonderful program. This was our moment in the spotlight and throughout the evening you were reminded that this was the closing ceremony for the GAY games.

Aprile Milo, used her considerable vocal talents to sing the National Anthem, but only after expressing hope that one day we would "all stand under our beautiful flag free and be equal."

President Clinton's appointee as Undersecretary, of Housing, Roberta Achtenburg welcomed the crowd saying "At the first Greek Games, Sappho said 'We do this so they will remember us in the future.' Today I say they will remember us for what we do here in New York this weekend."

Jay Hill Executive Director for the Games announced that "Ten World Records have been set over the last ten days at the Gay Games." The crowd went wild.

After singing two songs, Patti started to belt out "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The crowd went wild. She stopped singing to say "I just want to say thanks for all you've done for me for the last 25 years. In good times and in bad you've always been with me lifting me up. You mean so much to me..." As she got to the final verse LaBelle stopped singing again and said "I am here because I was told you need me. You have always been there for me when I needed you, and I'll always be there when you need me. Just ask and I'll come."

After that, it was impossible to hear LaBelle's booming voice even with the help of a large sound system. For four minutes she was totally drowned out by the cheers of the adoring crowd.

After Patti, the fireworks that closed the five and half hour program seemed anticlimatic. LaBelle and others had said and sung it all. There we were, 50,000 strong, celebrating OUR Olympics, and the birth of our liberation movement. For at least one evening it seemed to many that we had finally made it, for one evening we were "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Suzanne Westenhoffer ran through a hilarious comedy routine. When she announced that she would have her own HBO special as an openly Lesbian comic, the crowd roared its approval. It roared its approval of Marga Gomez, an Hispanic Lesbian comedienne who assured the crowd that coming out as an Hispanic was no different from doing it as an Anglo. "Its just that we have these cultural differences like ... the Inquisition."

Taylor Dayne and her dance troupe was outstanding, as was Cheer Dallas. The Unity Choir made up of Gay and Lesbian choir members from throughout the United States was moving.

Figure skaters Ty Babalonia and Randy Gardner made a special appearance to denounce the lack of help from their sport in the fight against AIDS and openly wished for "the day when all athletes can compete honestly on the basis of their abilities without fear of being held back due to private matters that are irrelevant."

There was a memorial and tribute to Armistad Maupin and a video of Olympic Medal winning athlete Greg Louganis announcing that he was participating as "a proud, out Gay athlete."

Sir Ian McKellen gave a moving speech urging the athletes to come out of the closet "You can not say you have competed with your best if you have not done it as an honest, open person."

McKellen was followed by Cyndi Lauper. Singing her own composition, "I'm Gonna Be Strong," Lauper orchestrated the "Releasing of the Flame." As the flame in middle of the stage died fireworks set up in front of the center field bleachers began to thunder.

Several hundred dancers come out onto the field for the transfer of the Gay Games flag from New York to Amsterdam, which will host the Gay Games in 1998.

Their movements were illuminated only by Rainbow Colored Lights they held and the thousands of flashbulbs piercing the darkness as they went off.

Then came what the program called the "Celebration Concert." It was magnificent.

Dianne Reeves was wonderful singing "Endangered Species," Lavender Light was moving with its "Victory Will Be Mine," as was Desmond Childs with "Ray of Hope."

Lauper returned to the stage breaking up the crowd with her "Girl's Just Want to Have Fun."

Surrounded by Female Impersonators dancing around a maypole, the irrepressible Lauper drew huge cheers from the throng leaving the stage to dance wildly first in right field and then in left field.

Crystal Waters was outstanding as was Phyllis Hyman. Only Lisa Lisa seemed to be less than adequate.

Last but by no means least was Patti LaBelle. As the 50,000 plus rocked back and forth chanting "Go Patti, Go Patti," she entered the stadium in a golf cart. The roar was deafening.

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Rep. Tammy Baldwin Vindicated by State Ethics Board in Right Wing Attack

(Madison)- In a letter dated June 30, 1994, R. Roth Judd, Executive Director of the State of Wisconsin Ethics Board notified State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) had not violated the state ethics code as charged by Charles Lee.

As reported in the last issue of Light, Lee, an Eau Claire Right Wing Christian TV talk-show host had filed a verbal complaint on June 17 with the Ethics Board charging that Baldwin had allowed her state office telephone number to be used by Action Wisconsin, the state's LesBiGay political activist group.

To support his accusation, Lee cited copies of notices posted on computer bulletin boards, such as America Online, showing Baldwin's office phone number being used as a contact for Action Wisconsin.

Lee subsequently sent the Board copies of Wisconsin Light where Baldwin's office number was used in connection with the

group. However, investigation by the Board showed that Baldwin's number had been used in both sources without her knowledge or consent.

"Based on our investigation," Judd wrote, "the Ethics Board's staff has not found a sufficient basis to believe that you violated the Ethics Code." Thus, the Board will "not proceed further with this matter."

Baldwin told Light "It is my belief that Chuck Lee's complaint was intended, in part, to slow down our movement and to frighten us. I feel more strongly than ever that we must not pause for even a moment because of his tactics. The creation of Action Wisconsin is a mile stone in our political organizing. It's a group I am very proud of and I intend to remain active and visible as a member of Action Wisconsin."

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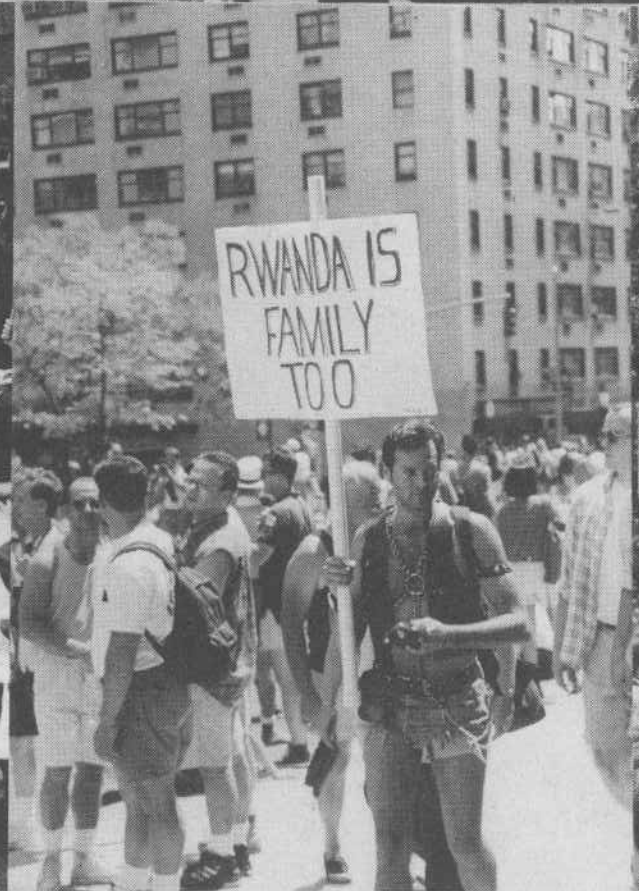
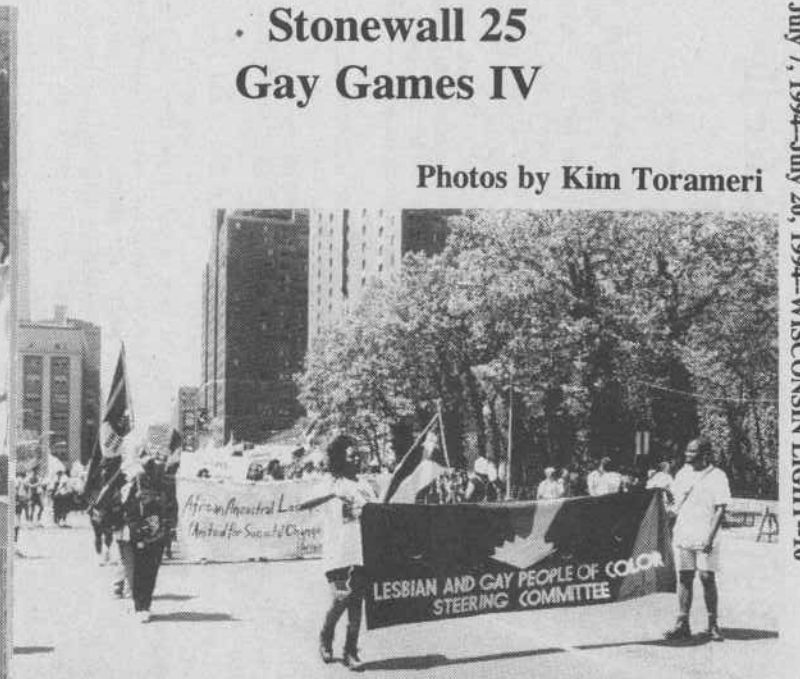
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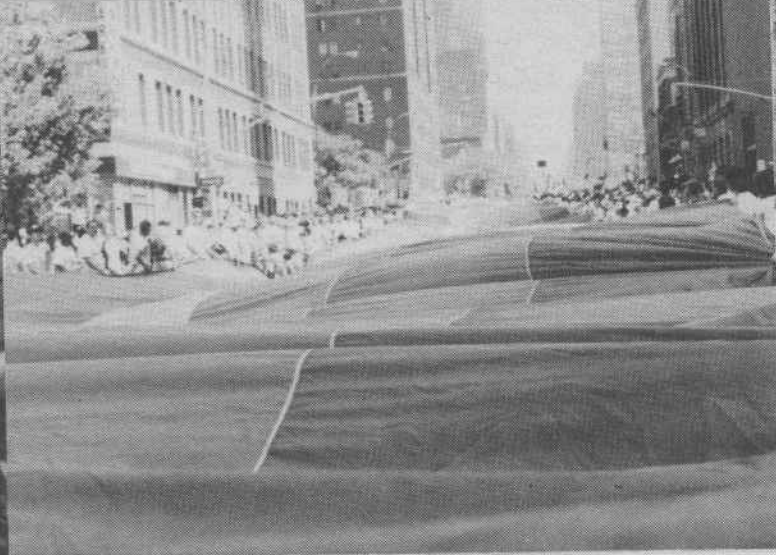
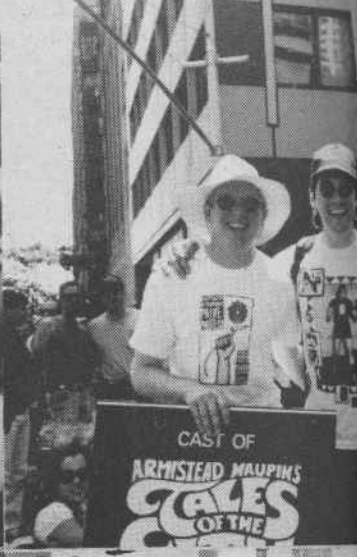
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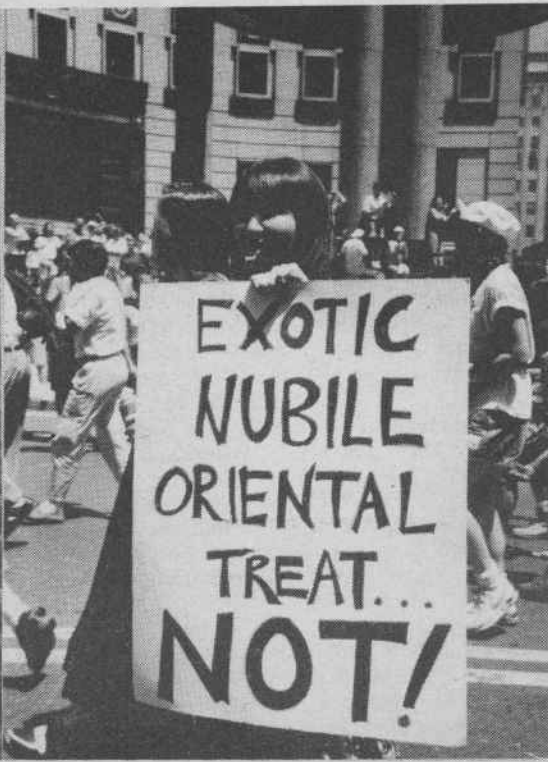
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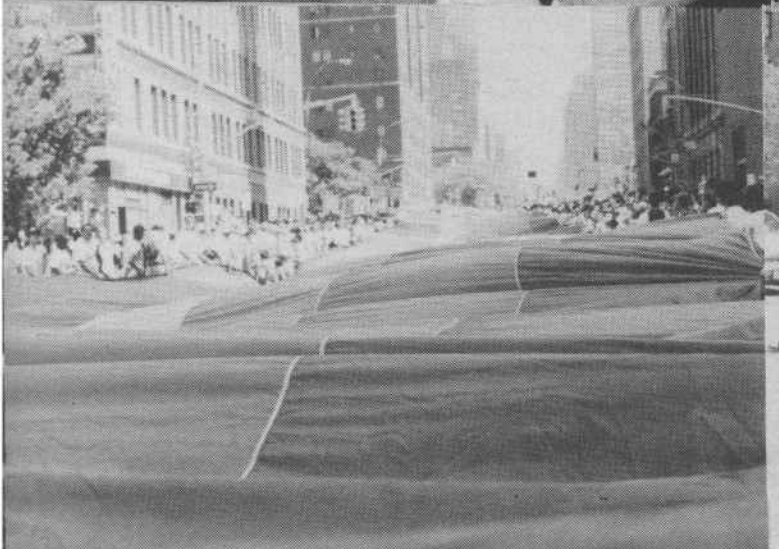
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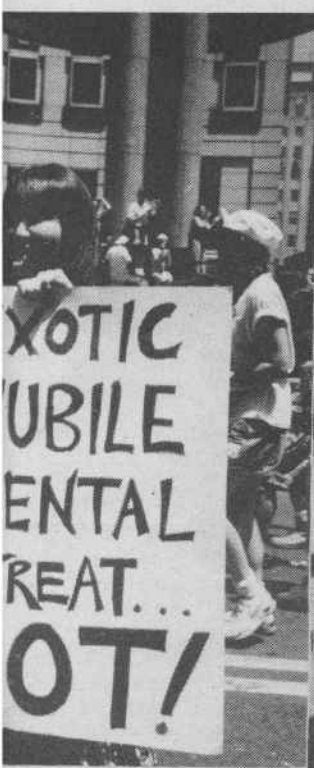


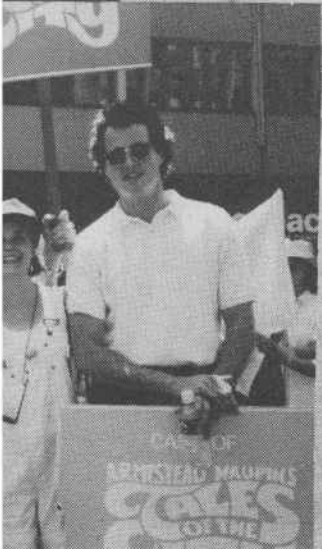
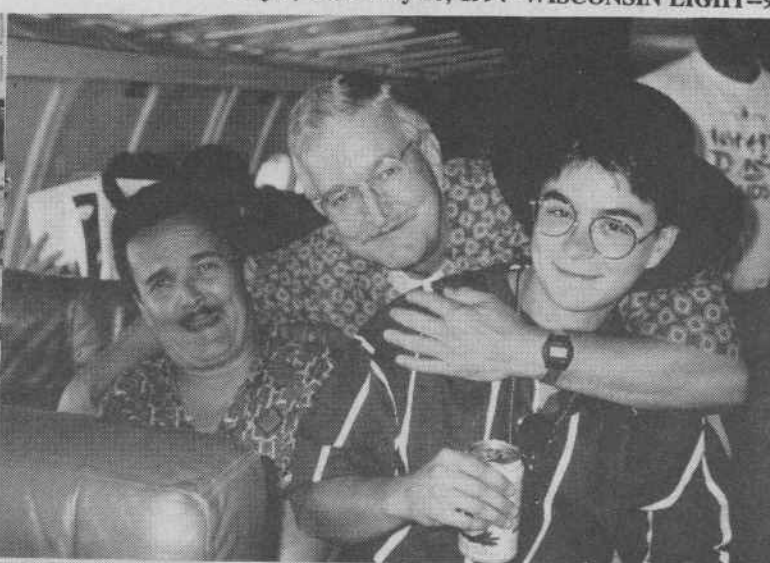
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