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Government Approves Test for HIV Using Saliva Instead of Blood

Washington, D.C.-AP- The first AIDS virus test that uses saliva instead of blood has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The test, called Orasure, is made by the biotechnology company Epitepe Inc., in Beaverton, Oregon, and will cost about \$2 to \$4, a fraction of the price of blood tests.

Although the test isn't as accurate as blood tests, Epitepe expressed the hope following the December 23 FDA approval that the test will help more people learn whether they have HIV.

"Whether they test positive or negative, they can take appropriate steps to protect themselves and others and if they test positive, obtain early treatment for the disease," said Adolph Ferro, Epitepe president and chief executive officer.

The FDA said the new test will be available only from physicians and will be administered only by people trained in its use. Epitepe eventually hopes to offer it for sale directly to consumers.

Dr. Jeff Lawrence, a consultant to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said the test could encourage people who would avoid blood tests to be tested.

"As long as a positive test is followed by a blood test and as long as there is appropriate counseling available, it is a reasonable thing to do," Lawrence said.

The FDA approval actually involves two systems: a way to collect and preserve the oral fluid, and a way to test the specimen in a laboratory for the HIV virus.

The kit used to test the specimen in the lab is made by Organon Teknika Corp., of Durham, North Carolina, and is sold under the brand name "Oral Fluid Vironostika HIV-1 Microelisa System."

The test measures the presence in the saliva of antibodies to the HIV virus. The virus itself has not been found in the saliva.

To collect fluid for a test, a specially treated cotton pad on a stick is placed between the lower gum and the cheek and allowed to absorb fluid. The stick is then placed into a plastic container with a preservative solution.

At a lab, the specimen undergoes an "enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay," or ELISA, a test that is able to detect antibodies to HIV.

Positive tests are confirmed with a blood test called the Western Blot, which is more sensitive than the ELISA.

The FDA said the test has a 2% error rate. For instance, for every 100 people infected with HIV, the saliva test will miss one or two. For every 100 people who are not infected, test results will be incorrectly positive for approximately two people, the agency said.

"That is much, much poorer than with a standard blood test," Lawrence said.

Under guidelines for approval, the saliva test is strictly forbidden for home use and cannot be used to screen blood donors.

PrideFest to Remain at Veterans' Park for 1995 June Celebration

Negotiations With Summerfest Continue for 1996

(Milwaukee, WI)-- PrideFest announces that it will remain at its Veterans Park site in 1995. The organization is planning to negotiate a move to the Summerfest grounds in 1996.

PrideFest had been negotiating to move the celebration to the Summerfest grounds beginning in June, 1995. However, the Summerfest

calendar includes events on all but one weekend of June.

The Summerfest grounds will host four events in June 1995. PrideFest asked to use the grounds on June 10th and 11th. In October, PrideFest negotiators were told that weekend was open.

In November, the Summerfest Board approved a plan to upgrade the grounds. In December a Board Task Force decided that the amount of time needed to complete the upgrade meant that no events could be scheduled on the grounds for the weekend of the 10th and 11th.

Summerfest Staff and Board members said they needed to keep that weekend open to insure completion of the improvements before the start of Summerfest.

Summerfest officials also expressed concern about their ability of to handle a fifth event in June.

The Summerfest Board Task Force offered PrideFest the opportunity to share the grounds with the Miller Ride for the Arts on June, 4th and 5th.

Ride for the Arts Sponsor, UPAF expressed a willingness to work with PrideFest. But it also had concerns about the safety of its bike riders. To protect the riders, every street leading to Summerfest will be blocked from early in the morning until 2:00 PM.

The street closings would make it impossible for vendors, exhibitors, volunteers and entertainers to get on the grounds for PrideFest set up. This would have delayed the festival opening until 3:00 or later on Sunday.

The only other options open to PrideFest were to schedule the festival in August or September or to remain at its current site. There were serious concerns about what effect moving the event out of the traditional month for Pride celebrations would have on revenue and attendance.

PrideFest Co-Chair, Bill Meunier says that he knows many Gays and Lesbians will be as disappointed as the PrideFest Board is.

"What it came down to," Meunier said, "was deciding whether or not we wanted to take a gamble on what would happen if we cut out our most profitable time, Sunday afternoon, or moved the entire celebration to a late Summer or early Fall weekend. We already have a wonderful site that we know works well for us. A Summerfest site grounds would offer many advantages. We remain committed to moving the festival there. However, we will not gamble our ability to be financially viable to get there. We will have to wait until 1996."

PrideFest moved to Veterans Park in 1994. Its former site at Juneau Park had become too crowded. The new site was well received by those in attendance.

"No matter where our site is, our community can look forward to a fantastic festival."

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Civil War Era--(Clockwise) Trini Alvarado, Susan Sarandon, Claire Danes, Kristen Durst and Winona Ryder star in the Louisa May Alcott classic "Little Women" which is now playing in selected theaters including Milwaukee's Oriental.

Administration to Seek Boost in Funding for AIDS Programs in 1995

(Washington, D.C.)- The Clinton Administration, despite tight budget constraints, will seek \$91 million more in 1995 to care for people living with AIDS, the White House announced on December 20.

Clinton, who has already boosted spending on AIDS programs by 82%, will seek an increase to \$724 million, Administration officials said. That is \$51 million more than his health department requested.

The Administration also has decided not to cut a special housing program for those suffering with the disease.

Clinton promised during his 1992 campaign to fully fund the Ryan White Care Act, which provides direct medical and social services to people living with HIV and AIDS.

Sources who asked not to be identified, said the \$185 million housing program had been

pulled off the chopping block. It will still have to fight for survival in the Republican-controlled Congress, to which the budget will be submitted in February.

Sources in Washington told Wisconsin Light that the fact that the housing funds had been put back in, was due "in no small part" to the "intense lobbying efforts" of the AIDS Action Council and "especially the member from the Midwest" who has been "working without stint."

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is the only member on the AIDS Action Council from the Midwest.

The AIDS Action Council says that one-third to one-half of all people with AIDS "are either homeless or in imminent danger of losing their homes," and the National Commission on AIDS once estimated that 15% of homeless people were HIV positive.

The government spends almost \$3 billion a year on AIDS research, prevention and treatment programs.

Researchers Begin Studies of Antibiotic that Could Extend Life for People with AIDS

(Baltimore)- Researchers at Johns Hopkins University are beginning two studies on humans to test an antibiotic that some doctors consider one of the best for extending the life of people living with AIDS.

Bactrim is used to treat a form of pneumonia that preys on people with severely damaged immune systems and was at one time the first sign of the onset of AIDS in a majority of cases.

"Among the drugs we've researched to use in treating HIV and AIDS, the use of Bactrim is perhaps the single greatest achievement," said Dr. Judith Feinberg, who is leading the studies at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Though Bactrim was initially used to treat leukemia patients suffering from pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, it has long been in the arsenal of drugs used to treat AIDS patients.

But in many cases the drug can cause severe rashes, fevers and upset stomachs, Feinberg

said. About 50% of AIDS patients can't tolerate the drug.

The first study will concentrate on those people. They will be given two other drugs, Dapsone and Atovaquone, and will be examined at Hopkins every four months for as long as four years, Feinberg said.

In the second study, AIDS patients who have never taken Bactrim will be given gradually increasing doses of the drug over three months to see if tolerance to the drug can be developed, Feinberg said.

Bactrim, made by Roche Laboratories, is one trade name for trimethoprim sulfamethoxazole, also manufactured by Burroughs Wellcome under the name Septra.

Doctors in the late 1980s began prescribing Bactrim to patients before they developed the pneumonia and since then it has become the first evidence of AIDS in only about 20% of patients, Feinberg said.

AIDS Cases Break Million Mark

Geneva, Switzerland-AP- The official number of AIDS cases worldwide has topped the million mark for the first time, though the true figure is more than four times as high, the World Health Organization (WHO) said, January 2, 1995.

By December 31, governments had notified the U.N. health agency's Geneva headquarters of 1,025,073 cases of the disease since the start of records in 1980, WHO said.

However, it said chronic underreporting and underdiagnosis in developing countries meant the actual number of AIDS cases probably totals more than 4.5 million.

WHO said more than 70% of the estimated cases were in Africa. About 9% were in the U.S., 9% in the rest of the American hemisphere, 6% in Asia and 4% in Europe.

The AIDS statistics include people who have died. They do not reflect the number of people infected with HIV. WHO said that if HIV positive people were included, the number would be 20 times as high.

About 1.5 million people, WHO estimates, have contracted HIV in the past six months. The agency said that the infection rate continues to accelerate, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and southern Asia.

WHO spokesman Christopher Powell, predicted that the number of HIV positive people would reach 40 million plus in the next five years.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Marvelous News

San Francisco—According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Marvel Comics—which is currently re-vamping its X-Men comic book storyline—has announced that the short-lived Gay superhero, "Northstar," might make a comeback. The Northstar character was featured in the *Alpha Flight* comic book series and he officially "came out" in 1992, drawing expected fire from Fundy homophobes. (On his national TV show, Pat Robertson lambasted *Alpha Flight*, calling the comic book "another example of a godless morality being legitimized to our youth.")

In an interview with *Wizard* magazine, comics writer Scott Lobdell said that Northstar could be introduced as part of the new X-Men series. When specifically asked if Northstar would continue to be a Gay character, Lobdell said, "If he appears in the book, yes. I don't think it would be fair to introduce him into the book and not explore every facet of the character."

Gay Sailor Gets Reprieve from Discharge

Seattle, WA-AP—A sailor got a preliminary injunction from a federal judge on December 23 to keep the Navy from discharging him because he's Gay. U.S. District Judge William Dwyer scheduled a hearing on the Mark Philips case for February 22. Lawyers for Philips, a machinist's mate on nuclear subs at the Trident base, asked for the temporary restraining order to halt the sailor's discharge. The lawyers said the case was "precedent setting" because it would help decide whether the Navy can discharge Gays for sexual conduct without proving a relationship to their military duties.

Judge Says Same-Sex Harassment Not Illegal

Baltimore, MD-AP—A man who complained he was harassed by his male boss plans to appeal a judge's ruling that it is not illegal under federal law to harass someone of the same sex. David Hopkins, a former employee of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., claimed supervisor Ira Swadow made unwelcome advances, pointed a magnifying lens at his groin and questioned him about his sexual activities. Swadow denied the charges.

U.S. District Judge Alexander Harvey II dismissed Hopkins' lawsuit, ruling that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 doesn't cover a person claiming to have been the "victim of sexual harassment by a supervisor or co-worker of the same sex." Harvey also said Swadow was equally obnoxious to female employees thereby eliminating the sexual aspect of the harassment.

Vermont Candymaker Has Success with Gay Bar

Burlington, VT-AP—Linda Grishman has found a perfect way to meld her passion for premium chocolate with her devotion to the Gay and Lesbian community. She has created the Gay Bar—a rich, pure chocolate candy bar, created in the basement of her two-story white ranch home on a quiet residential street. The bar is a triangle wrapped in pink paper with a city skyline, moon, and stars in the back.

Grishman, a native of South Africa, remembers the chocolate she had there which was imported from Belgium and Switzerland. "When I tasted a Hershey bar for the first time," she said, "it tasted like soap. I said, is this what Americans eat?!" As a result, all the chocolate for the Gay bar is imported.

Her business has been very profitable. She sends out 1,000 of the bars weekly to LesBiGay organizations which use them for fundraisers. Gay Pride rallies, she says, from around the country, have praised them for their success.

Same-Sex Marriage Commission Report Delayed

Honolulu, HI-AP—State House Judiciary Committee Chair Terrance Tom says he'll recommend the deadline for a commission on domestic partnerships to make its report to the Hawaiian Legislature be extended by one year. The same-sex marriage commission was to have made its recommendations at the end of December, 1994, but was unable to do so after its ranks were trimmed by a federal judge. The members were removed by U.S. District Judge Harold Fong after two men complained the law designating two members each from the Roman Catholic and Mormon denominations was unconstitutional. Now it's up to Gov. Ben Cayetano to name four new members, which he is expected soon to do.

Man Shot for Holding Boyfriend's Hand

San Francisco-AP—Just blocks from the heart of the Castro, Victor Rohana, 24, was pinned to a wall and shot in the chest. His crime? Apparently, he was targeted because he was holding his boyfriend, Steven Damron's, hand. Civil rights advocates say the shooting is an example of the growing ferocity of attacks on Gays and Lesbians caused by the anti-Gay rhetoric of the Religious Right. The bullet pierced Rohana's lung, missing his heart by about an inch, Damron said. Rohana underwent surgery and is listed in satisfactory condition.

"I don't think they thought we were Italian," a shaken Damron said. "They thought we were Gay. They clearly made a decision that they were going to shoot a Gay man. They went to a lot of effort to get their car in position to shoot him point blank."

San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting.

"Maybe they just thought it was macho to shoot a Gay guy," said Damron. "They made a judgement that being Gay was bad and their way of expressing that was to shoot Victor."

New Lesbian Personals Magazine to be Launched

(Walnut, CA)—Heartfelt, a new national personals magazine for Lesbians will be launched in January, 1995. The publishers say that for this premiere issue, any Lesbian can submit a personals ad for free. Submit a description of yourself and who you are looking for. Photos, poetry, drawings, are all acceptable. Please keep your personal to 200 words. Mail your description to: Heartfelt, P.O. Box 1802, Walnut, CA 91788-1802. Please include your address and phone number. These will not be published, but will be used for verification of your ad and to send your responses to you.

Audit Says 'Out' Has Largest Circulation of Any Gay and Lesbian Magazine

(New York, NY)—According to the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC), *Out* magazine has gained the highest circulation ever for a Gay publication. Launched 30 months ago, the magazine now boasts qualified circulation of 97,978, according to its publisher's statement. According to Michael Goff, the magazine's aggressive circulation campaign has been the main reason for the publication's growth. *Out* has placed over 8 million inserts in community newspapers, targeted cardpacks, maintained an extensive direct mail campaign and promoted itself through innovative sponsorships of Gay and straight cultural, fashion and political events.

Medical Journal Backs Teaching Masturbation

London-AP—In an editorial supportive of former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, a leading British medical journal says it is "high time" that masturbation be discussed openly in sex education classes. *The Lancet*, in an editorial published on December 24, said Elders' dismissal was "a bizarre example of the triumph of politics and prejudice over common sense." The journal refers to a 1988 sex survey that revealed that 82% of British men and 75% of British women have masturbated at some time. "Since most people start to masturbate during adolescence, sex education lessons in school present an appropriate opportunity to raise the subject," *The Lancet* said.

A recent survey of more than 3,000 Americans found that 60% of men and 40% of women, between the ages of 18 and 59, masturbated in the past year. The results were released in October, 1994, by researchers at the University of Chicago.

12th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Set

San Francisco—The 12th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 21, 1995. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the world's largest annual community-based AIDS event. 243 cities in 45 nations participated this year and for the first time, the event was observed in all 50 states in the U.S.

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

In Tolerant Thailand, the First, New, All-Gay Town Has Been Built

Editor's Note: In Thailand, a nation where an estimated 10 in every hundred people are Gay, there are no closets to hide in and no reason to hide in them. Being Gay is simply accepted. And to proclaim that fact, developers have built a town called "Flower Town" exclusively for Gay people.

(Bangkok, Thailand)—Nestled in the lush mountains of central Thailand, a luxury town of karaoke bars, cafes, health clubs, swimming pools and massage parlors has been built for 2,000 Gay men.

The world's first all-Gay village is being promoted in a slick brochure with glossy pictures of handsome men dancing close, resting their heads on each other's laps beside a swimming pool and gazing romantically over the mountains with their arms around each other.

With 70% of the 800 luxury homes already sold, the \$32 million project is to have its Grand Opening next year as Flower Town.

"In other countries, Gays have to fight for what they need," said project owner Dejdeow Srichai, a 33-year-old Gay man. "But in Thailand, Gays can live openly and free."

The town received its name from the fact that Gays in Thailand are called "flowers" because, as Dejdeow said, Gays are "clean, lovely, fresh, beautiful and refined." They make no attempt to hide any mannerisms, whether they work as waiters, salesmen, businessmen or professors.

Seri Wongmonta, one of Thailand's most outspoken Gay men, confirms that while there is some pressure of those in politics and the military to be discreet about their sexual orientation, there is no social pressure against being Gay. And thus, said Wongmonta, no need for a Gay movement.

However, being openly Gay was not always the way it was for Wongmonta. He spent some time in the United States in recent years, he said. "In America, when you're too open, people reject you. You can get hurt. In Thailand, that's not true."

Religion underwrites Thai acceptance of Gay people. The devoutly Buddhist Thais believe people or Gay, Lesbian or heterosexual because of their karma. They generally don't judge anyone for being different, but attribute difference to actions in past lives. It is simply their fate.

Even with AIDS reaching epidemic proportions in parts of the country, there has been no

backlash against Gay people who often bear the brunt of blame for the disease in other countries such as the U.S.

Kongsak Boonyamwong, a cashier at a major department store, says he has no trouble getting a job anywhere in Thailand because he is a Gay man who likes to wear women's clothes.

"I never try to hide," says the beautiful 24-year-old. "I like to act like a woman. I have practiced for a long time until it comes naturally."

Nobody objects. "I don't care about being taught by Gay men or women," said Paweenaa Rodmanee, an 18-year-old, straight, university student. "They are the same as me—human."

Wanlop Piyamanotham, a professor at Srinakharinwirot University says that straight Thai men like Gay men because they don't have to compete with them for women and Thai women like them because they are less domineering than typical straight Thai males and show more respect for women.

According to a study by the Thai government published recently, 10% of the country's 60 million people are Gay. The government believes this figure is more accurate than studies taken elsewhere because no one was afraid to say whether they were Gay or not.

The acceptance of Gay people in Thailand is what Dejdeow is counting on to make Flower Town a success. The project has attracted inquiries from Gays across the country and around the world.

Dejdeow is busy these days picking through the stack of applications to screen out the most clean-cut, good-looking, courteous Gay men to frolic in the town's 90 acres of sculpted lawns, lakes and fountains.

"Thais are open-minded, not serious," Dejdeow said. "They respect other's privacy. They don't think it's a big deal."

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said PrideFest Vice President, Miriam Ben-Shalom.

"Delaying our move to Summerfest gives us more time that make sure that we are properly prepared to continue that tradition into the next century," Ben-Shalom said.

PrideFest will keep the community informed of its progress in negotiations about moving to the Summerfest grounds in 1996.

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Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Attorney Tom Zander Win ACLU Recognition

By Sue Burke

(Milwaukee)- "A lot of politicians feel a little timid about speaking out," said State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). She recently won the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union 1994 Special Recognition Award for her work to support civil rights.

The award "tells those of us who do say controversial things that we're not alone," said Baldwin, a Lesbian.

The 1994 Outstanding Lawyer Award went to Tom Zander, former executive director of the Legal Aid Society. Zander, a Gay man, retired from the job in April due to AIDS. He is best known for his work on behalf of people with mental illness.



TAMMY BALDWIN

The awards will be presented at the 17th Annual ACLU fundraising dinner to be held at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee, Saturday, January 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and reservations may be made by calling the ACLU office at (414) 272-4032 by January 12.

There will be no long speeches, said Wisconsin ACLU Executive Director Christopher Ahmuty. Comedian Will Durst will provide entertainment.

Other 1994 award winners are Vilay Her and Va Hang on behalf of Wausau's Hmong community; Lloyd Barbee and Irvin Charne for their career work for civil rights; and Ben Borger, the ACLU's student plaintiff in a challenge to the Kenosha School District's censorship of the film *Schindler's List*.

Baldwin, who was first elected to the State Assembly in 1992, was "one of the few voices of sanity" as the Legislature debated the "three strikes and you're out" bill this year, Ahmuty said.

Baldwin said her fellow legislators understood that the bill had flaws and would require costly prison expansion, but when reporters and cameras were around, "the debate loses all of its rational components and just becomes a

free-for-all to see who can be toughest on crime."

Behind the scenes, Baldwin worked on a subcommittee to choose which crimes would count as a "strike." The subcommittee also tried to put a provision into the law to permit some elderly prisoners to be released, but that was struck from the final bill.

Baldwin plans to re-introduce the bill to permit same-sex marriages, although she doubts it will pass. "We knew that the early stages of an initiative like this would be education," she said, "and that education can happen under Republican or Democratic control of the Legislature."

She expects the new Republican majority leader of the Assembly, Scott Jensen of Waukesha, to oppose any efforts to weaken Wisconsin's laws protecting Gays and Lesbians. Jensen was the only Republican to sign a letter she introduced asking the federal government to lift the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military.

"One person can't stop everything," she warned. "We still have to be vigilant." She particularly worries that other states might repeal their civil rights laws.

Tom Zander

In 1981, Zander became executive director of the Legal Aid Society, a Milwaukee agency that provides free legal help for non-criminal cases to poor people. He had already created some legal landmarks protecting the rights of the mentally ill people from involuntary commitment and went on to win other important cases.

Zander also expanded the Legal Aid Society from six to 22 full-time lawyers, although that only puts "a dent" in the legal needs of the poor, he said. Under Zander, Legal Aid made special efforts to deal with some emerging legal concerns.

As cases of child abuse skyrocketed, Legal Aid stepped in to represent children in court hearings to decide what would happen to them. As more people developed legal problems as the result of having AIDS, Zander began a project with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin that now has two specialized lawyers working in the Milwaukee AIDS Project's offices.

Zander himself went to homeless shelters to interview people there about their legal problems that had led directly to their homelessness. Now Legal Aid regularly sends attorneys to free meal sites to offer legal help.

Though retired, he still volunteers at the Legal Aid Society. He was recently appointed to the HIV Services Consortium to allocate federal Ryan White Act funds in the Milwaukee area. He is being trained as an AIDS speaker by the Red Cross. He also helps with the newly-formed Wisconsin Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays.

He worries that current public moods might endanger civil liberties.

"I think that the hysteria we're seeing about crime and welfare currently is a manifestation of people's fear and anger," he said, "and Congress certainly has the power to enact a lot of repressive legislation."

New Study Indicates that Women with HIV Die Sooner than Infected Men

(Chicago)- Women who are infected with HIV die faster than men with the infection, a study found, and the reasons may be social rather than medical.

The study tracked 768 women and 3,779 men—all HIV positive—for 15 months in 13 major cities across the country. The women were about 33% more likely to die than men who were comparably ill when they enrolled in the study.

No medical reason for the difference was apparent. The women didn't seem to get sicker any faster than the men, they just died sooner, said researchers led by Sandra L. Melnick, an epidemiologist at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

In women twice as often as in men, death was the first sign that HIV was progressing, the researchers found. In men, the first signs of the infection's progress were much more likely to be pneumonia or fungal infections.

That led researchers to speculate that women may wait longer to seek care or may be treated differently by the medical system.

Women represent approximately 15% of the U.S. AIDS cases, but women and children are the fastest growing group of people with AIDS, a co-author of the study, Dr. Renslow Sherer, said in December 28th's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"We're still way behind in reaching women at risk nationally," said Sherer, director of the Cook County, Illinois HIV Primary Care Center. "This study just shows the devastating impact of HIV in women."

Dr. Alexandra Levine, chief of hematology at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and a researcher on HIV in

women, said her own findings suggest non-medical factors play an important role in how infected women fare.

"It is extremely common for a woman to say she wants an HIV test but was afraid to ask the doctor," Levine said. "When she does ask, he says, 'No, you don't need one. You're a nice girl.' Then she has to say, 'No, I'm not a nice girl.'"

A woman also may come to the emergency room with pneumonia and a doctor may not suspect it's related to HIV, although with a male patient, the doctor might suspect HIV and test for it, Levine said. The treatment for the two types of pneumonia is different, she noted.

The study, conducted at primary health care centers in the target cities, is the largest and longest to explore differences in HIV disease between men and women, Sherer said. It also is one of the most representative--50% of the subjects were African American or Hispanic, he said.

But the study's breadth came at the cost of detail, including information on homelessness and poverty--two important factors in life expectancy for people with HIV, Sherer said.

Also, he said, "We know that there's a very high incidence of domestic violence in women with HIV--in some cases extremely high," and that may cause deaths, he said.

Causes of death in the study were unavailable or unknown for 46% of 105 women who died and 36% of 700 men who died. Since many HIV patients die outside hospitals, information on causes of death is difficult to obtain, the researchers said.

U.S. Rep Steve Gunderson Confronts Gay Activists in Washington Gay Bar

(Washington, D.C.)- In a replay in reverse of an earlier confrontation, U.S. Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) tossed a cocktail on Gay activist Michael Petrelis in a Washington, D.C. Gay bar.

In 1991, Petrelis had confronted Gunderson in a Virginia Gay restaurant and doused him with a Coca-Cola.

According to Gay and Lesbian Americans, a nationwide Gay activist, grass roots group and other sources, in the early morning hours of December 17, 1994, Gunderson, along with his partner, Rob Morris, were in the Green Lantern, popular D.C. leather bar.

Petrelis, along with Steve Michael, media coordinator for ACT UP Washington, confronted Gunderson, demanding that he exert leadership on two bills pending before Congress: the Employment Nondiscrimination Act and the AIDS Cure Act. Gunderson is not a cosponsor of either bill. The activists said they were angry that Gunderson was not showing leadership on other Gay issues as well.

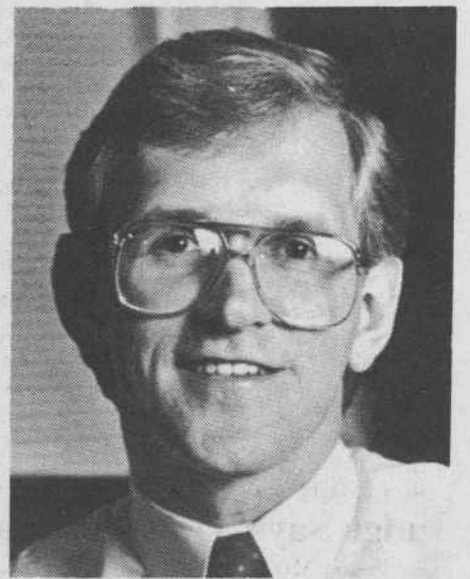
According to reliable reports, Gunderson told the activists that the bar was not the place to discuss politics and asked them to leave him alone. Instead, Michael poured a bottle of beer on the Congressman's head.

Morris tried to push Michael away.

In the ensuing struggle, Gunderson took a cocktail and flung the contents at the two activists, hitting Petrelis on the chest.

By this time, other bar patrons had begun to intervene. The combatants were separated. Morris and Gunderson left.

"If he (Gunderson) is not going to use his political power to advance responsible Gay and



REP. STEVE GUNDERSON

AIDS bills in the House," Petrelis said, "then he should not expect a friendly reception when patronizing Gay establishments."

Petrelis went on to say that "I doubt Gunderson was in a leather Gay bar to advance issues of importance to his constituents back home. If Gunderson spent half as much time studying and promoting Gay and AIDS issues as he does in Gay leather bars, he might then be viewed as a hero, not a hypocrite."

Gunderson could not be reached for comment.

New Alcohol and Drug Abuse Recovery Group Forms in Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- There is a new alcohol and drug abuse recovery group in Milwaukee. Meeting every week above the Brady STD Clinic, the group specifically targets the Gay population, a community in which one in three (according to one estimate) has experienced the debilitating effects of alcohol and drug abuse.

S.O.S. (Secular Organizations for Sobriety/Save OurSelves), founded by and for alcohol and drug abusers, wants to extend a helping hand.

For some time, there have been two chapters of S.O.S. in the Milwaukee area. They have been very receptive to Gays and there is no reason for complaint. However, because of the enormity of the problem in the Gay community, it was felt that a new Gay chapter was justified even if the response was limited. Success would be measured, not in numbers, but in the effect the program had on our own sobriety.

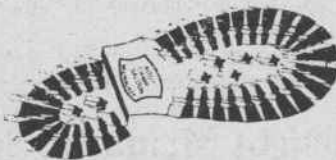
S.O.S. was founded in 1986 as an alternative recovery method for alcohol and drug abusers who are uncomfortable with the spiritual/religious content of widely available twelve-step programs. Since its inception, S.O.S. has attracted secular and religious humanists, atheists and agnostics, as well as religious liberals. Mostly, however, S.O.S. attracts ordinary people, without any particular philosophic predisposition, who, because of their own experience, have found the common sense "down-to-earth" approach of S.O.S. to be more effective than that of spiritual/religious programs.

At S.O.S. we are not interested in debating scientific theories of the origins of alcohol and drug abuse. We deal with what we know and leave speculation to others. We are concerned about shaking the image of ourselves as victims and developing control over our own decisions.

We know that, as sober alcoholics and addicts, we cannot drink or use, no matter what. We take a reasonable secular approach to recovery and credit the individual for achieving and maintaining his or her sobriety without reliance on any higher power, however perceived.

There are no "gurus" at S.O.S. Everyone, each person at a time, is invited to join us in becoming and staying sober. Sobriety is not an easy thing to achieve, but there are "old-timers" in S.O.S. who will tell you it has been well worth making the commitment.

But why a recovery group? It is acknowl-



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Birds Do It, Bees Do It--But At Least, They Don't Talk About It

By Terry Boughner

Every once in awhile, just when I think things are about as nutsy as they're going to get, along comes something that lets me know that the world has a long way to go in that direction.

For anyone who might have missed this latest bout with insanity, in December, President Clinton fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, ostensibly, for saying (right out loud) that masturbation ought to be included in teaching about sex in the schools.

With its hand to its mouth, its eyes wide in horror, the White House said "that's wrong! Oh God!" People might think that kids, good, clean-cut, American kids, the flower of our virgin youth, might be having impure thoughts and (here's the rub, mind you), *touching themselves down there!*

Worse. Even if, say, one or two of them do "do it," for God's sake, we can't talk about it! Not adults, real live grown ups!

Public embarrassment for the White House! Big time! Get that woman outa here!

And Elders got the hook.

Ah, c'mon! Pla-eease, let's get a life! Is there anyone out there who has never, ever jacked off?

Oh, I suppose there's a few--and I'll hear from at least one of them--but, let's admit it, most of us, the vast majority of us, real famous people, newspaper editors, the president, the pope, saints, Republicans, Democrats, even radio talkshow hosts, jack off, pump their meat, and, in most cases, I'd warrant, enjoy it thoroughly--and have for a long, long time.

And why not? It's safe, the safest form of sex you can have. It's fun, lots of fun, not as good as having a hot body next to you maybe, pushed in close, burning, with flaming thighs, ready to send you into nuclear meltdown, but fun nevertheless. You can let your imagination run wild. We all have thoughts that we think

would shame hell, let's admit that too.

But, of course, that's the problem. The wonderful, almost beatific pleasure that we get from sex, isn't supposed to happen--and certainly not to be talked about if it does.

What stupidity! What hypocrisy! In this age of AIDS, we are not even to talk about the one sure way to have sex and not get sick?!

I can do nothing better at this point than quote Ann Landers:

"The sex drive is the strongest human drive after hunger. It is nature's way of perpetuating the human race. Malés reach their sexual peak as early as seventeen. There must be an outlet. I am recommending self-gratification or mutual masturbation, whatever it takes to release the sexual energy. This is a sane and safe alternative to intercourse, not only for teenagers, but for older men and women who have lost their partners.

"I do not want to hear from clergymen telling me it is a sin. The sin is making people feel guilty about responding to this fundamental human drive."

Joycelyn Elders wasn't advocating classes in it--Jack-off 101--but just talk about it, tell the kids about it, that it's done, that in Holland, for example, a person is considered sexually active if all they do is jack off.

Incidentally, in Holland, so I'm told, where sex, all kinds, is taught in the schools, where condoms are freely available, where masturbation is no big deal, teen pregnancies are at a very low rate. Maybe it's time we took a lesson from the Dutch??

Ah well, regardless of the Clinton White House and the righteous sniffing of the radical pious, masturbation is and will continue to be a fact of life. There is not one single thing anyone can do to stop it.

The problem is, I think, that when someone gave us a chance to act sanely and responsibly in this regard, she got the ax.

wasn't effective because its members insisted on witnessing to God at every opportunity instead of working to be politically savvy. This changed with the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition and now they are certainly a force to be reckoned with.

If we want to fight the Radical Right, we have to learn to be just as politically savvy as they are. Remember, they don't apologize for being "Christians," and certainly aren't ashamed of it.

We can be politically savvy without appearing ashamed of being Queer or apologizing for it either.

Dumping manure on the steps of a church during a domestic partnership battle, as the Avengers did in Austin, TX, or holding a kiss-in at a rural Idaho county fair may be our way of "witnessing" to our pride as Queers, and some such actions will certainly help build our sense of community.

Some of the outreach and education that Ms. Pursley describes will certainly help Idaho to be more a progressive state over the years. However, this is definitely not the way to be politically savvy when so much is at stake in the short term.

Scott Stelzer
Madison

Paul Cameron: Bigot with a Difference: He is a Professional

Commentary by Marvin Liebman

"God has given you a long life. I hope he gives you another year so that you can atone." These were the last words I heard from Paul Cameron, professional homophobe, as he left me at National Airport in Washington, D.C. after returning from a Chicago TV show on which we both had appeared.

Cameron earns his living exclusively as an "expert" on homosexuality. He has his own tax-exempt Family Research Institute, which is concerned, in large part, with Lesbians and Gays. He is regularly hired to provide "expert" opinion on homosexuality by various government and private agencies, college forums, community groups and by trial lawyers representing individuals seeking custody of their children from Lesbian or Gay male spouses. He is invited to appear on radio and TV shows to express his "point of view."

Paul Cameron is important because he represents the core attitude of millions and millions of God-fearing Americans toward their Gay compatriots--an attitude that is based on fear, bigotry, ignorance and the out-and-out lies, spread by Cameron, which they accept as the gospel truth. He is listened to by these millions in spite of his record of professional corruption, incompetence and as a certified public liar.

Let's look at just a small part of the record. Cameron was denounced and expelled by the American Psychological Association (APA) in 1983 for blatant violation of the spirit and the letter of the organization's Ethical Principles of Psychologists, i.e. responsibility, competence and legal standards. He claimed that his expulsion from the Association was the work of a homosexual cabal. This further endeared him to his supporters.

Two years later, Cameron was expelled from the American Sociological Association (ASA): "Dr. Paul Cameron has consistently misinterpreted and misrepresented sociological research on sexuality, homosexuality and Lesbianism...and has repeatedly campaigned for the abrogation of the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men, substantiating his call on the basis of his distorted interpretation of his research."

Only one year after, the ASA felt it necessary to officially and publicly state that Paul Cameron was not a sociologist (as he claimed) and condemned him once again for his consistent misrepresentation of sociological research. Another manifestation of the homosexual cabal, said Cameron.

In 1985 and 1986, in the Lutheran Chapel of the University of Nebraska--as the voters of Lincoln, Nebraska were debating a ballot question dealing with discrimination against Gays--the *Lincoln Star* quoted Paul Cameron as saying, "Right now, here in Lincoln, there is a four-year-old boy who has had his genitals almost severed from his body in a public restroom in a homosexual attack."

Cameron's charges were investigated by the police and two local newspapers and were found to be absolutely groundless. Cameron confessed as much and publicly disavowed his charge by saying, "It appears my informant made a mistake."

His retraction was too late, however. The ballot was defeated and discrimination against Lesbians and Gays is still legal in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In 1985, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buschmeyer, in his opinion striking down Texas' sodomy law, berated Cameron as an expert witness by saying that his testimony was filled with "fraud" and "misrepresentations."

Under oath, Cameron testified, among other things, that "...homosexuals are approximately 48 times more apt to commit crimes than is the general population" and that "...homosexuals abuse children on a proportionately greater incidence than do heterosexuals."

Cameron served as AIDS advisor to the infamous Congressman William Dannemeyer and came up with the phrase, "AIDS is God's

plague on homosexuals."

In a July, 1986 appearance in Louisville, Kentucky, Cameron suggested that people with AIDS be branded with the letter "A" on their foreheads, be placed under house arrest and imprisoned if they attempted to leave home.

In various pamphlets and newsletters, distributed throughout the country by Cameron's Family Research Institute, he cites "statistics" to prove that the majority of women who claim they were raped are lying in order to get attention and "...17%, or possibly as many as 33% of Gays enjoy ingesting feces as part of their everyday sex practices--and, in an average year, ingest fecal material from 19 different men."

I first spoke to Paul Cameron when we both arrived in Chicago. He seemed pleasant enough as we made small-talk in the limousine provided by our TV hosts. As we waited by the desk of the hotel the TV company had arranged, Cameron commented, "I certainly hope they didn't put us both in one room. That would be rather awkward, don't you think?"

I assured him that I would pay anything, ANYTHING, to assure that I didn't have to sleep next to him. But as our desultory and evermore awkward conversation continued, mostly emanating from Cameron--in the limo

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LETTERS

Teens Like Us

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a facilitator of Teens Like Us, Dane County's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual teen social group. I was reading an article in the November 24 edition of your newspaper about the book *Two Teenagers in Twenty*. I was shocked by writer Yuri Keegstra's comments that there is "unfortunately no place for Rachael to go." There is, of course, a place to go in Madison and Milwaukee and soon to be a group for teens in Green Bay.

Rachael Corbitt, the book's first entry, actually wrote that entry before she became the first member of a support group that began in Madison over 4 years ago. The group did not get off to a strong start and folded.

It began again in 1992 and Rachael was one of three consistent members and many attended the group infrequently. Last Spring, before Rachael and others graduated, our numbers totaled 15 members. The group is a project of Briarpatch, a teen counseling agency and PICADA, which does alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Also, Gay Youth Milwaukee has been running for a while and you can contact Michael Lisowski for more info about that group.

A group of concerned folks has been working with the Madison Metropolitan School District to change attitudes and curriculum in the school system. The group is called GLADE, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education and has possibly already received coverage in the *Light*.

Jonathan Garber
PICADA, Madison

Lesbian Avengers

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to take issue with Sara Pursley's analysis of the work of the Lesbian Avengers in Northern Idaho. Though the Avengers did a wonderful job of revitalizing the Lesbian community in Northern Idaho (and this community-building will likely help provide a strong resistance to the ICA's future efforts as well as empower Gays and Lesbians in Northern Idaho), the Avengers can hardly take credit for defeating the ICA or even for making a substantial electoral difference in Idaho.

As one of three Wisconsinites who worked on the No On 1 Campaign, I can attest to the fact that the campaign was won due to the efforts of staff and volunteers, terrific coalition-building and fund-raising and last, but not least, our strategy. It is our strategy with which the Avengers were at odds.

When I first came to Idaho, I was nauseated by the degree to which the campaign avoided taking on Queer issues. I was 100% in agreement with those who loudly proclaimed that the campaign itself was homophobic. As I saw the results, however, I came to understand that this was necessary for winning votes and that we were all genuinely working with our Queer brothers and sisters first and firmly in mind.

Top-notch pollsters found that the issues most important to Idahoans are taxes and government interference. These issues were then constantly stressed by No On 1, which avoided nearly all discussion of Queer issues. We simply focused on how Proposition 1 would effect the pocketbooks and freedom of all Idahoans.

Our strategy was extremely successful because we stopped talking about Queer issues and started letting Idahoans, the great majority of whom are rabidly homophobic, the Proposition 1 would affect them negatively.

As just about all campaign workers know, the purpose of a campaign is first and foremost to win 50% of the votes plus one and this means targeting the undecided voters with the most effective message.

Talking about Queer issues often gave the ICA the upper hand, as witnessed in a televised debate when Dennis Mansfield and Kelly Walton (ICA) made accusation after accusation about Gays and Lesbians and all Brian Bergquist and Mary Rohlfing (No On 1) could respond with was "No, we don't do this or that or the other thing."

By election time, No On 1 had reframed the debate by talking about issues of constitutionality and taxes. The ICA ended up calling librarians liars and talking about the constitutionality of their measure instead of talking about how much "horse pucky" we eat daily and how many children we recruit in elementary schools.

Such strong attitudes as those in Idaho can't be changed in four short months by an Avenger shock treatment. In truth, the Avengers probably reinforced much of the homophobia.

Many of you probably disagree with me at this point, but let me remind you how much more conservative Idaho is than Wisconsin. In 1992, three Lesbians were invited to talk to a high school class in a Boise suburb. The next day, for "balance" a Fundamentalist preacher told the same class who evil and filthy homosexuality was. The scandal about the "Lesbians teaching homosexuality in the schools" still hasn't died down!

By contrast, there are agencies and speakers' bureaus that send Queer speakers into Wisconsin classrooms almost routinely.

It shouldn't have had to be this way, of course. It would have been great if we could have successfully run a campaign on Queer issues and educated the public at the same time, but the reality is that we would've lost by a landslide. I've had the chance to see some of the television ads against Colorado's Amendment 2 in which the emphasis is on anti-discrimination and tolerance, on the humanity and equality of Gays and Lesbians.

Sadly, the same year that Clinton was elected, Amendment 2 was passed by Colorado voters. With No On 1's strategy, however, Proposition 1 failed in a more conservative state, during a conservative landslide in which a strongly Radical Right-aligned candidate was elected one of Idaho's representatives in Congress.

The lesson here is that we have to do as the Radical Right has done. In the past, the Radical Right

Gays and Lesbians Must Be Represented in the Halls of Power by Their Own

Commentary by Kathleen DeBold

"There is a major difference between a friend and a Gay person in office. It's not enough to have friends represent us, no matter how good these friends may be. We must give people the chance to judge us by our own leaders, and by our own legislators."

Harvey Milk

One reason that Lesbians and Gay men find the political process so frustrating is because we are the most underrepresented group in American government.

Of 100 U.S. Senators, none are openly Gay or Lesbian;

Of 435 U.S. Congressmen, only three are openly Gay;

Of 7,461 members of state legislatures, only 14 are openly Gay or Lesbian;

Of 497,155 elected officials currently serving in the United States, only 105 are openly Gay or Lesbian.

The inclusion and empowerment of Gay men and Lesbians in the political process can only happen when we are represented by our own.

Time and time again, we have invested our hopes and our energy and our money into electing "friends," only to discover that when the pressure's on, our rights and our progress are indeed negotiable. These experiences have taught us that no matter how well-meaning our friends and supporters are, no one has as strong an interest in our issues and rights as we do.

Openly Gay and Lesbian officials guarantee us a place at the table where decisions concerning our lives are made. They work within the system to protect the civil rights of all Americans. They sponsor anti-discrimination legislation and hate crime bills.

They block anti-Gay referenda. They appoint other qualified open Gays and Lesbians to public office. They fight for AIDS funding, breast cancer research and other Gay/Lesbian health issues. They serve as positive role models for Gay and Lesbian youth. They pro-

Larry Plazarin, ARCW Designer, Dies of AIDS

(Milwaukee)- Larry Plazarin, a Milwaukee interior designer who designed the new headquarters building of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), died on December 29, 1994, from complications due to AIDS.

Plazarin, who battled AIDS for several years, made the design of the new ARCW headquarters his final project, turning the old cream city brick, four story building on Plankinton Avenue into a strikingly attractive environment combining modern style with the old edifice, while taking advantage of Milwaukee's urban view with dozens of large windows.

"Larry put his heart and soul into the design of this building," ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson said. "He created a fabulous space and he was determined to make it an environment that would be comfortable, accessible and uplifting for people with AIDS."

"Larry courageously confronted AIDS in his own life and his wonderful design of the new ARCW headquarters was truly his gift to the AIDS community," Nelson said.

Born in Yatesboro, Pennsylvania on September 22, 1949, Plazarin's interior design career began in Pittsburgh. At age 26 he moved to Waukegan, Illinois where he established his own design business. Plazarin's business flourished in the Chicago area where he designed corporate offices and many metro area homes along the north shore of Lake Michigan.

In 1989, Plazarin moved to Milwaukee and continued his career as a design consultant. Within a year he began to volunteer at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) as it expanded its offices at the former Court Street site.

When ARCW and MAP decided to move in 1994, Plazarin was retained to direct the interior design of the large, old building that was to become its new headquarters at 820 N. Plankinton Avenue in downtown Milwaukee.

Plazarin was well-known among many friends for his gourmet cooking and gracious entertaining. He took great pride in the design of his home and loved to share it with colleagues and friends.

Plazarin is survived by his partner, Paul Milakovich who is Deputy Director of ARCW, his mother, Anna Plazarin of Yatesboro, two brothers, a sister, nieces and nephews, many friends, and his faithful English Springer Spaniel, Chelsea.

Prior to his death, Plazarin requested that memorials for him be made through financial contributions to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

A reception honoring Plazarin will be hosted by his partner, Paul Milakovich at their home on Wednesday, January 11th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. (924 E. Lyon Street, Milwaukee).

mote positive Gay and Lesbian visibility and dispel the stereotyped images of Gay men and Lesbians. And, they give other Gay people the courage to come out.

Geraldine Ferraro wrote that "Every time a woman runs for office, it's like throwing a stone in a lake. The ripple effect is felt far beyond the immediate point of contact."

When an openly Gay candidate runs for office, it's like throwing a boulder into that lake. All recent polls and focus groups show that people who know a Lesbian or a Gay man are less likely to vote for anti-Gay legislation.

And people who have a Lesbian or Gay friend are much more likely to support Gay rights. When an openly Gay candidate runs for office, he comes out to thousands of voters, walking door to door, shaking hands, listening to people's concerns.

Because of this, thousands more people now know someone who is Gay. And when that candidate is elected and his constituents see him fighting for their concerns in the legislature, that's thousands more people who have a friend who is Gay.

The Radical Right has become adept at using the political process to undermine the democratic foundation of our country. Recruiting, training and electing our own leaders is one of the best ways for us to beat them at their own game. In fact, despite the other setbacks in the November elections, when it came to electing our own, we excelled.

We broke through the "Lavender Ceiling" by electing the first openly Gay officials to the California State Assembly (Sheila Kuehl), Washington State Senate (Cal Anderson), the Missouri House of Representatives (Tim Van Zandt), and the Arizona House of Representatives (Ken Chevront).

We elected the first openly Gay Republican state legislator in the nation, Oregon State Representative elect Chuck Carpenter.

We pulled off a "Lavender Sweep" in San Francisco by electing all three openly Gay candidates (Susan Leal, Carole Migden, Tom Ammiano) for the board of supervisors, as well as both openly Gay candidates for the Community College Board (Leslie Katz and Lawrence Wong).

We elected the first openly Gay/Lesbian judges in Miami, Chicago and San Diego and added another in Los Angeles.

Every openly Gay incumbent on the ballot was reelected, including all three openly Gay Congressmen (Gerry Studds, Barney Frank and Steve Gunderson).

Thirteen of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's openly Gay candidates were elected across the nation, an astonishing 76.4% success rate.

These unprecedented victories for openly Gay candidates are especially significant in light of the overall conservative swing of the electorate. Each of these candidates won two races, one against their opponents, the other against the Right Wing's distorted image of Gay men and Lesbians.

The election results (including the defeat of antiGay ballot initiatives in Oregon and Idaho) send a clear message that the extremist viewpoints which lead to hate campaigns and Gay-baiting are out of step with mainstream America.

These qualified openly Gay candidates won because their personal and community values are consistent with those of the average American family, values like hard work, responsibility and respect for others.

No one is naive enough to think that electing qualified openly Gay and Lesbian officials is the answer to our political problems, but it's one of the answers. And it works.

Editor's Note: Kathleen DeBold is the Deputy Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national donor network committed to increasing the number of qualified openly Gay and Lesbian public officials.

A Personal Journey Into Gay History Began in a Fundamentalist School

Commentary by Terry Boughner

I didn't want to go to college. Maybe if I had, I wouldn't have wound up where I did. Who knows? Anyhow, my mother was determined that I wasn't going off and "digging ditches," as she put it. For some reason, my mother had this aversion to digging ditches. Maybe it had something to do with the Depression. I don't know. Whatever it was, no college equaled ditch digging, or so she thought.

One day, I came home from high school to have her tell me that I'd been admitted to Geneva College. What that was--or even where it was--I had no idea, and I was a little taken aback by the news since I hadn't applied to any place at all.

As it turned out, she'd done all the applying--the 500 word essay, the whole works. And she'd gotten admitted--only it was me who went.

Geneva was (and is) this dismal little Christian Fundamentalist place run by a group calling themselves the Reformed Presbyterians. My mother uncle, who she adored, had gone there, so that's why she knew about it.

It was wretched. No smoking, no drinking no dancing, no card playing, and no voting. Chapel attendance was required as was two years of bible. All this plus the fact that everyone in the administration, faculty and staff had to be "born again." Disgusting.

To give you an idea, I remember one girl, Patty Couvert by name, (I've never forgotten her), who told me that when she got married, there would be "three people in the marriage bed": herself, her husband and "Jesus in the middle." I'm not sure, but I think that was the first time I'd heard of a manage a tois.

It was in this kind of environment that I struggled with being Gay--or "sodomy" as Rev. MacMillian, the Director of Spiritual Activities, called it.

I majored in History simply because I loved it and always had. In History, I could find out about people's lives, real people, people who had once lived and breathed and done things. It was like living their lives vicariously, if you will.

But the one thing I could not find out--at least from my history classes, was anything about people like me.

For a long time, I'd been convinced that there never had been anyone like me, not in all history. Nobody had ever felt what I did when I saw Tommy Marchese or Steve Hays or any one of a dozen others.

But something happened. My grandmother, rest her soul, took me to the attic one Summer and showed me the greatest treasure that she possessed: the Lafayette Letters.

There were 10 of them that had come down through the family, all of them written by the handsome young Marquise to George Washington. My grandmother said she wanted me to see them before she sent them off to the Library of Congress.

Those letters were a revelation, believe it. It took me some time to decipher that 18th Century script, but when I did I found the sweetest terms of endearment and honest love I'd ever read from one man to another.

When I made some mention of this to my grandmother, she only said that the language was typical for the time and didn't mean anything.

Yeah, well, maybe. Still, they struck a chord, in fact, a whole symphony that I heard only faintly at the time, but which would build to a powerful crescendo.

At Geneva, I took American History and heard about Washington and Lafayette. But they were rigid, two-dimensional figures, not the men I knew from the letters.

That's what sent me hunting in McCartney

Library to see what I could find. Surely, I thought, there had to be some book that portrayed Washington and Lafayette as real people, not stick figures.

I found nothing about them, not what I wanted anyway. But in my search through the stacks, I did run across an ancient biography of Alexander the Great. For some reason, I started to read it and could not put it down.

There, I found out about young conqueror and the love he had from Haephestion, his boyhood friend and, eventually, his second in command.

One sentence I read that day sticks with me still. The ancient writer quotes Haephestion as saying that the greatest battle he ever fought was the battle of Alexander's thighs. And he won.

When I got to the end of that bio and read of Alexander's terrible, heart-wrenching grief when Haephestion died, I could understand, god could I understand!

Alexander gave Haephestion a magnificent funeral and died not too long afterward. Most books say the general died from disease and maybe too much wine.

Yeah, okay. But I thought then and I think now, that a Gay historian would understand that the real cause of death was a broken heart.

I'd learn a lot of history as time went on, but none proved to be so exciting to me, so full of meaning than the story of Alexander the Great that I read, squirreled away in the library's stacks.

From that biography, that history, I began to have a deeper sense of who I was--and am. I could and I did survive at Geneva. Gay history was the armor that I wore.

Today, when I read that stupid Wisconsin State Legislator, one of Rep. Ladwig's buddies, babble on about how Gays have no history, I can only shake my head in pity for his brain dead condition and sadness that the fool wants to inflict his ignorance on everybody else.

Of course, things are better now than when I was at Geneva. LesBiGay history is being taught in some places, but not in nearly enough. Until that day comes, I can only hope that all the LesBiGay students out there will hunt for and find their own Lafayette and Alexander.

Keep looking. They're there.

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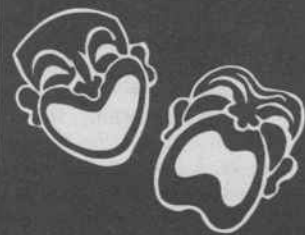
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Sunset Playhouse Presents 'A...My Name is Alice,' a Special Benefit for LAMMEF

(Milwaukee)- Sunset Playhouse will be performing *A...My Name Is Alice* and a special benefit performance for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMMEF) is scheduled for February 4, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sunset Playhouse, 800 Elm Grove Road, Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

The show features an all-female cast, including LAMMEF's very own musical comedy actress, Karen Zimmermann, who has also performed with the Shorewood Players and Broadway Baby, Ltd.

Conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd, the show is a series of vignettes which examine the many issues that confront the modern woman.

Tickets for the LAMMEF benefit show are \$12 each and all seats are reserved, so get

'Jungle Book' Star Jason Lee is a Laid Back Kind of Guy

(Los Angeles)- Jason Scott Lee, a shy, laid-back Hawai'ian surfer, only said three words when approached to play Mowgli in *The Jungle Book*.

"Wow. Sounds cool," he said. It may seem hard to believe the strikingly handsome, well-built young star of last year's biographical fight film *Dragon, the Bruce Lee Story* is so relaxed.

But he giggles shyly and regularly says "cool." He admits to being shy and is so easy going about being an actor that he says he's open to any job, no matter what it is. Lee came to Los Angeles 10 years ago to study acting.

Those who know him agree that he shuns the spotlight. "You'd never find him on a talk show," said director Stephen Sommers. "He's not that kind of guy. He's a sincere, genuinely nice person."

your tickets early. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with check or money order to: LAMMEF, Attn.: Theater Tickets, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

AfterWords to Premiere Works of New Artist, Deanna Polakowski

(Milwaukee)- AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar is especially pleased to announce the exhibit of watercolors by a new and exciting artist, Deanna Polakowski, a native of Berlin beginning this month. There will be a wine and cheese reception for Polakowski on Sunday, January 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Polakowski has built on her natural creative talents through studies at Soochow University in Taiwan, the Athens Centre in Greece as well as at UW-Stevens Point and Milwaukee. Watercolor is Deanna's medium. She is able to suffuse her creations and surprise the viewer with an intense, vibrating spirit that brings her paintings to life.

Primarily concerned with culture, relations and metaphors, Polakowski's efforts have been geared toward translating her own language and experience through color, light and imagination. Her brush technique and surface simplicity can be directly traced to her study of Chinese brush painting in Taiwan and, indeed, much of her work has been described as being redolent of the ethereal atmosphere of the Orient.

Polakowski's watercolors will be on exhibit at AfterWords beginning January 12.

For more information, call (414) 963-9089.

Book Club

The AfterWords Book Club will meet Monday, January 9 at AfterWords beginning at 7:30 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Splendor* by Edward Swift.

'Love! Valour! Compassion!', is Off-Broadway's Gay Play, and a Season's Hit

By Michael Kuchwara

(New York)- On stage are twin brothers--one gentle, kindhearted and dying of AIDS. The other is cold, calculating and almost sadistic in his ill-temper. It's good and evil in a moment of recognition and reconciliation.

What makes the scene so amazing is that the two strikingly different men are played by the same actor, John Glover, who changes characters merely by sitting in a chair or standing up.

Glover's vivid demonstration of the art of acting--it ranks among the very best this season--occurs in Terrence McNally's hit play *Love! Valour! Compassion!* In a New York theater scene bereft of new dramas, McNally has created a sensation with his latest work which opened in November at off-Broadway's Manhattan Theater Club (MTC).

The play, the story of eight Gay men who meet at a country house over one Summer, has sold out its run at MTC and will transfer to Broadway's Walter Kerr Theater. Performances begin there January 20. Glover will go with the show to Broadway in the company of other theater veterans such as Nathan Lane, Stephen Bogardus and Anthony Heald.

New York theater buffs with long memories might remember Glover as a staple on the local stage before he moved permanently to California more than 15 years ago. Others will recall his parade of big and small-screen villains, most memorably perhaps in *52 Pick Up*, adapted from an Elmore Leonard novel.

The actor has built a career out of playing those villains. Now, for a slight change of pace, he gets to play both the bad guy, John, and the good guy, James, in *Love! Valour!*

After seeing the Manhattan Theater Club production of McNally's *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, several years ago, Glover telephoned the playwright to say how much he enjoyed it. He ended up in the drama's Los Angeles production and with a promise from McNally that he was writing a role for him in

his new play.

"It was incredibly flattering," recalls Glover, a quiet, soft-spoken man whose polite demeanor is certainly at odds with his more sinister movie appearances. "And then last Christmas, a huge script arrived."

It was the first draft of *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, with the plum dual roles for Glover. It was a double challenge to keep from getting confused about the characters--to sort them out in his head and on stage.

"Well, one brother is so open and so confident and so full of love--and the other is so paralyzed with fear," Glover said. "I think emotionally that's how I started keeping them distinct. If I think in those terms, it makes the vocal things happen and it makes the physical things happen. Besides, it's really about their souls."

"For me, it's more about what's inside. But it's difficult physically too. There's one scene where I run off from being James, change my clothes and walk right back on as John."

McNally's play has been lauded by critics as a universal plea for tolerance that many different audiences can embrace.

"There's a kind of mysticism to what Terrence does," Glover said. "Some of it seems so plain and ordinary, but maybe that's what draws the audience in. I think they find themselves watching this soul-baring event happening and it becomes so, so moving."

Glover realizes the rarity of finding himself in a new play that has turned into a critical and, most probably, a commercial success.

"When I started out, New York was littered with wonderful plays and plays that weren't so wonderful--but many of them were entertaining and at least they ran for awhile."

"It's so difficult to do a play on Broadway these days. There are so few of them. It seems to be about musical spectacle. *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, will be quite a change from that."

Box Office Hits Bring Hollywood Record \$5.4 Billion in Ticket Sales in 1994

(Los Angeles)- Propelled by *The Lion King*, and *Forrest Gump*, two of the highest grossing movies ever, Hollywood sold an estimated \$5.4 billion worth of movie tickets in 1994, topping the \$5.15 billion in 1993.

The record was set despite several late season failures including *Junior*, *The Pagemaster* and *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*.

"Summer was chock full of hits," said William Kartoziyan, president of the National Association of Theater Owners, noting that eight Summer releases surpassed \$100 million at ticket windows. "And there was a depth of titles all year."

Ten movies finished 1994 grossing more than \$100 million, and many of those--from *The Mask* to *True Lies* are enjoying strong returns overseas. Several holdovers from 1993, *Schindler's List* and *Mrs. Doubtfire* among them, made most of their money in 1994.

The Association, using an average ticket price of \$4.15, estimates that about 1.3 billion tickets were bought in 1994, topping 1989's record 1.26 billion admissions.

The average ticket price was calculated by including the prices at discount theaters and bargain matinees. In most major cities, adult ticket prices are now \$7 or more for evening shows.

The record grosses come as the average pro-

duction cost of a Hollywood feature approaches \$30 million. It takes another \$14.1 million to market a film.

Several 1994 films, including *Wyatt Earp* and *I'll Do Anything*, struggled to recoup costs. Each cost about \$50 million to produce.

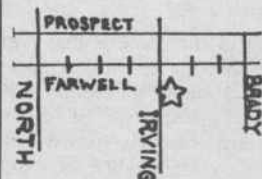
Forrest Gump on the other hand, with \$297.2 million in ticket sales for the year is the fourth highest grossing movie of all time. It trails only *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park* and *Star Wars* in the domestic box office charts.

The Lion King is right behind *Forrest Gump* with \$295.1 million. The year's other Top 10 movies were, in order, *True Lies*, *The Flintstones*, *The Santa Clause*, *Clear and Present Danger*, *Speed*, *The Mask*, *Maverick* and *Interview With The Vampire*.



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Boulevard Ensemble Stages Jan DeHartog's Comedy, 'The Fourposter'

(Milwaukee)- The Boulevard Ensemble is continuing its ninth season of presenting challenging theatrical fare by staging Jan DeHartog's moving marital comedy *The Fourposter*. The play will run through January 15 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. *Fourposter* will be performed Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Perform-

ance times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday and Sunday evenings and 8:00 p.m. for Friday and Saturday evenings. The last performance on January 15 is a 2:30 p.m. matinee.

The Fourposter is directed by Maureen Kilmurry besides directing, serves as the Literary Director for Playwrights Studio Theatre.

Registrations Now Being Accepted for the Second Annual 'Danc'n For AIDS'

Grand Prize: Roundtrip Tickets to Europe for Two

(Milwaukee)- People who love to dance are being sought to participate in the second "Danc'n For AIDS" scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 1995 at MECCA Convention Center in downtown Milwaukee. Registrations are now being accepted.

People interested in having a great time and at the same time raising money for AIDS care, education and research programs can participate in the event by calling 1-800-348-9255. Once registered, dancers will receive everything they need to participate, including pledge forms, prize information and updates on entertainment.

Danc'n For AIDS will benefit the comprehensive care, education, research and advocacy programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, Northeast Wisconsin AIDS Project and Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium which are service agencies of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

The dance will take place from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. DJs and the hottest live entertainment will keep the dance music going throughout the evening. Every person who brings at least \$30 in pledges will be admitted to the dance and will receive a Danc'n For AIDS bandanna.

Because of capacity limitations, admission must be limited to pre-registered dancers who turn in a minimum of \$30 in collected pledges. Anyone who brings in \$100 will receive a Danc'n For AIDS T-shirt and people with \$250 will receive a Danc'n For AIDS sweat-shirt.

Grand Prize for the person who collects the

most money and brings it to the dance, is two roundtrip tickets on Continental Airlines to any European destination (London, Paris, Frankfurt, Madrid) that Continental flies.

First Prize is two roundtrip tickets on Continental Airlines to any destination in the contiguous 48 United States that Continental flies.

Second Prize is a city-wide shopping spree valued at \$500 courtesy of Banana Republic, Bayshore Mall, The Gap, Northridge, Southridge and David Michael & Company plus a 35 CD Promotional Package courtesy of The Exclusive Company and Camelot Music Store-Grand Avenue.

Different Drummer Auditions

(Milwaukee)- Different Drummer Theatre, Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian theatre company, announces audition dates for their one-act theatre festival this Winter.

Audition dates are:

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

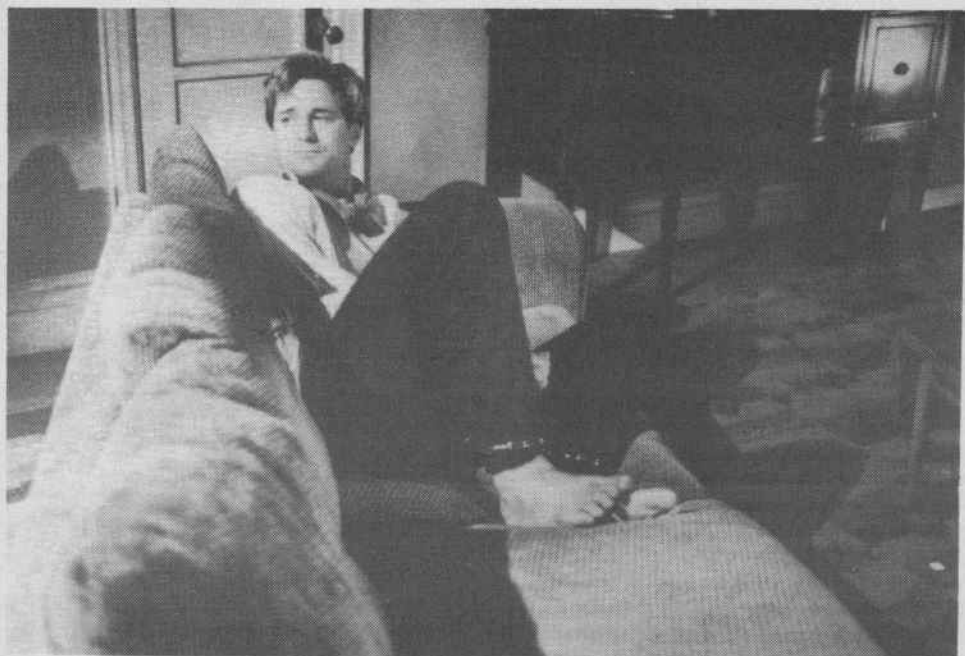
Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. (call back)

Auditions are to be held at the Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E. Knapp, Room 110.

Different Drummer is looking for men and women from teens to 50's. Prepared text will be supplied.

Different Drummer is also in need of anyone who would like to assist with stage help, publicity and in the technical area.

For more information, call Jim at (414) 276-2596.



Film Noir- Clay Gregory (Bill Pullman) is the sometimes misled, always besotted husband of his alluringly dangerous, femme fatale wife in a scene from John Dahl's new film noir, black comedy, "The Last Seduction" which opens January 13 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

Cream City Chorus Carries on the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

(Milwaukee)- On Saturday, January 14, the UAW-CIO will host a Martin Luther King Day celebration at the Clinton Rose Community Center located on Burleigh and Martin Luther King Drive in Milwaukee.

Invited to join the event for a second year, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will add their voices in a continuing effort to bring together two peoples, each struggling in their search for acceptance and equality within our larger community.

Last year, the Chorus declared its stand for equal rights for all with its song, "We, The People" and then reflected on the need for

self-acceptance by performing their signature number, "I Love Myself." The spirit of shared struggles, of shared hopes, that was forged by that day has not been forgotten.

This year, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will offer the well-loved anthem, "Lift Every Voice," as well as other selections reflecting the theme of the day.

Always grateful for a chance to lend voices to this important cause, the Chorus invites you to attend the celebration, to add your support to the memory and to the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a dream dreamed by all mankind.

Fest City Singers Find 'The Secret of Christmas' for Friends and Guests

By Geno

(Milwaukee)- The South Shore Pavilion where the Fest City Singers (FCS) presented "The Secret of Christmas," their ninth annual holiday concert, is a big barn of a place, yet with their opening entrance from the back of the house, the Singers created a warm, intimate evening's entertainment for their guests with their welcoming song, greeting and shaking hands with members of the audience.

Their spontaneity and personal closeness to a capacity audience was central to the free form concept of Tim Kraetsch, director/author of "The Secret of Christmas" for an evening with friends.

The ensuing clever dialogue, playful joshing of the chorus members, reminded me of "Friends," a TV sitcom that is rapidly making its way up the charts—a small group of individuals interact with one another as an ensemble.

The musical numbers succeeded one another seamlessly, the result of the close cooperation of Kraetsch and music director Peggy Lozier. They gave the cast members the assurance to relax and enjoy themselves, a feeling that

communicated itself all the way to the back rows.

Each member of the group had a chance to shine in solos, trios or duets and new interpretations were given to old favorites while little heard melodies and original songs added variety to an evening of holiday song.

Tom Welcembach's rendition of "The Ballad of Tiny Tim," written by Tim Kraetsch, would have had Stephen Sondheim smiling approvingly and Diane Bloom's Lesbian wish list in her clever take on "Santa Baby" caught the gift of being able to see one's own foibles and tastes.

Kevin Rock's "Frosty the Snowman" was an unusually energetic follow and Sandy Lewis's "Suzy Snowflake" gave a vampy, bluesy interpretation in a costume that would have been right at home at the Folies Bergere—tastefully done, of course.

After the community singing of "Silent Night," all were invited to join in for coffee and hot cider, Christmas treats on decorated tables. And before their guests left, the Singers distributed bags to fill and take home—just like Grandma always did.

James Dean Biographer Sues Over Accusation that He Had an Affair with Dean

(Los Angeles)- James Dean biographer William Bast has sued another author for saying he and the late actor were lovers. The lawsuit filed in Los Angeles accuses Paul Alexander of libel and seeks unspecified damages.

It also seeks a court order for Penguin Books to stop publishing this year's *Boulevard of Broken Dreams: The Life, Times and Legend of James Dean*.

Dean, who rose to fame for his roles as a troubled loner in *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Giant*, was killed, reportedly after leaving a Gay party, in 1955 in a car crash near Salinas, California. Like Marilyn Monroe, he has become a cult idol.

Alexander's book implies that Bast and

Dean, who at one point shared a penthouse apartment, had an "on-again, off-again love affair, akin to a troubled marriage."

Bast says in the lawsuit that he never had a sexual relationship with Dean.

While many have since claimed that Dean was Gay, most now agree that he was a Bisexual. Sal Mineo, his doe-eyed fellow actor, claimed to have had an affair with Dean, but there has never been any proof of that.

The lawsuit also charges copyright infringement, claiming Alexander stole passages from Bast's 1956 book, *James Dean*. It is also claimed that Alexander plagiarized some passages that include "certain errors inadvertently made by Bast," Bast's lawyer said.

'Interview' Brad Pitt Could Have Been Interviewer Brad Pitt

(New York)- If things had gone according to plan, sulky, handsome Brad Pitt could have been on the other side of interviewing the vampire, as a journalist.

But wanderlust and the feeling that something was just not right in his life, seized the young actor two weeks and two credits shy of his graduation from the University of Missouri with a degree in journalism. He loaded up his car and headed for Los Angeles, never looking back.

"It was such a relief," Pitt, 30, says in the December 1 issue of *Rolling Stone Magazine*. "I was coming to the end of college and the end of my degree and the beginning of my

chosen occupation. I knew I didn't want to do it."

With \$325 in his pocket and no acting experience, Pitt made ends meet delivering refrigerators, shuttling male strippers to and from appointments and dressing up as a chicken outside a fast food restaurant.

Though he's now among the Hollywood elite, said to be commanding as much as \$3 million per movie, the actor whose career took off after appearing in *Thelma and Louise*, said:

"I try to guide my life by honesty. And that's a hard thing. I haven't mastered it by any means."

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American Priests Say Vatican Rules Are Not Realistic, Author Finds

(Milwaukee)- What would it take to break the Roman Catholic Church?

Enforcing its own inflexible rules, a group of priests told author Jim Bowman.

Bowman is the author of a new book, **Bending the Rules--What American Priests Tell American Catholics**. He will be reading from and discussing his work at Audubon Court Books, 383 West Brown Deer Road, on Saturday, January 21, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Bowman is a former priest and religious editor for the **Chicago Daily News**.

The author said that most priests he interviewed stray from the Vatican's hard line that condemns birth control, abortion and marriage after divorce, while consigning Gay and Lesbian couples to virtual outer darkness.

"They see all this as unrealistic and not contributing to the spiritual life and growth of their people," Bowman said. "The pastors are dealing with people with real life problems. They see that a lot of what the Vatican says is nonsense."

Standing rigidly by the rules as laid down by Rome, would be pastoral suicide, Bowman said.

So, American priests are softening their stance by telling parishioners to follow their own consciences and that of their parish.

Bowman has interviewed in depth, priests from coast to coast, most with more than 20 years experience and some with 50 years as pastors.

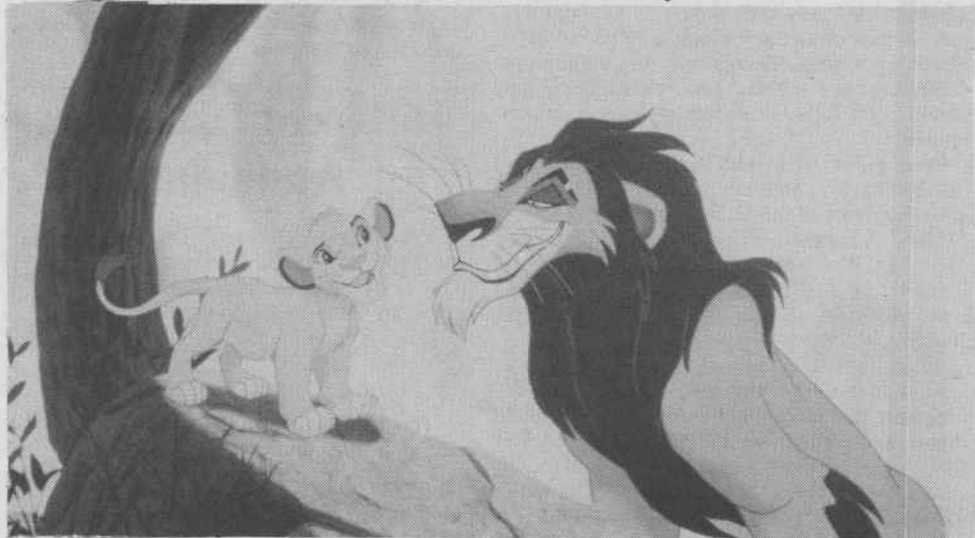
Gays and Lesbians present particularly tough questions Bowman said his interviewees told him.

For example, the Rev. John Burke of West Boylston, MA, said he encourages Gays to "find someone to be a partner and loving companion, as opposed to placing oneself in danger all the time by promiscuous behavior."

Others agreed and, to encourage this, they perform a ceremony of sorts, a "house blessing."

A priest who works on a college campus said he would "go to a Gay couple's house" and say "God blesses you and this community supports you."

Bowman's findings on other "hot" questions concerning priests and their work in the church will be discussed at Audubon Court Books on January 21.



The **Lion's Roar**--Walt Disney productions "Lion King", which has become the Studio's biggest grossing film, is considered by some critics to be among 1994's best films.

Oscar Preview: 'Forrest Gump' is the Current Favorite for Best Picture

(Los Angeles)- Although 1994's movies have not been particularly distinguished, most critics say, **Forrest Gump** is entering the Oscar season as the favorite for Best Picture.

The Tom Hanks film not only earned the most nominations at December's Golden Globe nominations, but also has popped up in several film critic organizations' yearend awards.

"I'm thrilled it got seven Golden Globe nominations," said **Gump** producer Steve Tisch. As far as the Oscars are concerned, "It's out of my hands."

Unlike the in-your-face theatrics of **Pulp Fiction**, **Forrest Gump** plays gently, its vaguely "important" story more likely to appeal to the Academy's relatively older Hollywood establishment.

There has been some evidence of a **Gump** backlash. **The New York Times** called it one of the year's worst movies. At the same time some critics are touting the recently released **Mad King George** as far and away the best movie of the year.

Mad King George is about England's King George III in the years after the American Revolution when he slowly, but inexorably went insane.

Still, affection for **Gump** runs deep.

Most observers say that in addition to Best Picture, Tom Hanks will be nominated for Best Actor; Robert Zemeckis for Best Director; Eric Roth for Best Adapted Screenplay; Alan Silvestri for Best Score; and Best Visual Effects. Among the Best Supporting Actor contenders is the movie's Gary Sinise.

Pulp Fiction is likely to be nominated for Best Movie, Best Actor (John Travolta), Best Director and Original Screenplay (Quentin Tarantino) and Best Supporting Actor (Samuel L. Jackson).

Paul Newman and **Nobody's Fool** are hot. So too is Jessica Lange in **Blue Sky** and Woody Allen's **Bullets Over Broadway**.

Several films could get at least one key nomination: Martin Landau in **Ed Wood**; Miranda Richardson in **Tom and Viv**; Jodie Foster in **Nell**; and Morgan Freeman in **The Shawshank Redemption**.

Beyond that, there are few heavy favorites. It's what Fine Line Features says makes a Best Picture selection conceivable for **Hoop Dreams**.

"I think there are no films out there that really combine the artistic endeavor they're looking for along with the important content that has traditionally been part of that Oscar equation," says Fine Line president Ira Deutchman. "I think on that level, **Hoop Dreams** is the only film that qualifies."

Since Oscar voters can cast Best Picture ballots for movies they haven't even seen, **Hoop Dreams'** modest box-office take of less than \$2 million is not in itself a crisis. (By comparison, **Forrest Gump** has brought in more than \$297 million.)

But those who haven't seen **Hoop Dreams** may not understand all the fuss and leave the documentary off their ballots. Miramax Films tried to get a Best Picture nomination for 1988's **The Thin Blue Line**. It wasn't even nominated for documentary feature.

"I know that when people see it, they will feel it's deserving," Deutchman said. "I think that's especially true in the landscape of movies that are out there right now. Sizing **Hoop Dreams** up in the face of the Golden Globe choices (Best Picture picks included the lightly regarded **Legends of the Fall** and the inane **Ready to Wear**), I think our Academy chances are even better."

United Artists Develops New Projection System for Classic Films

(Englewood, CO)- The nation's largest theatre chain has come up with its own version of "Back to the Future" to show classic movies on the big screen.

United Artists Theatre Circuit has developed a high-tech projection system to show films from the '30s, '40s and '50s in theatres in five cities: Denver, Dallas, San Diego, West Palm Beach, Florida, and Philadelphia.

The system is viewed as a step toward developing an "electronic cinema," a futuristic, one-stop shop of entertainment, from feature movies to high-tech amusements, such as interactive and virtual reality games.

"We've got our feet in the water," said Bill Quigley, a United Artists Theatres senior vice president. "I think we're way ahead of the curve."

Ray Greene, editor-in-chief of **Boxoffice Magazine**, said every player in the entertainment industry is trying to capitalize on the fast developing electronics technology.

Although he hasn't seen the United Artists Theatres system demonstrated, Greene said, "It's a very clever attempt to work out the bugs. I think it's very smart of them."

Eventually, the movie industry is hoping projection technology will advance to the point where one print of a movie would be made that could be copied. That would give movie makers more control over distribution and eliminate the middleman, Greene said.

United Artists Theatres' new projection system grew out of a desire to show classics as part of an overall plan to fill theatre seats during off-peak times, said Quigley.

The problem was that prints of most films were difficult, if not impossible, to find.

About one half of the 21,000 films and shorts produced before 1950 have disintegrated because they were made on a nitrate-based stock, which had a limited life span, according to American Movie Classics, a TV cable channel dedicated to classic films.

That left laser disc copies of the films, which couldn't be shown with traditional projections systems, said Quigley.

Quigley sought help from Ace Audiovisual, which developed a computer software

program that shifts from laser disc to laser disc without a delay and sends it through a Hughes JVC projector onto theatre screens.

The result is a movie that is about 60% to 75% of the quality of a modern first-run film, Quigley said.

Among the films being shown are **Gentlemen Prefer Blondes**, **Rear Window**, **Gunfight at the OK Corral** and **Breakfast at Tiffany's**.

"Until now, we couldn't offer a continuing 'classic' film series in a national theatre circuit because of the limited number of original 35mm prints that are available," Quigley said.

"By using a new light valve projection system, however, we can offer classic films in a number of our 2,300 screens across the country," Quigley said.

Wishful Things, Antique Shop Opens in Third Ward

(Milwaukee)- **Wishful Things** has become the latest addition to the Historic Third Ward's growing concentration of antique shops. Located at 207 E. Buffalo, the store specializes in investment quality art glass, both antique and contemporary, along with unusual and desirable porcelain and small antiques. Store hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by chance or appointment on weekends.

The proprietors, Fred and Jo Wishnie have been collectors and dealers in art glass for more than 25 years. Appraisal and estate liquidation services are also available.

Wishful Things' philosophy is unique to the antique business. Every sale is unconditionally guaranteed, without time limit. If a customer ever becomes unhappy with their purchase, they may return it for a full refund or exchange, provided the item is "as purchased" condition.

The proprietors also understand that collectors' interests may change over time, so they are encouraged to trade in for other items and receive full credit at the original purchase price.

Gay Erotic Video Awards Dedicated to Top Star Joey Stefano

(West Hollywood, CA)- Gay Video Guide's Third Annual Gay Erotic Video Awards ceremonies held December 5, were dedicated to the memory of one of Erotic Gay video's top stars Joey Stefano who died on November 21, 1994, age 26. Stefano was considered among the top four stars. The others being Jeff Stryker, Ryan Idol and Rex Chandler.

Flashpoint, the road picture of "Theo & Louis from Falcon Studios, was the evening's big winner. Brad Hunt won Best Erotic Scene for his work in the film.

Zak Spears tied with Grant Larson for Best Actor for their work in Bijou Video's **Fulton Street**.

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Jan. 13-- Friday Dining Out--Louisiane's, 7464 Hubbard Ave., Middleton. 7:00 p.m. (608) 251-7424.
Jan. 14-- Moving On After Coming Out--A panel discussion with Gay psychologist, sociologist and other community leaders. The United. 14 W. Mifflin St. 7:30 p.m. (608) 241-2500.
Jan. 20-- Friday Dining Out--Phoenix Garden, 4802 E. Washington. 7:00 p.m. (608) 251-7424.
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Apple Computer Executive to Become Director of Human Rights Campaign Fund

(Washington, D.C.)- The nation's largest Gay political organization has reached into the corporate world for an executive director to guide it through what promises to be a tumultuous period in Gays' fight for equality and civil rights.

Elizabeth Birch, the 36-year-old chief litigator at Apple Computer Inc., on November 21, was named the executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), a Washington, D.C.-based organization which has more than 80,000 members nationwide.

HRCF fights anti-Gay discrimination through organized lobbying and financial support for political candidates.

"I'm not naive," Birch said. "I understand it will be enormously challenging. But I continue to be optimistic, as someone who comes from outside Washington, that there is a wonderful trend going on in America.

"Even in the midst of the largest Republican sweep in 20 years, America has simply refused to institutionalize discrimination," she said, referring to the defeat of referendums in Oregon and Idaho seeking to legalize discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men.

Birch was involved in the battle last year between Apple and Williamson County, a suburban county north of Austin, Texas. The county commissioners balked at giving the company a tax abatement on the construction of an \$80 million office complex because Apple offered benefits to the partners of Gay employees.

But after Apple said that as a matter of principle and economics it would not build without the breaks, the county backed down, deciding that the computer giant was worth a little toleration.

Birch lives in Boulder Creek, California, near Santa Cruz. She was co-chair of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force from 1992 this year. She joined Apple in 1989 and has served as general counsel of the Claris Corpo-



Elizabeth Birch

ration, it's software subsidiary.

HRCF spent four months looking for a successor to Tim McFeeley. Jean Harris, a special assistant to San Francisco's public health director, applied for the job, but told the search committee that they ought to choose Birch.

"She's a tough cookie," said Harris. "She's got a corporate image, brains and the ability to take the risks that need to be taken."

John Laird, a former mayor of Santa Cruz, has worked with Birch on Gay causes for almost a decade.

"She can walk into a room and immediately connect with people from the corporate world," Laird said. "But that's not to take away from her street-level activities, which have also been good."

A String of Grisly Murders of Gay Men has Texas Community on Edge

Odessa, Texas-AP- A string of grisly murders of Gay men has the Texas Gay community on edge. Some say that the state's mentality of machismo and a burgeoning religious movement have fostered murderous hostility toward Gays. "There's a steady drumbeat out there that it's all right to hate, that it's socially acceptable to hate Gays and Lesbians," said State Rep. Glen Maxey who is Gay. "You do that long enough and you give permission for somebody to beat up somebody or give somebody permission to kill."

Among the recent killings: Paul Quintanilla's hands were bound behind his back. His throat was cut and his genitals sliced off.

Michael J. Burzinski was shot to death by a group of white teens looking for Gays. Another man was impaled through on a tree branch outside a Gay bar.

Gay and Lesbian activists say a Dallas judge's comment in 1988 reinforced hostility and encouraged lenient treatment to those who victimize Gays. Instead of life in prison, Judge Jack Hampton gave a 30-year sentence to an 18-year-old who had killed two Gay men when they refused to take of their clothes for him. "I put whores and Gays at the same level," Hampton said. "I'd be hard put to give somebody life just for killing a whore."

The Rev. Billy Charles Cawley, a Gay man who ministers to the LesBiGay population of Odessa, said: "I call this 'Bubba Joe land.' It's a combination of the Texas macho thing and the Fundamentalist Christian movement here."

The Texas chapter of the Christian Coalition has grown to 60,000 members with 135 chapters since it was founded in the state in 1991.

California All-Gay City Celebrates its 10th Anniversary and is Going Strong

(West Hollywood, CA)- Ten years ago, this community, dubbed the "Gay Camelot," became a unique city.

On November 29, the town founded on the tenants of freedom and equality for Gay people, celebrated its 10th anniversary at the Pacific Design Center, a cavernous local landmark of electric blue, affectionately dubbed the "Blue Whale."

City officials danced to a big band, celebrating the fact that a recession, a mayoral scandal and regional anti-liberal backlash, not to mention rioting and earthquakes, seem to have left West Hollywood none the worse for wear.

Buoyed by entertainment industry money, the 1.9 square-mile enclave has a healthy budget, lower crime and better services than before its incorporation. The 1992 riots and the January 18th earthquake cause little damage.

The community boasts high-priced neighbors like Beverly Hills and West Los Angeles, not to mention the vibrant Jewish enclave of the Fairfax district. It is home to the Sunset Strip, Warner Bros. Studios, offices of major record companies and the design industry.

The city's \$38 million budget works out to about \$1,000 for every person there. Of that, \$3 to \$4 million is spent on social services that range from helping the homeless to providing meals for the elderly and care for those living with AIDS.

The city was incorporated on November 6, 1984.

At the time, several Los Angeles-area suburbs were considering incorporating. Residents fleeing crime and congestion in the giant urban area wanted local controls to prevent overdevelopment from following them.

But that wasn't the issue in West Hollywood. With about 20,000 residents per square mile, it was and remains one of the most

densely populated areas in California and possibly in the entire West.

The main issue was a county decision to phase out rent control. That didn't sit well in a place where, even today, 80% of the population rents.

Gays added their clout and looked forward with pride to having a larger voice in running their neighborhoods.

The city started off with a Lesbian mayor and the first city council in the nation with a Gay majority. The council made Halloween an official celebration, revamped rent control, outlawed discrimination against Gay people and adopted domestic partner legislation.

Things change.

There are currently only two Gay council members, although Gay people continue to wield political clout and hold many civic posts.

In other ways, the city remains much as it was a decade ago: about 38,000 people live in a mix of small, older bungalows and fancy new condos.

Approximately 40% of the residents are Lesbian or Gay male and up to 30% of the entire population is over the age of 65.

Up to half of the residents are Jewish. The city made headlines in 1985 when it canceled Christmas as a city holiday.

One major change has been the influx of Jews (Gay and straight) from the former Soviet Union. These comprise 15% of the population. Along Santa Monica Boulevard and east of Fairfax, you can see many businesses with names in Russian.

After ten years, the city is in an enviable position. Its crime rate is lower than in Los Angeles proper. Its streets are cleaner, its shops better kept-up and more prosperous. There is much about this Gay city from which other places could learn a lesson.

Court of Appeals Upholds Discharge of Lincoln Steffan, Gay Midshipman

Commentary by Marvin Liebman

During the last year, when asked where I believed the primary emphasis of the Gay movement should be, I have been unequivocal in stressing a single priority--the need to organize locally, in our neighborhoods, cities and states.

We are now at the beginning of an historic battle that has started in Hawai'i and promises to progress throughout the country, state by state. This may give our movement just the impetus it needs. At stake is a crucial legal right, central to our struggle for dignity and acceptance. The issue is Gay marriage.

For the past year and a half, I've followed the Hawai'i Gay marriage case with fascination. It has sparked national attention. After brushing aside less than compelling arguments by the state's adversarial lawyers and tossing off a hostile resolution approved last session by a hastily convened state legislature, Hawai'i's Supreme Court is set to strike down discrimination against same-sex couples in the granting of marriage licenses.

The state's new Democratic governor publicly supports the court's expected decision. Against the conservative tide of the mid-term elections in most other states, Ben Cayetano parlayed explicit pledges of support for Gay marriage to victory. The big issue on the Court's ruling is not if, but when.

The Hawai'i victory, when it does come, should not be looked at as any final answer. It is simply the beginning of a long struggle which can be of equal importance to our community as was the stand at Stonewall some twenty-five years ago. If this beginning in Hawai'i is to endure and spread, we have our work cut out for us and we will have to endure the inevitable heat which will come from all sides.

The concept of Gay marriage is highly energizing and, perhaps, the issue which will finally turn American Lesbians and Gay men into a cohesive force and movement. The major opposition, of course, will come from the Religious Right. I have no doubt that Right Wing politicians will introduce bills in state legislatures seeking to restrict the right of Gays to marry.

Without an educated, mobilized activist countervoice, such bills may very well be adopted.

Similar efforts may also erupt on Capitol Hill, taking shape either as a free-standing bill or, more insidiously, as an amendment to any other bill before the Congress.

Our primary requirement from Congress, therefore, is for inaction. Given popular anxieties about Gay issues, the inclination to make the issue "just go away" may actually work in our favor on Capitol Hill.

Against these efforts, the basic message is as simple as it is persuasive. Discrimination. For nearly two decades, Gay men and Lesbians across the country have been trying to have the announcements of their commitment ceremonies printed in local newspapers, meeting mixed responses. And, as far back as 1970, Gays have sought redress from the courts following their attempts to do what straight Americans take for granted--to enter into a le-

gal union.

As is illustrated by the Hawai'i plaintiffs widely divergent backgrounds, the fight over Gay marriage both showcases and taps the diversity of the Gay community. The issue promises to energize us across the lines of race, class, education and age. As a Newsweek poll conducted last Summer indicates, the equal right to marry is of particular importance to Lesbians.

For men and women alike, though, the issue has a greater poignancy than the quest for more common legal protection from discrimination. The issue also promises to mobilize members of the community who have not been previously tapped or politicized in other battles.

While the pivotal voices in this, as in all our other conflicts, will be those of moderate straight allies, the fact that this fight is over family bonds may render even their advocacy all the more pervasive, fervent and compelling.

Unlike the Gays-in-the-military fiasco, which caught our national groups off-guard and whose perilous straits the ill-equipped Campaign for Military Service proved unable to navigate, the battle over Gay marriage is essentially local.

The Constitution's provision regarding "full faith and credit," stipulating the mutual respect which states should grant each other's official acts, suggests that the states will be the battleground on this issue. Each state will decide for itself how much respect it pays Gay marriage certificates stamped in Hawai'i.

How the Hawai'i decision holds up is soon to rest in all our hands. Whether each state grants credit to Gay marriages from Hawai'i or thumbs its nose at them--and, by extension, the Constitution itself--is very much our responsibility. It is we, Lesbians and Gay men, who must lead the fight for recognition.

The issue will also set another acid test of integrity for conservatives, who have been granted unprecedented influence in scores of state legislatures in the wake of last month's elections.

Will Republicans live up to their oft-trumpeted support for small government, state's rights and family values? Or will they go down the mean-spirited and hypocritical path of interfering in the states' affairs, of forcing our families into the legal closet and intensifying discrimination against us.

The seriousness which we take our task of local organizing around Gay marriage may well dictate the future of Gay civil rights legislation in general. We can no longer hold back and leave the work to our overstretched brothers and sisters. We can no longer hang out in the video bars and the dance clubs, wasting our lives and forfeiting our future.

We can no longer step out of the closet solely at the prompting of our hormones and then retreat until the next stimulation.

Gay marriage is an issue which every Lesbian and Gay man can support. The battle will take place in our state legislatures. The stakes are high. It is the beginning of our acceptance as full and equal citizens of the United States.

China Announces 307 New AIDS Cases

Beijing, China-AP- In what they consider to be an alarming trend, Chinese health workers say they have detected 307 new AIDS cases in 1994. This brings to 1,550 the total number of people in China who either have AIDS or who have tested HIV positive since the first case was announced by the Chinese government in 1985. However, World Health Organization (WHO) experts say that the Chinese figures are far too low because the government tests only foreigners or Chinese who have frequent contact with foreigners. The Chinese have long characterized AIDS as a foreign disease.

WHO also points out that in China, people who test positive for HIV are not told of their infection for fear of upsetting them. They are allowed to go on with their lives and so spread the infection around.

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In the Wake of the Elections, Has the Progressive Agenda Collapsed?

Commentary by Jay Hatheway

Much has recently been written about the collapse of the "progressive" agenda in the wake of the 1994 Republican Congressional sweep. The apparent "victory" of the anti-progressive program would seem to put the movement for peace and justice on hold, perhaps even in jeopardy.

At the national level, there is little doubt that public discourse has swung in favor of continued marginalization, disenfranchisement, disinvestment and deindustrialization in support of capital flight, "globalization," and the concentration of political and economic power in the hands of an increasingly authoritarian transnational elite dedicated to self-perpetuation, aggrandizement and control. Peace and justice, it would seem, are not part of the equation.

But appearances can be deceiving. While it is true that the strategy and tactics of the movement for peace and justice may have failed, the movement and its goals have not. What we are currently experiencing is a re-examination of our past methodologies and a search for new strategies which will effectively counter the agendas of the "New Revolutionaries" and simultaneously carry the movement into the 21st Century.

This will be neither quick nor an easy process because the inertia of past behaviors will not easily be stopped; certainly we will reap no sympathy or assistance from the opposition in our search. Indeed, it is to the advantage of the opposition to make sure that our past mistakes are repeated, because it is within the nature of these "mistakes" that the New Revolutionaries have obtained their success.

In particular, the movement for peace and justice has by definition and action been both circumscribed and limited by its "outsider" status. As "outsiders," we have criticized and critiqued the activities of perceived systems of economic and political abuse, never wanting to be co-opted by such systems for fear of "corruption."

A basic assumption has been that under no conditions would we wish to be part of "them." The logic was simple, because to be transformed into or co-opted by the opposition is to deny the very basis of the progressive agenda. Unfortunately, in too many instances, this is exactly what has happened, a consequence of which has been the alleged decrease of activism among proponents of peace and justice.

The causes of this ironic twist of events is not difficult to discern because it goes to the core of what the movement seeks as a remedy to the perceived lack of peace and justice: the establishment of a more just society at peace with itself.

How one defines such a society becomes critical, because it is within the realm of belief predicated upon semantics that the dialectic between movement and opposition is played out.

If the opposition can control the discourse and assert that true peace and justice is synonymous with the New Revolutionaries' "Contract with America" (for example), then it will be true as long as people believe the argument.

The logic is necessarily circular, but adequate so long as the circle is not broken. The assertion that real problems are or will be resolved will be accepted only as individual and social consciousness of such problems are lessened or denied, and this is accomplished through a variety of rhetorical tactics and strategies.

Government Approves Test for HIV Using Saliva Instead of Blood

Washington, D.C.-AP- The first AIDS virus test that uses saliva instead of blood has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The test, called Orasure, is made by the biotechnology company Epitepe Inc., in Beaverton, Oregon, and will cost about \$2 to \$4, a fraction of the price of blood tests.

Although the test isn't as accurate as blood tests, Epitepe expressed the hope following the December 23 FDA approval that the test will help more people learn whether they have HIV.

"Whether they test positive or negative, they can take appropriate steps to protect themselves and others and if they test positive, obtain early treatment for the disease," said Adolph Ferro, Epitepe president and chief executive officer.

The FDA said the new test will be available only from physicians and will be administered only by people trained in its use. Epitepe eventually hopes to offer it for sale directly to consumers.

Dr. Jeff Lawrence, a consultant to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, said the test could encourage people who would avoid blood tests to be tested.

"As long as a positive test is followed by a blood test and as long as there is appropriate counseling available, it is a reasonable thing to

The most successful strategy is to assert the superiority of a "systemic" "American Civilization" out of which flows the derivative values of peace, justice, equality, happiness, etc. This new nationalist rhetoric emphasizes the universalism of the "American Dream Value System" over and against alternative value systems and in so doing, marginalizes them.

As long as the American Dream Value System is equated with universal goodness, all those who deny its intrinsic value are excluded.

In essence, the American Dream Value System is constructed by national elites as the one and only system within which all struggles must be fought, even those of Peace and Justice. To withdraw from the system is tantamount to death, and is thus illogical and counterproductive.

To sweeten the pot, lucrative and seductive rewards are constructed for acceding to the American Dream Value System. Fame, fortune, recognition, "success" and other ego-stroking attention devices offered by the elites are among the more successful tactics.

Such tactics even include the "right" of measured cooperation with the marginalized and disenfranchised elements of society and the publicly recognized "success" that might follow so long as such cooperation culminates in co-optation and refrains from acceptance of the marginalized and their "outsider" values.

The goal is thus to deconstruct competing value systems and equate success with inclusion within the emergent universal and benign system of the elites. Competition is futile because any real constructive movements for peace and justice can only succeed within the constraints established by this system, or so it is argued.

In order to reinforce the truth of such logic, progressive movements will only be allowed to succeed when they operate within the limits imposed by the predominant system itself. Break the circle and three strikes, you're out! No rewards, no fame, no fortune, no recognition.

For many activists, the invitation to success as defined by the American Dream Value System has proven to be irresistible because the promise of reward is so high. If everyone had access to wealth, education, health, fame and fortune, then this would indeed be the best of all possible worlds.

The "System," because of its seemingly unlimited resources, really does appear to offer material and even spiritual panaceas to all the ills of the world.

With a little fixing, a nip and a tuck, all the marginalized can be included and be the better off because of it. The largess of the system will be tapped for the betterment of the dispossessed and thereby allow for self-development and growth. What could possibly be more alluring?

There is only one catch, small to be sure, but nevertheless necessary in order to allow the cornucopia of abundance to pour forth: those who tap into the system must never seriously question its morality or challenge its very assumptions. Obedience is absolute. Challenge and smear the value system and one is cut off to die, alone and isolated.

For such tactics to be successful, the New Revolutionaries and their fellow travelers must control and manipulate the discourse, dialogue and system of rewards at the local, regional and national levels. Once "normalcy" has been defined and an acceptable level of dissent has been established, applications for acceptance

do," Lawrence said.

The FDA approval actually involves two systems: a way to collect and preserve the oral fluid, and a way to test the specimen in a laboratory for the HIV virus.

The kit used to test the specimen in the lab is made by Organon Teknika Corp., of Durham, North Carolina, and is sold under the brand name "Oral Fluid Vironostika HIV-1 Microelisa System."

The test measures the presence in the saliva of antibodies to the HIV virus. The virus itself has not been found in the saliva.

To collect fluid for a test, a specially treated cotton pad on a stick is placed between the lower gum and the cheek and allowed to absorb fluid. The stick is then placed into a plastic container with a preservative solution.

At a lab, the specimen undergoes an "enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay," or ELISA, a test that is able to detect antibodies to HIV.

Positive tests are confirmed with a blood test called the Western Blot, which is more sensitive than the ELISA.

The FDA said the test has a 2% error rate. For instance, for every 100 people infected with HIV, the saliva test will miss one or two. For every 100 people who are not infected, test results will be incorrectly positive for approximately two people, the agency said.

into the reward system will be taken so long as they have been properly screened.

Once accepted, those activists for peace and justice who still feel compelled to agitate are given free reign so long as they operate within the constraints of our consumerist society, keep non-conforming activists at bay and limit their access to the constructed public domain.

In essence, "insider" activists are asked to police their own and censor those who they feel challenge the American Dream Value System. Thus, the movement actually finds itself confronted with the irony of self-imposed censorship in order not to jeopardize the perceived gains that have been made over the course of the alleged "struggle."

What then is to be done? How can non-

conforming activists agitate and still be effective in their work? How can those who by systemic definition are "dead" hope to affect change within the very system that negates their existence?

As more and more individuals wake up to the recognition that the so-called American Dream is a purposefully manipulated chimera designed with but one purpose in mind: to constrain rather than to liberate, what must be the response of the movement for peace and justice, both among those who are outside as well as those who are on the inside?

The answer to these questions must begin with a full re-assessment of what, in fact, were

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Once Upon A Time, In the Land of Make Believe, There Was A King

By Bill Meunier

Once upon a time in the land of make believe, there was a nice man who became king. His name was Ronnie Raygun the First. King Ronnie was very popular with all the people in the land. He reminded them of their grandfathers. And who doesn't like their grandfathers?

King Ronnie had lots of rich friends called the Cons. He gave them nice fat contracts so they could make weapons. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

The King made the people feel good. He told them there were no problems in the land of Make Believe. They believed him because they wanted to. Besides, since it was the Land of Make Believe, it would be unpatriotic not to. Everyone had a great time.

The Cons didn't want the kingdom to spend any money on the poor. Even though the kingdom was spending ten times as much on tax breaks for the rich. So they stopped spending a lot of the money being spent on the poor.

The King's opponents, the Libs, warned that if he did this, crime would increase, cities would decline and eventually, people would be very unhappy. King Ronnie and the Cons did it anyway. They figured that if these things happened, they would just blame it on the Libs. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. It was great fun.

The King cut taxes on the rich and raised them on the poor. He told the people that if the rich got rich enough, they would help the poor build their own castles and everyone would live like a king. The people of Make Believe believed him. King Ronnie and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having great fun.

King Ronnie told the people that they needed more weapons even though they were the most powerful kingdom on earth. The people believed him. So he built lots of weapons. Of course, it cost a lot of money and there were no enemies who could threaten the kingdom, but that didn't matter. King Ronnie and the Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

The King told the people that to pay for the weapons, the kingdom would spend even less on the poor. He cut out programs to help the poor get ahead. After all, the Cons said, if the poor help the rich get richer, the rich will help the poor. So there is no reason to help the poor with better schools or to build homes. Most of the people believed King Ronnie. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

King Ronnie's friends said that they needed more money. The King thought and thought about how to give it to them. Then he went on television and told the people that they needed to build a big umbrella so no one could send any spears or arrows into the kingdom. The King called the umbrella SDI. Others called it Star Wars. Still others called it crazy. But the people believed him. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

Then some people in the kingdom started getting sick. They got so sick they died. First King Ronnie and the Cons said that no one was sick. Then they said that if anyone was sick, it was their own fault.

King Ronnie didn't like the people who were getting sick. He did not want to help them. The King and Cons would not tell anyone why or how they were getting sick. People kept dying. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

Finally, it came time for the King to step down. He was sad. Now he wouldn't have all that fun. On the other hand, the land owed more money than it could pay. In fact, the debt was zillions of times higher than the biggest castle in the whole kingdom. The rich didn't help the poor and the poor were more poor than ever.

The people of the kingdom were making less money than they did before. The poor children who didn't have enough to eat turned to crime. More people were getting sick. The King was worried about what people might think of him. The Cons said, "Don't worry, King Ronnie. We will blame the debt on the Libs after they control the Privy Council."

"But," said the King. "I am the one who asked the Privy Council to spend the money. I am the one who asked them to spend even more money."

But the Cons just said, "Leave it to us. We can tell the people that the Libs like criminals and that they want to spend money on people who don't want to work. After that, people won't believe anything the Libs say."

So that's what they did. The people believed them. The King and his friends laughed and laughed. It was great fun.

The new king's name was George. King Ronnie's friends helped George become king. They told people that the Lib who wanted to be king liked criminals. The people believed them. King George and his friends laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

But the people didn't like King George. He didn't remind them of their grandfather. He didn't remind them of anything.

So they elected a new king, King Bill. King Bill made lots of promises. He wanted to help the people. Many of the people didn't like King Bill. The Cons told them he was a bad man. They didn't want to lose their power and money.

Anytime King Bill wanted to do something to help people, the Cons told people that it wouldn't help. The people would listen to King Bill and say they liked his ideas.

But then the Cons would tell them that he was lying. They would say bad things about King Bill and his ideas. Many people believed the Cons. They turned against King Bill and his Libs. The Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

The Cons in the Privy Council refused to allow most of King Bill's ideas to become law. The people were mad. So the Cons told them it was King Bill's fault. They said, "You see, we told you he couldn't be trusted." The Cons lied about King Bill and what he wanted to do.

King Bill wanted everyone to have health care. But the Health Insurance companies wanted to get richer. So they told the people that King Bill wanted the government to tell them what doctors to see. Even though it wasn't true, the people believed this. They got mad at King Bill's ideas. The Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

The Cons told people that if they were in charge, they could cut taxes on the rich again. They said they would build more weapons and that they would even build the big umbrella King Ronnie wanted. They said that government should not regulate business if it cost too much even if it would save lives. They called this "A Make Believe Contract."

No one noticed that these were the same things King Ronnie wanted. These were the same things that made the kingdom owe so much money. The Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

The Cons kept lying about the Libs. The people believed them because they were mad at King Bill. If people started to doubt the Cons, they would put things on TV or the radio. These things didn't have to be true and often weren't. After all, this is the Land of Make Believe. And the Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

So the people let the Cons control the Privy Council. Now they could do what they wanted. They could make the people even madder at King Bill. They could stop people from having health care. They could help their rich friends in business. They could build more weapons. They could get ready to put one of their own on the throne.

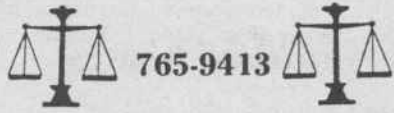
And the best things was that the Cons could say that the people wanted them to do everything in their "Make Believe Contract." The Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

No need to worry about the rest of the people. Anyone who didn't think the right way must be a Lib. And the people didn't like Libs. They had heard years of make believe things about them. The people would believe what they were told. The Cons laughed and laughed. They were having lots of fun.

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New Canadian Study Finds Link Between Fingerprint Ridges and Being Gay

(Washington, D.C.)- Two Canadian researchers have found a link between the number of ridges in fingerprints and Gay men, adding to the evidence that sexual orientation is determined before birth and is irreversible.

The researchers, working at the University of Western Ontario, compared the number of tiny ridges on the fingertips of 66 Gay men with the fingerprint patterns of 182 heterosexual men.

Thirty percent of the Gay men showed more ridges on their left hands than their right, while only 14% of the heterosexuals showed the same pattern.

Most men and women have more ridges in the fingerprints of their right hands. Fingerprints are completely developed in human fetuses by about the 16th week after conception and are largely genetically determined.

"This certainly suggests sexual orientation is somehow determined by prenatal events," said researcher Doreen Kimura.

The study appears in the December, 1994 issue of **Behavioral Neuroscience**.

Kimura and the study's lead author, Jeffrey Hall, said the fingerprint patterns should not be mistaken as a maker for being Gay.

"What we found is a statistically significant difference between groups of Gay men and heterosexual men," Kimura said.

Roger Gorski, a UCLA neurobiologist who has done extensive research on sexual orientation, called the study "another suggestion that there's a biological component to sexuality."

Gorski added, "The way I like to summarize it is sexual orientation is a multifaceted behavior and it's unlikely that one gene, that one

hormone, that one environmental experience-- or that one fingerprint--is going to be the explanation for everything."

Kimura is also known for her work on differences between men and women, ranging from problem-solving ability to brain hemisphere differences.

She speculates that there is a link between finger ridge patterns and the development of the nervous system. Many of the Gay men with more ridges on their left hands were also left-handed. Research has established that there is a higher incidence of left-handedness among Gay men and Lesbians than in the general population.

The team also found a difference in hearing. Most people report words spoken to the right ear more accurately than words to the left ear. The right ear is directly linked to the brain's left hemisphere, which controls speech.

However, Kimura and Hall found some Gay men could hear equally well out of both ears. This might be due to better transmission of information between the brain's hemispheres, Kimura said.

Other researchers have found that Gay men tend to have a larger midsection in a brain structure called the anterior commissure, which connects and relays information between the hemispheres. The larger anterior commissure might account for better left ear accuracy in Gay men, Kimura said.

The anterior commissure begins to develop around the seventh week of fetal life, which is also when fingerprint ridges are differentiating, researchers noted.

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John Boswell, Noted Scholar of Medieval Gay History, Succumbs to AIDS

(New Haven, CN)- John E. Boswell, the Yale Historian who found substantial evidence that in Medieval times, same-sex couples could be married in the Catholic Church, died on December 23, 1994, in New Haven, Connecticut, at the Yale infirmary, of complications due to AIDS according to his life partner, Jerry Hart.

"I regard him as one of the major innovative figures in Gay and Lesbian scholarship," said Martin Duberman, founder and executive director of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the City University of New York.

In June, 1994, Boswell provoked debate with his long-awaited book, *Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe*, based on the study of more than 60 manuscripts from the 8th to the 16th Centuries found in the Vatican library and other sources.

Boswell, wrote that the ceremony of same-sex union was by the 12th Century "unmistakably a voluntary, emotional union of two persons." He called the ceremony a marriage "no matter how much some readers may be discomforted by this."

Despite the ponderous title, the book became a best-seller, a must-read for Gays and Lesbians interested in religion and same-sex marriage.

The book also elicited great debate and often furious condemnation, especially by Right Wing Christians who could not tolerate the idea that two people of the same sex could marry each other and still be Christians.

Boswell previously had gained wide notice when in 1980, he came out with *Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality: Gay People in Western Europe From the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Fourteenth Century*. Like his later work, this was a thick tome, but so well-written in the opinion of critics that it is an easy read.

The book won the American Book Award for history in 1981.

Colleagues at Yale said Boswell was influential and a role model for Gay students and others without being an activist.

The Rev. Anita Bradshaw, director of supervised ministry for Yale Divinity School, said he gave Gay and Lesbian people a chance to discover their history.

"He was a spokesman and original thinker," said Gaddis Smith, a fellow history professor. "He was much more interested in his writing than he was in activism."

Boswell joined the Yale faculty in 1975 as an assistant professor and was appointed a full professor in 1982. He was named the A. Whitney Griswold Professor of History in 1990, when he began a two-year term as department chairman.

In 1987, Boswell helped organize the Lesbian and Gay Studies Center at Yale.

Editor's Note: I had the pleasure on several occasions of talking with Dr. Boswell on the phone. Each time, I tried to tape the conversation, but with only spotty success.

He was a gentle, soft-spoken man with a voice very pleasant to the ear. The first time I called him, I apologized for bothering him. He was a Yale professor of history, after all. But he only chuckled and told me not to worry. I could call whenever I wished.

We spoke of many things, but mainly our mutual interest in Gays in history. For example, we debated the role religion has played in anti-Gay persecution over the centuries. I believe it is central to the problem. He did not.

It is not religion, he told me, that is responsible for all the suffering, it is the people who abuse it, who do not understand it, he said.

The first time I talked with him, I asked him when his next book, *Same-Sex Unions*, was coming out. I knew he had submitted a manuscript to the publisher more than once and

withdrawn it each time. "When it's perfect," he said. I told him I understood. When his book did come out, I called him again. His voice sounded even softer than usual, distant and far away. He told me he was ill and planned on taking a long-delayed trip to Spain and would be there for awhile. He said he'd enjoyed our conversations. I never spoke with him again.

Actor David Silber Succumbs to AIDS

Brookline, MA- David Silber, a stage actor and son of Boston University President John Silber, has died of complications from AIDS. He was 41.

Silber, of New York City, died Thursday, December 29, 1994. He had come to Brookline to live with his parents five months ago.

Primarily a stage actor, Silber recently appeared in a production of *A Christmas Carol* for PBS at Ford's Theater in Washington.

On Broadway, he appeared with Rex Harrison, Claudette Colbert and Lynn Redgrave in *Aren't We All*, and with Peter O'Toole in *Pygmalion*. Silber also acted in many regional and repertory theaters.

Silber attended the University of Texas and, in 1975, he graduated from the School for the Arts at Boston University with a Bachelor's Degree in theater.

In 1990, he campaigned on behalf of his father's unsuccessful Democratic run for governor.

He is survived by his life partner, Marc Brody of New York; his parents, John and Kathryn Silber; his sisters Rachel Devlin of Newton, Alexandra Silber of Irvine, CA, Ruth Belmonte of Nice, France, Judith Ballan of New York and Caroline Lavender of Atlanta.

A funeral service was held on January 1 at Boston University's Marsh Chapel. The burial was private.

David J. Dornaus

David J. Dornaus died peacefully at home after a courageous battle with AIDS Monday, November 21, 1994, age 33.

He was the loving partner of John L. Wirth, beloved son of Beatrice (nee Schuh) and the late Robert P. Dornaus (June 30, 1994). Loving brother of Richard (Patricia) Dornaus, Oregon, Wisconsin; Ann (Tom) Kozel, North Branch, Minnesota; William (Bev Sandburg) Dornaus, Green Bay, Wisconsin and Dolly (Don) Noskowiak, Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was the special friend of Kristi Gruenhagen. He is further survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held at Villa Terrace with David's family and many friends in attendance.

In lieu of flowers if desired, memorials may be directed to John L. Wirth, P.O. Box 765, Milwaukee, WI 53201 to establish a memorial planting in David's memory.

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Teaching, Some Call the Most Closeted Profession, Is Beginning to Open Its Doors

(St. Louis, MO)- March 22, 1994, probably won't be mentioned in history books, but it's a date Mehlville High School teacher Rodney Wilson never will forget.

His third hour junior history class had just finished watching *Escape from Sobibor*, a film about the Holocaust. Wilson held up a poster showing the various emblems used on people put into the concentration camps and said, "If I had been in Europe during World War II, they would have put this pink triangle on me and gassed me to death, because I'm Gay."

There was dead silence. "Then one of the students said, 'That was a very brave thing to say.' Then another student said a similar statement, and then it seemed to me that the whole class started clapping," Wilson said.

Wilson, 29, is among a growing number of teachers nationwide choosing to discuss their own sexual orientation in class. This means that they have to decide between staying in the closet or often fighting fierce battles against the forces of bigotry and ignorance in order to keep their jobs, said Karen M. Harbeck, a Boston lawyer specializing in the legal needs of Gays and Lesbians.

No one keeps an official count of the number of Gay educators. But Harbeck believes that there's an average of 2.4 Gay or Lesbian teachers or administrators in every school building in America.

"Teachers are one of the last professions to come out of the closet," Harbeck said. "You don't tell your doctor what to do. You don't tell your lawyer what to do. But you tell your school board what to do."

The most often cited reason for Gay and Lesbian teachers coming out in their schools is their desire to be finally honest about who they are, said Kevin Jennings, author of *One Teacher in 10: Gay and Lesbian Educators Tell Their Stories*.

"It's very stressful to hide who you are, said Jennings of Cambridge, Mass. "You have to lead two lives, keeping distance between yourself and others, and that makes it difficult to teach."

Another teacher in Chicago put it more forcefully. "Trying to teach and, at the same time, maintaining a fiction of being straight is pure hell. All the time, you're afraid someone will find out. That fear can occupy many waking moments."

Many teachers like those mentioned, believe coming out can save lives. A 1989 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services study said Gay and Lesbian youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers and may comprise 30 percent of suicides among youth annually. Most of the time, the parents don't know their child is Gay and if they do, the press never mentions the real reason for the death.

"What I'm saying," Wilson said, "is allow me to be an openly Gay role model for Gay kids and for straight kids. And hopefully people will realize that Gay and Lesbian people are average American citizens...and it will free young people who are Gay or Lesbian from being Gay-bashed--verbally or physically--from being harassed, from being lonely

and from being scared. "What I want to do," Wilson went on, "is to stop the silence. I have an 800-page American history textbook. That textbook doesn't mention the fact that Gay people have existed in the so-called New World, either before or after Columbus, and that is wrong."

Wilson has won support from the Gay community, as well as from some teachers, parents and students and the National Education Association (NEA). Since 1973, the NEA has offered free legal counsel to teachers harassed or discriminated against because of sexual orientation.

"Some organizations would take Rodney's case for free. That's one of the things that's helping to bring about change," Harbeck said. "These kinds of things can bankrupt a school district."

School districts are beginning to realize this and are taking steps to educate administrators about sexual orientation discrimination.

Although officials in Sweetwater Union High School District in San Diego were troubled by Jose Arroyo's decision to tell his student's he's Gay, they didn't try and stop him.

On October 11, National Coming Out Day, Arroyo greeted his students in a white T-shirt showing a stick figure coming out of a closet, a pink triangle button and a necklace of rainbow rings.

"I think back to when I was in high school," said Arroyo, who teaches students with learning disabilities. "I wish I had known there was a Gay or Lesbian teacher, even if I had never talked to that person. Just to know there was someone there who was successful and open about it would have helped."

Arroyo didn't raise the issue. Instead, he waited for his students to ask about his attire.

"I told them I was not going to discuss my personal life, just like you wouldn't talk to a straight teacher about their love lives," he said. "They asked questions like 'How long have you known you were Gay?' 'How did you know you were Gay?' I answered those."

Both Wilson and Arroyo, and others as well, said the decision to come out wasn't an easy one.

"I knew that I had to be honest with my colleagues and my students," Wilson said. "Martin Luther King said, 'No lie can live forever.' And I firmly believe that."

Wilson and Arroyo are considered excellent teachers by their principals. That's what worries Religious Right Wingers who fear teachers who are respected and well-liked might be able to educate people about being Gay.

"The issue here," said Larry Burtoft of the Right Wing Focus on the Family of Colorado Springs, is that respected teachers who are homosexual and who are public about it, might lead people to accept them. We can't have that. Homosexuality is wrong."

But for Wilson, there's no alternative to doing what he has done.

"This subject," he said, "should not be left outside the classroom door. The Gay civil rights movement is at a critical mass. We have turned a corner. We will never go back in the closet and America will have to deal with us."

South Asia's First Gay Meeting Opens Secretly

Bombay, India-AP- Gay men from across South Asia met secretly in the last week in December to discuss the widespread persecution they face, including the recent threat from Hindu religious extremists in India. The conference on Emerging Gay Identities in South Asia drew nearly 70 activists from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Organizers said that the location of the meeting was kept secret to exclude straights from attending it and inhibiting free discussion.

Christ with AIDS Creates Furor

Johannesburg, South Africa-AP- Critics threatened to spit on American artist Maxwell Lawton's depiction of Christ as an AIDS sufferer. Undaunted and with the support of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, he set to work on December 21, on a Nativity scene with a similar theme. Lawton, who is HIV positive, said passersby accused him of blasphemy as he painted "Man of Sorrows" in Cape Town's St. George's Cathedral. "Man of Sorrows" shows the lesions associated with AIDS on the body of an anguished Christ, who is attached to an intravenous drip and an oxygen tube. Lawton said his work was part of a long artistic tradition showing Christ in sympathy with human pain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adam, 20, college student, ISO someone 18-25 for dance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 3968**

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**

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

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

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

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

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

Jim, hot, bottom, 32, 5'9", 150, short beard, dark hair, good-looking, trim, hairy, open-minded. Willing to get into anything that makes you feel good. **Box# 2957**

GWM, Cory, 18, romantic, looking for fun. **(Call Thru) Box# 2313**

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

Lee, extremely fun and exactly what you want. **Box# 1752**

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

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

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

Michael, GWM, ISO another GM. **Box# 6562**

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

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Joe, BM, 29, ISO other BM, I like the outdoors and I am down to earth. **(Call Thru) Box# 4522**
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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**
Billy, new to area, good-looking WM ISO fun guys to have good times. **(Call Thru) Box# 6757**

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Madison **MUTUAL FUN:** Tjason, 23, young, dk, handsome, iso WM non smoker, ages of 24-35, nice looking, gd shpe, masc iso mutually fun times, give me a call- #3743

Madison **HOT HAIRY DADDIES:** iso hot hairy daddy- are you the one im looking for? give me a call- #6007

Milwaukee **UNIV OF WISC STUDENT:** Hi, George, 21, yrs old, hisp/asian, student at UWM born in Fla, iso someone 6', between 30-35, iso a serious rel, I'm 5'5 brn/brn med build, brn cxion, like reading tv, movies, cooking, candlelight dinners etc. #19529

Milwaukee **DOUBLE YOUR FUN:** GWC 23 and 27, iso other single WM or couples to get together and have some fun- #19753

Milwaukee **ROMANTIC WINTER:** Robert, GWM looking for a long romantic winter, hopefully followed by hot steamy summer, intell kind, not into bars, 28-45, It's all about romance, I guess I'm lking for someone to share my life with- #19866

Milwaukee **AN HONEST MAN:** Jerry, just looking to find someone honest, have a good time, movies, dancing, var int, if ur int lv your name and # #19936

Kenosha **LOVE ANTIQUES? GWM** 40, non smoker 5'11, 185, warm, funny, affect, brn/blu (+) healthy, fun loving movies antiequeing, quiet times, not into bars, for friendship poss rel- #20094

Madison **MOVIES AND MUSIC:** 29, WM dk hair, grn eyes, 6'1, 175, very clean cut, westside, iso a boyfriend, many int art and theatre, movies, music, biking, hiking, int in age range 21-35 clean cut, iso someone hisp, PR or blk- #20100

Madison **TRACY 21 Y/O:** 6'2, GBM int in GWM 22-30, iso friendship poss rel, lv a message- #20089

Milwaukee **FEMININE MALE CD** int in fem male cd or a masc male willing to deal w/ a fem man & treat them like the lady they want 2 be if ur passionate romant caring, sens, int in politics sports, movies, theatre-dining out, quiet times @ home- #20249

Milwaukee **HEALTH CARE PROF'L:** Jim, out for about a year finally realized how boring and sleazy the bars are- lkg for a long term rel, lkg for someone 22-35 mod gdlkg, hairy chest, 24, 6' good shape, work in health care field- #20350

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Tom, 5'8 brn/brn coll student, brn/brn 18, 170, broad shoulders musc, iso other impulsive friendly coll students 18-22 only, like to drive around, shop, tour the city, walks, or intell conversations, no smokers- #20392

Racine **JUST MOVED IN:** Paul, GWM 42, mustache, hairy brn/brn tp iso a btm, pref natural blond or redhead give me a call- recently moved here-like to settle down with someone #20472

Milwaukee **LOOKING FOR DADDY BEAR:** GWM 23, stocky, 6' 196 active gdlk, iso wild times with bearded, must hairy men, into everything lkg for new exp, esp. daddy types- #18755

Madison **LIKE BIKER PANTS?** Lou, 27, brn/blu 140 lkg to have a good time, rel minded, lv a message- tennis, biker pants, running, movies, dancing and cooking- #20152

Milwaukee **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON:** student at UWM, 20, iso other guys in the area under 30, looking for people to hang out with and have fun with- #20750

Milwaukee **NEW TO SCENE:** 28, slender WM Western suburbs like to meet someone else new to this- #20633

Milwaukee **WET AND WILD:** gdlkg in shape guy looking for mutual wet and wild times- be under 30- #20670

Madison **BRADY 19 Y/O,** 5'11, 150, lkg for a guy who has sim int, like movies, tennis, lkg for companion for romance, if this is wht ur lkg for lv a message #20675

Milwaukee **WANTS TO SETTLE DOWN:** Brian, 38 GWM 5'11, 210, blnd/blu, iso other GWM who's out, 18-35 mature, honesty, sense of fun, sense of humor, var of other interests, lv a message- into masc men- lkg for someone to settle down w/ #20679

Milwaukee **GWM 20s** East side, 20s iso 20-30 for friendship maybe more, lv your # #20721

Milwaukee **PASSABLE TV:** Jessica totally hot passable GW TV on the east side 31 6' 180, shaved blu, blnd shoulder length hair, growing breasts iso WM BM or HM, like aggr, under 50 #20814

Milwaukee **YOUNG MALE:** 5'10, 155, blk, brn, prof'l like to meet some, ages 32-42- looking for same- #20909

Milwaukee **SEINFELD FAN:** Doug, blnd/blu, prof'l WM 5'8 155 gdlkg, int in meeting another WM 20s attr and in good shape alot of int snow skiing, trave,l golf, Seinfeld, talking with someone special, clean cut guy iso same- #13996

Beaver Dam **NAME YOUR FANTASY:** Mark, big guy like to make your fantasies come true, give me a call, lets see what happens- #21163

Kenosha **GBM 18 Y/O,** 5'8 blk/brn fair bld, iso GHM GAM or GWM who wants a rel, sens caring honest intell sense of humor, like to go dancing- #21350

Door Co. **BEARDED BEAR WANTED:** GWM 23, stocky 6' 196, active, twisted, into everything, gdlkg iso rel 35-50 GWM top, bearded, hairy beer gut daddy type- #18755

Eau Claire **FRAT GUY:** Nathan, 23, college student, frat member, outdoors, hunting, camping, fishing, someone to hang out with, good friendship maybe more, new to me so lv a message - #18735

Fond du Lac **WANT TO TALK?** Scott, 23, 6'2, 170, blnd/blu, looking for someone to talk to - give me a call- #19370

Kenosha **FUN AT OUR HOUSE:** BIWM 40 and BIWM 21 seek other Bl or GM 18-21 for fun, like heavy metal concerts, not really into bars social drinking in our home #17890

Kenosha **GWM HISPANIC 24,** new to area, discreet iso 28-30 WM vers in shape for great times- #18047

Kenosha **NEW TO AREA:** GWM hisp 24 new to area passive, discreet iso 20-30 WM vers in shpe for grt times, waiting for your call #18345

Marinette **RAP AND ROCK:** 43 bi WM like rap and rock, like to work on cars, larger house live by myself, looking for someone to relocate here, give me a call- let's try it out- no strings, looking for someone sincere, tired of being alone- #19633

Milwaukee **OLDER MEN:** East side inexp WM like to get with older 50+ discreet lv a message and I'll get back to you #17703

Milwaukee **DRESS ME UP:** Baby Jessica, looking for daddy or nurse passable GWM TV 0 6' 180 blu/blnd, dress me up for hot fantasy action- #18145

Milwaukee **BIG AND WILLING:** Eddie, 6'3, brn/grn 300+ passive, willing to do anything with the right person #10032

Milwaukee **NEW TO SCENE:** Bob, looking to get together, new to scene, iso anyone that can help 6'2 170 nice body, pls give me a call- #18278

Milwaukee **VERSATILE SEEKS SAME:** Jeff, 23, brn/blu, love outdoors, iso someone that is vers, I'm vers give me a call- 6'1 165, nice body, #19097

Milwaukee **RETIREE:** looking for intim rel, red hair, 190 need some french attention- #18865

Milwaukee **SPORTS AND POETRY:** Spence, looking for a guy fun to be with, sports, reading, poetry writing, iso a guy with a little more exp, looking for a good time, spend quiet nights together if u have the same int, give me a call- #19630

North Wisconsin **FRIENDSHIP AND CUDDLING:** 37, 6'1, 180 likes lots of friendship and cuddling like for you to give me a call #18614

Sturgeon Bay **DISCREET RELATIONSHIP:** Jeff, 27 brn/brn looking for someone for a discreet rel- #18043

Waupac **JUST MOVED HERE:** Andy, 5'10, 155, 19, brn/brn like to have fun if ur int give me a call- #19339

Wauwatosa **BI CURIOUS SKIIR:** 5'9, 175, WM, musc gdlkg, bi male, curious, int in meeting the same 24-35 gdlkg, prf'l sports int love to ski, winter sports if this int you, lv a message- #19348

Adams **PARTY TIME!** Chuck, iso yng men to get together w/ 4 fun times, my partner & I new to area, 6'2 salt & pepper, blu, beard, & 245 husky tend to vers, my partner 6'3, brn/blu must hairy 195 iso younger 20-45 #15794

Blancheville **TODD,** lkg 4 GWM 18-24, masc hard worker, camping, fishing, 4 wheeling quiet times, movies, bowling, getting a little wild @ parties, not into bars, must be well end'd, lkg 2 meet right person, companionship in my area blnds a +++ #10976

Fond Du Lac **GWM 26,** 5'11 160 brn/green not athl, not out of shape, seeks sim in my area outdoors, talking and going out- #17101

Milwaukee **MUTUAL MASSAGE:** Jerry 28 altr GWM iso other males pref hisp, anyone ok, nice toned bodies, very attr, love massages, rec and give- #14044

Milwaukee **MILITARY MEN:** Jake, East Side 23 6' 185, brn/brn built, iso leather or military man 25-35 to take care of me- #16375

Madison **DADDY'S BOY:** James, 18, iso older men in the leather scene, 5'10, dkbrn/brn looking for a leather daddy, vers, looking to get together with some people #15805

Madison **LOOKING FOR DADDY:** Jenon, iso some daddies and masters looking to get into the leather scene 5'10 short dk, brn eyes, smooth- iso some people want to get into it- #15805

Madison **NEW TO AREA:** Jeff GWM 26 5'2 125 lt brn/blu just moved to area iso GWM 21-32 enjoy working out, sports, and a var of other activities, lv me the best time to call ya- #16554

Madison **ATHLETIC GUY:** Eric, int include, athletics, running, wrestling, swimming, 20, 135, 5'6, iso a very sincere honest person for friendship poss rel- #16987

Madison **INTO 70'S MUSIC:** Dave, 32, blnd/grn 180, iso someone likes outdoors 70s music, just want to have a good time get to know someone #17392

Menominee **OUTDOORS GUY:** Kevin, like to play softball football sports outdoors type of guy, looking for a strong dependable man to be by my side- #16459

Milwaukee **CUDDLE AND WATCH TV,** **ROBERT:** waiting 4 that special someone 2 enter my life- I can hve it all, a loving man 28-45 2 be there 4 me 31 61 brn/hazl 190 theatre, country, work out, many other things, just spend a quiet eve- #13343

Milwaukee **SEXY BI WM 19,** into spandex and swim suits, iso any cute sensitive athletic young studs that like to wear them for me- #15572

Milwaukee **HOT, BIG, MEN:** Tarver GWM 230 brn/blu iso other GWM over 200 for hot good times- #13159

Milwaukee **SEXY STUDS:** Carney, 5'11 160 brn/blnd looking for a sexy stud 18-25 who can satisfy a romance - #16218

Milwaukee **HEALTHY LIFESTYLE:** Albert, 31, prof'l WM like romance, something missing in most men- iso someone 4 a rel, to share life, not a bar person- if U like eves alone, long walks in the moonlight, I'm 190 6', like to work out, iso 28-40, #16274

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** looking for happiness Greg 31, 5'5, 150, GH/BM iso hisp WM 25-40 for friendship and hopefully happiness, quiet eves at home and taking walks- #16726

Milwaukee **I WANT SECONDS!** Anthony, WM new to this looking for BM or AM to teach me everything I need to know, did it once before wid like to know more, enjoy alot of diff aspects iso someone 18-25 basically, a tp man- int lv me ur name #16572

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Milwaukee **LEATHER MAN:** Tom, 32, 5'11 brn/blu 185, leather man, if that sounds int give me a call- #16885

Milwaukee **CD SEEKING DATE:** Steve, GWM like to find a guy that I find attr, likes to be with me like to go out and show me what its all about, just enjoy looking, like CD, like to see an attr male beside me- #11250

Milwaukee **TONY 18 Y/O** senior in high school, iso 18-24, like sports, singing dancing, going out and spend some time with my loved ones, like to spend time with me - #17312

Milwaukee **GM 19, Y/O** iso a man 18-24, int are sports, dancing, singing, having fun iso tall dark skinned, brn eyed guy, med bld, understanding loving, like to spend time with me #17324

Milwaukee **FEM CD:** BIWM fem CD lkg for passionate, romantic, affectionate man, who will treat me like my fem self must be able to make me feel like the lady I am-interests politics, sports, concerts, plays, music, theatre, dining at home #17398

Racine **EXPERIENCED CD:** looking for an experienced female CD to cuddle and caress tall well built WM willing to dress for you, share warm eves this winter, well have alot of fun together give me a call, give it a try- #15996

Stevens Point **COMIX MAN:** Darren, like drawing, comic books, give me a call- #12674

Superior **STUDENT SKIIR:** Destry, full time college student int in meeting anyone in the area, like to ski go to dinner, dance and sports and things like that easy going, people with goals educated and have the same int that I do- #16164

Milwaukee **LIKE TO CROSS DRESS?,** Steve, GWM get into cross dressing and others that also CD like to meet me new to scene- #11250

Kenosha **JERRY,** 29: int in someone honest, good looking, and likes to have fun, lv your # #12348

Milwaukee **YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND,** Eddie 6'3 brn/green 300+ subm looking for right person to do anything- I follow orders well- #10032

Milwaukee **ON TOP OF THINGS,** Brian, tp 6', 28w, 32, 173, gdlg looking for btm male- #13012

Milwaukee **LEATHER JACKETS AND BOOTS,** East side Rick GWM 35 5'8 130 blond gdlk, need slim levi top 18-33 phys dom, for good times leather jackets and boots a plus- #13439

Milwaukee **FRESHMAN FUN, GWM 18:** student looking for fun with W or hisp male with good sense of humor- #13259

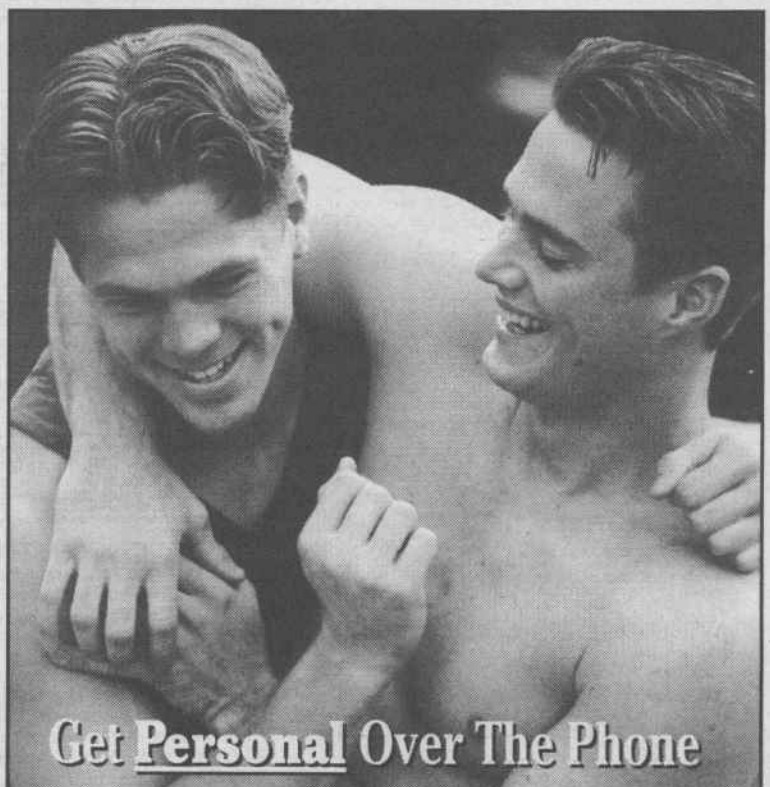
Milwaukee **CLASS ATHLETE, JOHN:** 35 5'7, 140, grad student like opera, classical music and sports, #13494

Madison **TRI ME,** Grad student 6' 190 active, triathlete, looking for a friend that is as active- #13509

Milwaukee **PULL MY RIBBON,** 33, WM 5'10, 165, hzl, very int package, top, - give me a call- #13570

Madison **OUTDOOR SPORTS, JEFF** GWM 26: 5'2 125 brn/blu new to area, and looking to meet another GWM who enjoys outdoors and sports- #27707

Neenah **VERSATILE TOP, TOM:** vers btm WM 42 lkg for a vers top, race not impt, sports and other int- #13505



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Gays Demand Repeal of Laws Imprisoning Them

New Delhi, India-AP- Gay activists are demanding that India repeal a law making Gay sex punishable by 10 years in jail, often under the most rigorous conditions. The law is a holdover from the British colonial period. Observers generally agree that chances for repeal are slim in a Parliament dominated by religious conservatives. Ashok Row Kawi, an Indian Gay activist, said that current estimates are that there are some 80 million Gay people in India, making them about one-tenth of the population. However, few are out, he said, because of fear of stigma and imprisonment.

Gay activists in India say that many Gay men in India marry women, using them as a cover to hide their orientation.

First Gay Marriage in Sweden

Stockholm, Sweden-AP- Hans Jonsson and Sven-Olov Jansson exchanged wedding vows on January 1, becoming the first Swedish Gay couple to marry under the new law allowing same-sex marriages. Sweden is the third country to permit same-sex marriage. The others are Denmark and Norway. Swedish same-sex marriages have all the rights and obligations of straight marriages except they cannot adopt children or have a wedding in a church.

On Oct. 1, 1989, Denmark became the first country in the world to allow same-sex marriage. Since then, 2,810 Danish men and women have been married. Norway allowed its first Gay marriages in 1993.

Montreal Gays Fight Against Violence

[Montreal]- A wave of anti-Gay murders in Montreal, the largest city in Quebec, has brought government attention to violence and discrimination against Gays.

According to reports in the **Washington Blade**, police in February announced they were investigating six unsolved murders in which Gay men were killed in their homes by someone they may have met in a Gay bar. Local activists dispute the figure. They say that since 1989, 13 Gay men have been murdered by someone they met in a Gay bar.

Prompted by the anti-Gay violence, the Quebec Human Rights Commission announced in June that it would hold public hearings on anti-Gay violence and discrimination throughout the province. The commission also said it would start Gay sensitivity training for police officers and would examine Quebec state laws to detect any that discriminate against Gays.

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and who is living with another man who is trying to become a Lesbian (?).

As our route took us through an inner-city neighborhood, the racial slurs mingled with the anti-Semitism and homophobia.

All Bigotry is of One Piece

Cameron is a living monument to the connection, networking and inclusiveness of bigotry. He is not alone. His phony statistics, his surveys, all the stuff of his new science is believed by too many Americans. It is a cliché, perhaps, to compare Cameron's so-called "scientific" work to the Nazi "science" of racial purity, but how can one not see the parallels?

Paul Cameron is an expert--at spreading hatred, fear and loathing of Gays. He--and those who take his charlatanism seriously--are our enemies. They are also the enemies of America and the American family they hold so dear.

A final case in point.

During the TV show's audience participation period, Cameron was asked a question. "What would you do if your son came to you and said, 'Dad, I'm Gay.'?"

Without hesitation, Cameron answered, "I'd ask him to leave."

"Your own son?"

"Certainly. If he decided to become a homosexual, he would no longer be my son."

Paul Cameron is a man beyond the boundaries of decency, compassion and certainly any family values. Personally, I don't believe that, even in a hundred years, Cameron would ever, or could ever, atone for what he has done and continues to do.

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the original goals of the movement. What, in particular, was its historical genesis and "mission"?

To find out, the movement must democratize itself, return to the basics and search out the motivating factors which have inspired so many people for so long toward the same goal.

And one place to begin this process is to acknowledge the importance of individuals working alone or in concert for a better future in which the human dignity of every individual is recognized, emotionally felt and acted upon.

Contingent upon this recognition is the belief in the equitable distribution of wealth and resources and a concurrent rejection of unbridled consumerism and the concentration of power; in short, a rejection of much of the foundations of American Civilization as currently constructed and the negation of the "Dream System" itself.

Peace and justice are subversive precisely because they ask their adherents to reject the Western consumer and market oriented consensus that informs the political, social, economic and spiritual developmental conventions of our society.

We are free, Darwin would tell us; free to escape, engage, construct or reject. Liberated from fate, we may create our own reality into which we give meaning and reject the ideologically driven and politically manufactured messages of the social and biological determinists who offer no way out save through the vehicle of their self-serving convention of the American Dream Value System.

Because we are able to create our own social conventions, and values, we must.

It is simply a question of "how" in an environment in which the odds do not appear to be on our side.

We need look no further than the messages of Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr., and the grass roots activists of a generation ago. In each case, the tactics are less important than the strategy of self-liberation through personal resistance and the building of parallel societies with their alternative value systems within the body of the primary culture.

Personal re-education, self-liberation, solidarity, resistance, inclusion and a vision of a

society organized upon the principle of individual human dignity may inform the movement as it moves into the future.

In order to begin, one need not be a "leader" with a "following" (an objectionable holdover from the American Dream Value System with its insidious emphasis on power differentials); one merely needs to be free and act; one person acting alone is sufficient--at home, at work, at school, at play.

Back to basics means beginning anew with the self and reflecting upon those values which are important to realize the "prize."

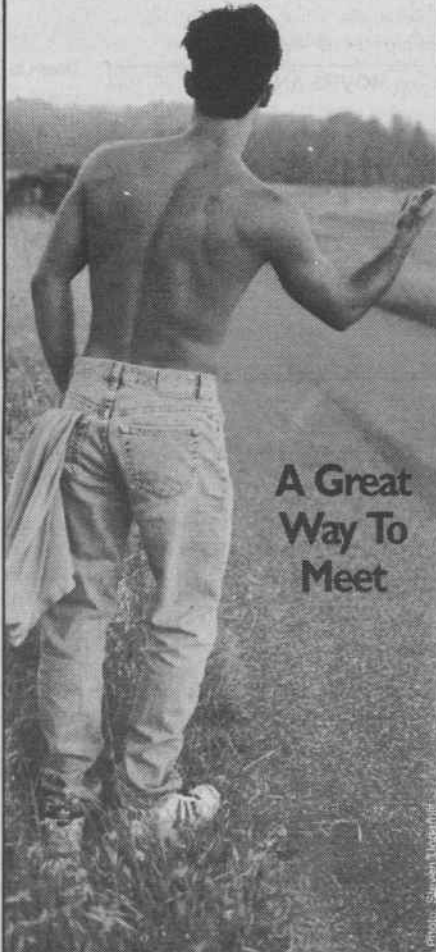
In the last analysis, one must begin alone, after which one cooperatively engages others by means of education and communication. For those who are formal educators, this philosophy can be brought into the classroom where students can be challenged; for those in other walks of life, one is only limited by the imagination.

No, the movement is not dead; it will simply change strategy and tactics becoming, as it were, more subversive in the process. While "mainstream" activist organizations are important, they have compromised themselves in order to remain financially viable and are therefore less useful as the avant garde as they are the potential bridges between the movement and the American Dream Value System.

Individuals, not organizations, must return to the grass roots and once again become the bedrock upon which the road of the movement will be built.

Action informed by the principles of integrity, dignity and solidarity should supplant the rhetoric of manipulation and false consensus. We will not succeed overnight, but neither did the forces of Peace and Justice in Eastern Europe. In the end, we cannot help but be victorious, but to do so we must "keep hope alive."

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Gay Male Couple Wins the Right to Adopt Boy After a Long Custody Battle

(Seattle)- A Gay couple who spent four years in training and counseling to become foster and then adoptive parents now are putting their preparations into practice.

A King County Superior Court commissioner signed an adoption decree on December 23, 1994, allowing Ross and Luis Lopton to become the parents of a 4-year-old boy, Gailen, the subject of a controversial attempt by his mother to rescind her decision to give him up for adoption as reported early in *Light*. "I'm living here forever," the boy said in a family interview with the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* just before Christmas.

A few days earlier, he told the Loptons he'd have to leave soon because he didn't believe he could spend more than one Christmas with the same family, after living with several foster families.

He calls Ross, 35, "Daddy" and Luis, 31, "Papa."

One factor cited by state officials in the approving of the adoption was racial and ethnic compatibility.

Luis Lopton is of Puerto Rican ancestry, as the boy's father--never publicly identified--is believed to be. Ross Lopton, adopted at birth, is of Scandinavian ancestry, as is Megan Lucas.

The family name is a combination of the men's original names, Luis Lopez and Ross Stockton.

The state Division of Children and Family Services placed Gailen with the Loptons in September, 1993, a year after his mother relinquished her parental rights.

When the boy's mother, Megan Lucas, learned a Gay couple wanted to adopt her son, she tried to get him back.

Backed by the Rutherford Institute, a Right Wing Fundamentalist Christian group, she tried to rescind her decision to give up her parental rights, but a Whatcom County Superior Court Judge rejected that move because she had acted too late--one day past the one-year deadline.

Then she and her husband, Wade Lucas, took the boy's father, tried to adopt him. State officials opposed that effort too, citing her history of drug and alcohol abuse and a criminal record dating from age 11.

Wade Lucas later obtained a legal separation and filed for divorce in San Juan County Superior Court, saying his wife threatened to kill him, their daughter and herself. He was

awarded custody of that daughter, 2, and a second girl who was born July 12. A court appointed evaluator said the mother had attempted suicide with a drug overdose in April.

In September, a five-judge panel of the state Supreme Court refused to hear her appeal of the rejection of the adoption petition for Gailen.

Lucas discussed the issue on national television and radio talk shows, but the Loptons remained silent until the P-I interview.

The Loptons, who work as bankers, spent four years in training and counseling to become foster and then adoptive parents. They also have had to help Gailen cope with attention deficit disorder, a common behavior problem among foster children, who often become unfocused and disruptive.

"The first they told us in our support group was, 'Don't touch him with a 10-foot pole. He's got too many problems,'" Ross Lopton said.

Now, Luis Lopton said, "his frustration level is less, he's better able to communicate."

The Loptons are among the founders of a 150-member Gay and Lesbian family adoption support group run by the Children's Home Society of Washington. They advocate adoption by any person or couple who can help children without families.

"On any given month in Washington State, there are between 500 and 800 special needs children waiting to be placed in adoption in permanent homes," said Rebecca Perbix, of the Children's Home Society.

"I think Washington is unique in being open about placing children in Gay and Lesbian homes."

No agency keeps statistics on how many same-sex couples have adopted children, she said.

Six states have outlawed adoptions by same-sex couples, but most allow them, mainly where state laws don't discriminate against any class of prospective parents.

One reason the Loptons were eager to get the adoption approved this past year was a fear that the law would change.

Religious Right backers of two anti-Gay statewide initiatives that failed to make the ballot in 1994 are expected to try again. These initiatives provide for discrimination against Gay and Lesbian people and one of them would forbid Gay men or Lesbians from becoming adoptive or foster parents.

Third Gay Man Found Dead in Mississippi; Situation called "Out of Control"

(Washington, D.C.)- The body of a third Gay man was discovered Sunday, December 11, in Mississippi, just two months after the brutal killings of Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemaker in Laurel. The body of Stanley King was discovered near a vacant house in Indianola, approximately 100 miles north of Laurel. Within hours of the discovery, the Sunflower County Sheriff's Department had arrested Remus Terrell Wilson, 17, on charges of armed robbery and murder.

The circumstances of the case are strikingly similar to those of the Walters and Shoemaker murders: the victim was Gay, Wilson, an African American youth, has confessed to the crime and has used the explanation that the victim tried to rape him as justification for the murder.

In a letter sent on December 21, 1994, to Attorney General Janet Reno, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Executive Director Melinda Paras updated the Department of Justice on the latest killing and reiterated NGLTF's ongoing request for a separate Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation.

"From our point of view," said Paras, "there is more going on in Mississippi than meets the eye."

Paras said that she is "greatly distressed" by the developing pattern of deaths in Mississippi and finds it "difficult to believe that this is merely a coincidence."

In a November 20, 1994, response to previous NGLTF requests for DOJ intervention in Mississippi, as reported in *Light*, Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick wrote that while the DOJ continued to monitor developments related to the murders in Jones County, that federal intervention was not possible on the basis of sexual orientation.

"As you know," he wrote, "there are no federal laws providing criminal civil rights protections on the basis of sexual orientation, thus we would not be able to respond on that basis. However, in the event the investigation indicates that existing federal laws have been violated, we will take appropriate action."

In her response on December 21, Paras said, "NGLTF encourages the DOJ to find other grounds for federal intervention. What is important is that Gay men are dying and it is time to go in."

"Violence against Gay men and Lesbians in Mississippi is an out of control problem that local officials seem unable to handle," Paras said. "We strongly believe that the truth of

this situation has not yet been discovered and fear that, without federal intervention, the pattern of violence and killing will continue."

In his letter to NGLTF, Patrick indicated that the DOJ had contacted the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Patrick also acknowledged an NGLTF request for a DOJ task force to investigate the rise in hate crimes across the country.

Lesbian and Gay activists working in Mississippi, have said that they have been contacted by local FBI agents and, as a result, have been granted Biloxi police protection at the Gay Community Center. They had previously reported receiving death threats and harassment due to their continued monitoring of the double murder case in Jones County.

On Tuesday, December 20, Jones County Circuit Judge Billy Landrum heard arguments in a pre-trial hearing of the case of Marvin McClendon, the 16-year-old arrested for the double murders of Walters and Shoemaker.

The county DA argued that the sexual orientation of the victims and the results of the post-mortem HIV tests should not be admitted as evidence in the January 30 murder trial.

Landrum shocked activists in November when he agreed to a motion by the defense attorney to conduct HIV tests on frozen blood of the victims and to consider the use of those results in court.

In the December 20 pre-trial hearing, Landrum said he would admit information on the sexual orientation of the two victims in court, but postponed his decision on the admission of the HIV testing results.

Activists fear that the defense attorney may use a Gay panic defense and posthumous HIV testing as an attempt to play on the fears of potentially homophobic and AIDS-phobic jurors. In what may be an attempt to pit the people of color communities against the Gay and Lesbian community, the defense attorney has also verbally attacked Gay and Lesbian activists who have been critical of the Mississippi legal system.

"The defense attorney is exploiting the evils of racism and the evils of homophobia in an attempt to cloud justice in support of his client," said Beth Barrett, NGLTF spokesperson. "The Task Force wants justice for all parties and continues to have no confidence in the legal system of Jones County."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls Celebrate First Anniversary

(Madison)- Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls will be returning to Apple Island on Saturday, January 14, 1995 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. to celebrate its First Anniversary. Festivities will include dancing circles, squares, lines and contras. Martha Tyner will be calling with Myrtle Wilmitte and Friends providing live music. The event is being coordinated by Partymeister Glenn Mitroff.

In addition to fine fellowship and great dancing to great music, a birthday cake and special surprises are on the schedule for his historic event.

Apple Island is located at 853 E. Washington Avenue in Madison. \$4 at the door. For more info, call Steve at (608) 251-6723 or Gary at (608) 255-1523.

Gay/Lesbian Educational Employees of Metro Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- The Gay/Lesbian Educational Employees of Metropolitan Milwaukee (GLEEMM) will be meeting on Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual educators from the metropolitan Milwaukee area are invited to attend. The meeting will have both social and informational issues discussed. For more information, call Larry at (414) 384-9695. Bring your own beverage. Food will be ordered for those who wish to contribute.

The United to Hold Training Session

(Madison)- The United, Madison's LGBT agency for social change, will be holding a training session, the second, for anyone interested in volunteering on the Speaker's Bureau. This training session will be on Thursday, January 19 at The United. One of these training sessions is required for anyone currently on the Speaker's Bureau and anyone who may be interested in doing speaking engagements as a representative of The United. For more information, stop by The United (14 W. Mifflin) or give a call at (608) 255-8582.

GALVANize to Hold Organizational Meeting

(Madison)- GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 19, 1995. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan and organize the 1995 Pride March to be held Sunday, July 16 in Madison. The meeting will be held in Madison at the Wisconsin Community Fund Office, 122 State Street, Suite 508. Anyone interested in attending, please call (608) 256-4289 (Ben) or (608) 244-9458 (Marja). There are still T-shirts available (M-XXL) as well.

Action Wisconsin Meetings

(Milwaukee)- The Action Wisconsin General Assembly will be held on January 21, 1995 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the State Capitol in Madison in the North Hearing Room.

Action Wisconsin's Region 2 meeting will take place on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Milwaukee Enterprise Building. For information, call Pat Prudlow at (414) 672-8960 or Laurie Guilbault at (414) 645-0177.

Chicago's Eighth Annual Hearts Party

(Chicago)- In a move sure to please legions of dancers, the 1995 Hearts Party fundraiser will be held at the Congress Theater in the Bucktown district. The dance 'till dawn party is scheduled for February 11, 1995. This year, the proceeds will go to Test Positive Aware Network--the Midwest's largest provider of information to persons impacted by HIV/AIDS. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212. For more info, call the Hearts Party hotline at (312) 404-3784.

National LesBiGay Leaders are Failing to Deal With Political Reality

Commentary by Gary D. Bastian

November's Republican tidal wave presents our community with the challenge of the decade. Gay Americans are at a crossroads. We can decide to build bridges to the Republican Party or we can continue the 14-year history of burning the bridges.

It is time for Gay leaders to put away the matches. Gay organizations should stop crying about the election results and deal with today's political facts of life.

It is troubling that the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) seem to be having a hard time accepting the fact that there is a new political era of Republican dominance. The Democratic Party accepts the fact that the Republicans made tremendous gains across the country, the press accepts that fact, the American people accept that fact. Everyone can read the election results but HRCF and NGLTF.

Gay leaders can scream and yell, hoot and holler and hold their breath until they turn blue. But it will not change the results of the election. The fact is that the Democrats got their butts kicked by the American electorate.

In Congress, Republicans took control of the U.S. Senate, where they won over a half dozen Democratic seats while no incumbent Republican lost.

Republicans took control of the House after 42 years, by defeating dozens and dozens of incumbent Democrats while no Republican lost.

This month, January, 30 states with 73% of the nation's population have inaugurated Republican governors.

Tim McFeeley of HRCF issued a statement that talked about the importance of the victory of Senator Chuck Robb in Virginia. While I too, was glad to see Robb beat Oliver North, that race was the exception, not the rule. Bragging about winning in Virginia is like bragging that you saved the flower arrangements from the Titanic.

A prime example of Gay leaders ignoring the real world can be found in a statement by Peri Jude Radeic of NGLTF. She said that as a result of the elections, Gay groups must forge alliances with Blacks, women and Hispanics.

TIME OUT! REALITY CHECK!

It wasn't an African American landslide or a women's landslide or a Hispanic landslide--it was a Republican landslide. Deal with political reality--the Republicans are a powerful force to be reckoned with. You can't close your eyes and wish the GOP would go away. For 14

years, many Gay leaders have made a career of Republican-bashing. This habit must be broken.

The Republicans must be educated on Gay issues and the needs of Gay Americans. It's going to be hard work, but we have to do it. Yes, Republicans have bigots like Jesse Helms (don't Democrats have Sam Nunn?). But there are also pro-Gay Republicans like Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld and Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson. We must work to increase both the number and the influence of moderate Republicans.

Gay leaders are worried about the next two years with a Republican congress. For the last two years the Democrats had control of Congress and the White House--and what did we get?

A Gays in the military policy of "don't ask, don't tell"--wow!, thanks a lot Democrats. If you read the GOP's "Contract with America", it does not contain a single word of anti-Gay rhetoric. As a matter of fact, 98% of it deals with economic matters such as the balanced budget amendment, line item veto and welfare reform.

And the terms "right wing" and "conservative" are not dirty words. Not all Gay Americans are liberal Democrats, many hold views on certain issues that might be viewed as conservative. A survey by the Advocate found that 34% of Gay voters are not Democrats, but are Republicans and Independents. Gay leaders should stop making a "boogie man" out of people who don't pass their own "politically correct" liberal litmus test.

And it's time for Gay leaders to address homophobia in both political parties. Since 1980, every other phrase from Gay leaders has been "Republican Jesse Helms this or Republican Jesse Helms that." It's time to confront non-supportive Senate Democrats like Kentucky's Wendell Ford or Nebraska's Jim Exon--each has a record on Gay issues that's as bad as many Republicans.

And yes, we all know that GOP Congressman Bob Dornan from California has a zero rating on Gay issues as do many Republicans. But so do several Democratic Congressmen: Louisiana's Billy Tauzin, Mississippi's Mike Parker, New York's Michael McNulty and Pennsylvania's Tim Holden to name a few.

Let's begin this new year by opening our ears.

Editor's Note: The writer is president of Republicans for Individual Freedoms in Atlanta, Georgia.