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The Wisconsin Light

Pedro Zamora Speaks on Gay Teens and AIDS Prevention

Editor's Note: In the August 18-31 issue of Light, we carried an interview with MTV's heartthrob, Pedro Zamora, 22, an openly Gay man who was diagnosed with HIV at the age of 17. Since then he has, among other things, been serving on the board of the AIDS Action Council. He recently spent time in the hospital and, we have been informed, did not do well. As of press time, he is at home in Miami with his family.

The following is the text of a speech he gave on July 12, 1994, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Health and Environment.

Thank you Mr. Chairman for the opportunity to appear before you once again to talk about my work in HIV prevention.

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Action Council and have been involved in a number of local AIDS organizations at home in Miami, Florida. For the past six months, I've been living in San Francisco, filming MTV's *The Real World* (you can catch me on Thursdays at 10:00 p.m. to learn of my adventures of living with six other young adults under the constant glare of TV cameras).

MTV invited me to be on their show because I am a young Gay man, living with HIV. I was infected with HIV when I was a freshman in high school. And MTV, in a rare example of entertainment industry leadership on the issue of AIDS, thought that my story, a young person living with AIDS, could send a powerful message to teenagers in this country that AIDS is real and can happen to everybody including young people just like us.

As a young Gay man, growing up in the Miami, Florida school system, education about HIV/AIDS was almost non-existent. Unfortunately, I'm not talking about way back in 1980 in the earliest years of the epidemic. I graduated from High School in 1990. The little information I got was not information I could make part of my life or translate to make it part of my life.

I was dealing with my mother's death from cancer and the fact that I was Gay. It should be no surprise that my mother's death had a tremendous impact on me. My mother treated me as the most wonderful and special person in the world. As a 14-year-old, the way I dealt with her death was to become a straight A student and a track star. But the only way I thought I could replace her love and support was through sex, with men who would pick

me up in bars and rarely practiced safer sex.

Sure, I could have used a condom and protected myself from HIV. But I ask you to think about the reality of an adolescent, who has never learned about condoms from a health teacher or other trained professional, and who has heard nothing but shameful messages about being attracted to men. I just didn't have the strength and self-esteem to challenge a partner ten years older to wear a condom.

I needed positive messages about my sexuality. I needed to know about condoms, how to use them correctly and where to buy TURN TO PEDRO ZAMORA, PAGE 12

New Ryan White AIDS Bill Pushed for Passage Before Congress Adjourns

Wisconsin Would Receive 66% Increase in Funding



Records Broken--The Miller Stage area, normally filled to capacity during Summerfest, hosted an overflow crowd at the Maier Festival Park for AIDS Walk Wisconsin on Sept. 18, 1994. A portion of the crowd is shown listening to speakers prior to the Walk.

New \$2 Million MCW Grant To Evaluate AIDS Prevention Among the Homeless

(Milwaukee)- The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has been awarded over \$2 million by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) to develop and evaluate AIDS/HIV prevention approaches for homeless men and women. The study will be conducted in partnership with Hope House and Guest House, two inner-city homeless shelters in Milwaukee.

In an effort to look at this problem, Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., nationally recognized Medical College psychologist, and director of the Medical College's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR), conducted a preliminary study with the homeless teaching them risk-reduction skills tailored to their culture and lifestyle issues such as social stress, support and service needs. Promising results of the initial work led to more fully evaluate AIDS/HIV among the homeless.

"The incidence of HIV infection is increasing within American inner cities and imminently threatens the most disenfranchised populations of our communities, including the homeless." Dr. Kelly said. "There has been a significant rise in AIDS/HIV among the homeless. We hope this four-year study will help us to identify practical intervention programs for HIV prevention that can be adopted by public health and community organizations that serve the homeless."

Commenting on the grant, Sherrie Kay, director of the Hope House said, "At the Hope House, we really look forward to initiating a

strong partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Homelessness and HIV are two very troubling social issues our community must face. We are prepared to work in collaboration to discover the best techniques for teaching prevention of the transmission of HIV within very poor populations of people, improving the quality of life for the people of Milwaukee."

"The approach we use in all our studies with disenfranchised populations vulnerable to HIV infection combines education about AIDS with teaching methods that help persons accurately understand their own level of risk.," Kelly said.

He went on to say that, "We then help people develop problem-solving and judgment skills to handle drug and sexual risk pressures, and refine and use behavioral skills avoiding risk. We also focus attention on helping the homeless develop improved self-esteem, optimism for the future and handle other life problems because these are critical pre-cursors for making change."

The first six months of the research will expand on preliminary studies of circumstances leading to HIV risk among homeless men and women and will fine-tune cultural interventions required to change behavior.

The intervention trial in the two shelters will evaluate the impact of an eight session

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(Milwaukee)- As Wisconsin Light goes to press, national AIDS activists have launched a major campaign in the final days of the current session of Congress to secure Congressional approval of a re-authorized Ryan White Care

Following many months of intense negotiations within the national AIDS community which the Light has previously chronicled, a unified position by the community has been presented to Congress by AIDS leaders. Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA) has agreed to be the chief sponsor of the re-authorization bill and other Congressional leaders from both sides of the political aisle are signing on as sponsors.

Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI) notified Wisconsin Light that he would join Kennedy and be a co-sponsor of the bill.

Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) has also notified the paper that he too will be a cosponsor of the bill.

On Thursday, September 22, AIDS Resources Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Executive Director Doug Nelson and ARCW Public Policy Coordinator Mike Gifford were summoned to Washington, D.C. by Senator Kennedy's staff to join with key AIDS leaders to map out strategy for quick Congressional approval of the bill.

Nelson led the national Campaign for Fairness effort which resulted in the negotiations that changed the Care Act's formulas to assure more equitable AIDS funding throughout the country.

"It was a meeting with a great sense of urgency because we know that time is running out with this Congress and that the partisan battles within the Congress have never been more intense," Nelson reported.

"The Care Act is truly a lifeline for AIDS service delivery throughout the country and the risks of not re-authorizing the act in this session of Congress are enormously high," Nelson said

In Wisconsin, the Care Act funds transportation services, case management, respite care, mental health services, home health care, and emergency medical care for people with HIV

Nelson and lobbyists for the national CAERE Coalition representing high incidence cities met with the chief policy staff for Sen. Kennedy and for Senator Nancy Kassenbaum (R-KS) who is the ranking Republican member of the Senate Health Committee.

Nelson reported that every effort is being made to make the Care Act a bipartisan bill and to remove all barriers to quick approval by both Houses of Congress. He said that it was clear from the meeting that partisanship has never been more acute and that the Republican Right is committed to blocking passage of any bill that would be a political or public advan-

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Conference Committee Eliminates Helms Amendments in Education Bill

(Washington, D.C.)- A House-Senate conference committee concluded work on September 28, on the final version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the multi-billion dollar Federal education bill. The committee, which included Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI), rejected provisions targeting Lesbian and Gay youth for discrimination and depriving local school districts of control over their curricula and programs. Instead, the conference adopted policies endorsed by the House and Senate that ensure local control and avoid targeting Gay youth.

"The federal government has no business saying how local schools will address specific issues in the classroom. The anti-Gay provisions targeted Lesbian and Gay youth for discrimination and deprived local schools of control over education," said Daniel Zingale, public policy director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "These discrimina-

tory provisions would have put Gay young people at greater risk for suicide and AIDS."

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has threatened to filibuster the education bill, which would tie up \$10 billion intended for the nation's public schools and could kill the entire bill.

House Republicans could also try to kill the bill when it comes up for a final vote.

Helms sponsored the anti-Gay provisions in the Senate. Voting with the majority to approve them was Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI). Kohl recently called his vote "a mistake." He has indicated that he will vote for the revised bill.

Language similar to the Helms amendment was sponsored in the House by Rep. Mel Hancock (D-WA).

The conference committee adopted amendments offered by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Rep. Jolene Unsoeld (D-WA).



Walking Time-- On Sept. 18, 1994, over 8,000 people exited the main gate of the Henry W. Maier Festival Park to begin the AIDS Walk Wisconsin fundraiser. \$588,000 was raised for Wisconsin AIDS organizations.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

'The Advocate' Proclaims Gunderson Openly Gay

Washington, D.C.-AP- U.S. Rep. Steven Gunderson (R-WI), has been described in the most recent issue of The Advocate as being openly Gay. The magazine carried an interview with Gunderson and Rob Morris, 34, a man identified as Gunderson's partner. Gunderson does not say in the interview that he is Gay.

In an article in the Milwaukee Journal, which said it had an advance copy of the magazine, Gunderson is quoted as saying that the article was "an old story...I don't think there is anything in this story that you haven't printed." In the Advocate story, Gunderson says that "People are obsessed with sex. Quite frankly, I thought the whole goal of equal rights in this country was to make parts of your life over which you have no control, like your sexual orientation, and some over which you do have a choice, like religion, irrelevant."

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Gunderson also says in the article, "I'm not running for re-election to advance the Gay cause. The reasons I'm running are the issues that happen to be very important to my district-the farm bill, passing and implementing a health care bill and supporting vocational education."

Victory Fund Reports Rise in Political Gay-Baiting

(Washington, D.C.)- The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund reports that openly Gay and Lesbian candidates face an increasing amount of anti-Gay campaigning--even from opponents who claim to be "Gay-friendly." One explanation for the increase is the rise in power of the Religious Right and its demonization of the Gay and Lesbian community as a fundraising gimmick for their bible-thumpers. Anti-Gay candidates have no qualms about using standard Religious Right rhetoric like the homosexual movement, special rights, Gay agendas, traditional family values and the like.

As more and more openly Gay candidates run for office against "Gay-friendly" opponents, the Gay community is discovering that friendship has its limits. An increasing number of Victory Fund candidates are running against candidates who market themselves as being friendly, but turn to Gay-baiting when the going gets rough. "I believe that as the Gay and Lesbian community matures politically, more of us will understand the difference between qualified openly Gay and Lesbian candidates and 'Gay-friendly' straight candidates," said the Victory Fund's David Mixner.

Minority AIDS Fight Must Increase

Washington, D.C.-AP- AIDS continues to stalk all communities of color," and new cases are showing up "at an alarming rate" in racial and ethnic minorities, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said on September 16 in a speech to a national conference on AIDS among racial and ethnic minorities. Last year, Shalala said, 55% of the 106,949 AIDS cases reported nationwide were among minorities, who represent 26% of the U.S. population.

The AIDS rate is especially dramatic among minority young people, government statistics show. AIDS is the leading cause of death for African Americans aged 25 to 44 and the second-ranked killer for Hispanics in that age group, after motor vehicle accidents.

UN Group Suspends Gay Organization

New York, NY-AP- A key U.N. committee, threatened by loss of U.S. funds, has suspended a Gay and Lesbian organization because of its alleged ties with a pedophile group. The Economic and Social Council agreed that the International Gay and Lesbian Association (IGLA) could have its consultative status restored once it proves that it has cut ties to groups which condone, promote or seek to legalize sex with those considered to be underage. The decision was reached at an emergency meeting called by the United States.

The U.S. sought the meeting because Congress has required, in an amendment to an appropriations bill sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (D-NC), that \$118.8 million be withheld every year if any group associated with pedophilia receives recognition. The U.S. called for IGLA's suspension because it had "failed to take a strong enough stand against the North American Man-Boy Love Association" (NAMBLA). IGLA expelled NAMBLA in June.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force which condemns "all abuse of minors, both sexual and any other kind," pointed out that numerous studies have shown that the vast majority of child molestation is committed by heterosexual men.

Church Bars Gay Chorus from Auditorium

York, PA-AP- A Lutheran minister has refused to allow a traveling chorus of Gay singers to perform a Christmas concert in his church. The Rev. Gordon Ross, pastor of St. Matthew's Church in York, Pennsylvania, said the Harrisburg Men's Chorus adds a political undertone to its concerts by using the word "Gay." The minister said that "What homosexuals want is contrary to the teachings of our church." Ross's ban is a first for the group which has performed in Carnegie Hall.

The chorus has arranged to have the Christmas concert at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, whose pastor, the Rev. Richard Ryan, said he had heard it perform. "They're great musicians," he said. "As for their lifestyle, it's not my place to judge them."

Pro-Gay Biblical Tracts Being Distributed

San Francisco- The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) asks if you remember the last time you were riding the bus and there, on the seat next to you, was one of those little tracts published by Fundamentalist "Christian" groups; the kind that has a message like "God hates homosexuality, which is why he created AIDS"?

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To counter these, GLAAD reports that Dean Worbois has developed a set of pro-Gay biblical tracts. Though they resemble the Fundamentalist hand-outs, these booklets repudiate homophobic interpretations of the bible. Worbois hopes that, among other things, the tracts can be used for "educating fundies by leaving them on cars in reactionary church parking lots, and sharing them with those who pass out their tracts in public places and at our doors."

For more information/samples, contact Dean M. Worbois, P.O. Box 8182, Boise, ID 83707-2182; phone: (208) 344-1311.

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Party Time-T. Burger, the clown, giggled as This Is It bar owner, Joe Brehm, checked to see if his nose really was growing longer. Joe's many friends gave him a surprise party at the bar on Sept. 21, on the eve of his birthday

Goldwater Urges Tolerance, Cooperation at 'Hate Free' Conference

(Prescott, AZ)- For a staunch conservative, former Sen. Barry Goldwater has taken a strong stance on civil rights issues, particularly referring to Gay people. He recently summed up his position in simple terms: his hatred of the word "hate."

"It's the worst word in our language," he told an appreciative audience at the Working Toward Hate Free Communities conference.

"I've implored people, young and old, all over America and all over the world--drop the word 'hate' from your vocabulary."

Goldwater was one of several of the gathering's featured speakers. Others included representatives from the Arizona Civil Liberties Union and the Office of Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Concerns.

Goldwater, the GOP presidential candidate in 1964 and one of the country's most conspicuous conservatives, recently surprised many when he urged Congress to protect Gays from job discrimination. Last year, he urged the government to life the ban against Gays in the military.

During his speech, Goldwater touched

upon the views often expressed by the Religious Right and warned his audience against mixing politics with religion.

"We're living in a period now--and I don't like it anymore than some of you--where we're seeing religion trying to creep back into politics," Goldwater said.

With that, he launched into a history lesson on the U.S. Constitution and Thomas Jefferson, whom Goldwater credits for leading the battle to keep religion separate from politics.

"The only thing wrong with him was that he was a Democrat," Goldwater said. "Thomas Jefferson kept religion our of our Constitution and out of our political lives and we should be forever grateful to him for it."

Others noted that when Jefferson founded the University of Virginia, he had a clause written into the charter forbidding any minister from serving on the faculty.

Jefferson also re-wrote the bible, taking out of it anything that wasn't rational. He ended up with 10 pages.

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Library Hour-Gubernatorial candidate, State Senator Chuck Chvala, was spotted reading The Light at the Sept. 18, 1994 AIDS Walk Wisconsin Breakfast. Also pictured is Mike Verveer of Madison.

Rep. Notestein to Keynote Milwaukee's Take Back The Night Rally/March

Back The Night Rally/March will be held on Saturday, October 15.

Take Back The Night rallies and marches began as a response to the increasing violence that women encountered in the streets and in their homes. Since the first Take Back The Night event in the U.S. in 1978, the rallies have grown in frequency and energy. They have also expanded in focus to include others who find themselves targets of violence, such as Lesbians and Gay community leaders.

Milwaukee's Take Back The Night Rally will begin gathering at 5:00 p.m. at the UW-Milwaukee Union, with opening remarks by State Rep. Barbara Notestein at 5:30 p.m.

The march will go to Gordon Park where community activist ReDonna Rodger will speak, followed by Carey Tradewell, Executive Director of The Milwaukee Women's Center. The event will continue with a "Survivor Speakout" and then a candlelight vigil back to the UWM Union will end the event.

This event is sponsored by the UWM Stu-dent Association, the UWM Women's Re-source Center, Women's Agenda of Metro Milwaukee, NOW, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee Women's Center. In response to the most recent rash of Gay bashing in Milwaukee, the sponsors are hoping for a substantial turnout from Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community.

The week preceding the rally, additional events are being held, including: On Wednesday, October 12, Barbara Pol-

Women and Children, will be speaking on free and open to all women.

(Milwaukee)- Milwaukee's 1994 Take domestic violence at noon at the UWM Fireside Lounge

Also on Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., in the Union Theatre, will be two films, Warrior Marks and the Academy Award winning De-fending Our Lives. All events are free and open to the public.

LAMM's October **Program: Valuing** Diversity

(Milwaukee)- What does it mean to say that "oppression is institutionalized" in our society? This question and other related subjects will be explored when L.G. Shanklin-Flowers, M.S. leads a discussion on valuing diversity as part of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's (LAMM) October pro-

A 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner precedes the meeting which starts at 7:00 p.m. on October 20 at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2824 N. 4th Street.

Shanklin-Flowers is best known for her pioneering efforts in the developing field of cultural diversity. She is an expert at creating and maintaining a safe environment where people can begin unraveling misinformation, discomfort and other obstacles that often interfere with their ability to learn and connect.

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Rep. Tammy Baldwin Hospitalized

(Madison)- State Representative Tammy Baldwin has been hospitalized with appendicitis and has undergone surgery to drain an ab-

Baldwin is at University Hospital, Room F4676, 600 Highland Avenue, Madison, WI 53792. Cards would be appreciated, but no visitors please.

As we go to press, we have been informed that Baldwin's condition is listed as fair. She is expected to make a complete recovery.

In Politics, as In Life, Chyala Proves that It's the Little Things **That Count**

(Milwaukee)- Chuck Chvala, Democratic candidate for Wisconsin governor, attended the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Breakfast on September 18, at the Italian Community Center. He was there along with a number of politicians and political hopefuls. Like the others, he was busy campaigning, shaking hands, talking to groups of well-wishers and generally working the crowd.

When the Breakfast concluded, everyone was to go to Maier Festival Park a couple of blocks away where the Walk was to begin. Chvala was about to join them.

At the same time, Jerry Johnson, publisher of Wisconsin Light, about to start off for the Park, carrying with him two heavy bundles of papers. Chvala apparently noticed, because he came over and offered to help.

It was a spontaneous gesture, certainly not news worthy, one that no one really noticed very much at all. It was just the kind of thing that a decent person would do.

Johnson accepted Chvala's offer and off they went, each one with a bundle, carrying them down the street. When the papers had reached their destination, Chvala went off to continue his busy schedule.

As someone who was told about it later said, "If you judge somebody by the little things he does, then you can count on him [Chvala] in the big things too.'

In politics, as in all of life, it's those little things that matter.



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EDITORIAL

Pedro Zamora's Speech in Congress is of Critical Importance to Us All

Rarely do we write an editorial about an article in the paper and urge people strongly, very strongly, to read it. This time, we make an exception because rarely, if ever, have we read anything so moving and powerful as the words from the lips of this young man.

For those who are interested in the plight of Gay teens, Pedro Zamora has something to say. For those who are interested in AIDS prevention in the public schools and elsewhere, he also has something to say. Those who object to ACT UP's methods, to the language of their brochures, Pedro Zamora has something to say. And he has something to say to those who raise their hands in holy horror about teaching about LesBiGays, AIDS and sex education in the na-

To say that teaching positive images about LesBiGay people will "encourage homosexuality" is stupid and neurotically perverse. Maintaining that kind of ignorance only lowers selfesteem which can result in personal havoc and/or taking the bridge--or its equivalent.

To say that teaching young people about sex and AIDS prevention in the public schools will encourage sex is equally nonsensical--and worse. If that kind of ignorance is maintained, it can result in death.

And, as Zamora says, we've got to talk to those young people in the language so many of them understand. Parents, get over it! A lot of your kids are using words that would make a statue blush--just like you did in your day and age. As we said last issue, thank whatever there is for ACT UP. They are trying to do what

Read Pedro Zamora's speech carefully, very carefully. If you do, you might be moved to

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

October 11 is National Coming Out Day Take Your Next Step Out of the Closet

By Terry Boughner

October 11 marks National Coming Out Day. It is a time when LesBiGay leaders and activists across the country, urge those who are closeted to confirm publicly who they are.

Let me say first, that I think it's a great idea. Coming out, being honest and open about your sexual orientation helps not only the community as a whole, it's good for you too. There's no more hiding, no more fear. It's a wonderfully freeing thing.

However, having said that, I'd like to add that it's not easy, not at all. And that, believe me, is an understatement.

In my case, I'd always known I was Gay. We didn't have the word then. In fact, I didn't even know there was a word for what I was except, of course "fag" and "fairy," words like that. I understood those all too well.

I never told anyone. Who could I tell? And why tell? It was only a phase I was going through, right? That's what I told myself.

There came a time though, when I sat down at my desk, with a blank sheet of paper in front of me. It took awhile, but I finally did it. I wrote out the word "homosexual" and knew it applied to me.

Years passed. There were boyfriends (all secret) and many nights spent on thigh-twisted

But when I could take it no longer, when I finally did come out, first to my parents and then to the rest, it was the most difficult thing I ever did--but harder, by far, in the building up to it, the anticipation of what "they" would say, than ever proved to be the case.

"As one of my students said, "Gee doc, we always knew it. When did you find out?"

If you're reading this and are closeted, I would say a couple of things. One is that you absolutely did not choose your sexual orientation. Only the stupid think that. You were born the way you are and you cannot change.

Certainly, you can fake it. You can climb into bed with a member of the opposite sex and function sexually. But all you are is a Gay person trying to act straight. But acting is all that it is. Outward behavior does not change inward reality.

In that regard, if you think that being a Gay person is defined by sex alone, think again. Just as straights don't have sex all the time, Gay people don't either. Being Gay involves the whole of you. It means being fulfilled by the love and companionship of a member of your own sex.

That love, I might add, is not one whit dif-



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ferent from the love straights have. It is equal in its beauty, in its power, in its intensity, from all I can tell, anyhow. And it is the moral equivalent of straight love, the precise moral equivalent. Don't let anyone fool you in that

But as someone told me, "I don't want to live like a Gay." What's that mean? Bangles and beads? Leather? For some, yes, -- and they are wonderful people--but there are as many varieties of Gay people as there are straights. Like the straights (even state Assemblypersons

and U.S. Senators), we all have our fantasies. What I think you'll find out eventually, is that the so-called "Gay lifestyle" really comes down to who's going to do the dishes and who's going to take out the garbage. If the Right Wingers don't like that, let them come over. They can dry and mop up.

Another thing too. When you finally do come out, what you may find is that it's not a one-time thing. With some kind of perverse irony, what you may hear from a lot of people is "Oh, well, no. You're not really Gay." This, from the ones who maintained they al-ways knew you were Gay--and gossiped about it. Poor things, you've taken all their fun away. Now they'll have to find something else to chatter about. Such an effort.

In all seriousness though, come out. You may lose some "friends." The family may have a hissy fit. (They'll get over it and they won't drop dead of a seizure or something.)

And you will feel so free. Life wraps you in enough chains. Why add more on yourself?

Reread the first line of the First Amendments, Nordlanders, where it clearly states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." The free exercise of religion does not give religionists license to abuse others or to treat others unequally.

Now, if you want an example of religionists trampling others who may hold different spiritual beliefs at UW-Whitewater, let's look at those student senators who, last year, trashed the Gay/Lesbian Student Union by (at first) failing to fund them, then harassing their representatives for 60 minutes during the funding review, and then accusing these same representatives of being immoral for being Gay.

This is how the system of public policy works:

- When a student senator is elected s/he represents the WHOLE campus, not just his/her personal views, i.e. the representative is a voice for ALL, not just the majority nor a minority. The student senator is to speak for ALL: Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and straights. Some of the student senators failed to do this and were blatant about it in a moralistic attitude
- The UW-Whitewater campus as well as the UW System has public policies about nondiscrimination, especially for the equal treatment of Gays and Lesbians. The failure of the Dean of Students to provide an orientation for all newly elected student senators is an example of what the administration does best at UW-Whitewater: fail to anticipate. In this respect, UW-Whitewater not only looks inept, but excels in slipshod behavior again and again and again.

There is a state law (since 1983) protecting Gays and Lesbians against discrimination.

Now, Robert Nordlanders, if you want another example of a violation of the First Amendment at UW-Whitewater by a fascist mind that happened within the last few weeks, I direct you to Assoc. Dean of Letters and Science, David Stoneman, who took it upon himself to play "Mr. Puritan" by intruding on the personal space of an English teacher by removing an innocuous poster cartoon pasted on

Mr. Stoneman was clearly playing the role of censor in an institution which boasts of its academic

Indeed, this is not an isolated case where an administrator played God. When I was director of UW-Whitewater's Art Gallery, the previous Dean of The Center of the Arts removed a piece being exhibited, entitled "Pie R Squared", i.e. a cow pie resting on a square foot of sod, because, like Mr. Stoneman wrote to the professor, "Regardless of your intent when constructing the poster, I am sure that there are many who would be offended by its contents."

Who the hell does this arrogant administrator think he is?! Do we all have to adhere to the same spiritual values/belief systems? Even if the poster was indecent, which it was not, the teacher is protected by the First Amendment, because the poster was not obscene

You would think this rude, intrusive and arrogant administrator would have had the social skills and sensitivity, indeed the common courtesy, to discuss the offending poster with the teacher before taking the matter into his own hands. Like too many Radical Right people, they do not know the law and have little understanding of the U.S. Constitution, as well as, not respecting the values/beliefs/rights of ALL people

David K. Runyon

A Hearty Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANKS to the people with SLAMMER Productions in Milwaukee and the people and patrons at Runway 51 Bar in Janesville for the very successful benefit they put on for our agency.

As a satellite office of the Madison AIDS Support Network, we are trying to meet the needs of our rural brothers and sisters and the folks at Run

Tips for Coming Out Every Day

- Make a commitment every day to tell the truth about yourself to others.
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Again, thanks so much from all of us at the AIDS Support Network.

Linda S. Faessler Community Coordinator Janesville, WI

Families Come Out Too

TO THE EDITOR:

National Coming Out Day is upon us once again. Each year considerable emphasis is placed on the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community to "come

One group that is forgotten is our families. Families have "come out" either by choice or by being pressured to through days such as National Coming Out Day. My partner and I are fortunate enough to have three great children that are "out" about having Gay parents. Their schools, friends, and neighbors know they live in Gay households.

I am very proud to be a Gay father. I am equally as proud of my children's honesty, openness and support. On National Coming Out Day let's begin to recognize and appreciate everyone's "coming out" efforts. For it is those efforts that make us a stronger community.

Dave Rompa

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LETTERS Reply to Nordlanders

TO THE EDITOR:

I was amused at the irony of Robert E. Nordlanders' accusation of academic fascism at UW-Whitewater in his "Letter to the Editor" (Sept. 15, 1994). He wrote that the UW System has fascist policies because it gets PERSONAL freedom of expression confused with PUBLIC POLICY.

Nordlanders is one of those people who, in the process of winnowing and sifting, has fallen between the cracks of learning and has missed out on understanding some basic principles of the U.S. Constitution and other vital beliefs and policies which aim at trying to create an even playing field for ALL Americans.

Nordlanders suggests that we are violating the First Amendment when we implement the Preamble to the Constitution ("...to create a more perfect union..."), the 14th Amendment ("...equal protection of the laws..."), the body of the Declaration of Independence ("...life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...", the concluding line of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag ("...with liberty and justice for ALL."), and the legend over the front of the Federal Supreme Court ("Equal Justice Under Law").

In his personal and bigoted interpretation of the First Amendment, he sees it has giving cart blanche to religionists to trample others who do not share the same values; he thinks he has the right to abuse others who do not share the same values; he thinks he has the right to abuse others who do not share the same spiritual values he has.

He doesn't have a clue to the reality that since the Restoration of the monarchy in England in the 1600's, it was accepted by most English speakers that religion was a PRIVATE thing, not a matter of PUBLIC policy, with the exception of the Puritans in the USA who had to be forced by law to accept religious tolerance. (We have the Baptists to thank for this freedom.)



All of Us-Just Us, Milwaukee's newest Gay/Lesbian bar, opened at 5:00 p.m. on Sept. 28, 1994. Among those who helped ready the bar for its opening were: Patrick Prudlow (expediter) (above, left); Lory Patin (manager); Janet Mueller (co-owner); Deb Procknow (asst. Manager); and Steve Byers (co-owner). Just Us is located at 807 S. 5th St. In Walker's Point.

The History of Our People Throbs with Suffering Yet Radiates with Creativity

Commentary by Terry Boughner

It was just another patrol in the midst of a dirty Asian war. A group of soldiers went out to "cleanse" a village. With them was a young man, only in his late teens. There was a lot of killing that day, a lot of blood was spilled, but those in the patrol all came back--except one. The blonde young man was dead, shot in the back, no warning, because he was "a fag." His body was left to rot.

I heard the story from one who was there, a man who didn't have any idea I am Gay--not then, anyway. He felt no remorse, no sense of guilt or shame about what happened. I doubt if he feels any now.

October is LesBiGay history month. I mention that because there's a lot of history behind that tale.

For example, in the 6th Century CE, during the reign of the Emperor Justinian, a great plague swept Constantinople, the capital of East Rome. Gays were blamed for the outbreak. According to the Patriarch, the fact of our existence was an affront to god. Hence it was our blood that must be spilt to cleanse the city.

Untold numbers of us were rounded up to be slaughtered. Some died in the Hippodrome while the people, Justinian and the Empress Theodora, watched.

In the West, Gays and Lesbians were most often associated with heresy. In fact, as the historian Arthur Evens points out, homosexuality and heresy became so intertwined that someone accused of heresy (for which the penalty was death), often tried to disprove it by claiming to be straight.

During the Witchcraft persecutions of the Western Medieval period, women and Gay men were killed with impunity.

Everywhere there were laws against us. For loving someone of the same sex, the penalty was death--and not quick in most cases. To kill a Gay person was to do a service to God--or so it was taught.

Only a moral psychotic would act that way, I think, one who is following forces too dark to contemplate. It is they, who in my mind, are guilty of the greatest perversion of all; that of turning love, a relation, as Allan Bloom said, that is founded in natural sweetness, and making of it a crime punishable by death.

Yet, century after century, the bigots (religious and otherwise) mounted persecution after persecution until one of means they used to kill us, became one of the names they called us faggots.

Nevertheless, despite it all, we continued to exist. From generation to generation, there were Gay people, just as there are today and always will be. Perhaps it is from that, from being the eternal outsiders, because we do see more clearly, that we create what we do.

If what some say about art, that you have to destroy before you can create, no wonder Gay people are inspired. We have more than a nodding acquaintance with destruction.

Consider for a moment the achievements in the areas of religion, philosophy, art, music, poetry, literature, not to mention politics, that our people have given to civilization (such as it is). It isn't far from the truth, as someone once said, that it has been Gay people who have contributed mightily to defining what culture is

Go to the Vatican. See some of the noblest paintings in the West. Go to Florence and see some more. At Christmas time, go hear "The Nutcracker or on the 4th of July, go listen to "The 1812 Overture."

These few examples don't even begin to scratch the surface of what we LesBiGay people have done. Yet, while they applaud what we do, so many, many of them continue to hate those of us who do it.

As part of that hatred or bigotry or whatever you want to call it, they have so obscured and denied our history (even our sufferings), that those who acclaim themselves wise, can say we have no history at all!

The person who told me about the young man who was killed and left to rot in the jungle of Vietnam, didn't even remember his name. I've always suspected that it was because he was the one who did it. I don't know. But I do know that if we don't name ourselves, no one else will do it.

That's why I think we must reclaim our history. We must remember who they were so we will know who we are.

Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples

(Berkeley, CA)- While same-sex couples still can't legally marry in the U.S., they can protect the legal rights to which they are entitled. Using the new edition of A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples (Nolo Press), same-sex couples can: 1) obtain domestic partnership benefits; 2) designate each other to make medical and financial decisions in emergencies; 3) protect their parental rights in a custody fight; 4) buy property together; 5) provide for each other at death by creating legally valid estate plans; and more. Couples can use the tear-out forms and sample documents in the book to create all the documents necessary. A Legal Guide will be on sale in bookstores nationwide beginning September 24.

8,500 Take Part in Denver AIDS March

Denver-AP- About 8,500 people took part in a fund-raising march for AIDS research and care in Denver after Governor Roy Romer and other politicians spoke to them at the starting point. The march occurred on September 11. Paul Mesard, the walk's registration coordinator, said \$420,000 in cash pledges was raised in the march. "We expect about \$200,000 more from corporate pledges," he said.

Rep. Pat Schroeder (D-CO), told the crowd before the four-mile march that Amendment 2 which would ban civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men in the state, does not represent most Coloradans. "This state is about loving, caring people," she said. "And I know we must all stand together and conquer this disease."

Changes Bring Madison's United to Focus on Improving Volunteer Programs, Fundraising

(Madison)- In the last few months, the Board, volunteers and staff of The United have been meeting to discuss where we're at and where we're going. As a result of those discussions, many changes are in the works.

First is a change in focus: the Board decided to direct agency resources toward two goals: increasing fundraising efforts and improving the volunteer program. Both goals are based on the realization that The United has been trying to do too much on too few resources.

For example, although direct services have grown 1200% in the last five years, funding has increased 250% and personnel only 150%.

Though current programming will not be downsized or discontinued, more attention will be given to strengthening the organization--its structure, its funding base, its human resources--than in continuing to try to "make do."

This re-focusing of resources has prompted other changes as well. For instance, there is now a new "look" to our newsletter, courtesy of a new logo. The logo, which will be added to all brochures and the letterhead, tangibly demonstrates the agency's commitment to improve as well as grow.

Other changes? The Board is clarifying and modifying the agency's mission statement and by-laws; Monica Serrano has been hired to help coordinate the volunteer program; the first-ever community needs assessment was undertaken; and the first-ever major donor drive was begun.

However diverse and far-reaching these changes, they all translate into a single overarching objective: How to make this enlarging vision a reality. A vision that can allow The United to grow without becoming scattered; a vision that will both consolidate current re-

(Madison)- In the last few months, the sources and that will confront future challenges to the community.





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MGM Memories--Gene Kelly (left, foreground) stars with (front to back) Vera Allen, Jules Munchin, Anna Miller, Frank Sinatra and Betty Garrett in On the Town, one of the many great musicals highlighted in MGM's That's Entertainment III. The film plays for one week only beginning Sept. 30 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

UW-Milwaukee Union Theatre Premieres New Feminist Features in October

(Milwaukee)- The UW-Milwaukee Union Theatre presents throughout October the Milwaukee premieres of four new works by four women directors in a new series-- "New Feminist Features.'

The four directors are: African American Ayoka Chenzira; New York underground filmmaker Beth B.; Argentinean Maria Luisa Bemberg; and experimental filmmaker Eleanor

October 7-8

Alma's Rainbow, directed by Ayoka Chenzira, 1994. The arrival of her freespirited sister and her teenage daughter's sexual awakening threaten the ordered life of a sexually repressed middle class African American woman in a film striking for the diverse community presented. Co-sponsored by Community Media Project.

October 14-15 Two Small Bodies, directed by Beth B., 1994. A male police officer's investigation of a woman suspected of killing her two children becomes an explosive confrontation between genders, as social, professional, and even

filmic conventions are broken down to expose the real power struggle between the sexes.

October 21-22 I, the Worst of All, directed by Maria Luisa Bemberg, 1990. An adaptation of a novel by Nobel Laureate Octavio Paz, Bemberg's "most perfect" film portrays the life of 17th Century Mexican poet Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, deemed radical and persecuted during the Inquisition.

October 28-29

The Man Without a World, directed by Eleanor Antin, 1992. A loving rework of classic silent cinema, this Yiddish post-modern creation is credited to the legendary (and fictional) 1920 Soviet director Yevgeny Antinov--but was actually made by Eleanor Antin! Set in a Jewish shetl, a young couple's romance is doomed by the arrival of a gypsy troupe and a sultry dancer.

The films will be shown at 7:00 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in October. The Union Theatre is located at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., on the 2nd floor. Admission is \$4 gen-

'Ed Wood,' a Wonderful Film About a Man Who had Nothing and Gained it All

(Los Angeles)- From master filmmaker, Tim Burton, the acclaimed director and creator of such original and wondrous tales as Beetlejuice, Edward Sissorhands, and The Nightmare Before Christmas, comes Ed Wood, a comedy/drama from Touchstone pictures. It is the story of yet another extraordinary character--Edward D. Wood Jr., played by silky, sulking badboy, Johnny Depp.

Wood, an eccentric actor/writer/director, has only one thing going for him, an optimistic spirit that remains indomitable, despite his obviously misguided career choices.

Filmed entirely in black and white, Ed Wood is the true story of one man's dogged, albeit futile, determination to make it in Hollywood. A visionary of sorts, with no formal training, and almost no chance of being signed to direct a Studio-made picture, Wood tena-ciously follows his wayward dream.

To complicate matters in homophobic Tinsel Town, Wood is a cross dresser who insists on maintaining his integrity.

Word out of Hollywood is that Disney was warned not to say a word in its publicity about Depp doing drag, for fear of scaring off the pouty actor's "traditional" fans. They needn't have worried. In initial screenings of the film, audiences cheered and clapped wildly every time Johnny showed up in a dress.

It wasn't just his skill at wearing a costume. Depp researched his roll by going to some of New York's most famous Gay bars.

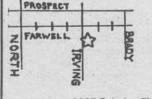
Depp plays Wood as he was, a man foreign to recognition and respect, but a man who never abandons his cherished hope of being a famed director.

Burton backs Depp with a host of bizarre characters--including down-and-out screen leg-end Bela Lugosi (Martin Landau); TV horror queen, Vampira (Lisa Marie); hulking Swedish wrestler, Tor Johnson (George "The Animal") Steele; psychic showman, Criswell (Jeffrey Jones); and highbrow drag queen Bunny Breckinridge (Bill Murray).

In the end, Wood gets it all, becoming the creator of ineptly made, off-beat, low budget independent films that become classics and turn him into a legend.

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Hold Bi-Weekly **Two-Step Classes**

(Milwaukee)- If you're interested in learning how to two-step, the Shoreline Dancers will be offering lessons beginning Saturday, October 1, at 8:00 p.m. The biweekly lessons will be held at the 3B's Bar, 1753 S. Kinnickinnic. Even though the two-step is a couples dance, a dance partner is not necessary for you to take part.

Instruction will be given by either Doug Braford or Alan Karbel, Karbel, president of Shoreline and one of their chief dance instructors, will be teaching beginning two-step on October 1

"You need no prior dance knowledge to attend this class," Karbel said. "Just bring yourself and wear boots or shoes with leather soles if possible."

Braford, a past two-step champion from the Twin Cities, will follow two weeks later on October 15 by teaching simple turns and

The two simple turns I'll teach are the foundation for all the fancy moves that you see some dancers doing," Braford said. "They're easy to do and add more variety to the dance."

Karbel added, "Beginning dancers sometimes feel intimidated by other dancers and they needn't be. More experienced dancers are usually very helpful and considerate of beginners since they were all beginners at one time themselves.

Each class will be followed by open dancing which will give people a chance to try out their new skills. Saturday evenings at 3B's will be devoted more to couple's dancing, according to 3B's DJ Rick Hahn.

Fridays have become a big line dance night and some people prefer to just do couple's dances," Hahn said. "On Saturday, we will mostly play two-step and other couples dance music and only infrequently play line

All lessons are free and open to the public.

Shoreline Dancers To Clinic Benefit at the Pabst Reflects BESTD's **Spirit and Dedication**

By Eldon E. Murray

The proceeds from "Musicians United Against AIDS" concert at Milwaukee's Pabst Theater on Monday evening, September 26 will benefit the Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic. The concert's purpose was to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and to celebrate twenty years of volunteer services to the community by BESTD.

The concert idea was conceived and carried out by Timothy Cobb, Artistic Director of the Music Associates of Milwaukee, the Music Director of the Waukesha Youth Orchestra, and a volunteer HIV Counselor for BESTD. Almost all of the costs of the concert were underwritten by various business, corporate, charitable and individual donors, with all the members of the orchestra and the soloists donating their services.

The orchestra consisted of members of the Milwaukee Symphony and the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra and was limited to about 40 people by the stage size of the Pabst. Do you remember when the entire Milwaukee Symphony was about that size and the Pabst was its home? Mr. Cobb wisely chose his program with this limitation in mind.

The program began with Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, a comfortingly familiar piece, the first part of which is slow and solemn with the later part becoming frivolous and carefree. Considering the seriousness of AIDS, but the incredible spirit of many dealing with it, I felt that this selection was most appropriate.

Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Opus 64, was then presented with Ralph Evans, first violinist of the Fine Arts Quartet, as guest soloist. Another familiar piece, but one that requires a certain virtuosity by the soloist with an easy blending by the orchestra. Mr. Evans was technically flawless. His transitions and work in the upper registers were particularly smooth.

After intermission, a transcription by Mr. Cobb for voice of Mahler's Fourth Movement, 'Adagietto: sehr langsam," from Symphony No. 5, was presented with Wendy Wagner, In Mr. Cobb's transcription, the soprano

shares the melody with the orchestra, which had relied on the violins and cellos for that purpose in the original Mahler score. This selection for the concert was titled "Remembering" and the entire movement is peaceful, yet melodic and emotional. Since vocalise has no words, but simply intones notes, the interpretation of emotion by the vocalist is difficult. Ms. Wagner's voice was appropriately rich and warm and her rendition was pleasingly serene.

The final presentation of the evening was an able rendition of Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Opus 36. Mr. Cobb wisely chose not to present one of Beethoven's bigger and more bombastic symphonies.

It was apparent from the first movement that he was in charge of his orchestra and that he understands Beethoven. The slow, but steady building of mood, while maintaining a round and full sound, was made to look easy by Mr. Cobb. Except for the Mahler transcription, Mr. Cobb conducted without a

All in all, the concert was a success, reflecting the same dedication to high quality and professionalism that has long distinguished the

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Criminal Mastermind--Zed (Eric Stoltz) and Eric (Jean Hughes Anglade) are boyhood friends re-united in an attempt to stage a daring Bastille Day bank robbery in Roger Avary's new thriller, Killing Zoe which opens Sept. 30 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre for a limited run.

'The Secretaries,' a Revenge Comedy, Opens Off-Broadway to Rave Reviews

By Michael Kuchwara

(New York)- Someone is killing the lumberjacks of Big Bone, Oregon.

Picture a shotgun marriage of Twin Peaks and Nine to Five. Add a bit of The Texas Chainsaw Massacre and a dose of Lesbian chic--and you'll have some idea of what takes place in The Secretaries, an innocuously titled revenge comedy the New York Theater Workshop has unleashed off-Broadway.

The play is a loose amalgam of scenes written by Five Lesbian Brothers, a quintet of female comedians who, on the basis of this production, show giddy, goofy promise as playwrights and as distinctive actresses.

They impersonate secretaries at the Cooney Lumber Mill, where one male employee a month meets an untimely demise. Could it be these seriously coifed women, clattering and chattering behind their desktop computers, are responsible for the deaths?

It's a suspicion gradually confirmed by the newest secretary, Patty, played with proper film noir hysteria by Dominique Dibbell. Eventually, Patty is inducted into the homicide club run by Susan, an icy post-debutante office manager with an upper crust accent and a lower class libido. Peg Healey impersonates her with Stepford Wives perfection.

Other members of the killing cult include Peaches, a dumpy, full-figured workhorse who mainlines Slim-Fast but lusts and secretly indulges in solid food. Lisa Kron plays her with a touch of pathos, earning audience sympathy as well as belly laughs. Watch Kron develop a relationship with--and then devour--a sweet roll, and you'll learn the meaning of true love.

Completing the group are the jealously insecure Ashley (Babs Davy), done up in a major Dolly Parton "do," and the aggressive Dawn (Maureen Angelos) who has designs on the naive Patty.

The Secretaries deals humorously with some serious material: the demeaning of women and what some of them will do to accommodate it. In this case, accommodation eventually finds an outlet in good old-fashioned blood lust.

As the play progresses, the laughs get darker and more outrageous. Beware. Several scenes are not for the faint of heart or those with Christian Right Wing sensibilities.

James Schuette has designed a cartoon-like office setting that would be right at home on a

Chorus Looking for Musicians to Expose Themselves

(Milwaukee)- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus is looking for musicians who are interested in accompanying the Chorus in upcoming events. Not satisfied with being one of the best LesBiGay choruses in the area, the organization is looking to provide the community with an even richer sound through the use of a variety of instrumental accompaniments.

But musicians aren't the only talents they're looking for. As always, the Cream City Chorus encourages new singing and nonsinging members to stop by Wednesday evening rehearsals at the First Unitarian Church on N. Astor. Those interested in providing interpretation for the for the hearing impaired, as well as those who have other skills they would like to offer are always welcome.

like to offer, are always welcome.

Upcoming Cream City concerts include the October 22 "Unity Concert" to be held at the First Unitarian Church, and the December 11 holiday concert, "Ring In, Ring Out" at the PAC's Vogel Hall. If you're interested in getting a little musical exposure in the community, give the Chorus a call. The phone number is (414) 344-WCCC.

Holly Hughes To Perform Benefit Concerts in Madison and Milwaukee in October

(Milwaukee)- PrideFest, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), and Madison's United are pleased to announce that nationally reknowned Lesbian performance artist and playwrite Holly Hughes will be making two appearances in Wisconsin on their behalf. Hughes will appear in Madison at the Mitby Theater on Friday October 7th and in Milwaukee at the UWM Union Wisconsin Room on Sunday October 9th.

Hughes will be performing her new Obie Award Winning piece, "Clit Notes." MOOK, the hilarious three piece performance art band, will open for Hughes at both locations.

The Obie is an annual award given to recognize the best Off-Broadway works in New York. Her award for "Clit Notes" is Hughes' second Obie.

Last year in a benefit for PrideFest, Hughes performed her piece "World Without End," an intellectual look at the world from a Lesbian perspective. Her new work, "Clit Notes", is considered by her fans to be one of Hughes' most entertaining and amusing works.

"Clit Notes" has won rave reviews from Gay and Lesbian reviewers as well as the mainstream media. It is an auto-biographical piece full of humor, and insight.

The always funny, often controversial, and never boring Hughes was one of four artists who sued the National Endowment of the Arts over its refusal to fund Lesbian and Gay art.

Many viewed that suit as a courageous act. Hughes viewed it as simply the right thing to do.

That same attitude shows through in "Clit Notes." It is a frank, funny discussion of Hughes' journey from Michigan to her place as one of America's premier Lesbian performers.

MOOK is a highly popular Milwaukee performance art band. A big hit at PrideFest and various clubs, the group blends original music, a Lesbian and Gay perspective and its

(Milwaukee)- PrideFest, the Lesbian own wicked sense of humor to produce the ance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), and dison's United are pleased to announce that growing following.

The Milwaukee performance is a benefit for PrideFest and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and is being hosted by the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Community at UWM.

The Madison performance benefits PrideFest and The United.

Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in Madison at the United, Room of One's Own, Orange Tree Imports, Green Earth, Willy Street Coop.

Tickets for the Milwaukee performance may be purchased at In Step, Afterwords Book Store, People's Book Store, the Station II, and Out Post Natural Foods.

Author, Anne Rice, Now Thinks Cruise is Tops for Film

(New York)- Author Anne Rice, who complained publicly about the casting of Tom Cruise in the film version of her book, has done an about-face.

After a recent screening of Interview With A Vampire, Rice has decided to endorse Cruise's performance as Lestat, the vampire.

Rice originally complained that Cruise would depict the vampire as being overly macho and not sufficiently Gay.

But now, a letter written by Rice, gushing with praise for the film and its strikingly handsome and sensuous male lead, has appeared as a two-page, paid ad in The Daily Variety and will be published in the October 18 edition of The Advocate.

Cruise appears to have played the part of the Gay Lestat quite well indeed.

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cret catalogue by way of K-Mart. Yet no one

on the overlong production. The plot meanders

more than is necessary, but if its authors and

the director take a pair of scissors to the

script--a chainsaw is not necessary--they will

find a few judicious nips and tucks will pay

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British Drama 'Priest' Wins Audience Award at Toronto Film Festival in September

(Toronto, Canada)- Priest, a British drama abut a traditional Catholic who begins questioning his sexual orientation and the values of the church, received the People's Choice Award for best picture at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The Tunisian release, Les Silences du Palais, received the International Film Critics Award for best first feature.

Heavenly Creatures, a dark comedy from New Zealand, won the Metro Media Award, while Exotica made director Atom Egoyan a three-time winner of the Toronto-City Award for best Canadian feature.

The winners of the 19th annual festival were announced at a luncheon on September 18. The 10-day, public festival ended on September 17, and included 296 movies from 45

Priest, the debut feature by Antonia Bird, does not yet have a U.S. distributor, but was one of the most sought-after movies here, according to the director of the festival's sales office, Christine Yankou.

The film stars Linus Roache as Father Greg, a handsome, conventional priest. Greg is assigned to a parish where he meets the outspoken Father Mathew, who lives openly with a woman.

His beliefs are further shaken when he hears a young girl confess she is having an incestuous relationship and when he begins to

suspect that he, himself, is Gay.

Both of the film's screenings received standing ovations.

"It was amazing," festival director Piers Handling said. "Nobody knew how people would respond. I sat through an entire screening with a very nervous director and at the end, everybody just got up and clapped. I've been with the festival 12 years and I've only seen that happen once or twice."

Written and directed by Moufida Tlatli, Les Silences du Palais stars Amel Hedhili as a young singer and a descendant of slaves who looks into her past, defying the advice of older

Tlatli's film has distribution agreements for several European cities, but not for the

Other movies by first-time feature directors attracted strong interest this year, Yankou said. They include: Postcards from America, Steve McLean's adaptation of the writings of David Wojnarowicz, a poet and performance artist who died of AIDS last year, and Before the Rain, a drama directed by Milcho Manchevski that focuses on the conflict in former Yugoslavia.

Yankou said many distributors also were interested in two Canadian comedies, Dance Me Outside and Double Happiness, the latter being the first feature by Hong Kong native

With Digital Effects, Do We Really Need the **Actors Any More?**

By John Horn

(Los Angeles)- Tom Cruise moves slowly across a dim-lit room, removing his clothing as he goes. Waiting for him, clad only in a tight bikini brief, is John Travolta. They come together, melting into each other's arms. They kiss, their lips caressing until their tongues begin to do battle in their mouths.

Can you imagine it? Hardly. It'll never happen--but it could, and a great many equally unimaginable scenes, as Wagons East has

John Candy's last film is out--complete with scenes in which he never really appeared, but certainly seems to be there. And it's all the result of some high-tech, special effects that can move Candy--or anyone--from one scene to another

In Hollywood, the new technology is raising troubling questions as movie magic ex-

These effects, once limited to splashy action-adventure films in which buildings exploded and warriors battled in deep space, these cinematic tricks are now working into more straightforward dramas. Gary Sinus's legs in Forrest Gump, for example, were "amputated" by a computer.

Earlier this year, the makers of The Crow used digital effects to put actor Brandon Lee's face on another actor's body after the star was killed in a movié set gun accident.

The technology allows for endless possibilities, like Cruise in a steaming love scene with Travolta--or anyone, for that matter. A filmmaker (at least one fearless of lawsuits) could convincingly do that and to the viewer, it would look absolutely real.

I think it's going to be a major problem," said Gil Cates, dean of the School of Theater, Film and Television at the University of California. "It's like putting a mustache on the Mona Lisa. The thinking is, if you got it, you

Bob Crane, Candy's producing partner said, "It's like, pretty soon, they'll be able to get Arnold Schwarzenegger on a computer chip--and we'll never need him again. That's kind of scary. But under these circumstances,

The thinking here in Hollywood is that Cates is right. If they got it, they're going to use it. Maybe Cruise and Travolta won't be making love, but a great many other strange things will be seen on the silver screen in the

In Europe, History Surrounds You, And Much of it Is Gay

By Michael Seward

Perhaps one of the greatest of appeals to me, as an American, in touring Europe is the constant sense of being surrounded by history; every village, every street corner is laden with centuries of happenings--buildings, churches, castles, markets. History is so present here that one cannot avoid it; it makes itself felt.

And for me as a teacher, perhaps the greatest value of this history is the lessons it can teach us: history can help us to avoid past mistakes, and it can enjoin us to celebrate who we are and where we come from.

Thus, my pleasure at returning for the fifth time to the fairytale castles of King Ludwig II of Bavaria (one of which, Neuschwanstein, was the basis for the castle at Disneyworld), was wonderfully increased by the presence of a group of students I was accompanying.

Their wide-open stares and gasping exclamations reminded me why I'd gone there the first time: to see and learn, to open myself up to a new--and old--world.

As they patiently listened to the guide-struggling with their limited German to understand everything that was being said--and as they scrutinized every ornament, object and detail, I knew that they were learning, grow-

Yet, as a Gay man, this most recent trip to Ludwig's castles proved to be a source of sorrow, disappointment and anger.

Ludwig, it is generally accepted among historians, was Gay. Yet in the tours of two of his three castles, I never heard this even mentioned by the guides. In reading from cover to cover one of the ridiculously priced guidebooks (which one of my students had bought), I came across absolutely no reference to this. Both the guides and the book discussed Ludwig's reclusive nature, his support of the arts, his popularity with the people, his progressive politics, his love of beauty and nature--but not one word about his homosexuality!

I was immediately transported back to high

school history class where we never learned anything about the roles Gays and Lesbians played in history. Nothing! Zip! Nada! As if Gays and Lesbians simply never existed!

And then I grew angry. Here was a chance for those Gay and Lesbian students who were in the group--as well as myself--to be presented with a positive role model: a Gay man who was ahead of his time, who was creative, who supported the arts, who produced something which others admire and find beautiful. Perhaps they--we--could have heard: "Yes. being Gay can be positive. We can achieve great things!"

And perhaps we would have been given an open, direct reason to CELEBRATE being

Then too, the entire group would have been presented with the same positive image of a Gay man; they would have all been forced to reconsider the images and stereotypes they held about Gays and Lesbians. Perhaps some might have even begun the slow process of overcoming those stereotypes and prejudices. Instead, this opportunity for growth, learning and celebration was missed.

And it is this lost possibility which causes such sorrow and anger in me as a Gay man and a teacher. Daily in the classroom I struggle to broaden my students' horizons by confronting them with new ideas, words and cultures, by presenting them with conflicting viewpoints, ideologies and philosophies

do not expect--or even wish--that they will all agree with me; rather I hope that I can provide them with a chance to reflect upon their beliefs and perhaps develop themselves.

Yet, I know that until we as Gay men and Lesbians take our own history back, until we point out to the world--"She was a Lesbians! He was Gay!"--future generations will never be forced to reconsider their attitudes, and history--the painful history of centuries of homophobia--will inevitably repeat itself.



Showtime!--Felicia/Adam (Guy Pearce, left) and Mitzi/Tick (Hugo Weaving, right) evoke the adage that yes, "good taste is timeless" in the film The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. The Australian film is now showing at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee and the Orpheum in Madison.

Religious Right Gaining in its Drive to Take over the Republican Party Nationwide

St. Paul, MN-AP- Like a carnival barker, a man appeals to passers-by at the Minnesota State Fair to stop and see Allen Quist, the man who's spearheading efforts by the Religious Right to unseat the incumbent governor, Arne Carlson. Their chief complaint against him is that he is "soft of homosexu-

Embodied by Quist, Minnesota Republicans have become this year's political attraction. Here, the clash between moderates and the frenzy of the Religious Right is on in full

But the struggle is not just a sideshow, and it extends far beyond Minnesota.

Nationally, the Religious Right Wingers, backed by millions of dollars, a well organized system of communication, including radio and TV stations and numerous publications, and a powerful emotional issue--homosexuality--is taking over GOP operations in state after state.

The Christian Right Wing-with their shared opposition to Gays and their determination to take over the schools--dominate the GOP in Texas, Virginia, Oregon, Washington, Iowa, South Carolina and Minnesota. They are influential voting blocs in almost all Southern states as well as California and New York.

Carlson was the incumbent Republican and ordinarily the choice of his Party to run again. But in an unusual move, the GOP embraced Quist instead. Quist is an anti-abortion candidate who has said that men "are genetically predisposed" to being heads of households.

The Religious Right will almost certainly exert great influence over the selection of the next Republican presidential nominee, although the Right claims no partisan interests.

It's not politics, it's issues," said the Rev. Lou Sheldon, head of the Californiabased Traditional Values Coalition (TVC).

According to the Anti-Defamation League,

TVC advocates the repeal of all civil rights protections for Gay people and "reparative

"We're not partisan," Sheldon said.
"We're not on the right, we're not on the left We are above. We stand for things from

Sheldon, like many, if not most of the Far Right Wing, believes himself to be the ultimate determination of the truth. "We are the keepers of what is right," he has said, "and what is wrong.

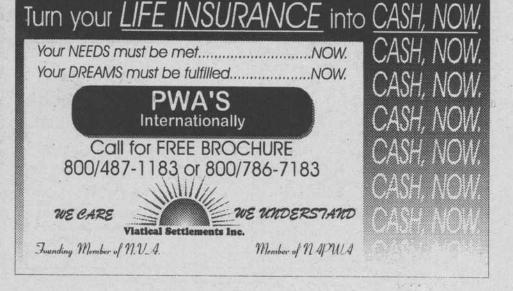
To some Republicans, the Right Wing signals a normal ebb and flow of politics. To others, it is an alarm that began to ring at the 1992 Republican convention in Houston and talk of a coming cultural war that struck many as extreme.

'The problem we face is the possibility of replaying 1992 in 1996 in terms of a convention filled with messages of intolerance, bigotry, prejudice and hate and passing a platform that drives women, minorities, the young and moderates out of our Party," said Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI).

Others fear a replay of 1964. They see Dan Quayle as the Party's nominee, carrying the banner of the Religious Right. They fear that if this happens, the GOP will go down in defeat just as it did in the Lyndon Johnson landslide in 1964.

"I think that's the concern-that more and more across this country, we are seeing the establishment of a political purity test on the Right that is guaranteeing we as a Party are unable to govern and unable to elect moderate Republicans in swing districts," Gunderson

Moderates in several states and in Congress have formed committees to control the Christian Right, but, so far, have displayed little power.





Election Season--Dorothy Dean (center) Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, is shown with Phyllis Kirk and Tim Hancock at a fundraiser held for Dean on Sept. 27, 1994.

Abortion is a Heterosexual Atrocity, Not a Gay Civil Right As Many Seem to Think

Commentary by Michael Dobson-Sage

Lesbians and Gay men who are pro-life often are asked, "How can you be Gay and be against abortion?" The counter question, of course, is that "How can anyone be Gay and be for abortion?" Why have so many Gays and Lesbians decided that abortion rights are something they should support?

Supposedly, this support is based on Roe v. Wade. The Roe v. Wade ruling interpreted the ambiguous language of the Ninth Amendment to mean that the decision to terminate a pregnancy is protected by a newly enlarged right to privacy. But for Lesbians and Gay men this privacy rights is irrelevant. While the 1973 Supreme Court ruled that abortion was a constitutionally protected privacy right, the 1986 Supreme Court ruled that consensual homosexual relations were not.

Putting aside this illusion, to be proabortion is to be anti-Gay. The fact that the religious and the political right are both antiabortion and anti-Gay is simply an expected inconsistency in an already warped agenda, as is the pro-Gay posturing that trickles down from the upper echelons of the pro-abortion feminists. This society is almost totally proabortion and anti-Gay because the ultimate force at work in both cases is heterosexism!

Why do abortions occur? They occur because heterosexual men and women engage in sexual relations without taking appropriate precautions, without having respect for each other (particularly male for female), without having respect for the life they're creating-because of the passion of the moment. But could it be more than just passion? Could it be also the force of heterosexism that, as it punishes homosexuals for being homosexual, demands constant proof of heterosexuality? Consider the following:

"Hey, Billy, are you getting any yet? Or are you a faggot?" So he coerces a girl into sex, she gets pregnant and gets an abortion. Is that a victory for Gay rights?

"Hey, Billy, I want you to give it to me like a man. Or are you a faggot?" So he gives it to her, she gets pregnant and gets an abortion. Is that a victory for Gay rights?

Heterosexual intercourse in our heterosexist patriarchy has always been seen as a man's right, his privilege, his proof of masculinity. Males are encouraged to sow their wild oats to prove their heterosexuality to themselves, to their friends, to their families, to their women, to their society, and that proof can come in a multitude of forms-coercion, sexual harassment, rape. The same group of men who will beat up a man who openly, honestly, sincerely loves another man, will slap a buddy on the back for a vigorous, resourceful, and "well done" seduction of a woman.

Abortion is at the other end of the process. When the force of heterosexism has led to irresponsible or violent heterosexual sex, abortion is the "solution" which makes the "problem" go away. It allows the force of heterosexism to not only go unchecked, but be reinforced. After twenty hideous years of over a million abortions performed each year in this country, nobody has criticized or questioned he role of heterosexual intercourse or anti-Jay heterosexism in those numbers.

The fact that abortion is presented as a 'Woman's Right" is the biggest irony of all.

Far from advancing the cause of women, abortion on demand has hurt their cause by reinforcing male lust and sexism, the very things Feminism opposes.

Men still get away with it, and women are still the ones who endure the trauma of the procedure and life with its painful memories. While pro-choice rhetoric likes to paint an image of happy, successful, sexually liberated women, totally in control of their lives, the reality is quite different. It's usually "No Choice" rather than "Choice."

If this society really cared about women, we would not simply be arguing for legalized abortion; we would be arguing and working for the elimination of all unplanned pregnancies. But that requires a serious revision of our attitudes about heterosexuality and heterosexual intercourse, and the force of heterosexism will not tolerate that.

As we to continue to see our rights denied and the heterosexual atrocity of abortion protected, we are only fooling ourselves if we continue to support abortion as a Gay right.

Looking for proof? Consider the allegedly Gay-supportive Bill Clinton. Before he got into office, he promised to lift the anti-Gay military ban and create an AIDS czar. We know what happened with the military debacle, and a czar was not born in Christine Gebbie. And except for powerless platitudes, he has done powerful little to work for the civil rights of Gay people or to stand up against the religious right's assault.

But from his first days in office, with almost no opposition, he worked to protect abortion clinics, condoned abortion in prenatal counseling, gave the go-ahead to fetal testing, and legalized tax funded abortions for those in the military.

As of now, heterosexuals in the military can be open about their heterosexuality, they can enjoy heterosexual sex, procure abortions, and it's all okay, while Gay people in the military must hide their identity, deny their sexuality, and remain celibate. Nowhere else can the inhumanity of America's proabortion/anti-Gay ideology be seen so clearly.

Pro-abortion is anti-Gay; anti-abortion is pro-Gay. The latter is the only logical, consistent, and moral position for us to take.

Editor's Note: Michael Dobson-Sage is a member of the Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians and a professor of English at a college in the Boston area.



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U.S. Surgeon General Tells Gay Journalists that Suicide Rate Among Gay Teens is High

(Minneapolis)- U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders says the alarming rate at which Gay and Lesbian teens are committing suicide has become a public health problem.

Elders told about 300 people at the National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association conference meeting in Minneapolis September 22-25, that homophobia and Gay bashing have led to substance abuse and eventual suicides or attempted suicides.

"If we are beginning to lose 5,000 of our young people," Elders said, "that is a major public health problem." She asked journalists to be advocates by shedding light on the problem.

Suicide has become a leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24. In 1993, at least 5,000 U.S. teens committed suicide. Another 10,000 tried to take their own lives, she said. And Black and Latino Gays and Lesbians are even more likely to commit suicide, she said.

Elders said that of all high school students, 10% of girls and 6% of boys attempt suicide.

Experts have difficulty studying the issue because of inadequate methods of measuring the sexual orientation of teens who commit suicide.

Parents of teens who have committed suicide often don't know their sons or daughters are Gay. Researchers have learned that they need to ask six to eight friends before learning a teen's sexual orientation.

Verbal Gay battering and other attempts to

undermine the self-esteem of Gay youth, particularly by those of the Religious Right, are seen as primary contributing factors to Gay teen suicides. Gay teens are continually the victims of anti-Gay violence, at school, at home, at church and in the street.

A 1989 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services showed that the rate of attempted suicides and suicides by Gay teens may be even higher than COSP.

Don't Ignore the GOP

LesBiGay journalists were also warned to avoid bias in their reporting in favor of the Democrats. The warning was made in a letter by Gary Bastian, president of the Republicans for Individual Freedoms, a national Gay Re-

publican group.

"Some in the Gay press have a knee-jerk reaction to automatically bash someone just because they are a Republican, while overlooking the homophobia in the Democratic Party."

The letter pointed out that "conservative is not a dirty word" and cited former Sen. Barry Goldwater as an example.

Bastian pointed out that in a recent survey by the Advocate, while 66% or those Gay people responding said they were Democrats, 34% identified themselves as Republicans or Independents.

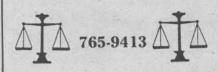
"Over all, the Gay press serves our community well. But please remember that 'our' community is not just Democrats and not just liberals," the letter said.



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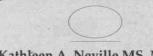
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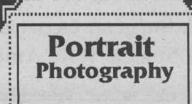
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Delta Lambda Phi to Hold Car Wash

(Milwaukee)- The Milwaukee Chapter of Delta Lambda Phi will hold a Car Wash Extravaganza at Triangle Tires, 3725 S. Howell. The event will take place on Sunday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A five dollar donation is requested. Come support your local fraternity

Two Day Rock Climbing Clinic for Women

(Madison)- Wisconsin Outdoor Women is sponsoring a two-day rock climbing clinic for women on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. Professional Outdoor instructors will be leading participants in the two-day adventure and challenge. Participants will learn: basic rock climbing techniques; rock climbing safety; use and care of equipment; belaying for other climbers; beginning knots for climbing; and introductory information on setting climbs. Beginning climbers and climbers wishing to review skills and work on technique are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Janis at (608) 476-1631.

WORT to Air Interview with Harry Hay

(Madison)- WORT, 89.9 FM will air an interview with Harry Hay, Gay activist from pre-Stonewall days and a father of the modern movement to gain civil rights for Gay people. The interview will be conducted by Andrew Sessions on "A Public Affair," airing on Thursday, October 6, at noon.

10% Society to Celebrate Coming Out Day

(Madison)- In conjunction with National Coming Out Day on October 11, and UW-Madison's 10% Society's Coming Out Week, popular speaker Paul Wesselmann will present a new workshop on Sunday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. at UW's Memorial Union. Wesselmann is a nationally known empowerment trainer and consultant. "Baby Steps and Giant Steps: Taking the Next Step Out of the Closet" is designed to provide LesBiGay people with the motivation and skills to take the next step in acknowledging their orientation no matter where they are in

SAGE/Milwaukee to Hold Pot Luck Luncheon

(Milwaukee)- SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), a group of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals of all ages with an outreach to older persons, invites the public to attend their October event. On Saturday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m., the group will meet for a pot luck luncheon at The Guild Hall of All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Ave. Please bring a dish to pass; warming ovens available. Plates, tableware, and coffee will be provided. Reservation are not necessary and the event is free, but, as usual, the hat will be passed to help cover costs. All are welcome.

'Stonewall 25' to be Aired Again

(Milwaukee)- "Stonewall 25: Global Voices of Pride and Protest" will be rebroadcast on WMVS, Channel 10 in Milwaukee on October 13 at midnight. The program will be shown in Madison on November 8 on WHA, Channel 21, at 10:30 p.m.

NOW/Madison to Present 'What is a Family?'

(Madison)- The Madison Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) will be hosting a program titled "What is a Family?" The discussion will center on a discussion of family values for the 1990's and beyond. The program will take place on November 12 from 12:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Lafollette High School, 702 Pflaum Road in Madison. The keynote speaker will be the Hon. Shelley Gaylord. State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) will address the group in the evening. For more information, call Percy Mather at (608) 233-1955 or, Keith Wessel at (608) 256-1480.

The United is Looking for Lots of Good People

(Madison)-The United is a busy place these days. They've got a great bunch of volunteers, but they need more. Those who would like to staff phones (Gay Men's Line and Lesbian Line) are needed. The United will provide the training (12 divided into 3 sessions).

Committees: The United needs your ideas. Are you good at fundraising? They need you!

Love to write? Join the Communications Committee. Speakers Bureau: Hold classroom and residence hall presentations at UW and MATC, and

assist in developing in-services for various social service agencies and community groups. Manage the Lending Library: The Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center houses its collection of fiction and non-fiction books at The United.

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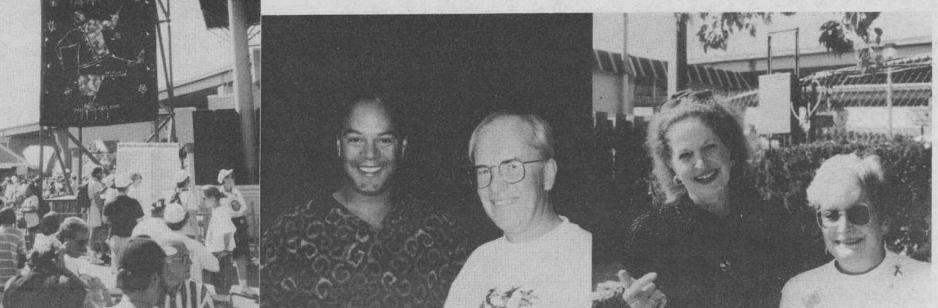


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tage for President Bill Clinton and the Democratic majority

"The failure of health care reform is a prime example," Nelson said. "Working this AIDS bill through Congress will be like walking through a mine field. At any time we may be blown away, but our strategy is to make the Care Act re-authorization an opportunity for the Congress to manifest its support of the AIDS epidemic hoping that the Republican Right fails in its attempt to discredit and derail our efforts.

Wisconsin Gains

The bill being introduced in Congress includes enhanced funding for Wisconsin AIDS agencies. With the formula changes secured by ARCW's Campaign for Fairness, Wisconsin will receive at least a 66% increase in AIDS funding through the Care Act.

Because Wisconsin has recorded more than 1,500 cases of AIDS, the new formula entitles Wisconsin to a \$500,000 supplemental grant each year. This supplemental grant is in addition to the base line formula distribution to Wisconsin which will increase by about \$160,000 because of other formula improve-

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Transportation Coordinator and Driver

The Milwaukee AIDS Project, a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., is looking for an individual to coordinate the transportation program which provides transportation for individuals living with HIV disease to medical and mental health appointments. Responsibilities include driving the agency vehicle, establishing routes and logistics of scheduling, assisting clients that have mobility problems, and coordination of volunteers. The candidate must hve a valid Wisconsin drivers license and a safe driving record. The candidate must also be able to lift up to 75 pounds. Computer literacy and bilingual in Spanish a plus. Interested individuals should submit a letter summarizing qualifications and salary requirements with a resume by October 10 to: Paul Milakovich, Deputy Director of Administration, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., P.O. Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0487.

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"We expect Wisconsin's Ryan White Care Act funding to increase from \$1,000,000 to \$1,660,000 because of the improvements we achieved in the negotiations," Nelson said.

"What has brought the national AIDS community together is the fact that these changes will move us towards more equitable AIDS funding and therefore a much improved Care Act," Nelson said.

"So much is at stake and while time is short and the partisanship of Congress is so intense, we are convinced that the risk to the Care Act is greater if we wait to re-authorize it in the next session when the Congress may be less supportive of our cause," Nelson said.

'We are all concerned that conservative forces appear to have the upper hand as Congressional elections approach and that could mean, at worst, the loss of the Senate and the loss of a working majority in the House," Nelson explained.

'While Sen. Kassenbaum and other moderate Republicans are supportive of the Care Act, the increasing power of the Far Right within the Republican Party clearly threatens the bipartisanship that is necessary to win Congressional approval on AIDS issues," Nel-

"If Republican success in Congressional elections is weighted toward the Republican Right then prospects for re-authorization of the Care Act in a form that will deliver significantly more resources throughout the country will be diminished," Nelson said.

It would be a bleak scenario for us and that's why there is an urgency to securing reauthorization in the current Congress over the next three weeks before adjournment," Nelson

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them. I needed to know that you can be sexual without having intercourse. I needed skills to negotiate relationships. I needed to know how to say that I don't want to have intercourse. I just want to be held.

None of the things I needed were provided by that 50-year-old doctor who lectured my 7th grade class about this terrible thing called AIDS. Now, I have nothing against 50-yearold doctors, but what me and my classmates needed to know was more than "just don't do

I also needed prevention messages that met other needs. There are many issues in my life that need to be addressed that are just as important as AIDS. As a young boy and an ado-

Nelson urged everyone to either call or write to Senators Feingold and Kohl and their Congressman to urge them to support reauthorization of the Care Act in this session. Pre-printed postcards calling for reauthorization are available from ARCW and Congressional phone numbers and addresses are also available from ARCW.

For this information, call ARCW Public Policy Coordinator, Mike Gifford at (414) 273-1991-Ext. 247.

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group HIV prevention program with 200 men

and 200 women randomly assigned to HIV intervention or a comparison intervention, dealing with health topics unrelated to AIDS.

Before the start of intervention, an initial assessment will be made of homeless participants' HIV risk, knowledge, beliefs, skills and behavior, as well as condom use, HIV test seeking and evidence of sexually transmitted diseases. After completing the AIDS prevention program, participants will be followed at three, six, nine and twelve-month intervals to determine whether the intervention reduced risk for AIDS.

Based on his other intervention studies among populations at high risk for AIDS, Dr. Kelly believes the homeless participants will exhibit knowledge of their risk and improved attitudes and skills to make behavioral changes to decrease their risk of becoming infected with HIV following program participation.

Co-investigators of the study include Seth Kalichman, Kathleen J. Sikkema, Timothy G. Heckman, assistant professors, and David G. Ostrow, associate professor of psychiatry and mental health sciences, and Jane M. Kotchen, professor of epidemiology

The homeless study is one of the largest grants awarded to the Medical College's Center for AIDS Intervention Research, part of the Medical College's department of psychiatry and mental health sciences. CAIR coordinates AIDS prevention and mental health research efforts, and supports the rapid development of innovative AIDS prevention programs that can be used by public health and AIDS service organizations in their efforts to prevent the dis-

In the last year, researchers at CAIR conducted AIDS prevention programs that have reached more than 1,000 Wisconsin Gay men and over 2,000 other persons at elevated risk for HIV including inner-city women, the impoverished, chronic mentally ill, and men and women with a history of other sexually transmitted diseases who are also vulnerable to

PEDRO ZAMORA Continued from Page 1

lescent, I was sexually abused. Those abusive experiences have scarred how I feel about myself and made it hard for me to say no. It was easier to make people happy, even if that meant having unprotected sex.

The reason many prevention programs fail is because they are not grounded in the reality of my life and the lives of my peers. They don't include the people they serve in every level of the program and the organization. If an organization is going to serve youth, they must be present everywhere from the board of directors to peer educators.

I am also frustrated with programs that are more concerned with offending people in the general public than with saving lives. If you want to reach me as a young Gay man, especially a young Gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a language and vocabulary I can understand and relate to. I will be much more likely to hear the message if it comes from someone to whom I can re-

My family and I fled Cuba to escape Castro's repressive regime. We traveled for 24 hours over rough seas, on an unsafe boat, filled beyond its capacity, to come to this country full of hope and opportunity. I am proud to be an American and to live in a land where I can say who I am and what I want without fear of punishment from my govern-

My dream was to go to college, become a doctor or lawyer, live the American dream and who knows, maybe even be a member of Congress. But because I live with AIDS, my dreams may not be possible.

Mr. Chairman, we need your leadership to change HIV prevention. We need your help to make prevention grounded in reality of real lives like mine and the millions of young people who are at risk for HIV.

We can prevent HIV infection and the loss of millions of Americans. What we need is the collective will to care about young people, to care about people with different backgrounds and to make sure that one day people will



Pedro Zamora

Pedro Zamora Health Care Fund

Pedro Zamora is currently suffering from complications due to AIDS. He requires a great deal of medical care and is not doing well.

Pedro has no medical insurance or coverage of any kind. The family is not rich. Atrust fund for his care has been established. If you would like to help, send a check in any amount to:

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Milwaukee WAYNE, 27 single GWM 6'6 red/blu galkg, movies, dinner quiet times with friends, bike riding, travelling, tired of bars, looking for around my age with sim int to spend time with - =6499

Appleton RENAISSANCE MAN: Dave, 24 5'10 blnd/blu 145 like to do a little bit of everything-great smile, like camping hiking fishing sports-like guys, musc - about my height- #7131

Waukesha SCOTT, 20 5'5 135, looking for my area who is 18-26, likes to have fun, hang out be friends, int in poss rel-that's about it, thanks-

Milwaukee GENTLEMEN PREFER HANES: into cross dressing, younger men, one or two, pls call

Milwaukee SMOOTH MOVES: We're an 18 and 19 y/o GWC looking for a 3rd, partner for safe fun times 18-24, WM clean shaven, unhairy-

Milwaukee RANDY, 35, 5'10, 160 brn/brn, biking and weightlifting- lkg for adv 25-35 built attr, and smart- \$7621

Milwaukee ARE YOU BEING SERVED, MONSIEUR? Brent, married WM looking for guys who need french attention, free during ernoons, guys who like to kick back-looking to take care of ya- #7699



Kenosha **DENNIS**, looking for someone who is honest and open with himself-like men with long hair, mostly love Italian men 18-40- #7720

Milwaukee THE TIES THAT BIND: Into b/d. wrestling and other delights 6' 190 facial hair good body, sound interesting, lets talk- #7905

Green Bay I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SOMEONE: Dick looking to get together, new to scene looking for anyone that can help me with that #8029

Green Bay FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK, WE SALUTE YOU: Kurt, 5'8 145, like to rock and roll, have a good time, wondering if there's someone out there who likes the same #8062

Minerva Point GWM 20's 5'6 135 dk/hazel, creative, enjoy life to the fullest, long walks in the country looking for 20-40 serious rel- #8069

WI PARTNER WANTED: GWM 50's young gay bi wm 20's long hair a + same time, same place

rel, maybe more- #8201 Madison JASON 23, looking for 20-26, quiet times and partying- #8379

Milwaukee **GWM** 30 6′ 130 blue eyes, clean shaven, smooth looking for good times- #1775

Eau Claire SLEEPING BAG FOR TWO: 21

brn/blu hairy chest, goatee vers looking to meet 21-25 in area into music, outdoors, camping-whatever lkg for fun times, snuggling- #2135

Milwaukee COME ON IN-THE WATER'S FINE! Pool parties at out house - looking for young guys to come over and party 18-27 smooth musc leave your name sure you'll have fun! #16120

Whitewater GWM 19 lkg for same into reading, music, and outdoors- pls call! #2487

715 Area Code ZIPS UP THE BACK AND NO **BONES:** Calling to see if there are guys out there fem or top would like to meet me Steve GWM like to meet galking guys into cross dressing- #11250

715 Area Code WORKING MANS PHD: 38 male into weightlifting, working man, like mas fit guys to 45-like traveling to FL in the winter travelling, tennis, hoping to hear from you- =33814

Racine WHAT INSTRUMENT DO YOU PLAY? Gary 6' slim tan long hair, like rock and rall, I'm a musician, outdoors, beach seafood, music, sincere-prefer smaller build guys white hisp

La Crosse GOIN' ON A MANHUNT- Jeff 26 '2 brn/blu 21-32 biking hiking and hunting if u like the same call me- =27707

Milwaukee OUTDOORSMAN- GWM 27 men under 30 hunting, fishing, boating, looking for someone in Milwaukee or N. Wisconsin

3231

Cattage Grove **BRIAN-** GWM 22 brn/green, 5'8, 140, 18-24 race age not imp muscles a + into movies, plays and concerts-non smoker, drinker-

Milwaukee CYRIL 35 GWM - like classical music, movies, theatre-dining out-lkg for special someone for rel brn/brn beard must- #3687

715 Area Code HOLD THE DOOR FOR ME: Joel galkg cross dresser want to be treated like a

Madison JASON 23 gdlkg dk features mustache dk/dk eyes fun times, poss something serious-like to cook, travel, racquetball, good husband material, sense of humor-lkg for 21-34 good shape, non smoker w/sim int- \$3743

Madison GBM 30 lkg for someone comfortable with themselves- not looking for any games quiet eves at home, movies sports, enjoying life - race not imp- lkg for under 35- #4156

Madison 26 WM 5'10 175 - lkg to get with asian/hisp under 25 for a great time! #4629

Central WI OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY: Bill GWM - lkg for other gay, bi, TV's, cross dressers couples int in having fun-good times, talking- will answer all- ±4645

Milwaukee HOUSE CALLS: travel throughout WI and midwest- Int in hooking up with gallkg guys 20-45 wants to get together & who knows what they want - out of life and the person they're withlooking forward to talking with you and having

Milwaukee **TODD-** Tom Cruise lookalike, brn/blu, 155, lkg for a workout partner 3x a week- = 4717

Lacrosse EXERCISE THIS OPTION: inexp WM 28 5'11 160 masc seeks 20-28 for friendship and fun times - also looking for a workout partner

715 Area Code RICK 27 male 5'11 lkg to meet 20-30 like outdoors, and having a good time- =4736

Milwaukee SHOW ME THE ROPES: int in younger 18-30 int in leather scene, shaving - BD in the afternoon or wknds for long sessions, smooth blnd bodies- if int lv a descr of yourself- ≈27712

715 Area Code TWO PLUSES, NO MINUSES: Tall thin GWM vers tp, fun, outdoors, gdlkg + lkg for other + to share int or poss rel- just have some fun together- #4751

Milwaukee TV IN THE BEDROOM: Cross dresser looking for others, and older men who are exp and love to cuddle #43091

Waukesha 501 BLUES: New to area GHM 34 5'10 180 blk/brn mustache beard btm seeking GWM 28-38 tp must jeans and boots kinda guy

Milwaukee SUPPERY WHEN WET: 27 lkg for young smooth guys 18-25 vgdlk #1570

Appleton INNER BEAUTY: Jeff, 24 long blnd hair into dancing and what's inside- =1974

Madison I CAN SEE IT ALL, NOW: Lou 26 blnd/blu look good in biker pants, older or married men for safe times maybe rel-let's have some fuunnnn! #2108

Milwaukee HEAD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Mike, 24 GWM 6'183, lkng for a tp guy in the area brn/grn med bld, fairly active indiv- = 2557

414 Area Code TOM 18, 5'8 brn/brn 170 college student w/broad shoulders, wide chest musc legs 18-25 only honest sense of humor strong minded- no bi's non drink/smoke U B 2. #4095

Racine ROCK YOU LIKE A HURRICANE: Rock musician, slim, 6' long hair tan like music seafood, boating, outdoors some tv, pref smaller

guys- thats it for right now- #1497 Rocine HI! LIKE TO MEET YOU- GWM 36 seeking area men to please and have a good time=1549

Milwaukee STEVE 37 5'10 185 hairy short blu clean shave alot of fun many hats-like to have a good time lkg for masc daddy type teddy bear any race- like to play darts, movies some sports, like romantic times too- candlelight dinners- #4802

715 Area Code WHAT'S YOURS? looking for a real nice hard body musc guy to have fun with-my

Madison GWM 25 5'11 brn/brn 160 goatee lkg for 18-35 in my area, hairy, masc gdlkg discreet

Racine THERE'S A PARTY AT MY PLACE AND I WANT YOU ALL TO COME: Come party with me GWM 36 seeking area men to invite to my party! #1549

Marshfield COME TO MY PARTY: Vic-hot 26 GWM, 6', 168, non-drinker blnd/blu seeks slim, avg built guys 21-29 for fun and friendship interests are: music, walking, dancing, house parties and other fun activities. #27563

Milwaukee JULIA ROBERTS, MOVE OVER: VGL 6'2,195, professional, dk hair/eyes built looking for galk cross dressers that really want to be treated like a lady - #34483

Warwick County COMPOUND INTERESTS: Mark, GWM 34, 5'11, 250, HIV-, looking for GWM any age in my area-like music cooking-walks, talks, waterfalls, gardening, list too numerous to mention #34667

NE WI COME OVER TO MY HOUSE: Clean cut, 185, 5'9 , enjoy outdoor activities, visiting etc looking to meet similar in my area. #34688

Fond du Lac **BARSICK:** Scott, 22 y/o, 6'2, 165 blu/blond, sick of bars looking for honest, long lasting relationship-if you're a SWM btwn 18-27 call me. #34713

Kenosha HEY, WAYNE AND GARTH, LETS PARTY!: Bi-WM 40 and Bi-WM 21 seek other gay or Bi-WM under 25, not into bars- we're into hea metal music and social drinking at our place. #34737

Lacrosse, SAIL AWAY WITH ME: John 25, 190, 6'2, blu/blnd - wide variety of interests boating, traveling, talking etc. =34748

WI THATS WHY THE LADY IS A TRAMP: Cameron 22y/o TV into couples, women and men, vgl and versatile slim attractive and college educated, open minded, #34758

Appleton BI GEORGE!: Bi WM looking for cone who likes to have fun. Are you the one?

Kenosha YOUNGER BROTHER WANTEDgay or bi of any race under 40 by 42y/o hairy beard must, 5'9 230 teddy bear for male bonding tlc buddy/buddy good times & pleasure-tired of the bars? me too! romantically inclined -serious only reply. ≈35053

Appleton MR. MODEST: Greg Too good to be true reg guy workout, looking for workout buddy, enjoys sports athletic- looking for 6' or larger who likes to have fun likes to laugh. #36439

Milwaukee CENSORED BY THE FCC: submissive TV int in guys wild times bd seeking a fem TV or TV for sincere rel. into all kinds of thing - anything thats wild - clean and discreet =42713

Milwaukee HANES YOUR WAY: Hisp man 30 seeking fem TV or she/male 18-25 slim petite into garters poss long term rel. #39930

Milwaukee THE BEAR FACTS: Brian 23 enjoy French A/P int in meeting older men >36 heavy set hairy, the bigger the better. #42632

James bi/wm Madison area looking for older mature indiv 40-60 #42653

Madison DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN:

Milwaukee CREATIVE PLAYTHINGS: Gdlkg 35 6'2 - looking for hot intell hunks who like to be creative. #42850

Milwaukee INFORMAL ATTIRE: Don 30 bi/wm open minded, versatile seeking other guys into casual times - #42896

Kenosha HEY HEY HEY TIRED OF THE BARS? being alone and all the games and bs? looking for passion? int in a cuddly buddy pal 34 furry gwm teddy bear husky must beard brn/blue romantic. seeks brotherly buddy or pal any race

Madison GOLLY GEE, MR. WIZARD! 26 Marco looking to meet a man around my age to experiment- not into scene for awhile up for anything - call me. #42973

Milwaukee LOOKING FOR A TV GUIDE: 27 virgin looking for a cross dresser to show me the ropes and the scene ≈43003

Milwaukee GREEN HORN: Inexperienced college student, 5'9", looking for someone 18-24 yrs. old to have fun with. #33020 Appleton BI THE WAY: 25 yr. old, 5'11",

Bln/Blu, bi male looking for guys in the area, 20-26 yrs. old, into outdoors and dancing. #33040 Milwaukee PASSION: Truthful male, 33, 6'

looking for some passionate men to enjoy life with and who want to have good times together. **#33083**

Milwaukee SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY: 5'8", slim, looking for friends in the area to show me around a little. I am new here from Texas. #33118

Madison PARTY ON DUDE: Fun guy, college student, 20 yrs. old, into sports, working out, and partying, looking for someone who wants to have nothing but fun. =33703

Eau Claire PULL OVER: Police officer, 36, 6', seeking young 18-32 yr. old TP's. You must be very discreet. #33752

Milwaukee LIMITED PARTNERSHIP: 32 yr. old, 5'10", 150, Bln/Brn, professional looking seeks others in the area for a relationship. #33794

Appleton HEY, CLARK KENT: 26 yr. old, nice ld; 5'7" looking for that super hero look alike 25-35 yrs. old, to sweep me off my feet. #33960 Jefferson DOUBLE AXEL: 6'1", Blk/Brn, 200,

self employed, into ice skating, taking walks, and being with someone who I really want to be with. You are kind, caring, honest, and sincere. #34044

Racine GLEN AND GLENDA: Randy, 5'10", 29 yrs. old, masc, looking for a TV, pre-op w to go out and have a good time. #34127

La Crosse HOLE IN ONE: GWM 31 non smoker 6' smooth seeking companion of any race for summer fun enjoy golf, bowling, shopping, movies and the quality time two men can share at home.

Madison SAME TIME NEXT WEEK?: Rick 38 bi wm vgl dk hair trim beard looking for guys to get together on reg or occasional basis looking for gdlkg masc to mid 40's also. ≠34300

Chuck gdlk 6'2 241 brn/blu looking for non white Tps to satisfy well built tall and hairy a + . give me a try! =34315

Kenosha BEARDED BEAR: Rob i'm eager versatile Polish-Italian furry husky cuddly teddy bear interested in meeting new friends of any race. 42, HIV- beard, mustache 235lbs hairy brn/blue.

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. **=24086**

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

Madison LONESOME DOVE: Lonesome bi white male, 6', stach, into the country, looking for other cowboys for friendship or more. \$\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 mase guys 18-27 yrs. old who enjoy similar hobbies. #26338

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

Boyfield 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

who is a fantastic guy looking for a younger guy. I am financially fit. Long hair a big plus. #32550 WI ZIP ME UP, ZIP ME DOWN: Steve, GWM,

St. Louis I LOOK MARVELOUS: Nick, 50 yr. old

looking for a CD who is handsome and good looking. Come on over for some good times. #11250 Madison OUT FOR A GOOD TIME: Tom, 5'10", good looking, athletic, looking for someone to have some fun with. #32656

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

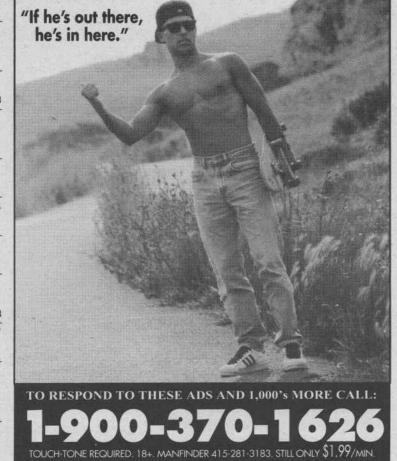
Milwaukee _ft_ + (\pi)= FUN: 18 yr. old, 6'3", GM looking for someone 18-35 yrs. old, attractive Hispanic or white honest and sincere for a relationship, #31914 WI STOCKS AND BONDAGE: 51 yr. old,

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 3440 GWM, 32, independent, financially secure, ISO someone fun for relationship and hot times. Box# 4506

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GBM, Andre, 5'10, 155, drk hair/eyes, ISO GWM 20-30, to enjoy life to it's 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

GM, Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO partner for fun and good times. Box# 8397

Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO honest, sincere partner for fun and pos. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 5049

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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

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

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)

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

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my only concern. No reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 3231 Alex, 25, 5'11, 175, ISO relationship. Box# 2885 Mike, 32, versatile, 5'6,

165, brn hr, grn eyes, ISO compatible M's to share my house I just purchased. (Call Thru) Box# 9644 Tyrone, GM, 23, call. Box# 6310

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

DJ, 37, bi-WM, very oral, ISO afternoon or evening encounters. Box# 8718 GWM, 22, 6'5, 180, sandy blonde, mustache, thin beard, hairy chest, ISO guys 22-35, friends, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 9782

Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who (Call Thru) Box# 2967 Bill, 32, 5'5, 150, ISO slim, smooth, GWM's for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 1713

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

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

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

M, 24, looking for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2104 Peter, looking for a friend for hot times, someone who is es to workout, bottom, hairy, loves to be licked.

(Call Thru) Box# 5782 Richard, 25, WM, I like dancing, sports, ISO someone who's comfortable with themselves. (Call Thru) Box#

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

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

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

man who's interested in falling in love. (Call Thru) Box#

John, 5'9, red hair, blue eyes, good shape, bottom, college jock, ISO well-built, top, 30+, well-hung. Box# 6513 Jim, 29, ISO BM, 18-35. (Call Thru) Box# 9922

Sebastian, 18, have body piercing, ISO dominate, 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

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

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

Jack, 36, ISO M, same age, open-minded, friendship, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 3143 Shawn, 19, BM, fun-loving, ISO dominant, masculine, muscular, intimate tops. (Call Thru) Box# 7280

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

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

Spanish guy, 148, ISO males 20 +. Box# 6226 Chris, bi-BM, very straight-looking/acting, enjoys skiing,

movies, travel. ISO someone with similar interests who is straight-acting and looking as well. Box# 1778 GWM, bottom, 53, 250, masculine, clean, discreet, ISO top guy, beard and mustache a plus, attr., 35-50, any race, no bums/fems/alcoholics. Bi's welcome also. (Call Thru)

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

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I'm what you've been looking for. Artie, African-American, 5'8, 160, bearded, good-looking, healthy, clean, ISO blue-collar, down to earth types, into giving oral services to, no reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 6631 Rob, ISO younger brother type for partying, hanging out, I'm a fun-loving bottom willing to travel. (Call Thru)

Box# 5262 Scott, 21, 6'3, 165, light brn. hr., longer in the back, blue eyes, ISO SWM, 18-25, for friendship, poss. long-term rel. To me life is too short. (Call Thru) Box# 3339

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

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

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

Jim, 28, WM, 6'2, I'm outgoing, very personable, like music, movies, socializing, ISO BM, for one-on-one rela-tionship, 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, 25, 6'3, 220, blond/blue, hairy, ISO another guy to have some fun. (Call Thru) Box# 4526

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) Box# 6531

GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. Box# 8604 Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tatoos, long hair, tone body, smooth, 145, 6'2, touchiefeelie type, wild sense of humor, ISO other guys 25-35, dark haired, hairy body, sensuality is top priority. **Box#**

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

3610

Todd, 30, honest, sincere and open, ISO a straight-acting guy who is masculine, honest, sincere, open also, likes to party, enjoys movies, heavy metal to dance music, for



dating, poss. serious rel., no game players or sex-only callers. Box# 7205

Willy, you can call me Bill, 25, ISO another guy 19-28, any race for hot fun. (Call Thru) Box# 9549

Jeff, 19, blonde hair, green eyes, ISO guy to hang out with. (Call Thru) Box# 8161

Charles, ISO good stable relationship and friendship, any race, age, and color. What's on the inside is important to me. (Call Thru) Box# 3443 GBM, light complexion, 5'8 1/2, 155, 30, boy next door type, ISO GM's. My name is Quinton, you can call me Q. (Call Thru) Box# 1762

Danny, 32, 5'10, 155, long blonde hair, green eyes, clean shave, mother says I'm too cute to be gay, enjoys sports, biking, ISO another male. Box# 4532

Todd, 25, 6', 180, ready to have good times. Mark and his partner. Please call me. Box# 6649



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New York's Hetrick-Martin Institute is a Port in the Storm for Lesbian and Gay Youth

(New York, NY)- Mary Hansen has a mission. It is her duty as a peer counselor at New York City's Hetrick-Martin Institute to go out to the city's schools and promote tolerance for Gay men and Lesbians like herself. It's a difficult task, especially if, like Mary, you're only 18, not much older than the stu-

But then Mary is not alone. She has many colleagues at the Institute trying to spread understanding.

The Hetrick-Martin Institute is a not-forprofit social service, education and advocacy organization dedicated to meeting the needs of LesBiGay youth, homeless adolescents (many of whom are Gay and have been thrown out of their homes), and all youth who are coming to terms with their sexuality.

Hetrick-Martin, named after its founders, Emery S. Hetrick, M.D. and A. Damien Martin, both of whom died of AIDS, was originally called the Institute for the Protection of Gay and Lesbian youth. Today, from its home in New York's East Village, it serves 1,500 young people a year who make their way to its doors.

The Institute provides individual, group and family counseling, an after-school Drop-In Center (called a "Neutral Zone") and the Harvey Milk School, the only high school in the country for LesBiGays. Mary Hansen is a graduate of Harvey Milk.

One day recently Mary faced 25 students in a ninth-grade class, none of whom knew where she came from or that she was a Les-

On the board, she wrote the word "homosexual" and asked them to write down what it meant to them. There were hoots and hollers when the lists were read.

AIDS was first, then dyke and homo, then oral sex, anal sex, sexless, disgusting, unnatural, gross and so on and on.

Now," she said, "if you walked into a room where an African American or a Latino was sitting, would you use words that were equally nasty." She named some.

'No!" came the firm, chorused reply. And then someone added that there were no "fags"

Mary smiled. "Really? But how do you know? People assume Gay men and Lesbians have big light bulbs above their heads. But the truth is"---she paused--"we don't."

The class as one gasped and fell silent.

Within the Gay community, which has often faces accusations of recruitment, the subject of Gay youth has long caused anxiety.

The leaders of the national movement have been very afraid to touch youth issues,' said Jenie Hall, director of the American Friends Service Committee's Bridges Project, which coordinates the efforts of Gay youth agencies.

Nevertheless, Hetrick-Martin, the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center and the Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League in Washington--among 170 such agencies in the U.S. and Canada, have been quietly providing everything from hot meals for youths kicked out of their homes to hot lines, pen-pal programs, counseling, companionship and a whole lot more.

Take Joey as a case in point. He's a cute guy with thick, jet black hair that parts in the middle, a heart shaped face and deep, longing eyes. He came out to his parents at the age of 14. His father beat him and kicked him out into the street. Joey was on his own.

He made his way from Milwaukee, first to Chicago, then Philadelphia and, at last, New York. On the street, he heard about Hetrick-Martin and went there.

For the first time in his life, he said, he knew what it was like to be accepted, to be among friends. He was free. He will graduate from Harvey Milk School next year.

Joey is far from being alone, but how large his numbers are, experts can only guess.

In 1973, a study was published in the Journal of Male and Female Homosexuality, that said that most Gay males realized their orientation by the age of 16, if not before, and most females by age 19, if not before. There has been no update since then.

Experts assume that the Gay youth population has remained steady, though they can only hazard a guess, based on the results of a recent Harris poll, of perhaps 2 million. There are many who say that this number is far too small.

Robyn Miller, of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York recently visited Milwaukee to look at the possibility of joining the faculty at the Wisconsin Medical College's AIDS Prevention and Research Center. She said that New York authorities estimate that there is "something close" to half a million run-away youth on the city's streets at any one time, "the majority of whom are Gay." At least "60%" she said.

That means that, like Joey, they're coming from all over the country, a virtual mass migration every year.

Joey was fortunate. He managed to get to Hetrick-Martin. Some, no one knows how many, do not--or get to someplace like it-- before anything happened to him. It is well known that young run-aways, male and female both, can be and do get into drugs, prostitution, and become infected with HIV.

These are young people who live in subways or wherever else they can find.

They can also, as numerous reports show, wind up in underground porn movies. They can become commodities, ordered and sold to people who want to use them. These young people are never seen again.

While all this may be shocking, it comes as no surprise when one talks with people "on the street.

Luis Ortiz is a tall, dark and very handsome young Gay man. He's 15, he says, but with his thin mustache, he looks older. He comes from Baltimore originally, he says, and for a little money he will talk.

He says he's been hustling since he was 13 and he's HIV positive now. He doesn't tell his

He fled his home when his friends found out he was Gay. He couldn't take the grief that he got from them and his family because of who he is. "I didn't ask to be like this, man," he says. "I'm just that way.

He talks about a friend he had, a guy like himself who he used to hang with. Luis says his name was Frank and he was "real cute and blonde.

One day, Frank went with "this man" and was never seen again. But Luis thinks he knows what happened to him.

'They used him, man. Made a slave outta him or put him in a snuff film or something, I

No one knows. No one will ever know.

Most of Hetrick-Martin's clients, like Mary, like Joey, like Luis, "already have a very good sense of who they are," said Debra Haffner, executive director of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States, or Siecus, the country's pre-eminent clearinghouse for information on human sexuality

"Even for those who don't," she added, there is absolutely no evidence that orientation can be changed due to exposure to other people or educational messages. If it could, everyone would be straight. Affirming one's identity can only be helpful to one's self-

Teens know this. That's why they show up at places like Hetrick-Martin. In fact, as with Joey and uncounted others like him, it's not the agencies recruiting Gay youth, but the youth recruiting the agencies.

Responsibility for change is a concept that is foreign to most teens. But Gay youth say they have much to fight for.

They realize that they haven't had a place in the community, except as commodities," said Hall of the Bridges Project. "They are saying: 'I'm not your future, I'm the present, and I deserve to be respected here and now. I am not important solely because of what I will be when I am an adult--if I even get there.

Hall said that the Gay youth agenda includes safe schools, suicide prevention, and AIDS education.

One has to keep in mind how far things have come for Gay youth, all in a very short

In 1980, the only Gay person anyone knew about was Aaron Fricke, who won the right to take his boyfriend to his high school prom. Young Lesbians didn't exist in the public's

In the 13 years since, AIDS has come ipon the scene. ACT UP and Queer Nation (both youth-centered organizations) have appeared. Gay issues, pro-and con, are being argued everywhere. The once unspoken subject has become public.

Frances Kunreuther of Hetrick-Martin said that mainstream organizations are getting better at acknowledging Gay youth in their midst.

"Over the next 10 years," she said, "the trend will be toward kids less often having to leave their neighborhoods and families to get help. But it's just beginning."

Mary Hansen agrees, but adds: "So what if people still say terrible things? Whatever they call me, I say: 'Yes, and my name is Mary.' I refuse to be afraid. And I do this out of an obligation, not to the community, but to myself. Nobody should have a say in who I



POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Tommy Thompson's Record As Governor is Less Than Sparkling

By Bill Meunier

Once again Tommy Thompson is using his bloated campaign fund to convince us all that he is nothing less than the savior of Wisconsin. The real Thompson record is considerably less sparkling than his slick commercials would have you believe.

Gays and Lesbians would do well to remember that Thompson won his office in 1986 by defeating pro-Gay Democratic Governor, Tony Earl. He won in large part because of Gay bashing commercials his campaign ran in various parts of the state. These commercials blasted Earl for having a paid Gay and Lesbian issues coordinator in his

We would also do well to remember that even prior to running for Governor, Tommy Thompson was no friend of ours. As the Minority Leader in the Wisconsin Assembly, Thompson voted and worked against the passage of our civil rights law, AB 70.

Governor Thompson hasn't been especially helpful either. He has yet to speak out against the violence and discrimination directed against us. His insurance commissioner vetoed the proposed coverage of domestic partners of unmarried university employees.

He nominated Terry Kohler for a position on the UW Board of Regents, a nomination wisely rejected by the State Senate. Kohler is the guy who blasted then Governor Earl for appointing an openly gay man as his press

According to Kohler "Homosexuals have no place in state government.'

If Kohler had made a similar statement about African Americans, Asians or Jews or Hispanics, there is no doubt that Thompson would have passed him over. But he said it about us and that was okay with Tommy Thompson.

Can you imagine what would have happened if Kohler had been confirmed? He probably would have gone to work trying to root out Lesbian and Gay faculty members, student groups and maybe even students.

Thompson has been in office for eight years, and he still (as far as I know) has not met with Gay and Lesbian leaders to discuss our concerns and issues. It is obvious he isn't interested in those concerns.

Beyond the concern we should all have with the way Thompson has treated us as Lesbians and Gays, there should also be real concern about his overall record.

It is severely tarnished.

Thompson touts his record on welfare reform. The fact is that studies have shown his programs have had little or no effect.

In order to protect the Thompson welfare reform myth, his office actually cut off funding to a UWM research team that was about to release a study showing his "Learn Fare" program wasn't working. To their credit, the UWM team completed the research and released the study anyway.

Then there is his use of the line item veto. Our state constitution is set up with checks and balances between the various branches of government. The Wisconsin constitution allows its Governor to strike out portions of appropriations bill he/she disagrees with.

The purpose of this line item veto was to allow the Governor to sign spending bills he had problems with without having to veto the whole thing. The government can continue to function while the legislature tries to over ride the governor's veto of a specific item.

Otherwise the whole process has to start from scratch

Thompson has misused this power. He has used his veto pen to strike out words and create whole new sentences and to move decimal points. In some instances he has done more veto an item, he has created a whole new programs the legislature never intended to

His use of the line item veto reminds many of the way legislatures were treated in the days before the American revolution. They could pass whatever they wanted but it was the king who ruled.

Then there are the very serious questions raised over Thompson's use of his office to grant favors and give appointments to campaign contributors. Doesn't it strike anyone as odd that a governor considered to be a shoo-in for re-election should be able to garner millions in campaign contributions, much of it from out of state interests? Why should anyone in New York or California really care about who our governor is?

While Thompson's commercials tout his role in bringing jobs to Wisconsin they don't tell the whole story.

Why don't those commercials tell us what the average wages for these new jobs are? Why don't tell us how many of our tax dollars went into the pockets of these corporations to entice them to come here. Why don't they tell us how much the grateful corporate executives contributed to the Thompson campaign?

There are other things the Thompson commercials don't talk about either. For example you won't hear them touting the Thompson record on health insurance reform. That's because while the governors of other states were working for state wide health plans, Thompson was busy beating up on welfare mothers who use a very small portion of the state budget.

Thompson opponent Democrat Chuck Chvala is a thoughtful man who offers a stark contrast to the Governor. He has been very supportive of Lesbian and Gay rights. He has consistently been on the side of property tax reduction, he favors health insurance reform and he has an abiding concern for the middle and lower economic classes.

You won't find Chvala vetoing legislation that would have taxed his country club, like Thompson did.

You won't find Chvala vetoing legislation that would have regulated Illinois dumping its trash in Wisconsin land fills like Thompson

You won't find Chvala using the governor's line item veto to rule like King Tommy has.

And that is the real issue. Do we want a governor who fights for a bigger campaign chest or one that fights for us? Do we want a governor who works for health insurance reform or one who beats up on welfare mothers? Are we going to let slick commercials make the decision for us, or are we smart enough to see through the glitz?

When you vote in November, remember the old adage, "Be careful what you ask for. You just might get it.'





