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The Wisconsin Light

Herb Kohl Votes For Anti-Gay **Education Amendment**

Joins Jesse Helms and 61 Other Senators; Russ Feingold opposes Bill



Becky Furmann

Daddy and Papa Fill Becky's Life with Love But Crypto Leaves Behind Daily Pain

Little Becky Furmann seems to have re-

covered from cryptosporidium.

One of five children with AIDS afflicted chronic cryptosporidium in 1993, only Becky is still alive-somehow. Doctors have no cure for the digestive tract parasite, but the bug has disappeared from her stool.

Her Daddy, Ric Furmann, says, "I think she found out it was killing her and I think, whether it was conscious or unconscious, she turned her body on to kill the crypto cells after a year and a half.'

Her Papa, Larry Furmann, says, "There's a church full of people that believe that because of prayer she got healed.

A blonde gregarious whirlwind almost 4 years-old, Becky calls out a cheery "Hi" to visitors and asks them to hold her dolls.

One doll, Main Line Linda, has an intravenous line going into her chest just like Becky. Becky got the doll from the nurses at Childrens' Hospital so she could take care of it. Becky shows where she put a Band-Aid over an "owie" Linda got on her arm the night

The intravenous line and everything that goes into it, on both Linda and Becky, is named "Fred." With a name, Ric explained, it's not so scary. There's Big Fred, a nightly bag of nutrition. There's Little Fred, Preemie Fred, Green Fred, Pink Fred, and when she needs pain medicine, there's "giving Fred a drink" of morphine.

Two of the four children who died of crypto were Becky's friends. Crypto damaged her pancreas and gall bladder, which causes the pain and for a while turned her as green as Palmolive dish detergent, Ric and Larry explain. They're trying to help her start eating again now that she's through throwing up.

During dinner preparations, Becky stumbles and bumps her arm. She squeals and points. "It hurts. Here and here." She gets a kiss from Daddy as he walks by. That is not enough. "On my arm. Here and here." Daddy offers kisses and sympathy. "And here. Here." More kisses. Finally, she points to her wrist. "Here. You missed a spot." One more

"Are you happy now?" Daddy asks.

"Yes, I'm happy," she says with certainty. The family starts dinner with a prayer. Becky, served at a Sesame Street placemat, fusses with her food for a while, but eats only

TURN TO BECKY, PAGE 12

(Washington, D.C.)- Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) again used the Senate floor as a stage for political Gay-bashing on Monday, August 1, 1994, by proposing an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that would ban federal funds to be used by schools that "carry out a program or activity that has either the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative.'

The amendment was introduced and cosponsored by Senator Bob Smith (R-NH). The amendment passed the Senate on a 63-36 vote.

The Helms/Smith amendment would cut off funds whether or not federal funds were directly spent on the programs targeted by

The amendment would cover the distribution of instructional materials as well as referral of students to outside organizations.

Programs likely to be affected would include suicide prevention counseling for youth, AIDS prevention programs or curricula recognizing the existence of Gay families.

Wisconsin's Democratic Senators split on the vote. Herb Kohl voted for the Helms amendment.

Russ Feingold voted against the Helms

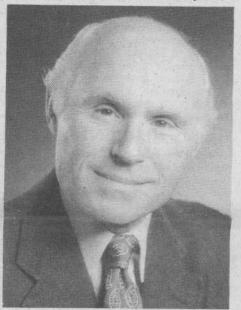
Feingold told Light that he had voted against the amendment because it was so broad that it would even prohibit counseling of a student who wanted to commit suicide because he

Kohl's office said that Kohl voted for the Helms amendment because "it is not the place of the federal government to encourage any type of sexual activity."

Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN) agreed with

Feingold, saying that the Helms amendment would forbid the counseling of Gay students who, he said, are three times more likely to commit suicide as other teens. "We simply can't do that," he said, and called the amendment "very mean spirited."

"The Smith/Helms amendment, if signed into law, will have a direct and disastrous impact on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth,"



Senator Herb Kohl

said Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

Studies indicate," Radecic continued, TURN TO HERB KOHL, PAGE 11

State Rep.Barbara Notestein Is Running as the Incumbent in the 19th Assembly District

Rep. Barbara Notestein (D-Milwaukee) is the incumbent, running for reelection in the 19th Assembly District. She has long been a supporter of Gay/Lesbian interests in the Assembly. She is the author of Wisconsin's AIDS Education Law and has strongly supported efforts to improve Wisconsin's response to the epidemic and to provide adequate funding for AIDS/HIV treatment, educa-

Notestein, 45, has won recognition for her leadership on a wide variety of women's issues. She has fought consistently to protect a woman's right to choose and has worked to put an end to sexual harassment in the workplace, domestic violence and discrimination against

Notestein has been honored as the Wisconsin Women's Network 1993 Stateswoman of the Year, Wisconsin NOW's 1989 Feminist of the Year, and the YWCA of Greater Milwau-kee's 1994 Policy maker of the Year.

At the end of this calendar year, Notestein will have served the 19th District in the Assembly for 10 years. She currently serves as the Assembly Assistant Majority Leader, the highest ranking woman in the Assembly lead-

Wisconsin Light: What kinds of issues have you worked on in the Assembly that you consider most important?

Barbara Notestein: I've worked on a lot of different kinds of issues in the legislature. I like my job very much. Without being too immodest, I think I'm good at it. I have spent a good deal of time on civil rights issues and women's issues, and other kinds of things that I think would be of interest to your readers.

WL: Tell us something about those. BN: I did some legislation a few years ago to require education regarding AIDS in the public schools and that was passed and signed into law. There is now a mandate on school districts to provide students with information

on AIDS and AIDS prevention. I sponsored legislation a number of years ago to put into law a ban on discrimination against students in the voc-tech system and the UW system. Part of that bill was to add language that banned discrimination based on



State Rep. Barbara Notestein

sexual orientation. There was nothing in the statutes to deal with that. The hope at the time that that would deal with the whole question of ROTC. Whether it has or not, I don't know.

I've done a number of other things in the area of civil rights and AIDS. This year I TURN TO NOTESTEIN, PAGE 15

Fundraiser for Steve Gunderson

(Milwaukee)- A primary election fundraiser has been scheduled for U.S. Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-WI) on Wednesday, August 24, 1994. The reception is being hosted by a committee of people active in the Lesbian/Gay community, including Miriam Ben-Shalom, Dr. Terry Boughner, Jerry Johnson, Doug Nelson, Ron Geiman, Ed Hashek and Scott Evertz.

The fundraiser will be held at the Skylight Lounge, 158 N. Broadway, in the Historic Third Ward. The dessert and coffee reception will begin at 7:00 p.m. and run until 9:00 p.m.

People interested in attending or making a contribution, should call (414) 291-0453 to request an invitation. A suggested donation is \$100 per person.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lesbian Mother's Custody Battle Goes to State Supreme Court

Bentonville, AK-AP- A Lesbian who lost custody of her children plans to appeal to the Arkansas state Supreme Court, her lawyer said. A judge in the last week in July, refused to reverse a decision that transferred custody of the children from Jean Larson of Rogers to the children's father, Michael Larson, of Hiwasse. Victoria Cochran of Rogers, the mother's attorney, said the ruling by Benton County Chancery Judge Oliver Adams ends attempts on the local level to regain custody of Jean Larson's 13-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter. She said a Supreme Court appeal will move forward.

Group Protests 'Promise Keepers' Philosophy

Boulder, CO-AP- An estimated 500 people marched through Boulder on Saturday, July 30, to protest what they consider the intolerant message of the Promise Keepers Christian Men's organization. Organizers said the "Diversity Rally" was a way to show the Promise Keepers there are alternatives to the teachings of the Christian ministry--and that they are not interested in being "saved by the Lord."

University of Colorado football coach Bill McCartney founded Promise Keepers four years ago in an effort to prompt men to reclaim their leadership roles, stop abdicating their responsibilities to women and become "men of integrity." Promise Keepers distribute a leaflet that includes the Romans 1:32 quote on homosexuality: "Knowing God's righteous decrees that

those who do such things deserve to die."

"I am horrified," said Jeff Roush, a Boulder resident, "that anyone in the name of God, in the name of Christianity, says that people deserve to die."

Needle Exchanges Can Help Fight AIDS

Washington, D.C.-AP- The Institute of Medicine on July 27, called for a lifting of the ban on federally funded needle exchange programs, in an effort to stem the AIDS epidemic. "The weight of evidence suggests that needle exchange does more good than harm," said Dr. H. Keith Brodie of Duke University, who wrote the Institute's study. Forty needle exchange programs currently operate in the U.S., with private and some local funding. The report called the programs "highly promising."

The report also called for a federally funded, national survey of sexual behavior that would give doctors a scientific basis for risk-reducing strategies. It also called for development of women-controlled HIV prevention methods, such as the female condom and spermicides.

Giants Become First Baseball Team to Fight AIDS

San Francisco-AP- A small, looped red ribbon on their uniforms and an emotional pregame ceremony on Sunday, July 31, made the San Francisco Giants the nation's first professional sports team to raise funds to fight AIDS. The Giants hosted "Until There's A Cure Day" and will donate part of their gate for treatment and research into the deadly disease.

Peter Magowan, team president and managing general partner, said the Giants embraced the cause because of a "responsibility to the community." He went on to say that AIDS can affect not only those who are Gay or Lesbian, but "anybody, whatever lifestyle, whatever sex, whatever age." Volunteers, many HIV-positive, formed a red loop in the outfield and were joined by players and coaches of the Giants and the Rockies. A crowd of 50,000+ was addressed by Mary Fisher, who is HIV+ and addressed the 1992 Republican National Convention.

A 'Miraculous Healing' of Homophobia

(Atlanta, GA)- In what has been called a "miraculous healing" of homophobia, the Rt. Rev. Bennett J. Sims, retired Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta, issued the following pastoral document. "As for the wrenching issue of homosexuality, I myself have undergone a shift in conviction. When I called for a ministry of homosexual healing and re-orientation 14 years ago as Bishop of Atlanta, the only response from the Gay community in the diocese was wounded silence. Since then, I have come to know a large number of homosexual men and women, many of them priests.

"I no longer believe, as I did in 1977, that homosexuality is primarily an amenable dysfunction, a stubborn, but changeable deviation from created norms. In my view, it is a matter of

bestowed identity, not a self-chosen orientation and behavior pattern."

On Friday, August 26, 7:30 p.m., at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Indianapolis, Rev. Sims will be the chief celebrant at the Eucharist for Integrity, the LesBiGay justice ministry of the Episcopal Church at the Church's General Convention.

AIDS Threatening Asian Security

Manila, Philippines-AP- AIDS is threatening the stability of Asian countries, but the crisis can be avoided if governments quickly adopt policies and allocate funds to stop its spread, experts have said. "The HIV epidemic is the enemy of the 'Asian Promise,'" said Peter Sullivan, vice president of the Asian Development Bank. "It threatens much of the progress that has been made over the past two decades and endangers economic growth in countries that have introduced growth-enhancing, economy-wide reforms only recently."

Economist Myo Thant said that in addition to economic affects, AIDS could also threaten the national security of a country by reducing its military's manpower pool. He cited the case of Thailand, where in 1990, 2% of some 32,000 rural youth being screened for recruitment by the army were found to be infected with HIV.

NJ Governor Urges Stores to Remove T-Shirts

Trenton, NJ-AP- Governor Christie Whitman is call for merchants along the Jersey shore to remove from their stores a T-shirt offensive to Gays and Lesbians. The shirt, with a cartoon of a rabbit, parodies the Trix cereal jingle, "Silly rabbit, Trix are for kids." It makes a derisive reference to the sexual orientation of Gay men. Whitman has written the CEO of General Mills, which makes Trix cereal, urging him to find out whether the T-shirt violates the company's logo rights. Barry Wegener, spokesman for General Mills, said the company is aware of the problem and has already sent letters to shops in Florida and New Jersey.

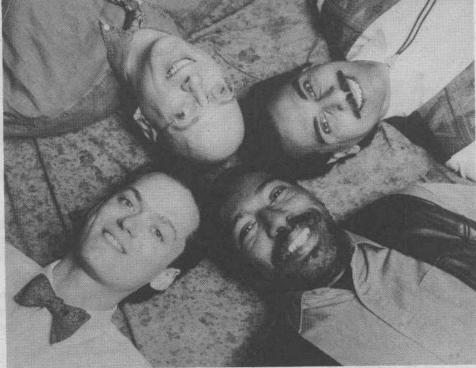
Manual Calls Gays Demonic, Violent

Twin Falls, ID-AP- Gays and Lesbians are "spawn of the devil" and contribute to the destruction of the family, according to a manual distributed among the Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA) members. The "debate manual" has been sold to ICA members who are pushing the anti-Gay initiative on Idaho's November ballot.

The manual says "promiscuous sodomite activists are the most violent and irrational group of people on earth." Gay men, it says, are "mostly masochists" and "enjoy getting beaten." Thus, "Homosexual men enjoy getting beaten up by homophobes and Christians." It goes on to say that women belong in the place "God put them" and denounces contraception as wrong. ICA says that "hundreds" of the manuals have been distributed across the Northwest.

AIDS Action Advocates Arrested at Capitol

(Washington, D.C.)- AIDS activists, including staff members of the AIDS Action Council, were arrested on July 27 at the U.S. Capitol as they protested Sen. Robert Dole's (R-KS) opposition to comprehensive, universal health care reform. Protesters roamed the halls of Congress distributing "Dole Dollars"--imitation \$100 bills outlining Senator Dole's own health insurance status, including his salary (\$133,600), the amount he pays for his health insurance (\$1,215), the amount his employer (the taxpaying public) pays for his health insurance (\$3,645) and the amount of PAC money Dole has taken from the insurance industry and medical establishment since 1979 (\$707,794).



The Flirtations-Top: Jon Arterton, Aurelio Font, Bottom: Jimmy Rutland, Townsend

The Flirtations and Suede to Headline 1994 MAPFest September 4

By Terry Boughner

(Milwaukee)- The "Fabulous" Flirtations and Suede will perform at a special concert at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) 9th Annual MAPFest, a concert and festival to benefit AIDS and to honor the Lesbian/Gay community and friends for the years of support throughout the AIDS epidemic.

Suede is a true entertainer whose musicality and quick wit are unmatched. She stuns her nation-wide audiences with her sensitive styling of a ballad, but the next moment her overflow crowds are laughing over a spontaneous comment sparked by something happening in the crowd.

In addition to her extra ordinary voice, she is also an accomplished self-taught musician and writer on piano, guitar, and trumpet. She holds a double performance degree in classical voice and trumpet.

Suede's music is an intriguing blend of popular jazz and blues styles. She has produced two top-selling recordings on her own label, "Easily Suede Music."

The Flirtations

The "Fabulous Flirts", as seen in the award-winning movie Philadelphia are back at MAPFest by popular demand. They are, in my opinion, one of the liveliest singing groups it has been my good fortune to hear.

As one of them, Aurelio Font, told me last year that they started on a street corner in New York City down near Washington Square. They made some \$40 the first night and "bought Chinese," Font said. He paused, then added, "Food, I mean."

Known from New Orleans to Portland, Maine, and from Washington, D.C. to Frisco Bay, their voices have the sparkle of a wickedly fine wine. They are openly Gay and are proud of it, singing the anthems that some of us heard when we were young, but with the words that we only said to ourselves.

To put it very mildly, the Flirts are not to be missed. Do what you have to do, but get there.

Concert-goers will be able to spend the day enjoying a variety of activities at MAPFest, including the best illusionist performances and musical showcases, a hilarious dog show, raffles, an expanded game arcade, the marketplace and entertainment by the Shoreline Dancers, the Cream City Chorus, Rufus & the Gospel Singing Machine & Co., and the Fest City Singers with highlights from "History, Herstory, Ourstory."

MAPFest's newest attraction—the Dance Tent—will be rocking with everyone's favorite dance tunes from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

MAPFest will be held on Sunday, September 4, from noon to 10:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center in downtown Milwaukee.

Tickets for Suede and the Flirtations are available at MAP (315 W. Court St.), LAMM (414) 264-2600), AfterWords (2710 N. Murray Ave.) People's Books (1808 N. Farwell Ave.), Outpost Natural Foods (100 E. Capitol Drive) and the PAC Box Office (414) 273-7206. Advance tickets are \$15 which includes admission to MAPFest. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$15, not including MAPFest admission.

MAPFest is sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, Bottom Line Travel, the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine.

For more information, to obtain a booth in the Marketplace, or to volunteer at the event, call (414) 291-2848.

Clinton Names HHS Official, Patricia Flemming, as Temporary AIDS Coordinator

(Washington, D.C.)- Moving to fill a gap in his administration's fight against AIDS, President Clinton on August 2, named a temporary replacement for AIDS coordinator Kristine Gebbie, who resigned under fire last month.

The President appointed Patricia S. Fleming, a special assistant to Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna Shalala, to serve as his administration's AIDS policy coordinator until a permanent replacement is named.

"Patsy Fleming will make sure we don't lose our momentum," Clinton said, claiming his administration has already made "significant strides in the fight against this terrible disease."

"We've increased our budgets for AIDS research, treatment and prevention and have fought hard to provide health insurance for all Americans, regardless of pre-existing conditions," he said.

Fleming said that while progress has been made, "much more remains to be done."

She said she had accepted the appointment "to help smooth the transition" to a permanent replacement for Gebbie.

Fleming said she intends to return to her HHS job once a permanent replacement for Gebbie has been named sometime in the next

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(Washington, D.C.)- Moving to fill a gap his administration's fight against AIDS, candidate for the permanent AIDS appointsident Clinton on August 2, named a tem-

As reported in the last issue of Light, high placed sources said that Shalala had brought pressure on the White House to have someone who is Gay considered for the position.

To the delight of many AIDS activist groups and others, Gebbie resigned on July 8 because, she said, the Administration had not granted her the tools and authority needed to win the confidence of people living with AIDS.

Serial Killer May be Coming North

(Springfield, IL)- Police say they have received hundreds of reports that a suspected serial killer who preys on Gay men was sighted in Springfield in the last week in July and may be heading toward Chicago and then north.

The suspect is Gary R. Bowles, 32, charged with nurder in the slayings of Gay men in Savannah, Georgia, Maryland and Florida. He is also a suspect in other slayings.

Bowles is white, 5'9" to 5'11" tall, 145 to 165 pounds, with tattoos on both arms, a tattoo of a cross on his left wrist and a cancerous scab on his right wrist.

He has hazel eyes, brown hair, a receding chin, a pronounced Adam's apple and is a heavy smoker.

Bowles is said to frequent Gay bars. Be on the look out for this man.

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EDITORIAL

Senator Kohl's Vote on Helms Amendment is Reprehensible and Is Condemned

We view Sen. Herb Kohl's recent vote in favor of the Smith/Helms Amendment to the Elementary and Secondary School Act as reprehensible in the extreme. Regardless of what he may think about the Gay people of Wisconsin, to vote for a measure that threatens to materially contribute to the rate of suicide among Gay teens is nothing short of disgusting. It is the act, we believe, of a man who is either unthinking or uncaring and perhaps both. Whichever the case, he is not "Nobody's Senator" but ours. He is nobody's period.

How sad, how terribly sad, that Kohl would join with the most retrograde elements in the Senate (among whom Jesse Helms is first among equals), to subject an already severely op-

pressed people to even greater burdens than they already bear.

This editor knew someone, a young person (as he was then) who committed suicide because he was Gay. As we've written before, his name was Stanley. He didn't know it was okay to be Gay. We knew his pain. We understood his suffering. We mourned bitterly when he died for no reason, no good reason at all. We mourn him still and will until they day we die.

How dare you Senator Kohl! Perhaps you do think that it's not the place of government to encourage any type of sexual activity as you are supposed to have said. But is it the place of

government to forbid that which will be a positive good in someone's life? You know as we know, that given the chance, Gay teens can grow up to love, to build homes, to live decent and wholesome lives, contributing to society. You know that. Why deny

them that chance? We condemn your vote. We ask our readers to make their views known to Senator Kohl. Write: Sen. Herb Kohl, 330 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-4903; or call: (202) 224-5653; District offices: Milwaukee-(414) 297-4451; Madison-(608) 264-5338; Kenosha--(414) 657-7719; Eau Claire--(715) 832-8424.

Senator Kohl, we will remember in November when we vote.

Our Country Would be Immeasurably **Poorer Without Alternative Publications**

Every week or so, in the midst of our busy schedule that keeps us running here and there, we pick one up. We pause in our day's flight to have some coffee or tea and read. There's so much in one that isn't in the others, so many news stories in the alternative papers that never see the light in the mainstream press. Some are thought-provoking, some bring a chuckle, and others tell us what's really going on. It's all there. We don't have to worry about that-or do

Buried in the Milwaukee Sentinel and the Journal last week were frightening accounts of the Shepherd Express. It was about to be sold to outside interests, one story said. Or, it was about to cease to exist altogether. But things worked out. Those who work for it, who love it, who have given their hearts and their sweat to it, have come out the victors. The workers own

the paper now. And thank god for that.

Papers like the Shepherd Express, alternative papers as they're called, proclaim by their existence that there is diversity in this country still; that the wheelers and dealers, the establishment, the moguls of great power and wealth, don't control everything. Hopefully they never will--not as long as there are papers like the Shepherd Express.

The Shepherd Express like others of its kind, like Wisconsin Light and In Step, if you will, give voice to the cause of human dignity, freedom and equality, when others find it more prudent to be silent. Papers like the Shepherd Express fight the good fight.

And thank god for that.

Papers like the Shepherd Express give expression to the great diversity in this city, this state and our country as a whole. The Shepherd Express does this, going against those who would homogenize us all.

If there were no Shepherd Express this city would be immeasurably poorer. But the paper

will go on now, freed of those who would destroy it.

And thank god for that. The Shepherd Express is not large, not in comparison to the "lords of the press." Perhaps that's why out-of-town forces thought they could easily gobble it up. But they were wrong. They were wrong because (with a bow to Daniel Webster), "She's a small paper, but there are those who love her.

And thank god for that.

LETTERS

Lawyer Favors Discrimination

TO THE EDITOR:

It's good to see attorney Kelly Rosati come out of the closet, as she did in Wednesday's [July 20] Milwaukee Journal Opinion column-so that people concerned about civil rights and equal protection before the law can be warned to stay away from her.

Ms. Rosati believes Gays and Lesbians are not in need of protection against discrimination, and in support recites the usual Fundamentalist litany of half-truths and distortions about Gays.

First of all, Gays are regularly against in housing, just as African Americans once were. A recent message on the Internet was an emergency call for help in housing by two Gay men who had rented a house in South Carolina, where they were moving to take on new jobs. Their landlord had found out they were Gay and backed out of his agreement to rent to them.

Right now, in Wisconsin, where such discrimination is illegal, I know of a case where a landlord who has rented to pairs of women is having problems because he doesn't want to rent to two men.

Ms. Rosati's other statistics are simply unreliable and misused by her. For example, on the income of Gays, she says they are disproportionately well educated and well traveled. This is a distortion arising from a poll a glossy magazine made of its readers. It applies only to the upper income readers, heterosexual or Gay, who subscribe to expensive, glossy magazines.

The Yankelovich marketing study, a more reliable indicator as the media know, found that while Gays are indeed "disproportionately well educated", they ARE PAID LESS than their less educated heterosexual counterparts. That could well be the result of discrimination.

As an attorney, Ms. Rosati should have a special obligation to check facts and present them without distortion. In this she has failed.

Al Geiersbach Milwaukee

Editor's Note: Mr. Geiersbach is absolutely correct in his statements. In her article, Rosati has broken

the first rule of writing: write only what you know about. Rosati has violated this rule with a curious

For example, she says that there "is no empirievidence to demonstrate that discrimination against homosexuals is either pervasive or economically devastating." I beg to differ. The evidence is considerable and mounting. She just didn't look it up-or, more probably, didn't know where to look.

Secondly, she admits that "Individual cases of discrimination against homosexuals no doubt do occur." In this, she seems to be saying that it is numbers that define a wrong.

She needs to understand that discrimination is wrong. It is wrong if one person is discriminated against, just as wrong as if 100,000 are discrimi-

It is wrong no matter what numbers are involved. If she denies this, then she is in the position of saying that morality and ethics are to be decided by majority vote.

Discrimination is wrong no matter why it happens. It is wrong based on skin color, sex, age, sexual orientation, or a dozen other reasons. Rosati needs to learn about equality. She needs to learn what America is all about.

Rosati needs to learn that discrimination is always devastating. It may deprive someone of a job or a place to live, and other things as well. But while its applications vary, its effects do not. It is always derogatory of human dignity. It always makes a person feel less than who they are. No one should be made to feel like that!

In one area, Rosati is right. Barry Goldwater's column regarding equal rights for Gays deserves a serious and substantive discussion. Unfortunately, she didn't provide it.

In my opinion, on the train of logic, while Goldwater is up driving the engine, full steam ahead, Rosati is having cocktails in the caboose.

Dream Date

TO THE EDITOR:

We've all been good, solemn little activists, both females and males, working our hot buns off for the benefit of the next generations to come, and now it's time to have some fun with our Queerness.

Diet Coke recently ran a gorgeously sexist commercial showing a construction worker taking off his shirt and drinking their product, while four or five women watch, lusting, lusting, lusting for him, from a nearby office building. They make plans to come back at the same time to lust yet again

Of course, it's just presumed they don't have to include us in their ads; we'll buy the product anyway, after looking at The Beaut. It'd be nice if our people would write and tell the Coca Cola makers they've stopped buying their products until such advertising starts in publications like Wisconsin Light and others like it-and on TV as well.

In the meantime, The Gorgeous Hunk's named Lucky Vanis (Unfortunately for us, he's married, reputedly happily). The commercial's cause quite a stir, and his career's shifted gears into some TV talk show spots and a small part on "Wings," during which one of the regular characters rips off his shirt (Thank you, "Wings!").

Now Diet Coke's planning another promotion: on radio, in various cities (I'm not sure if Milwaukee or Madison are included), they'll be announcing soon that they're having a letter-writing contest, and the winners'll have lunch with Lucky. My understanding's that there'll be about 30 winners per city.

Wouldn't it be camp if hundreds of Gays, Lesbians. Bisexuals, drag queens and transgenderists of all races and ethnicities (Did I leave anyone out?) respond, using androgynous or gender-neutral names, Rickki, Tony, Sandy, Dale, and so forthnot telling the game plan-and won?

C'mon, gang, let's do it. It'll be a hoot, and a fun publicity stunt for us.

Mike (temporarily called "Mikki") Varady Silver Lake, California

Symposium on Gay **Issues Proposed**

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:

As Chairperson of the newly formed Advisory Council for PrideFest, I have the opportunity and privilege of exploring ideas that will promote and advance a sense of community for Gays and Lesbi-

Pursuant to this mission, PrideFest is contemplating sponsoring a symposium on Gay and Lesbian issues. The symposium will coincide with PrideFest '95 and would take place in the War Memorial Center next to the PrideFest grounds. We presently contemplate symposium sessions on the Friday before and Saturday of PrideFest '95.

We are considering many subjects. All subjects should be conducive to furthering the interests of the Gay and Lesbian community. The interests include education and furtherance of charitable, social and political purposes. We are presently contemplating the following subjects:

Seminar for Groups

A seminar to allow Milwaukee area Gay and Lesbian organizations to familiarize themselves with one another. The seminar would include opportuni-

ties for organizations to present themselves to other groups. A presentation might include the introduction of group leaders, purposes, accomplishments and goals. The intended audience would include members of other groups and the purpose of the seminar would be to advance and promote the process of building a sense of Gay and Lesbian com-

A presentation of the proposed Federal Human Rights Amendment.

A presentation on domestic rights legislation in the State of Wisconsin.

A fundraising and a grant writing workshop for Gay and Lesbian organizations members in order to introduce organization members to this essential--but somewhat difficult and obscure--aspect of group management and advancement.

Other contemplated subjects include issues related to racial status, age, social stratification, and political and religious philosophies and values.

We are now inviting the input of members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. Persons interested in obtaining a copy of our survey may contact me at (414) 482-3429 to leave a message. The input of the entire community is important to us in deciding whether this event will be undertaken and the exact form it will have.

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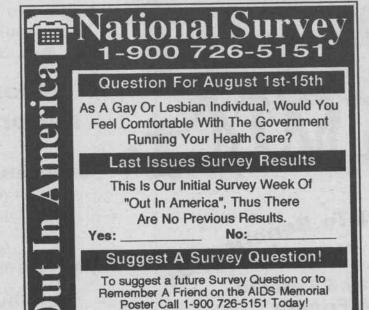
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Milwaukee Women's Center is Expanding Services For LesBiGay Community

(Milwaukee)- The Resolutions Outpatient Clinic, a service of the Milwaukee Women's Center, Inc. (MWCI), is pleased to announce the expansion of clinical services which highlight support groups specifically for Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals. Understanding the need for quality, confidential mental health and substance abuse services, the MWCI Resolutions Outpatient Clinic is offering services that are sensitive, diverse, feministinformed and respectful.

The Milwaukee Women's Center, founded in 1980, has historically served same-sex families with a variety of support services in the areas of family violence, substance abuse and mental health counseling.

With the rise in consciousness within the Gay community evolving from the March on Washington, Stonewall 25 and the Unity Games, the Milwaukee Women's Center is renewing and expanding its commitment to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community.

"The demand for services for the Gay community has risen dramatically with this rise in consciousness, said Dave Rompa, clini-cal coordinator of MWCI Gay and Lesbian services. "MWCI is taking a lead role in filling this need."

Rompa, a certified Chemical Dependent/Substance Abuse CADC III counselor, has been a therapist since 1978 and has worked extensively with Gay advocacy and AIDS education since 1986.

Rompa, who joined the MWCI Resolutions Outpatient staff in 1993, will lead group discussions on a variety of topics. Maggie Williams, MSW, CADC III and Michael Johnson, MSW, RADC, will also be available for individual appointments.

Support groups will highlight "Surviving AIDS: Surviving the Losses of Friends, Family and Loved Ones"; "How Out is Out??--Struggling with Homophobia and the Desire to be More Accepting of Self"; and "Substance Abusing While Living with HIV."

The cost of each group is \$15 per 1 1/2 hour session. Groups meet once a week for 4-6 weeks beginning Wednesday, August 17,

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance in mental health, substance abuse or support services, plan to join one or more of these groups at the MWCI Resolutions Outpatient Clinic. New groups will be offered on an on-going basis concerning issues that are important to you.

The MWCI Resolutions Outpatient Clinic accepts various insurance, HMO coverage, and Title 19. Call (414) 272-6199 for more information or to arrange a confidential individual appointment.

The Milwaukee Women's Center offices are located downtown at 611 N. Broadway, Suite 230. The MWCI Resolutions Outpatient Clinic will also be at the MAPFest Marketplace on September 4.

Monthly discussions may include: finding out about a Gay child, relative or friend--how and when to tell others; homosexuality and religion; Gays in the workplace; Gays in school; Gay parenting, and other topics of interest. Special speakers and events are also planned at various times.

Attendees who wish to remain anonymous

For more information, contact Sandy at (414) 962-9320.

Writer at the 'Milwaukee Sentinel'

By Sue Burke

(Milwaukee)- Michael Horne feels bewildered and bitter about the cancellation of his column, "Plenty of Horne," in the Milwaukee

He worries too, because as far as he could tell, he was the only openly Gay or Lesbian person involved in news operations at the Sentinel or the Milwaukee Journal. Both daily newspapers are owned by Journal/Sentinel Inc and operate out of adjoining buildings.

Marta Bender, the Milwaukee Sentinel's assistant managing editor for administration, said in an interview with Wisconsin Light that she doesn't know if there are any Gays or Lesbians in the Sentinel's newsroom.

"We don't check on our reporter's sexual preference," she said. "It's a private thing.

She doesn't consider having an openly Gay or Lesbian journalist important to covering Gay or Lesbian issues. She said a reporter doesn't have to be a racial minority to cover minority issues or in a wheelchair to cover handicapped issues.

We hire journalists and try to hire the best journalists we can, not fill quotas, Bender said. It is illegal to ask or discriminate on the basis of sexual preference, she added.

At the Milwaukee Journal, Staff Development Director, Paul Salsini said there are no fully out Gays or Lesbians among the editors or reporters now, although there was one last year, and there are some in other departments.

Still, he can guess that with 200 editors, reporters, photographers, and graphic designers at the Journal, some must be Gay or Lesbian. It troubles him that they don't come out.

Salsini serves on the Journal/Sentinel's Diversity Council. This Fall, he said, a committee of the council will try to create a dialogue to find out if Gay employees prefer to remain closeted or if there is a problem.

"We don't know if there is a fear of coming out or if there is a workplace environment that we should be addressing. We don't know if more support is needed for Gay journalists," he said. "If employees are comfortable, that's fine," he said.

But we are also a newspaper and we also feel that Gay journalists can make a contribution to our coverage if they had a voice in story ideas and commenting on the paper--just in diversity, just as anybody brings a perspec-tive to journalism," he said.

Salsini attended last year's National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association job fair at its annual convention, and plans to attend its job fair in September. Gay and Lesbian journalists have applied for work at the Journal since last year's convention.

"Unfortunately, we have so few openings on this paper and we haven't had an opportunity to hire somebody," Salsini said. "But then, they're going to say, 'Well, how com-fortable a place is it there?' and I don't know how to respond to that. It's very frustrating.

Horne wrote a twice-weekly gossip column for the Sentinel for nine months of a oneyear contract. As an independent contractor, he was not an actual employee. The Sentinel bought out the remaining three months of the

Horne called the job "the dream of my life" and said he does not know why he was dismissed. He harshly disputes remarks by Sentinel editor Keith Spore suggesting that the newspaper could run something that would draw more readers.

That is a falsehood. That is malicious, injurious to my reputation. I can certainly demonstrate and worked very hard to show my bosses at all times that I had a very large readership," Horne said. His voicemail line was always flooded with calls, he said.

Horne, who has also written columns for Shepherd Express and Milwaukee Magazine, as well as the now-defunct Milwaukee Weekly, worries about his future as a "non-academic intellectual" in Milwaukee since he was dropped by the only daily newspaper company in the city.

"That's a very difficult thing for a person to deal with, particularly when one's efforts were always directed toward a long and happy future with that organization," Horne said.

He doubts explanations that sexual orientation does not matter at the newspapers. Apparently it does, because they (Gay and Lesbian journalists) are not around.

While he ponders his next career step, Horne has this message for former readers about the Journal and the Sentinel:

"I just wanted to tell the many people who would call me from the Gay community with very good story ideas or information, I'm afraid I can't recommend any voice for them, any person who might be sensitive to what they're saying at either of those newspapers at

Mitzi Henderson, President of PFLAG Visits Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- The Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Milwaukee Chapter, entertained Mitzi Henderson, national PFLAG President on Sunday, July 17, 1994, at a pool party given by one of its mem-

Henderson, a California resident, talked about the national organization, which began in someone's kitchen about 15 years ago. It now has a staff of 7 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C. There are 340 U.S. groups, 28 foreign groups, 80 full-fledged chapters and 100 phone contacts.

PFLAG serves a threefold purpose Henderson said. "1) To support; 2) To educate; 3) To be an advocacy group. We're not counselors. We simply offer peer support to one another."

Henderson continued. "When our son came out, it was the beginning of a journey for us. PFLAG is also on a journey. We need to be an influence on mainstream Americans.

She said that "PFLAG is beginning pilot projects in several mid-sized communities to try to determine the best way to reach people-through ads, local news or other means. Which messages carry the most weight?

"And we want these messages to be promoted in a high quality, professional manner. We are seeking the help of celebrities, major corporations and foundation boards. We also want to promote local training," she said, adding that she feels that political change will come about when people's attitudes change.

"Lesbians, Gays and PFLAG members are on a journey," Henderson said. "We need to see that society also takes that journey. Today's attitude keeps us all closeted. It also keeps society closeted and this divides us all. Unless we can risk coming out, we will remain in the ghetto.

"Coming out in our communities is the radical step that will change things. For people we care about, we need to do this. We need to build an inclusive democracy. We cannot al-

Henderson emphasized her "coming out" message by saying, "Come out whenever and wherever you can. Even if you can't say directly that you are Gay or Lesbian, or that you have a Gay/Lesbian child or relative, you can at least speak out in a positive manner to others and defend Gays by saying, 'I happen to know some people who are Gay. I also happen to know they are nice people. I don't like you talking against them. I think we should offer

Milwaukee PFLAG Meetings

The Milwaukee PFLAG Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Its main function is as a support

Milwaukeean Designs Clothing Line to **Encourage Condom Use Among Teens**

sewing in a small room where there are no windows.

But the sign on the front door of her work area which reads, "Don't be a casualty of casual sex--AIDS" shows that this 35-year-old fashion designer doesn't need windows to see what's going on outside.

Gray knows the painful consequences of unprotected sex after having a friend who died from complications of AIDS and a teenage daughter who became pregnant at age 14.

So she took the talent of sewing which she first learned at age 6 and turned out a clothing line of older boys' and men's wear called "Hard-Kor", featuring slick hip-hop fashions with small pockets for carrying condoms, or

The safest sex is abstinence," she said. "That's at the top of the list. But if you're not going to abstain, this is what you need to be

Shirts, pants, jackets and vests made from denim, flannel and brushed cotton come with small pockets, embroidered with JP or Jimmy Pocket, on the outside for a condom. A hang tag on each garment has directions for use of the condom, written by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

Gray hopes to help many people before they join the others who make up the mounting statistics of those living with AIDS.

MAP statistics show that the number of

Wisconsin males and females, age 13 to 19, (Milwaukee)- Joyce Gray spends hours in with full-blown AIDS rose from one in 1986 the basement of a Milwaukee clothing store, to 21 in 1994. Between the ages of 20 and 29, those infected grew from 19 in 1986 to 479 in 1994. Most of those in the older group were infected as teens.

Gray came together with her friend Efram Manzanet, owner of B-Boy Trends at 715 W. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee to market her jimmy pocket fashions.

Manzanet helped her to finance the project, which she recently took to a New York trade show that turned out \$40,000 in orders for the clothing line. Gray sews her Hard-Kor samples in the basement of Manzanet's store. They are sent to cutters and clothing factories in Los Angeles where they can be mass pro-

Gray wants to sell the fashions and donate 2% of the sales to MAP. "I didn't do this to have a mansion or whatever else," she said. "If it helps one person, then I'm successful."

The vision of her friend who died with AIDS still sits in Gray's mind. "I have seen the end result," she said. "It's not a pretty sight. That didn't have to happen. It was just because of unprotected sex. If there's something you can do to prevent that then why not

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Committee for the Olympic Games Pulls Volleyball Out of Cobb County, Georgia

(Atlanta, GA)- The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) announced on July 29, 1994, that it has pulled the volleyball competition out of Cobb County. The Coliseum on the campus of the University of Georgia in Athens is the new site of the preliminary volleyball venue, replacing Cobb County's Galleria Sports Centre.

In making the announcement, Billy Payne, ACOG's President, said, "As we have stated, we have been looking at alternative sites for several months. We now have concluded that the Coliseum is the ideal location for the preliminary volleyball venue and for the athletes."

Dr. Charles Knapp, President of the University of Georgia, said that "Hosting Olympic volleyball will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that the University of Georgia welcomes."

A year ago this month, the Cobb County Commissioners led by Gordon Wysong, passed a resolution condemning Gay people for their "lifestyles," which the resolution said were "incompatible with community standards."

Wysong has been cited by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) as a member of the Christian Reconstruction Movement (CRM). CRM advocates, among other things, the establishment of a Christian theocratic republic in the U.S. and the death penalty for Lesbians and Gay men.

The County Commission refused to rescind the resolution despite protests from human rights groups and athletes such as gold

medal winner Greg Louganis. And despite warnings from ACOG that it was looking for a new site for the volleyball competition.

In June, the Commissioners voted not to change the resolution. That, according to Dick Yarbrough, a senior Olympics executive, was the "seminal moment." That's when ACOG decided that the "issue would not go away" and it was decided to make the change, Yarbrough said.

"It is unfortunate that the dialogue we have encouraged over the past several months did not produce positive results," Payne said.

"I think they've done the right thing, which surprises me," Louganis said. "The one thing this whole thing has done, it's brought discrimination into the light of the press."

"It's a victory for everyone who believes in human rights, not just Gay men and Lesbians," said Jon-Ivan Weaver, the organizer of Olympics Out of Cobb, a coalition of activists. "Forever and always Cobb County and the

"Forever and always Cobb County and the Cobb Galleria Centre will be recognized as the community that had a chance to participate in the Olympics and threw it away," said Tad Leithead, Chairman of Cobb County's Chamber of Commerce. "It's a travesty. It makes you want to cry."

Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), said, "This decision is a victory for Atlanta, ACOG, and all those who believe in human rights and dignity."

Wysong would say only that he didn't think the move would hurt Cobb County.

No Place in the Gay Movement for the North American Man-Boy Love Association

By Terry Boughner

The latest issues of Out and The Advocate are both running major stories on the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). The articles are good, wellbalanced ones, examining a highly controversial topic—which is putting it mildly.

For those of you not familiar with NAM-BLA, it is a group whose detractors claim is little more than a refuge for child molesters.

On the other hand, its members claim it is a political organization. The aim, they say, is to "restructure" the age of consent laws and promote the sexual rights of young people.

Let me say right up front that I have no sympathy for NAMBLA. That's not because of what the Christian Right thinks. I don't give a damn about them. But several things do bother me considerably about NAMBLA.

One is that the group doesn't seem to understand what sex is all about. I'm just old fashioned enough to believe that it isn't just fun and games. It is, or should be, a fundamental component of a loving, committed relationship. It is, and I think must be, a function of maturity that kids, teens, just don't have.

I'm no way naive enough to think that young people don't have sex. They certainly do. The hormones are raging, the desire is there in abundance. But for an adult to take advantage of this is, in my mind, nothing more than an excuse for the release of his or her own libido. It is a power trip. Like all such things, it is, in my opinion, the conscious devaluing and arguably the psychological destruction of a human life.

Copulation isn't the be-all and end-all of life. Love is.

NAMBLA speaks of "love." In fact their name incorporates it. But I have to believe that they don't understand what love is.

The word has become debased today, which is sad, but as it exists between two people, love is the most beautiful, wonderful and powerful emotion that we know. Because of that, it is not something to play with, not a thing of the moment, not a thing to be enjoyed before we go on our way.

Love is something to be shared between equals. As far as I've ever been able to tell, there is no equality between a teen and an adult. The gap in growth, in maturity, in experience, in learning, is just too great. To put it quite frankly, a kid just doesn't comprehend what love is all about.

Love is a serious challenge, something very serious indeed. It involves commitment. That's scary even for an adult precisely because love demands that we give up part of ourselves to become together more than we ever can be apart. It takes maturity, I think, to understand that.

Love carries with it great responsibilities. You don't just "fall in love" and then rush off to la-la land. Love requires a great deal of good, old-fashioned hard work--and a hell of a lot of compromises along the way.

As far as I'm concerned, a teen, a kid, has not reached the stage where he or she is able to handle this. I think you do violence to them if you demand of them what they cannot yet give. It is another form of child abuse.

Where does sex fit into all this? Here, I think. Sex is, or should be, an outward physical symbol of a powerful inner, spiritual emotion. As an expression of love, it knits two people together and helps make them one. It is a sign of the commitment they have mutually undertaken and the responsibilities that they bear

Kids aren't ready for this, any of it, not by far. That's not their fault and it's not ours. It's a matter of maturation and growth.

To me, the point of the whole Gay movement is to establish our right to love. It is to set forth once and for all what we all know: that Gay relationships are the moral and ethical equivalent of those of the heterosexual world. Much of our struggle is to establish the right, the equal right, to love, and after that, to commit to each other, assuming all of the responsibilities that married life entails. With that, I think, will come all the rest of what we seek.

(I know, I know. Sadly, we can't be married in the legal sense, but "marriage" is the best word I have to describe what I mean.)

If the aim of Gay Liberation is to have sex, anytime, anyplace, with anyone you want, then let me off here. I am not in this fight for equality, the battle against bigotry and hate, to replace the commitments of love and family life with some hedonistic Disneyland of sengitive

Our young people, I believe, need to see us as role models, as people abiding by love's responsibilities and building families for ourselves. They need to learn from those of us who are older, and not have to fend us off.

It is for these reasons that I want nothing to do with NAMBLA. I do not think of them as Gay and it is for these reasons that I believe that they do not belong in the Gay movement.

In their own defense, NAMBLA members like to point out that the ancient Greeks approved of man-boy love. So what? The ancients, the Greeks and others, did a lot of things we don't do now.

Learn from history? Yes, but in that regard, I am reminded of Hesiod's statement that Clio, the Muse of History, could like the other Muses, tell truth when she wished, but she could also tell lies. We should, I think, always be wise enough to discern the difference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAMMA Plans August Harbor Cruise

(Milwaukee)- Join 145 happy men and women on GAMMA's 14th Annual Iroquois Boat Tour of Milwaukee's harbor. Embark at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 20 at the Clybourn St. And Milwaukee Harbor dock. The tour, featuring songs, music, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar along with adventure and romance, returns to port at 9:00 p.m. Advance tickets at \$10 each may be purchased at the Triangle, M&M, or by mailing a check to GAMMA at P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Tickets are \$12 at the dock. For more information, call (414) 963-9833

Human Rights League to Celebrate National Coming Out Day

(Milwaukee)- The Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays will celebrate National Coming Out Day on Tuesday, October 11, 1994, with a reception for local elected and appointed public officials. It will be held at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave., Milwaukee from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The organizers are attempting to reach all Lesbian and Gay groups and invite them to help sponsor this event. If you are interested in co-sponsoring or in attending this event as an individual or representative of a group, and have not yet been contacted, please contact the Human Rights League at (414) 228-1921.

Outdoors to Combine with GAMMA

(Milwaukee)- Outdoors, a Milwaukee-based cooperative specializing in rugged and extended activities such as Western mountain climbing, skiing and white-water rafting, will combine its future events with GAMMA who, for the last 16 years, has offered the Milwaukee area Gay and Lesbian community a variety of sports, outdoor, cultural and social activities. Effective immediately a wide variety of both short and long-term outdoor events will be available through one organization.

Those interested primarily in Outdoor activities, may now obtain the GAMMA Newsletter at the discounted rate of \$12 per year. For more information on GAMMA or Outdoors, please

Group to Discuss 'Being Gay in the Age of AIDS'

(Milwaukee)- The Gay Men's Discussion Group will discuss the topic "Being Gay in the Age of AIDS" on Sunday, August 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Tim Baack, MS, a psychotherapist and manager of health services with the Milwaukee AHDS Project, will assist with facilitation. Various issue will be addressed including grieving, maintaining hope, and adjusting to the long-term presence of AIDS in our community. All Gay men are welcome to attend. \$2 donation requested. Please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565 for more information.

Battered Women Advocates Seeking Volunteers

(Madison)- Dane County Advocates for Battered Women (DCABW) is currently recruiting volunteers for its Outreach Program. Volunteers are sought for Family Advocates (to help transport women to SafeHomes and provide them with support and information), SafeHome Providers (share your home with a battered woman and her children from 3-5 days--needed: Dane County and City of Madison volunteers), Group Facilitators and Peer Counselors.

If you live in rural Dane County, please join the hundreds of women and men who dedicate their time to help. A commitment of one year at an average of 4 hours a week is required. Please call (608) 251-1237. Training begins August 13.

Conference of Churches to Offer Workshop

(Madison)- The Wisconsin Conference of Churches' Task Force on Sexual Orientation is offering a one-day workshop "Opening the Doors: Inclusive Ministry with Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals" on Saturday, September 10, 1994, at Pilgrim Center (United Church of Christ retreat center), near Green Lake, Wisconsin. The program will feature a theological overview, small-group questions-and-answers, and a sharing of effective strategies for creating safe space in order to address controversial topics in congregations. Clergy and laity are invited.

Cost of the day (which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with optional small-group discussions until 4:00 p.m.) is \$30 per person. For more information, call (608) 222-9779.

Gay/Lesbian 12-Step Recovery Conference

(Milwaukee)- Each year, the Gay and Lesbian 12-step recovery community in Milwaukee sponsors a round-up called "Commitment." This year, "Commitment '94, is being held Friday-Sunday, September 9-11 at Milwaukee's War Memorial. The event is a weekend-long series of workshops, speakers, meetings, socializing and sharing of experience, strength and hope. For more information call Stephanie at (414) 535-9935.

Kris World to Hold Auditions for Dancers

(Milwaukee)- Nationally known choreographer Kris World will be auditioning dancers on Saturday, September 10, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., for a choreography/performance residency at Danceworks. The residency will involve two rehearsals per week from October 3 through November 20, and performances at Danceworks November 17 through 20. For more information, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

Paradise Theatre Will Celebrate Four Years of Showing Movie Classics on August 8

(Milwaukee)- On August 8, The Paradise Theatre in West Allis will celebrate the fourth anniversary of showing Classic films in Milwaukee with its Fourth Annual Classic Birthday Party. Located at 62nd and Greenfield, the Paradise is one of Milwaukee's few remaining original movie palaces. Since August, 1990, the Paradise has been devoted to bringing the classics to Milwaukee in a classic setting.

The Birthday Party will include a free screening of Charlie Chaplin's immortal silent masterpiece, City Lights, at 7:00 p.m. The entire Weekly Classic audience and all of Milwaukee are invited to celebrate Classic Films at the Paradise.

This year, the Classic Birthday Party falls right at the beginning of the new Weekly Classics schedule. The exciting August-

September schedule includes a wide variety of genre films that include West Side Story, Singin' In the Rain, To Catch A Thief and many others.

This year, the Classic Birthday also coincides with the on-going restoration of the theatre lobby. A devoted group of volunteers is in the process of "peeling away" the intervening years and restoring the lobby to the way it was in 1929.

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Notes From the Lesbian Nation

By Jamakaya

Trouble in Paradise: Women in Lesbianville, U.S.A. (Northampton, Massachusetts) are reeling after a vicious homophobic attack against a Lesbian there and wondering whether all the media hype about it being a Lesbian haven is attracting bashers.

In the early morning hours of June 24, a 32-year-old woman leaving Northampton's Bay Street Hotel bar was run down by a car. She was able to rise to her knees and get a good look at the car just as it turned around and hit her a second time, shattering her teeth and her jaw and inflicting other injuries for which she was hospitalized. The car was a white Ford Vista or Escort with a driver and three passengers who shouted "Dyke!" as they ran the woman down.

Since all the publicity in the mainstream press about Northampton, there have been a series of drive-by shootings aimed at Lesbians and Gay men, and one man was convicted of assault and served five months for an attack on a Lesbian last year.

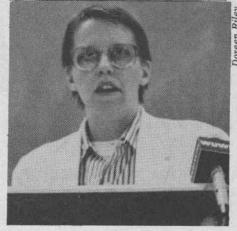
Speaking of bashers, one Northampton Lesbian told Philadelphia Gay News: "These guys see Northampton as a hunting ground now. It's like shining a light so all the homophobes out there know where to find us.

No Justice: The legal battle fought by Sharon Bottoms for custody of her 3-year-old son Tyler seemed to be happily resolved in June when an appeals court in Virginia threw out a previous ruling which said that Bottoms' Lesbianism made her an "unfit" mother.

But just as Gay readers were hailing the decision as a "breakthrough" and a "victory for Gay and Lesbian families," and Sharon told the boy he could "come home and live



with Mummy and April [her lover, April Wade]," a stunning reversal of fortune occurred. Bottoms' mother, who is challenging her daughter's custody of Tyler, filed an appeal of the latest decision to the Virginia Supreme Court. Until that decision is rendered, which could take up to 18 months, Tyler must



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remain in his homophobic grandma's custody.

What we have here amounts to the kidnapping of a child solely because of anti-Gay prejudice," said Evan Wolfson of Lambda Legal Defense. "The thought that the mother will have to wait, when the court has said she is a fit parent, is horrifying.'

"I'm not a hero," said a stoic Sharon Bottoms about all the publicity her case has garnered. "I'm just a mother trying to get her son

Here Come the Judge...and Zelda! Maybe our best hope for justice is in more Lesbian lawmakers and judges. Recent developments point to a better future.

In June, with little fanfare, the U.S. Senate approved the nomination of 47-year-old Deborah Batts to a federal judgeship. Batts is the first openly Gay or Lesbian judge appointed to the federal bench. She graduated from Radcliffe and Harvard Law School and worked for many years as a law professor at Fordham University and as a U.S. Attorney for Manhattan. Batts was nominated by New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and was approved by a voice vote in the Senate.

Batts told the Washington Blade that "my experience as a Lesbian, as an African American, as a mother, as a woman, form me as a person..." and will inform her decision-

Meanwhile, Sheila Kuehl, who played the brainy but boy crazy Zelda in the old Dobie Gillis TV show, won her Democratic primary and is likely to win a seat in the California State Assembly. After fleeing the homophobia of Hollywood, Kuehl went to law school and became a prominent civil rights attorney. And in New York, Karen Burstein is running in the Democratic primary for Attorney General of the Empire State. Kuehl and Burstein are just two of several dozen openly Lesbian candidates for office around the country.

write a diatribe about the O.J. Simpson case and male violence against women in general but didn't want to bum you out any further. In

Male Pathology: I've been tempted to

lieu of one of my "Men Are Pigs" columns, please accept the graphic appearing with this column as my definitive statement. It first ap-

Statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Group to Gather in Stevens Point

(Madison)- Action Wisconsin, a newly formed statewide Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual organization, has announced that it will gather in Stevens Point, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 13, 1994, at 2:00 p.m. in the College of Professional Studies building at UW-Stevens Point, Room 116 (lower lecture hall).

Dorothy Dean, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, will speak to the group as part of this program. Dean is a strong supporter of equal rights for Gay people.

Action Wisconsin is a network of Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men. Individuals from across the state have met in the state Capitol since January to form a congress linking groups from Racine to Superior. Organizing quickly to respond to the Radical Right, Action Wisconsin has developed a data base of organizations throughout Wisconsin, produced promotional materials, and created a united voice throughout the state via the press.

During its meeting at Stevens Point, Action Wisconsin members will talk about critical issues important to the LesBiGay community in Stevens Point and the surrounding area, discuss crucial statewide issues that will impact the LesBiGay community in the coming months, develop strategies to increase membership in Action Wisconsin, and affirm Action Wisconsin's platform.

'We're meeting and organizing across the state to fight for legislation that will promote legal recognition of families; to monitor the Radical Right and their anti-Gay agenda; to work for public school education about Les-BiGay culture and history; to assure current laws protecting our rights are enforced; and create a massive network of Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men," said Dale Johnson, Action Wisconsin Steering Committee member and President of The United.

Action Wisconsin will continue to meet across the state. "We will create an incredible

communications network that reaches every community--every Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual person and our allies," said Juliet Brodie, Action Wisconsin Steering Committee member.

"In the coming months, we'll be traveling throughout the state to meet with local activists in the smallest villages and the largest cities,'

Persons interested in receiving more information about Action Wisconsin, can write to: P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701.

Right Wing Magazine Says National Coming Out Day Makes Gays 'Worthy of Death'

(Milwaukee)- The latest issue of The Christian Interpreter, a Milwaukee-based magazine of the far Right Wing carries an article about National Coming Out Day scheduled for October 11.

The article, bylined to Kelly Dykema, talks about the ads for National Coming Out Day placed in Gay/Lesbian publications by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

The article reads in part, "With the words 'Helping to turn ignorance into acceptance, the ads encourage more homosexuals to 'out' themselves and to display what Christians call 'perversion worthy of death' in their lives.'

Dykema is listed as the "Chief Editor" of the publication. Reporters from The Christian Interpreter were said to have entered the PrideFest grounds and tried to video tape the crowd. A Pride official said that when they were accosted, they denied who they were.

Dykes To Watch Out For



peared on the cover of Second Wave, a women's liberation journal in the early '70's.

Lesbian Couples" at AfterWords: Carolyn Ruck's wonderful photo exhibit, 'Lesbian Couples of Southeast Wisconsin: will be on display through August at AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar, 2710 N. Murray on Milwaukee's east

The photos were unveiled at a wonderful session of Our Space in July at which Carolyn talked about the project and many of the participating couples spoke about their relationships. I especially appreciated the brave and honest comments made by several couples about the challenges and conflicts they have faced in their long-term relationships. If your missed Our Space, check out the show at AfterWords.

Mark Your Calendars: Get ready for two big events in late August. On August 24, the Log Cabin Club will host a reception for Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson at the Skylight Theatre from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Gunderson, who has been inching out of the closet, has been getting hit by both sides: Gays who think he's been dissembling and conservatives in the GOP who think his lavender tinge negates his good work during seven terms in

Gunderson is running for an eighth and final term and faces a primary challenge from his own party. (He represents the 3rd District in western Wisconsin.) Come out to meet our reluctant bro and judge for yourself. A donation to his campaign is appreciated. Call the Log Cabin Club at (414) 276-5428 for more

Finally, are you ready for Milwaukee's own Lesbo Variety Show? Well, it's coming, Saturday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Broadway Theatre Center at 158 N. Broadway. Sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance, the 14 acts include Julie Darrough, Diana Jones, MOOK, Shoreline Dancers, comedy, a short play and much more. The show will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

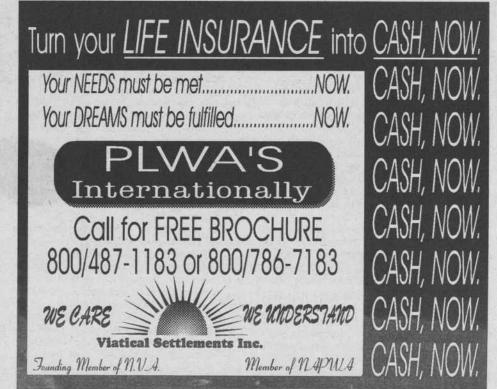
Tickets are \$10 and available at After-Words and Outpost Co-op at 100 E. Capitol Drive. Or mail a check with self-addressed stamped envelope to the LAMM Education fund, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. See you there!

Memorials For **Mayor Maier**

(Milwankee)- People wishing to give a memorial in memory of former Milwankee Mayor Henry W. Maier, can do so by giving to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) as Mayor Maier's family has suggested.

Interested individuals can send a check to ARCW specifying that the gift is in memory of the former mayor. All such gifts will be acknowledge by his wife, Dr. Karen

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'Midnight Cowboy': A Gritty, But Timeless Ride where Bohemia Meets Times Square

By Dolores Barclay

When Midnight Cowboy opened in 1969, it largely drew attention because it so boldly went where no other studio release dared to go. Its themes of Gay life, hustling and drug use, and its casual nudity and raw language made a potent brew for those times.

Twenty-five years later, much of what is seen in the Academy Award-winning movie is no perceived as tame: Two decades of naked bodies, copulating couples and a chain of fourletter words has anesthetized us.

No matter. The shock is gone, but the painful realism and the universality of a human bond make this movie a film for all ages.

With Joe Buck (Jon Voight), a bright-eyed but dim Texas country boy who hopes to make his fame and fortune by hustling women in New York, and "Ratso" Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman), a gimpy, seedy little con man, British director John Schlesinger etches an uncomfortable and harsh tableau of human despair and

The print made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Midnight Cowboy has been refurbished to brighten up some of the watered colors and tone down some of the scratchiness. The soundtrack, with Harry Nilsson's marvelous theme song, "Everybody's Talkin'," has been converted to Dolby Stereo.

There is an almost documentary quality to it, a gritty but timeless ride through the '60's; downtown bohemia meets Times Square

Ratso gives us one of the earliest portrayals of urban homelessness, and with Joe, he shows us the creativity that goes into day-today survival. It is an odd coupling, one of those incredible screen friendships that touches us, but perhaps not so deeply as it does someone who is Gay.

Lesbians or Gay men are probably the best equipped emotionally to understand the symbiosis between the two. A Gay man particularly would comprehend and feel the special and lovely bond that grows between the two, one that gives the film its immense humanity.

The characters are real: It's difficult to walk any city's streets these days without seeing Ratso Rizzo curled up in a doorway or hacking his way through a second-hand ciga-

And the Joe Bucks of the world still flock to the Big Apple, many still peeking out from beneath their Stetsons as they strut their stuff outside the Lysol-soaked adult movie houses of Times Square.

Ordinarily, Joe and Ratso seldom if ever meet, much less build a relationship. These two do and therein lies the supreme strength of this movie. This is a love story in the end, that few straights were ever able to see. It is that which is the source of the feeling. It is that which is the source of the tears.

Where the movie doesn't hold up--where it truly is trapped in time--is the party scene with its hallucinatory lights, outfits and music. It featured such '60's staples as Ultra Violet and Viva, both pals of Andy Warhol.

The opening sequence in Texas, and Joe's

cross-country bus odyssey, move very well. Schlesinger masterfully scissors in various seat partners and cuts back and forth from Joe's trip to his uncertain future and his dreary past. And Nilsson's song is the glue that holds it

Voight was a good choice for Joe Buckthe right balance between naiveté and male swagger. But he never utters the obscenities the Joe Bucks of today use with such abandon.

John Travolta couldn't have played this

role. He wouldn't dare.

After leaping to stardom in The Graduate, as the whining, aimless and pampered Benjamin, Hoffman created another character of great dimension with Ratso. Like Benjamin, it's a persona he's used in subsequent roles, most recently as the petty crook in Stephen Frears' Hero.

There are wonderful support performances by Brenda Vacarro, in her first major screen role as a wild lover, and the brassy Sylvia Miles as a brassy, tacky Eastside matron who has an afternoon fling with Joe. Miles is Joe's first client, and in a memorable scene, she actually gets him to pay her \$20 for a cab so she can meet her husband for dinner.

When first released, Midnight Cowboy was given an X rating by the newly created MPAA's Rating Board. There's nudity and a Gay encounter in a movie theater that focuses on John Voight's face. The rating was amended a few years later to R, reflecting how times have changed.

Midnight Cowboy opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on August 12, 1994 for a limited run.

Auditions Slated for 'Two Gentlemen of Verona' at Boulevard

(Milwaukee)- The Boulevard Ensemble is seeking actors and actresses of all ages and ranges for the first production of its 1994-'95 season. The Ensemble's production is Shakespeare's rollicking comedy, The Two Gentlemen of Verona.

Auditions will be held August 27-29 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. Auditioners should prepare a classical comic monologue no more than one minute in length. Call (414) 672-6019 for an audition appointment.

The play will be directed by Pat Acerra

and will be presented in October.

Scenes from Acting Workshop In September, the Ensemble will present performances of scenes from its Summer acting workshop. Scenes will be presented from Shakespeare and Tennessee Williams, as well as from other original works. Funds raised from the performances will go to benefit the Ensemble's first production of the season.

For further information, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director, at (414)

Appleton's Michael is Still 'Tania' and Now He is Coming Home

By Terry Boughner

A couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of interviewing Michael Scott (a.k.a. Tania Michaels) for the paper. That was in 1990. Now, after several years in California, (Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, to be exact), Tania's coming home.

It was a pleasant August day when I first met him for lunch at M&M's. I remember him as a good looking young man, with a warm, shy, yet somehow intense look about his light, sea-green eyes. I called him a romantic back then. From talking with him recently on the

phone, he hasn't changed.

"Tania is a persona," he said then. "She lets me do things I couldn't do in person." Perhaps this explains his great success in L.A., including his recent completion of a movie, Strange Days, with Juliette Lewis (Cape Fear and Kalifornia fame).

Is he Tania all the time? I asked. He chuckled pleasantly and replied, "A baker doesn't wear his hat all the time." I am reminded of the late, great Divine who said almost exactly the same thing.

Tania, who is originally from Appleton, calls himself an example of "a small town girl

who made good."

Not that it was all that simple or easy, it wasn't. His childhood was abusive and he had to grow up quickly. He did theatre at an early age along with some male modeling. But the theatre was and remains, he says, his prime

As did Divine, Tania, an actor, has found his vehicle of artistic expression in female impersonation. "Impersonation," he says, "is an art form, not a silicon contest.'

Tania is very comfortable as an impersonator and a Gay man. That security is necessary to the entertainer he is. "If straights think you're ashamed of being Gay," he says determinedly, "they'll be uncomfortable" and he wants them to be comfortable and enjoy his

Johnny Depp to Play Cross Dresser in New Movie, 'Ed Wood'

(New York)- Heartthrob, Johnny Depp, star of 21 Jump Street, Edward Sissorhands, What's Eating Gilbert Grape and other films is now to star in Ed Wood, the bio-pic of the cross dressing director, according to the latest issue of Rewind.

In an article by Amy Longsdorf, Depp said he spent hours wearing a bra and pumps. "Making the movie, I developed a profound respect for transvestites," he said.

Has he enjoyed all the publicity he's been

getting recently because of the role?

Quips Depp, "When you're at a urinal in a men's room and a guy walks in and starts asking about your personal life, at that point, I would say it's a little too much."

art-and learn from it.

Tania is a wild success in L.A., but it hasn't been easy. Can I say that you've "made it?" I ask. He answers that, no, I can't say that because he can't. There's still a long way to

Back in 1990, that road stretched out



Tania Michaels

ahead of him a lot farther than now. Since then, he's left Wisconsin and gone on to live in Minneapolis. There he was Miss Gay '90's in 1991 and Miss Gay Minnesota USA in 1992. After that came Hollywood. It was a big jump, but he made it.

Tania will be returning home after being two years away for the annual King Produc-tion's Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant at the Pivot Club in Appleton on September 10-11, 1994. Not only will this be a homecoming for him, but it will also be a celebration of his/her tenth anniversary as Tania Michaels.

I remember wondering just how Tania Michaels was and deciding at the end of the interview that he was a young man with an artist's future ahead of him.

That future is now.

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King of Filmdom--A scene from Walt Disney's hit The Lion King

Sexist? Racist? Violent? Homophobic? 'The Lion King' Gets Hit From All Sides

By David Foster

It's sexist. It's racist. It's homophobic. It's violent. It's even, perhaps a threat to democratic ideals. What kind of depraved entertainment could generate such bitter epithets? A Snoop Doggy Dog video? An Andrew Dice

Would you believe The Lion King, Disney's G-rated, coming-of-age saga that's well on its way toward becoming the highest grossing animated film in history? Believe it.

Some parents, psychologists and pundits read between the "lions" and see not family fun, but shocking violence and offensive stereotypes: subservient lionesses, jive-talking hyenas, an anti-Gay Uncle Scar, a father's

"The movie is full of stereotypes," Harvard psychologist Carolyn Newberger complained in an op-ed piece for The Boston Globe. "The good-for-nothing hyenas are urban Blacks, while the arch-villain is a cruel anti-Gay parody, speaking in supposed Gay

The movie's plot, according to some, is a sort of Hamlet-meets-Abbott-and-Costello-ina-jungle-Gay bar.

After Mufasa is murdered by Gay Uncle Scar and Simba, the heir apparent, runs off, Scar takes over and everything goes straight to hell. In between, there's lots of singing and dancing and a few bad vaudevillian jokes.

Criticism isn't new for Disney. Parents Some feminists are uncomfortable with the concerns with the characters.

prince-as-savior themes in Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, and Cinderella.

Most recently, Arab Americans and others have denounced the very Gay Aladdin. The former say the movie is racist. The latter complain Aladdin's too Gay.

Ann Adams of Cotuit, Massachusetts, complained about the scene most often criticized: the murder of Mufasa, in which the lion falls to his death as Simba, his son, watches. That scene has prompted some psychiatrists to recommend that preschoolers and sensitive older children not see the film.

Dr. Laurie Humphries, who heads a committee on television and the media for the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry calls the movie "wicked.

Then there's Scar's henchmen, those slobbering hyenas.

Jane R. Eisner of The Philadelphia Inquirer, found a harmful message in the helplessness of Scar's subjects, who wait for the royal Simba to save them.

'Anybody heard of 'empowerment?'", she

"These people need to get a life," said Disney spokeswoman Terry Press. "It's a story. It's fiction.'

Press said the movie's popularity speaks for itself. It grossed \$174.3 million in ticket sales in five weeks.

"People are going back again and again, so it must have some resonance," Press said. "I still fret about the death of Bambi's mother. can't get into addressing everyone's personal

Critic of Boswell's Book Makes Incongruous **Interpretations in Order to Avoid the Facts**

Commentary By Geno

The publication of Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe by Professor John Boswell has already stirred up its detractors.

A highly critical article in the current New Republic (July 21-28) by Brent D. Shaw now with the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton, contends that the more than fifty early Christian Church liturgies which Boswell claims are ceremonies for same-sex unions between two men "are not texts for marriage ceremonies." Shaw's objections are worth a closer look since they will be used again and again in this controversy. And they often don't

The descriptions of these rituals as "Offices for Same-Sex Unions" sure as hell ke marriage ceremonies and have most of the ritual elements found even in today's marriage ceremonies.

The priest bids the two celebrants to join their right hands, to place their hands upon the Gospel, to kiss the Gospel and exchange a kiss with the priest and one another. The declaration of love and fidelity which the two men make is similar in tone and language to marriage vows taken down through the ages. A public feast followed the celebration.

But Shaw declares that these were not marriages since they make no mention of the procreation of children. Duh! It sure would make sense to bid two men to go forth and be fruitful, wouldn't it?

Yet Shaw mentions, but passes over the fact that these same-sex liturgies are found in the same sections of the prayer books as the ceremonies for heterosexual marriages. He even accuses Boswell of running together a same-sex union with a man-woman ceremony which follows it. But that surely proves how close the two liturgies are in form and content.

Even though so closely associated with heterosexual ceremonies, describing these same-sex unions as marriages causes difficulties, especially for homophobes.

Boswell does call these ceremonials "Gay marriages," but he uses the term sparingly, preferring "Same-sex unions" or celebrations of "the Union of Two Men."

Shaw translates the Greek adelphopoiesin

as "creating brothers," and he therefore suggests that these rituals were similar to the joining of brotherhoods and incongruously mentions Mafia ceremonies for joining that organization. Oddfellows and, yes, the Mafia feature trowels, knives, swords, the sharing of blood, and very different sentiments from the spiritual vows found in the ecclesiastical documents.

Shaw suggests that the liturgies Boswell has published in his book in the original Greek with his translations into English might be some form of adoption, but adoption ceremonies follow in the manuscripts after the rites of heterosexual marriages.

The word "family," however, causes him problems since he admits that from Roman times, an unmarried man, his servants and slaves, and his household, was designated as family. Today, "family" has included a wide variety of relationships and two men joined in a same-sex union could easily fit that rubric.

Well, then, just what were these same-sex unions and what purpose did they serve?

The Church does not blithely inaugurate and perform elaborate public ceremonies like these for frivolous reasons. Boswell has uncovered 55 of these detailed liturgies, a rather large number considering that many more similar documents probably existed but did not

Boswell has put these liturgies into the context of their times (4th to 6th Centuries A.D.), and has traced historically various aspects of marriage and family formation, a twelve-year dedication to his task. He has done his research most thoroughly in 412 closely reasoned pages.

He is said to be terminally ill and may not be able to join the fray when negative arguments are put forth, though he has tried to anticipate many of them in his book. It is up to all clear and right thinking individuals to be alert to a critic like Shaw who often seems to argue against the very facts he cites or makes incongruous interpretations in order to keep from facing the facts of the documents themselves. Boswell, read him.

'The Adventures of Prescilla, Queen of the Desert': No Freedom Riders On This Bus

By Steve Warren

"Are you Gay?"

A simple question, and a fair one to ask of Stephan Elliott, who wrote and directed The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, in which three drag queens, one a transsexual, cross Australia in an old bus, bitching and lip-synching all the way.

His answer makes me glad I waited to ask until after enjoying his film and half an hour

of interview time.

Now 30 (but he probably still gets carded), Elliott is Hollywood's flavor of the month, and he knows it. "They want me desperately," he says. "Offers are pouring in. But they want me to do their scripts their way. They say they want me because I'm fresh and original and quirky, but then they won't let me be fresh and original and quirky.

Elliott grew up making super-8 movies and rose quickly through the ranks. His first feature, Frauds, was shown in competition at Cannes last year, winning him the go-ahead to make Priscilla, which he says he "churned out in about ten days" enroute to Cannes and rewrote only slightly during rehearsals.

The characters, Elliott says, were based on people. Cyndi Pastel, who inspired Tick/Mitzi, played by Hugo Weaving, went to Cannes with the filmmaker, bringing along his six-year-old son. In the film the boy is played by a nine-year-old who, Elliott says, "had a ball" making it. His script has the boy's mother come out as a Lesbian while Tick is off exploring his own Gayness, to show how accepting and open-minded the boy is.

Another child in the film created a problem. In a wonderful flashback to the childhood of the other transvestite, Adam/Felicia (Guy Pearce), he's almost molested by his uncle. Gramercy Pictures wanted to cut the scene for American release, Elliott says, but "I really dug in my nails over this one.

Priscilla's characters represent a new wave of drag queens that's come along in the last few years: "They don't do Shirley Bassey and Barbra Streisand anymore. Even the drag queens got tired of the old way and became more extreme. They had to. The women they were trying to impersonate had disappeared.

Finding his stars was no easy task. Elliott talks as if he wanted straight actors all along ("I wanted to really surprise the audience by casting people no one would suspect"), but later admits his initial call was for real drag queens. "None of them showed up," he says, 'except for one, who threw up on the casting couch. Two days into the casting we knew this wouldn't work.

So he went the other way, casting Pearce, a macho Aussie TV heartthrob, and Weaving, known for hetero roles. For the transsexual Bernadette, Elliott says, Terence Stamp, who wound up in the part, was "way down on the list because I thought, no way would he ever do this...Here we have a man who's been taking women's clothes off for years, and now he has to put them on.

"I chose three actors who absolutely threw themselves into it," the filmmaker goes on. "I could see in the screen tests that most actors were too frightened of what people would think, and they held back. The moment I

smelled fear, that was it." In the film, the drag queens evoke a vari-

ety of responses in rural towns they pass through. The reality was different. country's grown," Elliott says. "They didn't care." As for Sydney, where the journey begins, he calls it "an incredibly cosmopolitan, tolerant city. You can do anything in Sydney.

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Stamp, who hadn't been to Sydney in 20 years before starting the film, confirms: "One of the things that make Sydney so wonderful is their total acceptance of their third-sex com-

Initial audience reactions to Priscilla stunned Elliott, who says he knew people would be entertained by the comedy but didn't expect them to be moved by the tender mo-

The San Francisco International Film Festival brought Elliott a dual surprise. crowd was insane!" he reports. "They gave the picture a standing ovation." But then, at a Q&A session, "militant Gay groups started in on me. They said there was not enough about issues, not enough about AIDS...I told them, if you want to see that movie, you make it. I made the one I wanted to make.

"The Gay movement has suddenly become powerful and their agenda is being shoved down people's throats," Elliott says. "I believe in it. I believe it's gonna happen, but not overnight. The kiss on "Melrose Place" will happen, but not this year. You can't change people that fast. I made a deliberate effort to take it slow, to make a picture that could reach a huge audience. If I'd made it their [the activists] way, it would have been shoved into art houses and only queens would have seen it."

Aside from Tick's Lesbian wife, the only two females of any consequence in Priscilla are both caricatures. Asked why there were no "normal women" in his film, Elliott responds, "Most of the Gay men I know are misogynistic. They have very little contact with women.

Priscilla obviously had considerable Gay input, but the only person who is acknowledged to be Gay is Strykermeyer, a founding member of new-wave drag troupe "The Scary Fairies Show"; he's credited as hair and makeup artist and Executive Drag Consultant.

But what about Stephan Elliott, who knows Gay people well enough to portray them accurately on screen and supports the "Gay agenda," even if he's less impatient than some of us about seeing it realized?

"Are you Gay?" I ask him point-blank.
"I don't know," he says, looking me in the eye; "and I don't particularly care. There's a

bit of Hugo Weaving's [Bisexual] character floating around in me..

The answer might have been different in Australia a year or two ago, before those

Hollywood offers started pouring in. Stephan Elliott wants to entertain, not make bold statements. And that's his right. But somewhere there has to be someone with his ability to entertain, who will also make those statements for us. They must be made.

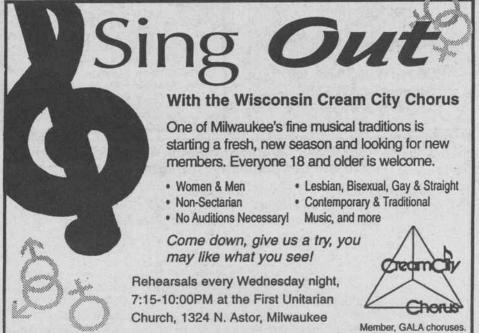
Cream City Chorus to Sing with Barry Manilow at State Fair

(Milwaukee)- If you're planning on attending the Wisconsin State Fair on August 12 to see Barry Manilow in concert, you'll be getting an added treat-back-up music provided by the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus.

Last year, the Chorus was invited to sing back-up for Manilow's Greatest Hits tour at the Marcus Amphitheater. Apparently he liked what he heard, because this year the Chorus has been invited to join him again. Those who attended the Chorus's Spring concert, No More Walls have heard the Chorus's reprise of his song, "Let Freedom Ring.

With the State Fair performance as a warm-up, the Cream City Chorus will be continuing rehearsals for the Fall '94 season the following Wednesday, August 17, at the First Unitarian Church of Milwaukee, 1342 N. As-

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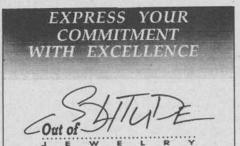
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Getting Votes Is More Important for Senator Herb Kohl Than Saving Lives

Commentary By Bill Meunier

With his vote to deny troubled Gay and Lesbian school children help from school counselors, Senator Herb Kohl, went over the edge. He should be kicked to the curb like the dog he is, Herb Kohl should get no help, and no votes from the Gay and Lesbian community or its friends and allies.

On August 1, 1994, Senator Herb Kohl forever, linked himself with the most vicious forces of homophobia. On that day he voted for one of the most insidious, odious and homophobic resolutions ever to come out of the mouth of Jesse Helms.

The Helms resolution said that no school or school district could receive federal funds if it teaches that "homosexuality is a positive lifestyle alternative" or if it distributed or taught from materials that did so or even if it referred a student to an organization that affirms "a homosexual lifestyle."

If this resolution becomes law, school psychiatrists and counselors can not even tell troubled Gay and Lesbian students that there is nothing wrong with them. Human Sexuality classes can not teach that homosexuality is normal and acceptable for some people and of course Gay and Lesbian clubs are out of the question.

Just as he did when he voted to deny us equality in the military, Herb Kohl came up his lame excuses. He claims his vote was a vote against promoting sexual activity in the schools. What clap trap, what an insult to our intelligence.

Does saving the life of a troubled teen promote sexual activity? If Kohl really meant what he said, then he doesn't know what he's doing. He should be drummed out of the Senate for terminal stupidity.

Where does the line get drawn by this legislation? Would telling students that Gay bashing is wrong constitute "supporting homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle?" Do psychology text books have to be thrown away? Do all of the Gay and Lesbian Student organizations have to leave the campus?

When Herb Kohl and the other homophobic bigots voted the Helms way, they told every Lesbian and Gay person in this country they believe we are inferior. They don't want an America where students learn that being Gay is equal to being straight.

To them getting votes was far more important than people's lives, winning an election outweighs everything else.

Senator Russ Feingold correctly understood all of the implications of this legislation. He voted against it. But then again Feingold is man of integrity. Kohl isn't.

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There are those who may say that like other Helms' amendments this one will be knocked out before final passage of the bill. All of this is just election year posturing they will say. That is nonsense. If we can't expect our elected officials to vote against something as obviously wrong as this amendment then there is no reason to keep them in office.

Furthermore Kohl has deep pockets. He can buy the next election, and he has a wide

lead he enjoys in the polls.

Ever since his vote to support the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" sellout, Kohl has been closely watched by Gays and Lesbians. Many of them had decided to vote for him holding their nose while they do it. The reasoning was that despite his vote against opening up the military, Kohl was still preferable to his likely Republican opponent, State Rep. Welch.

That reasoning went out the window when Kohl voted to put a death sentence on countless suicidal Gay and Lesbian teens seeking help through their schools. That reasoning went by the boards, when Kohl voted against teaching students that there was nothing wrong with being Gay.

When confronted over his vote on the military, Kohl said that he shouldn't be judged on just one vote. He asked that we judge him on all of his votes on our issues. Judgment has now been passed. Herb Kohl would need a 100 story ladder and a strong telescope just to see the bottom of the decency scale.

One has to wonder how many young teens reaching the realization that they are Gay, grow even more troubled by this vote. How many of those who admired Kohl will now view themselves as beyond hope thanks to his concern for votes.

We have right to demand that those who seek our support refuse to help or vote for Herb Kohl and that INCLUDES politicians who make endorsements. Would they support someone who voted to bar schools from saying being Black, or a Union member, or Jewish, or Hispanic is acceptable. If not they shouldn't support Herb Kohl for what he did either.

Its time we put them on notice. The word needs to go out to the Norquists, Soglins, Chvalas and Obeys of our state. Sharing a platform with or endorsing Kohl will be seen by us as supporting a homophobic bigot and we will act accordingly.

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Even if Gunderson doesn't get the nomination, it would still be better to let the Republicans win Kohl's seat in November and put a real Democrat in office in six years. It would be better to bounce him out on his ear.

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U.S. Senate Holds Historic Hearings on **Employment Non-Discrimination Act**

(Washington, D.C.)- A U.S. Senate hearing on July 29 on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) marks the first Senate hearing ever held on legislation that would extend any form of civil rights protections to Lesbian and Gay Americans.

The Labor and Human Resources Committee, chaired by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA), heard the stories of two people who suffered job discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation, as well as testimony from business and labor leaders in support of the bill.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), arranged the appearance of two key witnesses: Cheryl Summerville of Atlanta. who was fired from her job at Cracker Barrel restaurant; and Ernest Dillon of Detroit, who was harassed and beaten at work.

"I worked hard at my job, and my reward was getting fired for no good reason," Summerville told the committee. "The right to hold a job shouldn't be based on whether someone is Black or white, male or female, Gay or straight.'

Dillon filed an Equal Employment Opportunity claim after he was continually harassed

and eventually attacked at work.

"I turned to my union, my supervisors, my doctor and the court, only to find that, in America, I am not entitled to work without fearing for my life," Dillon told the commit-

"I want what every other American wants--the ability to work, to be treated fairly, to be judged by who I am, and to be free from discrimination and harassment.'

HRCF also recruited Warren Phillips, former CEO of Dow Jones & Co., to testify in favor of the bill.

"It has been the law of the land that employment discrimination is unacceptable based on race, gender, religion, ethnic origin or other non-performance-related considera-Phillips testified. "It is time to include sexual orientation. It is the right thing to do. It is the sensible thing to do. It is also the business-like thing to do.

The legislation has 30 co-sponsors in the Senate including Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI), and 120 in the House of Representatives including Congressman Tom Barrett (D-WI).

Gay Love and Straight Love; One is the **Absolute Equal of the Other**

Commentary By Thomas P. Heyl

The other day, I ran into my older sister, Sarah, her husband, Mark (I call him "Hezekiah") and their five kids. This is never a pleasant experience for me. For one thing, they're Right Wing Christians. You know the type. They're the kind that hang on our society like bats in a belfry. The only vacation they ever take is when they go on a guilt trip.

Still, we stopped and talked, I being as cordial as could be. My boyfriend, Robby, was with me. We were holding hands, which in Sarah's and Hezekiah's bemused brains is "committing a homosexual act in public.

Hezekiah (who looks like an overstuffed. chair), looked at us darkly, like a fat gargoyle getting ready to pounce. He never has been able to figure out why a truly just god hasn't struck us dead

"Not in front of the children!" Sarah hissed, looking like a nun who'd just found a toad in her desk.

I glanced about. The kids were off somewhere, pulling wings off flys, I suspect. My nephews and nieces aren't very nice, but then youth is not synonymous with virtue, is it?

"Ain't you got no respect for a family?" Hezekiah entoned. At that moment, he looked like a bishop slightly taken with wine.

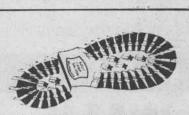
As I'd told them before, I have a great deal of respect for the family. Robby and I both see it as the bedrock of modern life, a shield against the storms and buffeting of outrageous fortune, so to speak. That's why Robby and I want to form one--as we will, if all goes well.

Sarah, Hezekiah and their like argue that there should be laws protecting the family. Robby's response and mine is, "Why bother? Why waste the time?" If you're going to do that, why not pass another law requiring water to run downhill? Coming together to form a family is as natural as the stars wheeling in their courses.

Gays and Lesbians have extended families too. They're couples, singles, people we call "friends," but the feeling is really different HERB KOHL from that. It's closer. They're more like uncles and aunts, cousins and even in-laws. They're people we get together with at holidays and throughout the year.

Sometimes we choose them. Sometimes life chooses them for us. But however it hapmatter how many arguments you have, it would be hard to imagine a holiday or similar occasion without them. They're family, after all.

Hezekiah huffed on about the family for awhile and how Robby and I couldn't know anything about that. Robby swears that man is like the peace of god. He passes all understanding.



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gentle almond-shaped eyes. "Tommy and I may get married," he said. That was calculated to bring an explosion--and it did. Hezekiah ranted on about how we couldn't get married. It was "absolutely impossible. There were still laws, he belched, like a fish in

a stagnant pond trying to get air.
"You can't have children," Sarah put in sounding like a prune given the power of

The response was predictable. As I knew, Sarah and Hezekiah think the sole and only purpose of sex in marriage is to have kids.

Robby's and my response to that is if that's the case, they how are humans any different from the barnyard cats?

They (and all the other animals) are born, they live, they eat, the procreate and they die. The whole process then begins again with the next generation and so, on and on. They live to exist.

Humans, on the other hand, can know and experience love. It is love that unites two people and sex that expresses that union and deepens it. That applies if you're Gay or straight.

As Robby says, unlike the animals, we humans don't live to procreate. We live to love. Sometimes, in heterosexual couples, the effect is children, but sometimes not. In any case, children are not the purpose, but a byproduct of the act of union that both Gays and

That's why, he says, Gay love and straight love are equal, one is the absolute equivalent of the other.

Sarah and Hezekiah soon went on their way, saying before they left they would pray

"Which way?" Robby asked. "Which

Editor's Note: The writer is a syndicated columnist resident in Dallas, Texas.

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The Kennedy Amendment

Shortly after the vote on the Helms amendment, the Senate approved an amendpens, they come into our circle--or we into ment offered by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA).

The Kennedy amendment which passed by a vote of 99-0, would prohibit the direct use of federal moneys to "promote or encourage sexual activity" of any kind, thus providing an alternative to the Helms language.

Because the House of Representatives already passed a similar, but not identical amendment, the fate of all the amendments will be decided in September in a Sen-Then, I saw a impish glint in Robby's soft, ate/House conference committee chaired by Kennedy and Rep. Bill Ford (D-MI).

In the House, Rep. Mel Hancock (R-MO) introduced a similar measure that was diluted by Rep. Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA). The Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) and the Rev. Lou Sheldon staged a press conference in March with Hancock and lobbied heavily for the amendment.

In introducing the Senate amendment, Smith and Helms used the same materials used during the Hancock/TVC press conference.

"that Gay youth are more likely to attempt suicide because of the societal prejudice and hatred exemplified by Senators Smith and Helms.

Al Kielwasser, of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) of San Francisco, called the Helms amendment "nothing less than a death sentence for Gay

Hollywood Genius, David Geffen, Is the Most Powerful Openly Gay Man in America

David Geffen, music mogul and movie entrepreneur, is being called "the most powerful openly Gay man in America," and as a "Hollywood business genius" in the most recent issue of Playboy and on the AP wires. In the magazine's interview, Geffen is cited, not only for his wealth (he's reportedly worth more than \$1.2 billion), but as a close friend of President Bill Clinton.

He is also cited as being "one of the most important forces" in the movement for equal rights for Gays since he came out in 1980.

For example, in the furor over lifting the ban against Gays in the military, Geffen, along with David Mixner, was a strong voice for lifting the ban. Geffen took out full-page ads in the newspapers making his position crystal

But for all of this, he is perhaps best known (at least recently), for being the producer of Interview With the Vampire that stars the exquisitely sensual Tom Cruise.

If you remember, Anne Rice who wrotethe book on which the movie is based, made the vampire, Lestat, Gay. Cruise is reported to have refused to play him Gay. Rice doesn't think Cruise is exactly made for the part. She, instead, wanted Julian Sands.

In the interview in Playboy, Geffen treats all the fuss with a shrug, saying that all the worry about "Tom in this part" will disappear when people see the movie.

As to Rice's claims that she should have been consulted, he reminds the interviewer that Margaret Mitchell had nothing to do with Gone With The Wind. She and other authors sell their rights. That's it.

As to being Gay, Geffen says that he knew he was interested in men from an early age, but repressed it. "I did not want to be Gay," he's quoted as saying. "Or, should I say, I did not want to be what I had been conditioned to believe a Gay man was."

So, "I decided I was straight, which is not same thing as being straight," he said.

He dated Cher for some time and loved her, but when the relationship ended, he knew he had to finally come to terms with himself.

It took until the end of that relationship [with Cher] for me to realize that I couldn't be straight," he said. "I had been living a lie."

Geffen is asked about the struggle of Gays for equal rights. "I know there are very strong forces in America against the advancement of civil rights for anybody, let alone Gay people," he said. The anti-civil rights movement he sees being led by the "Christian Right."

"In this country, they would like to send us back to the Dark Ages," he said.

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demns those who do it in the strongest terms.

"I think it's terrible," he said. "People's lives have been ruined, not because they are Gay-being Gay is not a ruinous condition-but because it was made to seem like a bad thing by those supposedly proud Gays doing the

'It has been used as a weapon," he said. 'Look, all of us lead individual, singular lives. We all make our own choices. It might just be that a closeted Gay person is keeping it a secret because of a career, a parent, his or her children. We do not live in a perfect, enlightened world--and until we do, none of us should sit in judgment. Empathy works both

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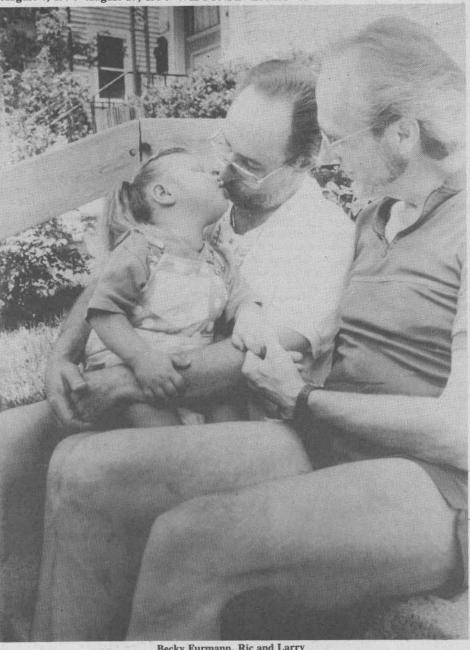
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Becky Furmann, Ric and Larry

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a few grains of rice.

She knows her family is a little different, Larry says, but she's proud of her parents. "She tells people, 'I don't have a mama because my mama's sick but I got a Papa and a

Both Papa and Daddy are lean men with bifocals, graying beards, thinning hair and deep smile lines. They have been together for eight years. Their Bay View home has a few antiques on high shelves and a few toys strewn around the living room floor. A friendly German shepherd named Kelly helps them keep an eye on Becky.

Ric had always wanted children. Larry didn't. Still, they wanted to do something for AIDS children, so in 1989, they moved to Atlanta to open a home for parents and children with the disease. "We lost our shirts," Larry recalls, and they moved back to Milwaukee.

A little later, Ric happened to be holding a baby with AIDS. It just looked right to Larry. They promptly volunteered to become foster parents of children with AIDS. The Milwaukee County Department of Human Services responded warmly, even after learning they were a same-sex couple.

Usually it takes more than six months to get a foster home license. They were licensed in only two months. Immediately, a Milwaukee AIDS Project worker called to see if they'd take a little girl. Sight unseen, they said

Then they saw her, Larry laughingly re calls: "The most beautiful little bald-headed girl you ever wanted to see. Absolutely gorgeous. Big blue eyes. Her Daddy picked her up and she looked at Daddy--and put a finger all the way up his nose." That was three years

At Human Services' request, they adopted her a year ago. Because of state laws, only one of them is the legal parent, but the court knows she really has two parents. During picture-taking after the procedure, the judge told Becky he wanted to stand between her "two fathers." As part of the adoption, Ric and Larry combined their last names into "Furmann."

They have agreed to publicity, not to turn Becky into "the crypto poster child," although that happened, they say, but to try to encourage people to be careful about AIDS. And one

"We're hoping that there could be other people out in our community that would be wonderful caregivers to kids but never thought it would be possible," Larry says. "We never had any idea of how much she would give us.'

Their best support has come, not from the Gay community, but from their church, Bay View United Methodist. When they first told the minister about their plans to become foster parents of an HIV-infected child, the minister said they would reveal "Where Christ is or isn't" in the church.

Slowly, with education, the congregation united in support, helping with meals or money when necessary. One mother, initially opposed Becky's presence, now lets Becky hold her new baby. Three times a week, Becky attends four-year-old kindergarten at the church school.

She's a normal little girl except for Fred, that line in her chest. It's a big exception. "Everything is Fred," Ric says as he and Larry prepare for Becky's bedtime by methodically filling seven hypodermics of various medications for injection into Fred or the Big Fred bag.

Ric stays home full-time to care for Becky. A nurse used to come in five days a week, but that stopped and now Larry stays home too. Becky needs care day and night. Sometimes they feel a little isolated. It's hard to find a registered nurse to provide respite care so they can get an evening out.

Becky has almost died three times. Her Tcell count is about 8. She can't tolerate AZT. Both of us would gladly give our own lives for her. Realistically, we don't know how long she's going to live.' We try to live daily," Larry says.
"We've done the mechanics," he contin-

"We've developed the celebration of her life along with our pastor and bought cemetery plots and all that type of stuff, but we can't be prepared for the emotions.

Last Christmas, Becky suddenly called her Daddy over in a serious voice and told him, 'I'm going to die.

She knows about death because friends have died. Since then, she and Larry have had deep talks about when she "goes out," as she describes death. Larry remembers one talk in

'She told me one night that she wanted to see Jesus. She told me, 'I want to tell him that I love him and I want to hold his hand so I'm not afraid.'

'I said, 'Honey, I'll be happy you'll be with Jesus and have no more tummy pain, but I'll be very, very sad when you have to go.

'And she said, 'Papa, I'm not going for a

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For Milwaukee's 'Shepherd Express' It Was a Very Near Thing

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None of this is as far-fetched as it sounds. The paper, a long-time fighter for progressive ideals, came close, very close, to death. In fact, as of 5:04 p.m. Friday, July 29, 1994,

the paper was effectively dead.

Marty Genz, publisher and one of the founders of the Shepherd had determined back in March to sell the paper to out-of-town interests. Negotiations had begun. The only problem was that Genz neglected to inform the employees who retained right of first refusal on the sale of company stock.

It was when a couple of prospective buyers showed up at the offices that the employees found out. They offered to match any outside offers. That was ignored.

On July 24, the company's board of directors suspended Genz and changed all the locks.

On Friday, July 29, Editor, Doug Hissom was served with a court order prohibiting the staff from putting out the paper.

On Saturday, July 30, paper employees and friends gathered in a parking lot next to the Shepherd's offices. A more earnest and dedicated group it would be hard to imagine.

Ed Garvey, lawyer for the employees told them that "this was all about if the Shepherd would be locally controlled or not."

"The last thing anybody wants," Garvey said, "is to see the Shepherd sold to Pat Robertson or anyone else. We want to make sure it's independent.

Hissom spoke to the crowd, giving a speech that no one questioned, came straight from the heart.

At that point, no one knew if there ever would be a Shepherd Express again. It's important to remember that.

"Everyone," Hissom said, "keeps saying why would you want to by that [the Shepherd], you know. There's no assets to newspapers. But that's what bean counters don't understand, what newspapers are.

"Newspapers are the people. They're the readers of the paper. People who count money for a living can't see that. So, if they don't want to take our money, we'll start another paper. It may not be called the Shepherd Express, but it'll be the Shepherd Express. It'll

just have another name.

'We're gonna go and do it again. We're goin' put up with no money again. Everything all over again.

"The paper's a living thing," Hissom said, now in tears.

As one observer noted, "It was the single most moving statement of belief and dedication to the ideal of the art of journalism that I have ever heard.

On Sunday afternoon, Scott Kerr, the paper's news editor, called Wisconsin Light.
"We did it!" he said. The excitement in his deep voice was impossible to conceal. "It was a victory for the workers. For once the work-

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WI CAN I BORROW YOUR RED DRESS?: Steve, GWM, discreet, CD into being with CD'ers. You are good looking. #11250

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

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

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

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

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.

WI WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT: 21 yr. old looking for some one 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. \$\mathbb{2}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.

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

vaukee 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

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

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 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

Fau 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.

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.

Milwaukee _/t_ + (*)= 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

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 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.

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 GHM. I live at home and am looking for versatile men to share in good times. #30037

Milwaukee HE'LL UNDERSTAND: 38 yr. old rants 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 w 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 earn from. Hairy a plus. \$20763

Eau Claire DON'T LET ME BE: 5'9", GWM seeks someone 21-40 yrs, ald with any ki 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 swmr'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. =27340Milwaukee 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, blande 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.

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

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

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

ee MONDO BONDAGE: Sub TV seeks guy for wild times and B&D. I am very clean and

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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.

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.

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

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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

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. 1 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

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.

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

Mlwaukee 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

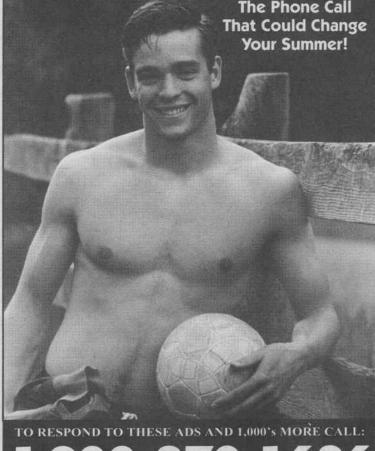
Milwaukee YOUR CALL: Seeking a hot blk guy. 28 yr old white male for a long or short term situation. #23515

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



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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#

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#

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#

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

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

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

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

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

Don, BiWM, 33, 5'8, 165, brown hair, hazel eyes, mus

tache, 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

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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#

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#

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

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

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

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

GM, Erin, 24, quiet, sincere, like music, astrology, ISO a monogamous, fun male,21-35. (Call Thru) Box# 2526 Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM, 25 and over. Box# 2742

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

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

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

GWM, 35, 6'2, 180, brn hair/eyes, clean shaven, like legs and feet. Box# 7199

GBM, Mike, 35, slim, attractive, ISO GBM, bottom, 30-50, attractive, slim-med. build, for discreet fun. **Box#**

GWM, Jay, 25, ISO another M, 25-35, for fun. (Call Thru) Box# 9973

Hot Italian, Jack, 35, dark hair/eyes, 5'4, 170. (Call Thru) Box# 8674

partner for fun and good times. Box# 8397

Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO sincere partner for fun and pos. rel. (Call Thru)

Randy, 30, brn. hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 140, 28-inch waist, ISO guy my age or younger. **Box# 1474**

Jason, 21, photographer, 5'9", 135, blonde hair, green eyes, ISO muscular, dominate, macho guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 8130

Two long-haired young dudes ISO other long-haired young dudes. We're into alternative/rock music, the outdoors, and camping. Box# 3224

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

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

Jim, hot, bottom, 32, 5'9", 150, short beard, dark hair, good-looking, trim, hairy, open-minded. Willing to get into anything that makes you feel good. Box# 2957 GWM, Cory, 18, romantic, looking for fun. (Call Thru) Box# 2313

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

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

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

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

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

Michael, GWM, ISO another GM. Box# 6562

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

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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, discreetion 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 stero-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

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.

Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who

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

art, music, dancing, ski-ing, ISO special man to show me good times. Box#1719

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

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.

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

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

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#

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

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

Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381

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

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

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

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)

non-feminine, not into drugs or games, ISO similar guys. (Call Thru) Box# 4928

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

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#

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

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 relationshp. 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) 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)

GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. Box# 8604 Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tatoos, 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, agressive, 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

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

Bob, 47, WM, ISO BM, well-endowed for fun. Box# Saral, 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. Billy, good-looking, WM, 30, 6'2, 195, good shape, ISO GM for friendship, possibly more. (Call Thru) Box#

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#**

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



Women seeking Women

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

Couples

WC, fun, interactive. She - 5'8, very attractive, 135. He - bi, 5'10, 140, ISO couples or singles for good times. (Call bi, 5'10, 140, 13 Thru) Box# 4318



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Tyrone, GM, 23, call. Box# 6310 (Call Thru) Box#

can service. I aim to please. (Call Thru) Box# 2967

John, young, very hand-some, runway model, likes

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

(Call Thru) Box# 5782

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

WM, Shawn, escort, 26, 6'1, 150, strawberry blonde, blue

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

GWM, Garrett, 27, ISO young, GWM. (Call Thru)

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

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

straight-acting and looking as well. Box# 1778

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,

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Baloney, B.S. and **Outright Bull**

By Bill Meunier

Wisconsin has a rarity in this next election, a Gay Republican candidate. Scott Evertz, is running for the State Assembly.

Despite my fear that the Republicans may manage to take control over the State Assembly, I read Mr. Evertz's comments in the last issue of Wisconsin Light with as open a mind as I could. I hoped that Evertz would convince me that he should be elected. And I honestly DO want to see more Gay and Lesbian candidates in BOTH parties. What I read was a disappointment.

Evertz said that he is running because we need to elect officials who vote our way 100% of the time. Yet he refused to categorically state that he would support Tammy Baldwin's Domestic Partnership Legislation. When a candidate uses the word "if" he/she is hedging. Mr. Evertz said "If that is the legislation that stands the greatest chance of passing, I would support it, but I still favor same sex marriage.

"The greatest chance of passing" as compared to what? And is there any reason that we shouldn't allow people the opportunity to choose between registering as domestic partners or getting married? Sounds like Mr. Evertz wants to legislate morality. It seems he thinks same sex relationships sanctified with marriage are better than those that are just

Evertz said that he had a problem with Domestic partnership legislation because it doesn't allow heterosexual couples to have the same benefits as Gay and Lesbian couples. Any Domestic partnership that I am aware of, covers straight AND Gay/Lesbian couples. Does Evertz think we are so foolish that we don't know that? Or does his statement show his lack of understanding and knowledge about the fight for equal rights?

Perhaps that's what his Republican masters told him and being a good loyal party member he believed them.

Evertz also said "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 its a very, very small proportion."

Really now Mr. Evertz. You don't KNOW if you felt uncomfortable when confronted with the sight of thousands of Republicans screaming with joy as Pat Buchanan and others declared war on us? If Evertz doesn't know if he was offended and made uncomfortable by what happened in Houston you have to wonder what would have to happen to make him

While Evertz may claim the number of homophobic Republicans are small in number, the opposite seems to be true. Fewer than 10% of the Republicans in Congress voted to open up the military. One of the most homophobic Congressmen of all time, Newt Gingrich is in line to take over the Minority Leader's post in the House of Representatives.

And homophobic platform planks have been routinely passed without debate by the national party at every convention.

Evertz also claimed that he knows of some "ultra conservative Republican legislators" who are supportive of Gay and Lesbian rights. Which rights would those be? And who are these secret allies? Perhaps Evertz needs to define what he means by the word supportive."

These "supporters," have been awfully quiet about that support. Frankly I think he is naive or he needs to redefine what he means by the word "supportive." Saying that you won't vote to put us in camps does not translate into supporting our rights.

Like a typical politician running on behalf of a homophobic political party, Evertz played a few other games with his comments. He said that "Some of my more conservative friends in the Republican party have indicated they would be more in favor of same sex marriage legislation instead of Domestic Partnership legislation.

The implication here is that conservative Republicans would support Same Sex Marriage Legislation. The reality is something else. Note Evertz didn't say these people would actually support same sex marriage legislation, only that they preferred it to Domestic partnership. I am sure the fact that Same Sex Marriage Legislation would never pass and Domestic Partnership Legislation might has nothing to do with that preference.

And let's not forget Evertz's statements about those good old "Republican values," like

concern about crime, or taxes or "dozens of other issues." Of course everyone knows that Democrats aren't in favor of lower property taxes, love crime, and are against the general public on "dozens of other issues."

It would be nice to tell you that Mr. Evertz is an exciting Gay man who would be asset to us if he was elected. It would be nice, but it would be more B.S.

I hope that we see more Gay and Lesbian Republicans running for office. Certainly there we could use the help. There are some very good people in the Log Cabin Club who would have been good candidates worthy of the support of the Gay and Lesbian community. Unfortunately, Mr. Evertz isn't one of them.

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sponsored a bill that died in the Assembly Education Committee because the legislature is getting more conservative. The Republicans are more conservative. The Democrats are more conservative. But it was a piece of legislation that required that when schools talked about sex education, that they do so in an accurate way.

They have started using curricula in some school districts around the state and country that is very inaccurate and uses a lot of stereotypes, both about sexual behavior of women and about men. They have included misinformation about the use of condoms and they certainly have included misinformation about Lesbians and Gay men.

WL: Do you plan to introduce that bill

BN: Yes, I'm hoping to reintroduce it and see if we can go with it.

This session I also began working on something that I hope that can still be pursued, but the legislature is such that it may be diffi-

There was a decision rendered by the State Supreme Court called the "Norman Decision" that said that essentially landlords could discriminate against people when they determined who they might rent to. I want to develop some legislation and am now working with Rep. [Tammy] Baldwin [D-Madison] to ban that kind of discrimination. My concern again is that I'm not sure the climate is good in the legislature to pass this.

I've met with some of the Republican leadership and they're not real interested in it. I'll see where we can go with that.

I've sponsored and co-sponsored legislation to deal with universal health care coverage and have made sure with Rep. [Tim] Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) and others that that includes coverage for AIDS. There will be no denial for a pre-existing condition.

I've also done a lot of work in the area of women's rights. I am emphatically pro-choice. I have voted that way. I have sponsored legislation that demonstrates that.

My opponent was, back in the '80's, the Development Director for Wisconsin Right to Life. He was a paid employee for them.

I support the legislation that would repeal the criminal statutes relating to abortion. I oppose parental consent legislation. I have sponsored legislation to provide public funding for

I've done a lot of work on sexual harassment specifically related to women, but it is also very true that men are harassed on the job as well. Women sometimes forget that. I am going to continue working on that in the next session.

I have a very strong commitment to the idea that Gay and Lesbian people are a tremendous resource in our community and they should be treated as such.

WL: Would you support Rep. Baldwin's nestic nartners legisl

marriage bill as well as the domestic partnership bill. I will support either one. I will support both. I talked to her yesterday. She's still drafting both of them. I will be of help to her in any way that I can.

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We need to do more in the state and nation in terms of AIDS research, more in terms of treatment, more in terms of services for people in the AIDS community, and more to ensure there is no discrimination against people living with AIDS.

It's fundamental to me that people of all sorts have talents and are valuable and we should invite them to participate in our soci-

WL: Can you win this race?

BN: Yes. I respect what Scott is doing. I understand that his goal is to run as an out Gay man, but he's picked the wrong district in the sense that this [the 19th] is not a Republican district. It is a district that is predominately Democratic. Republican candidates are not viable in this kind of a district.

I count among my supporters leaders in the Lesbian and Gay community. They know my record over the years. I am optimistic that most of them will stay with me

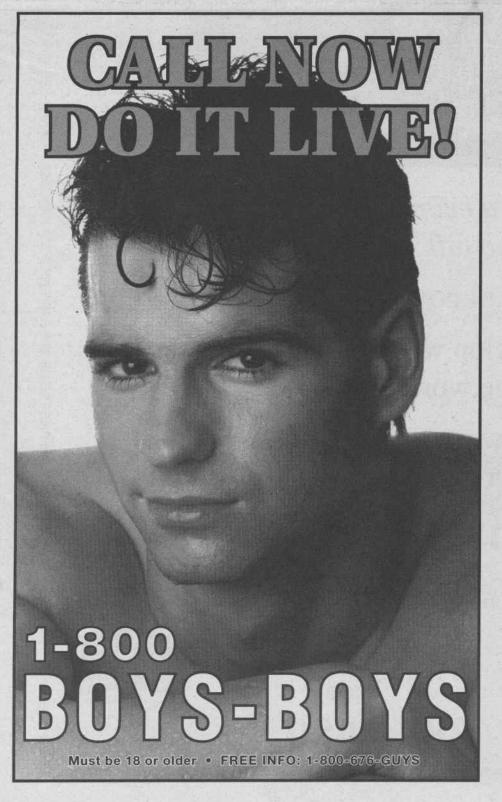
WL: Any candidate, I think, is looking for "eager hands." Are you?

BN: Yes. People who would like to volunteer can call me at my home at (414) 963-2188. I'm looking for people to help in all as-

pects of the campaign.

WL: Do you think the Republicans will

take over the Assembly this time? BN: I don't see a scenario in which they Republicans take over the Assembly. We've got people who have "fire in their belly." I expect we're going to win several seats in Dane County. It's going to be a tough year, but I think we'll hold the Assembly and there's





Why Does Mainstream Media Treat Right Wing Christian Groups With Kid Gloves?

Commentary By Al Geiersbach

I can't understand why the press is so gentle with the so-called "Religious Right," the so-called "Conservative Christians." The best I can think is that editors and reporters are simply ignorant of what is actually being done by these Fundamentalist-evangelicals, or "Christians" as they style themselves.

Conservative Christians are handled with kid gloves by the news media, yet when there is even the mildest criticism of them, they complain that they are victims of nazi-like persecution. This appeal to martyrdom is belied by the scurrilous propaganda that these "Christians" publish. Those who circulate the sort of distorted, hate-filled propaganda that emanates from conservative Christian sources are themselves more likely candidates of the "nazi" label than are those whom they accuse.

Consider the case of "filthy homosexual practices." It has now become the habit for conservative Christians, in their speech, letters, printed material, video tapes, and radio and TV broadcasts, to accuse homosexuals of "filthy practices," such as "feces eating." When these Christians resort to numbers in an attempt to lend credence to their charges, their claim is that something like 92% of homosexuals derive sexual pleasure from "feces

Compare this "feces eating" propaganda with some of Hitler's anti-Semitic propaganda, such as the film, The Liberal Jew, which, among many other vile distortions, alternated a picture of an evil looking man with a large, hooked nose, with a picture of a scraggly rat crawling around. Compare and decide who is the nazi and who the victim of the nazi in America today; decide who deserves to be handled with kid gloves.

As Jews have been victims of the "blood libel" spread by certain Christians in certain periods of history, so Gays and Lesbians are now victims of the "feces libel" that is being spread today in America by conservative Christians who claim to "love their neighbors as themselves."

The "feces libel" originates from the work of the Josef Goebbels of the conservative Christians, Dr. Paul Cameron, a 54-year-old psychologist who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. Cameron's original attempts to vilify homosexuals have been carried forward and developed by California physician Stanley Monteith in the video tape The Gay Agenda, and in the fund-raising videos promoted by Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, D. James Kennedy, and other Christian propagandists.

Today, conservative Christians widely circulate Cameron's many libels against Gays and Lesbians in the growing body of printed literature and video tape propaganda that attempts to influence voters to deny Gays and Lesbians protections from discrimination in housing and employment. It is reported that conservative Christians have raised millions of dollars marketing hatred.

Cameron started his campaign of anti-Gay vilification in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he operated as ISIS, the Institute for the Scientific Investigation of Sexuality. Among his activities while operating in Nebraska was the issuance of a series of anti-Gay pamphlets such as "Murder, Violence and Homosexuality." This typical Cameron pamphlet, with a 1984 copyright, shows on its cover a picture of a young girl cowering in a corner, a look of terror on her face, her arms raised to fend off an attack from a male holding a large hatchet above her.

Cameron was expelled from his professional organization, the American Psychological Association, in 1983. The American Sociological Association warned its members against him and denounced his representation of himself as a sociologist. The Nebraska Psychological Association dissociated itself from him and his activities.

Cameron moved from Nebraska to Washington, D.C., and moderated his propaganda, giving it a more academic cloak. Pamphlets similar to "Murder, Violence and Homosexuality" are still being issued by Cameron's Washington, D.C. group, the Family Research Institute, but he has toned them down and changed some of the scurrilous pictures.

Cameron's connection with "feces eating" originates in a large survey he did of sexual practices in 1983. The study had a phenomenally high rejection rate of 52.5% and was so flawed in other respects that it has never been published in a reputable scientific journal.

Cameron resorted to the pay-forpublication "vanity" journal, Psychological Reports, to publish his data in a number of articles, and he now gives his hate pamphlets a cloak of respectability by citing his own publications in that journal.

The main source of the conservative Christian statistics vilifying Gays, and the origin of the data that developed into the "feces libel," is Cameron's 1989 Psychological Reports paper, "Effect of Homosexuality Upon Public Health and Social Order." It is of interest because it shows the process of distortion that has been progressively used by con-

servative Christians in arriving at "the filthy homosexual practice of feces eating."

One of the major flaws with Cameron's data is that he only had 41 survey respondents who identified themselves as homosexual men, and only 25 homosexual women. No reputable researcher would attempt generalizations about an entire population from such a small number, but that is exactly what Cameron did. Indeed, Cameron added Bisexuals to his "homosexual" group in some cases to make the numbers look worse.

The responses of heterosexuals to Cameron's survey questions showed that what conservative Christians have come to label "filthy practices" are not confined to homosexuals. To give maximum force to his campaign to vilify Gays and Lesbians, Cameron could not publicize the numbers showing the large participation of heterosexuals in these activities, so he resorted to the trickery of showing percentages instead of actual figures.

In Cameron's pamphlets he often doesn't even show percentages, let alone the actual numbers of respondents easily derivable from his published paper, but only invidious comparisons, such as that "homosexuals are 6 times more likely to engage in sex with animals." This approach allows him to avoid showing the percentages as well as the actual numbers of heterosexuals engaging in "filthy practices."

By not quantifying heterosexual participation at all, Cameron induces the impression that these "filthy practices" are overwhelmingly a homosexual phenomenon, which is in fact, the exact opposite of the truth as shown by his own numbers.

Conservative Christians start at the level of Cameron's pamphlets, with their invidious and distorted comparisons based on the misuse of highly unreliable data. Conservative Christians do not bother to check the validity of the fig-

ures they use in their propaganda. Worse still, they have resorted to progressively more demonizing terminology to accompany their faulty numbers as their propaganda has gone through new editions and stages of development.

For example, Cameron's original 1989 paper did not talk of "feces eating." The actual question Cameron asked in his survey was whether the respondent had ever engaged in "oral-anal contact." In the hands of conservative Christians, "oral-anal contact" has been twisted over the few years of evolution of their propaganda to "feces eating." And that perversion of Cameron's work typifies the way in which conservative Christian propaganda has evolved from promotion of "family values" to the highly successful money-raiser that the libel of "filthy homosexual practices" has become for them.

Cameron's own work shows that "feces eating" (oral-anal contact) can in no way be fairly characterized as a "filthy homosexual practice." If anything, it is more accurately termed a "filthy heterosexual practice."

In Cameron's survey, as the 1989 Psychological Reports paper indicates, he found 51 male and female homosexuals who admitted to having engaged in oral-anal contact. But he also found 1006 heterosexuals who admitted the same thing. That is, of 1057 survey respondents who said they had participated in what conservative Christians call "feces eating," 95% identified themselves as heterosexuals

By their hateful actions, conservative Christians make themselves unworthy of "kid glove" treatment, and they certainly are not entitled to the cloak of the martyr.

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Praise for Evertz

TO THE EDITOR:

I was very pleased to see the front page coverage given to the announcement of Scott Evertz's

candidacy in the 19th Assembly District. We need to have more Gay and Lesbian people running for office. The fact that he is running as a Republican is even better. It presents to the public a diverse view of our community.

We already have one great openly Lesbian legislator and adding a Gay man would show the political establishment and the straight community, that we are willing to fight for our own rights-not just rely on "friends" to fight for us. We can hardly expect others to stand up for us if we aren't willing to stand up for ourselves.

Just look at a certain U.S. Senator who, when running for election, courted our votes and claimed to be "Nobody's Senator but yours." Then, just a couple of short years later, voted for a resolution which declared Gays and Lesbians to be incompatible with military service. This is what we call a friend?

There are other examples in the Wisconsin legislature of those who are our friend when they want our votes and then vote in the interest of their own career and not our rights! Electing openly Gay and Lesbian legislators is the best way to see to it that our rights are represented in Madison.

I called Mr. Evertz after the article in the July 21 edition of Light to volunteer to help his campaign. We talked about a number of issues that are important to me, including crime. As a resident of the east side, I know first hand the effects of crime in my neighborhood. A number of houses have been broken into, a car was stolen, and even a rape occurred within a few blocks of my house in the last year.

I'm afraid to go out of my house sometimes. I really like living here. The people (most of them) are great, and I'm comfortable in a diverse neighborhood. But I'm going to move elsewhere unless something can be done to get criminals off my streets and into jails. I believe Scott will work effectively to do that.

I hope that you will print this letter because I want to encourage my neighbors on the east side to vote for the only openly Gay candidate running for the state legislature this Fall (except for Tammy Baldwin who's already there).

Debra Nelsen Milwaukee

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