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# The Wisconsin Light

## Madison's Message to Cracker Barrel: We'll Be Watching You Very Carefully

By John Quinlan

**Madison--** The grand opening of a new Cracker Barrel restaurant here on January 30, included an unscheduled "welcome" ceremony from a group of activists and public officials. The national Cracker Barrel chain has a recent history of blatant discrimination against Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual employees. The group made it clear that such behavior would not be tolerated in Madison.

Carloads of activists--representing a broadly based coalition--shuttled out to the new restaurant's location, not far from East Towne. They bore placards for a silent protest, which was followed by a press conference.

Featured speakers were openly Lesbian or Gay public officials from all levels of Wisconsin and local government including City Council member Ricardo Gonzalez, County Board Supervisor Mark Pocan and State Rep-

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## Milwaukee AIDS Project Begins Unique HIV Testing Program

**Milwaukee--**People think they may be at risk for having the AIDS virus now have a new option to be tested. The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has implemented an HIV counseling and testing program aimed at early diagnosis of HIV disease. The testing is free, convenient and anonymous.

"Knowing your HIV status is the smartest personal strategy for living in the age of AIDS," said MAP executive director, Doug Nelson. "Our HIV testing program is free, friendly, and easy to access. We are deeply committed to sensitively helping people gain a knowledge and understanding of their HIV status."

Nelson said that those who test positive for HIV will have all the resources of MAP immediately available to them including individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance, primary health care, benefits counseling and, if necessary, food, housing and financial assistance.

### Tests Offered in Three Locations

MAP's HIV testing is offered at three sites. MAP headquarters, 820 N. Plankinton in downtown Milwaukee, offers testing every day by appointment. Testing is also available through MAP's LIFEPOINT needle exchange program at needle exchange sites and on a walk-in basis at the Dennis Hill Outreach Center, located at 4311 W. Vliet Street.

Because the testing is anonymous, a person wishing to be tested does not give his or her name, but rather is identified by a series of six numbers and three letters. Results are available in two weeks. Each person receiving the free test receives comprehensive pre and post-test counseling.

"By adding HIV testing to our needle exchange program, we are charting a new course in aggressive AIDS prevention," Nelson said. "We may be the only city in the country where these strategies are combined. HIV testing, available for active injection drug users will reinforce AIDS prevention behaviors which will help save many lives."

LIFEPOINT, MAP's clean needle exchange program, began in March, 1994 and is now exchanging over 2,000 needles each week. An estimated 5,000 injection drug users live in the Milwaukee area.

Appointments for testing at MAP can be made by calling (414) 225-1517. They are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Appointments and walk-ins are accepted at the Dennis Hill Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Noon to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The LIFEPOINT Needle Exchange van offers HIV testing from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at all regular site visits.

## New Generation of Freedom Riders Plans To Travel to Camp Sister Spirit in Late Spring Organizers Want Delegation From Wisconsin



**A Time for Madness--**His Majesty was all powerful and all-knowing. But he wasn't quite all there, so it seemed. Queen Charlotte (Helen Mirren) comforts King George III (Nigel Hawthorne) in "The Madness of King George." (See page 10 for a review of the film and a related story.)

## New Study Shows AIDS Fight Should Focus on Slowing Mutant Viruses

**Washington, D.C.--** The best tack against AIDS may be to seek ways to increase the sometimes-lengthy latent period between infection and development of the actual disease rather than trying to eradicate the virus, a scientist contended Thursday, January 26, 1994.

John Coffin, a Tufts University microbiologist, said recent studies have demonstrated the extraordinary rapidity at which the HIV virus turns over, with billions of virus-fighting T-cells killed and produced each day in a futile attempt to stop it.

Instead of searching for a drug to wipe out the original virus, researchers should hunt for compounds to slow the development of the inevitable mutations, Coffin wrote in the January 28, issue of the journal *Science*.

"The real disease caused by HIV occurs during the period when almost nothing seems to be happening," said Coffin.

"The final collapse of the immune system is the consequence of the accumulation of damage over the entire multiyear course of the infection, not the result of some new event happening after this lengthy interval," he said.

His article reviews recent studies that have changed the picture of what happens during the long period between HIV infection and actually developing the fatal disease.

The average lifetime of an infected cell is less than one to two days, and the virus replicates itself 300 or more times a year, Coffin said.

The virus genomes present in someone 10

years after infection are removed by 3000 generations from the virus that initiated the infection," he said.

The mutations explain why doctors can wipe out up to 99 percent of the initial virus with powerful drugs, only to have it quickly reappear in a drug-resistant form.

The most promising experimental drug therapies may be those that slow down or cripple these mutations, possibly doubling or even extending indefinitely that latent period of the infection, he said.

"That is the kind of drug we should be looking for, the ones for which the virus can't make mutations that grow as well as the starting virus," Coffin said in an interview.

Meanwhile, biochemists at the National Institutes of Health reported they have found that minor changes in chemical signals sent to T-cell receptors in the body's immune system can dramatically alter how those cells respond.

The T-cells control the body's immune response to a wide range of viruses and tissue grafts.

"Changing what these T-cells see very slightly can change how they behave," said Ronald N. Germain of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, one of the researchers whose article also appeared in *Science*.

Theoretically, this knowledge could help scientists develop drugs to overcome the defense mechanisms of the HIV virus, multiple sclerosis, arthritis and other diseases, he said.

**Los Angeles--** A new group of Freedom Riders intends to converge on Laurel, Mississippi over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-May 30, 1995. There's really no difference organizers say, from the Freedom Riders of the 1960s. Then and now, the ride to Mississippi will be for freedom, equality, human dignity and rights.

Robin Tyler, a prominent Lesbian activist who originally called for and emceed the 1st March On Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and subsequently produced the Main Stage for the second and third Marches, and Reverend Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church, the largest organization of Gays and Lesbians in the world, returned to California from Mississippi on January 29 after meeting with Wanda and Brenda Henson at Camp Sister Spirit near Ovett.

At the meeting, Tyler told *Light*, agreement was reached regarding the Memorial Day Weekend Freedom Ride. That weekend, Tyler said, "a thousand of Gays and Lesbians from all across America, will ride to the aid of a Lesbian family and their besieged property outside Ovett."

Camp Sister Spirit has been exposed to an ongoing, radical right inspired campaign of violence, harassment, intimidation and death threats.

Tyler said she was looking forward to a delegation from Wisconsin. "Perhaps 'The Wisconsin 40'," she said to compliment representations from the other states.

Tyler told *Light* that the rising tide of anti-Gay violence in the country, the murders in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas and the mounting campaign by the radical right against Gay people everywhere led her and Rev. Perry to decide "that something had to be done, something visible and confrontational, something to take a stand."

Perry said that for him and other religious people this Freedom Ride should be a matter of really living what the religious life is all about. "Instead of just praying for these women, we are putting legs on our prayers and inviting people to join us in Mississippi."

Because of the escalating violence against Gays and Lesbians all over the world, an International Lesbian/Gay version of the Clothesline Project will occur during this time at Camp Sister Spirit.

The purpose of the Clothesline Project is to bear witness to the survivors and victims of the war against women, both the casualties of the war and the wounded. This display shows the extent of the problem with a visual impact similar to the AIDS Quilt.

Tyler said that the Gay Freedom Riders Coalition, headquartered in Los Angeles, will contact Gay and Lesbian groups throughout the U.S. and the world to send tee shirts bearing the names of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transsexuals and Transgenders who have suffered violence or death. These will be displayed at Camp Sister Spirit.

While at Camp Sister Spirit, the Freedom Riders will work to help finish the property. Five existing barns need to be remodeled, but the primary task will be to finish fencing in the land. Over 1/2 mile needs to be done.

If you would like to join this historic weekend, you can call or write UFMCCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite #304, Los Angeles, CA 90029; Attn.: Project Camp Sister Spirit or call Frank Zerelli: (213) 464-5100, ext. 212.

Although participants will be helping work the land for the four days, they will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops, singalongs, swimming and other activities.

The minimum donation will be \$135 per person. Of this, \$110 will be used to cover food, sanitation, equipment, etc. Campers must plan to bring their own tents and utensils. If you plan to come in an RV, RV's will cost an additional \$40.

Twenty-five dollars from each fee will be used to help Camp Sister Spirit pay for expenses for a Federal Lawsuit to be filed under the Anti-Klan Act for the harassment they have received.

The maximum number is 1,000 participants. If you wish to register, send \$135 per person made out to UFMCC: Project Camp Sister Spirit and mail it to the address above.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Don't Call Us, We'll Call You

**San Francisco**-- The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that the ultra-Right Concerned Women for American (CWA) is one of the nation's wealthier homophobic organizations. Though claiming to be non-political, GLAAD says, and thus tax-exempt, CWA regularly lobbies for anti-Gay legislation and promotes in every way it can, homophobic hatred and discrimination against Gay people. In a recent issue of CWA's newsletter, the postal and e-mail addresses of The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund were published. As a result, The Fund was deluged with bible-thumping hate mail.

Anyone wishing to respond in kind may do so at CWA's expense. CWA can be reached, toll free, at 1-800-323-2200. If you want to keep an eye on the Right, ask for a complimentary subscription to **Family Voice**, the CWA news digest.

GLAAD also reports that a Right Wing organization called "Cops For Christ" has published a book called **God's Final Warning to America**. The book, GLAAD says, details the process by which divine intervention in the form of natural disasters such as the earth quake in Japan and the heavy rain in California, will ultimately kill off all Gay people. To get a copy, write Cops For Christ, P.O. Box 99, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

### Gay Archive Finds Home at USC

**Los Angeles (AP)**-- A collection of more than 2 million items chronicling 20th Century Gay life and politics has found a home at the University of Southern California. The merged holdings of the International Gay and Lesbian Archives and the ONE Institute include a 1906 edition of a German Gay magazine, a pink leather motorcycle outfit worn at a charity event and matchbooks from Gay bars. USC is providing space in return for access to the collection.

### Minister Conducts Gay Weddings

**Los Angeles (AP)**-- A Lutheran minister installed on January 29 as bishop of 150 congregations said he performed same-sex weddings despite his denomination's edict against such ceremonies. Paul Egerton, 59, said the same-sex rites he held in his North Hollywood church "were done with dignity and reverence, not as publicity stunts to change peoples' minds." Egerton added that 10 other Lutheran pastors and four bishops in Southern California conduct celebratory rites of Union for Lesbian and Gay couples.

Egerton's advocacy of allowing Gay people in the Lutheran clergy was well-known when he was elected bishop at a church Assembly in November. So was his role, since 1992, as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in North Hollywood which has welcomed Lesbian and Gay members.

### Dallas City Council Upholds Pro-Gay Law

**Dallas, TX (AP)**-- Despite a second crack at it, Right Wing opponents failed to topple a new policy protecting Gay employees from discrimination in hiring, firing and promotion. The Dallas City Council voted 9-6 on January 25 to uphold the policy, two weeks after adopting it by a 9-5 vote. Critics of the policy warned that it would bring "god's wrath" on Dallas and cited California as an example of divine anger. Council member Glenn Box, a policy opponent, said that the law "is immoral." But Mayor Pro Temp Domingo Garcia, a policy supporter, quoted Anne Frank's observation that all people deserve respect as human beings.

### Same-Sex Couples Gain New Ground in Insurance

**New York, NY**--After years of pressure, insurance companies are beginning to grant Lesbians and Gay men equal access to coverage, reports the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Joining the trend, the Allstate Insurance Company, one of the nation's largest insurance companies, has agreed to write a joint disability policy for a Gay couple living in New York City. The couple have been registered in New York as domestic partners since 1993. Allstate initially denied the couple's request, but reversed itself after months of negotiations with Lambda attorneys.

"Insurance companies are generally behind the curve in recognizing the diversity of families in our society," said Lambda cooperating attorney Mark Scherzer, who specializes in the rights of insurance customers. "Allstate has taken an important lead in giving the couple the equal treatment to which they are entitled."

### D.C. Court Denies Gay Couple Marriage License

**Washington, D.C.**-- An appeals court ruled on January 19, that the District of Columbia did not unlawfully discriminate against a Gay couple in refusing them a marriage license, according to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Denying marriage rights to Lesbians and Gay men is discrimination plain and simple," said Evan Wolfson, director of Lambda's Marriage Project. "Just as inter-racial marriages were once prohibited and later allowed, marriages between same-sex couples will soon be accepted and sanctioned."

"Lesbian and Gay couples want to get married for the same mix of emotional and practical reasons that non-Gay couples do," said Wolfson, who has been coordinating a community-wide effort to prepare for the national implications of the Hawai'i marriage case. "We will continue our case in the courts of Hawai'i and in the growing public discussion about marriage rights for Gay couples," Wolfson said.

### Nebraska Bans Parenting by Gays

**Washington, D.C.**-- A state-wide ban on foster parenting for Gay and Lesbian parents has been implemented in Nebraska, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reports. "This is simply bad public policy," said Scott Winkler, legislative action chair for Citizens For Equal Protection (CFEP), a state-wide Gay group. "It is blatantly discriminatory and is based on religious prejudice, bigotry and homophobia. One's sexual orientation has nothing to do with one's capability to provide a stable and loving home for foster children." NGLTF's Fight The Right Project is working with CFEP and local activists to challenge the policy. Public hearings on the issue are planned for the department of social services, although no date has yet been announced.

"The Radical Right is launching multiple attacks against the LesBiGay community simultaneously and in a sense is evolving their anti-Gay crusade," said Robert Bray, NGLTF Fight The Right organizer. "First it was 'no special rights' initiatives, then opposition to inclusive curriculum, now foster care, next will be proactive anti-Gay marriage measures. We need to respond aggressively, fortify our defenses against the Right and be prepared for future attacks whether they are in Nebraska or New York City."

### Des Moines School District Backs Off

**Des Moines, IA**-- At a packed-house meeting of the Des Moines School Board on January 24, Board Superintendent Gary Wegenke announced that the board would not immediately implement changes in the school curriculum as proposed by the Sexual Orientation Advisory Committee. The announcement followed weeks of controversy in Des Moines regarding the inclusion of homosexuality in the school curriculum. The Committee had concluded that Lesbian and Gay students faced special problems, including a high risk of suicide and that therefore, information about Gay people was needed.

At the meeting, School Board member of 12 years, Jonathan Wilson, stood up and announced that he is Gay. Wilson chose to come out despite a campaign of intimidation including death threats against him and his family. Wearing a bullet proof vest, Wilson said, "These death threats show how desperately we need to educate people about tolerance for differences."

"Jonathan Wilson is a very courageous individual," said Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA). Wilson's coming out was intended as a statement against the growing fury and hatred in his district directed at Gay people by the Religious Right. "I am coming out to educate so that I can speak with a clearer, un-intimidated voice," he said.

As was reported in **Light**, local leaders note that the man behind the anti-Gay furor in Des Moines is Religious Right agitator Bill Horn. Horn moved to Altoona, Iowa, less than a year ago to open a Midwest office of **The Report**, the California-based Religious Right group that produced the virulently homophobic video **The Gay Agenda**. Although he is leading the fight against including information about Gay people in the Des Moines schools, Horn does not live in the district.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund's Kathleen DeBold opined that Horn is probably less interested in students than he is in using hate-tactics against Gays and Lesbians to raise money.

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.

## Chicago Trial Begins for Queer Nationals Arrested for Dancing in a Sports Bar

**Chicago**-- Bar owners will present their defense on January 18, 1995 in the second day of a trial involving four Gay men, members of the Lesbian and Gay advocacy group Queer Nation, who were arrested and removed from a local sports bar for dancing together. The trial, which is expected to last several days, is being held before the Cook County Commission on Human Rights.

"Our clients simply wanted to dance together, but instead they were publicly humiliated and arrested on trumped-up criminal

charges," said Patricia Logue, managing attorney of the Midwest Regional Office of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, who represents the four complainants along with Lambda cooperating attorney Cindy Hyndman, a partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Robinson, Curley & Clayton, P.C. "While heterosexual couples and pairs of women were allowed to dance, our clients were harassed and arrested. This is in clear violation of Cook County's anti-discrimination

## Bishop's Remarks Show That Religion and Intelligence Don't Always Go Hand-In-Hand

**Tulsa, OK**--The organizers of a Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration in Tulsa are being asked to apologize for a speaker who likened homosexuality to social ills such as drug abuse and pedophilia.

Bishop Ronald Young, of Philadelphia's Pentecostal Bridegroom Temple, made the remarks January 15 during an interfaith memorial service to honor the slain civil rights leader.

During the speech, Young said, "Tonight I propose to you that slavery is not dead in these United States of America. Its form has changed and is not as obvious as it was in the past, but it is alive and doing well. It has taken on the form of drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, gang banging, spousal abuse, child abuse, pedophilia, dysfunctional families, homosexuality and gross lasciviousness and AIDS."

Tom Neal, publisher of the Gay and Lesbian newspaper, **Tulsa Family News**, has asked for an apology from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Society, which coordinated the speech and other activities.

"To list hard-working, tax-paying Lesbian and Gay citizens in with ... criminal actions like drug abuse ... It's a comparison that doesn't make any sense," Neal said. "I was personally deeply offended."

The **Tulsa World** reported the story Saturday.

A Gay man attending the service walked out during the speech, Neal said.

"What Bishop Young did simply doesn't fit with what the King family has said, and what I would think Dr. King himself would say," he said.

Reverend Andrew Phillips, chairman of the commemorative society, said the decision to issue an apology will be up to the entire group which meets in mid-February. "I will be

happy to mention this to the group and hope that we can do the man an apology," Phillips said.

Young, who served as Tulsa's finance and revenue commissioner from 1979 to 1983, said he and Neal spoke after the speech, and "we had a candid disagreement and differences of view. I did extend an apology to him if he was offended, but I did not take back my remarks," Young said.

Young said he believed the remarks about homosexuality were appropriate during the Martin Luther King Day observation because "homosexuality, as I see it, is an enslavement. I believe people who are trapped in that sexual orientation are basically enslaved by, I feel, satanic powers."

## MASN to Receive Money From AIDS Walk Wisconsin

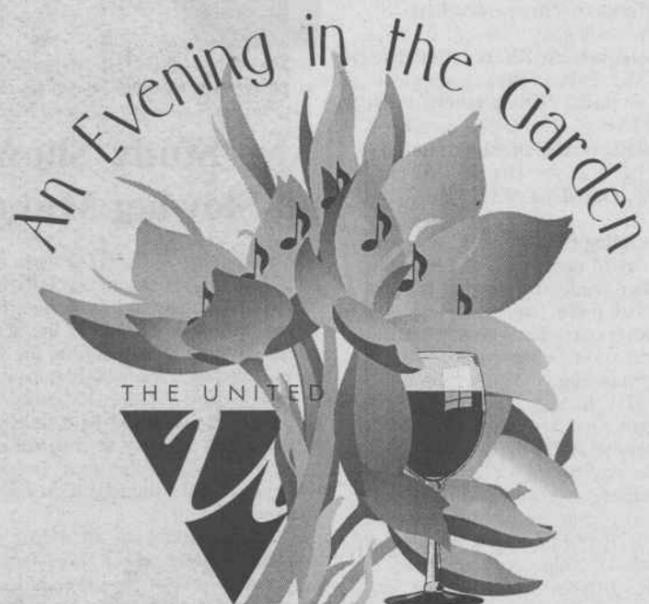
**Madison**-- The AIDS care and education programs of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) will receive \$54,334 from the fifth annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin held on Sunday, September 26, 1994. Over 8,000 walkers from across the state joined together to walk along Milwaukee's lakefront and raised a total of \$570,135 for AIDS care, prevention and research in Wisconsin.

Several Madison-area businesses generously made financial contributions or in-kind donations to MASN for the Walk. They include: Besselar Clinical Research Unit, **In Business** magazine, Insignia, Madison Gay & Electric Foundation, Northwest Fabric & Crafts, Physicians Plus Medical Group, Roundy's Inc., SSI Technologies, Van Galder Bus Company and WISC-TV.

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## 1985

- Brady East STD Clinic establishes separate board to oversee MAP
- ARCW incorporates as parent organization of MAP, creating a statewide network for comprehensive AIDS services
- Sue Dietz named MAP executive director
- MAP volunteer programs begin
- MAP emotional support program for clients begins
- ARCW budget set at \$28,000

## 1986

- Wisconsin AIDSline begins taking calls, staffed by MAP volunteers
- MAP hires first case manager
- First Lavender Hill Garden Party
- Volunteers create MAPfest to honor Gay and Lesbian community
- MAP volunteers total 100
- MAP serves 29 clients

## 1987

- First Make A Promise Dinner
- MAP hosts first Volunteer Recognition Dinner, honoring over 200 volunteers
- MAP practical support program begins for clients
- MAP serves 60 clients

## 1988

- Wisconsin AIDS Library opens
- MAP opens Milwaukee House, a transitional residence for clients
- SEWAP begins service to Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties
- Doug Nelson named ARCW executive director
- Life Care Services Department created to expand client services
- MAP serves 81 clients

## 1989

- ARCW legislative advocacy secures nation's first state-funded HIV case management system for clients
- MAP begins outreach program for injection drug users
- MAP food pantry opens
- Five case managers added to MAP
- Case manager hired at SEWAP
- MAP serves 220 clients

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**Milwaukee AIDS Project**

**Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project**

**Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project**

**Wisconsin Community-Based  
Research Consortium**

## 1990

- MAP hires tenth case manager
- MAP begins transportation program
- ARCW produces first AIDS Walk Wisconsin
- SEWAP begins outreach program for injection drug users
- MAP serves 365 clients
- ARCW budget reaches \$1.7 million

## 1991

- ARCW begins statewide Legal Assistance Program for clients
- Women's case manager hired
- Client-driven Consumer Advisory Panel created to monitor client services
- AIDS Quilt debuts in Milwaukee
- First Art For AIDS Auction
- MAP serves 503 clients

## 1992

- MAP opens 33-unit Wisconsin House, the state's first long-term residence for clients
- MAP begins cooperative therapies
- NOWAP begins service to 13-county area of northwestern Wisconsin
- ARCW serves 965 clients
- ARCW named to national AIDS Action Council Board

## 1993

- ARCW begins statewide clinical trial program, bringing experimental drugs to clients
- ARCW legislative advocacy secures state funding of early intervention
- MAP opens early intervention clinic, providing physical health assessments and immune system monitoring
- SEWAP opens food pantry
- ARCW active volunteers top 1,000
- ARCW serves 1,131 clients

## 1994

- MAP begins LIFEPOINT needle exchange program
- SEWAP and NOWAP open early intervention clinics
- MAP begins HIV counseling and testing program
- Survival/Revival Resale Shop opens in Milwaukee
- LIFEPOINT exchanges 58,000 needles, reaching 3,320 injection drug users
- ARCW serves more than 1,200 clients
- ARCW budget reaches \$5.5 million
- Over 10 years, ARCW serves more than 2,300 total clients

## EDITORIAL

## Thanks to the Cream City Foundation

In recent years, one of the outstanding events of the new year is the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival. Those who work on it strive tirelessly to bring the best of Lesbian and Gay themed movies to us. They deserve our thanks.

But this cinema extravaganza would not be possible without its sponsors. One of the major ones in that regard, is the Cream City Foundation (CCF). Like so many other events held in this community throughout the year, CCF's support is as crucial as it is generous.

Most of us don't hear enough about the Foundation, but it should be known that without CCF and its work, a great many events either would be far less than they are or wouldn't happen at all. We would all be the poorer.

Wisconsin Light asks that when it comes time to support the Foundation with your financial support, be as generous as you can. All of us benefit in countless ways from what they do.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It Was Bleak Then  
And it's Not Gotten  
Any Better Since

By Terry Boughner

In the issue of the paper following the last election, I wrote that I feared that with the Republican sweep of Congress, a bleak period lay ahead for us. There were those who thought I'd missed the boat on that one, that I was guilty of "Republican bashing" and all the rest.

Sadly, I see nothing that would make me more optimistic than I was then. It's just as bleak, if not more dark.

From every side, both here in Wisconsin from people who know, and from those on the Hill, I hear that AIDS funding is in very real danger. As Speaker Newt Gingrich is said to have told one Milwaukee doctor, AIDS funding is the "lowest of the low" priorities.

There's a very real possibility, one Senate staffer told me, that the Ryan White CARE Act will not be re-funded. Meanwhile, scientists who currently have federal moneys for AIDS research, education and prevention are in danger of losing them to the paranoia of the Right Wing that they may be "promoting homosexuality."

As far as I'm concerned, the reason for this antipathy is not hard to find. This mostly white, mainly male, majoritarian Anglo-Saxon Congress sees AIDS as a disease of people they really don't care much about: Blacks, Gays, Hispanics, women and others.

But particularly us "fags." If we drop dead, isn't that what somebody's god wants? I hate to be cynical, but I think honestly that's the way it is.

One thing I'll be very interested in watching is Tommy Thompson's budget due out on February 14. Thompson's been pretty good when it comes to AIDS funding, but there's a new political climate now.

If he's going to cut AIDS funding, the groundwork's been laid by the recent report that halves the number of HIV infections expected in 1994. The figure is based on the

numbers of pregnant women and by accepting 3% as the number of Gay people in Wisconsin.

Apart from AIDS, Congress seems bent on cutting out funding for counseling and help for young Gay people--or anything that can be thought to be funding something like that.

I want to cry out "How far do they want to drive us down?" But, unfortunately, I think I know the answer to that--and it's not pretty.

Meanwhile, at the urging of homophobe Lou Sheldon, Gingrich is going to hold hearings on homosexuality in the schools. Hearings don't always result in Congressional action, but even if they don't, I have to believe that the venom that will come out of them will only add to the atmosphere of hate.

But all this, I think, is only a build-up to the election of 1996.

I suspect heartily that the Republican Party, if not under the control of the Far Right Wing, will be powerfully influenced by it. That GOP convention is, I think, going to be a camp meeting where they'll be at "Armageddon fighting for the Lord."

As a result, the Republican platform is going to be a terror for anyone interested in equality, diversity and civil rights.]

Moreover, it's not going to surprise me at all if Dan Quayle, the darling of the Far Right, is the GOP nominee. Our hope in that event is that he'll open his mouth and the election of 1996 will be a repeat of 1964. But I won't count on it.

Now for some real politically incorrect blasphemy.

I think Bill Clinton's presidency is in ruin. Oh, yeah, sure, I know, in politics, a short time, a year and a half, is an eternity and he could recover. I hope he does, but I don't think he will. In my opinion, the man, has shown himself to be a PR disaster and politically inept and if he doesn't do some tall learning (which I hope), we've got another one-term president on our hands.

What's worse is that as far as I can see, the Democrats and the Progressive forces are in disarray. There's a need for a leader and there doesn't seem to be one in sight.

So, I still stand by what I wrote in November. The only thing is, I probably should have been more forceful.

Gay Community Faces Rampant Violence on  
a Level Not Heretofore Seen

Commentary by Timothy L. Hancock

Hate: "To have strong dislike or ill will for; despise. A person or thing hated." Webster's New World Dictionary

Here, we are almost into the 21st Century and now 25 years down the rugged road in our movement for Gay Pride. Throughout, we have attempted a frank, honest and open discussion with all people and groups; this in our never-ending, yet terrible struggle for justice and equality, our efforts to establish a world without hate.

Hate. What a viscous word in itself, one that can be self-destructive, yet a word that instills viscous anger and violent behavior in the very souls of those, even today, among those who would rather turn to brutality than open lines of peaceful dialogue; people who would rather strike than communicate, one human being to another, as adults.

Yet we, as a GAY COMMUNITY, can't let these few haters distract us or break down our continuous efforts to move our community forward to the happy day when all shall be free and equal under the law.

But that time seems so far away as we read terrible things.

According to a recent article in the Milwaukee Journal, over the past three years at least 151 Gay people have been murdered in hate-motivated killings in the United States.

The report, said to be the first survey of Gay murder victims, examined murders in 29 states and the District of Columbia.

The article goes on to quote Lester Olmstead-Rose of the Community United Against Violence which helped conduct the study. "These murders are only the end result of rampant violence Gay people face," he said.

These statistics should frighten all of us in this day and age. What should scare us even more is that these 151 murders were just what was reported. What about those not reported or those who, through hate, were viciously

beaten, maimed or mutilated because of hate?

Now we hope that with the "hate crimes bills" enacted (as in Wisconsin and elsewhere) or being proposed, that these crimes against Gay people and all others, will diminish. As I say, we hope.

As we move along with our struggle, we must continue communicating and, with it, educating, hoping that all people and groups will listen and learn or our sincere desire to work together towards peace and harmony.

Maybe I'm still too damned naive in my early old age . . . but what's it going to take to stop the hate; to bring a halt to the murder of us as Gay people? Have we Americans really become a murdering society?

Have we come to the point where if we don't like who someone sleeps with or how they dress or how they wear their hats, we simply kill them?

The killing has got to stop!

In our earliest years, from our parents, we learned about love. It's not who we love or how we love, but that we love at all. Love is the way of human beings, Gay or straight, not hate.

When was it that you last said a friendly "hello" to a someone who refuses to communicate with you because they know you're Gay.

Start 1995 out right. Send a friendly note, make a friendly phone call. Start loving, sharing and communicating with someone you've denied or avoided because they've denied or avoided you.

This feeling of love and communication may just damned well be the instrument to help us bridge the gap of hate, ignorance and hypocrisy between us and those who use hatred as a weapon instead of seeking understanding.

Editor's Note: The author is a long-time Gay activist who has been prominent in our struggle for equality since before Stonewall.

At The Movies and on TV, It's Lights,  
Camera and Little Gay Action at All

Commentary by J. Jeffrey Simon

A friend called and wanted to go to a movie. He recommended we see *Heavenly Creatures*. Apparently, it's about two teenage girls, most likely closet Lesbians, who live in fantasy and kill one of their mothers. I don't know, I told him. Perhaps I'll just wait for the Leopold Loeb musical.

Well, he suggested, there's also *Pulp Fiction*. But I said I had already been suckered into that one. With all due respect to Quentin Tarantino's avant-garde, in-your-face direction, I was still not prepared for the totally out of left field plot twist that served mainly to reinforce the most despicable stereotype of Gay men as leather-clad, sadomasochistic, bottom-of-the-cesspool rapists and murderers. Indeed, it made me wistful for William Friedkin's relatively feel-good film, *Cruising*.

Going down the list, my friend mentioned *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*. It's about men who dress up in tacky drag and travel across Australia's outback in a bus. This is considered a Gay film because, after all, Gay men like to wear women's clothing and act creepy. Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* taught us that.

My friend also recommended *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, but, after guessing which episode involves the Gay character, I declined.

Eventually, we agreed on *Little Women*, the new Winona Ryder film. "Nothing to offend you there!" my friend assured me. Or interest, he might also have added.

I've got to say right here, it's been one bad year for Gays in movies. Although I have to admit, I did enjoy *Interview With The Vampire*. Despite a meandering plot and florid dialogue, it at least implied Gay male bonding. Well, living dead Gay male bonding.

Earlier in the year, I also liked *The Wedding Banquet* and *Farewell My Concubine*, notably both foreign films. Most recently at Milwaukee's Gay Film Festival at UWM, I enjoyed the extremely low-budget, but very stylish and well-done *Grief*, a homosexual *Broadcast News*, loaded with corny good intentions.

Best of all was Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*, which aired on PBS. Director Alastair Reid mixed sophisticated soap opera intrigue with Gay insight and wit to explore the halcyon days of San Francisco during the late 1970s. It received fantastic ratings and developed a huge Gay following, but, unfortunately, was deemed not suitable material for a sequel. Perhaps the Republicans are right about PBS. They don't know how to program profitably.

But then all television executives hate controversy. And it always comes down to the same old thing: two women kissing. Last year, it was Margaux Hemingway improbably coming on to comedienne Rosanne. This year, Glenn Close and Judy Davis, inarguably better actresses, pucker up at the end of *Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story*.

This is the Barbra Streisand and Close co-produced film about a high-ranking army officer discharged because of her sexual orientation. But forget about all that discrimination stuff. Again, the big news here is two women kissing.

Word to the wise, however. See it while you can. These token Gay TV melodramas only come once a year and are almost never repeated.

Mainstream movies, of course, are no less inhibited as far as same-sex affection goes. Whether it's *Philadelphia*, where the two male lovers refrain altogether, or *Six Degrees of Separation* where the actor in the lead role makes it clear to his fans that it was a double doing the smooching, there is never any positive Gay sexuality portrayed in the movies.

## LETTERS

## Barney "Fag"???

TO THE EDITOR

To err is human, but to forgive, Divine. Just ask Andy or Mother. Some things, while not unforgivable, are certainly worth some public reprimand. A slip of the tongue where one demeans one's colleague in public and in a professional setting is amazing.

Many of us have nicknames for our bosses or other figures in our lives that we'd rather not use to their face. Naturally our worst nightmare is letting it slip out at the most perfectly wrong time. Alas, that is what I think has happened to Senator Arney. I guess that's a signal we had better clean up our acts.

Why, imagine what would happen if Senator Bob Dull were to make a slip while campaigning for president? Even Nut Gingrich might miss a typo in his new book, to say nothing of any of Tricky Dickie's (OOPS!) posthumous tapes might turn up. Even Jesse Hums might make a faux pas in the course of his dotage. Why it makes me Quayle to think of the future possibilities. But all of the liberal literary litteration has me Bushed, so I'll close for now . . .

Richard L. Mence

Milwaukee

Disturbingly so.

In fact, it seems the only place you will likely be able to see people of the same sex kiss regularly is on the religious channels, especially the ubiquitous "The 700 Club," which uses these clips to terrorize the moral masses and bring in donations. Such is our media place in society.

Certainly, it is this glaring lack of Gay points of view in movies that has made them far less pleasurable to watch. Let's face it, we've been straight-peopled to death. Worse, the pejorative imaging of Gays is becoming so egregious and pervasive that it has become a dilemma to even go to the movies for fear of being offended.

Besides, I don't want to pay \$6.50 just to be excluded, made fun of, and/or made to feel inferior. After all, I get enough of that for free watching the Republicans on C-SPAN.

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Jerry Johnson

Joe Brehm, (l) owner of This Is It, stands beside one of two Santas auctioned off in a silent auction concluded January 24. With Joe is George Chars who had the winning bid on the Santa.

In addition to the Santas, the auction included 22 Christmas stockings handmade by William (Bill) Wedephol who died of complications due to AIDS. Bill was one of Milwaukee's finest, a man of generous heart, who started making the unique stockings for friends before branching out to sell them in Chicago and New York. Bill is badly missed by all his many friends.

Over 250 bids were received during the auction. \$1623 was raised and divided equally between the Cream City Foundation and the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Food Pantry.

## Gay Leaders, Milwaukee AIDS Workers See Bleak Future in Republican Congress

Milwaukee-- National Gay political Leaders and Milwaukee's AIDS workers are bracing for setbacks in the Republican-controlled Congress.

The fears of those in Washington concerned with equal rights are fueled by legislation introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and promises of a hearing on schools and homosexuality.

"The early signs are not good, and the Republican leadership has a fundamental decision to make, and that is whether they are going to lead with hate and discrimination or with common sense," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay lobby.

On the first day of the 104th Congress, as reported in *Light*, Helms, introduced a bill to stop government agencies from using taxpayer funds "to encourage its employees or officials to accept homosexuality as a legitimate or normal lifestyle."

He also dropped in a bill to protect federal employees from being fired for speaking out on their own time against the federal government's policies toward Gay people.

Helms says the two bills are necessary because the Clinton administration has extended Lesbians and Gays "special rights in the federal workplace, rights not accorded to most other groups and individuals."

Earlier this month, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said he had promised the Reverend Lou Sheldon, head of the Traditional Values Coalition, a Radical Right Wing Christian group, a hearing on whether the federal gov-

ernment should provide money to school districts that "promote" homosexuality.

Sheldon, leader of the conservative national church network based in Anaheim, Calif., says he does not know how much federal money is spent for such purposes. But, he added, "It isn't so much the money as it is ... that the first- and second-largest school districts in America are promoting it: New York and Los Angeles."

Then on Friday, January 27, House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas, the second-ranking Republican in the House, called Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts "Barney Fag" during an interview with reporters. Armey quickly apologized and said the comment was a slip of the tongue.

Frank, who is Gay, told Armey he understood the remark was not intentional. But after listening to a tape of the interview, he said, "I could not accept that it was wholly accidental."

Even before the incident, Frank said the congressional landscape is looking desolate for Gay and Lesbian Americans.

"If you project the way the Republicans have always voted, it looks pretty bleak," Frank said. "The Republican majority has been consistently and overwhelming anti-Gay."

The first two years of the Clinton administration provided Gay activists exposure on such issues as Gays in the military and job discrimination based on sexual orientation. They

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Sorting through 7,500 feet of merchandise can be tiring, so shoppers can take a break by enjoying a 35 cent cup of java in the shop's "coffee loft" overlooking Chicago Street. And yes, some of the chairs and tables ARE for sale.

A large mural, by local artist X-Anne, covers one wall. "Ode to a Banana" is a tribute to

Milwaukee's diversity and fits in well with the shop's eclectic mix of merchandise.

### Volunteers Needed

A staff of one manager, an assistant manager and 20 volunteers keeps the shop running and is responsible for daily tasks including taking inventory of new donations, tagging merchandise, ringing up purchases and creating attractive displays. Two of the shop's dedicated volunteers, Maureen and Cathy, greet shoppers every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Although the two agree that the work is gratifying and for a good cause, they admit that one of the best parts of volunteering at Survival/Revival is that "We get to shop!"

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## Human Rights League Meeting and Awards Night Set for February 8

Milwaukee-- The Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL) invites all community members to its Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Night, where current members of HRL will elect the organization's Board of Directors.

In addition, the Cream City Brick Awards

will again be presented, with presentation categories that include the Torch Bearer, Pace Setter, Group Spirit, Spotlight, President's and Groundwork Awards.

Highlighting the meeting will be a presentation by guest speaker L.G. Shanklin-Flowers, the principal consultant for InReach and a dynamic, highly motivating presenter.

The HRL Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Yankee Hill Community Room, 626 E. Kilbourn Avenue. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

All current members of HRL, as well as members of the broader community, are invited to attend.

The aim of the Human Rights League is to advance the political interests of the LesBiGay community in the Metro Milwaukee area by influencing local, state and national politics, legislation and public policy. HRL invites all interested persons to join and become involved. For more information, call (414) 228-1921.

## Items Needed for March 25 Make A Promise Auction

Milwaukee-- The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is currently accepting donations of items to be featured in the Ninth Annual Make A Promise auction. The event will be held Saturday, March 25, at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel and will include an elegant dinner and entertainment.

In the past, weekend vacation packages, artwork, dinners, sports packages and jewelry have been up for bid. To donate an item to be featured in the auction, call (414) 273-1991.

A special feature of this year's Make A Promise Dinner will be "Telling Stories," a compendium of experiences by people with AIDS, their family members and friends.

People interested in contributing to this collection of memories and thoughts are asked to submit their stories, no longer than 150 words in length, to ARCW by March 1. Stories can be sent to ARCW, Telling Stories, P.O. Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Ticket prices are \$175 (Red Ribbon), \$90 (Leadership), \$60 (Friendship). Corporate tables are available for \$1,750, \$900 and \$600. Costs reflect preferential seating. For tickets and other information, call (414) 273-1991 or 1-800-348-9255.

## Δλφ-Madison Launches 'Come Out of The Cold' Campaign

Madison-- The University of Wisconsin-Madison chapter of Delta Lambda Phi, a national fraternity founded by Gay men for all men, has launched its "Come Out of the Cold" campaign to promote community awareness of the fraternity and its aims.

Since its founding in 1987, Delta Lambda Phi has sought to provide purposeful social activity for Gay and Bisexual men. There are currently 20 chapters of Delta Lambda Phi nationwide.

Now entering its fourth year, the UW-Madison chapter continues to play an active role on campus and in the community. It is a member of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), UW-Madison's Greek governing body, and it has participated with other fraternities and sororities in Homecoming and Greek Week activities and in charity drives and other community events.

The Come Out of the Cold campaign began on Saturday, January 21, with an informal reception at the chapter's house in Madison.

Other activities will include a Winter party at Tenney Park, a bowling party and a reception at the LGB Campus Center. Membership in Delta Lambda Phi is open to men affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prospective members must complete a formal pledge process. Interested men should contact Delta Lambda Phi at (608) 256-4233.

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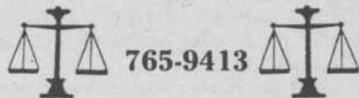
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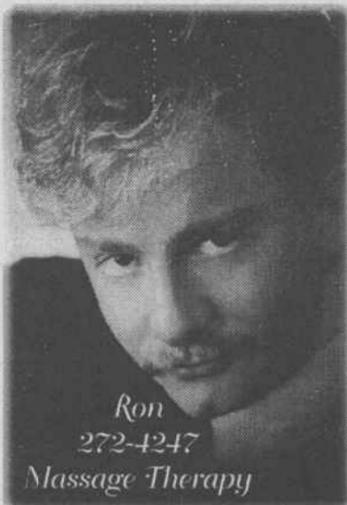
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## Appeals Court Rules Against Minneapolis Law Providing Health Care for Gay Couples

St. Paul, MN--The city of Minneapolis does not have the authority to grant health benefits to same-sex partners of its employees, the Minnesota Court of Appeals has ruled.

In a 2-1 decision to be filed on January 31, an appeals panel upheld Hennepin County District Judge Deborah Hedlund's decision last June to strike down the city's policy.

The court also agreed with Hedlund's conclusion that the City Council exceeded its authority in August 1993, when it adopted a long-debated domestic partners ordinance.

"Domestic partners and the expansive list of relatives contained in the city's resolutions are outside the definition of dependents provided by (Minnesota) statute," the court wrote in its majority opinion.

The domestic partners ordinance was challenged by James A. Lilly. In a lawsuit, he argued that the city had no legal authority to extend health insurance benefits to same-sex partners, and that the domestic partners ordinance violates state public policy "favoring marriage of heterosexual couples."

The court disagreed with the city's contention that its granting of employee health care benefits is a purely local matter. Rather, it said, the Legislature has a history of defining the scope of municipal employees' health care benefits.

The panel also cited the law of 1993, which banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. Lawmakers specifically inserted language in the bill stating that Minnesota doesn't necessarily condone homosexuality or authorize the recognition of same-sex marriages, the court said.

Further, the court noted, the bills' sponsor, Sen. Allan Spear, specifically told lawmakers: "There is nothing in here about the domestic partners benefits. Nothing that could lead to it."

Given the above, the court said, "it is apparent that the Legislature did not intend to expand the list of health care benefits (in state law) to give the same health care benefits to employees with same sex domestic partners as is available to employees who are married."

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Robert H. Schumacher said the question of domestic benefits is a purely local concern and should

be left up to cities.

Schumacher said Minnesota law does not forbid cities like Minneapolis from expanding the list of employee health care benefits, and that a city's ordinance doesn't conflict with state law if it merely complements a Minnesota statute.

Although Lilly contended that it's of statewide concern to limit the burden on taxpayers, Schumacher said only city taxes are used and that "Lilly's remedy is at the ballot box."

"The city has not purported to change state laws prohibiting same sex marriage," Schumacher wrote.

In other action, the appeals court:

--Affirmed a decision that the family of Dr. Philip Benson, a physician who died in 1992 of AIDS, could not sue the state Board of Medical Practice for publishing information about his condition.

Benson's family argued that his privacy had been violated when the state Health Department wrote in the New England Journal of Medicine and a department newsletter about his condition and about an investigation into whether his patients had contracted HIV. The court affirmed a Ramsey County judge's decision to throw out the claim, saying it is a personal injury that does not survive a victim's death.

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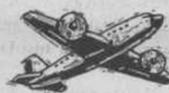
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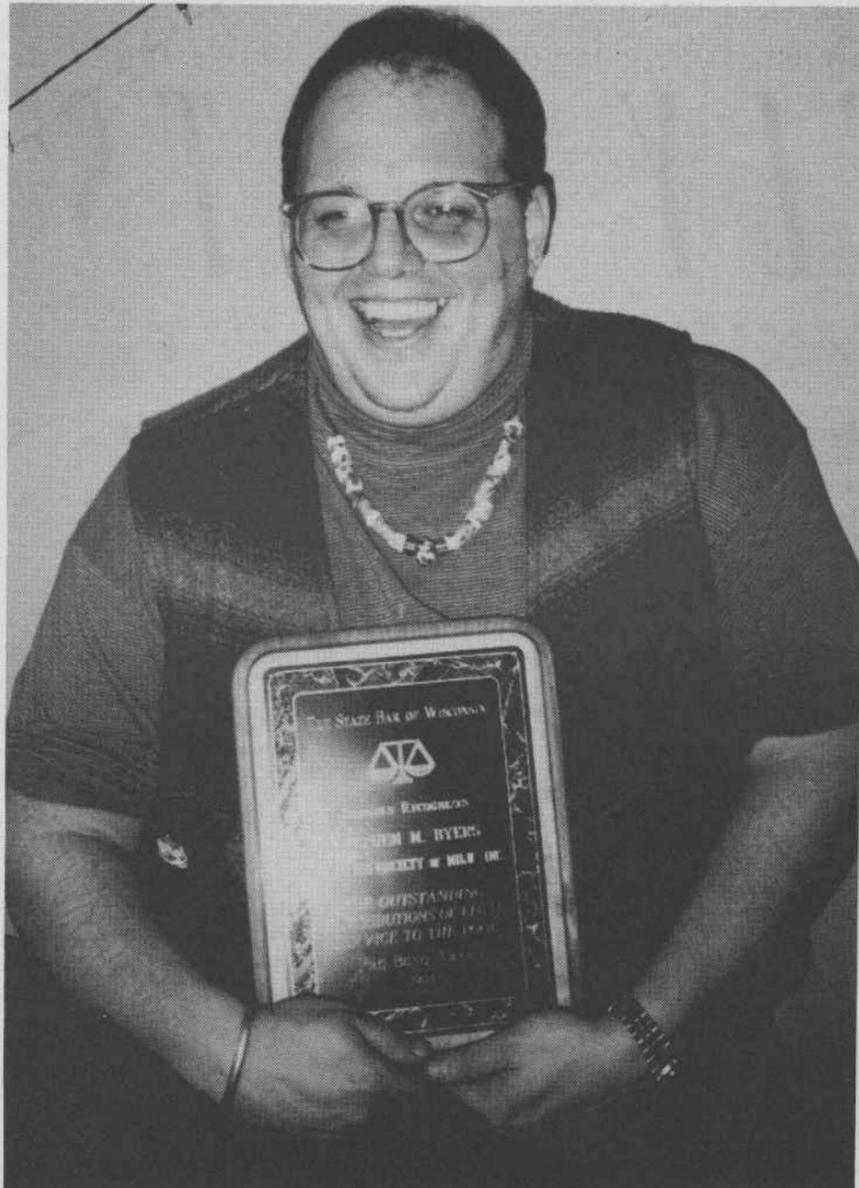
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Byers, of the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, was cited as a "truly modern era pioneer for his work in providing legal services to those who are HIV positive and in forming programs to assist this population.

Byers, who is currently the managing attorney of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), has presented over 250 workshops on legal representation for HIV/AIDS service providers in the state and across the country. He is the author of *AIDS and the Law in Wisconsin*. He is also part-owner of Just Us Bar in Milwaukee.

Attorney Janet M. Mueller, one of those who nominated Byers for the award, said "I personally find it difficult to comprehend how Steve has been able to sustain his incredible level of commitment, compassion and professionalism. I have observed Steve meet with clients in home, hospital and hospice. His commitment and compassion are unwavering."

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Fortunately, Survival/Revival's merchandise doesn't come with department store prices—the shop is a bargain-seeker's paradise. Everything, from sofas to art, cameras to games, clothing, toys and CDs, is available at the lowest prices in the city. There are plenty of treasures to find among the bookshelves, clothes racks and display cases.

For example, when I stopped in just before Christmas, I found a box of old-fashioned glass tree ornaments. Since I collect them, I knew that they were at least 50 years old. When some trepidation, I asked the price, only to be told that the whole box was fifty cents! I left the money, took my find and ran!

Sorting through 7,500 feet of merchandise can be tiring, so shoppers can take a break by enjoying a 35 cent cup of java in the shop's "coffee loft" overlooking Chicago Street. And yes, some of the chairs and tables ARE for sale.

A large mural, by local artist X-Anne, covers one wall. "Ode to a Banana" is a tribute to Milwaukee's diversity and fits in well with the shop's eclectic mix of merchandise.

All Wisconsin Light readers who mention seeing this article will receive a 25% discount

on pink-ticketed items in the store.

A staff of one manager, an assistant manager and 20 volunteers keeps the shop running and is responsible for daily tasks including taking inventory of new donations, tagging merchandise, ringing up purchases and creating attractive displays. Two of the shop's dedicated volunteers, Maureen and Cathy, greet shoppers every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Although the two agree that the work is gratifying and for a good cause, they admit that one of the best parts of volunteering at Survival/Revival is that "We get to shop!"

In order to adequately staff the store, additional volunteers are still needed. Volunteers are given the opportunity to work with and meet lots of great people and to pick up some retailing skills. They also get to shop at the store with a 25% discount. Volunteers generally work four hour shifts and have flexible scheduling.

### Sort Through Your Closet

Donations of things to sell are, of course, crucial to the store's success. "The need for donations will never end," said Fortler. "Items that are in good condition and ready to sell, will be needed regularly."

The store accepts anything that is in good repair including clothing, furniture, books, CDs, sports equipment, light fixtures and housewares. For large donations, either in size or quantity, a truck is available for pickup on Sundays. Other items that are needed for display purposes are mannequins, shelving and fixtures.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's move into the resale business started with a study of the idea two years ago. Part of the study showed the success of other AIDS organizations that have opened resale shops in Chicago, Seattle and New York City.

Profits from the shop are used for every area of the agency, from the housing program to prevention to alternative therapies.

Survival/Revival is open Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m. It is closed Mondays.

For more information, to donate or volunteer, call Survival/Revival at (414) 291-2856.

## Rep. Arney Apologizes to Frank for Slur; Tells House He Hadn't Had His Coffee Yet

Washington, D.C.— U.S. House Majority Leader Rep. Dick Arney (R-TX) on Friday, January 27, 1995, used the term "fag" to refer to Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), who is openly Gay.

In an interview with radio reporters, Arney said, "I like peace and quiet and I don't need to listen to Barney Fag...er...Barney Frank haranguing in my ear."

Arney, known for his sharp and vindictive tongue, immediately apologized and characterized "the slip" as an unintentional mispronunciation of Frank's name and apologized to Frank. He also said that he had "trouble with my alliteration" and excused himself saying he hadn't had his morning coffee yet.

Those who heard it said that the slur was uttered in a matter-of-fact way and not in a jocular fashion.

Frank accepted Arney's apology, but said that though he believed Arney hadn't meant to say it, it wasn't exactly a slip of the tongue. "It must have been floating in the back of his mind," Frank said.

Arney sought special permission to address the House on the subject, where he denounced the use of slurs and blasted journalists for reporting his remark.

Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) said he didn't think Arney had meant what he said and that Arney had defended him against attacks on his sexual orientation by Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA).

Robin Kane, director of public information at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) called Arney's comment "deplorable and dangerous."

"For a member of the House of Representatives to use such a childish but harmful slur is beneath that office and must be roundly condemned by his colleagues," Kane said.

The anti-Gay slur comes at a time when media attention is focused on the string of murders of Gay men in Arney's home state of Texas.

"As an elected official from the state of Texas, Rep. Arney should be keenly aware of the impact of such hateful and dehumanizing speech," Kane said.

On the same day that Arney made his remark, 17 members of Congress from 11 different states appeared at a Capitol Hill press conference arranged by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) to denounce Arney's slur.

Leading off the press conference were Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), a leader in the African American civil rights movement, and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

No members of the Wisconsin House Congressional delegation were present.

Republican members of Congress told HRCF that they had raised concerns about Arney's comment in a meeting of the Republican Caucus.

Arney has a 0% voting record on issues affecting Lesbian and Gay Americans, according to HRCF's report on the 103rd Congress. He has voted to deny schools funds for suicide and violence prevention to help Gay youth.

Unlike 51 House Republicans and 207 House Democrats, Arney has not instituted a written policy prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination in his Congressional office.

At the same time, Arney made clear in January 30's *New York Times* that he considers himself to be "among those conservatives who believe in individual liberty" and does not concern himself with the private lives of individuals of people with whom he works in Congress.

On January 30, HRCF sent Arney a letter asking him to confirm in writing that he does not practice discrimination in his office. Arney refused.

Arney's "slip" referring to Rep. Barney Frank as "Barney Fag" isn't the first time the Texan's rhetoric has sparked controversy.

The sharp-tongued lawmaker made waves with barbs at Democrats last year.

Arney was roundly criticized for telling Democrats during last year's heated crime bill debate: "Your president is just not that important to us." He later apologized.

Earlier in the year, during a hearing on Capitol Hill, Arney jostled with first lady Hillary Clinton over his comment that the Clinton health care plan was "the Dr. Kevoorkian prescription for the jobs of American working men and women."

After Arney promised to make the hearing exciting, Mrs. Clinton quipped: "I'm sure you'll do that, Mr. Arney, you and Dr. Kevoorkian."

Not to be outdone, Arney retorted: "I have been told about your charm and wit. Reports on your charm are overstated. Reports on your wit are understated."

During a speech to Dallas-area real estate agents in 1993, Arney implied that Mrs. Clinton was a Marxist. After Democratic criticism, Arney acknowledged he had "crossed the line" and vowed to restrict future comparisons to comedian Groucho Marx instead of Communist Karl Marx.

The caustic Texan isn't known for dodging controversy, either.

During a visit to the White House in 1993, he told President Clinton that he would be a one-term president if he proceeded with his economic program.

Since assuming the House's second most senior position, Arney has said he realizes he now speaks for the Republican Party and thus will have to temper his comments.

"You'll find me more circumspect now. I have made some dumb mistakes," he said in an interview earlier this month with *The Washington Post*.

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**A Rocky Night Ahead--** "The Sensual Daydreams" cast members presented a live show prior to the film screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on January 28, 1995 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre. The show helped celebrate the 17th Anniversary of Saturday midnight showings at the theatre. In the audience were members of Madison's *Rocky's* pre-show cast members (Madison's Majestic Theatre will celebrate the 17th Anniversary of the film's run this Summer). Pictured above are Dr. Frank-n-Buster (Rich Cleven, left) who brings Rocky (Mark Zbikowski) to life.

## Skylight Opera Theater's 'Partenope' is a Showcase of Handelian Operatic Wit

By P.J. Masterson

Milwaukee's Skylight Opera's latest production in its series of Handel heroines, which began with last season's wonderful *Semele*, continues with *Partenope*, which opened January 25 at the Broadway Theater Center and runs through February 12. It carries on Milwaukee's courtship of early music and does so admirably.

The plot, nominally based on ancient sagas, presents Partenope (Christina Bouras), warrior queen of Naples and her entourage of suitors. Their intrigues supply the backdrop for this farcical showcase of Handelian operatic wit and vocal gymnastics.

In the tradition of contemporized Handel productions, Chas Rader-Schieber's has set this opera in a Naples high school gym with an assembly of recognizable personalities.

Partenope, the prom queen, reigns over her collection of eager boyfriends: Arsace (Dean Ely), her true love, a handsome, most-likely-to-succeed type, Armino (Daniel Grundlach), the nerd in plaid, and Emilio (Martin Dillon), the greaser-jock, thug. Rosmira (Emily Manhart) plays Arsace's jilted blonde fiancée bent on revenge, appearing disguised as Euremene, a shipwrecked Armenian noble.

This setting works well. We can certainly find ourselves somewhere in this melange of characters and pubescent emotions.

David Zinn's set design integrated an eclectic juxtaposition of high school gym and Italian landscape, complete with phallic pines. The cinder block walls evoke a grim castle atmosphere, yet are reminiscent of a high school environment that most of the audience will remember.

Perhaps, though, Zinn's design could have incorporated a basket hoop to help establish the locale, as well as a bit more prom night

glitz to compliment Partenope's prom-queen image and otherwise lighten things up; pom-poms and crepe paper streamers being the decorative accents at any high school social.

The obligatory disco globe appears in the final act, a moon and stars for Arsace's slumber scene, while reminding us just how tacky it was back then. Zinn's creative costumes incorporated Baroque fashions accented by saddle shoes and team jackets.

Handel's sprightly melodies dominate the musical dimensions of the opera. Bouras' wonderful ornamented arias are a delight for this Handel devotee. Her voice and comic, yet controlled, stage presence, allowed her to rule the stage in the best Baroque prima donna tradition, even indulging the sensitivities of Handelian eroticism with a pine.

Equally dynamic was Ely's adept interpretation of Arsace. I was thoroughly taken by Ely's range of artistic and emotional expression in the role of the perplexed hero torn between two lovers.

Grundlach's bashful Armino offered a delightful male alto, a marvelous voice sadly under-represented in this production. (Handel's first performance featured a castrato as Arsace.) His natural stage presence evoked the pathos of Armino's inferiority complex.

Emilio, sung by Dillon, continued the competence of this cast in strong and convincing vocalism and acting, as did Manhart's Romera (Euremene), sung capably, although her comic acting was less convincing. Bruce Rameker as Ormonte, also displayed good Baroque practice in a minor role. Finally, the children, Yonet Mayer and Paul Allen Rirdan, are delightful as the mischievous Mars and the engaging Cupid, respectively, complete the cast.

The orchestral setting of two violins, viola, cello, base, two oboes, horn, trumpet and harpsichord, provided adequate accompaniment, although sparse at times when one expected richer and fuller support. While this sort of bare-essential orchestration worked easily last season for *Semele*, the upholstery of this work with its battle music and otherwise lush atmosphere, could use a bit more instrumental stuffing.

The light-hearted soap opera plot of this work requires confident musical rendition and especially good acting to attain its comedic impact. Human foibles demonstrated in a high school setting, when romance is taken so very seriously, can only be silly in retrospect, and Rader-Schieber's production masters this successfully.

All in all, this was a very fine and fun production, although this writer is admittedly biased. I've never heard a Handel I didn't like. See it, hear it, enjoy it.

## Mr. Gay Wisconsin To Star in Gutzman's Production of Sondheim's 'Follies'

Milwaukee--Parker Cristan, Mr. Gay Wisconsin, will star in Dale Gutzman's production of the legendary Stephen Sondheim musical *Follies*. *Follies* is a lavish musical boasting one of Sondheim's most thrilling scores and a dramatic plot that is both moving and thought provoking.

The story concerns a reunion of ex-Follies girls in a theatre about to be demolished. Along with their husbands, the former show-girls relive the dreams and hopes of their pasts. Ghosts of their youth appear to show them what it was they wanted and what it was they lost.

Sprinkled throughout this haunting evening are a cornucopia of showstopping tunes including "Broadway Baby" and "I'm Still Here."

Sondheim, America's most important Gay composer, recently openly acknowledged his first "relationship of commitment" with a male lover. For years, Sondheim has been exploring relationships gone sour and he has often written about the outsider watching others "connect."

Dale Gutzman, who has made a goal of bringing important, seldom performed theatre pieces to the Milwaukee stage, has gathered a cast not only of considerable talent, but also well-known to the Gay community.

Cristan plays the role of Ben Stone, a wealthy, but unhappy politician, who gave up art and love for success. He has a plastic, meaningless relationship with his wife. Cristan has performed on many professional theatre stages, including cruise ships, dinner theaters

and in the media. He is a gifted singer, dancer and actor.

Talented local performer Karl Miller, plays Buddy, Ben's childhood friend. Buddy became a traveling salesman and thinks he is a loser. Although he loves his wife, Buddy cheats on her, trying to find something he seems to be missing in his life. Miller has just returned from performing with Gutzman and Musical Director Jack Wilson in Thailand, where they did a Gay musical comedy revue at the Cafe Royale, a Gay hotel in Pattaya, Thailand.

Wilson is known for working at the Stackner Cabaret as well as writing several original musicals with Gutzman.

David Flores plays the young ghost of Buddy. Flores is a gifted singer and dancer who has worked with the Milwaukee Opera Company and the Boulevard Ensemble. He has toured Russia and Ukraine with Gutzman's company.

*Follies*, a Tony Award-winning musical, will be playing at Vogel Hall at the Performing Arts Center in downtown Milwaukee on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 23, 24, and 25 and on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4. All shows are at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$15. To order, call (414) 273-7206

## Boulevard Ensemble Presents 'Two English Dandies', Two One-Act British Comedies

Milwaukee-- The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only microtheatre, continues its ninth season with a presentation of *Two English Dandies*, a production featuring a pair of one-act British comedies: Harold Pinter's *A Slight Ache*, directed by Mark Bucher; and Joe Orton's *Funeral Games*, directed by Jonathan West.

The cast of *A Slight Ache*, a comedy of identity, includes Elaine Thronton, Jonathan West and Michael Weber.

The cast of *Funeral Games*, a rollicking and bitter farce, includes Jonathan West, William Clifford, Pamela Brown and Jim Gallagher.

Performances are scheduled Thursdays through Sundays, February 17 to March 12, at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, in Bay View.

For ticket and other information, call (414) 672-6019.

### Auditions

The Boulevard Ensemble is seeking actors and actresses of all ages and ranges for the third production of its 1994-'95 season: William Saroyan's *The Time of Your Life*, directed by Timothy Troy.

Auditions for the production, a comedy of humanity, will be held at the Boulevard Theatre on March 5-6 and March 11. The production will be staged April 21 to May 8.

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## 'In The Life' Celebrates February, Black History Month

New York, NY-- In recognition of February as Black History Month, "In The Life" will feature an in-depth look at the Gay African American experience. In three separate segments, this episode will focus on the dual discrimination that people face based on race and sexual orientation, as well as the relationships between the movements which seek equal rights for the two minority groups.

The feature story, entitled "Civil Rights/Gay Rights," will present interviews with important figures in the struggle for equal rights for all Americans.

Weighing in with their views are Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA); Paula Ettelbrick, member of the legislative council to the Empire State Pride Agenda; Dr. Marjorie Hill, former liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community in the administration of former New York Mayor David Dinkins; and a special appearance by Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X.

The second segment will show excerpts of **The Darker Side of Black**, a film in release by independent British film director Isaac Julien. The film takes a penetrating look at homophobia in the Black community.

Rounding out its coverage for Black History Month, *In The Life* interviews author/historian Barbara Smith, whose upcoming book focuses on the history of African American Lesbians and Gay men.

Also in the February episode, *In The Life* interviews servicewoman Margarethe Cammermeyer, whose life is the subject of the upcoming NBC movie *Serving in Silence* starring Glenn Close.

The program is hosted by Katherine Linton. The following are air dates and times for Wisconsin:

### Cowboys & Cowgirls Celebrate First Year

(Madison)-The Madison-based Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls have been meeting and dancing for over a year. A gayla First Anniversary celebration was held on January 14 with live music by Myrtle White and friends and calling by Martha Tyner.

The historic event was coordinated by party-meister Glenn Mitroff. Guests were treated to great dancing, birthday cake and a boot piñata filled with condoms and candy.

With the opening of Geraldine's Bar, 3052 E. Washington Avenue in Madison, owner, Ray Jacobson, will host country western dance nights, with the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls providing free dance instruction and open dance time from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. every Saturday.

Line dancing and couples dancing will be headed by Buckin' Bill Hoernice. Each dance will be taught at beginner levels and walked through, so no experience, partner or Western attire is needed.

In addition to Saturdays at Geraldine's, the Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls will continue mid-monthly dances on Fridays at Grace Church Guild Hall, just off the Capitol Square.

The first will be the Sweethearts Ball featuring Alan Karbel of Milwaukee's Shoreline Country-Western Dance group. Alan will be calling partner and circle dances, marking the affection holiday. The date is Friday, February 17th. The place is Grace Church Guild Hall, 116 W. Washington Avenue. The time is 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.

In addition, gifts of canned food got to Grace Church's food pantry to feed the homeless.

Future events to be held at the Guild Hall will also be held Fridays...March 17 and April 7. For more information, call (608) 255-1523 or (608) 251-6723.



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*In The Life* has become public television's information line on Gay culture, entertainment and events, and is in its third year. The program is now seen on nearly 70 stations nationwide.

## Heston Breaks with Conservatives, Backs Federal Funding for Arts Agencies

Washington, D.C.-- Charlton Heston is no liberal, but he says he parts company with conservatives who want to shut down the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

Heston congratulated Congress' new Republican majority on its November victory but he asked a House subcommittee to spare the two grants-making agencies.

"Art is the bread of the soul," the longtime actor and arts patron intoned during remarks to a House Appropriations subcommittee. Lawmakers burst into applause after he ended his remarks with a recitation from Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Heston spoke after two former NEH chairmen William Bennett and Lynne Cheney told the subcommittee the endowments have been compromised by political correctness and intellectual corruption. They are perpetuating what Bennett and Cheney called a perverse turn in the quality of art and scholarship.

"The humanities like the arts have become highly politicized," Cheney said. "Many academics and artists now see their purpose not as revealing truth or beauty, but as achieving social and political transformation."

Conservatives also have been offended at some of the work financed in part by NEA or NEH grants. In recent years, the NEA has been battered by controversies over public funding of homo-erotic art, a photograph of a crucifix submerged in urine and an artist who smears chocolate on her body.

"Both endowments have made mistakes, often grievous mistakes," said Heston, who frequently is a spokesman for conservative causes and groups, including the National Rifle Association. "Some of the grants have been indefensible."

"But this does not, in my view, lead to the conclusion that the endowments should be de-

funded," Heston said.

The NEA's current budget is \$167 million, while the NEH's is \$177 million.

Some conservatives have questioned the government's role in deciding which work is good enough to finance. The private sector may be better equipped to handle those issues, and taxpayer dollars are urgently needed elsewhere in a national budget swollen with debt, said Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, (R-LA).

"If the private sector can adequately support the arts, then perhaps it should," Livingston said. "Can we afford these functions? ... Do we want to afford them?"

Defenders said the agencies have made the arts and the humanities more available to ordinary people at very little cost a combined four ten-thousands of 1 percent of the federal budget, said Rep. Sidney Yates, (D-IL), a subcommittee member.

The NEA has made more than 100,000 grants since its founding 30 years ago and only 30 or 40 of them have been controversial, he said.

"Before the creation of the NEA and the NEH in 1965, there were only 37 professional dance companies in America," Yates said. "Today, partly because of the NEA, there are nearly 300. Prior to the NEA, there were only 27 opera companies. Today, there are 110."

Yates also suggested that Cheney's and Bennett's complaints were politically motivated.

"I must say I'm very disappointed by the 180-degree flip-flop in the views of Mr. Bennett and Mrs. Cheney from the time only a few years ago, when they were ardent champions of the National Endowment for the Humanities," he said. "When Mrs. Cheney testified previously before this committee, she praised then-Presidents Bush and Reagan time and again for recommending that the National Endowment for the Humanities receive an increased appropriation."

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Poor King George—Greville (Rupert Graves, left) and the royal pages chase after a badly disturbed king (Nigel Hawthorne, center) in "The Madness of King George."

## 'The Madness of King George' is a Great Movie Full of Pathos and Pageantry

By Terry Boughner

It is a wonderful movie full of pomp and pageantry, full of history and color splashed across the screen as an epic should be. Yet, it also a movie of great pathos, a story of the tragedy that brings "King Lear" to life—but with a much happier ending.

The *Madness of King George* tells the story of England's King George III (1760-1820), beginning in 1788. By this time, most of the jaded aristocracy had long since concluded that his majesty was passing strange.

For one thing, he had no mistresses, but was faithful to Queen Charlotte, his wife. And for another, he was a doting father to his 15 children, loving them all—with the possible exception of two.

Finally, he liked farming. He actually liked it, not just some romantic notion of it, but working at it, a most un-regal thing to do. For that, they laughed behind his back and called him "Farmer George."

Truth to tell, he was something of a poop, but considering his childhood, the wonder is he turned out as decently as he did.

In 1788, tragedy struck. The king began to act more strangely yet and they said he had gone mad. It was actually a genetic disorder known as "porphyria" that reproduces all the symptoms of mental illness, but no one knew that. The king was torn from his family, treated as one insane, and subjected to all the horrors of 18th Century medicine to which he very nearly succumbs.

On two levels, the movie is a treat. For those who know nothing about the 18th Century and may never have heard of George III, the film is high drama at its best.

Nigel Hawthorne gives an Oscar-winning performance as the tragic—and beleaguered

king. Helen Mirren is superb as his loving wife. Rupert Everett is "disgusting" as the supercilious, all "too-too precious" Prince of Wales whose tongue drips with undisguised longing at the very thought of the throne.

Julian Wadham and Jim Carter as William Pitt the younger and Charles James Fox respectively, actually look like the men they portray.

And Rupert Graves as the king's handsome young equerry, is a simmering hunk of male sensuality bearily concealed behind innocent, deep brown eyes.

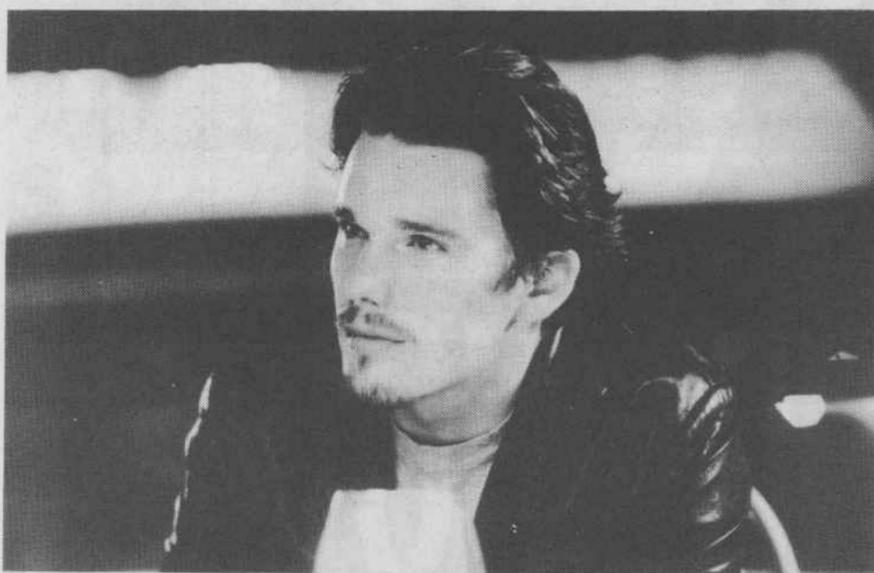
The sets evoke the magic of royal England, while the music supplies the majesty and mystery that the British do all too well.

On another level, for those who do know the history of the period, the film is a tour de force. The movie is redolent of a time far removed from our own, a society of deference, a period when life was even more raw than it is now—and more gracious, at least for some.

It's absolutely fascinating to sit there and watch. I knew what had happened to those people and I knew what was going to happen to them; to Pitt, to Fox, the king and all the rest. It was like sitting in a chair and being able to read time scrolled out. One part, a small part, only six months long, was floodlit. The rest was dim, but what was in that dimness gave the film a dimension for me that I thoroughly enjoyed.

No matter on what level you watch it, this movie is great. It's superb drama and superb history too. I recommend it most highly.

The *Madness of King George* opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on February 10 and in Madison's Majestic Theatre on February 24.



Ethan Hawke as Jesse in "Before Sunrise"

## 'Before Sunrise' Offers a Perceptive Portrait of a Young Couple Looking For Love

By Carl M. Szatmary

It is difficult to imagine at first glance a more perfect example of the prototype heterosexual, Friday-night-at-the-mall "date flick." *Before Sunrise* possesses all the prerequisites: two attractive young leads in Ethan Hawke (who Gay audiences are sure to remember from *Dead Poets Society*) and Julie Delpy, a lively soundtrack, an exotic locale (Vienna) plus the premise of a chance romantic encounter that is more than slightly reminiscent of the classic *An Affair to Remember*.

Much like the Cary Grant/Deborah Kerr romance, there is a deceptively simple plot as

the basis for the film. Jesse (Ethan Hawke) is an American student traveling through Europe following an ill-fated reunion with his girlfriend in Spain. The movie begins on his last day in Europe.

He is headed to Vienna from where he will fly back to America early next day. Celine (Julie Delpy) is returning to Paris from Budapest where she had been visiting with her grandmother. When she chances to switch her seat to one across from Jesse, the two strike up a casual acquaintance which leads them to spend the next 14 hours together wondering the Austrian capital, falling in love, of course.

## A Little History of King George III

By Terry Boughner

My grandmother was only four generations removed from the American Revolution. Her father's grandfather had known the Marquis de Lafayette, so she said, and she had decided views on Britain's King George III.

She hated him. He was, she told me, "nothing but a damned Johnnybull" (one word). My grandmother wasn't alone in her opinion of him, not by far, not when I was growing up. He was the "tyrant" who had oppressed the colonists with so many unjust taxes that, in desperation, they were finally driven to revolt. That being the case, that's why the Declaration of Independence blames him for everything. Not true, but I guess somebody had to be held responsible.

George III was a Hanoverian (as the royal family still is. George V changed the family name during World War I) and came to the throne of England in 1760, at the height of the Seven Years War, "the Great War for Empire," (or the French and Indian War, depending on where you live).

The English establishment thought him to be a little on the dull side. He was. Plus, he had annoying habits like going around saying "What-what" after nearly every sentence. But he was a good man, a decent sort, a hard worker and not a bad king. He was the last British monarch to rule as well as reign.

The French and Indian War had been expensive and since it had been fought to get the French off the colonists' back, it was only right they should help pay for it—at least so the English thought.

To make a very complicated story short, the colonists didn't look a things that way at all. England had an obligation to defend them, so they said, and they resisted.

For his part, George figured he was obligated by his oath to keep the empire intact, so he sent off troops. These were commanded mostly by Whigs. George's ministers were Tories. The whole fracas ended at the Battle of Yorktown. The Peace of Paris was signed in 1783 recognizing the new, but not too United States.

George never got over it. One scene which I wish they'd included in the movie was the reception of John Adams as America's first ambassador to the Court of St. James.

But the film does have the king grousing about "the colonies," which he did. As the movie shows, the king fell ill in 1788. The disease is called porphyria, a genetic malfunction, named after the color the urine takes during the episodes. The thing was that the doctors hadn't the faintest idea what was wrong with him—or how to treat it if they had.

As you watch their barbaric methods, remember that George Washington died of bloodletting more than pneumonia. In truth, these people weren't too far from believing in demoniacal possession as the cause of most ills.

The king would recover in spite of them, but would fall ill to the same disease again—and again. He would live through the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Period without realizing much about either one. In the end, he would die in 1820, after 60 years on the throne, a nearly forgotten, pathetic creature, locked up as someone incurably insane.

The film shows other things as well. For example, the Prince of Wales was a wastrel if ever there was one. Eventually, he would become Regent (from which such styles take their name) and, at last, ascend the throne he so badly wanted as George IV.

He would be followed by his brother, William IV and then by Victoria. If you go to see the film (don't miss it), you'll see a scene in which bell ringers play "Greensleeves" for the King and Queen. That was written by Henry VIII.

Charles James Fox, who'll you see as leader of the Whigs, never did become Prime Minister.

William Pitt, whose father, William Pitt the elder, won an empire for England, was indeed an unsmiling, driven genius, but a trifle unstable.

Notice too that in one of the last scenes, the King goes to confront the Commons, but does not go inside. They, instead, have to come to him. Kings are forbidden to enter that House.

That being established, there is still much in *Before Sunrise* to recommend it to Gay and Lesbian audiences. Both Hawke and Delpy create likable and believable characters. The script gives the audience the unique experience of getting to know these two young people as they are getting to know each other.

Lacking the predictability or the excesses typical of such teen romance films, *Before Sunrise* allows its youthful characters to first become friends, gradually revealing themselves as they become more and more comfortable in each other's (and our) company.

Director Richard Linklater has crafted a wonderful portrait of Vienna, filling this seldom-seen European city with a wide variety of quirky and interesting characters for Jesse and Celine to encounter as their romance progresses.

All told, *Before Sunrise* is a pleasant holiday romance film, perhaps lacking the sophistication of *An Affair to Remember*, but offering in its place a perceptive and revealing portrayal of a young couple looking for love, something all audiences are sure to relate to. Recommended.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coming Out At Work?

Green Bay--Several recently published national studies have shown that Gay people who are open about their sexuality in a supportive work environment are more productive, experience greater job satisfaction and have better attendance records. Being "out" or coming out in the workplace is one of several issues to be discussed at the February general membership meeting of Positive Voice on Monday, February 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Brown County Public Library in downtown Green Bay. Featured speaker will be Dr. Gerald Wellens, an openly Gay clinical psychologist at Marriage and Family Therapy Center in Green Bay. All area Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people in northeastern Wisconsin are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

### Women's Potluck

Madison--There will be a Women's Potluck at the Atwood Community Center in Madison, 2425 Atwood Avenue at 10:00 a.m. on February 19. Featured will be Reiki Demonstration and Group Participation, a powerful hands-on healing system that works on all levels: body, mind and spirit. Eating starts at 11:00 a.m. Bring a breakfast/brunch food to share and the Sunday newspaper. The event is free and open to all women. Call (608) 241-1574 for more information.

### Fest City Singers to Sponsor Workshops

Milwaukee-- The Fest City Singers are sponsoring a vocal workshop taught by Adele Bourchoff. It's open to all parties interested in developing vocal skills, production, diction, breathing, projection and body alignment. It will be at Milwaukee's War Memorial on February 15 and 22, at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person per session. Contact Sandy Lewis at (414) 263-7464.

### Valentine's Ball

Madison-- The Ten Percent Society at UW-Madison will be holding their Valentine's Ball for Lesbians, Gay men and friends on Friday, February 10 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. There will be a \$3 admission, a DJ and a cash bar. The dance is open to the University community.

### Milwaukee P-FLAG

Milwaukee--Rev. Dr. Janis Doleschal will be the featured speaker at the February 19 P-FLAG meeting at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd at 6:45 p.m. Rev. Doleschal has been the pastor of Brown Deer United Church of Christ since 1982. She also has been Commissioner of Interscholastic Athletes/Academics for the Milwaukee Public Schools for the past 21 years. She was born and raised in Milwaukee, is an open Lesbian. She will talk about her personal experiences.

### Gay/Lesbian Educators' Group Meeting

Milwaukee-- The Gay/Lesbian Educational Employees of Metropolitan Milwaukee (GLEEMM) will be meeting on Thursday, February 16, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be informational and social. Food will be available and served at 6:00 p.m. with individuals asked to bring their own beverages. The group meeting will start at 6:30. All Gay and Lesbian and Bisexual educational employees from the Metropolitan Milwaukee area are invited to attend. For more information, contact Larry at (414) 384-9695.

### Celebrate Black History Month

Milwaukee-- People of All Colors Together will be celebrating Black History Month with two evenings of videos, discussion, entertainment and more. On February 12, the program will be called "Looking For Langston," concerning poet Langston Hughes. The moderator will be Brenda Coley. Poetry will be read by Sandra Jones who will also play guitar to accompany her singing.

On February 26, the topic will be "PBS Great Performances"--Bill T. Jones and Alvin Ailey. The moderator will be Ray Grant.

Both programs begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor, in the Common Room. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Ralph at (414) 482-4034.

## OBITUARIES

### William James Sparks

Bill Sparks, 43, died on January 8, after a 10+ year battle with AIDS.

Availing himself of numerous alternative treatment methods ranging from acupuncture to ozone therapy to Feldenkrais massage, Mr. Sparks secured himself a high quality of life. He was never hospitalized.

He founded an alternative clinic for people with AIDS, ran a buyers' club, volunteered for BestD, co-founded AIM, and was a major resource of knowledge to many people.

After having created his own family of committed friends, Mr. Sparks successfully redefined his traditional family relationships thereby enabling him to die in peace when it was time. By asserting the truth as he saw it, he lived his life without regrets and tried most of what life had to offer.

Mr. Sparks is survived by his partner Henrik Christensen, parents, siblings, nieces and nephews and extended family of friends. He



was preceded in death by his partner Wayne Wentworth, father and several close friends.

A memorial will take place on February 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Club House in Brown Deer Park. Call (414) 449-4939 for further details.

### AIDS Hotline

(Washington, D.C.)- The federal government has opened a toll-free telephone number to provide treatment information by phone or computer to people living with AIDS, their families and health care providers.

The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service began taking calls on October 31.

The number to call is 1-800-HIV-0440. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.

The service is staffed by health information specialists who are fluent in English and Spanish. Deaf access is included, and all calls are confidential.

The service's staff will not provide treatment advice. Staffers will, however, provide information on the latest research and treatment options to physicians and patients who call.

The service's data base, which is housed at the National Library of Medicine, will be updated to include all federally approved HIV and AIDS treatment information.

The data base can be accessed free via computer. Users can call 1-800-272-4787 for directions on how to access the system with their computer.

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## Mississippi Slayings of Gays Ignite the Suspicions of Gay Activists Nationwide

Laurel, MS-- It's dark at night out on the northern edge of town. A stagnant bayou lies beside abandoned railroad tracks and silence hangs like moss from the trees. When Marvin McClendon rode out to Laurel's outskirts last October with two men he didn't know--two Gay men whom he said had picked him up--it's safe to assume someone wanted no witnesses to what was about to transpire.

But because McClendon emerged alone from those dark woods, only he can testify to what led the three to that spot. What is known is this. Ever since that night, when the hulking high school student admits he shot Robert Walters and Joseph Shoemake in the head, this southern Mississippi town has become an unlikely national battleground over the issue of anti-Gay violence.

Did McClendon, a 16-year-old with a reputation as a troublemaker, take them to the woods for the purpose of robbing them as the police allege? Or did the men lure the youth there to force him to have sex, which is what he contends?

Yet another scenario is posited by Gay activists across the country, who have been closely monitoring the case. Citing previous allegations of death threats against Gay men and Lesbians in the rural county and national statistics that show that nearly 200 Gay people have been murdered because they were Gay, these activists and Gay organizations contend that the two Gays were probably targeted because they are Gay--a possibility authorities have dismissed out of hand.

Both the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), have requested the U.S. Justice Department to investigate local handling of the case.

Whatever version of events is true, the case invokes inflammatory stereotypes that threaten to increase tensions between Gay and straight people, but also between African Americans and Gays. Walters, 34, and Shoemake, 24, were white, while McClendon, his lawyer, J. Ronald Parrish, claims, is being prosecuted only because he fits the image of the "big, menacing Black male."

McClendon's trial began Monday, January 30, 1994. To counter the "racism" that Parrish says works against his client, he plans to paint a portrait of Walters and Shoemake as predatory Gay pedophiles out cruising for sex.

Officials of Gay groups are outraged that a Jones County circuit court judge is allowing testimony about the two men's sexual orientation and that he allowed tests for HIV to be performed on their blood. The judge will decide during the trial whether the test results may be entered in evidence.

"It's a complete travesty of justice," said Jim Key, spokesman for the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center. "The HIV tests have absolutely no bearing."

But Parrish argues that the tests are relevant. Suggesting that one of the men was HIV positive, he said, "If he knew he would inflict death on a person that he has sex with, then the jury's entitled to know--that's what his state of mind was."

In his construct of what happened, Parrish has said that his client, fearing he would be raped, "had a right to do what he did."

### For the Prosecution

The prosecutor's case against McClendon is straightforward. He was carrying a .22 caliber pistol. No matter how he wound up in a secluded spot in the two men's vehicle, prosecutors allege, he killed them for their cash. The case is bolstered by McClendon's admission that he killed the two men and by their empty wallets, although Gay groups question why--if robbery was the motive--he left behind a gold watch and diamond ring.

### For the Defense

McClendon's defense is more complicated. He contends that Shoemake and Walters pulled beside him in their Chevy Blazer on the night

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Milwaukee-- PrideFest is looking for entertainers who want to help make this year's celebration June 10th and 11th celebration the best yet.

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of October 7 and asked if he knew where they could buy some pot. When he told them no, he said, they asked if he'd like to make \$20.

The men drove for 3 1/2 miles to a semirural area north of Laurel. On the way there, McClendon told police, the driver made it clear that the \$20 would be in exchange for a sex act. When they parked, he said, "both turned around and grabbed me by my legs." He said the driver, using a racial epithet, said, "Now...you going to get it."

McClendon has not explained why he was carrying the pistol. But he said he had it hidden behind him on the seat "because I had a feeling that they were going to try something."

Immediately after the killings, Gay representatives came to Laurel to meet with authorities and demand a through investigation.

Jones County was already the focus of national attention because the owners of a Feminist/Lesbian retreat south of Laurel, Camp Sister Spirit, had for months, been suffering from anti-Gay harassment, death threats and other forms of violence.

"The murders drew attention because they 'added fuel to the fire,'" said Bea Hanson, director of client services for the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. "All of a sudden it was like a fearful premonition come true."

Spokespeople for GL Friendly, a Biloxi Gay organization have charged that the murders have not been adequately investigated by Sheriff Maurice Hooks. Hooks denies the charge.

Also, the owners of Camp Sister Spirit have charged that Hooks consistently ignores or mishandles the numerous complaints they have made. Hooks denies that charge as well.

"I've tried to explain to these homosexuals," Hooks said, "that this is a rural community and people shoot guns."

John McGlothlin is a friend of the dead men and a student at the University of Southern Mississippi in nearby Hattiesburg. Since the murders, he said, word has gotten out about his friendship. He has had people follow him on campus saying, "Hey, faggot, why didn't you get killed too?" he said. And he's overheard people refer to him saying, "That's one of the Laurel faggots."

Other friends of Shoemake and Walters deny that the men were aggressive predators as McClendon has portrayed them.

"I think they stopped at a stop sign and McClendon approached and forced his way into the car," said Billy Jo Murray, Shoemake's lover, noting that the men carried \$500 between them. The money has never been found.

McGlothlin agreed. Shoemake, in particular, looked down on cruising, he said.

But even if they were out cruising for sex, they wouldn't have picked up McClendon, McGlothlin said. McGlothlin had taught McClendon in junior high school and had once, he said, pointed him out to Shoemake as "bad news." He described McClendon as a bully who got his way with fellow students and teachers by intimidation.

Parrish has made it clear that he plans to put the Gay men's lifestyle on trial, portraying it as "ungodly, repulsive and promiscuous, more suited to San Francisco or New York than Mississippi."

The case has come to trial at a time of heightened awareness of violence against Gay men and Lesbians.

In December, as was reported in this paper, the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project released a report that showed 151 Gays and Lesbians had been killed because they were Gay or perceived to be Gay and documented the fact that police investigation had been less than thorough.

Nearly 60% of the cases involved what this report termed "overkill," a gratuitous level of violence, sometimes involving mutilations and dismemberment.

A 1992 article in the *California Law Review* details a number of cases in which provocation has been used by defense attorneys to win lenient sentences for defendants accused of murdering Gay people. The article argues that the defense amounts to judicial affirmation of homophobia and should not be allowed.

Parrish, however, is undeterred. A white man who has photographs of Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis in his office along with a photograph of himself in a Confederate uniform with a rebel flag draped across his shoulder, Parrish sees no irony in his allegation that racism is the reason why his African American client has been charged.

He says he will not allow Gay groups to carry out "a lynching."

### Trial Delayed

Too few Blacks among more than 70 potential jurors forced a delay on January 30 in McClendon's trial.

Circuit Judge Billy Jo Landrum dismissed the jury pool because there were just seven Blacks and six of those had conflicts that might make them ineligible.

Landrum rescheduled the trial for February 7, ordering a jury pool of 400 people.

## Texas Takes the National Spotlight as Focus of Anti-Gay Violence Sweeps the State

By Sheri Cohen-Darbonne

Houston, TX-- In the February issue of *Vanity Fair* Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, H.G. Bissinger, uses a panoramic account of the brutal murders in the past two years of eight Texas Gay men to support a compelling--and disturbing theory. Bissinger speculates that rather than indicating merely an increase in unrelated incidents of violence against Gays, the Texas hate crimes and their courtroom resolutions suggest that an updated version of the Ku Klux Klan has emerged out of Texas to sweep the country, targeting society's new undesirables with the same fierce hatred and violence and enjoying the same tacit, unspoken support of many in the broader society.

Timed almost as Bissinger's article hit the streets, the ABC News program "Prime Time Live," also presented a segment on the Texas murders of Gay men.

The pivotal position of Houston and Texas in the national media's re-examination of the hate crimes issue is not by accident. Texas activists, including the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby's Dianne Hardy-Garcia, have worked doggedly to attract media attention to the violent murders here...and to the even more shocking implications that provided the foundation for Bissinger's article.

"I've been working on this story for over a year," Hardy-Garcia said. "I've been working on trying to get the national media involved from the beginning."

Hardy-Garcia's concerns were echoed by local activists at a recent hate crimes forum. Also prevalent in the discussions at that meeting was the feeling that the lines are becoming blurred between what might be defined as a criminal act of bias and the anti-Gay attitudes condoned--even encouraged--by the new direction of American politics and the long, but now more nationally sanctioned tradition of "Bubba" machismo rising out of the South to go nationwide.

The unsettling trail of anti-Gay violence in recent years is not limited to Texas. According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), violence against Gay men and Lesbians has increased by 127% in the last six years in six cities--Boston, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, San Francisco and New York--monitored by NGLTF's hate crimes project.

### In Wisconsin

"Only in Wisconsin do they feel safe," one forum speaker said. "And they're only deluding themselves. The Far Right is on the march there. They've already elected one Congressman. Their airwaves are full of religious anti-Gay hate and there are plans for a new, ultra-Right, major morning newspaper in Milwaukee, funded in large part, by the vast financial resources of the Right."

Documentation by national human rights groups also points to a direct connection between a political and social atmosphere hostile and combative towards Gay and Lesbian people and the incidence of violent crime against Gays.

The correlation is especially noticeable in reports that emerged last year--a banner year, it seems, for both the influence of the new conservative movement and hate crimes.

The liberal watchdog group, People For The American Way, in *Hostile Climate*, its report on anti-Gay activity in 1994 and previously reported in *Light*, notes that religious right political groups poured enormous resources into anti-Gay campaigns and messages last year. As well, these groups waged high profile attacks on any aspect of education or culture that attempted to provide a more balanced message, or portray Gays and Lesbians in anything but an utterly negative light. This campaign will continue, NGLTF activists say, and will only increase, building toward the 1996 election.

John Eldridge, a spokesman for the Focus on the Family ministries in Colorado Springs, explained the radical right's campaign strategy for the up-coming years to a recent gathering of anti-Gay activists.

"We need to tell America why heterosexuality is best for individuals and society," Eldridge said. "That case needs to be made strongly and supported by what Americans consider 'gospel truth'--that is, empirical science. That is the high priest of our culture."

Shrewdly, Eldridge continued, "We need to show why society needs to make certain demands on people sexually. We must never appear to be attempting to rob anyone of their rights--their constitutional rights. We must never appear to be mean-spirited or bigoted. We must be shrewd to get consensus for our position by appealing to shared values of fairness and justice, but showing homosexuals are filth."

Paul Cain, an evangelist, declared, "By the end of the decade, the whole earth will view the church in a different light. The church will no longer be mocked and despised, but either loved or feared."

The hate-prejudice-religion connection--and its parallel in civil rights struggles of the past--is observed in Bissinger's article.

"In this new fraternity of hate, the words 'fag' and 'queer' and 'sissy' have been substi-

tuted for 'nigger' and guns for rope," Bissinger wrote.

"Some of the new gangs," Bissinger wrote, "are certainly more impulsive than their predecessors, but the similarities are startling, for like the 'good ol' boys' who roamed the bygone nights, these youngsters relish the obvious terror they create in their victims."

Nineteen-year-old DeMarco McCullum, who shot Michael Burzinski, a Gay man, in the back of the head with a .380-caliber pistol, told investigators that he felt "like a judge" when he pulled the trigger.

Investigators in Texas and D.C. activists from NGLTF say that the teenage killers seem to derive their empowerment from two sources.

First, there is the criminal justice system that has meted out anemic punishment to those who have killed Gay men, allowing an almost impudent use of the "sexual assault defense."

Secondly, is the failure of the mainline churches to speak out against the anti-Gay vituperation coming from Fundamentalist pulpits and TV and radio stations across the country.

Mainline churches have allowed, at least as far as Gay people are concerned, a very limited view of God to dominate--that of a wrathful, vengeful and judgmental God.

Those who espouse a loving, compassionate, inclusive and justice-doing God, have been all but silenced--not unlike Dietrich Bonhoeffer was silenced in Nazi Germany.

That young people should find the radical right and its religious message appealing, should come as no surprise, activists say.

"The radical right is seeking to manipulate conscience in the same way Hitler did and, just as in Hitler's day, it should come as no surprise that young men are most susceptible to it manipulations," writes Frank Rector in his book, *The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals*.

Hitler, a consummate psychologist and actor, Rector writes, taught that conscience made men "women-like" and therefore, the German leader told hundreds of thousands of young men, "like circumstances and homosexuality, it (conscience) mutilates men."

Nazism was entirely male-centered and believed that the male was the superior being. A Gay man, by their definition, was one who acted like an "inferior" being, a female, Rector writes. Therefore, Gay men had betrayed their "noble" sex and God's intentions for the man to dominate the woman. It was "right and just" that they should be killed.

Denver, CO-- Three states have filed briefs in support of the state of Colorado's request that the U.S. Supreme Court review Amendment 2, an anti-Gay constitutional change that was struck down by the state Supreme Court.

Attorney General Gale Norton said in a news release Wednesday that the states of Alabama, Idaho and Virginia have filed friend-of-the-court briefs urging the Supreme Court to hear Colorado's appeal.

In the brief written by ultra-conservative Robert Bork, former U.S. Appeals Court judge and failed Supreme Court nominee, the states argue that the Colorado Supreme Court's ruling threatens the rights of voters to participate in the political process.

Amendment 2, approved by voters in 1992, would have banned state and local laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also would have canceled ordinances on the books in Aspen, Boulder and Denver that prevent discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

The measure, sponsored by the Christian Right, never took effect because an injunction was approved while legal challenges were pending. Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless ruled in January 1993 that the amendment violated the rights of Gay people to participate equally in the political process.

Last year, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld Bayless' decision.

But the attorney general's office has maintained that the ruling has serious implications for voter initiatives.

"Regardless of one's feelings about Amendment 2, there are definite problems with a constitutional theory that every identifiable group has a right not to be disappointed at the ballot box," Norton said. "It is important for the Supreme Court to clarify what the Constitution requires."

Solicitor General Timothy Tymkovich, representing the state, said the three states that filed the supporting briefs are interested in the case's broader constitutional principles.

"The issue on appeal is much broader than any specific issue," Tymkovich said.

Idaho voters last year rejected a ballot measure similar to Amendment 2. However, Tymkovich said he believes Idaho's interest stems from the fact that the state has a strong tradition of placing initiatives and referendums on the ballot.

"So it certainly is important to the notion of self government," he said.

The Supreme Court is expected to decide in the next few weeks whether to grant Colorado review.

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Milwaukee **UWM STUDENT:** East sider UWM student, 30, brn/brn unshaven trim 145 like to laugh eat out party and have a good time, iso 25-30 #21681

West Allis **BIG PECS!** Russ, 5'8 165, blu dk hair, big pecs, like to be with guys masc, strictly a tp, lets get together #21807

Milwaukee **BIG TOP:** John, tp, looking for a btm, end'd, if ur interested, give me a call- #21749

Milwaukee **ALTERNATIVE SCENE:** GWM 22, alt music, inexp, int in meeting any guys also inexp 18+ into alt scene or jock a plus, lv your name and # East side- #21961

N. WI **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** GWM 165, late 20s, lkg for GWM in the area, pref in college, blk or blond hair, not over 170, lkg for friendship first poss rel later, lv a message #22026

Milwaukee **BIG REDHEAD:** Wayne, 28 GWM lkg for other GWM in the area, 6'6 200 red/blu like dinner movies, quiet evs, pls lv a message thanks- #22134

Milwaukee **LIFE, LOVE AND LAUGHTER:** GM 40, 6'2, heavy set outgoing inso friendship poss rel to share life love laughter, travelling movies and quiet times- #22169

Jefferson Co **MOVIES AND MUSIC:** DJ, lkg ofr someone 18-30 GWM brn/brn 6', 175, like movies and music call me #22189

Madison **GOODLOOKING CD:** bi wm 27, gdlkg cd wants to meet cd tv or ts or couples with bi male for fantasies #22233

Central WI **BLONDE CD:** Shayla, passable bi wm blond cd 21 like older men #22360

Madison **JOGGING AND SWIMMING:** Mike, Asian, like jogging swimming and quiet times too, lkg for same int- #22435

WI **WINE ME AND DINE ME:** Sal, 23, music movies and dinner, give me a call- #22555

Fox Valley **BIKER/SKIIER:** welcome to the Dating game, I'm Jim, into biking, downhill skiing, international male, active sports, Fox Valley area non smoker 20s-30s masc good shape, int in a long term rel based on trust and good humor- #22935

Madison **MUTUAL FUN:** T.Jason, 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 antiqueing, 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 gdlkg, 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, blond/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, blond 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 same, ages 32-42- looking for same- #20909

Milwaukee **SEINFELD FAN:** Doug, blond/blu, prof'l WM 5'8 155 gdlkg, int in meeting another WM 20s attr and in good shape alot of int snow skiing, travel 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, blond/blu, looking for someone to talk to - give me a call- #19370

Kenosha **FUN AT OUR HOUSE:** BIWM 40 and BIWM 21 seek other BI 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

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Milwaukee **DRESS ME UP:** Baby Jessica, looking for daddy or nurse passable GWM TV 0 6' 180 blu/blind, 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 SKIIER:** 5'9, 175, WM, musc gdlkg, bi male, curious, int in meeting the same 24-35 gdlkg, pr'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

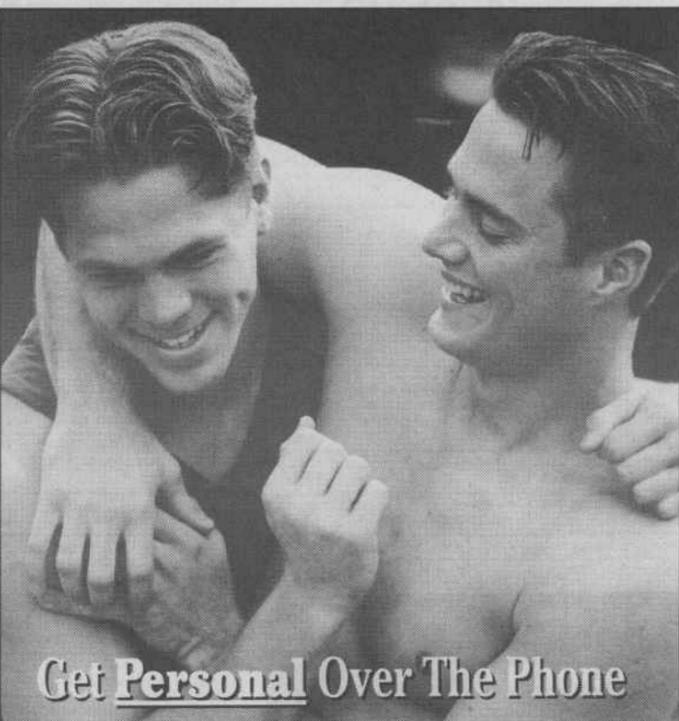
Milwaukee **MUTUAL MESSAGE:** Jerry 28 attr GWM iso other males pref hisp, anyone ok, nice toned bodies, very attr, love massages, rec and give- #14044

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 lb 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



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GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung. (Call Thru) Box# 9750  
Dave, 26, 5'9, bottom, 160, ISO a cute guy. Box# 7571  
Dave, 26, bottom, long blond hair, 5'8, 160, great job, ISO a top to live with. (Call Thru) Box# 5547  
M, 5'6, 150, 18, muscular, blond, blue eyes, 9's, ISO an experienced top to show me everything. (Call Thru) Box# 8427  
Jenni, 6'1, 190, ISO teddy bear, 37-47, hairy, dark hair, muscular and intimate. (Call Thru) Box# 3315  
GWM, 5'7, blond, blue eyes, 38, goodlooking, well-endowed, muscular, thin, ISO top, HIV-, goodlooking man to love. (Call Thru) Box# 8547  
GM, John, 22, college student, ISO someone out-going

Scott, 30, 6', 200, brn hr, hzl eyes, mustache, ISO guys 25-30's. Box# 2556  
Alex, 28, ISO BM, 20-35, for working out, skiing and good times. Box# 7971  
John, ISO a fine, sexy Italian guy. (Call Thru) Box# 9138  
Paul, professional, fun, ISO professional, well-groomed, hairy, aggressive male. (Call Thru) Box# 3752  
Bill, 5'5, 150, leave message or call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 3027  
JT, 28, law student, ISO my first bi-experience with someone who is. (Call Thru) Box# 5899  
GWM, 5'10, 170, good-looking, well-built, versatile, ISO other hot guys for good times. You won't be disappointed. (Call Thru) Box# 3502  
Duane, GWM, poet, likes theatre, movies, art, working out, ISO intelligent men who live to enjoy life. Box# 4145  
GM, student, trim, blond hair, bottom, nice body, ISO hairy hot top who's into sex. Box# 5640  
BiM, 26, 5'10, 190, athletic, bodybuilder, ISO other bodybuilders, any race, discretion assured. Box# 3474  
Attractive, quiet GWM, 58, 5'8, brn hair/eyes, HIV-, NS, like golf, country life, travel, dining, theatre, ISO a compatible GM with same interest for friendship. (Call Thru) Box# 7686  
M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going, ISO similar dudes. Box# 3216  
WM, 30's, ISO a Bi or GWM for goodtimes, I'll be open to your ideas. Box# 1977  
Bill, 32, 5'8, 160, prof., not into glitter, self-absorb, bitchy or stereo-types, ISO someone who is truthful, warm, gentle, in-touch, with a quiet strength for mutual honest friendship, no sex right away calls please. (Call Thru) Box# 8684  
Mike, good-looking, GWM, 35, 220, 6', HIV-, physically fit, NS, ISO M 25 and under, long-term friendship, casual sex. (Call Thru) Box# 1817

times. Box# 9994  
Steve, looking for good times. Believe me, you will not regret meeting me. (Call Thru) Box# 8470  
Russell, ISO man for fun, hot sex. (Call Thru) Box# 4587  
I'm what you've been looking for. Artie, African-American, 5'8, 160, bearded, good-looking, healthy, clean, ISO blue-collar, down to earth types, into giving oral services to, no reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 6631  
Rob, ISO younger brother type for partying, hanging out, I'm a fun-loving bottom willing to travel. (Call Thru) Box# 5262  
Scott, 21, 6'3, 165, light brn. hr., longer in the back, blue eyes, ISO SWM, 18-25, for friendship, poss. long-term rel. To me life is too short. (Call Thru) Box# 3339  
Kevin, 27, 5'9 1/2, 163, well-built, dark brn. hair, green eyes, likes sports, good times. ISO M with same interests. (Call Thru) Box# 3501  
Joe, 35, GWM, ISO hot action. Guaranteed you will not be disappointed. Box# 5666  
Tom, 33, GWM, 5'6, versatile bottom, ISO young, hung, versatile tops, especially boyish guys. I have a need I want you to fill. (Call Thru) Box# 5881  
Jim, 28, WM, 6'2, I'm outgoing, very personable, like music, movies, socializing, ISO BM, for one-on-one relationship, large gatherings possible also. Box# 3733  
Paul, 27, bottom, very lonely, masculine GWM. ISO masculine GWM, 27-48, 6' +, mustache a plus, top, for friends and a monogamous relationship. Box# 2867  
WM, 28, enjoys the company of black males. I have great communicating oral skills. Remember, I won't be able to talk with my mouth full. Box# 6656  
Frank, GWM, ISO romantic fun guy, 18-25, to enjoy dinners, movies, etc. (Call Thru) Box# 1142  
Mike, 5'7, 135, muscular, well-built, ISO male to have fun with. Box# 8815  
GWM, 21, 6', 140, good-looking, ISO GBM, 20-30 for friendship and relationship. Box# 2429  
GM, ISO very discreet guy who has 10 inches or more and loves to have a very good time. Box# 9501  
Michael, 25, 6'3, 220, blond/blue, hairy, ISO another guy to have some fun. (Call Thru) Box# 4526  
Bob, I like to meet other males. Call, let's see what we can do together. (Call Thru) Box# 5303  
GM, 26, 5'11, 165, brn. hair/eyes, very good-looking, clean shaven, work out, ISO guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 1583  
Todd, BM, ISO GBM or GWM, I'm very handsome and ready to go. (Call Thru) Box# 1326  
Dominick, 21, GWM, 5'9, blk. hr., hzl. eyes, Italian and Hispanic. ISO GWM, 21-25, down-to-earth, financially secure, for friendship, poss. rel., no phonies. (Call Thru) Box# 5433  
Adam, GWM, 32, 5'8, 190, shoulder length hair, beard, ISO dominant big brother daddy type, black or white, to take charge. (Call Thru) Box# 8556  
Steve, 6'2, 220, GBM, likes sports, long walks, quiet times, getting wild sometimes, ISO DWMT with similar interests, sense of humor, financially and emotionally stable, for rel. (Call Thru) Box# 2644  
Retired man, ISO GM who likes to cuddle. (Call Thru) Box# 6531  
GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. Box# 8604  
Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tattoos, long hair, tone body, smooth, 145, 6'2, touchie-feelie type, wild sense of humor, ISO other guys 25-35, dark haired, hairy body, sensuality is top priority. Box# 8205  
James, attr., 8 inch cut, aggressive, mustache, all American, blonde and blue, early 30's, 5'8, 150, 40-inch chest, 30-inch waist, ISO non-nonsense men, singles, couples or groups, who are intense and want safe and sane liaisons. (Call Thru) Box# 9451  
Peter, athletic, 6'1, 165, brn. hr., glasses, fit, five-day growth, ISO friends to hang out, go to movies, play tennis, dining, laughing, and walks. (Call Thru) Box# 3811  
Caribbean GBM, 20, ISO GM 18-24 for friendship, poss. rel., serious only. Box# 1627  
Bob, 47, WM, ISO BM, well-endowed for fun. Box# 8710  
Sara, 34, 5'10, somewhat stocky build, beard, mustache, like classical theater, cooking, travel, walks, ISO GM for friendship and love. (Call Thru) Box# 5751  
Thomas, 5'8, 150, ISO BM, to enjoy music, late nights. (Call Thru) Box# 5575  
Billy, good-looking, WM, 30, 6'2, 195, good shape, ISO GM for friendship, possibly more. (Call Thru) Box# 2539  
Bi-WM, 30, ISO straight-acting bi-WM or straight WM, no gays, fats or fems. Box# 4265  
SWM, really hot, ISO slim, straight, bi or GM, 19-26, for fun and more. Box# 2533  
Pete, bi-WM, 40's, 5'11, 210, smooth, chubby bottom, ISO mature male, 50+, for long-term relationship. Box# 3610  
Terry, ISO a guy for fun, getting to know each other and exploring. Box# 8634  
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Bi white teddy bear, 37, looking for male companionship. I aim to please. Box# 1104

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 danc-

ing, clubs, etc. (Call Thru) Box# 8936

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

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

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

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

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

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

for good times. Box# 5093

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## A Valentine to Bill



By Brian Kipp

It's been said that Spring is the time when a young man's fancy turns to love. For me, however, an eternal Spring sprung on me July 23, 1994.

That was the day I met Bill. I had seen him once before, but this day, we actually talked. Over the course of the following week, we talked more and spent time together. By the end of that first week, I was gone. Cupid must have had a slow period because he shot not one arrow, but hundreds into my heart.

When it comes to Bill though, I don't mind. He's my age--only 10 days younger, in fact--has wavy, sandy hair, piercing eyes and a megawatt smile with dimples to accent it. On, and strong. Definitely a man's man.

Of course, he has his flaws, but I didn't care then and I don't care now. I've never stopped loving him--even though we broke up almost five months ago.

I still have a hard time understanding why we aren't together. We talked about the whys of it, but I believe that when two people love each other, anything can be overcome. I also don't believe that it was not love, because he brought out a magical, romantic side of me that I never knew I had.

Nearly every day I would write him poems, the kind which flowed from heart to paper without thinking of rhyme or meter; I would put roses on his car nearly as often. Best of all, though, was the peace and contentment I felt just thinking about him and the way my heart raced being near him.

Oh yeah, I can't forget the kisses! Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh have nothing on the way he kissed me. No one before or since can even touch that.

I have tried to go on, but no one stirs my

heart the way Bill did--and does. Sure, I've lusted a few times, but once you've had prime rib, why settle for hamburger helper?

It's hard now to listen to "our" songs, particularly Lisa Loeb's "Stay." Funny thing about that song--it's about one lover mourning the breakup of their relationship. At the time, we took it as being about staying together. For me, I hoped and believed it to be forever.

And now Valentine's Day is creeping up. I wish in my heart of hearts Cupid would dive bomb Bill's house and let loose a volley of his magic arrows, because I miss my Snugglebear.

If Bill got wind of this, I don't think he'd appreciate my being so public, but I'd shout it out from the Sear's Tower, "Bill, I love you now and always!"

Even if he never returns to me--which I pray he does--maybe some other guy reading this will meet Bill and bring him the joy and happiness I know he deserves.

Bill, you are **THE** best, and I love you.

And I miss you.

Brian.

### CRACKER BARREL

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representative Tammy Baldwin. Their message: Madison, Dane County and Wisconsin all have laws protecting employees from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and these laws will be enforced.

"We wanted it to be a 'welcome,' not a protest," Baldwin told the *Light*. "Their corporate headquarters claims that the discrimination is all in the past and has pledged to follow the laws of any state in which they do business. But it was important to let Cracker Barrel know that, while we welcome them to Madison, we'll be watching."

"Our community is ready for this discrimination to be 'ancient history,' but until it is, we will fight for our equal rights under the law," added Greg Hines, president of The United.

Cracker Barrel spokesperson Ellen Crozart had dismissed the notion of any remaining discrimination by calling the matter "ancient history" in a recent statement.

Regardless of its current conduct, the Cracker Barrel company was, until recently, one of the most outspoken advocates nationally of any employer's "moral right" to deny jobs to Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. In January, 1991, the Tennessee-based store directed its branches to dismiss all of its Gay and Lesbian employees.

"Cracker Barrel is founded upon a concept of traditional American values," a Cracker Barrel spokesperson wrote that month. "It is inconsistent with our concept and values and is perceived to be inconsistent with those of our customer base, to continue to employ individuals in our operating units whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society. Therefore, it is a business decision that is in the best interests of the company."

Eventually, anywhere from 17 to 100 workers (depending on the source) were fired because they were perceived to be Gay or Lesbian. A month later, he national policy was rescinded after protests, but local stores could decide to continue discriminating.

Throughout 1991, Gay and Lesbian rights advocates--joined by a diversity of advocates including the New York Comptroller's office and the *Atlanta Constitution*--protested the de facto continuation of the policy. Eleven protesters were arrested at Cracker Barrel's Nashville store.

Cracker Barrel's protestations that its policies did not come from corporate headquarters were blown out of the water by an expose by the ABC-TV news magazine "20/20" that aired during Thanksgiving week in 1991. It was clear that the discriminatory policy was still being supported by executives at the highest level of the company. Barbara Walters, the program's host, expressed her outrage following the report and declared that she would not patronize Cracker Barrel restaurants.

Throughout 1992, more negative publicity for the company followed, including shows describing the plight of the fired employees on the Oprah Winfrey Show and Larry King Live. Civil rights, women's rights and LesBi-Gay rights groups endorsed a boycott.

Cracker Barrel finally felt the pressure, and adopted the company's current spin on the issue, that any discrimination is now "ancient history." Still, stockholders meeting in November, 1994, pointedly chose not to add sexual orientation to the company's list of protected classes, choosing only to acknowledge that they would abide by the laws of any state where they do business.

The Madison protest occurred under the banner of the newly-formed Coalition for Fair Employment in Wisconsin, an umbrella group for a wide range of organizations. Among those represented were Region One of Action Wisconsin, Wisconsin NOW, the UW Ten Percent Society, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, Progressive Dane, Bi? Shy? Why?, the Progressive Student Network, the United Council of UW Student Governments, the Lesbian Parent's Network, The United, and County Supervisor Scott McCormick.

Baldwin noted the festive mood of the gathering, which received coverage by local media, noting that "there were placards, but it was more of a celebration than a protest. We celebrated the fact that we live in a state, county and city that protests people from discrimination. Because of these protections, we can 'welcome' a business like Cracker Barrel and know that the laws are there for us."

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didn't win on either issue and expect to spend the next two years on the defensive, fighting off anti-gay amendments to legislation.

"I believe this year the homosexual agenda will be seriously curtailed," Sheldon said.

In December, President Clinton abandoned plans to propose philanthropist James C. Hormel, who is Gay, as ambassador to Fiji, avoiding a showdown with Helms, then incoming chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Last year, Helms and Sen. Bob Smith, (R-NH), attached an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that would have cut federal funds to school districts that

teach acceptance of homosexuality. A similar measure was tacked onto the House version by Rep. Mel Hancock, (R-MO).

Democrats stripped the measures from the final version of the bill.

Sam Coring, a spokesman for Hancock, said the congressman had not decided whether to pursue the issue again this year. "His first responsibility is to do the work on the Contract with America," Coring said. "I think you're going to see him and probably most of the rest of the Congress focusing on that ... but he's keeping his options open."

One Milwaukee AIDS researcher who spends much time on the Hill and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Republicans are targeting Executive departments who have adopted non-discrimination towards Lesbians and Gay men.

"They (the Republicans) want those clauses abolished," he said. "And those who have been hired and are openly Gay are feeling the pressure to quit--or be fired," he said.

### AIDS Funding

Light has spoken with a number of AIDS workers and scientists working in the several agencies in Milwaukee. Speaking frankly, on condition of anonymity, the painted as bleak a picture of the Republican Congress as the Gay political leaders do.

One eminent scientist, recently returned from Washington, confirmed that the situation as far as funding for AIDS research, education and prevention is bad and "is getting worse"

The man, a friend of the late Randy Shilts, said that he had been told by Republican leaders in D.C. that the "treatment of persons with HIV is not a high priority in the current Congress."

"The idea now," said, is not how we can cover uninsured people with HIV, but is health care a right?"

Another AIDS worker from another agency in Milwaukee concurred, saying, "So many people are going to die."

Yet another researcher said that the Republican attacks on AIDS funding is "all of a piece" with Gingrich's holding hearings at the behest of Sheldon and the Far Religious Right about teaching about homosexuality in the public schools or taking money away from organizations who try to help Gay street kids.

All mentioned the fear they have that any scientist engaged in AIDS research, education and prevention, will have their funds cut off because this "promotes homosexuality." This is the reason why they did not want their names used in this report.

"Scientists are going to be very hesitant about developing a program that would benefit people with HIV/AIDS no matter how good the science is," one of the researchers said. "Anything like that is going to be seen by the Republicans as 'promoting homosexuality,' so they'll be doomed before they start."

"Any program," the scientist continued, "that tries to teach condom use or eroticizing safer sex is going to be in trouble. This is going to have a chilling effect on preventing HIV infection," he said. "And more and more people die."

"We stand at a point now in time where a lot of progress has been made, but there's a shift and a lot of that progress (against AIDS) could go down the tubes."

The fear, he added, is that if Gay people think that the government is "out to get them, if there's a plot," they will abandon safer sex practices.

The response, he said, "is why should I bother with safer sex when the government's out to get me. I'm angry at that. I don't want to believe anything the government agency or government-funded agency tells me."

One of the ways to prevent that, he believes, is to teach Gay people to like themselves, to "get Gay people to have self-esteem."

The problem with that, as he pointed out, is that if the government finds out about it, your funding gets cut off. That, he said, is beginning to happen and will only continue.

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## AIDS Is Now The Number One Killer of Young Adults In Midwest and Nationwide

Washington, D.C.-- AIDS has surpassed accidents as the leading killer of young adults, experts say.

The new figures, released January 30, show that in 1993, HIV infection became the No. 1 cause of death among Americans 25 to 44 years old.

Dr. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said that more than 441,000 Americans have gotten AIDS since 1981, and more than 250,000 have died.

"Because AIDS is predominantly a disease of young adults, the impact of AIDS deaths on our society goes far beyond their absolute numbers," Jaffe said.

Jaffe outlined the latest statistics at an AIDS meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

In 1993, about 35 of every 100,000 young adults died from AIDS. The same year, about 32 per 100,000 died from accidents, followed by cancer, heart disease, suicide and murder.

AIDS' impact is greatest in large cities, such as New York, Miami and Atlanta, where the disease accounts for between one-third and two-thirds of deaths in young men. However, it has become a significant health problem among the young in many smaller places, as well.

## Government Weighs Scientists' Urging of Trial of Salk AIDS Vaccine

Bethesda, MD -- A scientific advisory panel urged the U.S. government on January 26, to heed AIDS victims' pleas for wider testing of the nation's first therapeutic vaccine for the fatal virus. But it warned that patients should not expect a miracle.

The vaccine, developed by Dr. Jonas Salk, the inventor of the first polio vaccine, is intended to help keep people with the HIV virus that causes AIDS healthier longer.

After 12 1/2 hours of debate, the panel of scientists voted 6-3, with one undecided, to recommend that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allow Phase 3 clinical trials in as many as 5,000 patients of the vaccine, called Immunogen.

"I am not at all excited about the data I've seen," said the committee's chairman, Dr. Stanley Lemon of the University of North Carolina. "But I would be thrilled to be proven wrong."

But the advisory committee warned that patients should not expect a miracle from the vaccine, whose effects it said had been exaggerated by its maker, Immune Response Corporation of Carlsbad, California.

The panelists agreed that patients with the feeblest immune system should not be included in the trial.

While other scientists are testing vaccines to both prevent HIV infection and to treat it, Salk's is the first therapeutic vaccine in development. He took a strain of HIV, stripped it of its protective coating and then inactivated the whole virus. Two other therapeutic vaccines being tested with only portions of the virus.

The killed virus is then added to a chemical that helps the immune cells recognize an invader, remember what it looks like and fight it off. The theory is that without this immunememory boost, HIV can hide in the body and elude immune cells until it has grown strong enough to wipe out the immune system.

Immune Response argued that in small studies, patients receiving the vaccine saw a slightly slower progression of the disease and a slightly slower decrease in vital immune cells.

But the FDA has sent the company a warning letter questioning whether the studies were performed properly, saying some inappropriate patients may have been included and data analysis skewed.

The agency also criticized the company for providing patients with informed-consent documents promising they could get booster shots when in fact approval for continued use of the vaccine is not a foregone conclusion.

In order to adequately staff the store, additional volunteers are still needed. Volunteers are given the opportunity to work with and meet lots of great people and to pick up some retailing skills. They also get to shop at the store with a 25% discount. Volunteers generally work four hour shifts and have flexible scheduling.

### Sort Through Your Closet

Donations of things to sell are, of course, crucial to the store's success. "The need for donations will never end," said Fortler. "Items that are in good condition and ready to sell, will be needed regularly."

The store accepts anything that is in good repair including clothing, furniture, books, Cds, sports equipment, light fixtures and housewares. For large donations, either in size or quantity, a truck is available for pickup on Sundays. Other items that are needed for display purposes are mannequins, shelving and fixtures.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's move into the resale business started with a study of the idea two years ago. Part of the

Jaffe said that AIDS is now the leading killer of young adults in 79 U.S. cities, including such places as Springfield, IL.; Omaha, NE.; Tulsa, OK.; and Raleigh, NC

The young people with AIDS are largely African American and Hispanic, especially those who caught the disease heterosexually.

Overall, new AIDS cases being reported to the CDC have leveled off at about 20,000 every three months.

However, Jaffe cited geographic differences in how AIDS is spreading. For instance:

In the Northeast, AIDS is continuing to spread among needle drug abusers, while it has leveled off among Gay men. The incidence among people infected heterosexually is increasing very gradually.

In the South, most new cases occur in Gay men.

In the Midwest, the disease is also spreading predominantly among Gay men, although there are increasing numbers of cases among drug addicts and heterosexuals.

In the West, the incidence among Gay men actually seems to be decreasing.

"The one clear take-home message in all areas is the increasing importance of the heterosexual AIDS epidemic in this country," Jaffe said.

study showed the success of other AIDS organizations that have opened resale shops in Chicago, Seattle and New York City.

Profits from the shop are used for every area of the agency, from the housing program to prevention to alternative therapies.

Survival/Revival is open Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m. It is closed Mondays.

For more information, to donate or volunteer, call Survival/Revival at (414) 291-2856.

## Rare, Less Virulent, Strain of HIV Found in Blood of San Diego Man

San Diego, CA-- A rare strain of the AIDS virus called HIV-2 has turned up here, in what is only the second known case of it in the state.

HIV-2 was discovered in a 31-year-old who visited a county clinic to be tested for another sexually transmitted disease. The man has said he does not want to return to get the results, but county health officials are trying to get him into counseling and determine who if anyone he might have infected.

HIV-2 is originally from Africa and only a few dozen cases have been reported in the United States, most of them on the East Coast. It is closely related to HIV-1, the virus believed to be responsible for the AIDS outbreak around the world.

HIV-2 also causes AIDS, researchers say, but is slower-moving and less destructive. Tests in Africa have shown that about half of those infected with HIV-2 are still fully healthy 10 years after infection.

Though the county does not usually test specifically for HIV-2, epidemiologist Dr. Michelle Ginsberg said tests normally come up positive if any strain of HIV is present. Further testing can then narrow down which strain

## Scientists Begin First Experimental Gene Therapy in Humans to Fight AIDS

Washington, D.C.-- In the first attempt to fight AIDS with gene therapy, scientists said on January 30, they have fired fake viral genes into the blood cells of three infected volunteers.

The goal is to flood vulnerable cells with slightly askew versions of one of the virus's own genes, hamstringing its ability to manufacture new copies of itself.

Scientists plan to try this novel approach on 12 people, and they hope to know within six months whether it works.

That researchers would even consider tinkering with the genetic blueprints inside healthy blood cells demonstrates their frustration at controlling HIV, the AIDS virus.

The virus has eluded everything scientists have come up with in billions of dollars of research. No treatment yet developed can clearly slow its destruction of the human immune system.

Because of this, researchers are also cautious about predicting whether their latest approach, for all its novelty, will turn out any better.

"With HIV, it's hard to be too optimistic about anything," said Dr. Gary Nabel. "There are so many ways this virus can defeat us."

Nabel, a researcher at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of Michigan, described his work at an AIDS conference sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said it has potential.

"The science is elegant," Fauci said. "Whether it will translate into large numbers of patients needs to be pursued."

When gene therapy first became a possibility, experts predicted it would be used to treat inherited disease, such as cystic fibrosis, that result from a bad gene. While that work is still going on, some are now exploring the possibility of using the same techniques to fight infections by viruses, which are little more than packets of alien genes.

HIV attacks white blood cells by commandeering their genetic machinery to make new copies of the virus, killing the cell in the process. HIV possesses nine genes, which it stitches into the cells' own genes.

One of these genes, called rev, pulls together the newly manufactured viral genes so they can be packaged into more viruses. Without rev, HIV can infect cells but not subvert and destroy them.

Nabel's lab makes large amounts of a mutant rev gene. When inserted into helper T cells, HIV's principal target, the gene seems to stop viral production. The fake rev blocks the real rev gene from assembling new viruses.

How to get extra genes into cells is one of the major problems of gene therapy. Some teams use crippled viruses to ferry in genes, but this has drawbacks. The viruses can cause diseases, they are expensive to make and the body often treats the cells they infect as alien and destroys them.

### The Golden Bullet

Nabel's group came up with a different approach: They shoot in the genes with gold bullets.

First they coat microscopic bits of gold with several thousand copies of the gene. Then, using a gas-powered gun, they fire them into blood cells that the patients have donated. The cells, which are not harmed, are then infused back into the patients' blood streams.

"We tried many, many ways of introducing genes," Nabel said. "This was at the end of our list. It seems rather barbaric."

The experiment is intended largely to show whether the treatment is safe, and Nabel said so far it seems to be. However, the researchers hope soon to know more.

"The challenge is to see whether this will work in patients," he said.

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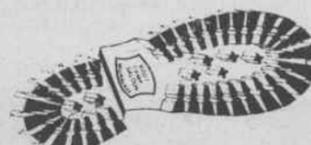
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it present, she said.

The only previous known case of HIV-2 in the state was in Los Angeles, said state health department spokesman Scott Lewis.

Both HIV-1 and HIV-2 are normally transmitted either by sexual intercourse or by sharing intravenous needles.



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