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## New Study Shows One in Three Have Changed Behaviors to Avoid AIDS

Atlanta, GA--Nearly one-third of Americans say they have changed their sex habits to avoid AIDS, including using condoms more and sleeping with fewer partners. Some, according to the survey, have given up sex entirely.

Even those at extremely low risk of getting the disease are being more careful, though the researchers found that people with the greatest chance of AIDS are doing the most to protect themselves.

"People respond to the idea that sex is potentially a life or death decision," said Joel A. Feinleib of the University of Chicago.

The findings on sex in the age of AIDS are based on newly analyzed data from the National Health and Social Life Survey, the largest random survey ever conducted of American sexuality.

The study, much of which was published in a book last year, was based on 90-minute interviews with 3,434 Americans about their most private acts and desires. The group surveyed ranged in age from 18 to 59.

The latest data were released on February 17 at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

One criticism of the study is the difficulty of knowing whether people are telling the truth. This may be especially important in judging their response to AIDS, since almost everyone knows what answers are considered socially acceptable.

In the survey, 30 percent of U.S. adults said they had changed their behavior in some way as a result of AIDS, and 3 percent of adults are avoiding sex completely because of AIDS.

John Gagnon of the State University of New York in Stony Brook said the 30 percent figure is probably the "upper bounds estimate" of what is really true.

Even if accurate, however, Gagnon said no one knows if this is enough to have a significant impact on the epidemic.

Of the 30 percent who say they have changed their sex practices, the survey found:

- 29 percent use condoms more often.
- 26 percent limit themselves to one sex partner.
- 25 percent choose their partners more carefully or get to know them better.
- 11 percent reduce their number of partners.
- 11 percent abstain from sex entirely.

Having many sex partners increases the risk of AIDS, and the statistics show just how seriously those people are taking AIDS.

For instance, the survey found that 78 percent of those who have slept with between 11 and 20 people in the last five years have changed their behavior.

By contrast, 12 percent of those with just one partner in five years are doing something different because of AIDS.

Feinleib noted that 75 percent of the population is at such low risk of AIDS that they probably do not need to alter their sex practices.

## Greg Louganis, World's Greatest Olympic Diver, Is a Person Living With AIDS

New York, NY--Greg Louganis, 35, the only man to sweep diving gold medals at consecutive Olympics, said he has AIDS and was HIV-positive when he hit his head during the 1988 Summer Games and bled into the pool.

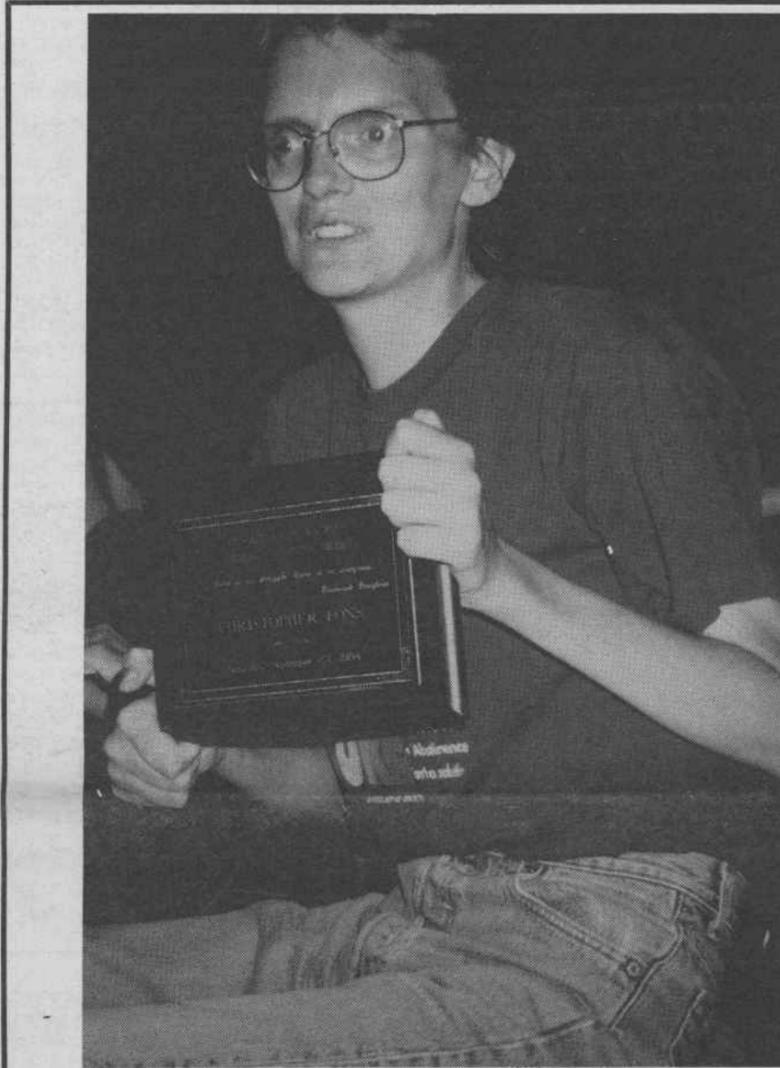
Louganis, in an interview with ABC News "20-20" televised Friday, February 24, said that he tested positive for the HIV virus just before the 1988 Games in Seoul and that it has developed into what the Centers for Disease Control defines as AIDS.

"It's just so sad," said Scott Donie, a silver medalist in the 10-meter platform at Barcelona. "He's such an incredible person and was such an incredible athlete. It's no different than when I heard about Arthur Ashe or Magic Johnson. When someone you hold in such high regard gets something like this, it reminds you of how human we all are. It's difficult to accept."

In the preliminaries of the 1988 springboard event, Louganis cracked his head on a reverse

## Madison and Milwaukee AIDS Housing Projects Jeopardized by Federal Budget Cuts

### HUD Grants for Rodney Scheel House and MAP Family Housing May be Reduced or Eliminated



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## Utah Rushes to Stop Gay Marriages, While South Dakota Hesitates--For Now

Salt Lake City, UT-- Legislation that would deny recognition to same-sex marriages won unanimous endorsement by a Utah House committee that was told the measure could face a legal challenge. At the same time, Hawaii's forged ahead on the same-sex marriage issue.

Utah already bans same-sex marriages. House Bill 366 would deny recognition of such marriages performed in other states. Hawaii is

one state that could legalize such unions.

The House Energy, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee unanimously endorsed the measure on February 20 with no debate.

"(There are) possible due-process issues since marriage is a fundamental constitutional right," legislative attorney Janetha Hancock wrote in a legal assessment of the bill. "But

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## High Court's Decision to Review Colorado's Amendment 2 is the Most Crucial Civil Rights Case in Decades

Denver, CO-- For perhaps the first time ever and never again, the two sides agree. Both advocates for the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men and the Far Religious Right say that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on February 21 to review Colorado's Amendment 2 is a watershed.

"This is our Brown Vs the Board of Education, said Richard Evans, whose name is listed first on the original filing of the Amendment 2 lawsuit. "Hopefully, it will go the same way."

By Brown Vs the Board of Education, the Supreme Court, in 1954, said racial segregation violated African Americans' right to equal protection under the law. The decision paved the way for the African American civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Amendment 2, approved by Colorado voters in 1992, would permit legal discrimination against Gay people. The Amendment has

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Milwaukee-- As Wisconsin Light goes to press, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has issued an "urgent Action Alert" to AIDS activists throughout Wisconsin that all federal AIDS housing funds have been targeted for elimination by the leadership of the new Congressional majority, which could mean withdrawal of multi-million dollar grant awards to the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for crucial AIDS housing projects.

The ARCW Alert urges the AIDS community to immediately call their respective Congressmen in the U.S. House of Representatives. The full House will soon be voting on these budget cuts

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"The Contract For America has gone too far and is gutting this country's most humane response to the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, ARCW Executive Director, who had just returned from Washington, D.C. where he testified before the Senate Committee charged with re-authorizing the Ryan White CARE Act.

"More than half of the people living with AIDS in Wisconsin need housing assistance. Without these HUD funds the prospects for severe homelessness among people with AIDS are profoundly increased," Nelson said.

The ARCW Alert reported that the massive cuts to the HUD budget may result in elimination of funds carried over by HUD from prior fiscal years which have not yet been spent and therefore jeopardizes the Madison and Milwaukee AIDS housing projects.

"With all of the investment by the Madison community in the Rodney Scheel House, it is outrageous that this Congress is prepared to scuttle that vital program for the Madison AIDS community," said Nelson.

"In Milwaukee, we have invested more than a year's effort in planning for our housing project for families with HIV and we are prepared to break ground in the next few months to construct this critically needed housing project.

"Both of our communities have received million-dollar HUD grants to make safe and affordable housing for the AIDS community a reality," Nelson continued. "We can't let reckless budget-cutting kill these crucial housing programs," he asserted.

Nelson said that in addition to the Madison and Milwaukee HUD grants, Wisconsin stands to lose \$650,000 in housing assistance from HUD through the complete elimination of the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS Program (HOPWA).

"We desperately need HOPWA funds for

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never taken effect because the Colorado courts, including the State Supreme Court, found the amendment unconstitutional.

Evans, a grants manager in the Denver Mayor's office, said that now, "Gay and Lesbian issues will be raised to a national level like they've never been raised before."

Will Perkins, whose Colorado for Family Values (CFV) wrote and campaigned for the amendment, said the high court's ruling would be "crucial," adding his hope the court would be favorable to Amendment 2 in its ruling and thus show that "homosexuals are not entitled to the same civil rights" as others. "The fact that they choose to practice homosexuality does not give them any special rights at all," he said.

Perkins said that he was "looking forward"

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## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Suit May Force FDA to Approve HIV Home Test

Washington, D.C.-- Dana Berliner, staff attorney at the Institute for Justice, a D.C. based public interest firm, told a forum on HIV home testing on February 28 that her firm is "prepared to pursue legal action if it becomes necessary and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not approve home access testing soon." Berliner argued that "the most common and least appreciated form of regulation in the modern world is delay," noting that the FDA "has been reviewing the issue and withholding approval of home access testing for the last seven years. During that time, at least 300,000 Americans became HIV positive. Individuals have a right to choose home testing if they want it." Berliner spoke at a forum on HIV home testing sponsored by Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty.

### NIKE Ad Features HIV Positive Runner

Portland, OR--AP-- Once again, NIKE has broken new ground in advertising, this time by featuring a marathon runner who learned he was HIV + in 1987. "Finally, at least one mainstream marketer is acknowledging reality--that there are millions of people living with HIV," said Bradley Johnson, a Los Angeles editor of Advertising Age magazine. NIKE began running the ad featuring Los Angeles runner Ric Munoz in February. Munoz, 36, lives in West Hollywood and is openly Gay. The 30-second commercial shows Munoz running through Malibu Canyon State Park. As the scenery changes, captions say, "Ric Munoz, Los Angeles; 80 miles every week; 10 marathons every year; HIV positive; Just Do It."

This ad is not only gutsy on NIKE's part, but quite useful to educating viewers," said Sean Strub, editor of POZ, a magazine for and about people living with HIV. "People who are HIV + have to deal with exercise, getting fired, breaking up and falling in love, all the things everyone else in society has to go through," Strub said.

The ad fits well with NIKE's "Just Do It" slogan, said Jack Cox, a member of the Portland-based HIV Advocacy Council. "It's an affirmation that says, 'Do what you can. Just do your life.' The message is right on."

### Idaho Students Confront Gay Dorm Resident

Moscow, ID--AP-- Residents of the University of Idaho's Upham Hall have expressed their homophobia over having a Gay man in their midst in some questionable ways that have gotten the attention of other students. About a dozen people--mostly students--marched from the Student Union Building to the residence hall on February 21 to protest harassment of a Gay friend who lives at Upham Hall. As protesters carried signs and passed out fliers, Upham Hall residents taunted them and yelled obscenities from the dorm windows.

The Gay student who asked not to be identified, has been verbally abused. Computer-generated messages also have been posted on a bulletin board at the dorm: "We, the men of Upham Hall, do not care for faggots. In fact, get out," one read. Signs have been ripped off his door and insults have been written on his message board.

### Colorado House Panel Kills Bill Adding Anti-Gay violence to Hate Crimes in State

Denver, CO--AP-- A bill that would have added crimes against Gays and Lesbians to the list of Colorado's hate crimes died in a legislative committee on February 16, on a 7-6 vote of the House Finance Committee. The committee discussed the bill only briefly, but the attack against the bill was led by Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colorado Springs) and Rep. Jim Congrove (R-Arva). Lamborn said Colorado "has enough laws and doesn't need any more." Several Christian ministers associated with the Far Right Wing Colorado for Family Values spoke against the bill.

### British Columbia Approves Same-Sex Adoptions

Victoria, BC--AP-- British Columbia's government has quietly changed its adoption rules to allow same-sex couples to adopt infants. The head of the province's adoption services, Trudy Usher, said the change was made to give same-sex couples the same rights as different-sexed couples. Usher pointed out that nowhere on the adoption application form is there a question asking of the couple is Gay or straight. The move was opposed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which issued a statement that said that same-sex couple "do not fit the Church's definition of a family."

### Gay Activists Challenge Referendum in Court

Augusta, ME--AP-- A proposed referendum that would repeal any local laws in Maine providing civil rights protections for Gay people violates the state constitution and should not be placed on the ballot, according to Gay activists and the American Civil Liberties Union. "It's a disguised attempt to amend the Constitution of the State of Maine," said Patricia Peard of the Maine Civil Liberties Union of the initiative proposed by the Far Right Wing religious group, Concerned Maine Families. "You cannot amend the constitution through the initiative referendum process."

The Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) filed a motion for summary judgment in Kennebec County Superior Court on February 22. They sought a judgment that the initiative violates the state constitution and should not be placed on the ballot. The referendum would also bar adding groups or categories to those now listed in the Maine Human Rights Act as protected from discrimination. Also, assaults based on sexual orientation would not longer be covered by the state's hate crimes law.

### Nobody in Minnesota Jacks Off?--And If They Do, They Shouldn't Talk About it

St. Paul, MN--AP-- The Minnesota Family Council said on February 21 that some state education officials should be fired because of materials about safer sex and Gay people distributed at a recent education conference. The materials include a pamphlet called "Safer Sex Can Be Fun," which includes comments about masturbation, fantasies and sex toys. "These materials are inappropriate for public school use," Darrell McKigney, legislative director of the ultra-conservative Family Council said in a letter to Minnesota governor Arne Carlson. The pamphlets were given to teachers and parents at the Minnesota School Health Education Conference in Brooklyn Park in early February. McKigney was particularly upset over masturbation saying that school children in Minnesota shouldn't be learning about such a thing. If they do it, he is reported to have said, they shouldn't be talking about it. "That's what led President Clinton to fire Joycelyn Elders," he said.

### Mel White Jailed for Protesting

Virginia Beach, VA--AP-- The former writer for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Billy Graham and Oliver North, is on a hunger strike in a Virginia Beach detention facility. Dr. Mel White, the dean of the Dallas Metropolitan Community Church is refusing food as a protest against Robertson's stance on Lesbians and Gay men, which, White says, contributes to the violence directed against them. White vows to continue his fast until Robertson opens a dialogue about his anti-Gay rhetoric.

### Domestic Partnership Gets Boost in Alaska

Fairbanks, AK-- The Fairbanks, Alaska Superior Court has issued a decision that denying benefits to the same-sex partner of an employee is a violation of Alaska State Law prohibiting discrimination based on marital status. The decision comes in favor of two employees of the University of Alaska, Mark Tumeo and Kate Wattum, who both requested the standard benefits package for their same sex partners. The University refused and Tumeo and Wattum took the school to court. The University has indicated that they will appeal the decision to the State Supreme Court.

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## Sailor Argues that Having Sex with Another Man is no Basis for Military Discharge

Seattle, WA--The military's ban on Gay sex "has nothing to do with whether a Gay person can or can't control his urges," but remains necessary to ensure good discipline and morale in the armed forces, a government lawyer has told a federal judge.

Despite recent court rulings that found it is unconstitutional to discharge service members who simply acknowledge they are Lesbian or Gay, "there appears to be universal acceptance among the courts that homosexual acts are proscribed in the military context," deputy assistant attorney general John Rogovin said.

Rogovin, who came from Washington, D.C., to argue the administration's position, made his arguments February 22, before U.S. District Judge William Dwyer in the case of a Navy petty officer challenging the military's year-old "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding Gay service personnel.

Dwyer will rule at a later date. Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark A. Philips contends being discharged for acknowledging that he has had sex with other men, violates his constitutional guarantees of free speech, equal protection and privacy.

"When a heterosexual couple announces they are going to get married, there is not a ... presumption that they will engage in oral sex," even if studies indicate many do, said Jett Whitmer, Philips' attorney.

But if service members "say, 'I am Gay,' they assume the burden of proof that they do not perform certain acts," he said.

"The core constitutional question is, do we treat them equally?"

Attorneys and a Pentagon spokesman said Philips' challenge is the first to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy to be argued in court. A second case is pending in New York.

Philips is seeking to throw out the policy partly on the same grounds that courts earlier rejected discharges based on a person's admission that he or she was Gay.

In addition to saying that he is Gay, Philips disclosed he had had sex with other men.

Because the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy gives some leeway to homosexuals, "we have a government that recognizes the legitimacy of homosexual service members," Whitmer said.

But when it comes to consensual sexual acts, heterosexuals are not regulated, while homosexuals must prove their activity is not sodomy, he said.

"Within homosexual acts we can go from homosexual rape to two men holding hands," Whitmer said.

The ban on homosexual acts covers admissions by service members that they have a "concrete intent and desire" to perform such acts, Rogovin said.

The policy is necessary, Rogovin added, to

maintain good morale, discipline and "unit cohesion."

Rogovin admitted under questioning from Dwyer that private homosexual acts wouldn't affect the cohesiveness of a unit.

But "it's a very practical problem when somebody's ... homosexuality becomes well-known," he said, affecting the privacy rights of other service members.

He likened the situation to the "sexual tension" when a heterosexual man and woman are in the shower together, even if they have no intention of having sex.

"The concept here has nothing to do with whether a homosexual can or can't control his urges," Rogovin said.

Philips was serving aboard the Bremerton-based supercarrier USS Nimitz when he disclosed his being Gay to his commanding officer and a local newspaper shortly after President Clinton was elected in November 1992. Clinton had vowed to end the military's ban on Gay and Lesbian service personnel.

In December 1992, while responding to questions from his ship's legal officer about his sexual orientation, Philips also disclosed he had sex with other men.

In July, a Navy panel recommended that Philips be honorably discharged under the new policy, which took effect last February 28.

Philips sued.

Dwyer in December issued an injunction against the discharge pending Wednesday's hearing.

Philips' arguments, although involving the new military policy, are similar to those in cases of service members discharged under the old policy.

Washington National Guard Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who had been discharged after disclosing she is a Lesbian, won a highly publicized ruling last June that the previous military ban on Lesbians and Gays was unconstitutional. She was reinstated.

Cammermeyer was in the courtroom for Wednesday's hearing.

The judge in her case, U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly, said "the rationales offered by the government to justify its exclusion of homosexual service members are grounded solely in prejudice."

In another "old policy" case, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Aug. 31 in the case of Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold that merely declaring oneself to be Gay was insufficient to warrant discharge. Military officials cannot extrapolate from such declarations that the servicemember will necessarily engage in homosexual acts, the court said.

The 9th Circuit, however, upheld the military ban on homosexual acts, even though the case before it didn't involve any.

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## Wisconsin Doctor Voices Caution About Blood-Scalding Treatment for HIV

Lafayette, IN-- A radiator sucked all the blood from the unconscious AIDS patient, heating it to 114 degrees. The man's blood pressure plummeted and his heart raced to 180 beats a minute as the blood steamed back through his organs.

That normally would be cause for alarm, but Dr. Stephen Ash just smiled through his surgical mask as he described how the high heat might temporarily clear some of the fatal AIDS virus from the patient's bloodstream and give his exhausted immune system a chance to fight back.

"A cure would be an overstatement. We aren't expecting a cure," said Ash, an Indiana internist who developed the hyperthermia machine. "But if we simply put the disease in remission, ... it would be a staggering accomplishment."

Ash and 30 AIDS patients are spending the next month trying to prove whether one of the most controversial therapies ever proposed for AIDS actually works. In it, patients' blood is scalded, then reinfused until their body temperature rises to 108 degrees.

The theory is that heat will kill some of the HIV, the AIDS virus, that roams free in the blood as well as HIV-infected cells, offering the patient a temporary respite.

## MASN Dance Event to Raise Money for AIDS Care and Education

Madison-- On Saturday, April 15, 1995, hundreds of dancers are expected for "Dance It!," a fundraiser for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). The pledge event will be held in the Spotlight and Marquee rooms of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The goal is to raise \$10,000 for AIDS care and education programs provided by MASN.

Dance It! Is a great way to support the services MASN provides to people with HIV disease, as well as the prevention education that the agency offers in the community, said Connie McElrone, MASN Director of Development.

Dance It! Is a pledge event, not a dance marathon. Dancers collect pledge money to support their participation in the event. Due to space limitations, participants must raise at least \$30 in pledge money to enter the dance.

## One Right Wing Radio Talk Jockey Faces Possible Legal Action, Another is Fired

Englewood, CO-- In an update to a story in the last issue, the district attorney here is weighing possible criminal libel action against Bob Enyart, who broadcast a Gay man's AIDS-related death on his television show and told viewers, "Don't be a homo" among other things.

Enyart's show is also seen in Kenosha and in Milwaukee on Warner Cable TV.

Arapahoe County District Attorney Bob Gallagher said investigators are looking at Enyart's January 9 show on Christian-run KVHD Channel 53 in Greenwood Village. He said his office will decide this week whether it has a case.

On the program in question, Enyart showed a photograph of James Bybee, who died of AIDS-related complications, with the word

## Columbia U. Scholar to Discuss Historical Roots of Homophobia

Milwaukee-- Nothing sheds light on the conflicts of today like an examination of their expression in the past. One of the more contentious issues in contemporary society is the hostile response to the emergence from the closet of Gays and Lesbians, who are anathema to many in society. The historic roots of the resulting tensions are the subject of an upcoming lecture at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Eugene F. Rice, Jr., professor of history at Columbia University, will speak on "The Ancient Origins of Modern Homophobia" at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23 in UWM's Greene Hall, 3347 N. Downer Avenue.

Rice, a distinguished historian of the Renaissance and Reformation, is the UWM History Department's 1995 scholar-in-residence. In addition to his public lecture, he will be conducting interviews and seminars at UWM.

A highly respected historian, Rice is the author of *The Renaissance Idea of Wisdom, The Foundations of Early Modern Europe and St. Jerome in the Renaissance*, among other works. He is currently working on a book entitled "Western Homosexualities," a history of same-sex behavior and attitudes of Greeks to the present.

Rice's lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UWM Department of History.

But many scientists doubt it. The first U.S. hyperthermia attempt caused a scandal in 1990 when the government uncovered that the patient declared cured in fact never even had AIDS. So U.S. AIDS patients turned to attempts in other countries--and some died.

Less-invasive hyperthermia experiments have been tried for decades, with some success, against a few cancers. But the National Institutes of Health warns that heat, in test tubes, appears to stimulate hidden HIV, much as a fever triggers cold sores in people with that virus.

So far, Ash's patients have survived and even gone home the day after treatment. A handful of patients tested in July saw HIV in the blood drop significantly and their number of vital immune cells, called CD4s, rise modestly.

But hyperthermia expert Dr. Ian Robins of the University of Wisconsin said Ash must prove any results "are not just a blip," because AIDS always causes such fluctuations.

Testing of the 30 patients, 10 of whom are controls who won't be heated, started February 15, so it's too early to tell what works.

Still, the FDA was intrigued enough that it has promised an especially quick review--six months--once the companies file an application with the test results this summer

The dancer who raises the most money will be awarded the Grand Prize of a "State Street Fling," a shopping spree courtesy of: Ovens of Brittany, Tropic Jewel, Urban Outfitters, The Soap Opera and the University Bookstore.

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Second Prize is a "Couch Potato Paradise" which includes sparkling cider, blown glass wine goblets and twenty video rentals courtesy of Tellus Mater and Four Star Video Heaven.

Dancers who raise \$50 will receive a T-shirt featuring the movin' and groovin' Dance It! Dancer Logo. A sweatshirt with the Dance It! Logo will be awarded to those who raise \$100.

Now is the time to sign up. For more information about Dance It!, or to request a pledge form, please call MASN at (608) 238-6276.

"ex-sodomite" beneath it. Enyart said he used Bybee's obituary to try to show that Gays die young, but KWHF manager Mark Winslow said he would fire Enyart if he does that again.

Gallagher said his investigators will evaluate whether the show violated the state's criminal libel law, which is rarely enforced. It prohibits people from "knowingly disseminating...statements ... tending to blacken the memory of the dead."

Gallagher said Enyart's First Amendment free-speech rights will be weighed against Bybee's right not to have his memory "blackened."

A conviction of violating the law could result in a sentence of 12 to 18 months for the Class 6 felony.

Gene Nichol, dean of the University of Colorado Law School, said the statute's wording might be too vague to outweigh Enyart's free-speech rights.

"It's unfortunate, but it's very hard to square 'blackening someone's memory' with the First Amendment," Nichol said. "I say unfortunate because it's a reprehensible set of messages. The First Amendment protects even the reprehensible."

Enyart does not think the DA's office has a case. "The urgency of warning homosexuals of their deadly lifestyle outweighs the concerns for the reputation of one of their dead victims," he said.

### In San Francisco

In a related story, just six weeks after he went on the air with anti-Gay remarks and comments about AIDS that critics said showed no knowledge about the disease, ultra-conservative radio talk-show host J. Paul Emerson has been fired.

KSFO station managers informed Emerson on February 15 that he would not return to the air, said Julie Hoover, a spokeswoman for the parent company, Capital Cities.

Progressive forces including the LesBiGay community, had been campaigning for months

to have Emerson removed. The campaign became especially heated when Emerson began advocating a general quarantine for people with HIV/AIDS and calling Lesbians and Gay males "sick" and "pathetic."

These and other such remarks were made during Emerson's show which aired during morning drive-time.

Emerson's firing followed a decision by management at KGO television, Channel 7, not to air a Phil Donahue show on which Em-

erson appeared with several other ultra-conservative talk show hosts from around the country to discuss shock radio.

Emerson was fired by the radio station KFRC in the Fall after he used the term "stinking Japanese" on the air during an exchange with a listener about the dropping of the atomic bomb during World War II.

## Two Men Charged in Beating of a Madison Gay Man

Madison-- A Wisconsin state law, authored by then State Rep. David Clarenbach, against crimes motivated by prejudice is being used to prosecute two young men accused of beating and robbing a victim identified as being Gay.

The hate crime law allows judges to increase the penalty if an offense is influenced by reaction to a victim's race, religion, life style or disability.

Ryan D. Meiller, 18, of Madison and Erik Jacobson, 20, of Waunakee were charged February 23, in Circuit Court with robbery and aggravated battery. Each was released on a \$1,000 signature bond.

In this case, a conviction could add five years to a 10-year sentence.

The pair is accused of luring a 33-year-old man to a softball field early Wednesday, February 22. He said he met the pair at a nearby store and agreed to follow them to the field.

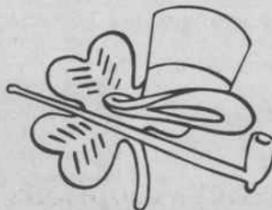
The men kicked and beat him, breaking three ribs, a criminal complaint said.

"All right, I did it," Meiller reportedly told authorities. "I don't like homosexuals and anything like it."

They robbed the man of \$7 and his automatic teller card, "kicked and hit him until he revealed his personal identification number," the complaint said.

Jacobson held the man in the park while Meiller went to use the card, it said.

Meiller returned to say the card didn't work and the two kicked and beat the man again, authorities said.



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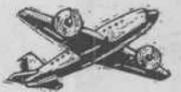
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## Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon to Visit Milwaukee

Milwaukee-- Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon will be the keynote speakers at an all-day conference for older Lesbians on aging on April 22 in Milwaukee. The "Third Age" conference will also include workshops on such topics as legal issues, thinking about retirement, health care and leisure options. The "Third Age" conference follows from the first Lesbian Aging Issues conference held in 1993 in Madison. Registration for the day, including lunch, is \$20. For more information, write: Third Age Conference, P.O. Box 92144, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

## The Wearin' O' The Pink

Milwaukee-- Madison's GALVANize announces it's Second Annual "Wearin' O' the PINK" St. Patrick's Day fundraiser. The limited edition Pink Shamrock buttons were designed by Barb Peterson of Milwaukee and will be available at taverns and retailers throughout the state as well as the lobby of BestD Clinic. GALVANize is donating one half of the proceeds of the buttons sold in Green Bay to the Bay City Chorus and one half of the proceeds of the buttons sold in Milwaukee to the BestD Clinic. The buttons cost \$2.

## Support Group for Young Women

Milwaukee-- If you are 17 to 21 years old and know that you are a Lesbian or Bisexual woman or think you might be, the Counseling Center of Milwaukee offers a support group for you. The group meets weekly at the Counseling Center and provides a safe, confidential place to discuss your questions, concerns and experiences. If you are interested, please call (414) 271-2565 and ask for Cheryl Orgas. The group begins at the end of March.

## SAGE Milwaukee

Milwaukee-- On Sunday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the Colonial Room at the Hotel Wisconsin, 720 Old World Third Street, SAGE/Milwaukee will hold its annual meeting for 1994. This event is for members only. Cost \$10 includes sit down lunch. Presentation of Annual Report, Board Members and officers as well as recognition of persons who have given volunteer time to the group. Reserve by phoning (414) 271-0387 after 4:00 p.m. Reservations close Tuesday, March 16, 10:00 p.m.

On Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastside Library, 1910 E. North Ave., William Straub, MSW, Geriatric Chemical Dependency Consultant will present a program titled "Seniors and Addictions." Straub will discuss the special effects of alcohol and drugs on seniors, explain who is at risk of addiction and show a short film before opening the floor to questions and answers. The public is invited and the event is free.

## Back Door BBS Gets National Recognition As It Celebrates It's 100,000 Caller

By Bill Meunier  
 Milwaukee--The Back Door BBS, a Gay owned and operated computer bulletin board has reached two milestones: national recognition and its 100,000 caller.

Although it is only two years old, the Board and its users recently celebrated its 100,000 call. Owners Will and Paul offered a prize (a \$250 gift certificate to Best Buy) to the milestone caller. The winner Mark Turner AKA The Lambda Kid, turned the prize back to the BBS and asked that it be used to buy additional programs and CD roms for Back Door members.

Paul says that Turner's gesture is typical of the spirit that has made his board the biggest Gay BBS in Wisconsin and one of the biggest in the Midwest. "People on here really seem to care about each other."

Paul and Will are equally proud of their board being ranked in the top 75 adult boards in the country. The ranking comes from Erotic Connections a national publication

devoted to adult BBSing. The magazine cited Back Door's "lively chat scene in the evening," its 250 message bases, thousands of adult GIFs, and animation files, 24 CD ROM players, and the fact that Back Doors users are evenly split between Gays and straights. Computer users with modems can connect to the Back Door by calling (414) 744-9336.



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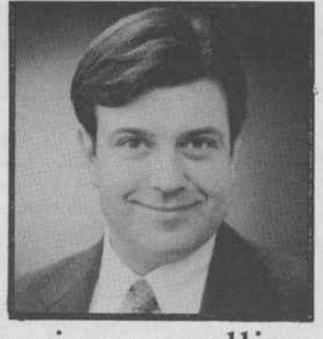
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## Questions and Answers About Same-Sex Marriage

Thanks to a historic court case now underway in Hawai'i, Lesbians and Gay men may be on the verge of winning the right to marry--a basic right still denied us in this country. In the past, other people were refused the right to marry--for example, because of their race--until the law was changed to end this denial of a basic human right. Like non-Gay people, Gay people need and want the right to marry.

The issue is currently under debate, a debate which will grow only stronger. Below, are some questions and answers about same-sex marriage.

### Why do we need "Gay marriage?"

We don't; we need *marriage*. That term, "Gay marriage," implies that same-sex couples are asking for rights or privileges that married couples do not have. What we are asking for is our equal right to marry the one we love and care for, just as non-Gay Americans do.

### Isn't marriage traditionally defined as a union between men and women?

Yes. But it is not right for the government to prevent Gay people from sharing the rights and responsibilities of marriage. What should matter is not the gender or race of those marrying, but their commitment.

After all, at different times, marriages were also "traditionally" defined as only unions between people of the same race or religion, and as unions in which wives were the property of their husbands.

### Do Gay people really need the right to marry?

Absolutely. Same-sex couples share the same responsibilities as married couples. However, nowhere in the U.S. do they receive the same recognition or benefits that married couples do. In fact, they face tremendous discrimination and are treated as second class citizens. For example, a Lesbian or Gay male partner can be turned away at the hospital; refused "family" health coverage, taxation and inheritance rights. There are many other examples.

### What about domestic partnership?

In places where domestic partnership laws exist, they vary considerably. However, no domestic partnership plan can convey the same set of benefits and responsibilities that marriage does. It is no substitute for the legal right to marry.

### Isn't marriage really about procreation or the intent to procreate?

No. Many non-Gay people marry with neither the intention nor desire to have children. Legally and in reality, marriage is best understood as a relationship of emotional and financial interdependence between two people who make a public commitment. Whether there are to be children or not is a choice the couple should make, not the state or any church.

### Don't some religions oppose Lesbian and Gay male relationships?

Yes. But this is not a fight to force any religious institution to perform or extend religious recognition to any marriages it doesn't want to. This is about the right to the civil marriage license issued by the state. Just as the state should not interfere with religious ceremonies, so religious groups should not control who gets a civil marriage license.

### Isn't this a bad time to fight for the right to marry?

To some, there never is a good time to fight any battle for equal rights. But here we have no choice. In this particular battle, the timeline centers on the lawsuit. When and if the Hawai'i Supreme Court hands down a final ruling affirming the right of same-sex couple to marry, many people in Hawai'i and elsewhere will get married there. When they return home to other states, the nationwide validity of their legally contracted marriages may be challenged.

Although there are powerful legal and practical reasons why a couple's lawful marriage in one state must be recognized throughout the country (this is, after all, one country, and if you're married, you're married), there will undoubtedly be an effort in some states and possibly in the federal government to block this recognition.

Thus, we are preparing for a state-by-state legal battle, which we must fight now.

**Editor's Note:** The above was prepared and written by the Marriage Project of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

## MARRIAGE

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there are strong arguments that the state's interest outweighs any infringement."

Rep. Norm Nielsen, (R-Orem), the sponsor, urged lawmakers to act on the merits of the measure "without being held hostage by some threatened lawsuit."

Nielsen contends the legislation is needed to prevent Utah Gay couples from going to Hawaii, marrying and then attempting to enjoy the union's legal benefits in Utah.

The bill was first proposed by Lynn Wardle, law professor at Mormon Church-owned Brigham Young University.

The church is opposed to same-sex marriage but has taken no stand on the bill.

American Civil Liberties Union attorney Jense Anderson told the committee that her organization is "adamantly and resolutely opposed to HB366 as unconstitutional."

She said it would violate the U.S. Constitution's clause requiring states to recognize all "acts, records and judicial proceedings" of other states.

The attorney also said the bill violates the Constitution's guarantees of equal protection and right to interstate travel. She said attorneys would use "whatever constitutional ground ultimately is successful in invalidating House Bill 366 should it pass into law."

Chris Ryan, leader of the Utah Log Cabin, a Gay Republican group, said, "This bill will cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend in court."

"The argument of the radical right seems to be that Gays and Lesbians can't hold down relationships. Yet when marriage is introduced, these same people seem to fight against stabilization," he said.

David Nelson, founder of Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats, said the bill was anti-family and would be bad for business and tourism.

### In South Dakota

A plan to bar legal marriages between same-sex couples in South Dakota was killed by a state Senate committee on February 27.

The Judiciary Committee voted 4-3 to scrap legislation that said that same-sex marriages could not be recognized by the state. The measure had been earlier passed by the Senate Health Committee on a 4-2 vote.

As reported in the last issue of *Light*, the bill has already passed the House.

Without the proposed law, South Dakota will have to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states, legal experts say.

Judiciary Committee Chair Barbara Everest (R-Sioux Falls), said the law, if passed, could not withstand a challenge in the courts and could cost the state millions to defend.

The South Dakota American Civil Liberties Union had already promised to bring suit if the measure was passed into law.

State Senator Lars Herseth (D-Houghton), said it's up to the Legislature to make choices that are not always popular. He described in emotional testimony a close family member who is a Lesbian.

Herseth said that experience has forced him to look at the same-sex marriage issue as one involving basic human rights.

"If at some time some of you could hve the perspective that I have, it wouldn't be so easy to kind of flippantly say that these people are not entitled to the same kinds of protections that you and I are entitled to," he said.

### In Hawai'i

While conservative religious lawmakers in South Dakota, Minnesota and Utah are rushing to try and prevent Gays from getting married so that they can continue being seen as immoral, biblical imagery of doom is being used in ads in Hawai'i. The ads are meant to persuade lawmakers to pass a constitutional amendment that would allow only a man and a woman to marry.

Catholic businessman Daniel McGivern and Rev. Harold Headrick paid for \$1,600 for the ads. In them they ask, "Do you want to bring God's wrath down on our Hawai'i Islands?"

Paying little attention to them, the Hawai'i House Judiciary, chaired by Terrance Tom, approved a measure on February 24 to establish a new Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law with a membership representing diverse views.

The measure was approved by the Senate and goes to the House floor next.

The commission was established by the 1994 Legislature to advise lawmakers on the legal and economic benefits extended to married couples, but denied to same-sex couples who are denied the right to marry.

The commission met only twice before four of its 11 members were removed by a District Judge in January, 1995, who ruled that representatives of specific religions on the commission was unconstitutional.

The bill approved on February 24 would establish a 7-member commission appointed by the governor.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court has ruled that the state must show a compelling interest why same-sex couples should not be allowed to marry. The trial in Circuit Court on that matter begins on September 25, 1995.

### Hawai'i Mormon Church

Hawai'i leaders of the Mormon Church have petitioned to join the court battle over legalizing same-sex marriage in the state. Leaders of the Church claimed they had a "moral position" to defend.

"We do not see this as a civil rights issue, said Don Hallstrom, the Mormon Church's regional representative in Hawai'i. "We see it as a protection of traditional marriage."

The Mormons have been joined in their stance by the Catholic Church in Hawai'i which, according to the Rev. Marc Alexander, will file a friend-of-the-court brief asserting that marriage can only be between a man and a woman.

The Mormons are the second largest religious group in Hawai'i. The Roman Catholics are first.

The two churches have offered to help the Hawai'i Attorney General prepare for the September case by supplying extra legal manpower, "expert" witnesses and research results.

Father Alexander refused to comment on how much money the Catholics are prepared to spend, but said the Hawai'i Church as the "full support of the Vatican" in this matter.

## BUDGET CUTS

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rent-assistance and housing support services and this year, for the first time, Wisconsin's AIDS prevalence qualifies us for the HOPWA grant," Nelson explained.

"For Congress to cut these funds at the moment that we finally qualify and at a time of desperate need is just untenable in the face of our worsening AIDS epidemic," Nelson said.

Nelson reported that HOPWA funds recently granted to the City of Madison could be eliminated and that Milwaukee's current application for HOPWA funds may be too late if the budget cuts are sustained in Congress.

"It is a complete nightmare," Nelson said. "We are all struggling to meet escalating and desperate demands for housing for people with AIDS and the federal government begins to pull the rug out from under us."

"I hate war analogies," Nelson said angrily, "but the Contract For America has launched its nuclear arsenal and we are in a war for survival."

Nelson said that the HUD budget cuts not only jeopardized the Madison and Milwaukee housing project, but also would mean no

funding for rent assistance for people with AIDS in other cities in rural areas of Wisconsin.

"We need the entire AIDS community in Wisconsin to weigh in aggressively with our Congressional delegation to restore AIDS housing funds," Nelson urged. "Our best hope is to stop these budget cuts in the U.S. Senate where the Republicans are more moderate and there is a reasonable commitment to the AIDS epidemic."

Nelson further urged supporters to begin calling and writing letters to Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI).

"They need to know that these federal AIDS programs work well and are vital to Wisconsin's ability to meet the very human needs of people with AIDS," Nelson said.

### More AIDS Cuts

In addition to its urgent Alert, ARCW within the past 24 hours issued another alert explaining that \$23 million has been cut from the current AIDS prevention budget of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

If this cut is sustained, it will mean that Wisconsin's application to the CDC for \$750,000 of additional AIDS prevention funding will be scuttled.

"Wisconsin's application is outstanding because it prioritizes its AIDS prevention strategy for Gay men, Gay men of color, injection drug users, and women who are partners of drug users," Nelson explained.

"It's just tragic if these cuts wipe out Wisconsin's good work on AIDS prevention," Nelson said.

The ARCW Alert also cited a \$13 million reduction in the Ryan White CARE Act that provides treatment, care and support services for people with AIDS.

"Ryan White is the hallmark of this country's humane response to AIDS," Nelson said. "With caseloads increasing by 20% throughout the country, I don't how the new leaders in Congress expect us to manage this epidemic."

Nelson said that because Title II CARE Act Funds to the states have already been spent, that the cut to the CARE Act does not effect Wisconsin, but has a devastating effect on Title I cities, such as San Francisco and New York, Title IV pediatric AIDS programs and Title III early intervention programs. In Milwaukee, a Title III program is at risk for these budget cuts.

Nelson said that the Contract For America has begun to take its toll on the AIDS community.

"There is no other way to read this situation than to say that the House Republican leadership is willing to see the federal government do a wholesale retreat in the face of a worsening AIDS epidemic," Nelson said.

"If this retreat is sustained by the full House and the Senate, it will be the darkest period of the 14-year history of AIDS, far worse than the awful neglect of the Reagan era," Nelson stressed.

Nelson said that he was hopeful that a strong response from the national AIDS community would convince the full House and certainly, the U.S. Senate, to restore the AIDS funding. He urged everyone to contact their Congressman and Wisconsin's two Senators.

Nelson said, "ARCW will be working very closely with MASN and other leading AIDS agencies around the country to restore these cuts and a strong grass-roots response from our supporters is essential to our ability to succeed."

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# Out And About In Madison

## Parties and Politics Make for a Hectic Late February

By John Quinlan

This marks the debut of a new column for the Light. Got the latest gossip? Want to recognize someone whose good work usually gets overlooked? Seen something you've just got to share? Call Out And About In Madison Columnist John Quinlan at (608) 257-3744.

Late February was a busy time in Madison: primary election results were mixed, and parties and soirees for worthy causes were seemingly around every corner.

Two of the Light's endorsed candidates for Madison School Board made it easily through the primary: Keith Burkes and Andy Franken, who have both scored high on Lesbian/Gay/Bi educator's report card.

A third candidate who faced no primary, Eyvonne Crawford-Gray, is a long-time supporter of alternative family rights and has an extensive history of building bridges between the African American and Gay/Lesbian/Bi communities. All three candidates face tough races. For information on how you can hook up with the candidates, contact Michelle at Madison Teachers, Inc., (608) 257-0491.

There was both celebration and disappointment for openly Lesbians and Gay candidates for Madison City Council. On the Lake Monona side of Madison's isthmus, openly Lesbian candidate Judy Olson, a community activist with a long history working for affordable housing and strong neighborhood associations, won a solid majority in a three-way Sixth District race with 53% of the vote.

A jubilant Olson reminded campaign workers celebrating at Mickey's Tavern that a long road still lies ahead. For info on upcoming benefits and how you can help her campaign, call Olson at (608) 256-6540.

On the Lake Mendota side of the isthmus, openly Gay candidates Rex Loehe and Tom Sullivan faced disappointment in the Second District, finishing third and fourth with 12 and 8 percent of the vote respectively. Both men will continue to be leaders in their neighborhood associations and in local politics, however.

The good news in the Second District is that pro-Gay/Lesbian candidate, community activist Barbara Vedder, had a dramatic showing with 44% of the vote over former county board supervisor Richard Linster, who won a place on the April ballot with 30%. Vedder, who is best known as an outspoken advocate for the rights of people with disabilities, has been reaching out to the Lesbian and Gay community in her literature and her statements throughout her campaign. Vedder can be reached at (608) 249-8428.

At least some of her margin of victory is attributed to the hard work of the political group, Progressive Dane, which has also endorsed openly Lesbian and Gay candidates Judy Olson and Mike Vermeer.

As an unopposed candidate for city council, Mike Vermeer continued his coast into power, thoroughly enjoying himself at election night parties, including Mayor Paul Soglin's at Kosta's. Vermeer was in his glory, however, at a near east side benefit for his own campaign at the home of former alderperson Hank Lufler. The team of Lufler, Dan Curd and Dick Wagner is known far and wide for throwing the most creatively lavish political soirees in this part of the state, and on February 28, the truly outdid themselves.

Vermeer greeted guests as they entered the Mardi Gras-inspired event, and, in true N'Orleans fashion, were draped in multi-

colored beads. As the sublime strains of vintage jazz resonated through the rooms, guests were steered toward a sumptuous buffet. There was Fried Oysters with Horseradish, Boiled Shrimp with Paul Prudhomme's Hazel Dressing, Emeril Lagasse's Crawfish Pies, Crabmeat Canapes Carnivale, Cajun Cornbread, Andouille-Stuffed Mushrooms, Artichoke Beignets with Spicy Tomato Sauce, Harlequin Brownies and Roasted Pecans.

Like much of the seafood, a special "Blackened Voodoo Lager" beer was flown in from New Orleans especially for the event. "Bacchus's Wine Selection" featured something for every palette. There truly was something for everyone—even the unfortunate friend whose allergy to shellfish made a lot of the selections out of bounds for him.

Virtually every progressive city council member in recent memory, past and present, was there. So, you say, a bit ostentatious for a man who cut his teeth in grassroots politics? Perhaps, but it was also a lot of fun. What was clear is that there were a lot of people from all walks of life with genuine affection for Mike.

Speaking of soirees, The United's recent Olbrich Park benefit was a smashing success, netting well over \$1,500, according to Jane Vanderbosch. In Vanderbosch's estimation, the success of an event is also measured by how good a time it was, and the positive feedback they've been receiving rivals that of The United's extraordinarily popular annual dinners.

There was truly something for everybody at the February 18 affair. The event began with an incredible variety of live music, progressing eventually to the pounding beat of dance music. The room was large and festively decorated and there was a great spread of food, and an impressive sampling of wines and other beverages.

In true Madison fashion, community members in tuxes and formal dresses danced side-by-side with those casually attired in jeans and cut-off T-shirts and no one gave a rip. A great time was simply being had by all.

One of the nicest things about the Olbrich Park location was that partygoers could sneak away to the Olbrich Conservatory (a miniature version of Milwaukee's Domes) for a moment of quiet reflection or romantic delight. The United's board and volunteer event planners are to be commended for creating one of the most enjoyable community events in recent memory.

Speaking of fun events—WTSO Radio's Sunday Night Out!, one of two commercial radio programs for the LGB community in the country, will be going on location for a very special show on Sunday, March 26 at Mother Fool's Coffee House in the 1100 block of Williamson Street.

It should be a night of camp and irreverence, including an hour-long Gay/Lesbian spoof of The Newlywed Game featuring four lucky area couples. Sunday Night Out! Airs from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. every Sunday night on WTSO News/Talk Radio, 1070 AM. For more information, to share your ideas, or to become involved with the show, leave a message for Executive Producer Diana Sommers at (608) 274-1070 during regular business hours. Tapes of the show are available for \$10 each.

Two last political notes: Incumbent Mayor Paul Soglin will face a conservative challenger with an interesting parentage. Scott Hunter is the son of actor Jeffrey Hunter, who died in the mid-'60s after starring as Jesus in King of Kings and as Captain Pike in the pilot episode of the original Star Trek series. On election night, City Hall seemed to be evenly balanced between Trekkers and non-Trekkers, the latter of whom had little tolerance for the former.

# Dykes To Watch Out For



For example, Board of Realtors lobbyist Larry Gleasman and I got into a rousing discussion about the interesting, but complicated, spin that Soglin's campaign has been putting on Hunter's attempts to use his father's fame to "break out of the pack," as he puts it. Seems that Soglin campaign staffer Kent Fitch issued an elaborate press release reminding voters that the elder Hunter's appearance on the two-part pilot consisted mostly of an elaborate dream sequence, and that, by implication, the younger Hunter was dreaming if he ever hoped to become mayor.

As a non-Trekker, Isthmus editor Marc Eisen just kept shaking his head and finally left the room in mock disgust. On an equally absurd note, I found myself asking a radio reporter for a piece of paper to tally election results on. The reporter was kind enough to give me an extra printout that made the process effortless. The good Samaritan who helped Wis-

consin's Gay and Lesbian paper of record on election night: Gordon Govier, News Director at WNBC, Madison's Christian Fundamentalist station.

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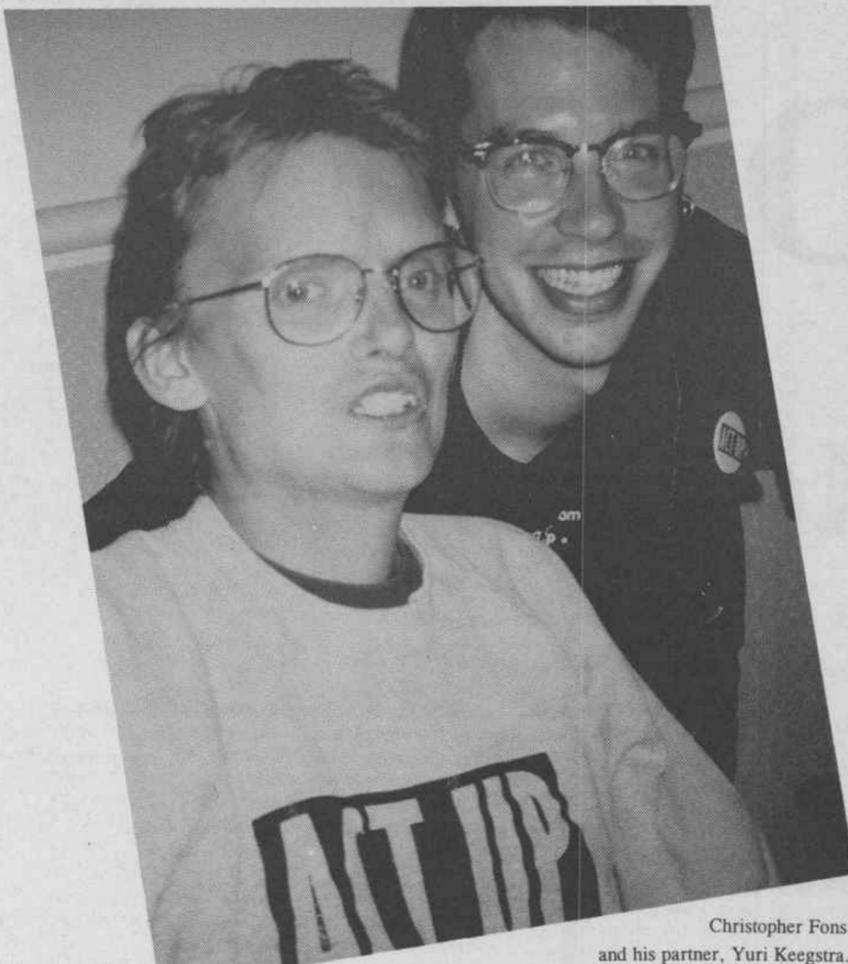
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Christopher Fons and his partner, Yuri Keegstra.

EDITORIAL

Two Fallen Heroes

By Terry Boughner

At the time when they are needed the most, two of the state's warriors in the battle against AIDS have died, each fighting to the end, each in his own way, the disease which ultimately claimed their lives.



CHRIS FONTS AND ARNIE MALMON

It is because of Christopher Fons and Arnie Malmon and the work that they and those like them do, that this paper has in the past and does now, enthusiastically and completely endorses ACT UP.

It is because of ACT UP and people like Christopher and Arnie that those like Mark Belling and Vic Eliason won't get away with spreading misinformation about AIDS.

It is because of ACT UP and people like Christopher and Arnie that young people can have access to the information that will save their lives.

Some people say they're uncomfortable with ACT UP's tactics. ACT UP saves lives. We support that.

This paper is deeply sorrowed by the loss of Christopher and Arnie. We offer our most sincere condolences to their families and all those who loved and honored them and their work.

But, if there is any comfort to be gained, it is this. ACT UP, here in Milwaukee and everywhere else, will be carrying on their work. Lives will be saved. That, we think, is the most fitting memorial to these two wonderfully courageous young men.



Dan Schram

Chris Fons is shown passing out leaflets at an anti-gay themed religious rally held at Milwaukee's auditorium.

Christopher Fons was a founder of ACT UP Milwaukee, a man of gentle voice. Yet he was the son of thunder whose wry kind of smile and often sharp wit made his intense eyes flash like lightning before a mountain storm. Though he probably would deny the title of leader, he did lead ACT UP through a flurry of actions that scattered prejudice and ignorance like dry leaves in the wind. He would tell the truth about AIDS and even though many "proper and establishment types" didn't want to hear it, he would say it anyway in the hope that in spite of themselves, he could save the lives of they and their children.

Arnie Malmon was also a member of ACT UP and, like Christopher, an activist, but their styles were quite different. Arnie was the educator, refusing to let ignorance and stupidity get the upper hand.

It is because of Christopher Fons and Arnie Malmon and the work that they and those like them do, that this paper has in the past and does now, enthusiastically and completely endorses ACT UP.

Christopher Fons, AIDS Mourned by Hundreds in M

On Tuesday, February 21, 1995, Christopher Fons, co-founder of the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP), died after a long and spirited battle with AIDS. He died peacefully at home with his partner, Yuri Keegstra, and long-time friend, Eric Berna, at his side. He was 27.

Fons' death was immediately recognized as an enormous loss to AIDS activism in Milwaukee. "I think Christopher was the conscience of the AIDS community," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). "Christopher created and defined AIDS activism in Milwaukee and made it work. He inspired hundreds of people to join the ranks of AIDS activism and his leadership made a real difference."

In addition to his work with ACT UP, Fons had also actively advocated for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, as well as the right of women to obtain an abortion on demand. He served on a number of coalitions aimed at building stronger grassroots activism in Milwaukee, and in September of 1994, he received the Community Activist Award from Progressive Milwaukee.

Fons' brother, Dan, who worked alongside Christopher in his fight against AIDS, describes his younger brother as a great inspiration. "When Christopher was in the room, I felt ten times stronger," said Dan Fons, "stronger in my ability and in my determination to fight injustice. Christopher was not a part-time activist. He lived true to his convictions every minute of the day, whether that meant passing out condoms to high school students in front of irate parents or the simple and profound act of holding hands with his boyfriend at a bus stop."

A visitation and memorial service were held for at the Pabst Theater on Sunday February 26th with nearly 600 people in attendance. Fons had worked as an usher at the theater for many years and had requested that his memorial service be held there.

At the visitation, attendees were able to

view a video compilation of Fons in action over the past five years. Copies of newspaper and magazine articles about Fons' work were displayed, reminding everyone of how often he brought the subject of AIDS into the public spotlight. A table of memorabilia revealed Fons' love of Jeopardy, crossword puzzles and stuffed animals. Condoms and safer sex literature were also available.

The memorial service was a mixture of remembrances and calls to carry on Fons' work. Yuri Keegstra, Fons' partner and caregiver for the past three years, gave an emotional plea for action. "We killed Christopher," Keegstra stated. "Every person in this room contributed to his death as surely as if we had pulled a trigger, myself included. We have all gathered to mourn his death, but ask yourself this question: What did I do to help save Christopher's life? You all loved him...many of you contacted him at various times to ask what you could do to help. Wasn't it obvious? Christopher needed his life saved!"

Keegstra went on to ask those present to use their money, power and influence, including that of family and friends, to work for a cure for AIDS. "Please don't let Christopher's death be in vain," he said. "Silence does equal death and action equals change."

Kari DiFonzo, a friend and employee at the Milwaukee AIDS Project where Fons volunteered on the AIDSLine and on the high school speaker's bureau, noted Fons' ability to captivate teens' attention with his honest and non-judgmental answers to their questions. "What I remember most," she said, "is that he treated them with total respect, and that made all the difference."

Fons' sister, Mary, said of him, "He was a person who could say, 'I can do something about that' and he did." Later in the memorial, Mary Fons sang a Holly Near song about carrying on another's good work which had been adapted to include verses about her brother's struggle.

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Arnie Malmon's Legacy Remembered as AIDS Activist and Educator

Arnie Malmon, an AIDS activist and leader in the LesBiGay community died of complications due to AIDS on Wednesday, February 22, 1994 at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee after a four year battle with the disease. He was 51.

He was a founder of the Cream City Foundation (CCF) and served on its Board of Directors for six years. In his service to CCF, he initiated the Major Donor Campaign which gave an opportunity for wealthier members of the community to contribute to the Foundation's work.

He served as chair of CCF's Grants Committee and established the John Cowles Scholarship Fund.

Tony Rhodes, CCF's current President of the Board, praised Arnie for the leadership that he provided CCF and extolled him for his hard work and dedication.

"He gave of himself unstintingly," Rhodes said. "He was a wonderful person, a generous and giving man."

A native and life-long resident of Milwaukee, Arnie worked in advertising and marketing, then in development and fundraising for a number of non-profit groups.

From 1975 to 1982, he directed the Milwaukee Blood Pressure Program, a public education effort affiliated with the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He was a member of ACT UP, concentrating his activism on education.

Susan Guerrero, Executive Secretary to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin told the story of Arnie's speaking on HIV and AIDS at a Milwaukee junior high school where her son was a student.

The previous speakers had not been able to hold the kids' attention, but when Arnie spoke, things changed. There was such intensity to him, the boy told his mother. "You really wanted to sit there and listen to him."

Arnie did volunteer work with the Milwaukee AIDS Project, where he was very active in program development, public education efforts and seeking grants on behalf of the agency, said Cheryl Vaughn, MAP's Director of Life-Care Services. He also served on the internal review board of clinical drug trials.

In his "spare time," he wrote a regular column for In Step Magazine entitled "Positively HIV," from which countless numbers received hope and inspiration.

"Arnie emerged as the most effective AIDS educator in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson. "His writing and his speaking generated enlightenment about AIDS that has made this community far more compassionate in its re-



Jerry Johnson

ARNIE MALMON

sponse to this worsening epidemic."

In one of the last times that he spoke in public, Arnie addressed the guests attending the Grand Opening of MAP's Survival/Revival resale store. It was near to Christmas and he talked about hope and the courage that it took to go on.

With a wry smile, he said he'd like to have a new car, but didn't think he'd be around to finish the payments, so the old one would have to make do. But it was reliable, a good car still, he said, and it would get him to where he wanted to go.

According to his sister, Sunsh Stein, there will be a party in three or four weeks as Arnie wished.

Other survivors include his parents, Lee and Morrie Malmon of Ormond Beach, Florida and a brother, Shelly of Fox Point.

Donations in Arnie's memory may be made to his beloved Cream City Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Remembering Chris

By Jamakaya

Let Christopher Fons in 1991 in a "Safety" Building in downtown Milwaukee. No, Christopher was not in one of his many arrests. He was so often was, looking out for the others.

both attending the trial of one of Ricky Roundtree, a man who was murdered after he allegedly came on or men at a north side bar. The stalked Roundtree after he left the bar twice, set his body on fire and die in an abandoned building. One other 25 years.

re to report on the trial. Chris said re to monitor it. But since no spehad sent him, it became obvious he come on his own to be there, to s as it were. I don't recall whether s political buttons or maybe he rec: from community events or my s paper, but we immediately caught eyes, introduced ourselves and sat

I exchanged numbers that day and ed many times in the following lly, I was in my role as reporter, what ACT UP was up to and covions. Chris was always accessible, plans and concerns, tipping me off target of ACT UP's wrath. Even ame paralyzed, ravaged by AIDS oridiosis, he remained available to stions and to comment about the e emanating from Congress, City school system.

my meeting with Chris at the murder trial because his presence o indicative of his values and his nmitment. He just wanted to be ough someone should be there. y eulogies, especially those in the press, have made Chris's name with "anger" and "rage" and the features I found most remark- ris, however contrary this may his thoughtfulness, his patience e nature.

er quiet moments and images of were eloquent. Like his presence oom for the Roundtree case. Like Mayor Norquist at a reception last frail, wheelchair-bound Chris t the giant politico, smiled and Mayor Norquist. I'd like to shake ut I can't "cause I have Crypto." t a bit of protest or rebuke in his made the encounter all the more

zo shared a similar impression of memorial service. Kari, an AIDS friend of Chris, noted that he was students about living with AIDS before his death. She recalled his group at the infamous Parkman ol.

is, who probably gave their teach- dible amount of hell during the to Chris with bated breath. What ay was not what he said or how s willing to share--which was a poke to them with such *respect*. ide any of them feel their ques- upid, and that's why he reached

Chris the most "real," the most rson she's ever known. is not to say that Chris wasn't an- a lot to be angry about and he of- anger was "a great motivator." rstood implicitly Fredrick Doug- that "Power concedes nothing and," so demand he did! Unfor- media's focus on ACT UP's tured the group's considerable ef-

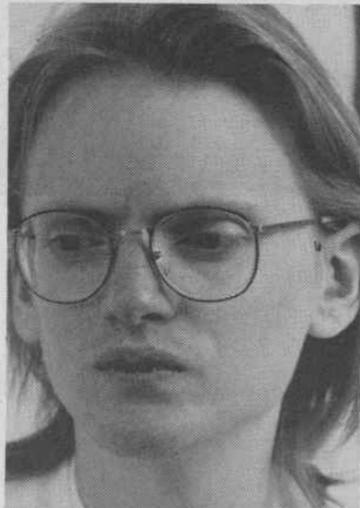
fectiveness and record of achievement, a record I have touted in this column many times.

Kitty Barber, a longtime lesbian activist who occasionally criticized ACT UP's tactics and/or timing, nevertheless had glowing words for Chris. She touched on another aspect of his character that made him such a fine person and activist.

"What was really special about Chris," said Kitty, "was that he really had a good grasp of all the issues and their interconnectedness. He understood the relationship between sexism, racism and homophobia. He incorporated that in his work and battled against them all."

Chris's mother, Pat, was largely responsible for nurturing his political consciousness from a young age (his, and those of seven other children), taking him to peace rallies and encouraging discussion of social issues.

Chris's breadth of vision was reflected in some of the songs played at his memorial service.



CHRISTOPHER FON

His favorite group was Sweet Honey in the Rock. (Good taste, Chris!) Their haunting "Spiritual" ("Can't no one know at sunrise how this day is going to end...") was played. It has a stanza which goes: "You know the troubles of the world fill our hearts with rage/From Soweto to Stonewall, Birmingham and L.A./We're searching for hope that lies within ourselves/As we fight against misogyny, race hatred and AIDS."

Another song, which left nary a dry eye in the house, was Holly Near's "It Could Have Been Me," a homage to activists fallen in the line of duty. His sister Mary wrote special verses about Chris. But the chorus couldn't have been more appropriate: "It could have been me, but instead it was you./So I'll keep doing the work you were doing as if I were two..."

I'm sure Chris would say: "Don't mourn. Organize!  
Rest well, brother."

## LETTERS

### Christopher Fons

TO THE EDITOR:

This week Milwaukee lost a real champion: a champion for all people living with AIDS, Chris Fons. He did not always endear himself to the "Movers and Shakers" of our town, but he did endear himself to AIDS activists and friends.

This poem expresses my feeling about Chris:

*"My candle burns at both its ends,  
It will not last the night.  
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends,  
It gives a lovely light."*

Thank you Christopher for being here.

Lona Schindler  
Milwaukee



ACT UP fundraiser held in 1989 at Milwaukee's Jer's Place Bar (3B's) Chris Fons (second from left) with other ACT UP Milwaukee members and friends.



Chris Fons is shown, center, wearing his ACT UP T-shirt during the 1991 Pride Festival parade in Milwaukee.

Jerry Johnson

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Christopher's Arrow Streaked Across the Sky and Gave off a Glorious Light

Commentary by Terry Boughner

I was getting off the bus by the Pabst Theatre on Sunday evening, when I heard a young woman ask, "What's going on?" She had seen the cars lined up there by the curb and all the people going in. I told her it was a funeral.

"Oh yes," she said sadly. "For Chris Fons."  
Over 600 people paid their respects that night, straight and Gay, young and old. Jerry wasn't there. He had to work and I missed him. I went off by myself to watch and lose myself eventually in my own world as is my habit to do.

I remembered first meeting Christopher when he worked in Schwartz bookstore. I think he had the place memorized because he hurried off and quickly returned with the book I wanted when no one else had ever heard of it before.

And I remember Christopher at the 3B's bar when he and a group of others founded ACT UP Milwaukee. I saw the fire in him then, the blaze of determination and dedication to dispel the myths about AIDS and, in the process, to save lives.

There was the time when he led ACT UP making sure that there'd be no boycott of Miller Beer here. This, despite tremendous pressure put on him from across the country.

I thought too about the time he led ACT UP in bringing Mark Belling to heel. For those of you who don't know him, Belling is a conservative talk-jockey here, a man who in the opinion of many, including myself, most often mistakes stridency for profundity.

Belling had been babbling on about AIDS about which, it seemed obvious, he knew little. To make a long story short, Christopher forced him into an on-air backdown.

There was so much about Christopher that I remember, like the time he joined Jerry and me to interview Dr. Anthony Fauci. Christopher questioned him politely, but closely, very closely indeed.

Many, many saw the fire in Christopher--and certainly, it was there. But there was also a side I saw now and then, a tender, sweet, vulnerable side that was beautiful to see.

At the service Sunday evening, someone talked about his little collection of stuffed animals. That didn't surprise me in the least. The thing is, only someone who can cuddle a teddy bear, can go out and do battle with the Neanderthals of this world. I truly believe that.

There's no doubt in my mind that Yuri saw that in Christopher, saw in his heart the tender fire that burned there. That's what Yuri Keegstra fell in love with, I think, and became Christopher's lover, help-mate, spouse and best friend (all those things are different and sometimes don't all combine).

If you'll forgive a little history, if Christopher was Alexander, then Yuri was Haephestion, and together they stood tall.

When I heard Yuri speak that Sunday night, my heart broke for him, but yet I was glad. Yuri had loved deeply and honestly, nobly and well. He was and is, a man of great heart and caring soul. There is something so warm and good about knowing that.

I salute you, Yuri Keegstra. By your devotion, you have shown us all what love, Gay or straight, is all about.

And now what do I say? Only this. That Christopher shot his arrow into the sky and, yes, it may have come down in flames, but oh, what a glorious light.

Good by Christopher. We join with Yuri in bowing our heads. We're gonna miss you badly--all of us. But the comfort for us is that I'm sure you know, the world's a better place for your having lived.



Chris Fons (right) demonstrating (1991).

### Who Killed Christopher Fons?

By Yuri Keegstra

There is not a day that passes when I am not in mourning. At the age of 23, I have seen more death than people three times my age. Because of the frequency of death in my life, I never have to time to move on and thus, my world is populated by ghosts I am unable to bury. Even among this pantheon of friends and loved ones, Christopher holds an exalted place.

Christopher was my best friend, inspiration, lover, and virtual constant companion. No one has touched my life like he did. Thus, it is hard to say what follows.

### We Killed Christopher

Every person in this room contributed to his death as surely as if we had pulled a trigger, myself included.

We have all gathered to mourn his death, but ask yourself this question: What did I do to help save Christopher's life? You all loved him or you wouldn't be here. Many of you contacted him at various times to ask what you could do to help. Wasn't it obvious? *Christopher needed his life saved.*

Why couldn't we save his life? Why didn't every person who was touched by Christopher join him in his fight? Why isn't everyone trying to stop this plague?

In the lobby tonight, I was approached by someone who said they wanted to help carry on Christopher's work, but were uncomfortable with the tactics that have been used in the past. *Uncomfortable?* Uncomfortable with standing up to evil and trying to save lives? I'm uncomfortable with the fact that you'd rather watch people die than use tactics that make you uncomfortable. Are you more *comfortable* watching people die unnecessary deaths?

You all came here to mourn Christopher's death. If you really cared about and loved Christopher, you are all hypocrites if you don't take action and instead, allow the Christopher's of this world to die.

There are people in this room with money, power and personal contacts. If you do not put your resources to work in the fight against AIDS, you are hypocrites.

The parents of many people in this room have money, power and personal contacts. If you do not ask your parents to use their resources to further the fight, you are hypocrites.

And when you go to use your money and power and influence, don't just ask or fight for more money for palliative measures, or for education, or for any of the other "safe" aspects of AIDS. It's all very well to make sure people with AIDS are comfortable and have housing and food and I won't tell you to ignore those critical aspects of the AIDS crisis. But, if we only take care of people and help them die, then this plague is going to continue to devastate our lives. Fight for a cure!

I have always believed that we have a moral obligation to fight for the good of the human race and do everything in our power to stop evil. Did you fight? Did you fight to save Christopher's life?

No, not really. Only a handful of people in this room have fought for a cure for AIDS, and that's all that would have saved Christopher's life. And even those of us who did try to fight to save his life, didn't do all that we could have.

I know my words here tonight are going to make many of you uncomfortable (there's than word again). However, I also know that this is probably only a tenth of what Christopher would have me say if we had written this together. He died before we could do that.

If you are uncomfortable, go home tonight and think about why you are. I think you will find it's because I have spoken the truth here tonight and the truth hurts.

*Please.* In Christopher's name, use your money and your influence and your power. *Please.* Don't let Christopher's death be in vain. Silence does indeed equal death and action equals change.

Good-bye Christopher. You will be missed. I love you.

**Editor's Note:** The above is a transcript of the eulogy given by Yuri Keegstra to the hundreds assembled in Milwaukee's Pabst Theater to mourn the death of his lover, Christopher Fons.

# The Light



# LIVELY ARTS

## Behind the Blah Title of 'Roommates' Hides a Charming, Sweet, Ten Handkerchief Film

By Terry Boughner

The grandfather is nearing the time when the years ahead are few. His grandson's parents have died. So what do you do when the none of the rest of the family has any room for the boy? Put him in a home, so say they all--except Grandpa. He'll raise the kid. That's the end of it, "issue decided, conversation over."

This is the beginning of *Roommates*, one of the most charming and sweetest films to come to the screen in a long time. In fact, I would call it a "10 handkerchief flick." You'll need five to wipe away tears of laughter and five as you cry.

Peter Falk plays Rocky Holeczek, a man in his 70's as the film opens, who will reach 107 before the tale is done. He's a crusty old Polish patriarch, a curmudgeon if ever their was one, who's gotten to the age where he can say anything he wants to anyone and get away with it.

Perhaps this is why the very old and the very young often get along so well. Neither one of them has any worry about inhibitions and social niceties.

D.B. Sweeney is Michael, the grandson, who views his grandfather, first with awe and no little wonder, always with respect, and eventually, that deep, warm comforting love that many of us can so fondly remember.

For example, I remember when my grandfather first let me have a taste of "snakebite," good, strong Western Pennsylvania sippin' whisky. My mother was horrified. He told her to "shut up!" and down it went. God, it was awful, but lord what a bond it made between us.

There's a scene like that in *Roommates* and

## 'Mrs. Parker' is a Film that Doesn't Quite Shatter a Brittle and Brilliant Facade

By Carl Szatmary

The very name of Dorothy Parker brings to mind the glorious literary New York of the 1920's when she and other illustrious members of the famed Algonquin Round Table were the toast of the town. Among the most often quoted of 20th Century authors, Mrs. Parker, along with such literary cohorts as Robert Benchley, George S. Kaufman and Alexander Woollcott, quipped their way into immortality.

In *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, director Alan Rudolph attempts to shatter their bright and brilliant, but ultimately brittle, facade. At the center of Altman's film is Dorothy Parker, in an absolutely mesmerizing performance by Jennifer Jason Leigh.

In an intriguing use of flashbacks, Rudolph has the main body of the film, which is set in the 1920's, filmed in color. Significantly, progressive flashforwards portray Mrs. Parker, first in the 1930's and 1940's in Hollywood, then back in New York in the 1950's and 1960's and are filmed in stark black and white.

Visually, these segments perfectly capture and emphasize the emptiness and despair that would so characterize Dorothy Parker's later life. Interwoven throughout and acting as transitions for different periods of Parker's life, are, appropriately enough, her own richly autobiographical poems in voice-over.

*Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* has much to recommend it. Rarely has New York in the 1920's been as sumptuously filmed. Rudolph is exceedingly generous in incorporating Parker's best and best-known quips. In addition to Leigh's stunning portrayal of world-weary, bored-to-the-bone Mrs. Parker, many in the large cast stand out in secondary roles.

Campbell Scott as Robert Benchley invests in his role as Parker's best buddy a pleasant, innocent geekiness before booze and fame take their tolls.

The surprising Andrew McCarthy does an appropriately repellent turn in playing Parker's first husband, and Wallace Shawn is equally memorable in the smallish role as the man behind the Round Table.

Sadly, *Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle* falls victim to far too much predictability in plotting and characterization. Rudolph possesses few surprises up his literary sleeve. He is clearly seeking to shatter the myth of the celebrated Algonquins by illustrating the devastating effects of booze and pills. Yet, can this really come as any great surprise to anyone?

Few can still believe that these individuals

a couple of others like it that really brought a lump full of memory to my throat.

As Michael grows up, there's never any time where he and his grandfather actually say they love each other, but why should they? Like my grandfather and I, why give voice to the self-evident? Every frame of the movie shows how deeply they care.

Perhaps this is the best and truest form of love anyway, the kind that doesn't have to say what it is. It just is, that's enough.

Michael marries. Two kids come along. His wife is killed in an auto accident. Now a centenarian, Rocky finds himself with a new family to raise. When Michael objects, his protests are summarily dismissed. "Issue decided, conversation over."

The film is laid in and filmed entirely in Pittsburgh. Director Peter Yates has managed to capture the deliciously snug atmosphere of that very ethnic city--and not done damage to the geography of the place as they did in *Flashdance*. The only thing lacking are the trolleys--but you can't have everything.

The film also captures very well the disparaging attitude that the Scots-Irish (white Anglo-Saxons all) establishment had toward Catholics, Blacks, Poles and other Slavs and just about anyone who wasn't exactly like them.

For example, the mother-in-law in the film reminded me of a Victorian sofa with legs.

No, there's no Gay theme to this, no Gay undercurrents in it either, but it is a sweet charmer, a story that will, perhaps, bring back memories for you of a time when you were young and your grandparents glowed softly in your life.



Jennifer Jason Leigh as Mrs. Parker

were merely participating in one jolly quip-fest. Self-loathing seems to have been the order of the day and apparently quite contagious among Round Table members. Soon, even the most blithely made bon mots cannot fully mask the increasing tedium among his characters and, more precisely, among his audience.

It is with a touch of irony notwithstanding, to remark that one of the key flaws in *Mrs. Parker* lies in the enormous honesty and conviction Leigh and the rest of the cast bring to their roles. Too little screen time is given to portray these bright young things as at all likable, which makes it difficult to invest much emotion in their later despair.

Round Table regulars grew conceited, rude, cruel drunkards. Leigh, in particular, refuses to allow the audience any moment of easy sympathy, barely rousing herself from a near comatose state to file a theatre or book review. Her Dorothy Parker brings to mind a candle flame that always seems about to, but never quite, exhaust itself, its flicker quite pretty and attracting attention, but ultimately shedding very little light.

*Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle*, despite its weaknesses, remains a fascinating film filled with sparkling dialogue and some wonderful ensemble acting and is recommended.

Rating: \$\$\$\$\$



Hip and Quirky--Albert Finney, left, and Rufus Sewell star in Suri Krishnamma's film "A Man of No Importance" which opens March 3 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

## 'A Man Of No Importance' is a Curious Little Film with Much Charm

By Carl Szatmary

Now that Gays and Lesbians are chic in Hollywood following the surprising success of such recent small, independent films as *Go Fish* and *The Adventures of Prescott: Queen of the Desert*, expect to see increasing numbers of hip and quirky films exhibiting a Gay sensibility. Some, like films based on Katherine Forrest's *Murder at the Nightwood Bar* and Paul Rudnick's *Jeffrey*, have already begun production.

Soon to a cinema near you is a curious little film, *A Man of No Importance* directed by Suri Krishnamma and starring Albert Finney.

*A Man of No Importance*, at first glance, would appear to be a throwback to the more traditional Hollywood portrayals of Gay men. Lacking any of the newly discovered Gay glamour, yet nonetheless possessing a '90's political awareness, *A Man of No Importance* is a small, simple little story of Alfie Byrne (Albert Finney), a ticket taker on a Dublin bus in the 1950's with Oscar Wilde delusions.

Alfie's life is bittersweet at best. He lives with his spinster sister Lily (played by the wonderful Brenda Fricker) and is secretly in love with Robbie Fay (Rufus Sewell), his attractive young co-worker whom he affectionately calls Bosie.

(Bosie, if you remember, was nickname of the love of Wilde's life, Alfred Douglas.)

To combat the emptiness of his life, Alfie produces an annual production of an Oscar Wilde play, featuring the talents of his regular bus passengers.

With the arrival of Adele Rice (Tara Fitzgerald), Alfie is delighted with a perfect Salome. Alfie is quite taken with the beautiful, but melancholy Adele, who is hiding her own secrets.

Despite the play's controversial nature, Alfie does manage to get the use of the Church Hall. Rehearsal begins. But before long, it becomes

apparent that all is not well as Alfie's infatuation grows as does his sister Lily's concern for him.

After a warm and wonderful beginning, Barry Devlin's screenplay takes a heavy handed turn mid-way, including an unsettling and quite ludicrous scene that has Alfie dressing up in full Oscar Wilde drag and going to a pub frequented by "those sort of people." The results are rather predictably disastrous.

In pursuit of some dramatic plot twists and some easily identifiable villains, much of the film's fragile sweetness is sacrificed. If the overwhelming acceptance of an outed Queer by the 1950's Dublin working-class folk seems to stretch reasonable credibility, the film's upbeat, if not exactly happy, ending is satisfying and certainly most welcome.

While *A Man of No Importance* may not appeal to all Gay and Lesbian audiences, its pleasures are many. Scenes of working-class Dublin are beautifully and vividly brought to life. Albert Finney is superb in the difficult role of Alfie, walking the fine line between sympathy and pity.

As the fallen Adele, Tara Fitzgerald is both ravishing and tragic. And finally, Rufus Sewell possesses enough swaggering good looks to make it easy to understand how Alfie lost his heart to this Bosie.

Rating: \$\$\$\$\$

Scale: \$\$\$\$\$=Exceptional film, regardless of ticket price

\$\$\$\$\$=Excellent, worth the money

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## Rita Mae Brown, Janis Ian to Appear at National Women's Music Festival

Indianapolis, IN-- Rita Mae Brown, the best-selling author of *Rubyfruit Jungle* and *Starting from Scratch: A Different Kind of Writers' Manual*, and Janis Ian, an impressive presence on the music scene since breaking onto the charts at 15 with "Society's Child," will appear at the National Women's Music Festival in June.

Brown will give the keynote speech on Thursday, June 1. She also will lead a workshop on Friday, June 2.

Performing on the festival's Mainstage, will be Ian, who now composes in Nashville and also writes a column for *The Advocate*.

The festival will be June 1-4 on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Indiana. It is the longest running celebration of women's music and culture in the country. Advance reservations are now being accepted.

Other special guests of interest will be Torie Osborn, former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Vicki Noble, a feminist Shaman, healer, co-creator of Motherpeace Tarot and author. Osborn will lead political workshops; Noble will appear at workshops on women's spirituality.

Concerts and workshops are the main components of the festival, which is in its 21st year. There are also dances each evening.

In addition to politics and spirituality, workshop topics include writing, health, finances, sexuality, sports, fitness, legal issues and performing/producing music.

Other workshops will address issues for and about Women of Color, Deaf women, women with disabilities and older women.

The festival is held in campus buildings. Dorm housing and meals are available as is access to local stores, restaurants and motels.

A 24-hour support service is available for women in recovery, and all events are wheelchair accessible. Special headsets, seating and interpreters are available for the Deaf and hard-of-hearing. Free child care is offered to those who pre-register.

A four-day pass costs \$160 before April 30

## 'Bluestockings' Explores Women's Suffrage Movement

Milwaukee-- "Bluestockings," a multimedia performance that explores the relationship between the U.S. suffrage movement and contemporary issues such as sexism and homophobia, will be presented Thursday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The performance is being presented by the UWM Women's Resource Center and Center for Women's Studies to celebrate Women's History Month and the 75th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

"Bluestockings" was part of Theater X's month-long women's series, held last Fall. Jen Benka and Jane Kramer, members of the local multimedia performance group MOOK, collaborated with award-winning filmmaker Cathy Cook and photographer Deone Jahnke for the production.

The production was inspired, in part, by the award-winning *On Wisconsin Women: Working for Their Rights from Settlement to Suffrage*, a book by Genevieve McBride, associate professor of mass communication at UWM.

The project was originally funded, in part, by a grant from Intermedia Arts/Minnesota with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts/Presenting and Commissioning Program, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Warhol Foundation.

and \$180 thereafter. Those wishing to work during the festival in exchange for a reduced-cost pass may do so. Information on that option is in the registration brochure.

Registration brochures are available at women's bookstores or by writing: P.O. Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1427. You may also call (317) 927-9355 and leave your name and address.

## Richard Waswo to be Featured on 'Where The Waters Meet'

Milwaukee-- Milwaukee aerosol artist Richard Waswo will be featured in two separate programs of "Where The Waters Meet," a weekly TV series on arts and social issues airing on Warner Cable Channel 14.

The first program, entitled "New Aerosol Compositions," will document Waswo's show of the same name. The show was held last July at Gallery 218 in Milwaukee. Commentator Christina Zawadiwsky talks to Waswo about both his technique and the meaning behind each of the several different paintings. Drawing both from evolutionary and religious themes, Waswo explores his non-traditional quest for spirituality.

The program will be seen at 7:00 p.m., March 10 on Channels 14 and 11B and will be repeated at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week on Channel 14.

The second program is entitled "Hair" and deals with the way artists approach their own hair. Waswo is known for his often radical changes in appearance.

Produced for the Wigstock celebration last Autumn, both Waswo and artist Valerie Drystel are interviewed.

## Testing of New Vaccine Against HIV Has Begun in Hard-Hit Thailand

Bangkok, Thailand-- On February 21, the Thai government began testing a vaccine that it hopes will yield protection against the virus that causes AIDS.

Thirty men and women received the first of what are to be four injections of the vaccine aimed at protecting people from infection should they come in contact with HIV, the AIDS virus. The trial is to run for a year and a half.

Twenty of the volunteers, all of them recovering drug abusers, received the Gp 120 vaccine, manufactured by Genentech Inc. of San Francisco. The other 10 are to be the control group.

The vaccine is not made from live virus and therefore cannot cause infection.

It already has been tested on more than 1,000 American volunteers and has been shown to be safe and stimulate an immune response. The trial is aimed at confirming those first results.

"I'm confident in this vaccine, but I cannot

be 100 percent sure it will work," said Dr. Prayura Kunasol, medical officer for the Collaborating Center for HIV/AIDS Vaccine Development and Evaluation. "We should invest in it today, though, or otherwise it is going to be too late."

An estimated 60,000 Thais are infected with HIV.

The widespread use of prostitutes in Thailand by both married and single men, has made Thailand one of the worst-hit countries in Asia.

Prayura said recovering drug abusers were being used in the trial because they already come to government clinics regularly and therefore will be sure to return for monitoring throughout the trial. The doctors had gained the volunteers' trust after years of treatment, so that none of them were fearful of the vaccines.

The drug trial is being carried out by the Vaccine Trial Center of Mahidol University, Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, and the Ministry of Public Health, with the support of the World Health Organization.

## H.I.T. Fundraiser

Milwaukee-- The Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) is having its annual Rita Bowl fundraiser on Friday, March 17, 1995, at Red Carpet Regency Lanes. Bowling begins at 9:00 p.m.

Roundtrip transportation will be provided from the Wreck Room to the bowling alley for a \$3 fee. Please see any H.I.T. Board member or call Scott Logan at (414) 277-0320 or Rick Steiner at (414) 482-1964 for details.

Hair will be seen April 21 at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable Channels 14 and 11B. It will also be repeated at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week on Channel 14.

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## 'Queen Margot' is a Gay Romp when France was 'The Strangest Place You Ever Saw'

By Bob Thomas

Any romantic notions you may have had about the European chivalry of a few hundred years ago will be dispelled by a viewing of *Queen Margot*, a film about the perfidy of France's royalty in the late 16th century. The saga is laden with treachery and butchery, yet it also offers a cruel beauty that is rare in films.

Of France at the time, one historian has written that it "escaped history for the psychologists couch." Elizabeth I's ambassador to the Throne of the Lilies, wrote back, "The French Court is the strangest place you ever saw." They were both right.

The story begins with the splendor of a royal wedding at the court of France, the forced marriage of the Catholic Marguerite of Valois (Isabelle Adjani) to the Protestant Henri of Navarre (Daniel Auteuil). The spidery Queen Mother, Catherine de Medici, (Virna Lisi) has engineered the union in an attempt to end the religious warfare that has wracked the country for decades and soaked its soil in blood.

But if Catherine hopes the "mixed" union will produce an heir, she's got another think

coming. Henri is Gay, as Gay as Gay can be.

He was also quite beautiful and, according to history, if not to the film, he had no trouble finding partners. Nor was he in any way "closeted" about all this. In fact, he liked nothing better than to don mama's jewels and process into the court on the arm of a well-built courtier.

At the wedding ball, given by the Queen Mum, Henri showed up in one of his bride's best gowns escorted by 12 luscious young men wearing nothing but the most transparent of veils--which they promptly took off.

The English ambassador reported himself to be horrified by it all, but Queen Catherine thought it a wonderful joke. What Margot thought has not been recorded.

What history does report, however, is that when she found a man with her husband in the marriage bed, she walked out in huff and never went near him again.

But Margot, as the movie shows, had her needs. She and her lady-in-waiting scoured the streets for a likely candidate for the bride's lust. She found a handsome Protestant, La Mole (Vincent Perez), who fulfills her every desire. She also falls in love with him.

In the meantime, the Henri of history has been shipped off to become King of Poland. He hated the place. He stayed a year and returned to Paris bringing the Crown Jewels with him. The Poles never did get them back.

The story, freely adapted from an Alexandre Dumas novel by Daniele Thompson and Patrice Chereau, continues a devious but ever-fascinating path. It helps to pay attention in order to learn who in the large cast is on which side.

Chereau directed the film with a fine sense of period, illuminating the pomp of the French court as well as the squalor both inside and outside the Louvre palace. His greatest achievement is guiding terrific performances by the leading actresses.

Isabelle Adjani is astonishing as the 19-year-old bride (record books give her age as 39). Her range of emotions is impressive enough to warrant a third Academy Award nomination as best actress (the first two: "The Story of Adele H." and "Camille Claudel"). Virna Lisi, little seen in the United States since her stint as a sexpot, is chillingly malevolent as Catherine de Medici.

The cast is filled with superior actors, most of whom are unfamiliar on these shores. Especially impressive is Vincent Perez as Margot's dauntless lover.

The Miramax Films release is rated R, with wholesale killings and nudity. Running time: 143 minutes. In French, with English subtitles.

## AfterWords Calendar of March Events

**Milwaukee--** AfterWords March Special: In honor of the month of March being designated as Women's History (Herstory) Month, AfterWords is featuring 10% off all titles in our newly redeveloped "Women's Section," including a much enlarged section focusing on contemporary women's fiction.

AfterWords has also composed a list of 20 essential and influential books to be discounted throughout the month at 20% off, including both fiction and nonfiction by and for women by such authors as Audre Lorde, Virginia Woolf, Marian Zimmer Bradley, and Joan Nestle. Stop in at AfterWords during March for details.

On Friday, March 3rd, the Brady East STD Clinic will be offering free, anonymous HIV testing at AfterWords from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No appointments are necessary. As always during the BestD Clinic outreach at AfterWords, all AIDS-related literature will be featured at 15% off.

The AfterWords Book Club in March will feature a discussion of Michael Nava and Robert Dawidoff's controversial and thought-provoking book, *Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter to America*. This discussion will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13th. New members are always welcome.



**Enchanting Fable--** Irish folklore is brought to life in John Sayle's film "The Secret of Roan Inish," which opens March 10 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre. Fiona (Jeni Courtney) and Hugh (Mick Lailey) star in the film.

## Submissions Sought for Gay/Lesbian Essay Collection

**Boston, MA--** Alyson Publications is seeking personal essays from Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals and Transsexuals born after (or shortly before) the Stonewall Riots of 1969.

Were Ernie and Bert your role models? Have you ever had sex without an awareness of AIDS? Did your high school have a L/G/B support group? Did you go? Did you take your lover? If someone asked, "Are you a friend of Dorothy?" would you answer, "Yeah, I loved Bastard Out of Carolina?"

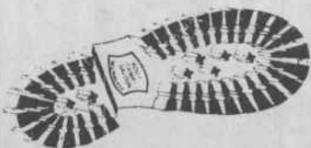
If you can answer "Yes" to any of these questions, then you should probably contribute to "Children of Stonewall," in which a new generation will tell the world what it's like to inherit the older generations' legacy of relative freedom and pride.

"Children of Stonewall" is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in 1996. For guidelines, please send a SASE to Robin Bernstein, Children of Stonewall, c/o Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118. The deadline for submission is June

30, 1995. No fiction or poetry.

Alyson Publications is also seeking short fiction with erotic content for an anthology of Gay male erotica about sexual encounters in the great out of doors.

This book is scheduled for release in 1996. Submissions should be typed, double-spaced and include a SASE and, if possible, a copy of the story on disk. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 1995. Send them to the above address.



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**Sixteenth Century Royalty--**Isabelle Adjani plays the title character in Patrice Chereau's "Queen Margot," which opens March 10 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

## A Room Of One's Own Celebrates Women's History Month and 20th Anniversary

**Madison--** Two programs will be offered at A Room Of One's Own Bookstore in celebration of National Women's History Month.

**Nellie Y. McKay**

Nellie Y. McKay, Professor of American and Afro-American Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be speaking about women's autobiographies on March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison.

The autobiographical narrative reflects the diverse intersections of race, class, religion and sexual identity of women. The autobiography instructs and empowers the reader to discover her own inner voice.

**Jeanne Boydston**

Jeanne Boydston, Professor of History at UW-Madison, will speak on discovering women's history through letters, diaries and other source documents on March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bookstore.

Boydston, author of *Home & Work*, focuses her research on the relationship between women's labor, paid and unpaid, and women's lives.

Both of these events are free and open to all. For more information, call (608) 257-7888.

Folksingers Claudia Schmidt and Libby

Roderick will appear in concert April 1, at the Barrymore Theatre. This concert is being produced by A Room Of One's Own to celebrate the Bookstore's 20th Anniversary. Tickets cost \$15 and are available at the Bookstore, the Barrymore Theatre, Green Earth, Magic Mill, Whole Earth, Mother Fool's and Quintessence.

Watch for more information in the next issue of *Light*.

The staff of the Bookstore welcomes everyone to join in this celebration of music and words. Additional events are planned to commemorate the anniversary and to thank the Madison community for its years of support.

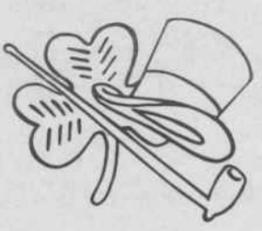
For more information, call Sandi at (608) 257-7888.

## GALVANize Meeting Scheduled

**Madison--** GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is looking for a few good people interested in planning the 1995 GALVANize March to be held on Sunday, July 16 in Madison. Please call Ben at (608) 256-4289 for more information.



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**Milwaukee BLONDE SWIMMERS BUILD:** Mike, 6'1 180 blond/blu must swimmers build, give me a call- #28404

**Milwaukee SPECIAL LOVE:** just moved here, 25 5'8 185, looking for that special love from that special person, give me a call- #28560

**Milwaukee BOB 20 Y/O,** really tall dk hair, lkg for guys 18-30 to get together and do stuff with give me a call- #28615

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**Milwaukee TOM 18 Y/O:** like to talk to guys anywhere, 5'9 155, blond/blu, swimmers build, pretty smooth, like to talk to guys give me a call- #29408

**Green Bay OUTDOOR BLONDE:** Eric, 5'11 blond blu 185 like outdoors, music, movies, if ud like to get together lv a message- #29449

**Adams HAIRY DADDY BEAR:** Chuck, 41 6'2 240, blu/brn salt and pepper full beard hairy body daddy bear iso local and long distance cubs to cuddle with if ur younger, attr, and hot for an older daddy type to experience, give me a call- or write- #29518

**Milwaukee TV, TS OR CD:** SWM 45, int in TS, TV or CD, willing to talk to people who have those int, theatre plays music sports and others, dine in, out romantic passionate affection- age race not that imprt- int, lv a message- #29541

**Milwaukee COLLEGE STUDENT:** Derek 6'2 20 brn/brn 175 coll student, lkg for someone whos new to this like me between 26-40, for some fone fun, maybe get together with give me a call- #29577

**Milwaukee CANOEING AND CAMPING:** Dan, 20, 5'10, 140 brn/brn iso someone 20-35, if ur int pls give me a call-like to biking canoeing and camping bye! #29582

**Milwaukee FRAT GUY:** Scott, 21, 5'8, brn/brn, 145, frat guy iso other guys 25-36 to get with and see if it works out, kinda new to this, give me a call- #29586

**Milwaukee OLDER MEN:** Matt 6'1 150 18, if that int u, pls call like to ply with my Mac, and lots of other things, looking for an older man 30-40 new at this #29589

**Milwaukee COLLEGE STUDENT:** Tom, 19 coll student at UW 5'8 170 brn/brn like canoeing swimming, iso 18-22 only that doesnt smoke, a little nervous so give me a call - #29593

**Milwaukee BLONDE GOATEE:** Leif 21 GWM blond/blu goatee, 5'10 155, musc swimmers build, iso other guys 22-38 to get together have a few beers and see what happens- #29932

**Wisconsin Rapids GAY COUPLE** attr 30 and 34 iso other attr couples or singles for hot times- #30904

**Milwaukee BRIAN 30,** 140, brn/blk, int in GM 18-22 give me a call- #30190

**Milwaukee BI OR GWM:** Steve, 33 5'9, wt prop work out daily many interests BIWM iso BI or GWM dk brn/brn give me a call, #30245

**Milwaukee SPORTS FAN:** East sider mid 30s, must brn/blu like sports good sense of humor looking for guys to get together with on occasion- #30351

**608 area code MUSCULAR HAIRY:** 5'8, blond/blu 160, looking for musc hairy guys who like to be appreciated, give me a call- also have a dark mustache- #30466

**Milwaukee VIRGIN ISLANDER:** 24 from Virgin Islands, now in Milwaukee, love to party and have alot of fun iso same 18-23 if ur int like to meet, give me a call- #30475

**Milwaukee COLLEGE STUDENT:** Charlie, GBM 19, college student 5'7 130, like music, rb dance rap, movies and TV nonsmoker/drinker looking for a BM 18-30 musc appearance and has same int, poss friendship, rel- #30552

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**Milwaukee ASIANS OR HISPANICS:** Bob, GWM btm caring and affect 40s 5'8, hairy chest iso a tp gay asian male or gay hisp male undr 40 for hot fun and poss long term rel, lv your # #30879

**Milwaukee ACTIVIST/ARTS:** Biff, 41, prof'l, staying in shape working hard, a good life, political activist, like parties iso someone who loves life and wants to keep life interesting- like the arts- #31028

**Milwaukee LOOKING FOR A BOY TOY:** 38 gdlkg in shape stable secure guy iso 25 Y/O man boy #31032

**Milwaukee FRENCH AND GREEK:** GBM tp 38 5'9 seeks subm gm any race 25-65 for french and greek #31202

**Hartford ROMANTIC NIGHTS:** Dan, GWM 32 160 iso same into music movies and romantic nights #30817

**Milwaukee FRIEND/LOVER:** Mike, 23, GWM 5'7, 140, brn/brn iso other GWM under 27 for friendship poss rel if this sounds like you, give me a call- #31832

**Milwaukee RELATIONSHIP MINDED,** music movies sports, into having a good time and meeting people, enjoying peoples company give me a call- #31865

**Milwaukee YOUNGER GUYS:** BIWM 27 5'10 185 brn/brn, lkg to hook up with other younger guys to have some fun, with #31903

**Milwaukee PREOP TS'S:** Harley WM 6' 180, 49, like movies, intimate sharing iso preop TS TV, share some qual time with- #31985

**Milwaukee TOM GWM,** 18, blond/blu, 5'9, 155, iso a relationship and hot times for any guys around my age up to 40, int in trying bd, give me a call- #31846

**Sheboygan GREEK AND FRENCH:** BI BM iso BI or GBM under 30, for greek and french conversation, btm be a tp sounds like you, lv a message- #27880

**Madison HEAVY GUY:** GWM 5'6, blond/blu, musc, heavy tp iso you know btm heavy 25-50 WM/BM in my area pls call me- #19173

**Milwaukee GOODLOOKIN' 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 inexpc 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 gm brn bi wm 26, iso same for great times iso young bi wm 18020 fit and attr into movies working out wilfing 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/gm 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, lt 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

**Sheboygan BI BLACK MALE,** usually avail mornings iso tp Latino/Hispc GWM 18-25, or BM 25-40 give me a call- #27780

**Wisconsin Rapids MARRIED BI MALE:** Dan, married bi male iso a bi or GM to get together and have a good discreet time 5'11 br blu 180, sounds int give me a call- #27477

**Racine GRUNGE GUY:** GWM 23, John, grunge guy into Seattle scene and punk iso AM HM or WM into the same scene 18-28 for friendship poss more #28016

**Wausau SLIM BLONDE:** Rob, 24, tall slim blond/ blu, enjoy walks tennis movies and music, like to meet someone non smoker slender built gd sense of humor, iso rel- if u live in the area give me a call- #20758

**Eau Claire LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP:** 35 gdlkg, honest, sincere, GWM int in long term rel with gdlkg GWM 19-30, #23009

**Milwaukee TONY 18,** 165, looking for someone intell, like to get to the point, live on the north side call me- #23247

**Milwaukee BLACK TS:** heavy set black TS iso a guy to settle down with give me a call #23427

**Milwaukee OUTDOORS AND QUIET TIMES:** Mark, GWM 33 5'8 140, fun loving int are movies, outdoors, biking, quiet times, iso 25-35, for poss rel- #23744

**Milwaukee ATTN: JOHN-** left a message in my box on Xmas day, can you pls lv another time and phone# to get ahold of you? I wasn't able to- #23698

**La Crosse KURT GWM 21,** phys good shape, excellent body like outdoors, animals and like to have some fun, give me a call- glad to be back in touch with you- #23707

**Appleton MOVIES AND MUSIC:** Keith, 22, movies, and music, if ur 18-25 give me a call- #23774

**Madison CLASSY GOODLOOKING PROFESSIONAL:** GWM 49, 6'1, 170, enjoy city and state events, dining out and fireplace, iso sim GM 25-45 for friendship and romance- #23929

**Milwaukee WET ACTION:** hands on, attr, hot slim build 33 iso guys for hot wet action,

dark hairy guys, groups and more, lv your # #23947

**Milwaukee DRESSED UP CD'S:** Steve, like a guy that can show me the ropes, like in shape looks good like to meet like to cd, can 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

**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, inexpc, 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

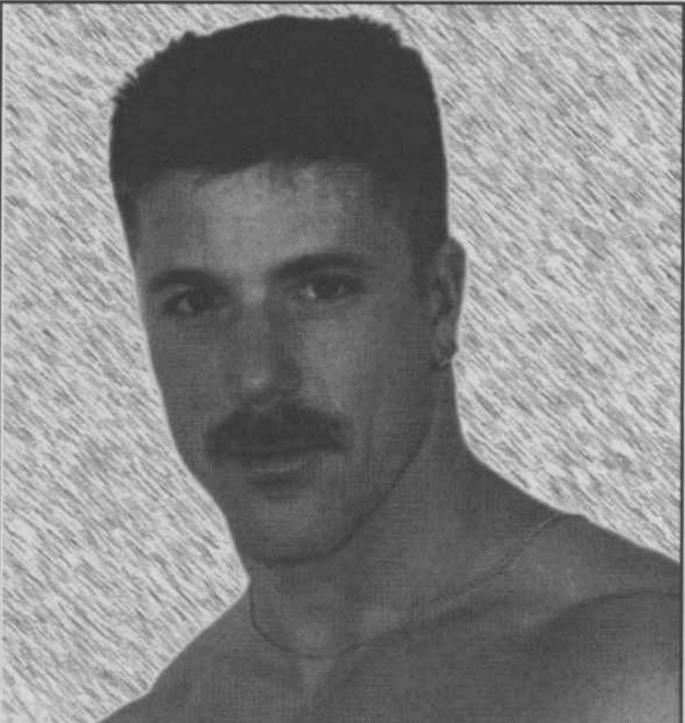
**Fox Valley REALLY ROUGH STUFF:** looking for guys to get together with really rough- give me a call- #24706

**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 btms best, but am vers- #21656

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Bill, 5'5, 150, leave message or call thru. **(Call Thru) Box# 3027**  
JT, 28, law student, ISO my first bi-experience with someone who is. **(Call Thru) Box# 5899**  
GWM, 5'10, 170, good-looking, well-built, versatile, ISO other hot guys for good times. You won't be disappointed. **(Call Thru) Box# 3502**  
Duane, GWM, poet, likes theatre, movies, art, working out, ISO intelligent men who live to enjoy life. **Box# 4145**  
GM, student, trim, blond hair, bottom, nice body, ISO hairy hot top who's into sex. **Box# 5640**  
BiM, 26, 5'10, 190, athletic, bodybuilder, ISO other bodybuilders, any race, discretion assured. **Box# 3474**  
Attractive, quiet GWM, 58, 5'8, brn hair/eyes, HIV-, NS, like golf, country life, travel, dining, theatre, ISO a compatible GM with same interest for friendship. **(Call Thru) Box# 7686**  
M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going, ISO similar dudes. **Box# 3216**  
WM, 30's, ISO a Bi or GWM for goodtimes, I'll be open to your ideas. **Box# 1977**  
Bill, 32, 5'8, 160, prof., not into glitter, self-absorb, bitchy or stereo-types, ISO someone who is truthful, warm, gentle, in-touch, with a quiet strength for mutual honest friendship, no sex right away calls please. **(Call Thru) Box# 8684**  
Mike, good-looking, GWM, 35, 220, 6', HIV-, physically fit, NS, ISO M 25 and under, long-term friendship, casual sex. **(Call Thru) Box# 1817**  
Bill, GWM, ISO BM, well-endowed, your satisfaction is my only concern. No reciprocation necessary. **(Call Thru) Box# 3231**

regret meeting me. **(Call Thru) Box# 8470**  
Russell, ISO man for fun, hot sex. **(Call Thru) Box# 4587**  
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Rob, ISO younger brother type for partying, hanging out, I'm a fun-loving bottom willing to travel. **(Call Thru) Box# 5262**

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

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

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

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

Jim, 28, WM, 6'2, I'm outgoing, very personable, like music, movies, socializing, ISO BM, for one-on-one relationship, large gatherings possible also. **Box# 3733**

Paul, 27, bottom, very lonely, masculine GWM. ISO masculine GWM, 27-48, 6' +, mustache a plus, top, for friends and a monogamous relationship. **Box# 2867**

WM, 28, enjoys the company of black males. I have great communicating oral skills. Remember, I won't be able to talk with my mouth full. **Box# 6656**

Frank, GWM, ISO romantic fun guy, 18-25, to enjoy dinners, movies, etc. **(Call Thru) Box# 1142**

Mike, 5'7, 135, muscular, well-built, ISO male to have fun with. **Box# 8815**

GWM, 21, 6', 140, good-looking, ISO GBM, 20-30 for friendship and relationship. **Box# 2429**

GM, ISO very discreet guy who has 10 inches or more and loves to have a very good time. **Box# 9501**

Michael, 25, 6'3, 220, blond/blue, hairy, ISO another guy to have some fun. **(Call Thru) Box# 4526**

Bob, I like to meet other males. Call, let's see what we can do together. **(Call Thru) Box# 5303**

GM, 26, 5'11, 165, brn. hair/eyes, very good-looking, clean shaven, work out, ISO guys around my age. **(Call Thru) Box# 1583**

Todd, BM, ISO GBM or GWM, I'm very handsome and ready to go. **(Call Thru) Box# 1326**

Dominick, 21, GWM, 5'9, blk. hr., hzl. eyes, Italian and Hispanic. ISO GWM, 21-25, down-to-earth, financially secure, for friendship, poss. rel., no phonies. **(Call Thru) Box# 5433**

Adam, GWM, 32, 5'8, 190, shoulder length hair, beard, ISO dominant big brother daddy type, black or white, to take charge. **(Call Thru) Box# 8556**

Steve, 6'2, 220, GBM, likes sports, long walks, quiet times, getting wild sometimes, ISO DWM with similar interests, sense of humor, financially and emotionally stable, for rel. **(Call Thru) Box# 2644**

Retired man, ISO GM who likes to cuddle. **(Call Thru) Box# 6531**

GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. **Box# 8604**

Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tattoos, long hair, tone body, smooth, 145, 6'2, touchie-feelie type, wild sense of humor, ISO other guys 25-35, dark haired, hairy body, sensuality is top priority. **Box# 8205**

James, attr., 8 inch cut, aggressive, mustache, all American, blonde and blue, early 30's, 5'8, 150, 40-inch chest, 30-inch waist, ISO no-nonsense men, singles, couples or groups, who are intense and want safe and sane liaisons. **(Call Thru) Box# 9451**

Peter, athletic, 6'1, 165, brn. hr., glasses, fit, five-day growth, ISO friends to hang out, go to movies, play tennis, dining, laughing, and walks. **(Call Thru) Box# 3811**

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

Bob, 47, WM, ISO BM, well-endowed for fun. **Box# 8710**

Sara, 34, 5'10, somewhat stocky build, beard, mustache, like classical theater, cooking, travel, walks, ISO GM for friendship and love. **(Call Thru) Box# 5751**

Thomas, 5'8, 150, ISO BM, to enjoy music, late nights. **(Call Thru) Box# 5575**

Billy, good-looking, WM, 30, 6'2, 195, good shape, ISO GM for friendship, possibly more. **(Call Thru) Box# 2539**

Bi-WM, 30, ISO straight-acting bi-WM or straight WM, no gays, fats or fems. **Box# 4265**

SWM, really hot, ISO slim, straight, bi or GM, 19-26, for fun and more. **Box# 2533**

Pete, bi-WM, 40's, 5'11, 210, smooth, chubby bottom, ISO mature male, 50+, for long-term relationship. **Box# 3610**

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

Todd, 30, honest, sincere and open, ISO a straight-acting guy who is masculine, honest, sincere, open also, likes to party, enjoys movies, heavy metal to dance music, for dating, poss. serious rel., no game players or sex-only callers. **Box# 7205**

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

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

Charles, ISO good stable relationship and friendship, any race, age, and color. What's on the inside is important to me. **(Call Thru) Box# 3443**

GBM, light complexion, 5'8 1/2, 155, 30, boy next door type, ISO GM's. My name is Quinton, you can call me Q. **(Call Thru) Box# 1762**

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

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

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BM, 24, like sports, movies, quiet nights and driving people crazy, ISO someone 19-24, black, white or hispanic, for love, companionship and relationship. **Box# 7484**

Bi white teddy bear, 37, looking for male companionship. I aim to please. **Box# 1104**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adam, 20, college student, ISO someone 18-25 for dancing, clubs, etc. **(Call Thru) Box# 8936**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joe, GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung. **(Call**

**Box# 1595**  
Dave, ISO someone for a good time. **(Call Thru) Box# 2200**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GBM, Mike, 35, slim, attractive, ISO GBM, bottom, 30-50, attractive, slim-med. build, for discreet fun. **Box# 3968**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

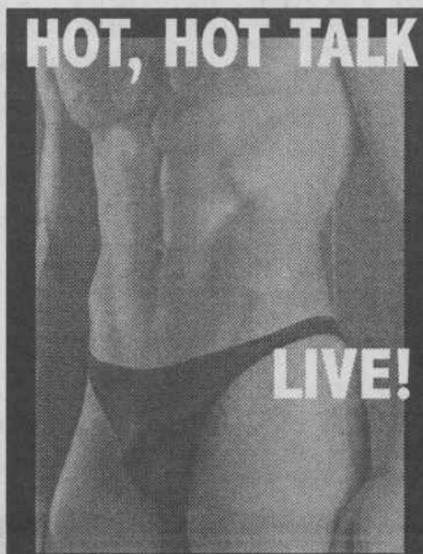
Gene, 5'11, 210, chubby teddy bear, smooth legs, love lace, ISO mature top man, 50 or over, for long-term relationship. **Box# 7877**

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

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

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

Scott, 30, 6', 200, brn hr, hzl eyes, mustache, ISO guys 25-30's. **Box# 2556**



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to the Supreme Court's decision. Others agreed on the cruciality of the case. Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton said the court's upcoming review of Colorado's anti-Gay amendment could be the most significant civil rights case of the 1990s.

She said it will mark the first time the court will test the issue of laws protecting Gays from discrimination. "This has the potential of being a very significant case."

"In a sense, it will be a litmus test for whether the U.S. Supreme Court will be more focused on civil rights in this country," said Mary Celeste of the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, one of the groups that challenged Amendment 2.

"The court considered over 500 cases today and accepted only the Amendment 2 case for review," an indication of the issue's importance, Norton said.

"It's clear this is an important issue they'll need to deal with," Norton said. "This is a very clear case that will allow them to address political participation issues."

She said both sides have 45 days to file briefs and oral arguments are expected in October. She expected Colorado Solicitor General Tim Tymkovich to argue the case for the state. The court will issue a final decision either late this year or early 1996, Norton predicted.

The Colorado case does not address the issue of sexual conduct. But the court's ruling could provide insight, scholars say, on a 1986 high court ruling in a Georgia case that let states outlaw consensual homosexual conduct.

Jean Dubofsky, the lead lawyer representing opponents of Amendment 2 before the Colorado Supreme Court, said the high court's decision positions the issue of civil rights for Gay people for a final resolution.

"It's been an issue across the country," she said. "This may well decide a lot of those cases."

Voters in Oregon and Idaho defeated anti-Gay amendments last November.

Eight states provide varying protections for Gay people. These are: Wisconsin, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Vermont.

Dubofsky believes that since the Supreme Court is more moderate than it has been in recent years, the Colorado Supreme Court ruling against Amendment 2 might be regarded more favorably than in the past. "There are a lot of votes in the center, and I feel they will keep an open mind," Dubofsky said.

She predicted her side would prevail because "this type of discrimination is so contrary to what our country has always been about."

Other Amendment 2 opponents were uneasy about the Supreme Court's decision to take the case.

"It always makes me nervous when the Supreme Court takes cases like this," said Kevin Cathcart of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represents Colorado cities and residents who challenged the amendment.

"The question ... is whether the voters should have the right to deny constitutional rights and access to the political process to a minority group," Cathcart said, adding strongly that "The rights of any minority should not be swept away by popular vote."

John Miller, another plaintiff, said he believes the amendment will be struck down 5-4.

"There are certainly conservative members of the court who will not vote in favor of it. But I also see a middle ground developing among the civil libertarians and that middle ground will give us a fair hearing," said Miller, a language professor at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, CFV's home base.

Priscilla Inkpen, also a plaintiff, said she fears that a Supreme Court review of Amendment 2 will jeopardize the plaintiffs' jobs and physical safety. But she also believes that the court "was going to consider a Gay rights case at some point."

**In Oregon**

The head of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a Far Right group, is pleased that the Supreme Court has agreed to decide the Colorado case.

OCA executive director, Lon Mabon, said his group may file a friend-of-the-court brief on the side of CFV.

"I think it's great news," Mabon said. "They simply could have let the decision stand if they were so inclined."

The OCA is hoping to place yet another anti-Gay amendment on the Oregon ballot in November, 1996.

Katherine McDowell, an attorney for the Oregon American Civil Liberties Union, said she's hopeful that the court will uphold the Colorado court rulings.

"That will be a big victory for our side because it will be a national message that these initiatives do discriminate against Gay and Lesbian people," she said.

**In Idaho**

Instead of getting into a full-scale lawsuit in Idaho over legal questions on the failed anti-Gay measure, joining the Colorado case with similar issues appears to be the easiest way to resolve the questions, Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance said.

Lance, who opposed Idaho's anti-Gay Initiative One, said his opposition to such measures "remains unchanged." However, he said that Colorado has already spent over \$2 million litigating the case and is not done yet.

"By joining Colorado's effort before the Supreme Court," Lance said, "we are being allowed to assert the same position that we

might take in defending a successful ballot measure similar in scope to Initiative One."

Idaho's Initiative One failed by 3,073 votes. Lance said he expects the Right Wing to try again.

So far, Idaho has had little expense in the Colorado case. Lance said his office spent 32 cents sending his letter and a signature page to the Colorado solicitor general.

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### LOUGANIS

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and platform diving at the Olympics in 1984 and 1988. He is the only diver to score consecutive perfect 10s in an international competition.

And it was the way he did it--with powerful style and grace--that helped capture fans. Mark Lenzi, a former teammate with a gold medal of his own, said he started diving after watching Louganis.

"He was my hero and still is," Lenzi said.

Louganis told Walters he received word that a former companion was dying of AIDS six months before the Seoul Games. He said he was tested and learned he was HIV positive.

"Dealing with HIV was really difficult for me because I felt like, 'God, the U.S. Olympic Committee needs to know this ... U.S. Diving needs to know it,' because what if I get sick at the Olympic Games and am unable to compete?" he said.

But Louganis said he never told the USOC because "I was encouraged not to."

"By whom?" Walters asked.

"By this small team of people ... doctor, coach."

Medical experts agree that the danger to other divers was "infinitesimal to non-existent." Chlorine in the pool, the fact that the virus would have been diluted in thousands of gallons of water, and the need for an open cut or wound to allow the virus to enter another diver's body would have made the chance for transmission "infinitesimal." Dr. Mark Katz, regional HIV-AIDS physician coordinator for Kaiser Permanente of Southern California, said Wednesday.

Louganis had come out as a Gay man at Gay Games IV in New York last year. He told Walters that he had known he was "different" from earliest age and had never really made a secret of his orientation.

When he began Olympic diving, his coaches and teammates all knew he is Gay. It was very difficult he said, to find someone who was willing to room with him at the games.

Since retiring from diving, he has pursued an acting career and appeared in an off-Broadway play.

Louganis reveals his HIV infection in his forthcoming Random House book, **Breaking the Surface**.

He has begun a 13-city tour, starting in New York City to publicize the book, which deals with AIDS, as well as Louganis' sexual orientation, dyslexia, racism he suffered because of his Samoan heritage, his teen-age depression and three suicide attempts.

USOC president LeRoy Walker said the organization "is saddened by the news that Greg Louganis is battling this deadly illness. And our prayers are with him in his fight. At the same time, we are again reminded about the need for precautions by doctors and trainers who treat injuries where blood is involved."

## New Schedule For Wisconsin Light

Time was (a long time) when we stayed up all night to finish and lay out the paper. No more.

For the past couple of issue, we've been operating on a new schedule which permits us to put the paper to bed at a reasonable hour in the evening. There's no way we're staying up all night anymore. It can't be done.

Our faxes come in to the computer. Anything coming in after noon on Tuesday is ignored unless prior arrangements have been made. Even then, it has to be late-breaking news. No columns. Columns must be received by Monday in order to be included. No exceptions.

All letters to the editor, notices and announcements that are mailed, must arrive in Monday's mail to be included in the upcoming issue. Everything else gets put back.

Since 1989, the USOC has adopted strict guidelines that, among other rules, require doctors, trainers and chiropractors to use latex gloves.

### CHRIS FONTS

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After the memorial, a reception was held at the Cafe Melange.

Fons, the youngest of eight children, often attributed his strong commitment to activism to the work of his mother, Patricia, who has devoted most of her life to working for social justice causes. His parents divorced when he was 4 years old. As a teenager, his mother took him to many antiwar rallies.

In 1987, at the age of 19, Fons came out publicly as a Gay teen in an article in **The Milwaukee Journal**. He learned he was HIV-positive a month after the article appeared. His battle with AIDS metamorphosed from a personal one to a very public one two years later. "I had no hesitation coming out as Gay, but it took me two years to come out about being positive. It definitely was harder because, as far as I can tell, it's the biggest stigma of the century." Hard as it may have been, he quickly became an outspoken activist in the fight against AIDS.

In 1989 Fons, along with Ric Oquita and Dan Trezbiatowski, recognized the need for an aggressive approach to the increasing epidemic in Milwaukee. Together they co-founded ACT UP Milwaukee. As the other co-founders left the group early on, Fons quickly became the driving force within the group and used his strong leadership and charisma to expand group membership.

During the group's first action, Fons led a protest against Lorraine Day while she was speaking at a Christian fundamentalist sponsored rally. Day was widely known for advancing the inaccurate belief that the AIDS virus could be transmitted through the air.

The following year the group turned it's attention to the practice of area dentists refusing to treat people with AIDS. ACT UP contacted 172 of Milwaukee's estimated 1,000 dentists and asked the question, "Do you treat people with HIV infection?" Wisconsin had recently made it illegal for dentists to refuse treatment solely based on HIV status. Despite this, ACT UP found that one-third of the dentists contacted refused to make an appointment. After weekly pickets at dental offices across Milwaukee and a meeting with the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA), the WDA issued a special statement reaffirming the rights of patients to treatment and vowed to ensure that all its dentists comply with the law.

In the fall of the 1990, spurred on by the fact that he had contracted AIDS while he was a teenager, Fons initiated ACT UP Milwaukee's practice of distributing condoms and safer sex literature at area high school homecomings and proms. The first site for distribution was Fons' alma mater, Marquette University High School. School staff panicked and had four ACT UP members, including Fons, arrested for trespassing despite the fact that the group was on a public sidewalk. The school later dropped the charges. Fons said of the incident, "They actually were shielding kids from us. They don't want us to hand their kids condoms, but how would they like it if someone handed them the AIDS virus?" Not to be dissuaded, Fons and the group returned to the high school the following Monday with picket signs and the press in tow.

In February 1991, the success of ACT UP's "in your face" brand of activism spawned the formation of a Queer Nation (QN) chapter in Milwaukee. Fons took part in QN's Queer shopping sprees during which groups of gays and lesbians were openly affectionate in area shopping malls, and was arrested during a protest demanding marriage rights for Gays and Lesbians.

Fons was a major organizer of the September 1991 national demonstration in Madison concerning the treatment of prisoners with AIDS and specifically the death of inmate Donald Woods at the hands of prison guards. The action garnished large amounts of media attention and brought the issue of prisoners with AIDS to the forefront of state policy debates.

Fons received an AIDS diagnosis in January of 1992 when he had his first bout with *pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia. His deteriorating health forced him to stop working as a book-seller. After a diagnosis with cytomegalovirus in May of that year, doctors told him he had twelve to fourteen months to live.

Instead of accepting the prognosis, Fons instead devoted his new free time to fight even harder. He took on the time consuming tasks of maintaining and coordinating the national ACT UP Network mailings and planning national conference calls and meetings for the People with Immune System Disorders (PISD) caucuses of ACT UP chapters. When anti-choice groups from across the country descended on Milwaukee's abortion clinics in June of 1992, Fons was on the clinic defense lines daily, organizing other volunteers.

In August of 1992 he traveled to Houston to participate in ACT UP protests at the Repub-

lican National Convention. While there, he facilitated the national ACT UP Network meeting that occurred.

A week later, while visiting Chicago, he began his relationship with Keegstra, who was involved with ACT UP Chicago. Three months later, Keegstra left Chicago and moved to Milwaukee to live with Fons.

In the years that followed, the two combined love and politics into an extraordinary partnership. When Fons, stricken himself with Cryptosporidiosis, organized the actions against the Mayor and Health Department demanding the take responsibility for the safety of Milwaukee's water supply, it was Keegstra who did the footwork. When Keegstra conceived of and planned the Target City Hall demonstration to demand increased municipal funding for AIDS as well as an AIDS Strategic Plan, it was Fons who provided him with background information, history, and contacts. Target City Hall, which occurred in September of 1993, resulted in the first increase in AIDS funding in the City of Milwaukee in years as well as the formation of a committee to start creating an AIDS Strategic Plan.

Fons started T.P.N. (intravenous nutrition) in December of 1993 after being forced to stop eating due to Cryptosporidiosis but even this didn't slow Fons down. April of 1994 was the one year anniversary of the Cryptosporidiosis outbreak and Fons led ACT UP into city hall, demanding reparations and that the city take responsibility for the over 100 deaths that had occurred.

Near the end of April, Fons started having weakness in his legs. Two weeks later, he was completely paralyzed, the cytomegalovirus infection he had been battling since May of 1992 had gone systemic, inflaming all of his nerves. Keegstra took a leave of absence from work to stay home and care for Fons.

Even completely paralyzed, Fons continued to be a leader in ACT UP, providing ideas and suggestions from his long activism history.

When area doctors were unable to diagnose Fons' condition, Fons and Keegstra contacted organizations and doctors across the country and came up with a treatment that soon began to work.

By October, Fons had recovered enough that the two were able to travel again, spending a weekend in a bed and breakfast. In December the two spent a long weekend in Chicago, visiting friends, sightseeing, and seeing plays. By January, Fons had recovered nearly all of his mobility.

At the end of January, Fons began to again experience weakness and fatigue. The two had to cancel their planned trip to St. Croix and, on the morning of Wednesday, February 8, Fons was rushed to the hospital complaining of sharp pain.

After a number of tests, it was determined that his liver was failing. After two procedures that seemed to clear up some blockage and provide relief, Fons chose to leave the hospital, return home, and enter into a hospice program.

His last days were spent in his home having long talks with Keegstra, watching movies and favorite television shows, and being visited by friends and family.

"I will never forget the love we had for each other; the wonderful times we shared, both personal and political; and his zest for living," states Keegstra. "It is vitally important that his work be continued."

As Fons himself once said, "One person cannot end the madness, but if we all do what we can, we can stop the cycle of greed, inaction and indifference that has made AIDS the pandemic that it is."

Other survivors include his father Jerome of Greenfield, WI; brothers Michael of Ann Arbor, MI, and Jerome of Minneapolis, MN; sister Roberta of Kenosha, WI; a stepbrother, Scott Rowley of Palm Bay, FL; a stepsister, Denise Franke of Mayville, WI; and many

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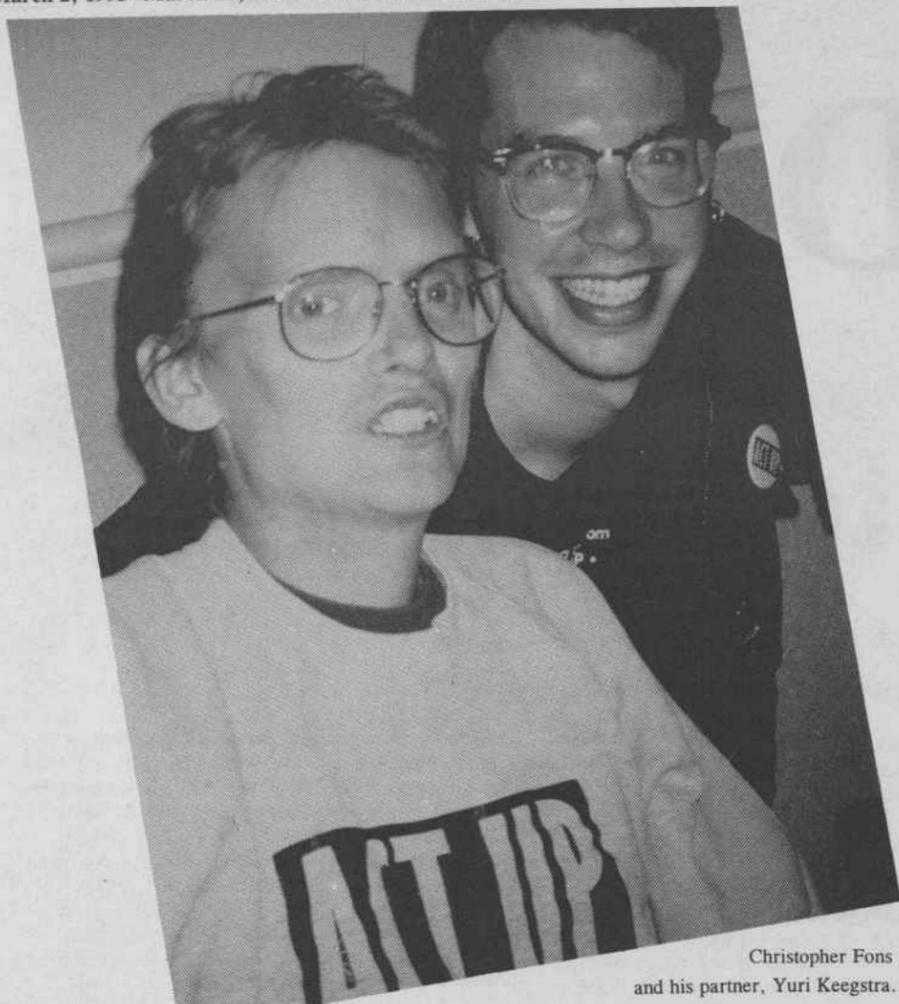
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Christopher Fons and his partner, Yuri Keegstra.

EDITORIAL

Two Fallen Heroes

By Terry Boughner

At the time when they are needed the most, two of the state's warriors in the battle against AIDS have died, each fighting to the end, each in his own way, the disease which ultimately claimed their lives.



CHRIS FONTS AND ARNIE MALMON

It is because of Christopher Fons and Arnie Malmon and the work that they and those like them do, that this paper has in the past and does now, enthusiastically and completely endorses ACT UP.

It is because of ACT UP and people like Christopher and Arnie that those like Mark Belling and Vic Eliason won't get away with spreading misinformation about AIDS.

It is because of ACT UP and people like Christopher and Arnie that young people can have access to the information that will save their lives.

Some people say they're uncomfortable with ACT UP's tactics. ACT UP saves lives. We support that.

This paper is deeply sorrowed by the loss of Christopher and Arnie. We offer our most sincere condolences to their families and all those who loved and honored them and their work.

But, if there is any comfort to be gained, it is this. ACT UP, here in Milwaukee and everywhere else, will be carrying on their work. Lives will be saved. That, we think, is the most fitting memorial to these two wonderfully courageous young men.



Chris Fons is shown passing out leaflets at an anti-gay themed religious rally held at Milwaukee's auditorium.

Christopher Fons, AIDS Activist Mourned by Hundreds in Milwaukee

On Tuesday, February 21, 1995, Christopher Fons, co-founder of the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP), died after a long and spirited battle with AIDS. He died peacefully at home with his partner, Yuri Keegstra, and long-time friend, Eric Berna, at his side. He was 27.

Fons' death was immediately recognized as an enormous loss to AIDS activism in Milwaukee. "I think Christopher was the conscience of the AIDS community," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). "Christopher created and defined AIDS activism in Milwaukee and made it work. He inspired hundreds of people to join the ranks of AIDS activism and his leadership made a real difference."

In addition to his work with ACT UP, Fons had also actively advocated for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, as well as the right of women to obtain an abortion on demand. He served on a number of coalitions aimed at building stronger grassroots activism in Milwaukee, and in September of 1994, he received the Community Activist Award from Progressive Milwaukee.

Fons' brother, Dan, who worked alongside Christopher in his fight against AIDS, describes his younger brother as a great inspiration. "When Christopher was in the room, I felt ten times stronger," said Dan Fons, "stronger in my ability and in my determination to fight injustice. Christopher was not a part-time activist. He lived true to his convictions every minute of the day, whether that meant passing out condoms to high school students in front of irate parents or the simple and profound act of holding hands with his boyfriend at a bus stop."

A visitation and memorial service were held for at the Pabst Theater on Sunday February 26th with nearly 600 people in attendance. Fons had worked as an usher at the theater for many years and had requested that his memorial service be held there.

At the visitation, attendees were able to

Arnie Malmon's Legacy Remembered as AIDS Activist and Educator

Arnie Malmon, an AIDS activist and leader in the LesBiGay community died of complications due to AIDS on Wednesday, February 22, 1994 at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee after a four year battle with the disease. He was 51.

He was a founder of the Cream City Foundation (CCF) and served on its Board of Directors for six years. In his service to CCF, he initiated the Major Donor Campaign which gave an opportunity for wealthier members of the community to contribute to the Foundation's work.

He served as chair of CCF's Grants Committee and established the John Cowles Scholarship Fund.

Tony Rhodes, CCF's current President of the Board, praised Arnie for the leadership that he provided CCF and extolled him for his hard work and dedication.

"He gave of himself unstintingly," Rhodes said. "He was a wonderful person, a generous and giving man."

A native and life-long resident of Milwaukee, Arnie worked in advertising and marketing, then in development and fundraising for a number of non-profit groups.

From 1975 to 1982, he directed the Milwaukee Blood Pressure Program, a public education effort affiliated with the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He was a member of ACT UP, concentrating his activism on education.

Susan Guerrero, Executive Secretary to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin told the story of Arnie's speaking on HIV and AIDS at a Milwaukee junior high school where her son was a student.

The previous speakers had not been able to hold the kids' attention, but when Arnie spoke, things changed. There was such intensity to him, the boy told his mother. "You really wanted to sit there and listen to him."

Arnie did volunteer work with the Milwaukee AIDS Project, where he was very active in program development, public education efforts and seeking grants on behalf of the agency, said Cheryl Vaughn, MAP's Director of Life-Care Services. He also served on the internal review board of clinical drug trials.

In his "spare time," he wrote a regular column for *In Step Magazine* entitled "Positively HIV," from which countless numbers received hope and inspiration.

"Arnie emerged as the most effective AIDS educator in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson. "His writing and his speaking generated enlightenment about AIDS that has made this community far more compassionate in its re-

view a video compilation of Fons in action over the past five years. Copies of newspaper and magazine articles about Fons' work were displayed, reminding everyone of how often he brought the subject of AIDS into the public spotlight. A table of memorabilia revealed Fons' love of Jeopardy, crossword puzzles and stuffed animals. Condoms and safer sex literature were also available.

The memorial service was a mixture of remembrances and calls to carry on Fons' work. Yuri Keegstra, Fons' partner and caregiver for the past three years, gave an emotional plea for action. "We killed Christopher," Keegstra stated. "Every person in this room contributed to his death as surely as if we had pulled a trigger, myself included. We have all gathered to mourn his death, but ask yourself this question: What did I do to help save Christopher's life? You all loved him...many of you contacted him at various times to ask what you could do to help. Wasn't it obvious? Christopher needed his life saved!"

Keegstra went on to ask those present to use their money, power and influence, including that of family and friends, to work for a cure for AIDS. "Please don't let Christopher's death be in vain," he said. "Silence does equal death and action equals change."

Kari DiFonzo, a friend and employee at the Milwaukee AIDS Project where Fons volunteered on the AIDSLine and on the high school speaker's bureau, noted Fons' ability to captivate teens' attention with his honest and non-judgmental answers to their questions. "What I remember most," she said, "is that he treated them with total respect, and that made all the difference."

Fons' sister, Mary, said of him, "He was a person who could say, 'I can do something about that' and he did." Later in the memorial, Mary Fons sang a Holly Near song about carrying on another's good work which had been adapted to include verses about her brother's struggle.

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ARNIE MALMON

sponse to this worsening epidemic."

In one of the last times that he spoke in public, Arnie addressed the guests attending the Grand Opening of MAP's Survival/Revival resale store. It was near to Christmas and he talked about hope and the courage that it took to go on.

With a wry smile, he said he'd like to have a new car, but didn't think he'd be around to finish the payments, so the old one would have to make do. But it was reliable, a good car still, he said, and it would get him to where he wanted to go.

According to his sister, Sunsh Stein, there will be a party in three or four weeks as Arnie wished.

Other survivors include his parents, Lee and Morrie Malmon of Ormond Beach, Florida and a brother, Shelly of Fox Point.

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# Christopher Fons, AIDS Activist, Mourned by Hundreds in Milwaukee

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On Tuesday, February 21, 1995, Christopher Fons, co-founder of the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), died after a long and spirited battle with AIDS. He died peacefully at home with his partner, Yuri Keegstra, and long-time friend, Eric Berna, at his side. He was 27.

Fons' death was immediately recognized as an enormous loss to AIDS activism in Milwaukee. "I think Christopher was the conscience of the AIDS community," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). "Christopher created and defined AIDS activism in Milwaukee and made it work. He inspired hundreds of people to join the ranks of AIDS activism and his leadership made a real difference."

In addition to his work with ACT UP, Fons had also actively advocated for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, as well as the right of women to obtain an abortion on demand. He served on a number of coalitions aimed at building stronger grassroots activism in Milwaukee, and in September of 1994, he received the Community Activist Award from Progressive Milwaukee.

Fons' brother, Dan, who worked alongside Christopher in his fight against AIDS, describes his younger brother as a great inspiration. "When Christopher was in the room, I felt ten times stronger," said Dan Fons, "stronger in my ability and in my determination to fight injustice. Christopher was not a part-time activist. He lived true to his convictions every minute of the day, whether that meant passing out condoms to high school students in front of irate parents or the simple and profound act of holding hands with his boyfriend at a bus stop."

A visitation and memorial service were held for at the Pabst Theater on Sunday February 26th with nearly 600 people in attendance. Fons had worked as an usher at the theater for many years and had requested that his memorial service be held there.

At the visitation, attendees were able to

view a video compilation of Fons in action over the past five years. Copies of newspaper and magazine articles about Fons' work were displayed, reminding everyone of how often he brought the subject of AIDS into the public spotlight. A table of memorabilia revealed Fons' love of Jeopardy, crossword puzzles and stuffed animals. Condoms and safer sex literature were also available.

The memorial service was a mixture of remembrances and calls to carry on Fons' work. Yuri Keegstra, Fons' partner and caregiver for the past three years, gave an emotional plea for action. "We killed Christopher," Keegstra stated. "Every person in this room contributed to his death as surely as if we had pulled a trigger, myself included. We have all gathered to mourn his death, but ask yourself this question: What did I do to help save Christopher's life? You all loved him...many of you contacted him at various times to ask what you could do to help. Wasn't it obvious? Christopher needed his life saved!"

Keegstra went on to ask those present to use their money, power and influence, including that of family and friends, to work for a cure for AIDS. "Please don't let Christopher's death be in vain," he said. "Silence does equal death and action equals change."

Kari DiFonzo, a friend and employee at the Milwaukee AIDS Project where Fons volunteered on the AIDSLine and on the high school speaker's bureau, noted Fons' ability to captivate teens' attention with his honest and non-judgmental answers to their questions. "What I remember most," she said, "is that he treated them with total respect, and that made all the difference."

Fons' sister, Mary, said of him, "He was a person who could say, 'I can do something about that' and he did." Later in the memorial, Mary Fons sang a Holly Near song about carrying on another's good work which had been adapted to include verses about her brother's struggle.

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## Arnie Malmon's Legacy Remembered as AIDS Activist and Educator

Arnie Malmon, an AIDS activist and leader in the LesBiGay community died of complications due to AIDS on Wednesday, February 22, 1994 at Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee after a four year battle with the disease. He was 51.

He was a founder of the Cream City Foundation (CCF) and served on its Board of Directors for six years. In his service to CCF, he initiated the Major Donor Campaign which gave an opportunity for wealthier members of the community to contribute to the Foundation's work.

He served as chair of CCF's Grants Committee and established the John Cowles Scholarship Fund.

Tony Rhodes, CCF's current President of the Board, praised Arnie for the leadership that he provided CCF and extolled him for his hard work and dedication.

"He gave of himself unstintingly," Rhodes said. "He was a wonderful person, a generous and giving man."

A native and life-long resident of Milwaukee, Arnie worked in advertising and marketing, then in development and fundraising for a number of non-profit groups.

From 1975 to 1982, he directed the Milwaukee Blood Pressure Program, a public education effort affiliated with the Medical College of Wisconsin.

He was a member of ACT UP, concentrating his activism on education.

Susan Guerrero, Executive Secretary to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin told the story of Arnie's speaking on HIV and AIDS at a Milwaukee junior high school where her son was a student.

The previous speakers had not been able to hold the kids' attention, but when Arnie spoke, things changed. There was such intensity to him, the boy told his mother. "You really wanted to sit there and listen to him."

Arnie did volunteer work with the Milwaukee AIDS Project, where he was very active in program development, public education efforts and seeking grants on behalf of the agency, said Cheryl Vaughn, MAP's Director of Life-Care Services. He also served on the internal review board of clinical drug trials.

In his "spare time," he wrote a regular column for *In Step Magazine* entitled "Positively HIV," from which countless numbers received hope and inspiration.

"Arnie emerged as the most effective AIDS educator in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson. "His writing and his speaking generated enlightenment about AIDS that has made this community far more compassionate in its re-



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sponse to this worsening epidemic."

In one of the last times that he spoke in public, Arnie addressed the guests attending the Grand Opening of MAP's Survival/Revival resale store. It was near to Christmas and he talked about hope and the courage that it took to go on.

With a wry smile, he said he'd like to have a new car, but didn't think he'd be around to finish the payments, so the old one would have to make do. But it was reliable, a good car still, he said, and it would get him to where he wanted to go.

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## Remembering Chris

By Jamakaya

I first met Christopher Fons in 1991 in a courtroom in the "Safety" Building in downtown Milwaukee. No, Christopher was not in court after one of his many arrests. He was there, as he so often was, looking out for the interests of others.

We were both attending the trial of one of the killers of Ricky Roundtree, a man who was brutally murdered after he allegedly came on to two other men at a north side bar. The homophobic stalked Roundtree after he left the bar, shot him twice, set his body on fire and left him to die in an abandoned building. One got life, the other 25 years.

I was there to report on the trial. Chris said he was there to monitor it. But since no specific group had sent him, it became obvious he had simply come on his own to be there, to bear witness as it were. I don't recall whether I spotted his political buttons or maybe he recognized me from community events or my photo in this paper, but we immediately caught each others' eyes, introduced ourselves and sat together.

Chris and I exchanged numbers that day and communicated many times in the following years. Usually, I was in my role as reporter, finding out what ACT UP was up to and covering its actions. Chris was always accessible, sharing his plans and concerns, tipping me off to the next target of ACT UP's wrath. Even after he became paralyzed, ravaged by AIDS and cryptosporidiosis, he remained available to answer questions and to comment about the latest outrage emanating from Congress, City Hall or the school system.

I mention my meeting with Chris at the Roundtree murder trial because his presence there was so indicative of his values and his political commitment. He just wanted to be there. He thought someone should be there.

While many eulogies, especially those in the mainstream press, have made Chris's name synonymous with "anger" and "rage" and "militancy," the features I found most remarkable in Chris, however contrary this may seem, were his thoughtfulness, his patience and his gentle nature.

I remember quiet moments and images of Chris which were eloquent. Like his presence in the courtroom for the Roundtree case. Like his greeting Mayor Norquist at a reception last year. The frail, wheelchair-bound Chris looked up at the giant politico, smiled and said, "Hello Mayor Norquist. I'd like to shake your hand but I can't 'cause I have Crypto." There wasn't a bit of protest or rebuke in his tone, which made the encounter all the more powerful.

Kari DiFonzo shared a similar impression of Chris at his memorial service. Kari, an AIDS educator and friend of Chris, noted that he was speaking to students about living with AIDS until a month before his death. She recalled his effect on a group at the infamous Parkman Middle School.

"These kids, who probably gave their teachers in incredible amount of hell during the day, listened to Chris with bated breath. What blew me away was not what he said or how much he was willing to share--which was a lot--but he spoke to them with such respect. He never made any of them feel their questions were stupid, and that's why he reached people."

Kari called Chris the most "real," the most "genuine" person she's ever known.

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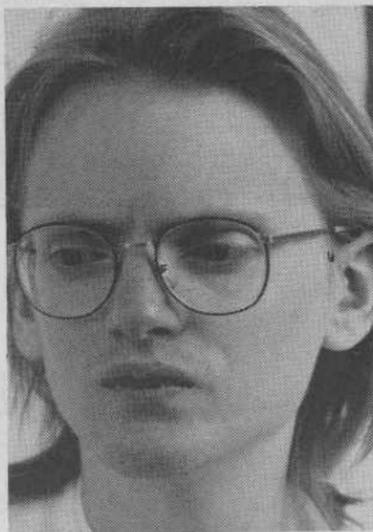
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Chris Fons is shown, center, wearing his ACT UP T-shirt during the 1991 Pride Festival parade in Milwaukee.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Christopher's Arrow Streaked Across the Sky and Gave off a Glorious Light

Commentary by Terry Boughner

I was getting off the bus by the Pabst Theatre on Sunday evening, when I heard a young woman ask, "What's going on?" She had seen the cars lined up there by the curb and all the people going in. I told her it was a funeral.

"Oh yes," she said sadly. "For Chris Fons."

Over 600 people paid their respects that night, straight and Gay, young and old. Jerry wasn't there. He had to work and I missed him. I went off by myself to watch and lose myself eventually in my own world as is my habit to do.

I remembered first meeting Christopher when he worked in Schwartz bookstore. I think he had the place memorized because he hurried off and quickly returned with the book I wanted when no one else had ever heard of it before.

And I remember Christopher at the 3B's bar when he and a group of others founded ACT UP Milwaukee. I saw the fire in him then, the blaze of determination and dedication to dispel the myths about AIDS and, in the process, to save lives.

There was the time when he led ACT UP making sure that there'd be no boycott of Miller Beer here. This, despite tremendous pressure put on him from across the country.

I thought too about the time he led ACT UP in bringing Mark Belling to heel. For those of you who don't know him, Belling is a conservative talk-jockey here, a man who in the opinion of many, including myself, most often mistakes stridency for profundity.

Belling had been babbling on about AIDS to make which, it seemed obvious, he knew little. To make a long story short, Christopher forced him into an on-air backdown.

There was so much about Christopher that I remember, like the time he joined Jerry and me to interview Dr. Anthony Fauci. Christopher questioned him politely, but closely, very closely indeed.

Many, many saw the fire in Christopher--and certainly, it was there. But there was also a side I saw now and then, a tender, sweet, vulnerable side that was beautiful to see.

At the service Sunday evening, someone talked about his little collection of stuffed animals. That didn't surprise me in the least. The thing is, only someone who can cuddle a teddy bear, can go out and do battle with the Neanderthals of this world. I truly believe that.

There's no doubt in my mind that Yuri saw that in Christopher, saw in his heart the tender fire that burned there. That's what Yuri Keegstra fell in love with, I think, and became Christopher's lover, help-mate, spouse and best friend (all those things are different and sometimes don't all combine).

If you'll forgive a little history, if Christopher was Alexander, then Yuri was Hephestion, and together they stood tall.

When I heard Yuri speak that Sunday night, my heart broke for him, but yet I was glad. Yuri had loved deeply and honestly, nobly and well. He was and is, a man of great heart and caring soul. There is something so warm and good about knowing that.

I salute you, Yuri Keegstra. By your devotion, you have shown us all what love, Gay or straight, is all about.

And now what do I say? Only this. That Christopher shot his arrow into the sky and, yes, it may have come down in flames, but oh, what a glorious light.

Good by Christopher. We join with Yuri in bowing our heads. We're gonna miss you badly--all of us. But the comfort for us is that I'm sure you know, the world's a better place for your having lived.



Chris Fons (right) demonstrating (1991).

### Who Killed Christopher Fons?

By Yuri Keegstra

There is not a day that passes when I am not in mourning. At the age of 23, I have seen more death than people three times my age. Because of the frequency of death in my life, I never have time to move on and thus, my world is populated by ghosts I am unable to bury. Even among this pantheon of friends and loved ones, Christopher holds an exalted place.

Christopher was my best friend, inspiration, lover, and virtual constant companion. No one has touched my life like he did. Thus, it is hard to say what follows.

#### We Killed Christopher

Every person in this room contributed to his death as surely as if we had pulled a trigger, myself included. We have all gathered to mourn his death, but ask yourself this question: What did I do to help save Christopher's life? You all loved him or you wouldn't be here. Many of you contacted him at various times to ask what you could do to help. Wasn't it obvious? *Christopher needed his life saved.*

Why couldn't we save his life? Why didn't every person who was touched by Christopher join him in his fight? Why isn't everyone trying to stop this plague?

In the lobby tonight, I was approached by someone who said they wanted to help carry on Christopher's work, but were uncomfortable with the tactics that have been used in the past. *Uncomfortable?* Uncomfortable with standing up to evil and trying to save lives? I'm uncomfortable with the fact that you'd rather watch people die than use tactics that make you uncomfortable. Are you more comfortable watching people die unnecessary deaths?

You all came here to mourn Christopher's death. If you really cared about and loved Christopher, you are all hypocrites if you don't take action and instead, allow the Christopher's of this world to die.

There are people in this room with money, power and personal contacts. If you do not put your resources to work in the fight against AIDS, you are hypocrites.

The parents of many people in this room have money, power and personal contacts. If you do not ask your parents to use their resources to further the fight, you are hypocrites.

And when you go to use your money and power and influence, don't just ask or fight for more money for palliative measures, or for education, or for any of the other "safe" aspects of AIDS. It's all very well to make sure people with AIDS are comfortable and have housing and food and I won't tell you to ignore those critical aspects of the AIDS crisis. But, if we only take care of people and help them die, then this plague is going to continue to devastate our lives. Fight for a cure!

I have always believed that we have a moral obligation to fight for the good of the human race and do everything in our power to stop evil. Did you fight? Did you fight to save Christopher's life?

No, not really. Only a handful of people in this room have fought for a cure for AIDS, and that's all that would have saved Christopher's life. And even those of us who did try to fight to save his life, didn't do all that we could have.

I know my words here tonight are going to make many of you uncomfortable (there's than word again). However, I also know that this is probably only a tenth of what Christopher would have me say if we had written this together. He died before we could do that.

If you are uncomfortable, go home tonight and think about why you are. I think you will find it's because I have spoken the truth here tonight and the truth hurts.

*Please.* In Christopher's name, use your money and your influence and your power. *Please.* Don't let Christopher's death be in vain. Silence does indeed equal death and action equals change.

Good-bye Christopher. You will be missed. I love you.

**Editor's Note:** The above is a transcript of the eulogy given by Yuri Keegstra to the hundreds assembled in Milwaukee's Pabst Theater to mourn the death of his lover, Christopher Fons.



Fundraiser held in 1989 at Milwaukee's Jet's Place Bar (3B's) Chris Fons (second from left) with other ACT UP Milwaukee members and friends.