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National Civil Rights Movement Finally Turning Its Attention to Gay Americans

Commentary By Jill Lawrence

Decades after its birth, the civil rights movement is finally turning its attention to Gay Americans.

For 30 years the movement has piled up countless victories for minorities and women, the elderly and the disabled and the ill. All the while, it's remained legal in most of the country to discriminate against Lesbians and Gay men.

But a landmark debate is about to begin.

A bill banning job discrimination against Gay people is the first Gay cause to be embraced by the larger civil rights community. And a Senate hearing on the measure scheduled to begin July 19 will mark the first time an issue involving civil rights for all Gay people is to be aired on Capitol Hill.

The Labor and Human Resources Committee will hear from people whose sexual orientation cost them their jobs. A disabled Republican will testify, along with the chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, supportive union and corporate witnesses and possibly the assistant attorney general for civil rights.

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National Battle Over Inequitable AIDS Funding Heats Up as Negotiations Begin

Wisconsin Leads the Fight For Fair Funding

By Terry Boughner

(Milwaukee)- In a major break-through for Wisconsin's on-going national struggle for equitable AIDS funding, final negotiations on the shape of a new Ryan White CARE Act are set to begin as Wisconsin Light goes to press, July 21, 1994.

Representatives of the historically powerful Title I CAEAR Coalition and the Wisconsin-led Campaign for Fairness are scheduled to begin the talks in Washington, D.C. on funding formulas that will direct national AIDS funding over the next five years and potentially change the national AIDS constituency.

"We have worked hard to gain national recognition of the massive inequities in Ryan White funding," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), who originated and continues to lead the Campaign for Fairness.

"It has been a struggle to get to the table, but these negotiations are a victory of sorts in that they represent an acknowledgment that Ryan White inequities must be corrected," Nelson said.

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Long Live the Queen--Queen Elizabeth is enjoying herself with members of her court at the Bristol Renaissance Faire. (See related story on page 7.)

Henry W. Maier Dies at Age 76; Was Milwaukee's Mayor for 28 years Signed Gay Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

By Sue Burke

Known as the "mayor's mayor" for his leadership on urban issues, Henry W. Maier died at age 76 on July 17, 1994, reportedly of complications due to pneumonia. He served as mayor of Milwaukee from 1960 to 1988, setting a City Hall record for longevity in that office.

Maier graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1948, served in the Navy, and then embarked on a career in politics. In 1950, he was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate, where he became Democratic floor leader. He left the Senate to become Milwaukee's mayor.

Maier entered that office with a plan focusing on urban renewal, economic development, improved city finances and greater government efficiency. Despite weaker powers, he strengthened the office of mayor through careful appointments of department heads.

Maier earned a Master's degree in political science while in office and became one of the country's leading urban spokesmen. In the 1960's and 1970's, he called for a reordering of national priorities and increased funding to save America's cities from disaster. He served as president of the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and the National Conference of Democratic Mayors; and chairman of the National Coalition of Urban Needs and Budget Priorities.

During the open housing marches of the 1960's, Maier argued for a metropolitan-wide fair housing ordinance instead of one covering just the city, saying that fair housing limited to the city would only speed up the migration of whites to the suburbs. He called suburban zoning ordinances, which essentially ruled out low-income housing "fundamental declarations of intent that Negro citizens are condemned to ghetto imprisonment."

Milwaukee's ghetto rose up in a riot on July 30, 1967. Maier ordered a drastic city-wide curfew, which limited the violence to a few nights.

Maier also maintained an on-going battle

with Milwaukee's two daily newspapers.

Today, Maier might be most fondly remembered for starting Summerfest. He first proposed the idea in 1961. The first fest was held in 1968. In 1969, in keeping with Milwaukee's tradition of singing mayors, Maier wrote and performed the "Milwaukee Summerfest Polka."



Jerry Johnson

Former Mayor Henry W. Maier

In 1980, Maier signed a controversial ordinance prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual orientation for City of Milwaukee jobs and for firms that contract for city business.

After 28 years as mayor, Maier declined to run again and left office in 1988. He continued to teach and write on urban issues.

He is survived by his second wife, Karen Lamb, Ph.D. by his two daughters by a previous marriage and his grandchildren.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my most sincere condolences to Dr. Lamb and her family.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin Seeks a Second Term In the State Assembly

(Madison)- State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), filed nomination papers on July 11, 1994 making official her bid for a second term in the State Assembly.

First elected to the Legislature in 1992, Baldwin, an attorney, previously served four terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, representing a district in central Madison.

"It is such a privilege to represent the people of the 78th Assembly District," Baldwin said. "I believe I represent one of the most politically active and aware constituencies in the state and it is a remarkable honor to do

Scott Evertz Announces Candidacy for Wisconsin State Assembly in 19th District First Candidate to Run as Openly Gay Republican in Wisconsin

Scott Evertz, 31, is running for the Wisconsin State Assembly in the 19th District. He has long been active in the Lesbian/Gay community. He has worked as a volunteer for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. He also served as a host for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund event. He is Vice President of the Log Cabin Club in Milwaukee, an organization dedicated to promoting the Republican Party in the Gay community. He was interviewed recently over lunch at Milwaukee's M&M Club.

Wisconsin Light: Tell me a little about yourself. For example, are you from Wisconsin?

Scott Evertz: Washington, D.C. Born and bred there. My father was an Eisenhower appointee which is what brought the family there. I've lived in Milwaukee since 1980, a significant chunk of my life. I came here to go to Marquette [University], majored in political science and theology, and basically never left. I got involved in politics right about the time that I left Marquette. I like being involved in politics on the grass roots level.

WL: Are you running as an openly Gay man?

SE: Yes, yes. I'm running as an openly Gay Republican man. I will be openly Republican in the Gay community and openly Gay in the Republican community.

WL: What made you decide to run for the legislature?

SE: First, is my interest in serving the people of my district. But also, a key reason is that it is true that the State Assembly is probably going to go Republican in this next election.

I think what is real important is for there to be a voice representing the concerns of the

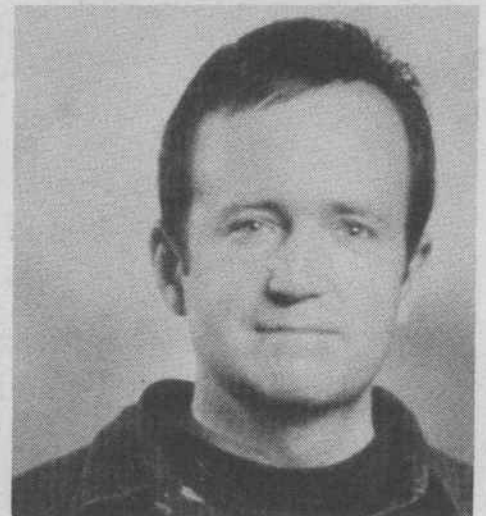
Gay and Lesbian community in that new majority. The present State Representative in our district is the Assistant Majority Leader and that status will disappear when the Republicans gain control of the Assembly, which it would appear that they're going to do.

So, I've worked with a number of the Republican legislators who are in Madison right now. I work well with them and I feel there would be at least an open door and an open ear to my concerns as they relate to Gay and Lesbian issues.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has said that not until we have seats at the table are our rights truly protected. And while we have friends who 99% of the time vote our way, it is only Gay and Lesbian elected officials who we can count on to vote our way 100% of the time. And that's another key reason I'm running.

WL: What do you see as the leading issues that you'll be addressing in your campaign?

SE: Well, it would appear that the key concerns of district residents outside of the Gay and Lesbian issues (which are significant because of the significant population of Gay and Lesbian people in the district). But beyond that, the issues that concern most state residents are property taxes, welfare reform, and crime.



Scott Evertz

They think property taxes are too high. They think something needs to be done with the welfare system. I feel it (welfare) is enslaving the population. It's not doing what it was intended to do.

When it comes to crime, our district encompasses some of the worst wards, if you will, in the entire state.

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In Deepest Sympathy

Wisconsin Light would like to extend its deepest sympathy to Dr. Karen Lamb and her family on the death of her husband, former Milwaukee Mayor Henry W. Maier.

Mayor Maier served his city for 28 years and no one loved Milwaukee more.

He was a good friend to the publisher and editor of this paper. We are deeply saddened by his passing.

Wisconsin Light bows its head in memory of a great man, a true visionary.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Judge Says Boy Scouts Discriminated

San Diego-AP- A judge awarded \$5,000 to a Boy Scouts leader who was expelled after revealing he is Gay. California's civil rights law prohibits the Scouts from discriminating against Gays, Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph ruled on July 7. "Public acknowledgment of homosexuality does not translate into 'teaching' that homosexuality is proper or improper," the judge wrote. He declined, however, to order the reinstatement of Chuck Merino, a 38-year-old police officer, until the Boy Scouts held administrative hearings. The Boy Scouts plan to appeal.

Colorado Gay Pride Parade Attracts Thousands

Denver-AP- Gays, Lesbians and their friends and allies, including actress Carol Channing, turned out on July 10 for a parade, rally and festival in Denver in numbers the police estimated at 30,000. Channing said she was proud of her "Gay and Lesbian friends and their hard work in fighting against Amendment 2"

The event started with a parade in Denver that featured nearly 1,000 participants and at its conclusion at the state Capitol, a crowd listened to speeches by Gov. Roy Romer, Denver Mayor Wellington Webb and Channing. Channing gave her personal "Diamond Award" to Webb for his work as a "statesman." "We are all one people," Webb told the Gay crowd. "We have a right to be treated equally."

Cammermeyer Warmly Welcomed Back

Camp Murray, WA-AP- Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who returned to her post two years after she was discharged for being a Lesbian, says she will adhere reluctantly to the military's new "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Cammermeyer, 52, said her first weekend back as chief of nursing services for the Washington National Guard's 164th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital went smoothly. Cammermeyer said her colleagues weren't uneasy or awkward. In fact, she was greeted with cheers and smiles from all ranks of command, she said at a news conference. "Over the last few days, I have experienced a tremendous openness and willingness for me to return to work."

Studds Challenges CDC Officials on HIV

Washington, D.C.-AP- Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) challenged statements made on July 12 by the government's top health officials that progress has been made in preventing HIV infection. Studds sharply questioned the officials at a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health. They estimated that between 800,000 and 1 million Americans are infected with HIV. "I believe that the numbers are not going up suggests that we probably are making some progress with our community prevention efforts," said Dr. David Satcher, the new director of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Studds retorted, "Do you really believe that? Every number I've seen, every community that we're concerned about, has increased." While there has been a dip in HIV infection among adult Gay men, it is increasing among young people, Studds said. "I would briefly conclude that we don't have a clue basically," he said. "It clearly...is increasing among people of color in the inner city; it appears to be increasing among young Gay people again...Where the hell is it decreasing?"

AIDS Spreading Quickly In India

New Delhi-AP- AIDS is racing through India just eight years after the first case was detected. More than half of the male and female prostitutes are estimated to be infected. In northern India, 70% of the estimated 30,000 intravenous drug users have become HIV positive. The National AIDS Control Organization estimates that there are 1.62 million cases in the population of 880 million, up 60% from 1993. In five years, the numbers of people infected with HIV will be, it is estimated at 10 million and growing. Most AIDS experts dismiss the official estimates as absurdly low.

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

Madison's Club 3054 Owner Reportedly Agrees to a 90 Day License Suspension

Madison-AP- Sheri Becker, the owner of Madison's Club 3054 and Wings, has agreed to a 90-day suspension of the liquor license for her East Side establishment, the chairman of Madison's Alcohol License Review Committee says.

Michael Lawton said that the Committee would meet on July 27 to vote on the suspension.

Club 3054 was cited as a "disorderly house" after undercover police officers said several men had unprotected sex with each other in the bar's basement during "underwear night" promotions February 24 and April 7.

The Committee has already voted 4-2 to reject a stipulation calling for a 60-day suspension of the license and ordered the city attorney's office to try and negotiate a 90-day suspension. The alternative would be a public hearing likely leading to revocation of the bar's license, Assistant City Attorney Rick Petri said.

Petri and Becker's attorney, Richard B.

Jacobson, initially reached agreement on a stipulation calling for a 60-day suspension of the bar's license and 12 other concessions. But a majority of the Committee thought the actions of the bar warranted a 90-day suspension, the maximum penalty short of revoking a liquor license.

Alderman Tim Bruer, who made the motion to increase Club 3054's suspension to 90 days, said the other concessions of the original stipulation will be enforced.

Among other things, they call upon Becker to start the suspension on the day after Labor Day; close the basement area of the bar indefinitely; submit herself for an alcohol and drug abuse assessment; and complete any treatment that is recommended and keep the bar open to outreach workers presenting safer sex information and AIDS testing.

Bruer said any violation of the stipulation would lead to a swift revocation of the bar's liquor license.

Madison's Magic Picnic Weekend Was a Mixture of Queer Politics and Party Spirit

By Dayna Verstegen

(Madison)- Queer politics and a party spirit hit Madison last weekend (July 15-17) with a series of events culminating in a march down State Street on Sunday afternoon.

The weekend kicked off with the 10% Dance at the Great Hall of the Memorial Union at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Great Hall was at capacity by midnight after people attending the sold-out Indigo Girls concert arrived.

Saturday, July 16, was the Magic Picnic. This annual event was held at Brittingham Park from noon to 6:00 p.m. Hundreds of people were in attendance, standing in line for food and beer and dancing in the shelter to avoid the rain.

Sunday morning, July 17, the UW Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alumni Council held its 3rd brunch for LesBiGay alums.

The event was attended by 250 people including State Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), author, Evelyn Torton Beck (Nice Jewish Girls), and Clinton appointee Bruce Lehman. Beck and Lehman were honored with the "Alumnae of the Year" awards.

Sunday afternoon was the GALVANize March on Madison. Approximately 1,000 people attended the pre-rally where Tammy Baldwin delivered an important message.

"We must take strength in the fact that our fight is about one of the most fundamental freedoms that exist. The freedom to love," Baldwin told the enthusiastic crowd.

"It is about our right to love the people we love," Baldwin continued, "without having it called illegal; our right to love who we love without having it called immoral; our right to love who we love without having it called illegitimate."

"Because there is nothing about the love that we feel that is immoral, illegal or illegitimate. The love we have is a gift to this community, this state, and this nation and it is something for which we must fight without apology," Baldwin said.

The march down State Street was celebratory, marked by a single protester. The United, the Madison AIDS Support Network, the University United Methodist Church and Bi? Shy? Why?, all boasted large contingents. The post-march rally at the Library Mall culminated a celebratory weekend with music and comedy.

Attendance at most of the events was less than expected. The smaller numbers are at-

tributed to a number of factors including poor publicity, questionable weather and weary activists, tired from a Summer of marching and rallying. Despite these concerns, however, many enjoyed the weekend.

"I think the 'Magic Weekend' was a great success," said march participant Tracy Prouty. "It is always important that our community come together, to support one another and be visible in the city of Madison."

This was the third GALVANize march in Madison; the first was in 1989 and the second in 1991. For a calendar of upcoming Madison events, please contact the United at (608) 255-8582.

Pig Roast to Benefit MAP and MASN to be Held in Lake Mills

(Milwaukee)- The First Annual Country Pig Roast to benefit AIDS will be held August 13, 1994 at the Crossroads bar in Lake Mills. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and go to 8:00 p.m. The pig will be carved and served starting at 4:00 p.m.

There will be all the beer and soda you can drink, roast corn and a variety of other food. In addition, there will be games for the whole family and entertainment provided by some of Milwaukee's and Madison's best performers.

A \$15 dollar donation is being asked, \$10 for kids under 12, and those 3 years-old and under will be admitted free. Anyone bringing a dish to pass will receive a \$2 refund at the door.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Madison AIDS Support Network and the Milwaukee AIDS Project on a 50-50 basis.

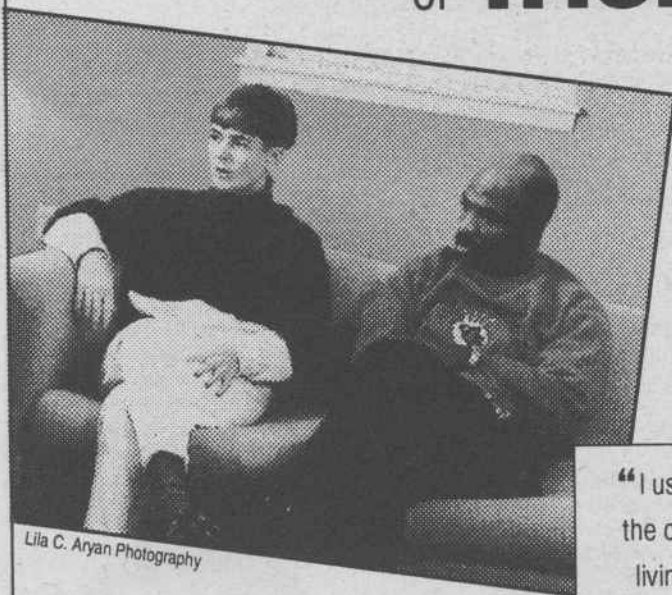
Those coming from Milwaukee can buy a round-trip on buses sponsored by various Milwaukee bars. Those wishing to spend the night can take advantage of discount rates at some of the local motels in the Lake Mills area.

There will be a number of door prize drawings throughout the day. Among them, Milwaukee's Trio Travel is donating a travel gift certificate. Other prizes include bar tabs, get-a-way weekends, shirts, bottles of alcohol and other things.

Crossroads bar is located on the corner of Highways B and Q, next to Aztalan State Park.

For tickets or for more information, call Richard Ness at Trio Travel: (414) 384-8746.

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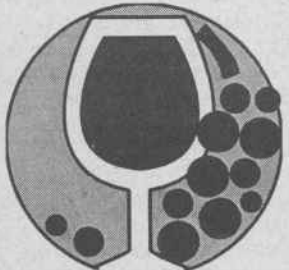
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Barry Goldwater and Oregon Gov. Roberts Join Others to Fight the Radical Right

(Washington, D.C.)- Retired Senator Barry Goldwater (R-AZ), Oregon Democratic Governor Barbara Roberts and a team of leading political strategists have joined a campaign launched by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) to fight the Religious Right in states where anti-Gay ballot initiatives are being used on the state and local levels to institutionalize discrimination.

"The Radical Right's takeover of state and local Republican Parties is just the tip of the iceberg," said Stacie Spector, director of the campaign, Americans Against Discrimination. "They seek to institutionalize discrimination and produce a narrow agenda of intolerance."

"Anti-Gay ballot initiatives are being used by Radical Right groups to raise money and turn out the extreme Right Wing vote."

Goldwater and Roberts have accepted the position of honorary co-chairs of the cam-

aign. They will provide advice on strategy and political support.

"I support equality for all Americans and an end to discrimination based on sexual orientation," Goldwater said. "I also oppose the misuse of the initiative process by extremist groups to institutionalize discrimination."

"While their rhetoric focuses on Gay people, the Radical Right's agenda is much broader," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF's executive director. "Radical Right groups seek to roll back progress on civil rights, freedom of choice, freedom of speech and other freedoms," he said.

McFeeley noted that the Religious Right's agenda is sponsored by a network of political groups working to elect extremist candidates. "They want to carry their divisive agenda all the way to the White House," he said.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue' One Year Later Gets a Failing Grade

(Washington, D.C.)- With the arrival of the first anniversary of the Clinton Administration's new policy on Gays in the military, a national legal aid organization is giving a failing grade to the way it is being implemented.

Under the "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue" policy announced last July, military officials are not allowed to ask troops about sexual status or launch investigations without credible evidence of homosexual acts. But military commanders and investigators continue to question recruits and servicemembers about their sexual orientation, launch investigations without evidence, and seize personal possessions. And suspected Gays face severe harassment, physical violence, and the end to their careers.

"A year into the new policy, witch hunts and rampant harassment continues," said Michelle Benecke of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN), which provides legal services to men and women in the military. "For many service members, the situation is even worse than before. The consequences of illegal and intrusive investigations has been harsh. In reality, the new policy should be called 'ask, force to tell, and pursue.'"

"One of the few positive things we can say about the last year is that it has clearly dem-

onstrated that Gay people can serve openly in the military without causing any problems," said Benecke. "Largely due to court orders, nearly 20 Gay men and women are serving openly with distinction and contributing to the mission of the armed forces."

Their stories prove that the true threat to morale and unit cohesion are the disruptive witch hunts—not the presence of Gay people in the military.

Vietnam War veteran and Army Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, whose unit telephoned her to welcome her back to duty after a judge ordered her reinstated.

Air Force Captain Richard Richenberg, who currently faces discharge even though he is ranked at the top of all Air Force officers. Richenberg's co-workers, in sworn affidavits, have flatly denied that his sexual orientation would have any negative effect on their mission accomplishment.

Navy Lieutenant Zoe Dunning, another top officer, who has served openly since January, 1993. A former commander and her colleagues have testified that the disclosure of her sexual orientation has "had absolutely no detrimental effect on the unit." Dunning faces a discharge board under the new policy on July 21, 1994.

hearing, said Thorne should receive an honorable discharge. Captain Douglas W. Cook, the board's president, said Thorne "failed, in fact made no effort, to dispute a presumption that he engaged in homosexual conduct, which is grounds for dismissal."

Cook said Thorne's "statements that he is a homosexual raised the presumption of homosexual conduct." He said the statements "clearly create a rebuttable presumption that the officer engages in homosexual acts or has a propensity to do so."

Two other Gay servicemen suffered setbacks on July 13 in their struggle to stay in the Navy.

In Bangor, Washington, another board of

Georgia's Cobb County Becoming a Battleground in the Fight Against Bigotry

(Marietta, GA)- With two framed copies of the Ten Commandments draped sandwich board-style over his shoulders, an old man strolled one recent morning across the town square of Marietta, Georgia.

"I could be at home in my easy chair, watching TV. But they took the Ten Commandments out of there," W.B. Musselman said, pointing to the Cobb County courthouse. "I'm putting some life back into it."

The retired Baptist preacher from nearby Woodstock is not alone in picking Cobb County to make such a statement. With its resolution condemning Gays and a court fight over a Ten Commandments display, Cobb is now marked as an epicenter in the battle over "family values."

The county's very name has become in some quarters synonymous with its anti-Gay resolution, approved by the County Commissioners last August. The resolution officially declared homosexuality to be incompatible with community standards.

The resolution was written originally in opposition to the Atlanta City Council's approval of legislation allowing Gays to add their partners to their city insurance program.

This has garnered the county national and international attention because of the 1996 Olympic Games. Marietta is due to be the site of the volleyball competition.

On July 8, Greg Louganis, an Olympic gold medal winner, and who is openly Gay, told an audience that included U.S. Olympic officials that the volleyball competition should be taken out of Cobb County.

"I'm concerned about some of the athletes who are scheduled to participate in the volleyball preliminaries," Louganis said. "In addi-

tion to the normal pressures of competition,

Gay athletes who are participating in the preliminaries will have the added pressure of knowing that they are not welcome in Cobb County."

Louganis made his remarks after receiving the Robert J. Kane Award in St. Louis which honors athletes who had success at the U.S. Olympic Festival and continue to give back to their sports.

Observers generally understood that the U.S. Olympic Committee was sending a strong message to all Olympic athletes and to Cobb County by giving the Kane Award to an openly Gay athlete.

On Wednesday, June 13, Billy Payne, chief executive of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, announced that the committee was "very close" to moving the preliminary volleyball competition out of Cobb. He told a news conference that a decision would come by the end of the year.

In the meantime, recent weeks have witnessed competing rallies by clergy opposing and supporting the resolution, a mock volleyball competition by the Lesbian Avengers in the Marietta Square and a news conference by Cobb County Commission Chairman Bill Byrne's daughter to announce she's a Lesbian.

Alan Tucker, who owns a shoe repair shop in downtown Marietta, said the commissioners are meddling in areas they don't belong.

"If they put the energy they put into this resolution into a good cause—say, the homeless, battered wives—just imagine what they could do," Tucker said.

But Tucker's response may not be typical. The County Commissioners say phone calls are running "30-1" in favor of the resolution.

Submarine Commander Describes Day Gay Officer Came Out

By Joe Taylor

(Norfolk, VA)- The day after President Clinton took office, Lt. j.g. R. Dirk Selland went to his commanding officer on the submarine USS Hammerhead.

Selland started talking about his "lifestyle," Commander Carl Hesslinger recalled.

"He appeared uncomfortable" and said he hated to bring bad news to his commander, Hesslinger said.

Finally, a chaplain sitting in told Hesslinger what Selland couldn't quite get out—Selland is Gay.

Hesslinger ordered Selland off the craft that night in January, 1993. And on Tuesday, July 12, 1994, Hesslinger was the opening witness at a board of inquiry that will recommend whether the 25-year-old Selland should be discharged from the Navy.

Hesslinger said Selland didn't expect the Navy to take action against him because of the new President's pledge to lift the ban on Gays in the military.

The three-member board is reviewing Selland's case under the "Don't ask, Don't

tell, Don't pursue" policy.

Selland's admission to his commanding officer "raises a presumption that he will engage in homosexual acts in the future," said Lt. J.D. Secor, the government's attorney in the case.

Toni Ianniellu, one of Selland's lawyers, said the government can't assume that a person will engage in homosexual conduct from a simple admission of being Gay.

Selland said he expects the board will recommend his dismissal. His lawyers plan to go to court to challenge the constitutionality of the policy. Selland is assigned to the Atlantic Fleet supply center until the case is resolved.

Selland had excellent performance evaluations from the submarine's previous commander, but Hesslinger described Selland's performance as the "Hammerhead's" supply officer as "abysmal."

However, under cross examination, Hesslinger acknowledged talking Selland out of a transfer and into staying on the "Hammerhead." "He was in trouble professionally, but that was not the way to deal with it," Hesslinger said.

Navy Lieutenant Tracy Thorne Suffers Setback in Navy Discharge Decision

(Washington, D.C.)- A lieutenant who declared that he is Gay on national TV, said on July 15 that he hopes Navy Secretary John Dalton will let him stay in the Navy, but if that doesn't happen, that the courts will side with him.

A Navy board of inquiry recommended on July 14 that Lt. Tracy Thorne be discharged. He and his attorneys said they will challenge the Clinton Administration's "Don't ask, Don't tell" policy in federal court.

"I certainly hope that Secretary Dalton exercises his judgment to retain me in the service, because if not, I will simply be discharged because of the fact that I told the truth," Thorne said on July 15 on ABC.

Asked if he would take the matter to court if that doesn't work, Thorne said, "I certainly hope I don't have to, but the courts have shown that they're not going to let this prejudice stand and they're going to allow people to serve their country honestly."

Thorne, 27, a former member of the

Navy's "Flying Tigers" bomber squadron, became the first military Gays in recent times to publicly disclose his orientation when he appeared on ABC's "Nightline" in May, 1992. His case has become a major test of the "Don't ask, Don't tell" policy which took effect March 1, 1994.

He was followed by a flood of other Gay servicepeople.

Thorne acknowledged on July 15 that he has never stated whether he has made love to another man, but denied that he was splitting legal hairs as he accused the Navy of doing.

"I just feel that my private life is my private life, and when I come to work, I leave my private life at home," Thorne said.

After the board's courtroom announcement at the Washington Navy Yard on July 14, Thorne told reporters, "I am confident that this policy will eventually be overturned when it's reviewed on its face."

The three-member board, in a unanimous decision announced on the fourth day of a

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I Remember Mayor Maier, One Part Frank Skefington and the Other, Honey Fitz

By Terry Boughner

"Is this Terry Boughner?" the voice asked on the phone. I said that it was. "Will you hold for Mayor Maier?"

It was a cold and snowy January day in 1987. I looked in questioning wonder at Jerry sitting across the room and at our two guests.

There was a click and then a gruff voice came over the wire. "This is Henry Maier."

He had called to thank me for a letter I'd written him offering a suggestion about a symbol for the city that he wanted Milwaukee to have.

was Gay and who was probably not. As it turned out, he knew as much about the subject, if not more, than I did, sobering indeed to a writer's ego.

There were other occasions, after he left office, when he had a little more time to talk. I sat, fascinated, as he spoke of having lunch with THE Mayor Daily of Chicago; of his having met President John F. Kennedy, of his marching in the civil rights marches of the '60's and his knowing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and so much, much more.

You've got to understand, I'd only read

Those who live in his district and who will be asked to vote on his candidacy, should care about only one thing: not whether he's Gay or not, but is he doing an effective job for them in the House.

Outing someone is, most often, I think, defining that person by a physical act--which is exactly what the religious bigots do when they rant on about "homosexual acts."

What they choose to ignore and we sometimes do as well is that the ultimate and true "homosexual act" is love itself. But no one, it seems, talks very much about that.

Of course, sex is important, but I'm just old-fashioned enough to think that not only shouldn't sex define anybody, it isn't the be-all and end-all of life. Nor, do I think, sex is what makes me (or anyone else) Gay.

There are a lot of straights, a great many, I suspect, who could have sex with someone of the same gender as themselves and not be one whit less straight. The same thing applies to Lesbians and Gays.

It is that "act," not sex, but the act of falling in love, of being in love, that defines me

LETTERS

93QFM; Blame the Callers, Not the Hosts

TO THE EDITOR:

In your last issue, you published an open letter to the community from Mr. Jeff Lynch. As you explained, this letter was actually mailed to the Advertising Director at WQFM radio, with a copy to the Light.

The subject of the letter was a segment of the 93QFM morning drive-time show which aired on June 27, 1994. This show is hosted by a zany crew of three people known as "MC and Those Sports Guys." The three announcers are MC (Mary Christine), Rob and Mitch. The premise of this show is discussion about various topics among themselves and with people that call in to the show plus and occasional rock and roll tune here and there for color.

Many of the topics discussed involve sports, thus the name of the show.

As you can imagine, when there is live discussion on the radio by as many as five people at one time, anything can happen. Generally, a subject is brought up and discussed for about forty-five minutes to an hour with several breaks for commercials, music and news during that time.

It appears that Mr. Lynch did not listen to the entire discussion that morning.

It started at approximately 7:35 a.m. and ended at 8:30 a.m. The announcers asked heterosexual men to call in to the show and describe experiences in which another man had approached them for a sexual encounter. A very provocative and touchy subject, isn't it?

I listened to the entire segment of this show and I feel that the hosts handled the callers and the subject very well. The words "harass" and "harassment" were never used by the announcers (or any of the callers for that matter).

The word "recruitment" was used by one of the callers, not the hosts, and all three of the announcers were quick to beat the caller up on the recruitment thing when he brought it up. That particular call ended when the announcers hung up on him and then dished him royally along with his obviously contrived story.

The talk flies thick and fast on this radio show. The three hosts are well-versed in sarcasm, irony, tone of voice and the art of conversation. You really have to listen closely to this show to catch everything.

I have been a regular listener for about one year and I really enjoy it. Telephone calls to the show are screened, of course, but the announcers really don't have much control over what the caller might say once he or she is actually on the air. Several Gay, Bi and Lesbian callers have been featured on various segments over the past year (including myself). Those callers with their opinions and comments have always been treated respectfully by the announcers and staff of the radio station. I know this because I listen to the show regularly and have called in occasionally, too.

Mr. Lynch is certainly entitled to his opinion. Apparently, he is outraged by what he heard that morning. Don't get me wrong, the hosts were asking for trouble by getting into that particular subject and they got some too. Perhaps if he had heard the entire broadcast, he would have had a more balanced platform from which to draw his conclusions.

I feel that the broadcast was insightful and hilarious. If my opinions differ from Mr. Lynch's and are not "politically correct", then so be it.

I urge the members of our community to listen to the show and form their own opinions.

93QFM professes to be a radio station that is for the whole community and they do a fairly good job of it. Some people are going to like it and some will not, no matter what.

I also urge the members of our community to listen and react to the other radio stations in town, such as WVCY and WISN, among others. Some of the hosts and announcers on these other stations trash us regularly.

I would be very interested in a forum to discuss the different ways that the Milwaukee print, television and radio media portray our community.

Become involved and stay involved in our movement! That's the key, folks!

Ken Short
Elm Grove



Festival Time--Former Milwaukee Mayor Henry W. Maier and his wife Dr. Karen Lamb are shown above just prior to the start of the City of Festivals Parade in 1992.

We talked for awhile--or rather he carried most of the conversation. I was too dumb-struck. After all, I'd lived in Pittsburgh for over 40 years and in all that time, I'd never even laid eyes on the Mayor, must less spoken with him. But here, when I'd been in Milwaukee less than six months, the Mayor was calling me.

Jerry told me I'd been honored. I thought so too, as did our amazed guests.

Incidentally, my suggestion (for some kind of triumphal arch a-la Paris) was not followed, but Mayor Maier had won a friend for life.

about these people. He'd met and worked with them--and so many, many others. He was living history, a wonderful reservoir of lore from one of the country's most turbulent times.

He could and did make these people and events come alive, speaking in technicolor as a good teacher would. My only wish now is that I'd had the presence of mind to take notes.

But you see, always, always, I thought there would be plenty of time for that. No more do I regret my lost opportunities than now when I write.

It was a year or so later, just before Mayor Maier left office. Jerry and I went out to his house. We were going someplace (I forget now where)with his wife, Dr. Karen Lamb.

Mayor Maier met us at the door. "She's not ready yet," he said, "but come on in."

I remember thinking, "My god! This is the Mayor and we're two Gay men. Now what?"

He shushed the dog and took us into the kitchen, a warm and inviting place. "Hear you're publishing a book," he said to me. I nodded, indicating that I was. He asked what it was about.

"Gay history," I answered, feeling a catch in my throat. Intimidated? You bet I was. I'd come out to a lot of people, but never to someone like him, not in close quarters, anyway.

But then, we started to talk--or rather, he did. Had I looked up this person or that? Did I know President Buchanan was Gay? "He's from your state, wasn't he?"

Before I could answer, he dashed upstairs to get some books, while I looked at Jerry open-eyed. But he could only shrug.

Mayor Maier shortly returned, arms laden with a variety of volumes and soon we were busily discussing who in the world's history

Once Jerry asked me what I thought of Mayor Maier. I told him that to me, he was the Grand Old Man of Wisconsin politics, a character, a Milwaukee original in the best sense of those terms. As such, in my mind, he was a combination of Boston's fictional Frank Skefington and Bay City's very real Mayor Honey Fitz.

The Mayor Maier I knew was not just a maker and participant of history. He was also a man of high and searching intellect. He couldn't have cared less whether I was Gay or straight, but only what was in my head.

I remember him too as a kind man, a man full of good humor, a person of considerable understanding of what it was like to be a member of an oppressed minority.

He signed the Milwaukee ordinance making job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians illegal. The Sentinel's Ken Lamke in his analysis of Mayor Maier's career, conveniently forgot about that. Typical, I suppose, but Mayor Maier would have understood.

"You Gays," he told me once, "have your battles to fight. I've fought mine too. You'll win. I did."

With Mayor Maier, we all won.

went on at a great rate about whether or not Gunderson is Gay. It concluded that the Wisconsin Congressman's "claim to privacy is wearing thin."

So what?

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Question of Outing is More Complex than Saying Someone is Gay

By Terry Boughner

It seems that the question of "Outing" is one that just will not go away.

For example, a recent article in Newsweek on Rep. Steve Gunderson's re-election bid

as a Gay man. Sex is of the body. Love is from the soul.

Can't we ever reach a point when we can say, for example, "Congressman John Jones is married to Bill Smith," let it go at that and get on with a discussion of Jones's talents and abilities? Not, I guess, if the religious right and others have their way.

Sad.

Reality Check

TO THE EDITOR:

It's time for a reality check as we go into the Fall elections. It's a truism in politics that you reward those who support your viewpoint by voting FOR them, and you punish those who do not support your viewpoint by NOT voting for them.

Remember that Congressman Klug and Senator KOHL voted against the Gay community when they voted to support President Clinton's ball-less codifying of the ban against Lesbians and Gay men in the military.

Since Wisconsin has had a state-wide anti-discrimination law protecting Lesbians and Gay men in jobs, housing and public accommodations since 1983, Klug's and Kohl's voting record is particularly hostile.

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The Time Is Now For Gays and Lesbians to Support the National Non-Discrimination Act

By Senator Edward M. Kennedy

At all critical stages in the history of a free people, forces of oppression must be confronted in order for the frontiers of justice to be extended. For America, the time has come again. For Gay men and Lesbians, the time is now.

Just recently, a million Americans gathered to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Stonewall, the first milestone in this long journey on freedom's road. The civil rights movement is on the march again, moving closer to the American ideal of liberty and justice for all.

A great deal of progress has been made in the past quarter century. Although many miles have been traveled, there are many promises yet to keep. They are promises to a cook in Georgia fired for being a Lesbian; to a postal worker in Michigan beaten unconscious by co-workers for being Gay; and to a truck driver in New Hampshire, a stock broker in Maryland, a social worker in Mississippi, and countless other Americans—all fired because of prejudice despite their productivity and performance. Such flagrant discrimination is wrong, and it is time to fight back.

That is why, along with 30 of my Senate colleagues and 115 House members, I have sponsored the Employment Non Discrimination Act of 1994. Our bipartisan legislation will extend existing federal protections against job discrimination to Gay men and Lesbians, and give relief to those living in fear of losing their livelihoods. Our bill will send a strong message to employers and all Americans that homophobia will not be tolerated as employment policy anywhere in the nation.

This is not about granting special rights—it is about righting senseless wrongs. Our case is strong—our cause is just—and we intend to prevail.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Polls show that the vast majority of Americans agree with us that Lesbians and Gay men should not have to face discrimination in the workplace. Many Fortune 500 corporations have already included sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies. Eight states and more than 100 municipalities have acted to ban discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians.

By joining Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds and myself at the press conference introducing this legislation, Coretta Scott King affirmed this action as the next chapter in America's civil rights history. She said, "I support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 1994 because I believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience. As my husband, Martin Luther King, Jr said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere'."

But the fact remains that in 42 states, qualified Lesbians and Gay men with excellent records can be fired—with no warning—just for being Gay. It happens every day, and it is up

Goldwater Speaks Out Against Anti-Gay Job Discrimination

(Washington, D.C.)- Former Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater, who last year proposed lifting the ban against Gays in the military, is urging Congress to approve legislation protecting Gays against job discrimination.

"Job discrimination excludes qualified individuals, lowers work-force productivity and eventually hurts us all," the former Arizona senator said in a column first published in the *Washington Post* on July 13.

"Topping the new world order means attracting the best and creating a workplace environment where everyone can excel," Goldwater wrote.

Goldwater, one of the country's most conspicuous conservatives, surprised some when he urged the government to lift the ban against Gays in the military in a June, 1993 *Post* opinion piece.

18 Wisconsin AIDS Deaths in June

(Madison)- Eighteen Wisconsin residents died of AIDS and 23 new cases were reported in June, a state agency reported on Friday, July 8.

The total number of confirmed AIDS cases is 2,414 and the total number of deaths is 1,334 since state reporting of the disease started in 1982, said Gerald Whitburn, Wisconsin's health and social services secretary.

That compares to 1,925 confirmed cases and 997 deaths due to AIDS a year ago at this time, Whitburn said.

to us to stop it.

Let's be clear—the Radical Right will leave no stone unturned to block the enactment of this essential legislation. Our own commitment must be even stronger. To ensure success, we need your active support and assistance.

Being right is good, but it is not enough. We need to mount a major effort in order to prevail. We must inspire the complacent and convert the skeptical. To make this bill a reality, we need you to take the following action steps now:

- If you have been discriminated against in employment or know of someone who has—make sure we know the facts. Send us all the information you think will be useful in making our point. Write to: Committee on Labor and Human Resources, SD 428, Washington, D.C. 20510.

- Write and call your Senators and Representatives at (202) 224-3121 and tell them to co-sponsor the Employment Non Discrimination Act of 1994 (S. 2238 and HR 4636)

Gay and Lesbian Americans—the time has come—and together we march toward a new dawn.

ACTION ON JOB BILL NEEDED NOW

The recently introduced Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) is one of the most important pieces of legislation affecting the Gay/Lesbian community to have come before Congress in a long time. Only two members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation have signed on as co-sponsors or indicated their support.

Please contact the following members and ask them to co-sponsor ENDA (S 2238/HR 4636).

Sen. Herb Kohl --	(414) 297-4451
	(202) 224-5653
Rep. Steve Gunderson--	800-472-6612
	(202) 225-5506
Rep. Gerald Kleczka--	(414) 297-1140
	(202) 225-4572
Rep. Scott Klug--	(608) 257-9200
	(202) 225-2906
Rep. David Obey--	(715) 842-5606
	(202) 225-3365
Rep. Peter Barca--	(608) 257-9200
	(202) 225-2906
Rep. Thomas Petri--	(414) 922-1180
	(202) 225-2476
Rep. Toby Roth--	(715) 842-5606
	(202) 225-3365
Rep. J. Sensenbrenner-	(414) 784-1111
	(202)-225-5101

"You don't need to be 'straight' to fight and die for your country," he said then. "You just need to shoot straight."

In the July 13th article, Goldwater, the 1964 Republican presidential candidate against Lyndon Johnson, argues in support of a bipartisan coalition in Congress that has proposed legislation outlawing job discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men.

"Congress is waking up to a reality already recognized by a host of Fortune 500 companies, including AT&T, Marriott and General Motors," he said. "These businesses have adopted policies prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation because they realize that their employees are their most important asset."

Discrimination hinders America's struggle to reduce the deficit and compete in a global economy, he said.

"It's not just bad—it's bad business," Goldwater wrote. "In urban and rural communities, hatred and fear force good people from productive employment to the public dole—wasting their talents and the taxpayers' money."

In the essay, Goldwater speaks out against the Radical Right, but assures the public he's still a conservative Republican who believes in democracy and the separation of church and state.

"The conservative movement is founded on the simple tenet that people have a right to live life as they please, as long as they don't hurt anyone else in the process," he said.

"No one has ever shown me how being Gay or Lesbian harms anyone else," Goldwater added.

Kristine Gebbie Resigns as President Clinton's AIDS Coordinator

By Terry Boughner

(Washington, D.C.)- Her clout and competence under attack, Kristine Gebbie is resigning as President Clinton's AIDS coordinator, saying she faced "conflicting expectations of what an AIDS czar could do."

Gebbie said on July 8 that her successor in one of the hottest spots in national health policy "must have the tools necessary" to win the confidence of people suffering from the deadly disease.

Many AIDS activists contended she clearly had not accomplished her goal and said they were delighted with her "mutual agreement" with Clinton to leave the job on August 2, 1994.

In her resignation letter, Gebbie told Clinton, "In assessing the contributions I have been privileged to make, the issues being raised about how the office could be more effective, and the changes which are necessary to keep your agenda moving, I have decided to leave this position at the end of this first year."

AIDS activists, led by ACT UP have long contended she did not have the requisite authority for the job. Her office was condemned for falling far short of Clinton's campaign promise to appoint what amounted to an AIDS czar with immediate access to the White House.

Gebbie maintained that she did have access to the White House. As to being an AIDS czar, she told *Light* that that wasn't her concept of what her office should be. Her duties were more to educate people, she said.

Gebbie was criticized for not having immediate access to members of Congress and the Cabinet. She maintained that she could "talk to anyone, any time."

When *Light* reported that she had her office over a McDonald's and that attempts to find out her office number from the White House were fruitless because no one knew what it was, Gebbie's office responded in anger.

Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Executive Director who is a member of the National AIDS Council Board and who participated in the growing national movement calling for Gebbie's resignation, was both ecstatic and relieved upon learning that Gebbie was gone. "She never built the power base of her new office and failed to develop the political clout that's necessary to wield influence in Washington," Nelson explained.

"As time went by, she became weaker and untenable in a position with such high demands and expectations."

"I don't believe that a public health administrator can be the powerful AIDS czar that we need and I strongly support the selection of an individual who has a deep commitment to the AIDS community and a solid record of political success," Nelson said.

"The greater issue is who will be the next AIDS czar. The Administration cannot afford to make another mistake," Nelson warned.

Gebbie was viewed as having little, if any power. As one member of ACT UP/D.C. told *Light*, "You know as well as I do that anyone like Gebbie whose office is 'out of the loop,' has no power at all. She's nothing but a cipher, a zero, a zilch."

When this reporter finally met Gebbie at the offices of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, she said, "So you're the man who couldn't find me." The response was, "I hope the White House lists you now."

On June 22, 1994, the prestigious and powerful Washington, D.C.-based AIDS Action Council issued a press statement titled "White House AIDS Policy Office Falls Short."

The statement criticized Gebbie for failing to:

- effectively advocate within the administration and on Capitol Hill for increased federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs;
- collaborate with federal departments and agencies to develop a comprehensive federal AIDS plan;

This had been one of ACT UP's chief criticisms of her. They wanted a Manhattan-style Project for the conquest of AIDS. She told *Light* that wasn't necessary.

- Work with the President to promote public leadership in fighting the AIDS epidemic.

"We would like to see the Office of Na-

tional AIDS Policy function simultaneously as a SWAT team and as a shuttle diplomacy group—responding swiftly to AIDS policy crises as well as building wider consensus within the federal bureaucracy on steps to be taken. Serious evaluation and reorganization of this office is badly needed," said the AIDS Action Council.

Nelson said that he had participated in the Council's discussions on Gebbie and urged the Council to take the strong stand that it ultimately did.

When Gebbie began work in August, 1993, over 20 federal agencies and departments maintained AIDS programs with little coordination among them. But in a year since, according to the AIDS Action Council, the situation has not changed much.

"The AIDS Action Council welcomed the appointment of an experienced public official with expertise in HIV/AIDS prevention. But the Council's "disappointment and disaffection with the office" grew.

The Council's statement said that Gebbie's office had been "plagued by miscues and an ill-defined sense of mission." The office, the Council said, had actually become a "stumbling block." To the development and implementation of better policies.

In accepting the resignation, Clinton admitted that more needs to be done and "more will be done" to fight AIDS.

ACT UP spokespeople said she had accomplished little and her departure was long overdue.

Currently, ACT UP is urging the White House Chief of Staff, Leon Panetta, to consider Connecticut Gov. Lowell P. Weicker, Jr as the new AIDS czar.

"We need a cabinet level AIDS czar and it's got to be Lowell Weicker," Steven Michael, an ACT UP spokesman told Panetta. "I got you," Panetta replied.

Michael said that Weicker is the only person ACT UP will support as Gebbie's replacement.

"Lowell Weicker is the only person that we are going to give a grace period to because we know he can get the job done," Michael said.

The White House has not announced if Weicker is being considered for the post or, for that matter, who else is being considered.

Shalala Battles the White House in Support of a Gay Appointee for AIDS Czar Position

(Milwaukee)- A source in Washington, speaking for background, said that as the AIDS Action Council and others such as ACT UP, put pressure on the Clinton Administration to get Kristine Gebbie to resign, the question arose as to who would replace her.

The White House let it be known that whoever the new appointee would be, it would not, under any circumstances, be a Gay woman or man.

The reason, the source said, had nothing to do with avoiding the association of the disease with being Gay. Rather, it had to do with the Administration's fear of appointing another Gay person so close to the 1994 elections. Because of this, no person who was known to be Gay would even be considered.

The source said that when Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services, heard that, she was outraged and protested strongly. "She really went to the mat on this one with those boys down there," the source said.

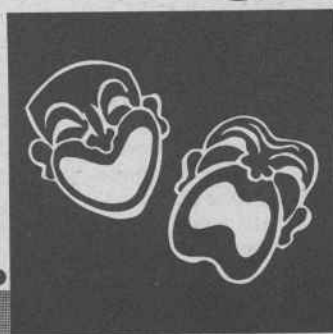
She thought it was outrageous that when the Gay community had suffered so much from the disease and been for so long on the front lines, a Gay person would be automatically excluded from consideration for the post.

The result was that the Administration caved in, agreeing that sexual orientation would not be a barrier to being considered for the post.

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LIVELY ARTS



Celebrating the Human Spirit--Andrew Lancel, Julie Walters, Anastasia Mulrooney and Jim Broadbent star in Richard Loncraine's "The Wedding Gift." Based on a true story, a happily married couple suddenly find themselves facing problems that they can't cope with. The film opens July 22, 1994, at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre

'The Client': A Compelling and Endearing Movie With a Quirky Charm

By Dolores Barclay

At the heart of Joel Schumacher's *The Client* is an endearing relationship between a troubled boy and the tough, sharp and compassionate lawyer he hires to protect him from the mob and police.

The strength of the movie rests on that relationship which, at times, will bring you close to tears.

Schumacher draws strong, compelling performances from those involved: the always reliable and talented Susan Sarandon and newcomer, Brad Renfro. Tommy Lee Jones adds his quirky charm as their foil.

Based on John Grisham's best-selling novel, *The Client*, the movie involves an 11-year-old named Mark Sway (Renfro) who is told by the lawyer of a Mafia hit man where the body of a missing senator is buried. The senator was killed by the hit man, and the lawyer commits suicide knowing he's the next contract.

Mark and his younger brother, Ricky (David Speck), are in the woods smoking cigarettes when lawyer Romey Clifford (Walter Olkewicz) drives up to kill himself by attaching a hose to the car exhaust. Mark keeps pulling out the hose to save the guy and gets snatched in the process.

Romey decides to kill Mark as well as himself and while they're locked in the car, he babbles about the mob and the senator. Mark escapes, but he and Ricky see Romey put a gun to his mouth and pull the trigger.

The suicide leaves Ricky catatonic and hospitalized.

Meanwhile, Mark, who called the police to report the suicide, falls under suspicion.

Gallery 218 to Host Aerosol Artist Richard Waswo

(Milwaukee)- In a time when the mention of spray paint immediately evokes an image of adolescent vandalism, Richard Waswo reminds us of a long tradition in aerosol art that pre-dates the current hoopla concerning graffiti.

Citing the Australian aborigines as the first people to use stencil and sprayed pigments to form an image, and following the aerosol tradition through muralists such as Siquieros, Waswo brings aerosol painting indoors, giving it a dignity it seldom receives.

This is Waswo's first solo show since returning from Australia last Fall. Included among the new work is "Maggie and Eucalyptus", a triptych painted at the Woodlands Studio just north of Melbourne.

An opening celebration is planned for July 22 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Gallery 218. The show will continue through August 28. Gallery 218 is open Thursdays through Sundays in the afternoon. Call (414) 277-7800 for hours and more information.

Madison's 'Sunday Night Out' Grows in Popularity; May Syndicate Nationally

By Dayna Verstegen

(Madison)- The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual radio show, "Sunday Night Out" on WTSO, 1070 AM in Madison, is in its 5th week. The format has been expanded from one to two hours and air time has been moved to 6:00 p.m.

"The show is going extremely well," said producer, Diana Summers. "We have great topics and hosts who bring a fresh perspective to LesBiGay issues."

David Graupner, Vice President and General Manager of WTSO/Z104 is pleased with the show and is looking to syndicate it nationally. "These are very important topics and I think there is a large segment of our listenership who want to hear the show."

Graupner is forthcoming that, while he supports the Gay and Lesbian community, "Sunday Night Out" is a business decision. "I think this show is good business sense. Gays and Lesbians are a large percentage of the population and all the studies show that they are looking to spend their money on companies that explicitly support their interests."

Graupner's comments reflect rapidly

growing research about the economic power of the Gay and Lesbian community. "This is the key to getting our foot in a lot of doors," said Dale Johnson, President of the Board of the United. "Money talks and we need to use our economic power to get the attention of many segments of the population. This radio show is a reflection of our increasing power and status in Wisconsin."

WTSO is the first commercial station in the Midwest to attempt such an endeavor. Several advertisers have withdrawn their accounts from the station, but several more have added advertising to support the program.

Overall, Graupner says there has been surprisingly little negative feedback. "People like the show and I think it has a great future."

WTSO needs your support to keep "Sunday Night Out" on the air. Write or call the station and tell them you listen. Openly support the companies and stores that advertise during the program. And tell others about the program to increase listenership.

WTSO, 5721 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53719--(608) 281-1070.

Lesbian Couples of Southeastern Wisconsin Photo Exhibit Opens at AfterWords Aug. 1

(Milwaukee)- AfterWords is especially pleased to announce the photographic exhibit, "Lesbian Couples of Southeastern Wisconsin" by Carolyn Ruck beginning on Monday, August 1.

Ruck's exhibit was officially unveiled at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee on July 10. The exhibit at AfterWords is the first gallery showing of Ruck's black and white portraits of 12 Lesbian couples combined with printed narratives of the couples' stories. The exhibit helps illustrate the diversity and the strength of the Lesbian relationship within the Lesbian community.

There will be an Artist's Reception at AfterWords for Ruck on Sunday, August 7, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This event is free and everyone is encouraged to attend to see this wonderful exhibit and to talk with the photographer. There is also a calendar planned based on this exhibit.

AfterWords Book Club

The August meeting of the AfterWords Book Club will feature a discussion of Bennett L. Singer's marvelous literary anthology, *Growing Up Gay/Growing Up Lesbian*.

Singer includes fiction, essays and autobiographical sketches from both Lesbian and Gay writers including Martina Navratilova, David Kopay, Paul Monette, Audre Lorde and many, many others.

The AfterWords Book Club will meet on Monday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to join the discussion. New members are always welcome.

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(Milwaukee)- The Skylight Opera Theater, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee, is THE place to be on August 27, 1994, 7:30 p.m. when the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund sponsors Milwaukee's first Lesbian variety show, *On Broadway--Everything's Coming Up Roses*.

The show will feature singer Julie Darrow, poet Sue Silverlake, and many others.

Advance tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at AfterWords, 2710 N. Murray Avenue, Outpost Natural Foods, 100 E. Capitol, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with check or money order (payable to LAMMEF) to LAMMEF/On Broadway, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

The program has ad space available, so for price information, call (414) 264-2600.

Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival to Celebrate Fifth Year

(Duluth, MN)- The Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival is coming to life for a big fifth anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 10, 1994. The Festival is a fund-raising project of Aurora, A Northland Lesbian Center, with all profits from the Festival going to Aurora for program needs. The Festival is a women only, chemical free event and is held on private land north of Duluth.

The Festival planners are accepting audition tapes for the program. If you or your group are interested in performing at the Festival, please send your demo tape and biography to: NLWMF, c/o The Spinners' Place, 6011 S. Schelin Road, Culver, MN 55727.

The Festival Committee is also accepting applications from artists and crafters for booth space. For ticket and other information, call 1-218-722-4903.

The cops think Romey told him something about the hit--so does the mob.

Mark, fearing the mob will do to him what they did to the senator, keeps mum and hires a lawyer, Reggie Love (Sarandon), to help him.

Enter high profile federal prosecutor Roy Foltrigg (Jones), who thinks he'll be able to help his political aspirations by nailing mobster Barry Muldano (Anthony LaPaglia) for the senator's hit. And Mark is his ticket to the governor's mansion.

There are some cute legal maneuvers by Love and Foltrigg and lot of very good one-liners along the way that will make you laugh heartily. There's also a moving ending that will bring a tear to the eye.

Sarandon is marvelous as Reggie Love, carefully blending the lawyer's tortured past with her fiery will to survive and succeed. Jones always is a joy and he doesn't disappoint as the prancing, arrogant Foltrigg. Renfro is a lad to watch--there's a lot of meat in his performance. There's a nice support performance by Ossie Davis as a juvenile court judge, and an excellent job by Mary-Louise Parker as the boys' mother.

The Client opened at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater on Wednesday, July 20. Check theater for show times.

Dinner Theatre Will Hold Auditions For Upcoming Season

(Milwaukee)- The Broadway Baby Dinner Theatre is announcing general auditions for their '94-'95 season. Auditions will be held August 8 and 9.

Shows under consideration are: *Guys and Dolls*, *The All Night Strut*, *Come Blow Your Horn*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Little Me*, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, and *Forever Plaid*.

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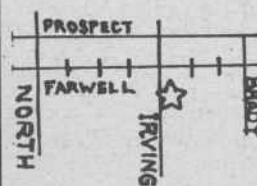
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Fair Maidens--Dozens of costumed players can be seen at the Bristol Renaissance Faire on weekends through August 21.

The Bristol Renaissance Faire, a Taste of Olde England In Wisconsin

By Terry Boughner

If you want a taste of Olde England then there is no better place to sample it than the Bristol Renaissance Faire. Located almost precisely on the Wisconsin-Illinois line, the Faire resembles a quaint English village right out of the 16th Century. As you wander down well-trodden paths beneath towering oaks, you can get an idea of what an Elizabethan market town must have been like.

All along the way, on either side, there are little shops with peaked roofs open to the "street." Tables are set up within and without to display all variety of wares; everything from objects d'art to hand-crafted shoes and fabrics.

In this regard, one especially I would recommend. That is Fantasy Art. Here P.D. Breeding-Black displays her paintings of firm-thighed, beautiful women and muscular, handsome men riding fire-breathing dragons and taming nature's storms.

Along the way, all manner of whimsical sights regale the eye. There are wandering minstrels. There are places to rest and be charmed by harp and lyre. There are jousting matches to behold and all sorts of games. There is even a theater from which you can get a pretty good idea of what the Globe must have been like when the Bard and his troupe trod the boards.

I would earnestly recommend the demonstration of falconry. These majestic, beautiful raptors and the lessons the falconer teaches are well worth a stop.

The entire staff is in full Elizabethan costume and speak with a Shakespearean style. They are never out of character, which adds an antique atmosphere to the place.

One sight not to be missed is the Queen's Procession. Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Elizabeth I, is escorted in high honor by the Lord and Ladies of her court. (The young yeomen of the guard, each looking suitably formidable, are enough to take your breath away.)

There is food aplenty to be had. While Jerry liked the turkey legs, I favored the more spicy jalapeno peppers stuffed with pork. But whatever tempts your tongue, you will find it good, I think. And find it good too, as you stroll along, to smell the aromas of roasting meat twirling slowly on the spits.

The Bristol Renaissance Fair is conveniently located. Take I-94 south and get off at Exit 347 to Highway Q, then follow the signs.

There is a great deal of convenient parking at \$2 a car, but go early. The day we were there (a Sunday), the handling of the traffic flow was somewhat disorganized, so there was a long, long line.

But I can tell you, it was all worth the wait.

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1,200 Square Dancers Attend Club Convention in Washington, D.C.

By Donald Dilges

(Milwaukee)- The International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) convention was held over the Fourth of July weekend in Washington, D.C. People came from as far away as Australia. Total Lesbian and Gay dancer attendance was close to 1,200 people.

Those who attended from the Cream City Squares had a glorious time, and are looking forward to the 1995 IAGSDC convention in Chicago next Memorial Day weekend.

There are a lot more dances before then. Madison may be forming a square dance club of its own this Winter, as they will be starting lessons this Fall, about the same time that the Cream City Squares' class starts in Milwaukee in September.

The Cream City Squares will be going to the 35th Wisconsin State Square & Round Dance Convention, August 19-21, at UW-Stevens Point. This is the first time the Squares will be dancing in central Wisconsin.

The Squares will be dancing in Chicago two weeks later at the Chi-Town Squares fly-in on Labor Day weekend.

Fly-ins are a city's invitation to all Lesbian and Gay clubs that are members of IAGSDC, to come, see the city and dance for the whole weekend. It is like a mini-convention/vacation. They happen all year long in various parts of the country.

The Cream City Squares have had members go to Albuquerque, Chicago, Cleveland, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Seattle and Toronto.

The Cream City Squares dance every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 3B's, unless too many of them are out of town. If you dance mainstream level, join the Squares at one of their dances.

Square dancing is a social mixer. Gay/Lesbian clubs don't require you to have a

partner, but if you do, here's an activity that you can do together. You'll be dancing with at least 7 other people each dance.

If you don't square dance, a class will begin September 14. Watch the paper for more information.

Major Dance Party to Crown Halsted Street Days in Chicago

(Chicago)- Bring Our Hearts Together, Inc., a grass roots fund raising organization best known for throwing The Hearts Party hosted on Valentine's Day weekend, will be hosting another "Major Dance Party" this Summer. All proceeds from the party will benefit Test Positive Aware Network, one of the largest information and support service resources for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Joining in on the efforts are The Boyz Club, Roscoe's and various retail outlets. Market Party will be held on Saturday, July 30, the weekend of The Halsted Street Market Days in the old Congress Theater.

More than 700 tickets have already been sold through the Host Committee and the retailers have tickets to sell now.

The Disc Jockey will be Mark Tarbox from Los Angeles. The dancers will be flown in from Miami and New York. The Congress Theatre is an old, ornate theater with high ceilings and a large dance floor that will be fit with a lighting and sound system that will get anyone's heart pounding.

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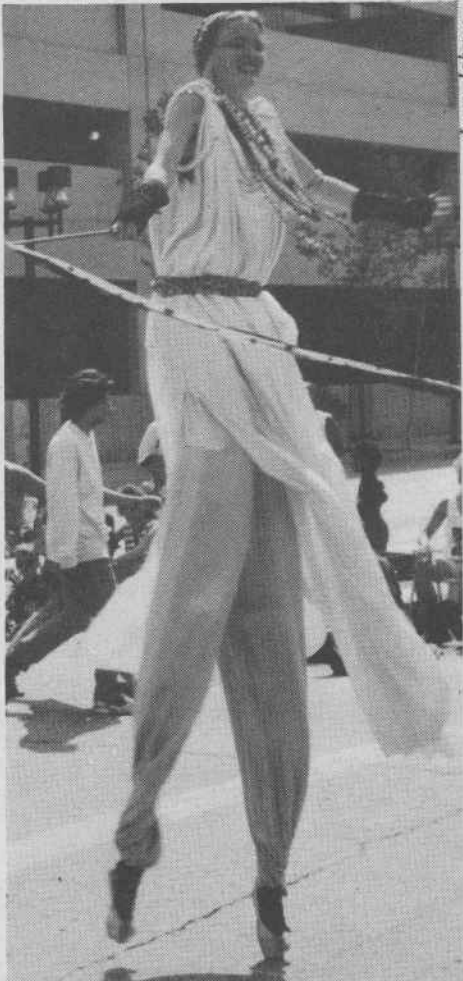
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1994 Gay/Lesbian Distinguished Alumni Awards Announced

(Madison)- The University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council has awarded its 1994 Distinguished Alumni Awards to U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Bruce Lehman, '67, JD '70, and women's studies pioneer Evelyn Torton Beck, Ph.D. '69.

Lehman and Beck accepted their awards at the GLB Alumni Council's annual reunion/meeting on Sunday, June 17.

Lehman has served as U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks since August, 1993. His career includes ten years in private practice and nine years as counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Beloit, Wisconsin native has also served as legal counsel to the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Beck, now professor of women's studies and Jewish studies at the University of Maryland-College Park, served as director of the women's studies program there from 1984 to 1993.

She is recognized as a leader and innovator in the fields of women's studies/Jewish women's studies and Lesbian studies. When she was a professor at UW-Madison (1972-1984), she pioneered the first course on Lesbian culture which remains an integral part of the women's studies curriculum.

High Time—Debbie Davis was busy walking on stilts at Bastille Days and the Great Circus Parade on July 17, in downtown Milwaukee.

Congressional Hearing Investigates Harassment at Camp Sister Spirit

(Jackson, MS)- A U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee held an oversight hearing in Jackson, Mississippi July 6 focusing on the events surrounding the conflict in Overt, Mississippi, the location of the feminist retreat Camp Sister Spirit run by the Lesbian couple Brenda and Wanda Henson.

The Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights of the House Judiciary Committee heard testimony from the Hensons, leaders of Mississippi for Family Values, several local officials, representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice and experts in the area of hate crimes. The hearing was chaired by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) and also led by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). Robin Kane, Public Information Manager of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) attended the hearing and submitted a written statement to the subcommittee.

In their testimony, Brenda and Wanda Henson summarized the harassment, threats and violent incidents that have been committed against them since November, 1993, including death threats by mail and phone, a dead dog hung from their mailbox, gun fire along the property line, gunshots aimed at a woman from a moving vehicle, and a high speed vehicle chase involving Brenda Henson and an unknown perpetrator.

These incidents have followed a highly publicized campaign against Camp Sister Spirit headed by James Hendry and his group, Mississippi for Family Values. Hendry has organized two town meetings and two rallies targeting the Hensons and Camp Sister Spirit.

The Hensons implored federal officials to protect them and ensure their basic rights.

"We do not seek tolerance and acceptance," said Wanda Henson. "We seek equality under the law and freedom from oppression, intimidation, and harassment. We seek justice and a legal system that is capable and willing to defend our rights."

Both Hendry and Rev. John Allen stated during their testimony that the harassment and incidents against the Hensons are unsubstantiated and they implied or overtly stated that the Hensons created the campaign against them for publicity.

Contrary to previous statements, both Hendry and Allen said they do not want the Hensons to leave Overt. Instead, they merely oppose the "commercial" aspect of Camp Sister Spirit.

Allen's testimony focused on his moral opposition to the Hensons' Lesbianism and the "Gay and Lesbian agenda." He did not outline any specific goals except that the Hensons "experience the life-changing redemption found in a genuine faith surrender in Jesus Christ."

Two representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice testified at the hearing: William Yeomans, Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division and Ozell Sutton, Southeast Regional Director of the Community Relations Service.

Yeomans testified that "at present, none of the nation's civil rights laws provide explicit protection on the basis of sexual orientation...The Department of Justice is limited to enforcement of the laws as written. Our jurisdiction reaches only so far as Congress chooses to extend it."

"The situation in Overt has demonstrated

how the lack of federal protection based on sexual orientation actually hinders the federal government from intervening on behalf of its own citizens," said Robin Kane, NGLTF Public Information Manager.

"Without specific inclusion in legislation, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people across the country lack basic civil rights that are taken for granted by most citizens," Kane said.

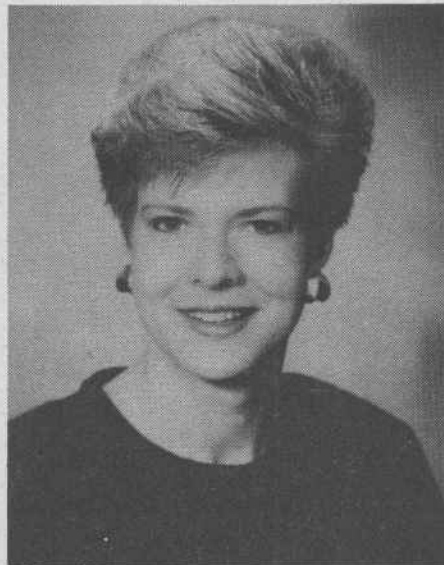
Editor's Note: The Overt Family Values group is very well funded. We, Lesbians and Gay men must support our own. The Hensons have said that the only thing that can get them out of Overt is lack of funds. Please send your financial support to: Camp Sister Spirit, P.O. Box 12, Overt, Mississippi 39464.

BALDWIN

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action," Baldwin said.

Of the 1994 campaign, Baldwin says she's running for the opportunity to work toward the same goals that brought her to state service in the first place. "If we care about our future as a community and state, we must advocate for a system that prioritizes children and that responds to the needs of all our citizens, not just those with the resources to bring pressure to bear on elected representatives," Baldwin said.



TAMMY BALDWIN

"I will continue to fight for single-payer universal health coverage; for meaningful welfare reform that truly reduces poverty; for jobs; for respect of the civil rights of all citizens; for social policy aimed at preventing crime; and for serious reform of campaign finance laws," Baldwin said.

Baldwin's accomplishments during her first term have received recognition from a wide array of political observers. She was named Legislator of the year in 1994, but the United Council of UW Student Governments for her leadership role in advocating for UW students.

She received AFSCME's 1994 Friend of the Public Sector award for her support of public employees.

The Milwaukee Sentinel also named Baldwin runner up "Best Freshman Legislator."

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Few Anti-Gay Measures Will Appear on State Ballots this Fall

(Washington, D.C.)- Right Wing Religious groups hoping to pass anti-Gay initiatives in Arizona and nine other states this year have fallen short of their goals, gathering enough signatures to get measures on ballots in only two states.

The other states where anti-Gay initiatives failed to make the ballot are: Washington, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Maine, Florida, Nevada.

Several weeks of reckoning came the first week in July in what has become a battle between Gays and the Religious Right who are backing discrimination initiatives.

Supporters of such measures failed to file signed petitions in Missouri and Washington State, but did submit enough signatures to qualify for the ballots in Idaho and Oregon.

David Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), expressed relief that few of the measures had garnered enough support.

"We started out in January with 10 of these initiatives and we're down to a handful," Smith said. Smith said, however, that he expects efforts on other fronts.

Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way, a liberal group that, among other things, monitors the Religious Right, noted that similar anti-Gay measures are showing up in state legislatures and before town councils and library boards.

"We're not going to see any lessening of attacks on Gays and Lesbians because it works," Kropp said.

Others have noted that anti-Gay rhetoric by the Right garners religious leaders and organizations great sums of money.

Idaho

On July 6, a day before petition signatures were due in Idaho, the Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA) submitted 38,510 verified signatures of registered voters, 6,000 more than required to put the initiative on the ballot in November.

However, opponents of the measure noted that ICA had forecast that it would be able to get over a 100,000 signatures.

"People are starting to see these measures mean discrimination and censorship and they are rejecting it," said Nicole LeFavour of the Idaho Campaign for Human Dignity. "We've seen people standing up for their neighbors and say they won't stand for discrimination."

Oregon

The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), led by Lon Mabon, submitted 120,000 signatures, about 30,000 more than needed to get its measure on the ballot.

Suzanne Goldberg, a lawyer with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said her group would fight the ballot measures, first by challenging petition signatures.

In Ohio, the Pro-Family Forum (PFF) gave up its plan for an anti-Gay ballot initiative in favor of targeting individual politicians who are Gay or sympathetic to Gay causes. Insiders say the plan is either to intimidate them into silence or drive them from office.

Though this year's petition drives have failed in the great majority of the states where they were being pushed, numerous anti-Gay initiatives will be on local ballots throughout the country. And more are expected in the future.

In response, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has launched a campaign "to fight the radical right" in states where local anti-Gay initiatives will appear.

Oregon Democratic Governor Barbara Roberts and retired Republican Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona are the co-leaders of the campaign, "Americans Against Discrimination."

As in Colorado, Lambda is leading the fight against the Oregon anti-Gay initiative.

According to the recently published *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America*, a publication of the Anti-Defamation League, Mabon is closely connected with Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition.

An appeal of a trial court ruling that the Oregon anti-Gay initiative cannot go on the ballot in November because it embraces more than one subject, will be considered by the Oregon Supreme Court.

Secretary of State Phil Keisling, the top state election official, has asked the court for a

ruling by September 8.

Washington

In Washington State, Governor Mike Lowry and five top state officials hailed the rejection of the two anti-Gay initiatives, saying "the people of this state will not permit intolerance and discrimination."

The two initiatives were I-608 and I-610 which would have forbidden state or local civil rights ordinances for Gays and Lesbians and would have barred public schools from presenting homosexuality as positive or normal.

"We are pleased that Washington citizens saw in these initiatives the threat to all of our basic constitutional rights and kept the constitution alive and well in Washington State," Lowry said.

I-610 forces threw in the towel on July 2 after collecting only 50,000 signatures of the 210,000 needed. But I-608 went down to the wire, with organizers flying to Spokane to pick up last minute petitions from Eastern Washington and some backers hitting the streets to look for last minute signers.

"We just missed," said Cathy Mickels, a spokeswoman for initiative backers. She blamed the "Bigot Busters" for the loss.

The Bigot Busters were groups of Gay and Lesbian activists who went around the state passing out information on the initiatives.

"We're not throwing in the towel," Mickels said. "We're not going to go away."

Nevada

In Nevada, a ballot initiative fizzled when Religious Right organizers there failed to get the necessary 51,339 signatures needed.

A recent poll in Nevada conducted by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and KLAS-TV, Channel 8, found that 52% of those surveyed approved of a law protecting Gay people from being denied fair access to jobs, education and housing.

79% said Lesbians and Gay men should have equal rights in job opportunities.

Maine, Florida and Ohio

Proponents of an anti-Gay initiative in Maine failed to gain enough signatures by a wide margin. They said they would try again next year.

In Florida, the state Supreme Court effectively kept a proposed initiative off the ballot, ruling in March that the language used would confuse voters.



Parade Time--Two dozen Milwaukee area Gays and straights from area Unitarian Universalist congregations marched in June's PrideFest parade held in downtown Milwaukee.

State's Unitarian Congregations Openly Welcome Gays and Lesbians

By Sue Burke

Straight members of the congregation came and brought their kids when the Rev. Roger Bertschausen performed a union ceremony for a same-sex couple at the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Appleton last fall.

"I think it was really significant," Bertschausen said. "For our children, it really gave them a different model." They could see, as a later Mother's Day sermon would repeat, that Unitarian Universalists (UUs) have "a different vision of family values."

A few years back, Bertschausen said, the Fox Valley congregation was comprised of "liberals who would say they were open but they really weren't, and they weren't all that willing to go out on a limb and be welcoming and make that public."

But as more Gay and Lesbian people joined, individual reservations vanished and the congregation was transformed, he said. A Lesbian now chairs the Sunday Services Committee. Others, active in the Sunday school program, "really are wonderful Gay and Lesbian role models for our youth and children," he said. "It would have been a shame not to be welcoming and not let them in."

Members of the church also lobbied the Oshkosh YMCA to change its definition of "family" to include any two adults living together.

Many religious denominations are struggling with the issue of homosexuality. A very few have accepted Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people in every aspect of religious life, including the ministry.

UUs faced the issue early on. The first Gay UU minister came out in 1969. By 1990, it had 45 openly Lesbian and Gay ministers.

The UU denomination was born two centuries ago when a few Christian congregations doubted such beliefs as the trinity and damnation. About 210,000 people, mostly in the United States and Canada, are UUs today.

Without a required creed, its small membership has grown wildly diverse. Atheists have been welcome for 100 years. More recently, pagans have found a home in what sometimes look like very traditional churches. Congregations are encouraged to be open to people of all sexual orientations.

But affirming all people -- not just tolerating them -- has been easier in some congregations than others, said Keith Kron, a ministerial student and head of Interweave, UU's organization for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people.

Some congregations get nervous when they realize that welcoming Gay men means they might hold hands or dance together at social events. Others will hire a Gay minister, but not twice in a row, he said.

"It's just a matter of getting to the point where we kind of become ordinary folks in the congregation," Kron said.

The denomination sponsors a 15-step program called "Welcoming Congregations" to help members reach that point. However, Interweave works better, said Jane Bredendick of Marshfield, the Central Midwest District Interweave chair. Interweave can deal with the unique nature of each congregation, she said.

"You start with everyone within your congregation, not just the Gay community or the people you think need it or that sort of presumption. The whole idea is to integrate everyone," she said.

Barb Seegert, who has recently started an Interweave group at the First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau, believes Interweave can include all people.

"We want to be sure the church doesn't see us as something they have to support but something that actually supports them," she said. "That's what Interweave is all about, making us interdependent, not dependent."

At the Bradford Community Church in Kenosha, the Rev. Annie Holmes, a Lesbian, started an Interweave group in 1992, one month after she began her ministry there. Twenty-two people came to the first meeting at her home.

"There was real power in the sharing between Gays and straights," she said.

Sometimes Interweave hosts social events, like a showing of the movie "Desert Hearts." Often straights with Gay relatives or children come for support and advice.

"Sometimes we just laugh and laugh and laugh and laugh," Holmes said. "People have funny stories. There's just some crazy things that go on in their workplaces."

"It's also been a real forum for political action and we've taken some stands here in Kenosha," she said. Church members wrote to school board members because the family life curriculum had no information on homosexuality and bisexuality. They've also worked on other issues and make sure a monthly letter to the editor gets submitted to a local newspaper.

Some members, Gay and straight, still have reservations, Holmes said. Some think that Interweave accentuates differences rather than similarities among people or that its issues should be taken up by another committee.

"Some think that I push Gay-Lesbian issues too far," she said. "The perception is anything's too much. So we all have a long way to go."

Other congregations have been active. Milwaukee-area UU churches formed an Interweave group this spring and recruited two dozen Gay and straight members to march in this year's PrideFest parade.

The three congregations in Madison -- First Unitarian Society, James Reeb Unitarian-Universalist Church, and Prairie Unitarian Universalist Church -- have united with other Madison religious organizations to deal with homophobia and to welcome and Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals in their communities.

Racine's Olympia Brown Unitarian Universalist Church called a Gay man to its ministry more than 15 years ago. In addition to other work, the Rev. Tony Larsen has brought a touch of Gay sensibility to the pulpit by turning "The Wizard of Oz" into a humorous musical Sunday service.

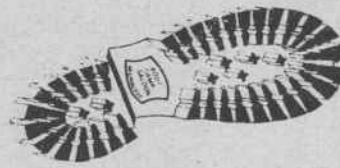
The United Unitarian Universalist Society of Mukwonago started an Interweave group about three years ago made up of about half heterosexuals and half Lesbians and Gay men. That made a difference when the church recently called a Gay minister, said Jo Lindoo, a member of Interweave.

"We already had educated a lot of people in a lot of issues," she said. "We convinced them that we weren't going to become a Gay church. And all the other fears we put to rest for most people and so the vote (to hire the minister) passed," she said.

The Interweave group meets monthly. It has studied an anti-Gay video, watched "And the Band Played On" and has addressed individual concerns about coming out.

"And we have one Bisexual, too," Lindoo added proudly, then laughed at how naive that remark sounded. "That was a big thing," she explained, still laughing. "As a Lesbian, I'm pretty ignorant about that, so it's been real good."

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It's time we united in not voting for these two rogues, because unless we get rid of them, we continue a policy the Democratic Party played against African Americans for generations, namely, taking them for granted by using their vote against them.

We need to send a message, a very strong message, as a warning to all: if you attack a minority which is in violation of the 14th Amendment, you will get your ass kicked, no matter how much money you have.

It's a simple matter of *quid pro quo*. As it says in the Old Testament Book of Hosea, Ch 8, v. 7, "Sow the wind; reap the whirlwind."

David K. Runyon
Madison

A Friend's Day in Court

TO THE EDITOR:

Today I escorted a friend to court. It was a case which had gone on for a year and a half. My friend-let's call him James--had been accused of lewd and lascivious conduct. For laymen, that means that he had been accused of exposing himself in a public toilet at the Grand Avenue Mall.

Now, although I am Gay myself, I feel the same outrage that most would feel in a situation like this. There really is no excuse for a man to conduct himself so. I have relatively little compassion for people caught in "public sex." Public conveniences simply are no place to solicit encounters, not to mention the risk of disease or possible assault. However, I was glad to escort James to court and act, if necessary, as a character reference for him. Why? Simple. He did not do what the police said he did.

I have known James for more than six years. He is a moral, Christian man, an honorable man, and yes, a Gay man. He is "out" at all of his jobs and has done a fine job as a volunteer with a variety of organizations in the Gay community. He has no arrest record or history of scofflaw behavior. None, whatsoever.

He wears symbols of his pride: freedom rings, T-shirts from various Gay events, and the like. He is not effeminate, does not speak with a lisp, and does not carry himself in a "campy" manner. [He drives a pick-up truck.]

I have seen him in many situations where others were attracted to him and watched him stick to his belief in monogamy; I have seen him turn down men with absolute gentleness and firmness because he feels that he would like to know a person before...Well, before. He is, nicely, "a bit old-fashioned."

I remember his anger when he called me and told me he had been arrested. He had simply walked in to the Men's WC, and when he exited, he was arrested. He was wearing freedom rings that day and a Gay-themed shirt from a pride celebration--nothing obscene or offensive, beyond the fact that it was a "Gay shirt."

I encouraged him to fight back, and so he did for a year and a half. He worked three jobs to pay for his lawyers, asked for help only in terms of references [all of his employers supplied sterling references], and steadfastly maintained his innocence.

But the burden of fighting for so long in taxing in so many ways. A person becomes tired, not only in the body, but in the soul as well.

Today, James tossed in his towel and pled no contest to a bargained down charge. He has no record, still has all his jobs, but it doesn't matter. Today, because his attorney, an experienced trial lawyer, was afraid that a fair and impartial jury could not be raised, because the issue was a "Gay issue" and subject to the whims and prejudices of society, an innocent man was found "guilty" of something he did not do.

I don't blame the lawyers. James' lawyer and the prosecutor, as well, both said to me in different conversations, that they knew James was innocent. The prosecutor even alluded to the fact that he understood that mistakes are sometimes made in arrests like those of James' type. The prosecutor even made statements on behalf of James as he asked for the charges to be changed.

Yet, as I watched James walk out of that court room, an angered man, a hurt man, I must say I find fault with "the system." I watched his courage shrivel and become dust. I have to ask myself who will restore my friend's dignity, his sense of self-worth? How must I deal with my own anger at the injustice I witnessed today in the halls of the Law?

I know, I know. It was a Gay man accused of soliciting public sex. No one likes to think about these things. And it was a "small case," no celebrity or star here.

Justice, however, should be blind. It is dangerous, indeed, when the "small things" one takes for granted, such as fairness and the integrity of our court system, are no longer there because of a general lack of rectitude, both morally and intellectually.

And while Gays may not be the most "popular" of minorities, nevertheless, it was an innocent man this time, who was forced to accept a finding of guilt. It makes me wonder who will be next? You? Or you?

It becomes extremely important when a simple matter of justice in 1994, is so obviously still beyond the members of the Gay community because of fear, hatred, bias, and bigotry. It impacts on all of us, homosexual, heterosexual, in ways we might never begin to imagine.

Miriam Ben-Shalom
Milwaukee



Jerry Johnson

HILL HONORED--On June 10, 1994, the Children of Color Coalition of Milwaukee members held a reception for Dr. Marjorie Hill. She serves as the Assistant Vice President of Special Populations of New York City Health and Hospitals Corp. Dr. Hill held a workshop and spoke at PrideFest. Pictured above with Dr. Hill [center] are [L-R]: Phillis Kirk, Michael Ross, Nate Dawson, Lula Reams, Dr. Hill, Nannette Smith, Redonna Rogers, Ramona, and Rod Johnson.

**'Light,' 'In Step':
Get With It**

TO THE EDITOR:

What's this with *Light* and *In Step* coming out on the same week, practically on the same day?!

It used to be "in the good old days" that we had something new every week. There was *Wisconsin Light* one week and *In Step* the next. You guys repeated some stuff, but mostly there were new things in each of the publications. It was kind of like having a weekly Gay paper here and you could be sure all the news was covered. But no more.

C'mon, can't you two get your act together and go back to the way it was? This is not just my opinion, I've heard it from others too, a lot of others.

Now, can't you two just sit down and work this thing out and get back to the way it was? C'mon *Light* and *In Step*, get with it!

Reed Martin
Milwaukee

CIVIL RIGHTS

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claiming for some time that Lesbians and Gay men are seeking special rights, special protection, special status. The argument is the cornerstone of their appeals for money and campaigns supporting discrimination.

The July 19th hearing is "an important opportunity to dispel the myth," says David Smith, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Gay people are discriminated against, do not have recourse, and are looking for equal protection under the law--nothing more."

The bill recently introduced in the House and Senate is narrowly drawn for maximum potential appeal. It says an employee's partner is not entitled to benefits; quotas and preferential treatment are verboten; religious employers are exempt except for their for-profit enterprises; the act doesn't apply to the military; and it's not necessarily violated if a policy affects Gay people more than heterosexuals.

The exceptions are expected to assure eventual Clinton Administration support of the bill. So far the White House has endorsed its principles; that's the line Justice Department civil rights chief Deval Patrick is expected to take in his testimony.

The bill has nearly 150 House and Senate sponsors, only nine of them Republicans. Justin Dart, a Republican who will testify before the Commission, said he hoped more Republican lawmakers "of vision and conscience" would sign on.

According to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Sen. Russ Feingold has signed on as a co-sponsor of the bill. Sen. Herb Kohl has not signed on. Calls to Kohl's office got no response.

In the House, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force says that Rep. Thomas Barrett (D-5) has become a co-sponsor. None of Wisconsin's other House delegation has done so.

Congressional Republicans can expect considerable pressure from the Religious Right and "pro-family" groups already mobilizing for battle.

"Our view is that this is entirely different from race or sex," said Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council. "Inevitably you're going to force employers who have deep moral objections to that way of life to bring people into their business who are openly promoting that way of life."

Bauer, whose group has asked to testify before the Commission, contends that American society condones and accepts discrimination of Gays and Lesbians.

But Gay activists say their polls show more than three-quarters of Americans agree that Gay people shouldn't lose their jobs because of their sexual orientation. Their research also shows, however, that most people wrongly believe Gays already are protected by federal civil rights laws.

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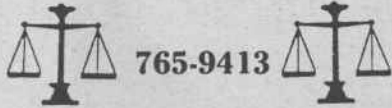
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BestD to Offer Free HIV Testing

(Milwaukee)- Anonymous HIV tests will be available at the Third Ward Block Party. The free tests will be administered by volunteers from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday of August 5 and 6. Registration and information tables will be set up at the south end of Broadway on Menomonee. Counseling and testing will be done at 266 E. Erie. All tests will be processed with an anonymous code provided by the client. No names, addresses or information identifying the client will be used.

MACT Changes Its Name

(Milwaukee)- Men of All Colors Together (MACT)-Milwaukee recently voted to change its name to People of All Colors Together. The Executive Committee felt that MACT was not inclusive of women who are dedicated to challenging the societal "isms" and homophobia. By changing the name it is hoped that all men and women of all colors will be encouraged to join the organization. For more information, call Dave at (414) 527-4296.

Training on Art Empowerment Workshops

(Madison)- A two-day training on organizing and conducting art empowerment workshops in community settings will be offered August 6-7 at the Wisconsin Memorial Union, Madison, for artists, staff and volunteers of family violence and runaway services, support groups, survivors of childhood abuse, and religious and community organizations interested in using creativity as a tool for healing and growth. The two-day session is being sponsored, in part, by the Wisconsin Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse. Registration deadline is August 1. For more information, call Sally Casper, (608) 256-3374.

OBITUARIES

Dick Sargent, Former 'Bewitched' Star, Dead at Age 64

(Los Angeles)- Dick Sargent, who played the beleaguered husband on the TV series *Bewitched*, and later came out as a Gay man, died July 8, 1994. He was 64.

Sargent died of prostate cancer at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he was admitted on Wednesday, July 6, said hospital spokesman, Ron Wise.

"He was a great friend and I will miss his love, his sense of humor and his remarkable courage," said Elizabeth Montgomery, Sargent's co-star on *Bewitched*.

In 1991, on National Coming Out Day, Sargent announced that he was Gay. The high

rate of suicide among young Lesbians and Gay men was the main reason, he said, jokingly referring to himself as a "retroactive role model."

In 1993, at the March On Washington, Sargent spoke with *Wisconsin Light*, saying that the March was "the happiest day of my life. It's great!" he said.

Sargent did charitable work for the Special Olympics, World Hunger, the Los Angeles AIDS Project and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Sargent is survived by his spouse, Albert Williams, his sister, Edie Normandin, and two nieces and nephews.

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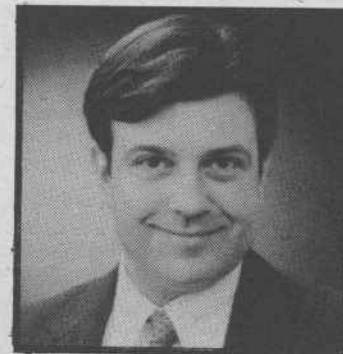
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Milwaukee PICKIN' AND A GRINNIN': 43 yr. old GM, into sports and bluegrass music, looking for a relationship with someone in the area. #24086

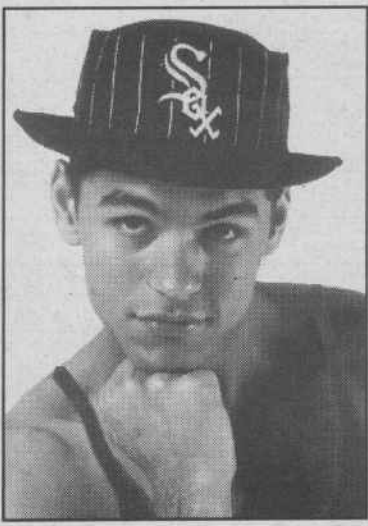
WI ISN'T IT ROMANTIC: 30 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Brn, hairy, seeks an honest and sincere good looking guy. I am very romantic and am out of the bar scene. #26321

Madison LONESOME DOVE: Lonesome bi white male, 6', stach, into the country, looking for other cowboys for friendship or more. #26830

Oshkosh AVAILABLE: Mature, stable, honest GWM, 35 yr. old, seeks guys with similar interests. #29027

La Crosse LOADED AND READY TO FIRE: 27 yr. old, 5'11", Brn/Brn, into hunting and fishing looking for masc guys 18-27 yrs. old who enjoy similar hobbies. #26338

Eau Claire SLIPPERY WHEN WET: Bob, looking for a guy 40-60 yrs. old who likes to have a good time. #32062



Bayfield ALL NIGHT DRIVE IN: 6', 38 yrs. old, into traveling and restaurants and more, relatively new to the scene. #32418

Milwaukee NOT JUST GOOD LOOKING...: 27 yr. old male, very good looking, looking for a very handsome man to spend quality time with. #32446

WI WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT: 21 yr. old looking for someone who is around my age who is into boating traveling and more. I am 5'11", Brn/Brn, toned. #32501

St. Louis I LOOK MARVELOUS: Nick, 50 yr. old who is a fantastic guy looking for a younger guy. I am financially fit. Long hair a big plus. #32550

WI ZIP ME UP, ZIP ME DOWN: Steve, GWM, looking for a CD who is handsome and good looking. Come on over for some good times. #11250

Madison OUT FOR A GOOD TIME: Tom, 5'10", good looking, athletic, looking for someone to have some fun with. #32656

Milwaukee ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?: 27 yr. old, 5'10", clean shaven, into reading and writing and creative, looking for someone to indulge in my interests or who can show me something new. #32690

Sheboygan HOW DO YOU DO?: 40's, 5'10", looking for someone similar for a committed relationship for dining out and quiet evenings. #32849

Green Bay PUMPING UP: 5'10", into working out, looking for someone 28-35 yrs. old. call and leave me a message. #32895

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 /I\ + (#)= 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 swm'r'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, snuggling big pluses. Honest guy seeks a guy of any age/race. #22880

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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

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

Wausau 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 hinky 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

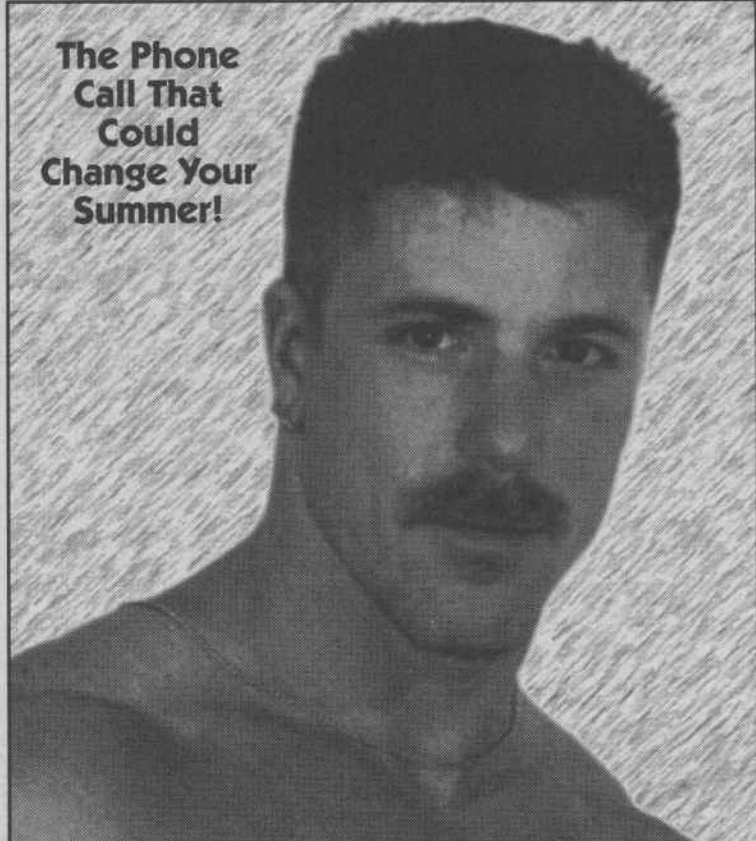
Milwaukee FIND ME IN THE GYM: 41 year old workout nut loves animals, movies and dining out. Open to all ages. #17954

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

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

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

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

M, 5'6, 150, 18, muscular, blond, blue eyes, 9's, ISO an experienced top to show me everything. (Call Thru) Box# 8427

Jenni, 6'1, 190, ISO teddy bear, 37-47, hairy, dark hair, muscular and intimate. (Call Thru) Box# 3315

GWM, 5'7, blond, blue eyes, 38, goodlooking, well-endowed, muscular, thin, ISO top, HIV-, goodlooking man to love. (Call Thru) Box# 8547

GM, John, 22, college student, ISO someone out-going for good times. Box# 5093

Scott, 30, 6', 200, brn hr, hzl eyes, mustache, ISO guys 25-30's. Box# 2556

Alex, 28, ISO BM, 20-35, for working out, skiing and good times. Box# 7971

John, ISO a fine, sexy Italian guy. (Call Thru) Box# 9138

Paul, professional, fun, ISO professional, well-groomed, hairy, aggressive male. (Call Thru) Box# 3752

Bill, 5'5, 150, leave message or call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 3027

JT, 28, law student, ISO my first bi-experience with someone who is. (Call Thru) Box# 5899

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

Duane, GWM, poet, likes theatre, movies, art, working out, ISO intelligent men who live to enjoy life. Box# 4145

GM, student, trim, blond hair, bottom, nice body, ISO hairy hot top who's into sex. Box# 5640

BiM, 26, 5'10, 190, athletic, bodybuilder, ISO other bodybuilders, any race, discretion assured. Box# 3474

Attractive, quiet GWM, 58, 5'8, brn hair/eyes, HIV-, NS, like golf, country life, travel, dining, theatre, ISO a compatible GM with same interest for friendship. (Call Thru) Box# 7686

M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going, ISO similar dudes. Box# 3216

WM, 30's, ISO a Bi or GWM for goodtimes, I'll be open to your ideas. Box# 1977

Bill, 32, 5'8, 160, prof., not into glitter, self-absorb, bitchy or stereo-types, ISO someone who is truthful, warm, gentle, in-touch, with a quiet strength for mutual honest friendship, no sex right away calls please. (Call Thru) Box# 8684

Mike, good-looking, GWM, 35, 220, 6', HIV-, physically fit, NS, ISO M 25 and under, long-term friendship, casual sex. (Call Thru) Box# 1817

Bill, GWM, ISO BM, well-endowed, your satisfaction is my only concern. No reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 3231

Alex, 25, 5'11, 175, ISO relationship. Box# 2885

Mike, 32, versatile, 5'6, 165, brn hr, grn eyes, ISO compatible M's to share my house I just purchased. (Call Thru) Box# 9644

Tyrone, GM, 23, call. Box# 6310

Terry, 35, WM, brn hair/eyes, thin build, ISO M 18-35, any race for good times, movies, concerts, clubs, fems okay. (Call Thru) Box# 7583

DJ, 37, bi-WM, very oral, ISO afternoon or evening encounters. Box# 8718

GWM, 22, 6'5, 180, sandy blonde, mustache, thin beard, hairy chest, ISO guys 22-35, friends, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 9782

Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who can service. I aim to please. (Call Thru) Box# 2967

Bill, 32, 5'5, 150, ISO slim, smooth, GWM's for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 1713

John, young, very handsome, runway model, likes art, music, dancing, skiing, ISO special man to show me good times. Box# 1719

GM, John, 21, long blk hr, love dining, dancing and movies, call. Box# 2110

Craig, 5'9, 150, smooth, in shape, well trained bottom, ISO aggressive in shape top men for hot action. (Call Thru) Box# 3503

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

Peter, looking for a friend for hot times, someone who is fit, likes to workout, bottom, hairy, loves to be licked. (Call Thru) Box# 5782

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

Devoch, I believe in taking life easy and having good

times. Box# 9994

Steve, looking for good times. Believe me, you will not regret meeting me. (Call Thru) Box# 8470

Russell, ISO man for fun, hot sex. (Call Thru) Box# 4587

I'm what you've been looking for. Artie, African-American, 5'8, 160, bearded, good-looking, healthy, clean, ISO blue-collar, down to earth types, into giving oral services to, no reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 6631

Rob, ISO younger brother type for partying, hanging out, I'm a fun-loving bottom willing to travel. (Call Thru) Box# 5262

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

Joe, 35, GWM, ISO hot action. Guaranteed you will not be disappointed. Box# 5666

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

Peter, athletic, 6'1, 165, brn. hr., glasses, fit, five-day growth, ISO friends to hang out, go to movies, play tennis, dining, laughing, and walks. (Call Thru) Box# 3811

Carribbean 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

Thomas, 5'8, 150, ISO BM, to enjoy music, late nights. (Call Thru) Box# 5575

Billy, good-looking, WM, 30, 6'2, 195, good shape, ISO GM for friendship, possibly more. (Call Thru) Box# 2539

Bi-WM, 30, ISO straight-acting bi-WM or straight WM, no gays, fats or fems. Box# 4265

SWM, really hot, ISO slim, straight, bi or GM, 19-26, for fun and more. Box# 2533

Pete, bi-WM, 40's, 5'11, 210, smooth, chubby bottom, ISO mature male, 50+, for long-term relationship. Box# 3610

Terry, ISO a guy for fun, getting to know each other and exploring. Box# 8634

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Jacki, bi-F, ISO another bi-F for fun, friendship and relationship. Please call. (Call Thru) Box# 6438

Lori, 22, easy going, love to dance, love sports, lets meet over a drink. Box# 5611

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BM, 24, like sports, movies, quiet nights and driving people crazy, ISO someone 19-24, black, white or hispanic, for love, companionship and relationship. Box# 7484

Bi white teddy bear, 37, looking for male companionship. I aim to please. Box# 1104

Bob, super personality, if you are lonely, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 7934

Walter, into leather, ISO other leather men. Box# 7107

Mike, 32, well-built, masculine, ISO a WM around 6'2, very hairy, for fun hot times. Box# 9287

Paul, call me on call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 6537

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

TV, 5'11, 140, 30, blond hair, ISO a big black man. Box# 1451

Jeff, 35, WM, 195, brown hair/eyes, good body/looks, looking to have fun with other men. (Call Thru) Box# 4558

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

Kevin, masculine, ISO Gay or BiWM, 20-35 who is built and masculine also. (Call Thru) Box# 3560

Randy, GWM, 32, 5'9, stocky, submissive, ISO a long hair biker type to show me the ropes. (Call Thru) Box# 8713

Mark, 30, 5'8, 150, dark hair, my partner- 29, 5'6, 142, light brown hair, ISO men under 40 for goodtime. (Call Thru) Box# 4245

Stanely, born in 69, like walks, tennis, volleyball. Box# 6162

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The CAEAR Coalition is an organization of high incidence AIDS cities which have received AIDS funding at significantly higher levels than the rest of the country. Coalition cities include San Francisco, New York, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Miami and Chicago.

The Campaign for Fairness is supported by more than 130 AIDS service organizations like ARCW in 47 states throughout the country which are based in areas that do not gain the financial benefit of high incidence formulas.

"Our entire campaign is based on the premise that a person with AIDS in Milwaukee or in any small town in Wisconsin is as important as the person with AIDS in San Francisco or New York and is entitled to a base line level of primary care and support services that are comparable," Nelson explained.

Nelson said that the old formulas of the CARE Act do not provide for comparable, base-line services throughout the country. These formulas, he said, were written by a "handful of well-intended people" almost five years ago and fail to address the rapid pace of the national AIDS epidemic.

"There is no logic to formulas that disperse six times more funding per AIDS case in San Francisco than in Milwaukee, Madison, Pittsburgh, or Cleveland," Nelson said firmly.

"We cannot afford to live with this inequity over the next five years and that is why we have pressed this campaign throughout the country and on Capitol Hill," Nelson added.

As reported in the June 23-July 6 issue of Light, San Francisco receives \$5,441 per AIDS case, while Milwaukee receives \$963 per AIDS case.

Nelson said that key issues to be decided in the up-coming negotiations include the use of recent AIDS case counts in the formulas instead of cumulative cases which do not reflect the demographics of those who are living with HIV and AIDS and the best assessment of service needs.

Another critical issue according to Nelson is the establishment of a minimum base-line amount of funding per AIDS case for both Title I and Title II of the CARE Act.

Battle Heats Up

Wisconsin Light has learned that professional lobbyists for the Title I CAEAR Coalition launched an intensive telephone lobbying campaign with Wisconsin AIDS leaders last week.

All nine of Wisconsin's AIDS service organization directors were phoned several times in a concerted effort to scuttle the Wisconsin-led campaign for equity.

Reliable sources confirm that the lobby effort used scare tactics and all sorts of personal attacks to urge the directors to abandon the campaign. The lobbyists asserted that if the campaign continued, Wisconsin would be blamed for the death of the CARE Act and that all federal AIDS funding would cease.

Sources say that Nelson was characterized as being naive and of leading "a crazy and irrational" movement by the lobbyists who are reportedly paid \$800,000 for their work on behalf of Title I.

Numerous threats were also made by these same lobbyists who are trying to hold on to their money.

Asked to respond, Nelson said, "It's hard-ball national politics which I'm prepared for, but it saddens me that these crude tactics are being used. They are not very flattering. They misdirect attention from the real issue of inequity and ultimately, they just didn't work in Wisconsin and I don't believe they'll work elsewhere either."

"The AIDS directors in Wisconsin are very astute leaders and they thoroughly understand the harm that has come from inequitable Ryan White funding and continue to stand united in support of our campaign," Nelson stressed.

"They also know me well, so the personal attacks only undercut the substantive arguments of the Title I lobby," Nelson said.

"I expected a higher level of debate than what we are getting, which is why I am very pleased that negotiations are beginning and will be facilitated by a professional mediator appointed by the AIDS Action Council," Nelson said.

Reports reaching Light say that the same kinds of scare tactics were also used against Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) who has made a commitment to provide Senate leadership for greater equity in a re-authorized CARE Act.

Political Support Builds In D.C.

According to Nelson, the support among U.S. Senators for equitable funding continues to grow. Both Wisconsin Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl are committed to the campaign and are seeking support from their colleagues.

"We have good support on the Kennedy Committee which is where re-authorization will begin and I believe we will demonstrate surprising support throughout the Senate," Nelson said.

The Kennedy Committee is the Senate

Committee on Labor and Human Resources chaired by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA).

"Equitable AIDS funding is both a rational and understandable political issue and the vast majority of the states fall victim to the current inequities. I believe the political support will be there to make the critical changes that are necessary to correct the failures of the CARE Act," Nelson said.

Nelson informed the Light that a Senate support statement known as a "dear colleague" letter had garnered strong endorsements but is being held in deference to the up-coming negotiations.

A "dear colleague" letter is a common strategy on Capitol Hill to demonstrate political support for important issues and can be highly influential during committee deliberations on various bills.

Nelson praised both Senators Feingold and Kohl for their steadfast support of the "dear colleague" letter and the principles of equity.

"We hope that we can gain an agreement in the negotiations that will make the "dear colleague" letter unnecessary and will allow for expedited re-authorization. If we can't get agreement through these negotiations, then the Senate letter will be a powerful statement of political support for equitable AIDS funding," Nelson said.

Nelson left Wednesday, July 20, 1994, for Washington and the critical and what promised to be very difficult negotiations.

While his mission is to bring equity to the CARE Act, he also characterized this battle as one that will "redefine the national AIDS community to include big cities, small cities, and rural areas because the AIDS epidemic is an urgent public health crisis in every part of the country."

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When you talk to people who don't necessarily identify themselves as Republicans, and you ask their opinions on those issues (property taxes, welfare, crime), they articulate the Republican response. I think the district is more Republican than the numbers would indicate.

WL: State Rep. Tammy Baldwin is planning to introduce domestic partner legislation. How would you stand on that?

SE: I am definitely in favor of anything that promotes the concept of Gay and Lesbian families.

One concern that I have with domestic partnership legislation is that it does allow unmarried heterosexual couples to get the same benefits that Gay and Lesbian couples would get.

Some of my more conservative friends in the Republican Party have indicated that they would be more in favor same-sex marriage legislation instead of domestic partner legislation. Straight people can get married. Domestic partnership is a kind of in-between status for them and I do think that conservative legislators would have more of a problem with that than marriage.

Would I support domestic partnership legislation? If that is the legislation that seems to stand the greatest chance of passing at the time it's introduced, I would support it, but I still favor same-sex marriage.

WL: Do you favor maintaining current funding for AIDS prevention, education and care, or increasing it?

SE: Certainly, I would be in favor of increased funding as the client load of an organization like the Milwaukee AIDS Project increases. This is one area where the money would not be wasted.

WL: You're a Gay man. You're running as a Republican. There seems to be a contradiction in that. Is there?

SE: No, there isn't. The Republican Party has always stood for individual freedom. It was founded in Wisconsin as an anti-slavery party. Some in the Party have veered off in the

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wrong, but "right" direction when it comes to Gay issues. But when I talk to my friends, other Gays and Lesbians, their basic values are Republican values, when you talk to them about crime or taxes or the dozens of other issues.

I don't know that I was comfortable following the 1992 Convention in Houston, but I would maintain that the Pat Robertson part of the Party is a very small proportion of the Party and in Wisconsin, it's a very, very small proportion.

I have the support in this campaign of some very conservative Republican legislators who may be characterized as ultra-conservative, but who are supportive of Gay/Lesbian rights.

WL: So, you're saying that you believe you can win this race?

SE: Yes, I am, but I'm not saying it will be easy. While this is a traditionally Democrat held seat, there are a number of factors that don't make this a traditional Republican/Democrat match.

A large part of the District is relatively new for the incumbent—a much less liberal part—and Gay/Lesbian issues are among the reasons that we will win in November.

WL: Any candidate is, I think, looking for "eager hands." Are you?

SE: Yes, absolutely. We need money. We need volunteers who can get out on the streets and help us to do door-to-door campaigning, and people who can stuff envelopes.

What they can do is contact me at (414) 291-0453.

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Catching the Errors-- Well, At Least Trying to Find Them!

By Brian Treglown

The first letter came innocently enough. "Dear Editor: In reviewing this article in last week's magazine, I found a number of errors. I have noted them on the enclosed copy..." Indeed he had. Seven, maybe 8 corrections had been made in red pen. Most of the corrections were the addition or removal of commas, but not all. A few misspellings, one was grammar.

The letter was a jolt to me. You see, I'm the proofreader. If there was an error, it means I've missed something. Maybe I'd just had a bad day.

Next week the second letter came. More errors and this time more dialogue. The letter was caustic, even snotty. "Don't you people have a proofreader?" The fact that the article had gone to press without being proofread didn't make me feel any better. I was the proofreader, and therefore I was accountable.

Letter #3 turned the heat up a notch, but was basically similar to the first two. But letter #4 wasn't. My phantom critic was by now livid. In addition to a copy of the article with the corrections made, I got a stinging letter. Obviously, I had "no personal esteem." Why else would I allow a magazine that reflected a "5th grade education level" to be printed? My spectral expert offered to come to our offices and do the proofreading himself in order to spare us the embarrassment.

Actually, there are lots of reasons why all mistakes aren't caught. Some are missed by me. Some I catch but the typesetter fails to correct. Sometimes in the rush to meet a deadline, an article circumvents the proofreading sequence altogether and is printed with only a cursory review by the writer. And some "errors" may be technically wrong, but reflect the style of the writer. These I don't change. Several of the mistakes that prompted my phantom's most recent letter were indeed glaring; I have no explanation for how they got through.

But what was becoming apparent was the rising level of vitriol in my phantom's letters. The letters had started innocuously enough, but had quickly moved to mean-spirited. Now they were downright nasty. This man was spending a lot of time trying to make me look bad. He was certainly getting under my skin, for which I was sure he would have been pleased.

I reread my critic's letters and finally it dawned on me why he was so angry. It wasn't really the errors he was working so hard to find. It was the fact that we never acknowledged him in any way.

Generally, I think a Letter to the Editor deserves a response. Someone has taken the time to express an opinion. At a minimum, they deserve a reply. Mind you, I think there is a level of nastiness that, once surpassed, removes the obligation of a response. My phantom critic had probably passed that level in his last letter. But what about the first 3 letters? Perhaps the reason #4 was so angry was that #1, 2 and 3 had seemingly gone unnoticed.

So I composed a letter. I explained the proofreading process. I explained how hard I tried, but still occasionally failed, to find all the mistakes. I closed by asking him what was the point in his letters. I was doing my best; what were his letters supposed to achieve?

My answer came swiftly. First of all, much to my horror, he found a mistake in my letter. I'd used "myself" when proper grammar called for using "me." Nothing major, but to my phantom critic, an error was an error. And all errors were basically the work of dim-witted buffoons.

But once he passed that, his letter turned rather mild. Not apologetic — no, he'd found errors and that was that — but the mean-spirited tone was gone. He meant to have his day in court and now he'd had it. His letter closed on a friendly note.

There is a lesson to this. People who write letters need to be listened to. They need to be told that someone has heard their opinion.

I'm still proofreading. And I know my phantom critic is still out there looking for errors. And that's okay. We understand each other a little better now. There's something reassuring about that.

(Editor's Note: The author is a proofreader, er, er, proofreader for a Gay publication.)

Religious Right Promotes 'Fear-Based' Curricula to Censor Sexuality Education

(Washington, D.C.)—Religious Right political groups have seized the offensive in their ongoing challenge to sex education, according to a new report released in June by People For the American Way.

Teaching Fear: The Religious Right's Campaign Against Sexuality Education finds that in communities across America, groups are trying to supplant comprehensive sexuality education curricula with their own programs, which contain no information about contraception or AIDS prevention, and which primarily seek to instill fear of sexual activity. The People For report comes on the heels of a major new study from the Alan Guttmacher Institute documenting the crucial role of contraceptive use in teen pregnancy prevention.

"After years of getting nowhere, these Right Wing political groups are trying a new tactic in their campaign against sex education," said People For the American Way President Arthur J. Kropp. "They are peddling their own programs that are notoriously short on facts and big on fear. At a time when America's teens are besieged by threats to their health, these distorted programs do nothing to provide life-saving information. These ideologically-driven programs are nothing but another vehicle for the Right's political and social agenda."

The People For report identified four key trends in the Right's campaign against sex education in the public schools:

1. Promoting curricula that censor spe-

cific information on prevention of AIDS and teen pregnancy, and that teach fear.

The advent of the AIDS epidemic, and Surgeon General Koop's call for early and comprehensive AIDS and sexuality education, forced a change in tactics in the Right's political battle against sexuality education.

As a substitute for comprehensive curricula, they developed and promoted several "abstinence-only" curricula—notable **Sex Respect** and **Teen Aid** programs. These programs are being billed as substitutes for existing sexuality education. But they omit the most fundamental information on contraception and disease prevention, and perpetuate medical misinformation.

2. **Winning control of local school boards as a first step to eliminating comprehensive sexuality education.**

In many communities where there is strong Religious Right influence on the school board, comprehensive sexuality education curricula have been abandoned in favor of the more expensive, less educationally sound abstinence-only programs.

In California, the Religious Right dominated school board in Vista has adopted **Sex Respect** after a long and bitter controversy.

"Capturing the school boards is crucial to the Right's overall political agenda for education," said Kropp. "When these groups do gain control of school boards, they quickly pursue a range of goals like gutting sex educa-

tion, imposing the teaching of Creationism as a science, and attacking multicultural education."

3. **Defending abstinence-only curricula against court challenges.**

The Religious Right-supported programs have increasingly been challenged on legal grounds, since many states now have statutes designed to ensure that sexuality education covers essential information such as contraception and AIDS prevention.

While many cases are pending, an appeals court in Louisiana ruled in March that **Sex Respect** violates state statutes prohibiting the teaching of religious doctrine in sexuality education programs.

4. **Rallying grassroots support against comprehensive sexuality education.**

Virtually all national Religious Right political groups have included their efforts to undermine sexuality education in their broader campaign against the public schools.

Eagle Forum, Concerned Women for America, Focus on the Family, and Citizens for Excellence in Education have led the way in devoting major resources to promoting these abstinence-only curricula.

To rally their membership to this cause, they have developed a range of promotional materials, including paid advertisements and video tapes, that perpetuate gross distortions of fact and play on the anxieties of parents about their children's sexuality.

As a corollary to this effort, they have made a frequent target of the Surgeon General, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, for her high profile efforts to promote comprehensive sexuality education and prevent teen pregnancy.

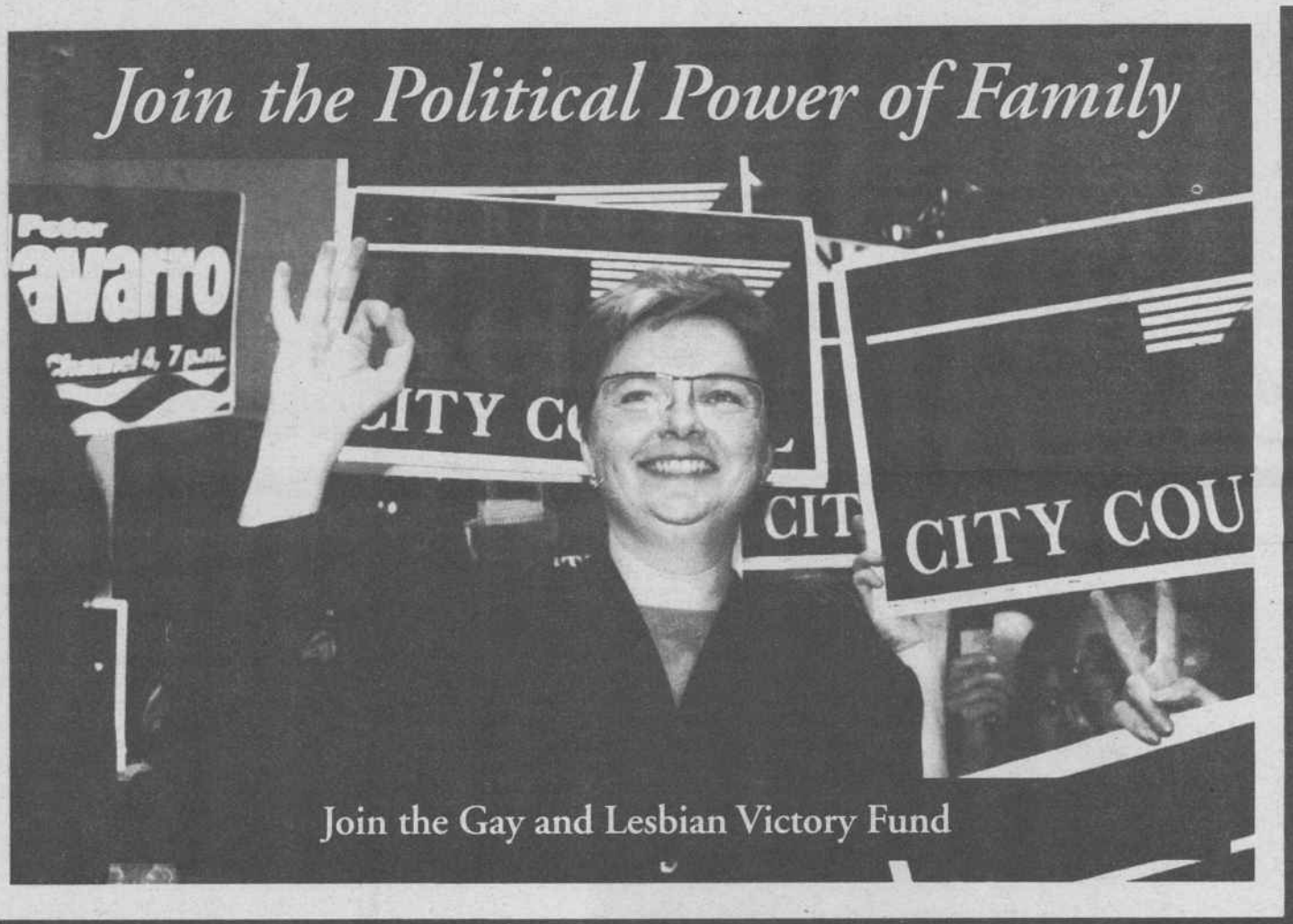


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When lesbian Christine Kehoe ran for San Diego City Council in 1993, her opponent, a "longtime friend" of the gay and lesbian community, mailed a flyer comparing their candidacies. The flyer implied that Chris Kehoe had *no family* because she had no children and did not list Kehoe's partner, parents or *anyone* as a family member.

However, Chris had many *family* members on election day. *Family* members that made her the first out lesbian elected to office in San Diego history -- elected by a 10% margin of victory. Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund members across the country became part of Kehoe's *family* by supporting her campaign with more than \$22,000 in contributions, knowing that too often our "friends" do not always fight for *our family rights*. Victory Fund members knew that Chris Kehoe was candidate and a *family* member that our community could count on.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is a nonpartisan political action committee whose mission is to help elect openly gay and lesbian candidates like Chris Kehoe. Since its inception in May 1991, Victory Fund members have contributed more than \$700,000 to recommended candidates and have helped increase the number of openly gay and lesbian public officials from 55 to 133.

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