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# The Wisconsin Light

## Mowry's Legacy of Accomplishment Saluted as MASN Moves to New Quarters

By John Quinlan

Madison— Community leaders see a bright and challenging future ahead for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) at a time of major transition. On February 24, MASN moves into spacious new headquarters at the near east side Gateway Center on Williamson Street.

The exciting new opportunities represented by the move are happening at a time of strength and stability, due in large part to the leadership of MASN director MaryAlice Mowry. With great regret, the MASN board has accepted Mowry's resignation, due to illness, which will be effective at the end of February. Mowry's illness, while serious, is not life-threatening or HIV-related, an MASN spokesperson told the *Light*. (A recent Wisconsin Public Radio broadcast reported otherwise.)

Meeting on February 14, MASN board members expressed great sadness at the news—noting that the transition will be difficult, but made much easier because of the legacy that Mowry leaves behind.

"With great regret, the board accepts MaryAlice's resignation," they noted. "Her three year tenure at MASN was an important and challenging time. MASN is a much stronger and more vibrant service organization because of her efforts."

"We offer her our most heartfelt thanks for her commitment and dedication, and we wish her well in all of her future endeavors," they continued. "We know that she will continue to be a part of our MASN family for years to come."

Mowry's contributions to the agency, to the state, and the nation are extraordinary, noted Interim Associate Director David Clarenbach, who had worked closely with Mowry as a former state representative. She was a "field general in the fight against AIDS and will be greatly missed," he added. Clarenbach will fill in as acting director during the transition.

MASN will be officially installed at its new location at 600 Williamson Street on Friday, February 24. MASN staff members are especially excited because the new facility is 100% wheelchair accessible.

MASN can be accessed by entering the main entrance to the Gateway Center next to the El Charro restaurant on Williamson Street, or by entering through the Center's rear entrance off of E. Wilson Street. MASN has reserved parking spaces for clients in front and there are a number of special places for people with disabilities.

The move marks an end to five years at MASN's previous address behind Camp Randall Stadium on Lathrop Street. At a time of enormous growth for the agency, it was clear that the cramped, non-accessible building was no longer acceptable. In the last two years alone, MASN's budget has almost doubled.

As of February 24, the Madison AIDS Support Network's new phone number is: (608) 252-6540. Their new fax number is: 252-6559.

## Madison School Board Candidate Forum

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## New Front Line in HIV Prevention is Now In Nation's Small and Moderate Size Cities



Academy Award Nominee—The third movie in the *Blue, White, Red* trilogy, *Red*, opens Friday, February 24 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre. Pictured above from the Krzysztof Kieslowski film is Irene Jacob.

## Kenosha Residents Fear Bob Enyart's TV Show Will Cause Anti-Gay Violence

By Sue Burke

Kenosha, WI— A loose-knit group of people in Kenosha, Wisconsin, are trying to get the "Bob Enyart Live!" show off the local TV station.

Enyart has conducted the weeknight, hour-long call-in show from Denver, Colorado, for almost four years. It began airing in Kenosha in early November. He opens the show by proclaiming himself "the nation's most popular self-proclaimed right-wing religious fanatic, homophobic, anti-choice talk show host."

Late last year, he called a Kenosha resident who signed a petition against his show a "Lesbo pervert." Recently, he displayed a photograph of a man who died of AIDS with the caption "Sodomite."

As reported in the January 19 issue of *Light*, according to the Associated Press, Enyart read the obituary of James Bybee and added, "He's not really a sodomite. He's a former sodomite." Enyart was ordered by the Denver station manager to stop using names and photos from obituaries after protests flooded the station.

According to the AP, Bybee's spouse, Don Dias is contemplating suing Enyart.

In Denver, a movement centered on the Metropolitan Community Church there is trying to get Enyart off the air. In Kenosha, Ginger Helguson started a petition in November asking television station WHKE-TV 55 to cancel the show. She said she and other people she knew thought the show was sick and violent.

After talking to the station management, Helguson began circulating petitions at her church, Bradford Community Church. Members of a nearby synagogue, Beth Hillel Temple, also circulated petitions.

The station sent the petitions to Enyart, who called some of the petitioners on December 6 during his show, which begins at 11:00 p.m. The surprise phone calls angered some of the recipients. One woman said that Enyart shouted at the person in her house who answered the phone.

Helguson said Enyart also scrutinized the names on the air, smirking at names that sounded Jewish to him and concluding that others were Lesbians or Gay men.

WHKE general manager, John Miller, has since told Enyart he may not call people on the air without prior arrangements. He said ratings will determine whether Enyart's show remains on the air.

"It's viewership and salability of the show that pretty much determine whether it stays on the air," Miller said. "So, Bob Enyart will be treated just like any other show the station carries."

He said a few advertisers have called the station to be sure their ads do not run during Enyart's show. "If they have a problem with

Bob's show, they pretty much limit it to Bob's show and not to the whole station," he said.

WHKE's broadcast on Channel 55 reaches 800,000 viewers in southeast Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Miller said. A quarter-million cable viewers can see it in Racine and Kenosha Counties and part of Walworth County. In Milwaukee County, it is carried on Warner Cable in Milwaukee and the southern suburbs, and on Marcus Cable in West Allis.

Helguson and others have been calling local advertisers to say they object to the show and suggesting advertisers tune in to see what they think of it.

"I think he's really, really stepping close to the line sometimes," Helguson said. Some of the people who signed the petition who are Gay are frightened by the way Enyart referred to them on the air.

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## State Rep. Tim Carpenter Says First Look At State Budget Raises Concerns About Adequate HIV/AIDS Funding

Madison— State Rep. Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) said on February 15 that the governor's 1995-'97 state budget proposal, released to the public on February 14, has no inflationary increases built into Wisconsin's AIDS and HIV programming.

"While the base funding for existing programs has not decreased, as was feared in these budget-slashing times, I am concerned about the impact of the governor's denial of an inflationary increase to these programs, especially at a time when caseloads are increasing," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said that rejection of an on-average 5% inflationary increase will mean fewer state dollars being spent per client in the next two years. In effect, the same amount of dollars will have to be stretched to cover more clients.

Also rejected by the governor was a new teen HIV prevention program. The governor took \$160,500 of unused funds earmarked for AIDS and HIV programming and ran away with it, instead of reallocating this money into adequately funding AIDS and HIV programming.

Carpenter said that federal funding through a Ryan White grant is being debated in Congress, and could make up for the shortfall in Wisconsin funding. However, several questions about the federal formula need to be addressed to assure that Wisconsin receives its fair share of grand money, he added.

"I will be working with my Democratic and Republican colleagues to assess the impact of the Wisconsin budget and the federal budget on persons with HIV and AIDS, on our al-

Milwaukee— Although AIDS is often thought to be primarily a "big city" problem, over 57% of AIDS cases diagnosed in the United States have occurred outside the country's ten largest cities.

A scientific article just published by a team from the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) reports findings of the largest study ever conducted establishing HIV/AIDS risk among Gay and Bisexual men in middle-sized American cities and identifying factors that contribute to risk. The study's findings show that a new front line in HIV prevention efforts is now the nation's small and moderate-sized cities.

The study, directed by Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., MCW Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, anonymously surveyed 6,000 Gay men in 16 U.S. cities, all with populations of under 250,000. The cities were located in the Midwest, northeast, southeast and northwest regions of the country.

Excluding from the survey those men in exclusive relationships, 27% of the men reported that they had engaged in unprotected anal intercourse in the past two months.

"This is of great concern," said Dr. Kelly, "because unprotected anal intercourse is the sexual practice which confers the greatest risk for HIV infection among Gay men, and many men having high risk sex were doing so outside exclusive relationships."

"Efforts to reach these men," Dr. Kelly continued, "with effective HIV prevention programs are urgently needed if we are to avert a growing AIDS/HIV epidemic in our country's smaller cities."

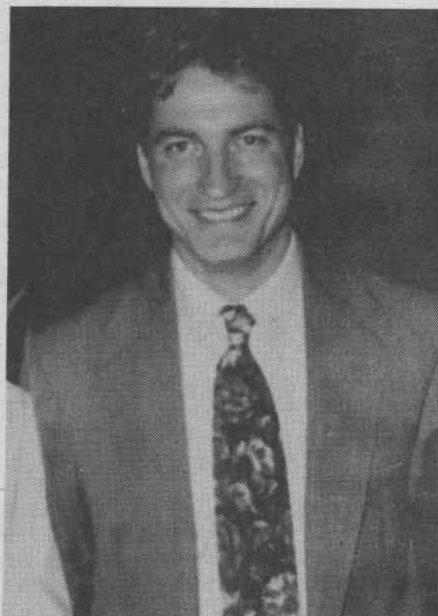
The survey also questioned men about the factors that contributed to their risk or to their successful avoidance of risk.

Gay men who were older, who had more education, had fewer sexual partners overall, had a strong commitment to safer sex, and who believed that safer sex was an expected standard of behavior among their own friends, were the group most likely to avoid risky sex.

How strongly a person intended to avoid unsafe sex was the single best predictor of how safely he behaved.

"By contrast," Dr. Kelly said, "those men who were most likely to continue having unsafe sex were younger, had less education, had larger numbers of different sexual partners."

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ready over-burdened AIDS Services Organizations, and on our prevention efforts," Carpenter said.

In Washington

In related news, Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project was called to Washington on February 15 to testify before Congress concerning the reauthorization of the Ryan White Act.

Nelson is reported to be cautiously optimistic that the Act will be re-funded by Congress.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Barbra Streisand Speaks at Harvard

Cambridge, MA--AP-- Barbra Streisand says conservatives in Washington are waging war on the arts in America. The 52-year-old actress, producer, singer and director spoke at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government before about 650 students, faculty and staff who won the coveted seats through a school-sponsored lottery. "In this resurgent, reactionary mood, artists derided as the 'cultural elite' are convenient objects of scorn," Streisand said.

Streisand was visibly anxious as she told her audience that the arts will suffer if House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his supporters succeed in cutting funds to the National Endowment for the Arts and the Public Broadcasting system. "By trying to cut these arts programs, which bring culture, education and joy into the lives of ordinary Americans, they are hurting the very people they claim to represent," she said.

### Virginia Endorses Bork Brief on Colorado Case

Richmond, VA--AP-- Attorney General James S. Gilmore III has joined two other state attorneys general in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a Colorado referendum that would block legislation that would prevent discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. Gilmore and his counterparts in Alabama and Idaho have filed a friend-of-the-court brief written by ultra-conservative Robert Bork.

In his brief, Bork wrote, "The Colorado Supreme Court has misinterpreted several of this court's equal protection decisions to create an unprecedented and revolutionary fundamental right of any and every identifiable interest group to have its regulatory agenda insulated against the countervailing interests of others."

### Mississippi Senate Approves AIDS Felony Bill

Jackson, MS--AP-- The Mississippi State Senate has approved a bill that targets HIV-infected people who spread the disease. The bill passed without debate on February 6, makes it a felony to knowingly expose another person to HIV. The punishment would be at least three to six years in prison. The penalty would apply to any person who knows they are HIV+ but still gives blood, shares needles or engages in "intimate contact" with another person.

### Clinton Health Budget Gives Slight Increase for AIDS Funding

Washington, D.C.--AP-- President Clinton's budget proposal boosts spending on public health programs by \$735 million, more than one-fourth of it to bolster the fight against AIDS. Public health agencies would get a 3.4 percent budget increase in the 1996 fiscal year. Besides AIDS research and prevention, the National Institutes of Health and the government's childhood vaccination program would be major beneficiaries.

The proposed increase includes \$91 million for the Ryan White Act, which gives communities money to care for people with the HIV virus.

Congressional Republicans have not released their own spending proposals, but Rep. John Porter (R-IL) said supporting biomedical research would be key. House Speaker Newt Gingrich has been quoted as saying that funding for AIDS prevention is one of the "lowest of the low" priorities.

### George Bush and the Drag Queen

New York-- According to the South African News Agency, one of the most popular shows on prime time TV in Johannesburg is that hosted by Evita Bezuidenhout, an African dowager who has been described as a cross between Miss Piggy and Imelda Marcos. All the highest government officials show up on her show, including South African President Nelson Mandela. In fact, the Agency reports, there's a lot of competition to appear. They talk with her, dance with her, and thoroughly enjoy themselves. Mandela recently described her as "the most famous woman in South Africa." The only catch to all this is that Evita really isn't a woman. "She's" a Gay guy in drag named Pieter-Dirk Uys.

Recently Evita had occasion to visit San Francisco and was flying back when who should she discover in the seat ahead of her but former U.S. President George Bush. Uys said he struck up a conversation with the bemused Bush and when he explained about the show and himself, Bush did "a triple-take."

"Nelson Mandela talks to YOU?" Bush exclaimed.

Uys assured him that Mandela did and that "I just may be coming to visit you."

"We'll have to clear that with Mrs. Bush first," the former President harrumphed and spoke no more.

### Gay Resorts Race to Rebuild After the Flood

Guerneville, CA--AP-- The flood waters are gone and the rumbling yellow backhoes have cleared away the piles of sodden plasterboard and ruined appliances that filled the streets. Now comes the race to repair, repaint and rebuild in time for "the season" in what is sometimes called "the Fire Island of the West." Guerneville, a quaint town on the Russian River two hours north of San Francisco, has become the Summer watering place for Gays from San Francisco and around the world--and it's a mess. The damage has been estimated at \$56.7 million and that doesn't include still untallied damage to businesses, county auditor Rod Dole said.

Come Summer, the town of 7,500 can swell to as many as 25,000 during the week and a third more on weekends.

Business and resort owners, most of whom, if not all are Gay-owned or Gay-friendly acknowledge that it'll take a lot of work, an awful lot of work, to be ready for the Summer, but they'll do it, they say. There's too much money at stake.

### Hate Crimes Target Jews, Blacks and Gays

Portland, ME--AP-- Hate crimes are being reported from one end of the country to the other and Maine, an ordinarily peaceful state, is a prime example, Maine authorities say. "We're getting complaints from everywhere, from Presque Isle to York County," said Assistant Attorney General Stephen Wessler. Figures released by Wessler's civil rights office showed that 32% of the hate crimes reported in Maine in 1994 were anti-Semitic in nature. Bias directed against African Americans followed at 25% and Gays or Lesbians were targeted in 23% of the incidents.

Sharon Nichols, executive director of Maine's Holocaust Human Rights Center in Augusta, opened her mail one day and read, "You Jews better get out of Maine before we blow you up! Strait to Hell!!" The hate mail received by the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance is of the same kind. "Just substitute the word 'queer' for 'Jew'," said one spokesperson, "and you have it. All you have to be is different and the Right Wing hates you."

### Colorado For Family Values Launches Campaign

Denver--AP-- A legislative proposal that would add sexual orientation to the list of hate crimes in Colorado is counter to the belief of a majority of Coloradans, said Will Perkins, president of the Colorado for Family Values (CFV), a Right Wing Christian organization. In a press conference held on the state house steps on February 7, Perkins said such an addition would "only legitimize homosexuality." Perkins also criticized the concept of hate crimes laws in general because "the government should not prosecute people for their beliefs." CFV will launch an educational campaign to explain to people why hate crimes laws are not needed.

### New Bill Seeks Equal Rights for Gays

Keene, NH--AP-- Supporters of a law in New Hampshire calling for equal rights for Gay people are hoping they'll have better luck next year than they did in 1994. Last year was the first time the measure was introduced in New Hampshire. It passed comfortably in the House, but died on a close vote in the Senate.

James Bretz, moderator for the New Hampshire Coalition to End Discrimination, said next year's plan will be similar to last year's. It would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment and some housing and public accommodations. A provision from last year's bill covering being denied credit will not be included next year. The most effective tool last year proved to be accounts by people who were fired or faced discrimination at work, Bretz said. Legal talk bores people, Bretz said. "It's very necessary. People need to hear the stories," he said.

## Minnesota's Law Banning Discrimination Against Gays is Changing Attitudes

By Pam Schmid

St. Paul, MN-- Todd Flick left his job six years ago, after colleagues called him names and joked about his sexual orientation.

"They had a license for abuse because there was no law on the books to protect me," said Flick, who worked as a courier. "Since I was Gay ... they figured I could do nothing."

Now the 30-year-old Minneapolis man counts himself as a beneficiary of Minnesota's fledgling law that makes illegal discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, even if a discrimination charge he filed last year isn't successful.

Flick's is one of 37 sexual orientation discrimination charges filed with the state since the law's August 1993 enactment. Between 1,400 and 1,800 charges of other types, such as racial or sex discrimination, are filed each year.

Advocates for equal rights for Gays say the number of charges filed under the Gay rights law isn't the point. They say the law is still making a difference by changing attitudes.

"You shouldn't judge the effectiveness of this law by how many people have been judged to violate it," said Sen. Allan Spear, (DFL-Minneapolis), who helped shepherd the bill through the Legislature in 1993.

"It should be judged in terms of climate, what it has done to make Gay and Lesbian people feel safer in the state," said Spear, who is gay. "I think it's done that."

Flick said he came out of the closet in 1988, more than three years after he started working for Federal Express.

Things immediately changed.

"My colleagues played upon it. They harassed me by calling me names and asking me to do sexual favors," he said. "I was a miserable wreck."

He applied for openings at Federal Express last August, but says managers there refused to consider him, despite favorable performance reviews from when he had earlier worked at the company's Bloomington office.

He claims a former manager who "hated my guts" because he was Gay discriminated against him. His allegations are being investigated by the state Human Rights Department.

A spokesman for Federal Express would not discuss the case specifically, but said the Memphis, Tennessee-based company "does not consider applicants' sexual orientation in making employment decisions."

The Gay rights law was the culmination of a 20-year effort to include Gay people under the state's human rights statute. It prohibits discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in employment and public accommodations.

It was opposed by Christian conservatives, characterized as "bible thumpers," who argued it was unnecessary and would grant special rights to people simply because they engage in a certain kind of behavior.

Governor Arne Carlson's signature on the bill and his support of abortion rights cost him the Independent-Republican Party's endorsement for re-election last summer. He rebounded to win the party's nomination and re-election.

Darrell McKigney, legislative director of the conservative Minnesota Family Council, said he was concerned the law would "put a public stamp of approval on homosexuality .... Now there's a lot of evidence that that's happened." He said God "didn't like" Gay people

and it was up to Christians to "enforce God's wishes."

Of the sexual orientation charges filed with the state by mid-January, six have been dismissed, either because allegations could not be substantiated or the proper channels were not followed. Another was withdrawn and nearly all the rest remain under investigation.

Dolores Fridge, deputy human rights commissioner, said a typical case can take up to two years to resolve. Possible outcomes include a fine, reinstatement of one's job or a simple apology.

Supporters of the law say it makes people think twice about saying or doing something discriminatory toward gays and that hundreds of businesses have adopted policies protecting homosexuals from discrimination.

In addition, an informal survey of civil rights attorneys by the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council found that 32 cases claiming discrimination against homosexuals have been filed or settled out of court.

But gay advocates concede the law will have teeth only if Gays are willing to use it.

"If you're in a town of 2,000 and come out against one of the town's major employers, what's the chance you'll find another job in that town?" said Alexa Bradley, a lobbyist for the Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action. "There's a whole level of social change, such as overcoming fear of ostracism, that goes well past passage of a single law."

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### Integrity Forming New Chapter In Metro Milwaukee

Milwaukee--Integrity, the Lesbian and Gay ministry of the Episcopal Church, is forming a new chapter in the Metro Milwaukee area. The first organizational meeting will be held February 27, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp Street in Milwaukee. (Please use the parking lot entrance at the rear of the church.)

Although some perceive Integrity as a "lobbying organization," few Integrity members would identify with this label. In over 50 chapters, founded in 1974, the primary focuses are emotional support and counseling, spiritual nourishment and Christian education and service to the Church and the LesBiGay community.

It is Integrity Milwaukee's hope to have speakers, social gatherings and outreach to the LesBiGay community. The meetings are open to everyone.

Integrity's purpose is the encouragement and nurture of Gay and Lesbian persons in Christian life and community. As Gay and Lesbian persons, Integrity offers to the Church and world justice and dignity for all people, regardless of their likeness to or difference from themselves. Integrity proclaims the good news that the world and all people in it have been liberated and redeemed by Jesus Christ.

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## Action Wisconsin Ready to Promote Equal Rights For LesBiGay Community

**La Crosse--** Action Wisconsin, the state-wide political organization designed to promote and work for equal rights for Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay people, convened a General Assembly at the capitol building in Madison on January 21, 1995.

Discussion of the by-laws was completed and are now in effect. Also now operative is Action Wisconsin's official telephone number: (608) 231-1099.

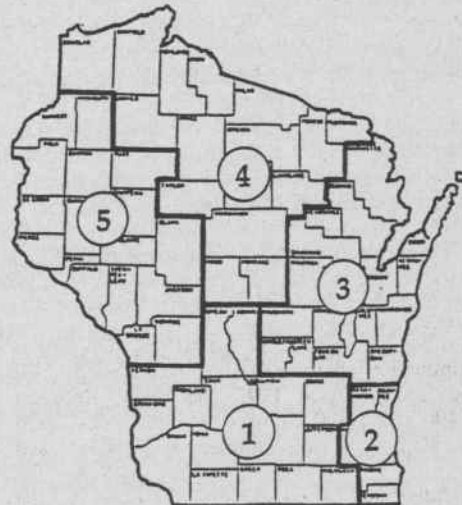
Action Wisconsin is now ready for action and preliminary discussion was held on several issues including marriage laws, the February 21 primary elections of Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice candidates and job discrimination actions such as making employers with such a history aware that they are being watched as was done recently with the opening of the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Madison.

A Board of Directors meeting immediately followed the General Assembly. The Board's agenda included a brief discussion of its role in the action issues discussed in the General Assembly and election of new Board members.

Elected to the five at-large positions were: Laura Riggs, Madison; Scott Evertz, now Madison; Don Buzanowski, Milwaukee; Dori Coplien, Janesville; Cynthia Donais, Madison.

Elected in absentia as a Director of Region 4 was Mark Andy Carson of Stevens Point.

Regional Directors are: **Region 1--** Juliet Brodie, Kevin Baird, Madison; **Region 2--**



Laurie Guilbault, Patrick Prudlow, Milwaukee; **Region 3--** Mike Fitzpatrick, Green Bay; **Region 4--** Paul Schafer, Marshfield; Mark Carson, Stevens Point; **Region 5--** Bill Steffenhagen, La Crosse.

One director position remains unfilled in each of Regions 3 and 5. Action Wisconsin invites your participation.

The next Director's meeting will be held March 5 at the Menasha Public Library from noon to 4:00 p.m.

## ACLU To Consider Lawsuit if Nebraska Bans Gay Forster Parents

**Omaha, NE--** In an update to a story in the last issue, Nebraska apparently will face a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union if it bans Gay people from becoming foster parents.

Marc Elovitz, staff counsel for the ACLU's New York office, said the organization first will try to convince Nebraska's Department of Social Services not to ban Gay foster parents.

"If they are going to keep kids away from Gay foster parents because the foster parents are Gay, we'd seek to prevent them," Elovitz told the *Omaha World-Herald*. "It's wrong for the foster kids of Nebraska. It's wrong for the Gay people of Nebraska. And it's wrong for everyone in Nebraska."

Department Director Mary Dean Harvey last month said social services caseworkers no longer would place foster children with people who identify themselves as Lesbian or Gay. The same ban would apply to homes where unmarried, unrelated adults live together.

Harvey has said the interim policy reflects the department's commitment to place children in the "most family-like setting." Gov. Ben Nelson has indicated that he supports the policy.

"There has never been any evidence that gay people cannot be or are not good parents in general," Elovitz said. "Gay people often serve as foster parents to disadvantaged and disabled kids who can't find homes elsewhere."

Nebraska social services administrators also have been asked to come up with the names of all foster parents and foster children known to department staff to be Gay.

A Florida ban on Gay adoptive parents is before that state's Supreme Court, Elovitz said. North Dakota prohibits same-sex foster parents, and New Hampshire bans Gays both

as foster parents and adoptive parents, he said. "Most states have been dealing with this issue the way Nebraska had been dealing with it," Elovitz said. "They treat all applicants for foster parents the same and judge them on whether they can be good foster parents \_ not their sexual orientation."

## CDC Reports Are Now Available on the Internet

**Atlanta, GA--** Scientists, doctors and anyone else with an interest in viruses \_ and computers \_ can now read over the Internet the government's weekly report on what ails America.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is entering cyberspace by putting on-line the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR), which chronicles cases of flu, AIDS, asthma, cancer and other diseases.

The report is aimed at public health officials and individual physicians, but beginning Friday, it will be available to anyone on the Internet, the global computer network.

For those on the net who want heavier fare, the CDC also will make available on the Internet the *Annual Summary of Notifiable Diseases, the MMWR Recommendations and Reports and the CDC Surveillance Summaries*. These publications contain the latest on topics such as chronic diseases, environmental hazards and injuries.

For users of World Wide Web, connect to the MMWR WWW pages at either:

<http://www.cdc.gov/> Go to Publications and Scientific Data, then Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, or

<http://www.crawford.com/cdc/mmwr/mmwr.html> Follow screen instructions

To retrieve MMWR from the public e-mail list:

Send an e-mail message to lists (at)list.cdc.gov Message should read: subscribe mmwr-toc.

## Madison Unicorns To Hold West Quest

**Madison--** The Unicorns of Madison announce that West Quest, their 1995 run, will be held the weekend before the 4th of July. The outdoor event will begin Friday, June 30 in a rural encampment 75 miles west of Madison, with events running through Sunday afternoon. After the official run ends, there will be informal wind-down events in Madison, Sunday, July 2nd. Additional events will take place Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. Applications must be made early. Capacity at the run site is limited to 100 guests. The fee for the run is \$80 if reservations are made before June 15. For more information and sign-up forms contact the Unicorns at P.O. Box 536, Madison, WI 53701.

## ACT UP Milwaukee To Hold Meeting

**Milwaukee--** ACT UP Milwaukee will hold a 1995-96 Strategy Planning Session on Monday, February 27 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., in downtown Milwaukee. Everyone is invited to attend. Participants will discuss the many varieties and expressions of activism, from simple donation of time or money to political demonstrations and civil disobedience. Working in small teams, each person will have the opportunity to define individual concerns about the AIDS crisis and to propose specific ways to address their concerns. Prizes will be awarded for the best team efforts; a doorprize will be presented at the close of the meeting and refreshments will be available. No matter what your level of experience, everyone is needed. For more information, call (414) 769-8708.

## SAGE/DANE Gets Off to Great Start

**Madison--** Over 20 enthusiastic people attended the first SAGE/DANE meeting last month in Madison. Next meetings will consider funding sources, other areas of group interest and goals. Anyone from the Dane County area interested in working on issues of concern to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual elderly is invited to attend the Saturday, February 25 meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Luther Memorial Church basement, 1021 University Avenue. For more information, call (608) 835-8971.

## Spouses/Partners/Lovers Support Group

**Milwaukee--** A support group is forming for lovers, spouses and partners of Gay HIV+ men. The service is provided by BestD Clinic. The group will have its first meeting on March 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor, north meeting room of BestD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady Street in Milwaukee. The partners group will meet at the same time, but in a different room. At the initial meeting, the participants will have an opportunity to express their interests and needs so that appropriate resources for the on-going life of the group can be available. For more information on the Partner's group, call Erv at (414) 353-4798.

## Gay Men's Discussion Group

**Milwaukee--** The debate about oral-genital transmission of the HIV virus continues. Some in the medical community consider oral sex to be relatively safe, while others continue to argue for a more conservative approach. This upcoming session of the Gay Men's Discussion Group is scheduled for Sunday, February 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Presenting and facilitating the discussion will be David G. Ostrow, M.D., Ph.D., a physician of the Department of Psychiatry at the Medical College of Wisconsin. There will also be a panel of HIV educators available who are knowledgeable about HIV and its transmission to answer any questions about safer sex practices. The cost is a \$3 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

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## EDITORIAL

## Become Involved In February Elections: By Working Together, We can Make a Difference

On February 21, Madison's voters will get their first chance to return to the polls after last November's depressing electoral results. However weighed down and pessimistic you might feel right now about the electoral process, it's an opportunity that must not be missed.

Whatever happens, there are going to be a lot of new faces on Madison's Common Council and School Board--and we can make a big difference in making sure that those people are strong advocates for civil rights, for the future of all of Madison's children, and for the recognition of Gay and Lesbian families. Especially in these traditionally low turn-out elections, our future as a community depends on our active involvement. Be sure to vote, or better yet, contact the candidates to see how you can help them to get out the vote on February 21.

### Madison City Council

Following in the proud tradition of the openly Gay and Lesbian politicians who have gone before them, four outstanding individuals hope to become city alderpersons: **Judy Olson, Mike Verveer, Tom Sullivan and Rex Loehe.**

### Olson Can Deliver for the Sixth

**Judy Olson's** 20 year history of community activism and work with programs at all levels of government make her uniquely qualified to represent the politically vibrant Sixth District, on the Lake Monona side of Madison's isthmus. Through her professional work with affordable housing and community development issues, and her volunteer service on almost a dozen community and neighborhood organizations over the years, she has proven her commitment to making Madison a better place to live for everyone. As part of a platform that proposes ways to make the city a partner in improving the quality of life of people in families of all forms, the strengthening of Madison's alternative families ordinance and other measures that recognize Lesbian and Gay families, are a top priority for Olson.

Just as importantly, Olson is a bridge-builder--as the astonishingly broad range of her support suggests. All four of last year's Sixth District candidates for county board are supporting her (including openly Lesbian and Gay candidates Cathreen Godre and Tim O'Brien). And she's received the enthusiastic backing of both Billy Feitlinger and Mary Kay Baum, the top vote getters among the challengers for the Assembly seat that was won by Tammy Baldwin in 1992.

Baldwin, who says that she believes that Olson will be a voice for people who often go unheard in government, is also an enthusiastic supporter.

In a district accustomed to hard-fought races between candidates of the Democratic Party establishment and progressive third-party backed candidates, Olson has a firm base of support in each group--the first time in many years that one candidate has bridged this gap.

Despite her solid base of support, Olson is taking nothing for granted. She faces two opponents in the February primary, including an anti-gun control candidate who is unlikely to survive the primary given the progressive nature of the district. However, her likely opponent in April is longtime Sixth District resident Judith Guyot, who is waging an aggressive campaign and who also has an impressive history of involvement in the neighborhood.

The Sixth District encompasses the area of Madison that is home to more Lesbians and Gay men than any other, an area that was represented by openly Gay county board supervisor Dick Wagner for many years. At a time when no other openly Lesbian officials serve at the level of either county board or city council, her candidacy represents a special opportunity for our community. We encourage your active support of Judy, and we offer her our heartfelt endorsement. (Call her at (608) 256-6540 to find out how you can help.)

### Sullivan and Loehe Running as Openly Gay Candidates in the Second District

On the opposite side of the Isthmus, two openly Gay candidates are competing in a four-way race to succeed longtime progressive alderperson David Wallner in the Second District. **Tom Sullivan and Rex Loehe** have both made important contributions through their community activism and political work.

### Tom Sullivan

Since moving to Madison five years ago with his partner, **Tom Sullivan** got involved in a major way in the future of his neighborhood. First as a renter, then as a homeowner, he became intensely involved in both the Old Marketplace and Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Associations. He serves as the transportation committee co-chair of the latter group.

Working together with a diverse group of alderpersons and community activists, he now represents the area on the Isthmus 20/20 Committee, a local group convened to plan for the challenges of the next century under the umbrella of a countywide 20/20 planning group. Sullivan also serves as the committee's liaison to the University of Wisconsin, a crucial role in light of the UW student's enormous impact on affordable housing in the Isthmus.

Sullivan sees his district's diversity as one of its great strengths: it includes students, a large number of Gay and Lesbian families, many elderly residents, and in-



TOM SULLIVAN

creasing numbers of young families with children. He would be a leader on efforts to strengthen the alternative families ordinance, and in urging the state to move toward some form of domestic partnership legislation. He sees one of his most important roles as bringing people together, for example, linking the sometimes competing interests of homeowners with longtime renters who also care deeply about their neighborhood.

Sullivan believes that his extensive experience in working with neighborhood organizations, and his subsequent experience in working with a diversity of city and county leaders, would serve him well in meeting the needs of the people of his district. His phone number is (608) 258-9781.

### Rex Loehe

In the fourteen years that he's lived in Madison, **Rex Loehe** has done important political work as a student government leader, a state legislative aide, and a county board campaign coordinator. He and his partner are homeowners, but Loehe also believes in building consensus around the common interests of both homeowners and renters, and all of the diverse residents who call the Second District home.

Loehe believes that his experience in state government is an important asset because of the actions contemplated recently by the state will have an enormous effect on the city. He served for six years with the Senate Democratic Caucus and has recently completed a year in the office of State Representative Tim Carpenter. While attending UW-Madison, he was a student government leader.

Loehe believes that transportation and housing are the key issues facing his district. He pledges to work toward health insurance coverage for domestic partners.

In going door-to-door, he's hearing over and over again about the inequities in the current system of taxation. He says that he would encourage the city to use its clout to urge the state to enable municipalities to use less regressive means of taxation than the property tax.

He would also urge the state to eliminate tax laws that penalize people who seek to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods by making improvements to their homes. The current Catch-22 means that when improvements are made, the increase in the value of the house means higher taxes. He wants that situation reversed by laws that give people incentives to make improvements that contribute to their neighborhoods.

Loehe says his experiences in local government have shown him the value of the committee process and consensus building in government, but stresses the importance of not compromising away the core principles shared by the people of his district. Loehe can be reached at (608) 255-0245.

Sullivan and Loehe are involved in a four-way race. One of their opponents, Barbara Vetter, a well-respected community activist, has made a pointed effort to reach out to Gay and Lesbian supporters in all of her literature. Vetter, who is in a wheelchair, is at a disadvantage because many district houses are not accessible, but is nonetheless running an aggressive campaign, and has done extensive mailings and lit drops. Her candidacy is also very much deserving of consideration.

The fourth candidate is Richard Linster, a former county board supervisor who was defeated in the last election by Judy Wilcox. While Linster has a long history of involvement in the neighborhood, his abrasive style has been cited as a liability by many. He has made no explicit

attempts to reach out to his Gay and Lesbian constituency, and had a very mixed record on the county board, often voting with the conservative majority.

### Soon to be Official: Verveer's New Leadership Role

The *Light* is also extremely excited by the Fourth District candidacy of **Mike Verveer**, who is unopposed for the downtown Madison seat being vacated by Ricardo Gonzalez, who is currently Madison's only openly Gay or Lesbian alderperson. Much of the recent mainstream press about Verveer has focused on his parents' White House connections to their longtime friends, the Clintons, and his role as Rep. Tammy Baldwin's chief aide. However, what's more important to note about this remarkable 26-year-old is his own extensive record of accomplishment both as a community activist and a political organizer.

During his undergraduate career, Verveer was a student government leader at UW-Madison, including service as WSA president. He was a co-sponsor of an extremely successful week-long sit-in in 1990 at the office of then Chancellor Donna Shalala to protest ROTC's continued presence on campus. Following graduation, he did important community organizing work in the central city of Milwaukee. In 1992, he was tapped to serve as field manager in the Fox River Valley area for the Wisconsin Clinton-Gore campaign.

Verveer's current activism spans both the Gay and Lesbian community and the community-at-large. He is a board member of the New Harvest Foundation, the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Campus Center, Community Shares of Wisconsin and the Tenant Resource Center.

Verveer is a natural when it comes to making connections and bringing people together, skills that served him well when he was hired as Rep. Baldwin's first aide in January, 1993. When he's not working long hours on the job, you'll find him working behind the scenes to recruit progressive candidates for office, helping with campaigns and assisting the grassroots organizing efforts.

As an unopposed candidate, Verveer is using the next couple of months to familiarize himself with the people of his district and the issues facing city government. And you can be sure that he'll be doing service once again this year, working behind the scenes on other people's campaigns. (He can be reached at (608) 255-6498.)

### School Board Faces Crucial Alternative Family Questions

Anyone who's followed Madison politics in the last five years knows that Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual rights issues have often been center stage in the races for Madison School Board. In 1990, candidates of the Radical Right sought to blatantly exploit homophobic fear--a tactic that backfired on them.

However, the arch-conservative Citizens Advocating Responsible Education (CARE) has experienced as many successes as it has defeats in recent years. While progressives are in firm control at the moment, that could change with three seats at stake in this election.

In recent years, a broadly-based coalition has come together to advocate for a curriculum that affirms Gay and Lesbian families, school policies that address the special challenges facing Gay and Lesbian youth, and an environment where Gay and Lesbian teachers and other staff can serve openly without fear of losing their jobs. Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) is composed of teachers, parents, school administrators, social workers and others--both Gay and straight--who have been working to advance these goals. Members also work to advance the broader goals of acceptance and affirmation in the face of the increasing racial and ethnic diversity of the Madison schools.

After years of endless meetings with school officials, GLADE members have encountered some successes, but also much resistance. Their efforts to get the school district to include Gay and Lesbian families in their plans for a multi-cultural curriculum are at a crucial place.

GLADE, working together with a broadly based coalition of groups, will be sponsoring an education forum on Gay and Lesbian issues and the schools featuring school board candidates and current school board members. The forum is on **Saturday, March 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church, 2146 E. Johnson Street** (behind East High School). Anyone who remembers the pain they encountered as a Lesbian or Gay youth in the schools knows how important this work is. For more information on how you can help, call Jan Sheppard at (608) 265-2407 (days), Jack Siebert at (608) 231-3064 (evenings), or Sunshine Jones at (608) 276-8010.

While there have been no formal endorsements of individual candidates by Gay and Lesbian groups in the primary election, consensus has been building around several candidates.

### School Board Endorsements

#### Forgiveness is in Order; Burkes for Seat 3

In seat 3, which is currently held by outgoing moderate Paul Dvorak, we endorse **Keith Burkes**, joining with Madison Teachers, Inc., and other progressive groups. Burkes, who is unmarried and has no children of his own, has a long and diverse history of involvement in his community as a civil rights leader and community activist. He has made a career out of helping young people, including service as the director of the Dane County Youth Connection's Multicultural Teen Council, the producer and host of Cable 10's Teen Talk program and the director of the African American Children's Festival.

Burkes' opponents are Ronnie Greer, Mohammad Rahman, and Mary Jan Rosenak. Greer and Rahman, neither of whom have Burkes' extensive record of involvement in

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## LETTERS

### Clinton: Watch Out

#### TO THE EDITOR:

President Clinton broke the modern day record for a "State of the Union" address, but in his 81minute monologue, he failed to mention HIV or AIDS.

The government has announced figures that show that AIDS is now the leading cause of death among 25-44 year-old Americans.

The first presidential primaries start in 14 months. **David Reid**  
West Hollywood, CA

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## AIDS Cases, Death, Will Continue To Mount in Wisconsin, State Agency Predicts

Madison--Reported AIDS cases and deaths in Wisconsin declined last year from a 1993 high, but health officials warn that a record increase in the deadly disease is on the horizon.

Over the next three years, officials expect to see the rise primarily among Gay and Bisexual men, intravenous drug users and women.

The latest Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Update from the state Division of Health said 486 AIDS cases were reported in Wisconsin last year, for a total of 2,688 cases since reporting of the deadly disease began here in 1982.

Of those confirmed AIDS patients, 1,550 about 58 percent have died, including 242 in 1994, the report said.

In 1993, when the medical definition of AIDS was revised to include severe HIV-

particularly those in their 30s," said Jean Druckenmiller, the program's surveillance coordinator. "That's consistent with what's being seen nationally."

Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resources Center of Wisconsin Inc. in Milwaukee, said, however, that AIDS cases among intravenous drug users and women have climbed to represent half of its caseload.

The agency provides counseling and other services for about 1,100 people. Nearly half of all the AIDS cases reported to the state have been from Milwaukee County, figures showed.

"The horrible impact of the disease on the Gay community will not lessen," Nelson said. "But to say this will continue to rage among Gay men misleads what's happening here in the AIDS epicenter of the state."

"If you are a young adult, whether heterosexual, Gay or Lesbian, you are at risk," he said.

Nelson also disputes new state estimates that cut the number of HIV-infected people in Wisconsin from 14,000 to about 8,000. He estimates the total at 16,000.

"It (the lower estimate) sends a very poor message to the community," Nelson said. "It's ridiculously low."

Nelson said the department used low figures on the size of the populations of the risk groups to arrive at its estimates, particularly Gays who, he said, were judged to be 3% of the population.

"I think there's a tendency for government to paint a picture that things are getting better," Nelson said, adding that the low estimate feeds policy-makers who in the current conservative atmosphere, want to cut funding to AIDS programs.

Gay people, Blacks, IV drug users and others are considered to be marginal in the population.

Yet another man, a researcher in AIDS who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that among heterosexual white males who voted predominately Republican in the last election "care little or nothing" about HIV prevention and care.

A statement by the division said its reestimate was based on a national decline in the HIV infection rate by 1990 due to prevention and education programs.

But it warned that it would not result in a decline in AIDS case in the future.

"It is projected that in the near future more persons in Wisconsin will suffer from the effects of AIDS than ever before," the statement said.

## State's New Report On HIV in Wisconsin Called "Flawed" and "Reckless"

Madison-- Wisconsin will show a marked increase in AIDS cases in the next three years despite a decline in the rate at which people are infected with the virus that causes the deadly disease, a state health official says.

About five years ago, health officials estimated that about 14,000 people in Wisconsin would be infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by 1994.

Dr. James Vergeront of the state Division of Health said on January 25 that new estimates put the number at 8,000.

Milwaukee AIDS Project executive Director Doug Nelson expressed strong disagreement with the state's reduced projection of Wisconsin's HIV/AIDS case load.

"The state's report is based on a flawed methodology which seriously underestimates the number of Gay men who may be at risk for HIV and also underestimates the seroprevalence of HIV among injection drug users in Milwaukee," Nelson said.

According to Nelson, the report uses a baseline of 3% of all males being Gay and estimates seroprevalence of injection drug users among those who are in drug treatment.

"In every projection model, the approach that would generate the lowest HIV prevalence was used," Nelson said. "Throughout the report, readers are told to use caution and sometimes extreme caution in interpreting the results."

"With flawed methodologies combined with a disclaimer of caution that results in a radical reduction in the state's historic projection of HIV prevalence it's not hard to conclude that this is a reckless approach to epidemiology," Nelson said.

Nelson expressed strong disagreement with

Vergeront's assessment in a recent Milwaukee Sentinel article that "We have seen the beginning of the end of the epidemic."

"With no cure in sight and with no prevention vaccine on the horizon," Nelson said, "the AIDS epidemic is raging on and none of us should take any comfort in the state's message."

"This week's terrible news is now the leading cause of death among young adults reinforces that we are losing people in the prime of life who are making huge contributions to society," Nelson added. "All of us must reinvest ourselves in fighting the worsening AIDS epidemic."

Old projections were based on HIV cases increasing in the 1990s at the same rate in the 1980s, but that rate has declined, Vergeront said.

"This is some good evidence that prevention has been more successful than we thought it would be," Vergeront said, referring to counseling, public education, testing, partner notification and other AIDS awareness programs over the past 10 years.

Despite the fewer HIV cases, however, more AIDS cases will occur during the next three years than in any previous three-year period, Vergeront said.

New estimates show 1,350 to 1,800 AIDS cases will occur from 1994 to 1996, lower than previous projections.

"So the AIDS cases over the next three years are a reflection of the infection rate from the mid- to late-1980s," Vergeront said.

He also said only 60 percent of the projected 8,000 HIV carriers have been tested, or know that they have been exposed to AIDS.

### Wisconsin AIDS Cases Reach All-Time High

Madison-- Thirty-seven new cases of AIDS were reported in Wisconsin in January, boosting the state's total since 1982 to 2,725, a state agency reported Friday, February 10.

Thirty deaths due to AIDS were identified last month, state Department of Health and Social Services acting department secretary Richard Lorang said. That brought the state's death count from complications due to AIDS to 1,580, he said.

A year ago, Wisconsin had 2,241 confirmed cases of AIDS and 1,255 deaths due to complications from AIDS.

related immune system suppression, there were 810 confirmed cases and 317 reported deaths. Previously known cases of HIV suppression were added to the 1993 total.

The division recently estimated that as many as 8,000 people, or one of every 610, in Wisconsin has the HIV infection, which takes an average eight to 10 years to develop into AIDS.

That prompted a warning that the next three years will see more confirmed AIDS cases and deaths than any previous three-year period because many education, counseling and prevention programs were not in full gear until the middle- to late 1980s, according to Dr. James Vergeront, director of the state's AIDS/HIV Program.

"In Wisconsin, we're still seeing the majority of cases in homosexual and Bisexual men,

## Do-It-Yourself HIV Tests Soon May Be Available, But Still Illegal

Denver-- A new do-it-yourself HIV test that may soon become available could not be legally marketed in Colorado, doctors say.

"Colorado law requires that HIV testing is done with knowledge and consent," Dr. Richard Hoffman, the state epidemiologist, said Monday while addressing members of the Governor's AIDS Council.

Hoffman said the home test raises the question of whether people could be tested without their consent.

State statutes require regulations on post-test counseling, he added.

So far, the state health department and the AIDS council have not taken a position on the self-testing kits.

During the panel discussion on the concerns and benefits of the possible testing option, participants viewed samples of the kit.

Most agreed the kit would provide anonymity to people, especially in rural areas, and broaden the number of people getting tested.

The \$30 kit is produced by Direct Access Diagnostics of New Jersey. It features a general HIV-AIDS information booklet; test in-

structions; alcohol swab, lancet and Band-Aid; a test card for blood samples; and a prepaid cardboard mailer.

Users of the kit would prick their fingers, drip blood into three circles on the test card and tear off the lower one-third of the card with a 14-digit number. The number matches one on the upper part of the card, which is mailed.

Seven days later, results would be available through a toll-free number, said Dr. Gary Noble, head of Direct Access' clinical research.

The fear among some AIDS workers is that people who test positive by these home testing kits would not have access to the necessary counseling that they need. However, Noble said those testing positive would speak to trained counselors or be referred to assistance in their own communities.

Information also would be available in English or Spanish.

The kits are still being reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration.

## Computer Program Provides Impersonal AIDS Risk Assessment

Oklahoma City-- A man concerned that he may have contracted the virus that causes AIDS meets with a counselor to discuss his fears. The counselor asks questions about sex and drugs that the man doesn't feel comfortable discussing.

A computer could be one answer to the awkwardness. A Norman social scientist is developing a program to help a person decide whether to be tested. Some health officials agree it has merits but aren't certain it is right for every situation.

In 1987, Michael Wright had some money saved, a computer, printer and office furniture after his appointment ended as a health planner at the Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center in northeast Oklahoma City.

"It occurred to me that a private, anonymous encounter with a non-judgmental computer would be a good strategy to help people make a decision about whether to be tested for HIV antibody," Wright said recently from his Norman office.

Wright, who has a master's degree in sociology from the University of Oklahoma, is developing the program with a \$357,000 grant from the National Cancer Institute's Small Business Innovation Research Program in 1991.

The institute is interested in the research because one of the more common diseases associated with AIDS is kaposi's sarcoma, a tumor of the blood or lymphatic vessel walls.

Anyone in the metropolitan areas of Oklahoma City and Dallas-Fort Worth can pick up a touch-tone telephone, call the HIV Computer Risk Assessment Service and talk to a computer at no charge.

A recorded voice asks the caller for a sexual history dating to 1980; blood transfusion history before 1985, and injecting drug use history.

The computer analyzes the information supplied by the caller and provides advice on whether that person is at risk of current HIV infection.

The advice is based on a number of variables, including the caller's number of sexual partners, frequency of sexual intercourse, type of sexual intercourse and estimated frequency of condom use, Wright said.

The variables are cross-checked with local HIV prevalence estimates and estimates of infectivity of the virus.

During a demonstration, Wright dialed up the service and gave answers fitting the description of a male, intravenous drug user who had sex with a man at specific risk for HIV infection. The man also had a blood transfusion prior to May 1985.

The computer advised an HIV antibody test and that the caller was at risk for the Hepatitis B virus. It told him he could get a vaccine for the disease if he was not already infected.

Callers are told that the assessment is not a substitute for a medical test and are given a listing of several sites in the Oklahoma City and Dallas metro areas where they can go for tests.

In addition, the computer program talks about other peripheral issues associated with AIDS, including recreational drug use.

Bill Pierson, chief of the HIV-STD Service for the Oklahoma Department of Health, said the computer was a good approach to trying to cut down on the rate of false positives, or results that inaccurately indicate the presence of HIV antibodies.

But he said he was concerned about whether "talking to a machine and punching some numbers is going to really alleviate the fears."

He said that "most times, there's something that has caused people to have concern, they've heard something, or they've seen something and they want to assess that risk."

Talking to a person helps in those situations, he said.

Even after going over all of the variables, there are some people who still want to take the test, Pierson said.

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## Dykes To Watch Out For



## When It Comes to Civil Rights for Gay and Lesbian People, Steve Gunderson is Wanting

Commentary by J. Jeffrey Simon

I remember very well the last Republican presidential convention and the thunderous roar for a moral holy war on America. Gay people in particular were the focus of vitriolic scorn and outrage by at least two of the primary speakers, Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson. In front of the whole country, we were summarily attacked as perverted emblems for everything that was wrong with our beloved country.

Although George Bush did not go on to win re-election, Buchanan and Robertson have clearly benefited from their national exposure. They, along with all the talk radio hosts, TV evangelists, and others with similar agendas, continue to use hate-filled anti-Gay rhetoric to increase their media popularity, enrich conservative coffers, as well as influence and define the new Republican party.

I, therefore, have a very hard time appreciating why any Gay person would want to vote Republican. Even more incomprehensible to me, however, is how any Gay person could actually be an active elected member of the GOP. Indeed, there is only one acknowledged Republican homosexual in all of Congress, Wisconsin's own Steve Gunderson.

Gunderson's homosexuality, of course, did not become publicly known until other Gay people, angry at his reticence on Gay rights legislation, started throwing drinks in his face. Indeed, he has become the Soupy Sales of the

leather bar scene.

Gunderson, in his defense, blithely states that Republicans are not homophobic, but homophobic and that the only reason Gay people are being denied the most basic human rights is because we're so in-your-face offensive and flamboyant. In other words, we do not have the warm charisma of Jesse Helms or the style and flare of Sonny Bono.

It is interesting to note, of course, that during the battle for Gays in the military, highly decorated, upstanding, and outstanding Gay men and Lesbians were presented on television every single night pleading their case to America to end the unjust discrimination they all faced in our armed services.

Curiously, however, it did not do one bit of good in changing anyone's perception of us, particularly Republican candidates, who were still ruthlessly exploiting this issue in the last election.

Indeed, Gunderson's blinders are so thick he does not even recognize homophobia when House GOP leader David Arney calls Gay Democratic Congressman Barney Frank, Barney "Fag." Nor does he argue when House Speaker Newt Gingrich equates homosexuality to alcoholism. Indeed, he actually proclaims to be a friend of Gingrich.

A better friend of Gingrich, however, is "Christian Coalition" founder Pat Robertson,

## ACT UP Fights in North Carolina to Prevent End to Anonymous HIV Testing

Raleigh, NC-- An AIDS activist is promising to fight a state commission's decision to end anonymous HIV testing at health departments in June and switch to exclusive use of confidential testing.

The North Carolina Commission for Health Services voted Thursday, February 9, to end anonymous HIV testing on June 15.

The commission's vote came after testimony from Margaret Dollar, a representative of the state Association of Local Health Directors, and several county health directors. They said continued use of anonymous testing would be detrimental to public health and to their efforts to control the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and HIV, the virus linked to AIDS.

People who receive anonymous tests are not required to give their names, addresses, or other identifying information. Those who receive confidential tests must give their names and addresses, as required with testing for other sexually transmitted disease.

The information is to be used only by health officials, who can notify people who may be at risk.

Since 1993, North Carolinians have been able to choose an anonymous or a confidential HIV test at county health clinics. Private physicians are not allowed to conduct anonymous tests and must report all positive results to the state.

Anonymous testing had been scheduled to end in September 1994. But it was continued because of an injunction issued by a judge on behalf of ACT-UP Triangle, an organization of AIDS activists.

ACT-UP Triangle claimed that elimination of anonymous testing would cause fewer people at high risk of infection to be tested. The court order required the commission to hear additional evidence about anonymous testing,

which the panel did in November.

Steven Harris of Durham, the plaintiff in the ACT-UP suit, reacted swiftly to the commission's decision on Thursday.

"My lawyers will be court Monday morning," he said.

The commission rejected a motion to adopt a rule that would have extended anonymous testing until September 1996.

Local health departments will eliminate anonymous testing on June 15 if the injunction has been removed by that time. If the injunction is not lifted by that date, anonymous testing will end when the court removes the injunction.

In issuing the injunction in August, Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle concluded that the decision to ban anonymous testing "has been made upon an unlawful procedure or is unsupported by substantial evidence or is arbitrary and capricious."

He said the plaintiffs presented evidence prepared by state epidemiologists that shows that anonymous testing is more effective than confidential testing at encouraging people at risk of having HIV to be tested.

That information was not given to the health commission, Battle said.

ACT-UP also showed evidence, also not given to the commission, that showed the elimination of anonymous testing would cause fewer people at high risk of infection to be tested, Battle said.

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## POLITICALLY SPEAKING

### These Are Indeed The Times That Will Try Our Souls- And Try Them Again

Commentary by Bill Meunier

"These are the times that try men's souls." That's what Thomas Paine wrote during the darkest days of the revolution. Many Gays and Lesbians must be feeling what Paine felt when he assessed the progress of the American Revolution in 1778.

Most of us never thought that the GOP would actually take over Congress. We always knew that the theoretical possibility existed. Few of us ever admitted that possibility could be a reality.

We are confronted with the Congress that Rush built. This is a Congress brought to you by the constant stream of misinformation put out by Limbaugh and his fellow money grabbers on the air waves, augmented by the machinery of the Christian Radical Right (and I use the word Christian very loosely). The radical right wing of Republican party is virtually running the government.

There were those in our community who told us that things weren't really that bad. The Republicans are reasonable people they assured us. "No need to worry," they told us. "They aren't bigots."

The truth is now laid bare. The new House Majority Leader calls a Gay congressman a "fag." No voices of protest are heard from the Republicans. The outgoing Republican Chairman sends a letter urging GOP members of Congress to meet with the head of the Log Cabin Club. Officials at their national headquarters fall all over themselves denouncing the letter and disavowing it.

The head roosters, Lou Sheldon, Jerry Falwell, and Pat Robertson crow and their little cockerel Newt Gingrich comes running. "Hearings on the 'homosexual agenda,'" held around the country, sure whatever you say. "I'll get right on it." "You think AIDS money promotes homosexuality? Okay, we'll cut it."

This is just the beginning. Also on the agenda is legislation that would allow the federal government to discriminate against us. Added to that are funding cuts for any school that teaches homosexuality is not a disease or that dares to tell the truth to suicidal Gay or Lesbian teens.

Those who thought these people didn't really believe all those nasty things they have said about us over the years, those who supported or voted for the take over should step forward.

We would like your names so we can turn them over to the new Right. You have taught us how to act with selfish instead of selfless interest in collaborating with the enemy. We have learned the lesson well.

Those who think that these things won't affect them should add the word "ostrich" to their names. When government leaders denounce us, when discrimination is officially sanctioned, then bigotry becomes socially acceptable. No Gay or Lesbian should delude themselves into thinking that a climate of intolerance will not affect them.

Some of us will hope that Democratic filibusters in the Senate will prevent too much damage, and/or that President Clinton will use his veto power.

They would do well to realize that filibusters can't make the House vote for an adequate level of AIDS funding. On other issues the faithful whipped into a frenzy by the charlatan prophets of the Christian Right, will flood the capitol with phone calls demanding that we be put in our place.

If Bill Clinton didn't have to the votes to sustain a veto of legislation reversing a lifting of the ban in the old Congress, he most assuredly doesn't have the votes to sustain vetoes of homophobic legislation in the new one.

There weren't enough congresspersons and senators to vote down Jesse Helms Education Bill amendments last year. Helms was barely beaten back when Ted Kennedy stood up for us in a Conference Committee. With a more conservative Congress we may not be so lucky this time around.

Furthermore in many parts of the country the lesson of 1994's elections was clear: support Gays and Lesbians and you risk your political life.

Are we ready to join the battle? Sadly one must conclude the answer is no.

Much of our community, perhaps most of our community has no experience with real oppression. Most of us have come out in an era of relative tolerance. We simply can't believe that things can get that bad.

Instead of building solid organizations that are inclusive, we have divided ourselves into factions and fragments of a community. The old joke "Men who became Transsexuals, who became Lesbians, today on Geraldo," may soon come true. The guests will have their own national organization and their own agenda and don't want to work with other groups.

Having organizations and identification with sub groups in our community isn't a bad thing.

The destruction comes when the reason for those groups is to separate instead of to further growth and development.

The lack of communication and occasional open hostility that exists between organizations and leaders are not. Leader A doesn't feel comfortable working with Leader B. Leader C thinks Leader A and B are ignoring what he/she considers to be the real issues and won't work with either of them.

Meanwhile their groups with different philosophies of how to reach the same goals deride each other over tactics and strategy.

Some of us should try finding common ground instead of looking for reasons to go our own way. It's time to stop shooting at each other and concentrate our attention on the real enemy.

Some of us who have the time and money must get involved. Far too many expect others to carry the fight for them. These folks blame everyone but themselves when things go sour.

These are times that will try our souls and our commitment to equal rights. We will either learn to educate each other, work with each other and set aside personality conflicts, and personal preferences and concentrate on finding common ground or we will suffer severe set backs.

We can either use our current situation as a wake up call or we can be like small children watching the sun set. First denying that the light and warmth are dimming and then wondering if it will ever come back again.

### SMALL CITIES

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and believed that safer sex was not an accepted norm within their circle of friends."

Awareness of AIDS did not distinguish between high- and low-risk men.

"Men at high risk actually viewed themselves accurately as being at greater risk than men who behaved safely," Dr. Kelly added.

The article, published in the February, 1995 issue of the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* calls for an increase in AIDS/HIV prevention efforts in middle-sized American cities, particularly directed toward younger and less educated men sexual active with multiple partners.

"Our findings show that effective HIV prevention programs are those which extend beyond simply providing basic factual information about AIDS and instead change social norms within the Gay community to foster safer sex and to strengthen people's intentions to avoid risk," said Dr. Kelly, who directs CAIR.

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin conducts research to identify improved HIV prevention approaches and methods to meet the mental health needs of persons effected by AIDS. CAIR is one of the largest AIDS prevention research centers in the country and is presently developing and evaluating AIDS/HIV prevention programs for inner-city women, the homeless and other communities vulnerable to AIDS.

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Cream City Bricks--The Awardees gathered after receiving their awards at the February 8, 1995 Human Rights League's Annual Meeting

## Human Rights League Announces Cream City Brick Awards Winners

**Milwaukee--** During the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays' (HRL) Annual Membership meeting, held on Wednesday, February 8, the 1994 Cream City Brick Awards and Recognitions were presented. Distributed annually, these awards serve to recognize the varied contributions individuals and organizations have made to Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community in the previous year. The following awards were presented by the HRL Board of Directors:

**The Torch Bearer Award**, presented to a non-Gay person or group who has advanced the understanding and acceptance of the Lesbian/Gay community, was awarded to The Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Kenneth Munson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission.

**The Spotlight Award** is presented to a media person or persons, department or station/paper whose coverage best promoted understanding and acceptance of our community. This year the award went to Joanne Weintraub for her outstanding work as a Metro Desk reporter for *The Milwaukee Journal*.

Certificates of Merit were presented to David Bhrendt, Editorial Page Editor and Sue Ryon, Editorial Page Assistant Editor for their work with *The Milwaukee Journal*.

**The Group Spirit Award**, which is given to a Gay or Lesbian group or organizations whose efforts establish or promote the Lesbian/Gay community in a positive fashion, went to the Brady East STD Clinic.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to the Cream City Squares.

**The Groundwork Award**, given to a business which has made significant contributions to the Gay and Lesbian community, was presented to T.T. Tulip Florists.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Havlicek and Associates.

**The Pace Setter Award**, given to Gay or Lesbian person who has promoted our community in a positive fashion, went to Eldon Murray, a long-time activist. A Certificate of Merit was presented to Lula Reams.

**The Bridge Award**, given to someone who has acted as a "bridge" between the Gay/Lesbian community and the broader community by initiating programs or projects through his/her professional life that address Gay/Lesbian needs and issues, was presented to Ceci Chapple.

A Certificate of Merit was presented to Jayne Dunnum.

**The President's Award**, given to a person or persons whose service to the Gay and Lesbian community has been above and beyond the call of duty, was presented to Ron Geiman, the Editor of *In Step Magazine*.

Ron has been the Editor/Publisher of *In Step* for well over a decade. He began the magazine on a shoe string and the going, at first, was rough. There were years that he spent sleeping in his office so he could keep the publication going for the community.

As one of his colleagues said, "No one has done it so well for so long." He is most deserving of this recognition.

**The Ambassador Award** was presented to Attorney Tom Zander for his outstanding and substantial contributions in the area of human rights, his demonstration of the highest principles of the Human Rights League and his representing our responsibility to participate as active citizens in a diverse world.

The aim of HRL 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. For more information about HRL, call (414) 228-1921.

## Wisconsin Teen Claims Students Harassed Him Because He is Gay

**Madison--** A former Ashland High School student contends in a federal lawsuit that classmates beat and harassed him for more than four years because he is Gay.

Jamie Stuart Nabozny, 19, claims in lawsuit filed Monday, February 6, 1995, in U.S. District Court in Madison that his repeated requests for protection were ignored by school officials.

Nabozny, who dropped out of school as a Junior in December, 1992, is seeking \$350,000 damages from the district. He also wants a court order allowing him to attend a graduation ceremony and receive a diploma.

The lawsuit said word of Nabozny's sexual orientation spread quickly after he was sexually assaulted in 1987.

When name-calling escalated to physical assaults, Nabozny and his parents said they reported the harassment to middle school Principal Mary Podlesny.

Podlesny told the Naboznys that "boys will be boys" and blamed the incidents on Nabozny for acting "openly Gay," the suit contends.

Podlesny and other district officials never investigated Nabozny's harassment complaints, the suit contends.

Ashland Superintendent Steven Kelly was out of the office and unavailable for comment, a secretary told The Associated Press. Tim Foley, curriculum director, said the district had been advised by counsel not to comment.

Kelly said that the district investigates and disciplines proven cases of sexual harassment.

The lawsuit said the district's alleged failure to respond to Nabozny's complaints enabled students to step up their acts without fear of discipline.

Afraid to go to school, Nabozny twice attempted suicide and was hospitalized for observation, the suit said.

"Regardless if Jamie flaunted his sexuality or not, you can't put the onus back on the child," said Nabozny's lawyer, Rae L. Randolph of Minneapolis. "That's not an appropriate response by school officials when a physical assault complaint is brought."

Alumni Association (WAA). Although many Gay/Lesbian alumni groups exist, this organization was the first at a Big Ten university and one of only a handful nationally, to have the official sanction of the university and its alumni organization. The Council now has a member on the National Board of Directors of WAA.

The purpose of the Council is to cooperate with the Wisconsin Alumni Association in promoting the best interests of the University of Wisconsin; to provide a recognized forum that facilitates dialogue and encourage a positive social and academic environment throughout the university community for its LesBiGay students.

The recipients of the 1994 Distinguished Alumni Award were scholar and Women Studies pioneer, Dr. Evelyn Torton Beck and U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Bruce A. Lehman.

Nominations must be made by March 24. For further information, call Council Recorder Ken Chraca at (608) 263-4086, or by e-mail to: chraca@macc.wisc.edu

## Frontiers Schedule For March

**Mar. 3--Friday Dining Out--Horn of Africa**, 117 E. Mifflin, 251-7424, 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 4--What Makes a Relationship Work?--** Social (non-sexual) and romantic issues--View an edited version of video "The Male Couple" as well as explore and discuss experiences with a panel of male couples, 8:00 p.m., Call Tom at 255-6595 for more info.

**Mar. 10--Friday Dining Out--Wild Iris Cafe**, 1225 Regent, 251-7424, 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 17--Happy St. Patrick's Day--**In celebration of St. Patrick as well as Frontiers' 14th Anniversary, we will be having a "Fling and Potluck" at Gene's, 1417 Squire Ct., Middleton, 6:00 p.m. Call Gene at 831-4711 for more info.

**Mar. 24--Friday Dining Out--Bahn Thai West**, 2809 University, 7:00 p.m., 251-7424.

**Mar. 31--Friday Dining Out--Ovens of Brittany**, 305 State, 7:00 p.m., 251-7424.


## Nominations Sought by UW Gay Council for Alumni Award

**Madison--** The University of Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council is seeking nominations for the 1995 Distinguished Alumni Awards to recognize a woman and a man who have excelled and distinguished themselves. The Awards will be presented at the Annual Reunion Brunch on Sunday, July 16, 1995 (MAGIC Picnic Weekend), at the Memorial Union on the campus of the University. More than one person may be nominated.

Established in the Spring of 1992, the Council hosted its first Reunion Brunch on July 19, 1992 and in February, 1994, the Council formally affiliated with the Wisconsin

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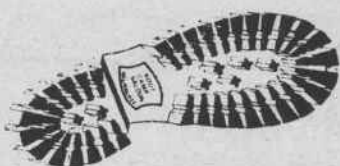
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# LIVELY ARTS



An English Dandy--Elaine Thornier-Wyler and Jonathan West star in and direct respectively Harold Pinter's "A Slight Ache" which plays with Joe Orton's "Funeral Games" from February 17 to March 12 at Milwaukee's Boulevard Theatre.

## Boulevard Ensemble Presents 'Two English Dandies' who Walk The Dark Side

By Terry Boughner

While attending a rehearsal one evening of the Boulevard Ensemble's latest production I saw a rather handsome young man with a long, black leather whip. He cracked it ominously, but no one seemed concerned in the least. He was one of the actors in the Ensemble's presentation of two one act plays, grouped together under the title of *Two English Dandies*.

One of the two directors, Jonathan West, characterizes both one-actors as "dark comedies," which surprised me not at all, considering their authors.

One is Harold Pinter's "A Slight Ache," which is being directed by Mark Bucher. The other is "Funeral Games" by Gay playwright Joe Orton, which West directs.

The umbrella title, West says, relates to the heritage of the playwrights, not to the tone of the plays themselves. He adds that there is "nothing intrinsically English about either of them, "except for their darkness," which, he thinks, British writers tend to perpetuate in the works, more than Americans do.

I think of mists covering the moors and a London pea soup fog hiding all kinds of strange and dangerous characters.

The two plays, West continues, have dark looks at two very different worlds. "Slight Ache" is set in a seemingly quaint little rural universe with a deep miasma buried just un-

## New Magazine for Gay Men Debuts on March 1

San Francisco-- On March 1, *Wilde*, a new national magazine that celebrates the whole Gay male experience, will be introduced to readers across the country. Judging from a review copy, *Wilde* skillfully integrates two aspects of Gay men's lives, culture and sexuality, that have been increasingly separated in Gay men's magazines over the years. According to its policy statement, *Wilde* welcomes the importance of sexual desire for Gay men in the context of over 90 colorful pages of intelligent, well-written, challenging journalism and vivid design.

*Wilde* will be appearing bi-monthly and will feature profiles of national figures and rising stars. In the premiere issue, the magazine interview subjects include leading Gay actor Craig Chester and swiftly-rising actress Parker Posey talking about their lives, Hollywood and Gay lives on film. Torie Osborn also speaks frankly about her time as head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The magazine's regular columnists include Daniel Mangin on Gay/Lesbian films and TV, Reggie Williams writing from Amsterdam and Pat Califia calling the shots on sexual politics.

*Wilde* will also publish visual erotica and the best works in short Gay fiction.

The magazine is being published by PDA Press, which also publishes *Steam*.

derneath.

"Funeral Games" shows a society thriving on darkness, as Orton saw it, until the very bleakness of it nearly informs the whole. It's rather like poor headless Ann wandering the moonlit halls of Hampton Court.

"Slight Ache is a lighter shade of dark," West says. "Funeral Games is about as dark as you can get."

I nod absently, glancing over at the young man with the whip. He plays with it a little before threading it through the loops of his belt.

Why Orton?

Delightful, yet conspiratorial looks pass among the cast. Finally, one says that Orton isn't done in Milwaukee a lot. In fact, for both shows, it's a Milwaukee premiere.

"What we're doing," West says in a serious vein, "is taking a look at darkness, the shadows that underlie almost any situation in modern life.

"Slight Ache," he says, "tries to hide the darkness. 'Funeral Games' highlights the darkness." It plays with the darkness. It carvots and has fun with it, much like a child on Hallowe'en.

Doing "Funeral Games" required a number of decisions. For example, it was decided to go with "a bit of sado-masochistic" twist to it. The play is also being done in a more physical manner than "Slight Ache," which is more a comedy of manners, a rather typical drawing room farce.

"Funeral Games" is a farce as well, and that is maintained, but it is a farce with "kind of a warped sense to it." That also has been maintained.

West says that in both plays, the Boulevard is exploring new ground. "This," he says, "is about as the Ensemble has ever gone in uncovering a new style. It pushes the envelop of what the Boulevard has done."

There is a sensuality about it that is as delicious as it is notorious and should not only entertain, but should make audiences think.

*Two English Dandies* opens at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue on February 17 and runs through March 12. For ticket and other information, call (414) 672-6019.

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## Australian Gay/Lesbian Film Fest Picture Sends Censors through the 'Glass' Roof

Sydney, Australia-- The annual Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras curtseyed to a crowd of thousands on February 1 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, launching a month of local and international Gay and Lesbian film, art and live theatre in what has become the world's largest festival of its kind.

But the Festival always has its share of controversy and this year was no exception.

Now, the furor centers on a multi-award winning 1986 release, *In a Glass Cage*, which has been banned by the Office of Film & Literature Classification on the grounds of indecency. Film festival director Jeff Mitchell, is "confident" the decision will be overturned in an appeal hearing before the Film & Literature Board of Review.

"We refused to register it because we felt it was indecent on the basis that the scenes involving sexual exploitation, torture and mur-

der of young boys go beyond what the reasonable person would consider to be within the bounds of decency," chief censor John Dickie said.

His remarks were reported in the latest issue of *Variety*.

Mitchell said the movie, which was unrated in its U.S. release, is the first feature to be banned as part of a festival lineup "for a long time." The contents of a festival are usually rated together, but it is understood the censors demanded *Cage* be considered separately.

The American and European-dominated film program includes 20 feature movies, six documentaries and one program of 10 short films.

The festival premiered Berlin Film Festival Silver-Bear-winner *Strawberry and Chocolate* to rave reviews.

## Danc'n For AIDS Raises \$45,000 As 500 People Attend Extravaganza

Milwaukee-- Over 500 people attended Danc'n For AIDS on Saturday, February 11 and supported AIDS care, education and research. Over \$45,000 was raised, exceeding the event's goal by \$10,000. The dance extravaganza was held at Milwaukee's MECCA Convention Center and featured live music by local band Rhinoceroic and dance music by V100 and Muzic in Motion.

This year's top dancer, Ted Grange, raised over \$2,900 and is off to Europe with two round-trip tickets to a European destination courtesy of Continental Airlines. First place

and two round-trip tickets to any U.S. destination went to Gregg Heyer for his \$1,060 in pledges. Zachary Guerrero will be busy with a \$500 shopping spree courtesy of Banana Republic, Bayshore Mall, The Gap, Northridge, Southridge and David Michael & Company plus a 35 CD Promotional Package courtesy of The Exclusive Company and Camelot Music Store--Grand Avenue.

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## Suzanne Westenhofer to Bring Her Instinct for Laughs On the Milwaukee Stage

By Sue Burke

Suzanne Westenhofer jokes that she wants to sue the Dyke Lumber Co., for misrepresentation. "It's just old men and wood. Where are the babes?"

The up-and-coming Lesbian comic will make her second appearance in Milwaukee at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 on the date of the show, available from People's Books, Just Us, AfterWords and Outpost Natural Foods.

Westenhofer first appeared on stage in 1990 at New York club. Her 3-minute routine won a comedy contest. Since then, she has performed for straight and Gay audiences, winning laughs, rave reviews--and more awards. Last July, she appeared in her own HBO comedy special, which earned an ACE cable TV award nomination. She appeared in Milwaukee last year in February.

"You just have to trust your instinct" to know what will be funny, she said in a telephone interview from her Ohio home.

"My jokes come to me while I'm on stage. I'll be talking about something, maybe something that's pissing me off or something that upsets me or something I think is funny. And it just comes out."

After the show, Westenhofer reviews a tape recording of her act and listens to audience reactions. "Oh, that was new. You need to keep that," she says to herself. "Oh, that was new. That sucked."

In that way, line by line, her act changes over time.

Sometimes she talks about personal issues, like super-absorbent tampons. Sometimes she talks about Gay issues, like attacks by roving gangs of hairdressers in an imaginary all-Gay

neighborhood. She finds West Coast audiences particularly enjoy jokes about relationships.

"In Washington, D.C., you can be really, really political because for the people there, that's their backyard," she said.

Westenhofer occasionally visits high schools as a "display Lesbian" to answer student questions. "If you want to stop a generation of Gay-bashers, you've got to start when they're 14 and 15 and 16 and 17. That's when they get all their information," she said.

She also visits schools to show the 10% of Gay students in the audience that happy Gay people do exist.

Sometimes she uses their questions as fodder for her comedy routines, giving answers on stage she never could in a classroom: "Have you ever been interested in straight men? Only as pets."

Plenty of people still have basic misunderstandings about Gay people, Westenhofer said. "We're going to have to keep answering the same 10 questions forever until every straight person on the planet understands: No, we don't molest children. No, I don't want to be a guy. No, we're not doing this just to piss you off."

"When I'm a comic I'm trying to do the same thing in a bigger picture," she said. She hasn't seen straight audiences change in the time she's been on stage, but Gay audiences have changed. When she started, hardly any Gay or Lesbian comics were performing, and Gay audiences were starved for Gay entertainment.

"Now, Gay audiences are getting savvy. It's not just enough to get up there and say you are Gay. They want to hear great jokes. They want good shows."

Westenhofer approves of that. "We should demand that our Gay performers be just as good as straight performers."

## Col., Margarethe Cammermeyer's Story Told On Made-For-TV Movie

Los Angeles-- Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer achieved national attention when she was discharged from the military after she told military officials that she is a Lesbian.

On Monday night, February 6, her story became a movie for television, airing on NBC and produced by Barbara Streisand.

*Serving in Silence* stars Glenn Close as the colonel, a Bronze Star recipient during the Vietnam War. Cammermeyer was dismissed under the regulation that requires a service member shall be removed if he or she "stated that he/she is homosexual or Bisexual."

"When I was thrown out of the military, I was desperately hoping that someone else, other than the military, would know so they would hear how outrageous the policy was and how people were losing their careers," she told reporters recently.

Cammermeyer was reinstated into the Army last year and continues to serve in the Washington State National Guard until her mandatory retirement after 30 years of service in September.

The Army is appealing the latest decision by a federal judge to reinstate Cammermeyer, who told the Army she was a Lesbian in the process of seeking a higher security clearance in 1989.

Cammermeyer wasn't sold on the idea of a TV movie at first.

"I still consider myself rather a private person," said Cammermeyer, the mother of four grown sons. "I saw no redeeming value in making this made-for-television movie or any other kind of movie."

But Streisand apparently made a lasting impression on her.

"Once they sort of put it in perspective that this is not my story ... but it is the story of thousands of others who have served in the military," Cammermeyer said.

The movie includes a depiction of Cammer-

meyer's loving relationship with a female companion, including a kiss at the conclusion of the film.

The movie also shows Cammermeyer's difficulties on the homefront, starting with the moment she revealed to her sons that she was Gay.

A sampling of opinion in Milwaukee among those who saw the film found that the vast majority thought it was a good story done sensitively and well. Yet, there was a cautionary note.

"It was a good film," said Brad, "but it wasn't great. It wasn't the breakthrough."

When he was asked what he meant, he said that in this country, women have always been able to show affection to each other. "They hug, kiss," he said, "and none of the straight boys think anything about it."

The real breakthrough, he said, will come when "somebody has the guts to put on prime time TV" the story of two men and show them kissing, being affectionate. The bigots'll scream then," he said.

### Sheldon Reads 'Out'

According to the San Francisco chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the Religious Right spent "months" lobbying to prevent the film being shown with the kiss at the end.

GLAAD, quoting *TV Guide*, reported that the Traditional Values Coalition's Lou Sheldon had said that broadcasting the kiss would "damage the heterosexual ethic among common folks in middle America."

Sheldon went on to say that "The values of American are Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve...or in this case, Eve and Stephanie."

Sheldon also told the *Guide* that he first learned about *Serving in Silence* by reading a cover story in *Out* magazine, a national Gay/Lesbian monthly.

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## Martha Roth to Read at AfterWords on February 22

Milwaukee-- AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar is pleased to welcome Martha Roth, editor of the new collection of essays, stories, poems and artwork entitled *Mother Journeys: Feminists Write About Mother* (Spinster Ink, Pb, \$15.95) on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. This event will be held at AfterWords and is free and open to the public.

*Mother Journeys* seeks to investigate the humor, courage, clarity and sometimes pain of the dual issues of feminism and motherhood. Utilizing personal experiences, feminist mothers write about such diverse aspects of motherhood as infertility, miscarriages and the death of children, in addition to exploring the sensual joys of mothering.

Contributors to *Mother Journeys* include such diverse individuals as Maxine Kumin, Minnie Bruce Pratt, Rita Dove and Nicole Hollander. Critical response has been exceptional.

Victoria Brownworth writes, "This is a wonderfully fascinating anthology, intellectually stimulating and viscerally affecting. It illuminates motherhood, exploring the areas society wants women to keep hidden."

Of *Mother Journeys*, Patricia Bell-Scott says, "The book is a powerful antidote for those who suffer from the misconception that feminism and mothering are incompatible."

Martha Roth is a founding editor of *Hurricane Alice: A Feminist Quarterly*. She is also a co-editor with Emilie Buchwald and Pamela R. Fletcher of *Transforming a Rape Culture*.

For further information about this or any other AfterWords event, call Carl M. Szatmary at (414) 963-9089.

## Cream City Chorus Rolls On Toward GALA Conference

Milwaukee-- On Saturday, February 11, members of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus gathered at the Marble Arcade on S. 2nd Street in Milwaukee to raise money for their organization. The money will be targeted toward future activities, including a full-Chorus trip to the 1996 GALA Choruses conference in Tampa Bay, Florida.

GALA Choruses is a national organization of Gay and Lesbian oriented choruses which gathers every four years to share experiences, ideas, music and camaraderie with their fellow musicians.

Throughout the next 16 months, the Cream City Chorus will continue to raise funds through a variety of events, such as the March 31st "The Gay Concert" at the PAC's Vogel Hall in Milwaukee and the April 1st Anniversary Dinner.

The Cream City Chorus rehearses each Wednesday from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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**Literary Time**-- Dorothy Parker (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and Charles MacArthur (Matthew Broderick) star in Alan Rudolph's film *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* which opens February 24 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

## Gay Erotic Video Awards Hotter than the Klieg Lights at the Hollywood Palace

Los Angeles-- Never before have so many openly Gay stars gathered in Hollywood as they did on the night of December 5 for the *Gay Video Guide's* Gay Erotic Video Awards. As reported in the latest issue of AVN, the adult entertainment monthly, hundreds of Gay stars and a capacity crowd of 800 attended the awards which raised \$50,000 for Aid for AIDS causes.

The event took place at the Hollywood Palace near Hollywood and Vine.

Madonna was supposed to show up to offer a two-minute video clip with Chi Chi LaRue, the leading producer/director of adult Gay flicks as a tribute to the late superstar Joey Stefano. But Madonna backed out at the last moment because she was delayed shooting a music video.

But stars like actor Michael Greer, comedienne Lynda Montgomery, director Gregg Araki, Holly Woodlawn, comics Jason Stuart and ANT, author James Spada and just about every Gay actor, (some not quite out of the closet yet), and director in Tinsel Town, pornstar and Gay editor from every magazine showed up.

**Flashpoint!**, the road picture of "Theo & Louis" from Falcon Studios, was the big winner, picking up Best Video, the top honor of the night, and Best Director for a very stunned and overwhelmed John Rutherford; also Best Supporting Actor for Scott Baldwin. Baldwin and Brad Hunt won Best Erotic Scene for their outdoor desert sex scene in the back of a convertible.

The Best Video Award was presented by Chi Chi LaRue's star-of-stars, Ryan Idol. This young man of French Canadian descent, has been justifiably called "the handsomest and best-built man on earth." Brad Pitt, eat your heart out.

The ravishingly good-looking Idol showed up in simple, yet classy tux and gave the show's most impressive speech. He is truly an A-list star.

Baldwin co-star, Hal Rockland, won Best Newcomer for his role in **Flashpoint!**, as well as other videos. For those of you who haven't seen him, Rockland is the original "boy's face on a man's body." His physique is probably one of the best defined in the business, while his face is that of anouting nymph. Rockland is definitely a young man to watch.

Catalina Video also won big this year, snatching three Dickie Awards for their hit **Revenge of the Bi Dolls**, the sequel to **Valley of the Bi Dolls**, which won last year's Best Bisexual Video. **Revenge** also won Best Bisexual Video this year, as well as Best Non-Sexual Role for the incomparable Chi Chi LaRue.

Catalina won Best Sex Comedy for **Sunsex**

**Boulevard**. The star, Zak Spears, won the honor of Best Actor for his role in the film as an aging porn star.

In an unusual decision, Spears tied with Grant Larson for Best Actor. Judges apparently couldn't decide between Spears' comedy and Larson's poignant portrayal of the boyfriend pining over a dead lover in **Bijou Video's** **Fulton Street**.

Fledgling Renegade Studios won Best Special Interest Video Award for their **Tom of Finland** video, **The Wild Ones**.

Liberation publications' first video **Supermodels of Advocate Men** picked up best solo.

Among the night's most prestigious awards, the Best Depiction of Safe Sex went to Vivid Man Video's **Safe Sex: A Gay Man's Guide** for its frank, entertaining and informative video about safer sex guidelines, featuring Danny Sommers.

The only glitch in the proceedings came when Jeff Stryker came on stage naked once again as he did last year. The Palace Management had specifically asked that nudity not be allowed--it was either alcohol or nudity--and the show organizers had promised no nudity.

Palace owners almost lost their liquor license and said the event would not be invited back.

Stryker later said, "I just wanted to do something that would top what I did last year. I didn't think it would be any harm."

## Gay Love in the Theatre Is Not At All Silent Anymore

Los Angeles-- "Put an American in a room full of upper-class Englishmen and he would think they were all faggots," said Nicholas Hytner, the openly Gay British director of the hit film **The Madness of King George**, as reported in the latest issue of **The Advocate**.

The movie's late-18th Century characters may seem foppish, but Hytner warns against misinterpreting their affectations as Gay. "They're just dandies," he said.

Although **King George** is Hytner's first film, the 38-year-old has worked in theatre for the past 15 years. Among his directing credits is the acclaimed 1994 Broadway revival of **Carousel**.

Hytner insists that being out among his peers has never caused problems. In fact, he jokes, "Within the theatre industry, homosexuality is hardly the love that dare not speak its name. It's the love that doesn't ever shut its fucking mouth."

## Paul Monette, Noted Gay Writer, Dies of Complications Due to AIDS

West Hollywood-- Paul Monette, whose writings celebrated Gay life and described the agony of AIDS, has died of complications from the disease. He was 49.

Monette, who was diagnosed as HIV-positive five years ago, died Friday, February 10, 1994, at his home in West Hollywood, said friend Elisabeth Nonas.

A private memorial service was held Saturday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills.

Monette won a National Book Award for his 1992 autobiography, **Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story**. In 1988, he wrote about the agonizing AIDS death of his lover, Roger Horwitz, in **Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir**.

Monette also wrote a collection of poems, **Love Alone: Eighteen Elegies for Rog**.

Monette was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1945. In **Becoming a Man**, he described suppressing his homosexuality, struggling for identity in the 1950s and '60s and surviving in a homophobic society.

He studied at Andover and Yale, then came out in 1974 when he met Horwitz.

Monette was strongly influenced by the Stonewall rebellion, which occurred when angry patrons of a Greenwich Village Gay bar resisted a 1969 police raid.

He was an interested observer as the Gay pride movement began to develop across the country.

Monette received his first critical attention in 1975 with a collection of poetry, **The Carpenter at the Asylum**, described as a dead-serious comedy of manners. In 1978 he turned to prose fiction with **Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll**, a comic tale of two Gay men who conspire with an aging actress to inherit considerable riches.

**The Gold Diggers** was about Gay male lovers who let a female friend intrude upon their lives, while **No Witnesses** was a series of poems about the imagined adventures of such famous Gay characters as Isadora Duncan, Noel Coward and Henry David Thoreau.

The torment of AIDS preoccupied his later writings.

**Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir** poignantly examined his lover's struggle and death. The work, said the **New York Times Book Review**, "has the leanness and urgency of war reporting."

Monette also wrote about AIDS in **Afterlife** in 1990 and **Halfway Home** in 1991.

Shortly before his death, Monette told the **Los Angeles Times** that he didn't feel he had given up on life because he decided to refuse medication.

"I owe it to all the people I buried to keep fighting. We all have suffering in our lives. The best we can do is help each other and take the world seriously," he said.

Survivors include his father, Paul; a brother, Robert, and his companion, Winston Wilde.


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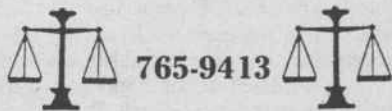


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## Rightists Push Laws Against Chance that Hawai'i May Recognize Same-Sex Marriage

Salt Lake City, UT- In anticipation that Hawai'i may recognize same-sex marriages, the Far Right is pushing pre-emptive legislation to stop these marriages from taking effect anywhere else in the country.

On February 2, the South Dakota House of Representatives voted 54-13 to pass House Bill 1184, "An Act to prohibit a marriage between persons of the same gender. The bill had been passed out of committee by a 9-3 vote only the day before.

The bill, which is only seven lines long, says, "Be it enacted...that any marriage between persons of the same gender is null and void."

The measure had 12 chief sponsors in the House and has four in the Senate.

During floor debate before passage in the House, legislators who supported the marriage ban likened it to "making homosexuality illegal in South Dakota," which they viewed as a justification for its passage.

State Rep. Roger Hunt of Brandon, SD, and lead sponsor of the bill, said the measure was introduced because of the "great economic expense" same-sex marriage could bring to South Dakota. "The bill would prevent one partner from homosexual marriages from being added to certain health and life insurance policies," he said.

**In Utah**

Utah became the second state in a week to have its legislature consider a bill which would ban the recognition of same-sex marriages regardless of where those marriages had been performed.

State Rep. Norm Nielsen, (R-Orem), the bill's chief sponsor, said the bill is needed to prevent Utah Gay couples from going to Hawaii, obtaining a marriage license in that state and then attempting to enjoy the union's legal benefits in Utah.

Homosexual marriages are not yet legal in Hawai'i, but could become so under a state Supreme Court ruling there last year. A trial scheduled later this year is expected to decide the issue.

"Given the tremendous lobbying and advocacy effort that Gays and Lesbians have launched, it is quite possible that the Hawai'i trial court could rule that Hawai'i must allow same-sex marriage," Lynn Wardle, a law professor at Brigham Young University (BYU), said in a memo to Nielsen.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), which operates BYU, is opposed to same-sex marriages. However, church spokesman Don LeFevre said that the

The church's First Presidency last year urged members to lobby "legislators, judges and other government officials" to reject any attempts to legalize Gay marriages.

David Nelson of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats (GLUD) acknowledged that Utah Gay and Lesbian couples would take advantage of the Hawai'i marriage law, if it is changed.

"All we want is the legal recognition for something we do outside Utah," Nelson said. "Gay people want to say, 'We're married.'"

Nelson compared the ban on same-sex marriage with the 1960s prohibition on interracial marriages. "It is discrimination, pure and simple."

Chris Ryan, president of the Republican Gay group, Utah Log Cabin, called the measure a "red herring" diverting lawmakers' attention from more important matters.

Any change in Hawai'i law probably will not occur for several years, if at all, he said.

**In Hawai'i**

Meanwhile, in Hawai'i, the State Senate approved and sent to the House on Monday, February 6, a bill setting up a new commission to study the extension of the legal and economic benefits of marriage to same-sex couples.

The new commission would replace the commission that was established last year, but which ran into trouble when a federal judge ruled part of its makeup was unconstitutional because it designated specific religions for membership.

Unlike the original eleven-member commission which had members representing specific religious and civil rights groups, the new commission will have seven members appointed by the governor, including four from nominees suggested by House and Senate leaders.

State Senator Michael Liu, the Republican minority leaders, was the only one voting against the measure.

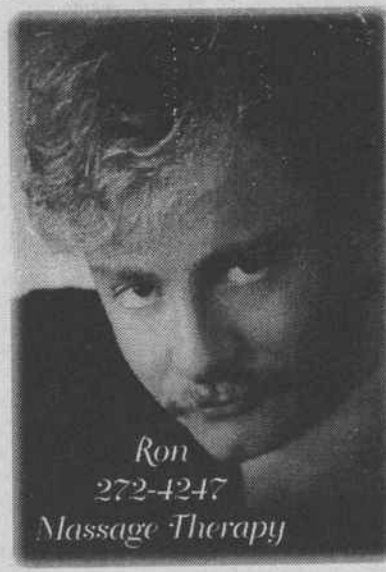
If the Legislature really wants to deal with the issue, it should do so directly and not leave it to an appointed commission, Liu said in explaining his "no" vote.

The commission is an outgrowth of last year's heated controversy over the issue of same-sex marriages in Hawai'i.

In the face of a 1993 state Supreme Court ruling that denying same-sex couples a marriage license was unconstitutional under existing Hawai'ian law, the Legislature passed a law clarifying that Hawai'i law was not intended to allow same-sex marriages.

As a compromise to the state's Gay community and civil rights activists, lawmakers agreed to study extending to Gay couples some of the legal and economic benefits now enjoyed only by heterosexual couples.

church is neutral on the bill. "This is Lynn Wardle the Lone Ranger acting here," said Wardle, who is promoting the bill. "I've talked to no one in the church about this - period."

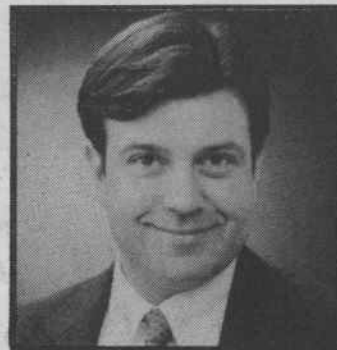


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## Rhode Island Lesbian Pastor Another First for Newport Church

Newport, RI-- Progressive politics are a 300-year tradition at the Newport Congregational Church, home of one of the first American ministers to denounce slavery and a parishioner who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Nonetheless, church leaders hesitated a bit last year when deciding whether to hire an openly Gay pastor.

The question came with the Reverend Lark d'Helen, a 43-year-old Californian chosen this fall as the favorite among 59 candidates to lead the church.

"We were faced with the question: 'Were we going to risk the future of this congregation on the unknown?'" said Carl Beckman, a member of the church's search committee.

After initial soul-searching among the congregation's 57 members, the church opted to live up to its policy "to be open and affirming to all people regardless of their sexual orientation," he said.

On Sunday, January 22, d'Helen became leader of the church as well as the first openly Gay minister in the state.

"Lark is a ball of energy," said trustee James J. Wells, who at first opposed a Gay minister. "I think I was afraid of the unknown. I didn't know anyone Gay."

Church moderator George Gordon grew up in the church. He said he feared "the Newport Congregational Church would become the Gay church in town."

But ultimately d'Helen won them over.

"It's a church, a sanctuary where people can find solace and go out to fight the battles that need to be fought," said d'Helen, who was ordained in the United Church of Christ and trained at Harvard University.

The national United Church of Christ, to which the Newport Congregational Church belongs, "is open to all people who have a spiritual sense that they need to fulfill, develop," Beckman said.

In addition to its activist politics, the church has a tradition of internal controversy. The church has split twice, most recently over whether to move to another location.

In 1976, most members voted to sell the large church in Newport. They built a new one in Middletown, where the United Congregational Church also celebrated its 300th anniversary on Sunday.

But a handful of members stayed behind in Newport and eventually bought the church building. They were dubbed the "faithful remnant."

The first split, caused by religious differences, came in 1728, 33 years after the church began. In 1833, the two factions settled their differences and came together as the United Congregational Church.

The church was founded by Nathaniel Clap, sent by Boston Puritans as a missionary to the "paganizing and perishing plantations bordering upon the Massachusetts province," according to church documents.

Its history boasts distinguished pastors such as the Reverend Ezra Styles, who also was president of Yale University, and the Reverend Dr. Henry Van Dyke, a noted author, Princeton University professor and U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands.

The Reverend Dr. Samuel Hopkins, pastor from 1770 to 1803, was one of the first American ministers to denounce slavery.

The present church, with 154 pews capable of seating more than 1,000, was built in 1857. It is one of two churches in the country decorated by famed American artist John La Farge, who performed interior work there in 1880.

The congregation earned the nickname "Church of the Patriots" because many of its members were involved in the American

Revolution. Church member William Ellery signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

To d'Helen, the church's rich history reflects a democratic spirit.

"In our tradition, a majority vote is valid," d'Helen said. "It's also in our tradition to have a minority of dissidents. That's valid, too."

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Wright says his study could also serve to cut down on the number of "false positives."

Testing people in low prevalence groups can produce higher "false positive" rates because people in those groups should not be tested anyway, Wright says.

Pierson agreed. "...But I still think that when we're dealing with some of these emotional issues, I'm not sure if that really allays the problem," he said.

Horror stories have emerged about people being incorrectly diagnosed as HIV positive.

A Lauderhill, Florida, man said his friends wouldn't even shake his hand when they found out he was diagnosed HIV positive. Charles Shiels found out a year later that the results were incorrect.

A Connecticut computer programmer recently featured on CBS' "60 Minutes" had given up her possessions and planned her memorial only to learn the results of her test were incorrect. Charlene Riling is now suing.

Wanda Jones, acting associate director for Women's Health from the Office of HIV-AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, agreed that false positives are a concern. But the first screening test, the ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay), when combined with the Western Blot test "are probably the closest thing to perfect of any medical diagnostic test on the market," she said.

Jones said to look at the ELISA as a funnel. "By the time we're finished, the overwhelming majority of results that make it to the end that are called positive, virtually 100 percent are positive," she said.

The CDC has estimated the odds of a false positive HIV antibody test are less than 5 in 100,000.

Literature from the CDC suggests that the testing facility should do the ELISA twice and use the Western Blot to confirm the results.

"Certainly, if you were one of those five people, this is pretty damned important," Ms. Jones said. "You're going to make a lot of noise about it. I would."

She said the cost of testing can run into millions of dollars. The initial test costs about \$5, she said. An additional test would cost about \$60 more.

If 5 percent, or 340,000, of the 34 million HIV tests taken annually in the United States comes back as a false positive, that would mean more than \$22 million is spent on such additional testing, Ms. Jones said.

Other factors, particularly the human one, can weigh heavily on the results. "There are humans who collect blood samples, there are humans who issue reports and whom provide reports to the patients. In any one of those tests, any human can make a mistake."

Wright's grant with the National Cancer Institute expires in September, he said.

He eventually would like to either make it available for people to purchase from him or market it to government health agencies, which would contract with him to offer the service free to the public.

## Mississippi Jury Convicts Man of Killing Two Gay Men Near Laurel

Laurel, MS-- In an update to a story carried in the last issue, a Mississippi jury in the second week in February, cast a symbolic vote for two slain Gay men despite a controversial defense intertwined with the victims' being Gay and their HIV status, friends and relatives said.

Joseph Shoemake and Robert Walters were killed last October 7, and their bodies left in thick brush outside Laurel. Shoemake was shot under the left eye, Walters in the temple.

In convicting 17-year-old Marvin McClendon, the jury rejected claims he was only trying to ward off their sexual advances.

"There's still a lot of the Old South embedded here, but I felt they (jury) would have an open mind," said Gary Walters, who found out his son had the HIV virus when the judge announced it in the courtroom Thursday, February 9.

In describing his son, Walters solemnly said, "He had the type of personality to just light up the house or wherever he was. He didn't have a mean bone in his body."

"He never so much as got a parking ticket," he said. "He was just at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The Walters family sat through the entire trial, stress visible on their faces. Cousins of Shoemake also attended, and friends of both quietly celebrated the verdicts in an emotional moment.

McClendon will be in prison until at least 2015.

"It's not enough, but that's as much as we can hope for," said Shoemake's partner, Billy Joe Murry.

Murry said every time someone asks about the victims "it's like cutting yourself over and over and over."

"I'm glad there is still law and order in this world, and when somebody murders two people, they're going to have to pay for it," Laurel Mayor Susan Vincent said. "I worried that these side issues would distract from the fact that two people lost their lives."

Numerous times during the three day trial, the men's sexual orientations were discussed.

"I've heard snickers in the back of this courtroom as men who said that they were Gay took the stand," assistant District Attorney Gray Burdick said during closing arguments. "But these men all had jobs and all contributed to this community."

He called the defense "a wholesale exhibition

in the exploitation of Gay people.

"Why? It was the defense attempting to reach out and touch your prejudice, your bias," he said.

Brian Levin of the Center for Study of Ethnic and Racial Violence called the verdicts "symbolic."

"It sends a message that in Mississippi stereotypes will not obscure justice being done. Anyway you slice it, this is a case of a brutal double murder," Levin said.

"If this trial had taken place a generation ago, it perhaps would have ended differently," he said.

Walters, 34, in the commercial art business, and Shoemake, 24, a computer programmer, were mostly closeted about who they were, Murry said.

From accounts of both families and friends, they were talented -- Walters in art and Shoemake in technology.

"I would almost classify him as a computer genius," Murry said of Shoemake. "He was just a very loving person, very quiet. He kept to himself most of the time."

Defense attorney J. Ronald Parrish called the men "sexual predators" repeatedly during the trial and said that if McClendon had not shot them, the jury would instead be handling a rape case.

"He may be dirty, but he's good," Murry said of Parrish. "If I ever get in any trouble I hope I have him on my side. He almost got away with getting that guy off. If it wasn't for the closing statements, I think Marvin would have walked."

Burdick, in closing statements, said: "An old law professor once told me: 'If your man is guilty make an issue out of something else.'"

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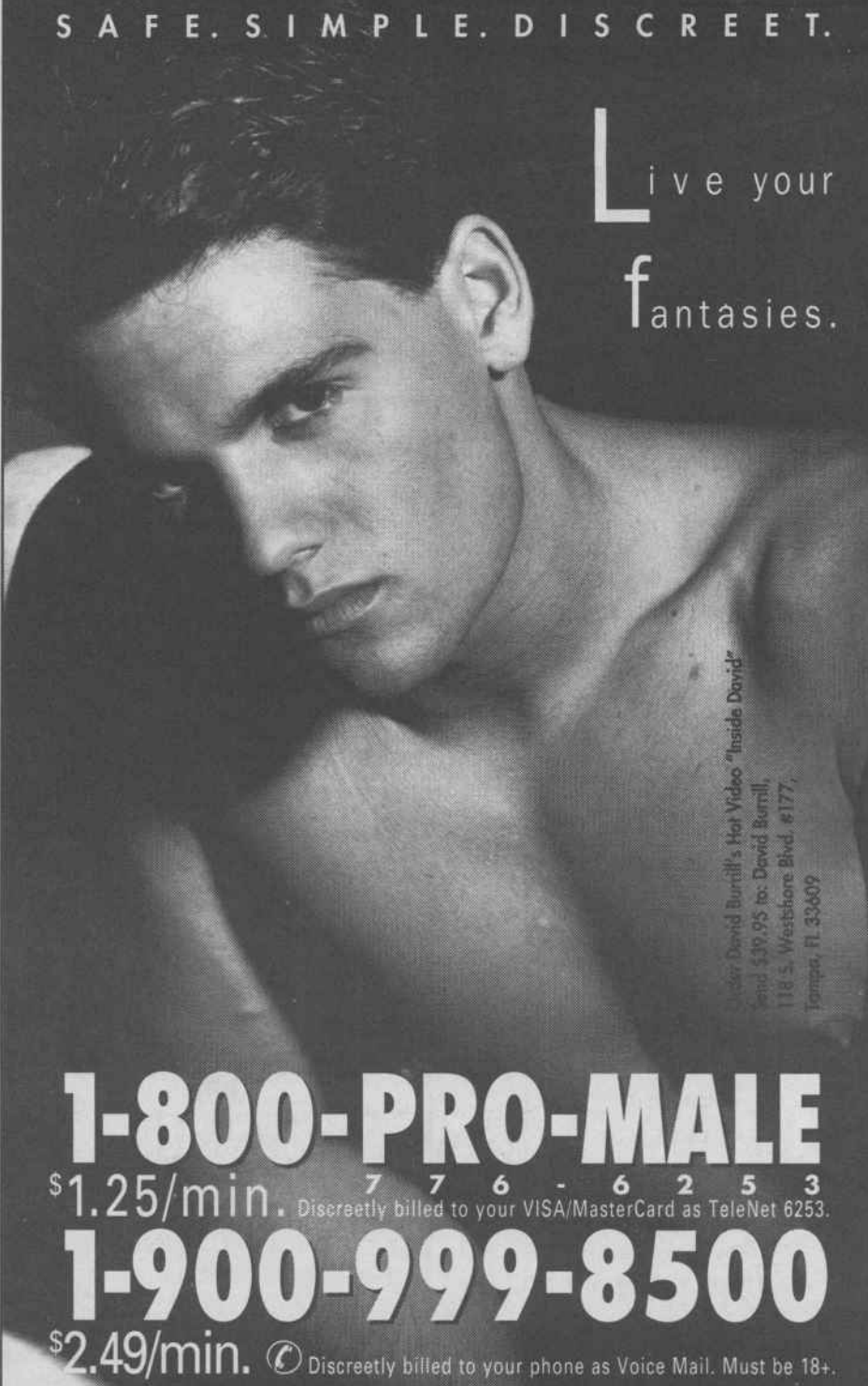
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Milwaukee **GOODLOOKING CD:** 27 bi wm very gdlkg cd, like to meet gdlkg cd tv or ts couples with bi male to fulfill a fantasie, ser only pls,- #22233

Milwaukee **INEXPERIENCED CD:** Bi wm inexp cd seeking exp cd hoping to start a ser rel with interests in politics movies sports, and dining out willing to be taught everything about cd lv a message- #24839

Madison **RUN WITH ME:** GWM young, 5'6, 128, very good shape int in running and working out like to meet 18-24 GWM for friendship poss rel- #24881

Madison **SMOOTH AS SILK:** blond/blu, smooth as silk, musc tp, 5'7, iso WM/BM nice slim tall tp 25-50 for beaches or other enjoyment times- #24945

Milwaukee **MACHO MAN:** Ken, macho musc man, attr, adv tall blu grn brn bi wm 26, iso same for great times iso young bi wm 18020 fit and attr into movies working out wtlfing and things of that nature- #24973

Milwaukee **BLACK MEN:** Ryan GWM 38, 5'5, 111, red/blu, fr/p grk/a like to meet BM esp call anytime- #25256

Fredonia **GREG 27,** lkg to meet 18-30, give me a call- #25449

Platville **CLASSIC ROCK:** Bill, city boy lost among the cows! 30s 5'8 145 prof'l new to WI like classic rock theatre, football and college hoops looking for a stable guy for fun, poss rel, will travel a reasonable distance- #25493

Milwaukee **BEARDED YOUNG PROFESSIONAL** iso someone who knows what they want where they wanted under 43 only- #25825

Milwaukee **X RATED VIDEOS:** bi WM 43, 6', 185, smooth NW side int in meeting other guys for fun times open to new ideas affectionate, like hangin out, music movies, x rated and massage, like young guys to show me the ropes, new to scene- #25864

Fond du Lac **OUTDOOR LOVER:** Randy, 27 GWM 5'10, 163 brn/grn iso another GWM in the area for friendship rel, 23-31 desire to learn from other, hiking, biking, camping canoeing, if i sound like someone you'd like to meet, give me a call- #25866

Milwaukee **HISPANIC ASIAN:** Carl, 29 male, hisp/asian 5'8 170 like working out dining out watching movies, lkg for friends, u must be 25-40, fit, stable, if this ur interested give me a call- #25909

Milwaukee **PASSABLE TS:** Matt, bi WM hoping to meet passable TS TV and CD for poss rel, lv a message will ret all calls- #26074

Milwaukee **YOUNG GUYS:** Tom, lkg for other hot young guys, 6'1 185, blond brn, well end, lkg to hook up with other younger guys give me a call- #25713

Milwaukee **TONY 5'8 150,** iso WM 18-25 into having fun give me a call- #26392

Milwaukee **YOUNG MALE** 6'1 185, brn/ into music movies, lkg for same- looking for other young guys #26470

Madison **SLENDER BI WM:** Kevin bi WM 30 5'8 145 slender well toned iso bi/gay MW or Asians, TV ok, sim to lger build 18-40 new to personals scene, be discreet #26489

Milwaukee **MIKE, 41, 6', 250,** It brn, beard must blue eyes, int are music old movies, rummaging antiques, homebody, gd sense of humor, sincere loyal and caring, lkg for Mr. Right, or Mr. Right now iso same qual, int, new experiences-hairy a+ #26738

Milwaukee **RICH 24** btm 5'6 145, lkg to meet 18-40 var int, if ur int gve me a call- #27041

Milwaukee **SNOWMOBILER:** GWM 25, lkg for active gay or bi male, enjoy boating snowmobiling, volleyball, and sports, open minded give me a call- #27144

Kenosha **BI WM COUPLE** 40 and BI WM 21 iso bi or gay under 25 for fun, heavy metal music, give us a call- #27590

Oak Creek **HOUSE AT THE LAKE:** Russ, blond/hzl, love outdoors, love spending time at my lake home, vers, and int in someone sim- lkg for someone masc, 6'1, 170, nice body give me a call- #27656

Wisconsin Rapids **DAN 21,** lkg for a hot jock to have a good time discreet married, so if ur int in a good time gve me a call #27477

Beaver Dam **STRAWBERRY BLONDE:** GWM 31 strawberry blond 155 iso friendship or rel, var of int, iso compat man to have fun with, spend the winter with, maybe more- Dale- #24593

Madison **INEXP ASIAN:** 22, 5'6, 145, Asian, inexp, slim toned, run lift wts, alt music, movies, home videos, non drinker, don't care if u do, like quiet times one on one, like cuddling, intimacy massage, 24-40 WM in the area, give me a call- #24673

Fox Valley **REALLY ROUGH STUFF:** looking for guys to get together with really rough- give me a call- #24706

WI **20 y/o** Student iso people in the area for friendship poss rel, not into one nighters people to hang #20750

Green Bay **FURRY MEN:** Edward 35, lkg for that one man good sense of humor kind caring, monog rel, like furry men, int in personality and character of person, give me a call- #21596

Sparta **FAST CARS AND FISHING:** Steve, fast cars, bikes, snowmobiles, hunt, fish, and camp, non drinker, young smooth bms best, but am vers- #21656

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 eves, 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

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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:** TJason, 23, young, dk, handsome, iso WM non smoker, ages of 24-35, nice looking, gd shpe, masc

look good when they are dressed up and still be a man with me- #11250

Milwaukee **EXERCISE AND WRESTLING:** Want exercise and fun, into wrestling, if ur too, lv name and #, Mike- #24177

Milwaukee **FRENCH SERVICE:** 6'1, brn brn 210 40, iso people to enjoy french svc, discreet - #24499

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

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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 antiques, 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

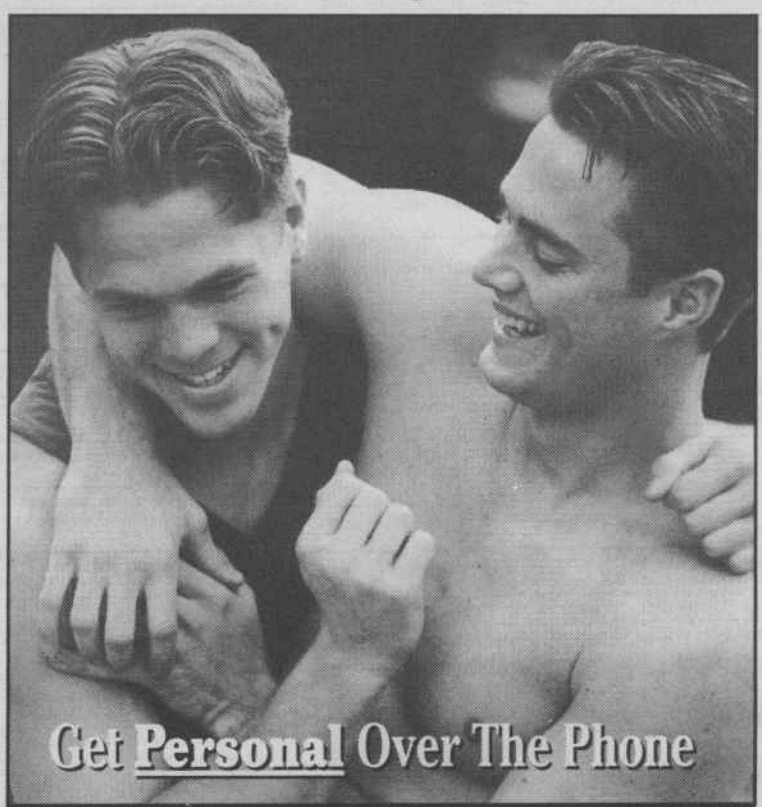
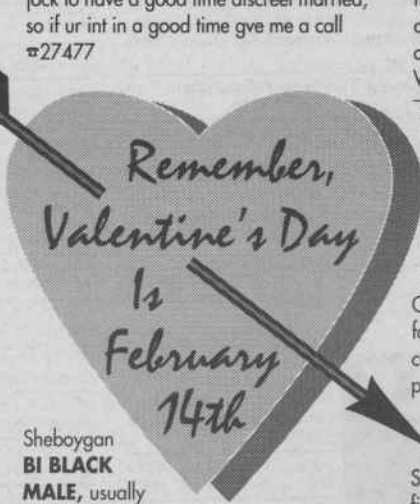
Milwaukee **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON:** student at UWM, 20, iso other guys in the area under 30, looking for people to hang out with and have fun with- #20750

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



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**ENYART**  
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"He really seems to do a lot of Gay-bashing and encourages violence against Gay people," she said. "I think he's confused about a lot of things and I think he's got a lot of problems."  
Currently, Enyart has declared his show a "H-Free Zone" for homosexuality during February and has forbidden the use of the "H-word, G-word and L-word." On February 8, he hung up on one Gay caller, saying, "We're not taking calls from your kind until after at least March 1st."

Bradford Community Church has taken no stand on the show, but its minister, the Rev. Annie Holmes, speaking as an individual, said Enyart encourages violence against Blacks and women as well as sexual minorities.

"We feel it is part of our duty at least to call attention to the community about it. I think he has gone beyond free speech. This is like yelling fire in a crowded theater," she said.

"He says things like, 'Vengeance is mine, says the Lord, and we're god's people here on earth, so I guess vengeance is ours,'" Holmes said.

On the air, Enyart has criticized the church's denomination, Unitarian Universalism and has said women ministers are dangerous. He has also complained about female public officials, calling them the "skirts running Washington."

His name-calling has troubled some people so much they did not want to be interviewed for this story. One said press reports only encourage Enyart to harass people with "made-up" and "malicious" accusations.

Another said, "I've kind of been swallowing a little more deeply" because Enyart has encouraged viewers to make trouble at a local Gay bar or at other places they disapprove of.

U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) asked the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) whether some of Enyart's activities are permissible. In a January letter, the chief of

the FCC's Mass Media Bureau told Feingold that FCC rules prohibit broadcasting a conversation without notifying the participant that the call will be broadcast. People who were called may file complaints with the FCC.

However, the rules do not ban broadcasting names and telephone numbers, which Enyart did with the petitions, even if that results in harassing phone calls to the persons identified.

FCC rules also say speech which might create a "clear and present danger" must be reviewed by local authorities, who are better able to judge whether the speech incites lawless actions.

The show alarmed Kevin Fullin of Kenosha so much he debated Enyart on a WHKE talk show in January. Although some friends urged him not to, fearing the debate would only encourage more people to watch the show, Fullin felt he had a responsibility as a white, heterosexual male to speak out against the racism, homophobia and sexism he sees on the show.

"It's part of the problem we're having in the country to have a syndicated show coming into our community to promote this," Fullin said. "It's not a matter of banning free speech, but it's a matter of (the show) putting more people in danger and promoting hate."

"The common theme of his show is really supremacy," Fullin said. "He seems to be unhappy with everyone not like him."

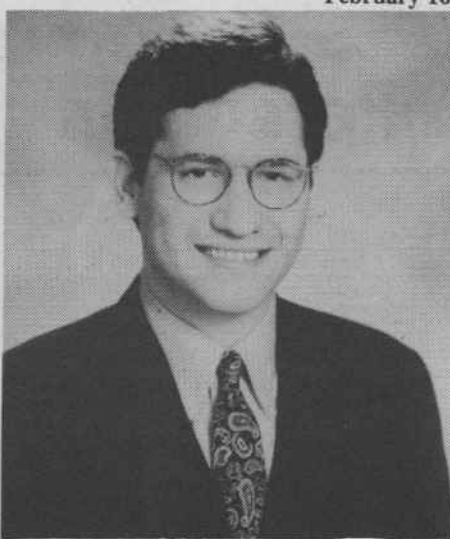
Fullin, who has been active on issue including domestic violence, believes homophobia, male supremacy and violence are deeply linked.

Enyart was convicted by a jury of child abuse on February 7, for spanking his 7 year-old stepson with a belt. He says the incident, involving five swats, raised only welts, although other reports claim it caused broken skin and bruises. He will be sentenced March 27.

Enyart also faces another charge of child abuse for spanking a boy with an oak paddle, and will be tried March 20. The district attorney has said he will seek jail time for Enyart. Both incidents were reported by the boy's father, a law enforcement officer.

Enyart has devoted several shows to the charges. He contends that a lack of corporal punishment has caused a crime epidemic by children and called it "a badge of honor to be charged with child abuse."

Enyart has been convicted of seven charges involving incidents outside abortion clinics in 1989 and 1990. He served about four months in jail for those convictions.



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**SCHOOL BOARD**

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the community, have created concern because of their not entirely veiled use of "a return to family values" rhetoric in their campaigns. Their statements also evoke a lack of understanding about the need to keep narrowly-defined religious agendas out of the schools.

Rosenak seems to fit the classic mold of a stealth, arch-conservative candidate. She has tried to distance herself from the conservative CARE committee, but the record shows that CARE leader Nancy Mistele was responsible for gathering many of her nomination signatures.

Burkes is such a strong and well-rounded candidate that many of those who support him felt sick when he made headlines recently, admitting to lying about his educational credentials when applying for jobs with the city and county. Everyone's initial reaction was to declare him dead in the water. However, Burkes has bent over backwards to be accountable for his actions, stating clearly and unequivocally that what he did was wrong.

The broad range of progressive organizations and individuals who had supported him have been engaging in thoughtful and often painful dialogues as they seek to reassess his candidacy. None of his three opponents offer a viable alternative. Everyone is clear that there is no excuse for his actions, especially in a race for school board. But, upon reflection, many have expressed that his extraordinary record of success with youth makes him the right person for the job.

We are confident that Burkes will rise above this latest challenge and be an outspoken advocate for the rights of Gay and Lesbian teachers and youth and others in our community who have so often been denied a voice. Burkes can be reached at (608) 249-3126.

**Crawford-Gray, the Right Person in Seat 4**

It is an enormous pleasure to endorse someone with the kind-of richness of experience and perspective that Eyvonne Crawford-Gray would bring to the school board. As a former county board supervisor, an education specialist with the Department of Public Instruction and a long-time community activist, she has what it takes.

She has been an outspoken proponent of the need to build bridges between the African American and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual community and has backed up her words with actions. Her years of service on the board of the Madison Institute for Social Legislation (MISL), which worked for the city's alternative families ordinance, is just one example of her work on behalf of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual rights.

Her opponent, who is also a member of the African American community, is notably more conservative, having served as one of the conservative hosts on a local Crossfire-like radio show. While some of his comments seem to indicate a willingness to be open about the challenges facing alternative families, his record is no match for Eyvonne's.

With only two candidates in the race, there is no primary. However, Crawford-Gray has specifically asked for the vocal and visible support of our community--and our ideas--as she looks toward the April general election. She can be reached at (608) 271-3491.

**Bohrod and Franken in Seat 6**

Without engaging in the kind of inflammatory rhetoric being put forward by the Radical Right, it's fair to say that if there's one person who can be pointed to as an enemy of Gay and Lesbian rights, it's incumbent board member Nancy Mistele. Mistele's damn-the-facts and full speed ahead rhetoric has advanced a career founded largely on hatred and innuendo. (Using multiple misrepresentations and half-truths in a well-financed TV campaign against Sen. Joe Wincke last year, she almost won.) Mistele is a co-founder of CARE and an architect of its euphemistic "pro-family" agenda that, in fact, seems to place reducing property taxes far ahead of the future represented by our community's youth.

Fortunately, this race presents progressives with two attractive alternatives to Mistele, Dan Bohrod and Andy Franken.

Bohrod is an education policy analyst with the Department of Public Instruction, with three children in Lowell Elementary School. A Madison resident since 1978, he has worked for about 10 years each in both the public and private sectors. Advocates for Lesbian and Gay rights give him top marks for his answers about our issues on questionnaires.

Andrew Franken also has an extensive history of involvement with education issues. He's already become an active participant in the educational process at Van Hise School in his neighborhood, although his son is still of pre-school age. He serves on the Van Hise Success Team, which is addressing the space and diversity issues facing the district. Franken was also given high marks by L/G/B education advocates.

In a three-way race, it is likely that either Bohrod or Franken will face Mistele in the primary. Because Bohrod is a relative political novice, many progressive leaders have backed what they believe to be Franken's more viable candidacy. However, regardless, it's important to commend both candidates for their strong stands on the issues facing the Gay and Lesbian families and staff members. Bohrod can be reached at (608) 249-2423 and Franken at (608) 273-2041.

**School Referendum**

Opponents of the School Board's referendum asking for permission to borrow money to upgrade facilities and provide computers for children have engaged in a classic case of misrepresentation. Charging mismanagement with no evidence to back up their case, their distortions fly apart in the face of the school district's AAA bond rating. Unfortunately, proponents of the referendum have been slow to organize effectively. That's why your "yes" vote is extremely important. This is a perfect example in a case where a well-organized Radical Right will try to greatly magnify its power in a low turnout election. Don't let that happen. Vote "YES" on the school referendum.

**Madison Mayoral Race**

The presence of numerous opponents of gun control and other one-note candidacies have meant that incumbent Mayor Paul Soglin will face 10 opponents in the February primary. As a recent debate on WYOU-TV demonstrated, none of the challengers comes close in having the depth or understanding necessary to lead the city.

Paul Soglin is deserving of your support in his bid to serve one last four year term. Love him or despise him, you have to admit that there has rarely been a more effective and hard-working advocate for Madison's people as its current Mayor. Consistently and over many decades, he has been an unequivocal and outspoken advocate of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual rights. (This is one of the many reasons that Rep. Tammy Baldwin has chosen to serve as co-chair of his campaign.)

Soglin's contributions to our community often go unacknowledged--politicians usually only hear from people when things go wrong. Support him with your vote and, while you're at it, give his office a call at (608) 266-4611 to thank him for his record of support for our community.

**State Supreme Court**

Judge Ann Walsh Bradley, of Wausau, is our choice for Wisconsin Supreme Court. She is a judge with integrity, knowledge and vision. She is progressive and open-minded in her outlook, while possessing a reputation for being tough on crime. Eighty percent of Wisconsin's sheriffs have endorsed her candidacy, as has State Rep. Tammy Baldwin.

Her campaign is being co-chaired by the governor's wife, Sue Ann Thompson, and former Gov. Tony Earl. As we have seen in recent months, the State Supreme Court is a place where our rights as Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals are being constantly tested. We need a Supreme Court justice who will thoughtfully weigh those questions. Ann W. Bradley is that person.

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GLAAD's Al Kielwasser said that Sheldon's comment serve as a serious reminder that to fuel its "non-stop propaganda machine," the Christian Right devotes considerable energy to monitoring the content of the Gay/Lesbian media.

In Wisconsin it is well known to all in the LesBiGay press that the Religious Right assiduously reads all the LesBiGay publications it can get its hands on.

As one staffer at a local Christian broadcasting studio put it, "Your stuff is read and then fed into the national religious pipeline for use as it's needed." The staffer spoke on condition of strictest anonymity.

**Organizations**

**BEARS!** We're a huntin' for Bear men in N.W. WI and N.E. MN. Send SASE: Backwoods Bears, Box 264, Superior, WI 54880 d,f

**Volunteers & Ideas Needed** Hurricane Productions Womyn's Music & Culture, P.O. Box 71268, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

**GALANO CLUB.** A social club serving the recovering Gay and Lesbian community. Regularly scheduled AA, NA, Al-Anon, ACOA and other 12-step meetings. Open nightly. 2408 N. Farwell Avenue, (414) 276-6936. x

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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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## 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