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House Committee Keeps AIDS Funds, but Retains Housing Cuts

Washington, D.C.-- In an update to a story in the last issue of *Light*, AIDS activists lauded the House Appropriations Committee on March 3, for its decision to restore \$36 million that it previously had decided to cut from AIDS programs this year. And they asked lawmakers to try also to win back money for an emergency housing program for people living with the disease.

"Too many people with AIDS in this country find themselves shuffled between acute health care hospitals, medically unsafe shelters and the streets," Aimee Berenson, legislative counsel for the AIDS Action Council, told a Capitol news conference.

In the wee hours of Thursday morning, March 2, before passing a GOP spending cuts package of more than \$17 billion, members of the House panel voted to rescind two cuts--\$13 million for the Ryan White CARE Act and \$23 million for AIDS prevention programs runs by the Centers for Disease Control.

But an amendment by Rep. Louis Stokes, (D-Ohio) that would have restored \$100 million for the housing program failed. Activists asked lawmakers to try again when the spending cuts package reaches the House floor.

They said people with AIDS face numerous barriers in getting housing--from discriminatory landlords to financial crises--and have enough to worry about in their illness without the looming threat that they will soon be on the street.

The National Commission on AIDS has estimated that 15 percent of all homeless people are HIV positive and that that number is rising fast.

About 33,000 people with AIDS now depend on the housing program, according to the National Organizations Responding to AIDS, a coalition of AIDS groups.

The program, which Congress created in 1990, provides grant money to state and local governments to help meet the housing needs of people with the HIV virus and AIDS. It is administered by the Department of the Housing and Urban Development.

'Help Us; Do Something,' Gay Students Plead at Madison School Board Forum

By John Quinlan

Madison-- There came a point during the recent first-of-its-kind School Board Candidate Forum on Gay and Lesbian Issues and the Schools, when the standard political posturing, techno-babble and statistical analyses came to a dramatic halt, and a hush fell over the standing room only crowd of more than 100 people.

With voices that were somewhat shaky, but nonetheless full of conviction, two Gay and Lesbian high school students spoke movingly and matter-of-factly about the pain and isolation they feel at school each day. And they told of their anger and frustration over the lack of support they receive from their school system.

The Forum, held March 4th at James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church, was sponsored by Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) and a broadly-based coalition of community groups. It was organized in order to illuminate the special challenges facing Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth, staff and families in the Madison schools.

Candidates were asked to speak about their own commitment to the issues, but the most compelling part of the two hour program occurred as audience members rose to tell their stories and to challenge the candidates to action.

Gay and Lesbian Students: "We Need You to Do Something"

The two Gay and Lesbian students, who asked to remain anonymous out of concern about possible harassment, told school board candidates Andy Franken, Ray Allen, Keith Burkes and Eyvonne Crawford-Gray, that they had grown tired of empty promises. "We don't need to hear you say that you'll 'address these problems'," they young Gay man said. "We need for you to do something."

Battle for AIDS Housing Funds Rages on as U.S. House of Representatives Nears Vote



Dancing Queen--Toni Collette plays the title character in P.J. Hogan's new comedy *Muriel's Wedding*. A big hit in Australia, the film went on to win that country's Academy Award for best film. It opens March 24 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

Gay Teen's Suit Against Ashland, Wisconsin's High School Seen as Pioneering

Minneapolis, MN-- From early in seventh grade until he was laughed out of his northern Wisconsin high school, Jamie Nabozny says he was the "class faggot," harassed and ridiculed on a daily basis.

In middle school, two students wrestled him to the floor and simulated a sex act with him, he said, while the rest of the class looked on. In 10th grade, three boys knocked him to the restroom floor and urinated on him.

Nabozny, 19, now lives and works in Minneapolis. In the second week in February, 1995, he filed a suit in federal court against the Ashland, Wisconsin, School District, claiming that his principals and teachers failed to ensure a safe and non-discriminatory learning environment, despite repeated complaints by himself and his parents.

Although sexual harassment claims by stu-

dents have become more common, lawsuits based on sexual orientation are more rare.

"It is a relatively new kind of case," said Evan Wolfson, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "This is in the first wave of these kinds of cases."

Nabozny's complaint alleges a violation of his constitutional rights of equal protection and due process, said his lawyer, Rae Randolph. Randolph has handled other cases of sexual harassment of students. She called Nabozny's claims some of the most egregious she's seen.

"This systematic refusal by school officials to address this unlawful behavior...forced him into forfeiting what should have been the happiest times of his life," she said.

Steven Kelly, superintendent for the Ashland School District, said the district would not comment on Nabozny's accusations. "We're in the process of having an attorney appointed to take the case," he said.

The harassment, Nabozny said, began in the seventh grade. Word began to circulate that he was Gay after he was sexually assaulted by a local minister, he said. Classmates taunted him, calling him "Queer" faggot" and worse, he said.

"I couldn't walk 10 feet down the hallway without something being said to me," Nabozny said.

During science class one day, while the teacher was out of the room, a couple of boys pushed him to the floor and pretended to rape him, he said, goading him by saying, "You know you want it. You know you like it."

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Gay Man Admits Affection for Hetero Male on National TV Taping and Now is Dead

Rochester, MI-- He was among the "Secret Admirers" who declared his crush on another man on the Jenny Jones talk show.

Three days later, Scott Amedure was dead of two shotgun blasts to the chest. On March 10, the man to whom Amedure expressed his affection was jailed. He surrendered moments after the shooting.

Jonathan T. Schmitz, 24, of Orion Township was arraigned on March 10 in Rochester District Court on charges of first-degree murder and using a firearm in a felony. He is charged with killing Amedure, 32, also of the Oakland County township 30 miles north of Detroit on Thursday, March 9.

Schmitz stood mute to the charges, and an innocent plea was entered on his behalf. He was ordered held without bond pending a preliminary examination April 4.

Police said the suspect told them after his surrender that his experience on the talk show had "eaten away" at him. Then, on the morning of Amedure's slaying, he found an unsigned note stuck between his storm door and the door of his home.

Sheriff John Nichols said the note contained

Milwaukee-- As the *Light* goes to press, another major vote on threatened federal AIDS funding is scheduled to occur in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The full House will vote on an amendment to the 1995 recisions bill that will restore \$186,000,000 in AIDS housing funds that had been cut from the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program within the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT) and Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) are co-sponsoring the amendment to restore the crucial AIDS housing money. Wisconsin Congressman Steve Gunderson (R-WI) has taken a major leadership role in urging his Republican colleagues to support the amendment.

Wisconsin *Light* has learned from reliable Washington sources that Gunderson's leadership is essential for passage of the amendment and that Gunderson's knowledge of AIDS housing needs in Wisconsin and other states across the country is persuasive to moderate House Republicans whose votes are critical for success.

"The AIDS community throughout Wisconsin needs continued funding of HOPWA if we are to avoid homelessness and financial distress among people with AIDS," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). "We need a victory on this amendment to avoid a breakdown in the system of housing services for the AIDS community."

"If we fail to restore the funds, Wisconsin will surely lose \$650,000 that is slated for rent assistance, barrier-free housing renovations, and housing support services for people with HIV and AIDS throughout the state," Nelson said.

"We will also lose major HOPWA grants for Madison and Milwaukee which are essential support for our housing program."

Nelson said that more than 500 individuals relied on ARCW's rent assistance program in the past year.

"Rent assistance is a huge need and if we lose these federal funds, we will have a serious housing crisis in Wisconsin's AIDS community."

ARCW on Tuesday, March 14, issued another urgent Action Alert asking its supporters to call their Congressmen to secure votes for the amendment. With Gunderson's support firm, the ARCW Public Policy Office expressed concern that Congressman Scott Klug of Madison and Congressman Tom Petri of Fond du Lac, both Republican moderates, had not yet committed support for the amendment.

"We need their support for a win," Nelson said.

The ARCW Action Alert was part of a national flurry of action among AIDS advocates that is weighing in heavily on Capitol Hill. AIDS organizations from most every state

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EYVONNE CRAWFORD-GRAY

By the time that most young people reach high school age, they are very much aware of their sexual orientation, the young Lesbian woman observed. However, because most young Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals don't know of anyone in the schools who they can talk to about their feelings, they are invisible. School staff compound their isolation by making the assumption that everyone is heterosexual.

The young woman related a recent incident in which a teacher decided to simply skip over the chapter on Gay and Lesbian people in a course called Human Growth and development. "My teacher explained that the chapter

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cincinnati Anti-Gay Ballot Set for Argument

Cincinnati, OH-- Oral argument began on March 7, in the appeal of a federal court ruling that struck down Issue 3, an anti-Gay ballot initiative in Cincinnati. The initiative, which the city's voters passed in November, 1993, is similar to a measure in Colorado which the U.S. Supreme Court recently granted review. Issue 3, if allowed to take effect, would repeal laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and would amend the city charter to prohibit lawmakers from ever passing any legislation beneficial to Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals. The measure follows a trend in recent years pushed by Right Wing Christians to deprive Gay people of civil rights.

Attorneys for both sides began presenting arguments before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth District, which will determine whether Issue 3 violates the constitutional rights of Gay people.

Last August, U.S. District Court Judge S. Arthur Spiegel ruled that the measure violated the constitutional guarantees of equal protection, free expression and due process, as well as infringing upon the fundamental right to participate in the political process. The March 7 arguments are in appeal of that ruling. A decision is expected in three to four months.

Cincinnati Council Deletes Pro-Gay Protections

Cincinnati, OH-AP- The day after lawyers began arguments before the Court of Appeals on Issue 3, the Cincinnati City Council voted 5-4 to delete a reference to sexual orientation from the city's 1992 human rights ordinance. Mary Ann Mazzo, a supporter of the change, said that homosexuals didn't need protection in Cincinnati because they have protections under federal law. "They're already protected by the Bill of Rights," she said.

However, Rev. Harold Porter, pastor of the Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, condemned the vote. "Persons in our community are once again being nailed to a cross," he said. "This is not an issue for political expediency."

Court Strikes Measure from March 7 Ballot

Tampa, FL-- Supporters of Tampa, Florida's anti-discrimination law celebrated on March 6 after a court ruling struck from the ballot a referendum that could have legalized job and housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. Circuit Judge Manuel Menendez reaffirmed his earlier ruling that the wording of the referendum was illegally changed from the language circulated on petitions by the American Family Association, a Right Wing Christian group.

However, Citizens for a Fair Tampa (CFT), an unprecedented broad coalition of civic, religious, business and political groups, were well prepared to defeat the initiative at the polls. "We will no longer fall for the divide and conquer tactics of these extremist groups," said the Rev. Dr. Mozella Mitchell, Presiding Elder, Tampa District of the AME Zion Church. "An agenda that seeks to pit citizen against citizen in an effort to legalize discrimination is an agenda that we all must reject."

Olympia to Extend Benefits to Domestic Partners

Olympia, WA--AP-- Washington's capital city will join Seattle and King County in extending benefits to domestic partners of city employees. The new Olympia program will extend health and dental care, bereavement and sick leave to unmarried partners of city employees regardless of gender. City officials predict that only 12 to 15 employees out of a work force of 500 will sign up for the program. They estimate the cost to be at about \$32,000.

Pat Robertson Meets With Fasting Clergyman

Virginia Beach, VA--AP-- A jailed Gay minister who was fasting to get a meeting with Pat Robertson got his wish on March 8 when the Right Wing televangelist stopped by to discuss Gay life. Mel White, a former ghost writer for Robertson, was released less than an hour after the nighttime meeting.

During his meeting, Robertson said he condemned violence against Gays and rejected White's views that his comments cause violence. "I have never preached hate..against (Gays) as you allege, and the charges that people are injured by violence incited by anything said by me are baseless," Robertson said in a letter he gave White.

Navy Allows Use of Poster to Illustrate Gay Book

San Francisco--AP-- The Navy reversed course on March 8 on a recruiting poster featuring a midshipman later discharged for being Gay, and will allow the image to illustrate a book on Gays in the military. Apollo Media had asked permission to use the 1972 poster in a CD-ROM version of *Conduct Unbecoming*, the late Randy Shilts' book on the history of Gays and Lesbians in the military. The poster depicted two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen, including Lt. Ed Graves, the first Black featured on a Navy recruiting poster. Graves was later discharged because he is Gay. The CD-ROM includes the full text of Shilts' book plus 2,000 additional images, government reports on Gays in the military and video interviews.

Being Gay Means Nothing, Gunderson Says

Washington, D.C.--AP-- On Sunday, March 5th, Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) addressed a luncheon of some 300 Gay activists in Washington hosted by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). Gunderson told the group that being "anti-government does not mean being anti-Gay and cited Speaker Newt Gingrich as an example of what he was talking about. Gunderson also told the group that GOP leaders have assured him that most AIDS programs would be reauthorized this year, especially the \$13 million for the Ryan White CARE Act.

The \$100 million emergency housing program will not be restored, he said, "but this is not an anti-Gay or anti-AIDS position...it has much more to do with concern about inefficiency involved in federal housing programs than Gay housing in particular. Gunderson said he talks with Speaker Gingrich often and considers him "one of the leading moderate Republicans in the House."

Gunderson got a half minute standing ovation when he introduced himself: "I happen to be chairman of the livestock, dairy and poultry subcommittee, which may not be important to all of you...On the other hand, I happen to be Gay, which may be very important to you, but which means nothing and shouldn't be important to anyone outside this room."

AIDS Virus Forms Hybrids

New York, NY--AP-- Different strains of the AIDS virus coexist in people and spawn hybrids more often than scientists thought, says a report with possible implications for designing AIDS vaccines. Scientists examined genes from 114 strains of HIV-1 and found that at least 10 strains appeared to be hybrids, blending genetic material from different major subtypes of the virus. The study raises the question of whether a vaccine that works against parental strains will also protect against their hybrid offspring. The work is reported in the March issue of *Nature* by Paul Sharp of the University of Nottingham, England. The study does not explain how a person gets infected with two strains of HIV or why the immune system's response to the first infection would not protect against the second infection. Scientists have long suspected that a vaccine directed against one strain of HIV-1 might not work against a much different strain.

The possibility of designing a "cocktail" vaccine against many diverse strains becomes even more formidable if one vaccine can't protect against closely related strains.

Anti-Gay Violence Up 2% Nationwide

New York, NY--AP-- Violence against Lesbians and Gay men rose 2% around the country according to a report issued by the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. The report said also that the violence is becoming more brutal and is being committed by very young men.

There were 2,064 violent incidents against Lesbians and Gay men nationwide in 1994, compared with 2,031 a year earlier, according to the report, which was compiled from programs in nine cities. They included 70 Gay-related homicides in 25 states and Washington, D.C.

In New York City itself, anti-Gay violence is up 8%, while in Boston, according to the Fenway Community Health Center, anti-Gay violence is up 21%. Boston had the fourth highest number of incidents, after New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In Detroit, anti-Gay violence was up 14%, according to the Anti-Violence Project. For the first time, the Detroit police department invited LesBiGay leaders in to discuss how to curb the rising tide of violence directed against their people.

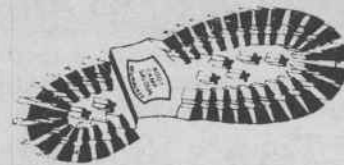
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Jacket Art-- Representatives of the owner of Milwaukee's Bayshore Mall, Corrigan Real Estate Services, present an \$8,000 check to representatives of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) at Bayshore Mall's Annual Meeting held at the Milwaukee River Hilton Inn.

A Jean Jacket Auction was held in November as part of Bayshore Mall's 40th Anniversary and Grand Reopening Celebration. The GAP generously donated 50 jean jackets which were distributed to artists, celebrities and designers to "creatively modify." Representatives of Florence Eiseman, Harley Davidson, Amity Leather and Donna Karan were among the jean jacket artists. All auction proceeds raised benefited ARCW.

Pictured from the left: Jerry Lishawa, Special Events Associate (ARCW); Paul Milakovich, Deputy Director (ARCW); Rebecca Powell Marx, Regional Manager (Bayshore Mall); Louise Searing, Director of Special Events (ARCW); and Michael Jonas, Marketing Director (Bayshore Mall).



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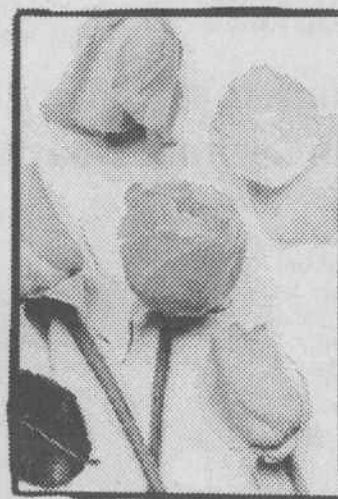
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Religious-Based Militia Gives State Solons Pamphlets Slamming Jews, Gays

Helena, MT --A Montana Militia organizer gave state legislators handouts Monday that complained "Jewish controlled Hollywood" made heroes out of "some Jewish queer looking sissy."

The 22-page pamphlet is titled *Strength of a Hero and the Warrior's Song*. It was denounced by the Montana Human Rights Network as being racist and persecuting Gays and Jews. A Jewish lawmaker said the pamphlets "should offend everybody."

But Kamala Webb, the Bozeman organizer, said she only gave *Strength of a Hero and the Warrior's Song* to "five or six" of her friends.

"If they think that's anti-Semitic, then maybe they have a problem," said Webb. The *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* described her as being active in Ross Perot's United We Stand America and the Fully Informed Jury Association, in addition to the Militia.

Marlene Hines of the Montana Human Rights Network said the writing of Peter J. Peters, the author of the 22-page tract, is common reading among white supremacist groups and the Christian Identity Movement.

"This is a violent movement and now you're seeing it come into the halls of the Legislature," Hines said.

Strength of a Hero talks about the lack of heroes in today's world. It says "Jewish controlled Hollywood" has replaced godly heroes with ungodly ones ranging from "immoral wise guys, who are partially crooked themselves, to some Jewish Queer-looking sissy

Testimony in Trial on Gays in the Military Says Straight Males Most Predatory Group

New York, NY-- Being Gay or Lesbian is a general "state of identity," not a label that clearly indicates what one's sexual habits are, a sociologist testified on March 14, at the trial of a lawsuit challenging the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

"Most people do not run their lives according to whether or not they can have oral sex," said Pepper Schwartz, a professor at the University of Washington who writes on sexual issues.

The lawsuit, *Able et al v USA*, is the first legal challenge to the military's policy on Gay service members. Testimony began on Monday, March 13.

Before the military instituted the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, Lesbians and Gay men were barred from the armed services. The Defense Department contends that openly Gay military personnel are bad for morale and erode military preparedness because heterosexuals are wary of working alongside them. Opponents say the policy is based on prejudice, ignorance, stupidity and hate.

Experts testifying Monday agreed that the policy was unjustified, and Schwartz picked up on that theme again today.

She said that sexual orientation does not determine how people behave in general.

When asked by Beatrice Dohrn, an attorney for the service members, to identify the most sexually predatory group among humans, Schwartz said: "You'd go after (heterosexual) men. You'd have a women's army."

On Monday, former Rand Corp. analyst Robert MacCoun said his studies of "unit cohesion" found the presence of Gays and Lesbians did not by itself affect a military unit's ability to perform its mission.

He said performance was determined by "task cohesion"--working as a team-- rather than the "social cohesion" of personal relationships.

"You don't have to like someone to work with them," MacCoun said.

Dr. Robert M. Rankin, a psychiatrist and former naval officer who counsels patients at a Veterans Administration hospital in Oakland, Calif., testified that he never found evidence to suggest that being Gay or Lesbian affected job capability.

Among hundreds of sailors he has counseled, Rankin said, "They are as good as those who were heterosexual-- no better, no worse." He said this was true whether the individuals were openly Gay or not.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Rogovin said the government had no witnesses planned but would cite the testimony of senior officers and experts before Congress to support its view that Don't ask, Don't tell works.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said President Clinton, Secretary of Defense William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were satisfied that the policy works and "the number of expulsions is declining."

The plaintiffs contend that the Pentagon policy violates their First Amendment right of free speech. Their lawyers, from the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, say the policy should be replaced by a rule that sexual orientation is "not germane" to performance and all service members must be held to identical standards of behavior.

like Pee Wee Herman."

Sen. Eve Franklin, (D-Great Falls), was not given a copy of the booklet, but when she saw it said, "I think it should offend everybody."

Franklin, who is Jewish, added, "It's a sad day for the Montana Legislature when hate tracts are distributed in the halls of our democratic institutions."

The pamphlet also said the race that settled America "and once were its only citizens is being destroyed thru (sic) integration, interracial marriage, affirmative action, abortion, faggot queers, etc."

Among the state's lawmakers who said they received the pamphlet was Sam Kitzenberg, (R-Glasgow).

Kitzenberg said the literature "is a little far out" and he thinks it was mistakenly placed on his desk. He said he gave his copy to Rep. Daniel McGee, who sits next to him.

Most of the lawmakers said they had not read the pamphlet, but state Senator Larry Baer did and said, "That's just much too extreme for me."

"I don't have that fear that they have," he said. "Right now I'm trying to work in the system to change things."

House Speaker John Mercer of Polson said he had not seen the literature, but said, "Anytime someone is putting forth information that attacks people ... that's unfortunate. But that's the price of the First Amendment."

He also said no group should be shut out of the Legislature, because that would drive them underground.

The case is being heard without a jury in Brooklyn's federal court before Judge Eugene Nickerson, who says he will rule before the end of the month.

In another pending case, arguments were heard in Seattle last month in a Navy petty officer's suit, which was filed after the New York case.

About 500 people have been discharged since the Don't Ask, Don't Tell rule became law in late 1993. Some 15 openly Gay service members are still on duty, pending the outcome of appeals of their cases.

In addition, the Washington-based Service Members Legal Defense Network claims there have been about 340 violations of the policy, mostly in the form of harassment by commanders.

Republican Accuses Secretary Shalala of Misleading Congress on AIDS Numbers

Washington, D.C.-- A Republican House member says Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna Shalala is exaggerating when she says 40 percent of all AIDS cases have been reported in the last two years.

Shalala cited the statistic in testimony Wednesday, March 8, before a House Appropriations subcommittee as she presented 1996 administration budget proposals.

She said roughly 40 percent of the 440,000 AIDS cases reported since 1981 were in 1993 and 1994, and that AIDS is now the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 25 and 44.

Rep. Ernest J. Istook, (R-OK), complained that the statistic was meaningless and misleading since most of the large increase was due to a change in definition-- effective at the start of 1993--of what qualified as an AIDS case.

He cited a newsletter published last month by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, part of HHS, which said a large increase in cases in 1993 and 1994 reflected the addition of cases that previously had not been eligible for counting.

"Tell me why your testimony doesn't tell us the true facts," Istook said at one point.

Shalala, who appeared flustered throughout

the questioning, said she had tried to be clear in her testimony but that, whatever the numbers, the issue was the same.

"There's no intent here to mislead about the importance of our investment in AIDS and what's happening in this country in terms of the impact of AIDS, on the federal budget, on the health costs of AIDS to our country," she said.

Istook told Shalala he would like to see all recent HHS press releases on AIDS to make sure the agency wasn't misrepresenting the facts.

The CDC initially counted HIV patients as AIDS patients when they got any of 23 indicator diseases. The new definition, which took effect January 1, 1993, counted those with three additional diseases--tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and invasive cervical cancer--and those with severely suppressed immune systems.

The CDC document Istook cited said 106,618 cases of AIDS were reported in 1993, and 80,691 cases last year. Of last year's cases, the CDC said, 43,226, or 54 percent, were based on the new definition. In 1992, before the new definition, 47,572 cases were reported.

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EDITORIAL

Endorsements

The April 4th elections represent several important opportunities to influence the course of our government. Be sure to vote.

State Supreme Court

For State Supreme Court, we offer a strong endorsement of **Ann Walsh Bradley** over her socially conservative opponent. Ethics laws prohibit candidates from specifically stating how they will rule on the issues that may appear before them, so it's a guessing game when it comes to issues like Gay and Lesbian rights. However, given Bradley's long record of open-mindedness and fairness, and the calibre of the support she's garnered, she's easily our community's best bet.

City of Madison Races

Two outstanding openly Lesbian and Gay candidates for the Madison Common Council deserve your support. **Judy Olson**, who has a 20-year history of experience as a neighborhood leader and affordable housing advocate, is running strong in the south isthmus Sixth District, but her opponent is well-organized and well financed. Last minute get-out-the-vote efforts may make the difference. To volunteer, call (608) 256-6540.

Legislative aide and community activist **Mike Verveer** is running unopposed in the downtown Fourth District seat that had been held by outgoing openly Gay council member Ricardo Gonzalez.

In the race for Madison Mayor, longtime incumbent **Paul Soglin** faces only lightweight opposition from conservative Todd Hunter, but Soglin's history of support for our community merits your vote.

Madison School Board Races

In the race for Madison School Board, we offer a strong and heartfelt endorsement of **Eyevonne Crawford-Gray** who showed a genuine depth of commitment to our community at the recent school board forum on LesBiGay issues. Crawford-Gray has a lengthy record of support for alternative families initiatives and has built bridges between the African American and LesBiGay communities. Her opponent, Ray Allen, evoked a willingness to listen to our concerns, but showed little prior knowledge or initiative.

Andy Franken, who faces the Radical Right's candidate, incumbent Nancy Mistele, is also deserving of your support, although his performance at the forum was lackluster. As a notable underdog, he must do more in the remaining weeks to energize people around his candidacy. Despite this, he is, without a doubt, the better candidate on our issues.

At press time, developments were breaking in Keith Burkes' troubled candidacy. More information will be forthcoming in the next edition of the **Light**.

Milwaukee School Board Race

In the Milwaukee School Board race for the at-large positions, there are two candidates who are good on our issues. One is Rose Daitzman. The other is John Gardner. While both are supportive, we suggest **John Gardner** as the one to vote for.

Gardner is a member of Milwaukee's Equal Rights Commission. He has done volunteer work at PrideFest. We like too, that he made his pro-Gay sentiments very firm and utterly clear to Vic Eliason when Eliason allegedly wanted him to make homophobic statements on the air. Gardner made his position clear and walked out.

Amedure's Death Highlights the Deadly Nature of Homophobia in Our Society

Commentary by Robin Kane

On Tuesday, March 7, a Gay man named Scott Amedure was shot to death while he stood unarmed in the doorway of his trailer home. The accused and confessed murderer, John Schmitz, is an acquaintance of Amedure's. Schmitz had appeared on the Jenny Jones Show with Amedure just three days earlier, when Amedure acknowledged that he had a crush on his straight male acquaintance. Contrary to media coverage of this event, "surprise," "humiliation" and the Jenny Jones Show did not lead to Amedure's murder. Instead, it is the rampant homophobia of this culture that is at the root of this murder.

Yes, talk shows are increasingly exploitive, with each show upping the ante for drama and surprises. In their thirst for ratings, talk show producers often ignore the real-life implications of the drama they create. The producers of this program certainly did not consider the all-too-real drama of anti-Gay bigotry that would quickly lead to Scott Amedure's murder. These shows need to seriously evaluate their surprise tactics and should refrain from creating volatile situations.

The sheriff's department, the county prosecutor on the case and the media are all pointing to the "surprise" and "humiliation" of the accused. A sheriff's lieutenant told the press that the public revelation of a Gay man's crush had "eaten away" at Schmitz.

Wire stories and a commentary on National Public Radio have all focused enormous space on the humiliation and the hysteria of talk shows. But why is it that they all seem to understand so thoroughly the "humiliation?" The fact of the matter is that homophobia is so rampant in this culture that it does not need to be stated. It is just a given that Schmitz would feel humiliated.

Amedure's tragedy highlights the deadly nature of homophobia in our society. That anyone should be killed simply for being Gay is deplorable. Sadly, the murder of Scott Amedure is not an isolated incident. Last year, 59 Gay and Lesbian individuals are known to have lost their lives in bias-motivated murders. None of them followed the taping of a talk show, but they are equally dead because of homophobia.

Rather than wringing out hands over Schmitz's so-called humiliation, elected officials, public leaders and the media should use this opportunity to aggressively condemn and confront anti-Gay bigotry and violence, which are at the root of Scott Amedure's death.

A different headline, if true--**After Killing, Anti-Gay Bigotry Roundly Condemned**--could have helped to prevent future incidents.

Editor's Note: The author is a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington. We give our complete endorsement of her position, adding only that radio talk shows and Right Wing Christian media, each spewing out hatred and anti-Gay venom, appealing, as they do, to the meanest spirit in the human race, are equally to blame for the homophobia that is epidemic in our society.

For Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Vote for Judge Crooks

Commentary by Jim McFarland

Some of you may know that there is an election this April for an opening on the State Supreme Court. There has been little publicity about the candidates who survived the primary, but the election is important nonetheless.

The Gay media has already endorsed Ann Bradley, while most conservatives are supporting Judge Patrick Crooks.

Deciding who to vote for in a judicial election is always difficult since the judicial canon of ethics prohibits candidates from indicating how they would rule on an issue which might come before them. Thus, it is not surprising that the Gay media has endorsed Judge Bradley since she has a liberal reputation. They always assume that because someone is liberal, she is more likely to be pro-Gay.

This has not proven to be a good assumption, however, and it is a gamble that conservative and moderate Lesbians and Gays should not make.

Even in the off chance that she (Judge Bradley) did turn out to be pro-Gay, the havoc she would wreak by throwing the balance on the Supreme Court to the left would more than make up for any gains we might see on Gay issues.

If Judge Bradley is anything like Justice Abrahamson, and the liberal Gays certainly seem to expect that she will be, her election will help expand the rights of criminals at the expense of victims, expand the rights of the plaintiffs' attorneys at the expense of small businesses, and help expand the intervention of government into the lives of law-abiding citizens while preventing it from stopping criminals.

If you would prefer a Justice who believes that the judiciary system should not legislate, and that criminals do not deserve more rights than victims, you should vote for Judge Crooks.

I would urge you to vote for the candidate who is assured to rule the right way on most

issues, rather than a candidate who some have assumed will rule the right way on Gay issues.
Editor's Note: The author is the President

of the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin. This commentary first appeared in the Club's March newsletter.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi Camps is a Time for Reflection

By Terry Boughner

In a time of social disorientation and economic distress, there came a group of men who promised the nation that they could solve all its problems.

They would rid the country of all who corrupted it, they said; all the immigrants and foreign elements, all the minorities who undermined society and carried disease, all those who, with the malice of intent, suborned the nation's values of church and home.

They called themselves "National Socialists" a.k.a. Nazis and they set out to homogenize first, the German State and then Europe as a whole.

In the "New Germany," after the "Nazi Revolution," there were to be no Jews, no Gay people, no Blacks, no Asians, no Slavs, no one, in short, who didn't "fit." The Third Reich was to be controlled and operated by men, white men, blonde white men. Women bore children and otherwise "stayed in their place."

That so many Germans and other Europeans accepted this should come as no surprise. The Nazis didn't invent any of the bigotry or the idea that society should be run by men. Both had been around for centuries, most often actively promoted by the church where "God" is pictured as a male, white, not Jewish and certainly (heaven forbid) not Gay. In fact, "he" wants Gays dead.

That the concentration camps should come out of this, should come as no great shock. With a terrible, almost inevitable logic all their own, bigotry and prejudice lead to death.

Gays were rounded up and put into Dachau, the first of the camps. They were forced to wear the Pink (for men) or Black (for Lesbians) Triangle, 2-3 centimeters larger than any other insignia of the kind to single us out for "special treatment."

No one raised a hand or voice to stop it. Those who did--a few heroic Lesbians and Gay men, were soon disposed of, hunted down and exterminated with the rest of "their kind."

Fifty years ago this month and year, the Allies opened up the camps. What they found were the pathetic skeletal remains of people, living corpses, the poor, sad victims of a society that saw them as garbage, like noxious insects on a heap of dung.

Everyone then who saw the pictures or heard about the camps, recoiled in horror. This must never happen again, they said. But how could it happen again? It was the "nasty Germans" who did it, wasn't it? Things like that "can't happen here."

First of all, the Nazis weren't a German phenomenon. They were a human phenomenon.

Secondly, all the bigotry, all the hatred, all the prejudice is still there. Racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia and all the rest are alive and well, still festering, their poison oozing out like a boil spewing pus.

Gays and Lesbians deserve no civil rights. Discrimination is okay. Jews control Hollywood. Women "belong" to men. Blacks are thieves, violence prone and belong in the ghetto. Native Americans should stay on the reservation. Our borders should be sealed. Don't let the Hispanics in--or the Asians. We've got too many of them already. And the hell with the poor. If they had any intelligence (if they were "like us,") they'd be rich.

And people with AIDS? Quarantine 'em, put 'em in camps! What are they anyway? Fags, druggies, garbage people one and all.

"Don't bother me with all that. I'm too busy being down on my knees thanking my god that I'm not like those sinners out there."

It's all still there. Everyday, in countless subtle and not so subtle ways, it's said or acted out.

On this Fiftieth Anniversary of the liberation of the camps, it's time, I think, to reflect on the fact that there is increasingly a venomous attitude in this country that says that minorities are not wanted and are, in fact, despised.

It's time to reflect on the fact that women are in a decided second place, treated as if they were unable to make choices about their bodies and their lives.

It's time to think too about the fact that Gay people can be and are denied fundamental civil rights. Instead, we are bashed and murdered, almost without a second thought.

We can be and are discriminated against at every turn, in jobs, in housing, in other ways as well.

While we're denied right to marry, we're accused of being promiscuous--and on and on and on and on.

"You people ought to all be dead," says one letter to the editor. It's not signed, but at the bottom are the words "Jesus loves you."

On this Fiftieth Anniversary, it's time, I think, to realize that all of us who are Lesbian or Gay or Bisexual, closeted or not, still wear

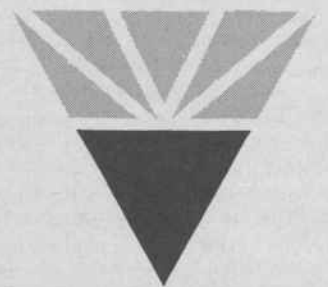
the Black or Pink Triangles. You may not see them, but they're there, glowing with an evil light.

It's time to think too, that Dachau and Auschwitz may not be just memorials, but signs of things to come.

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Including Irish Lesbians and Gay Men: A Fierce Battle of Ethnic Identity

Commentary by Dian Killian

Historically, the Irish in America are a close-knit community. In the last few years, however, this family has been fiercely divided, battling it out--in media and the courts--over whether Lesbians and Gays can march in the annual St. Patrick's Day parades in Boston and New York. Clear to many observers is the fact that what's at stake here is not just politics, legality or tradition. The real issue is identity: What does it mean to be Irish/American? And how does this identity restrict the visibility of women and Lesbians and Gays?

Cathleen Finn, a first generation Irish American and an out-spoken member of Gay, Lesbians, Irish Bisexuals (GLIB), is an official spokesperson for the group. She has marched in every "Gay" St. Pat's parade in Boston and has been on the inside of negotiations and court proceedings with the group of veterans who sponsor the event and oppose GLIB's involvement.

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Last year, the organizers canceled the parade (after the court ruled that GLIB could march); this year, they have been successful in barring GLIB's participation. In April, the case goes before the U.S. Supreme Court.

We've been put on trial for what it means to be Irish. I think, for them (the parade organizers) being heterosexual is somehow so wrapped up with being Irish that they can't imagine someone being Irish and Gay.

They're saying that it's First Amendment speech that's at stake; that they can decide who will and will not march in their parade. But that's really a smoke screen for their bigotry.

In '91, I went to the parade as a spectator. And then, in '92, I marched with GLIB. It was just amazing to me how much opposition there was to LesBiGay participation in the parade. People would just glare at us.

I am Irish. I look Irish. When I'm in Ireland, people stop me and ask for directions, but here, in this country, along the line of march, I heard things like "God said kill the fags" (this from a group of people standing in front of a Catholic church!) and "Go home Queers!", things like that.

It was amazing to see people, Irish people, flipping us the bird, screaming at us at the top of their lungs, wishing us dead of AIDS or anything else their god had handy. People threw smoke bombs, glass beer bottles and rocks.

The next day, when I was waiting for a bus and saw a man there who looked Irish, all I could feel was stark, naked FEAR. I've never felt that way before in my life.

What do you have to do to prove to people that you're a member of their community? The answer is, as long as you're fighting ignorant people, there's no way of proving it.

I have received death threats and maybe it's my Irish fatalism, but I'm willing to die for this cause.

A lot of people, young people, I know, write out their wills before marching in the St. Pat's Day parades in Boston and New York. And that's because no church or political leaders will take a moral stand on this issue. How many of us must die before they do?

It's such a fundamental thing, your sexual orientation. They, the bigots, want us to hide it. Stop acting Gay, they say. But being Gay isn't an act, it's a state of being. That can't be stopped.

Like the African Americans, we Irish Lesbians and Gay men and all the other Lesbians and Gay men, must demand our rightful place at the lunch counter. If they don't let us have it, we'll have to take it, that's all.

If I can't walk down the street in America with my Irish community, then how can I expect to get a fair shake at my job or when I try to buy or rent a home.

How can I stop fearing for my life?



Dignity/Milwaukee celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary February 19, 1995 with a group photo.

Dignity/Milwaukee Celebrates Twenty Years of Giving, Love and Faith

Milwaukee-- Dignity/Milwaukee celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary this February 19. Representatives from Integrity/Dignity of Madison and Dignity/Chicago joined in the celebration which included Mass and dinner.

The Sunday Mass had the theme of loving one's enemies, remembering that they belong to God. The weeks readings were fitting, reminding all that every person is God's child and should be treated with dignity and respect.

Dignity/Milwaukee has continuously served Roman Catholic Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay men's needs as well as reaching out to the community as a whole. The organization sponsors retreats, pilgrimages, fasts, seder meals, Lenten and Advent series, AIDS services, and spiritual discussion groups, all these and more, a part of Dignity's on-going growth.

Dignity/Milwaukee has helped plan and participate in almost every interfaith religious service of the LesBiGay community since the organization was founded in 1975. At the same time, Dignity/Milwaukee has contributed its money and presence to every Gay Pride event. Its members have walked in every Wisconsin AIDS Walk, providing both contributions and volunteers.

Dignity/Milwaukee sponsored Gay Cubans from the 1980 boat lift and took them to their homes.

Dignity/Milwaukee's relationship with the Roman Church in the Archdiocese has been generally good. That is not to say that everyone is pleased with the way things stand at this time.

From 1975 to March of 1977, Dignity met in the Newman Center. When they were asked to leave, the met in members' homes until November, 1977 when they were invited to meet in St. Pius X Church. From 1981 to 1984, they also met at St. John's Cathedral.

Dignity/USA's "Statement of Position and Purpose" was changed in 1987 to read that "Gay and Lesbian people can express their sexuality physically in a unitive manner that is loving, life-giving and life-affirming." This is the same language used for marriages when children cannot be conceived.

St. Pius X did not want Dignity/Milwaukee removed from the parish in 1988. A compromise was reached and the Archbishop approved the St. Pius X Lesbian and Gay Outreach, with certain restrictions. Dignity could no longer take credit for the service (although they all were members of the St. Pius X Gay Outreach and continue to do most of the work).

The St. Pius X Lesbian and Gay Outreach Group meets every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for liturgy and social hour.

Dignity collects non-perishable food and health items for the MAP Food Pantry at weekly liturgies. Dignity sponsors holiday food baskets for several needy families designated by MAP.

Dignity is very committed to its Catholic roots and the heritage of being a loving, accepting church people.

Bill Hart Announces Run for 3rd District Aldermanic Seat

Milwaukee-- Bill Hart, Executive Director of ACHOICE, community volunteer and political consultant, has announced his candidacy for the 3rd Aldermanic District in Milwaukee. The election is scheduled for April, 1996. The seat is currently held by Lorraine MacNamara-McGraw.

ACHOICE is a workplace fundraising federation that helps to support 32 agencies including the Cream City Foundation.

Under Hart's direction, ACHOICE has tripled its revenues and doubled its member agencies since 1990. Previously Hart was State Field Director for the Tom Loftus for Governor Campaign. He also worked for Ed Garvey's U.S. Senate Campaign in 1988 and 1986. Hart has also worked for the Citizens Against Handgun Violence in their campaign.

Hart recently started his own consulting business, Direct Impact, that specializes in creative voter contact and fundraising.

"Although the incumbent has declared her intention to run again," Hart said. "Many people in the District believe it's time for a change."

Hart, 36, was born and raised in Milwaukee. His mother, Kathleen Hart, has served on the Milwaukee Public School Board and is currently coordinating the campaign of Rose Daitzman for the Milwaukee School Board's At-Large seat.



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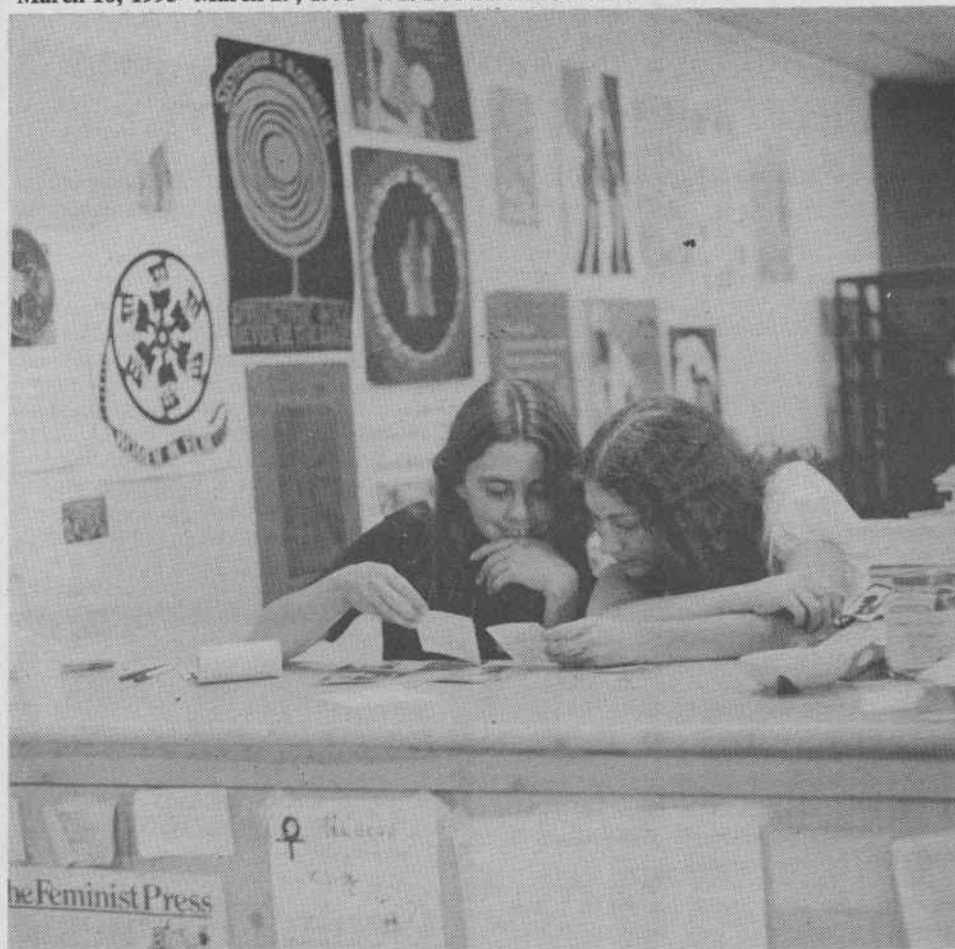
New Schedule For Wisconsin Light

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 issues, 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.



A Look Back—Sandi Torkildson (left) and former A Room of One's Own collective member, Mo Doe, look over photos early in the store's history.

Room of One's Own and other Women's Bookstores are Part of the Past and Future

By Theo. Kramer

"It was a rebellious time with a mindset of rejecting the status quo....There was a lot of anger and a lot of very militant and fervent ideas that women believed in passionately. It was a hopeful time when everyone thought there was going to be a revolution.... It was a time when possibilities were revealing themselves to us." It was the early 1970s. The successes of the Civil Rights movement and the movement against the Vietnam War had given Americans apparently concrete evidence that mass activism could bring about real social change. A belief in change was in the air and suddenly, for a significant chunk of the female population, wanting and creating a changed world seemed possible.

Women who had been a part of the stunning coalitions of the Civil Rights, Black Power, and Anti-War movements began to realize that, like mainstream society, the counterculture Left and the Black liberation movement were saturated with sexism.

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee leader Stokely Carmichael told Black men that "the best position for women in the revolution is prone." Sociologist Robert Staples concluded that "the role of the Black woman in the Black liberation movement is an important one...From her womb have come the revolutionary warriors of our time."

Hip culture spokesman Abbie Hoffman said, "The only alliance I'll make with women's liberation is in bed." Self-styled hippy revolutionary John Sinclair declared that in the society of the future that activists were supposedly working toward, "There will be free dope, free food, free clothes, and free women."

Robin Morgan, editor of the Women's Liberation anthology *Sisterhood Is Powerful*, told women to say goodbye to "Hip Culture and the so-called Sexual Revolution which has functioned toward women's freedom as did the Reconstruction toward former slaves—reinstated oppression by another name."

Women activists in the 70s did their utmost to take their lives fully into their own hands, and started a plethora of women run businesses and groups, including women's health clinics, free universities, housing collectives, food co-ops, child care centers, economic cooperatives, skills centers, garages, women's centers, consciousness raising groups, women's music companies, and women's presses, newspapers, and bookstores. There was a new perception of sexism as a social, rather than personal, problem, a new belief that women could be activists on their own behalf, and a powerful emphasis on the beauty, value and strengths of women.

Frequently, these activists were both Lesbian and white. Many white women had been active in both the Civil Rights and the anti-war movements, and were now ready to take the struggle for the full participation of women, including Lesbians, in society out in the open.

African American women and other women of color, on the other hand, had just come through the Civil Rights Movement, and were continuing the struggle with racist and classist America; often they took alliance to their home culture as both a necessity and a priority.

As is still true today, women of color, including Lesbians, often saw white feminist ac-

tivism as uninclusive of their lives and realities, and often chose to continue engaging in activism aimed at broad social equality for all people of color.

Sexism and feminism were often included in this activism, but a focus on race and class was always intrinsic to this work. Alliances between feminists and other women of color and white feminists were often a struggle during these years, and reflected the necessity for white activists to address racism.

Like the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and '60s, Lesbian and feminist activism during the 1970s had large and sometimes long-term and positive effects, this time on both the perception of women in American society and the economic and social options available to women.

The Women's Liberation movement grew out of and was informed by the earlier activism of the Civil Rights and Anti-War movements. Women's bookstores were an important and substantial part of this change work.

Today, it is possible to find writing by and about women on almost every imaginable topic, and books by and for nearly every subgroup of women in the world: Jewish, Latina, Arab, African, Asian, Lesbian, working class, disabled, old, young, mothers, airplane pilots, and so on.

But in the early 70s, there was very little written information by or about women available anywhere.

Ann Christophersen, co-founder in 1979 of Chicago's Women and Children First bookstore, remembers that when she and Linda Bubon opened the store they didn't have enough Lesbian books to fill even a single shelf.

At Madison's A Room of One's Own, co-founder Sandi Torkildson recalls that there was so much empty space when the store opened in 1975 that they filled it with local women's art work.

The seeds for Sisterhood Bookstore, which opened in Los Angeles in 1972, began in a small box of women's papers, pamphlets, and books started by co-founders Simone Wallace and Adelle Wallace at the L.A. Women's Center.

Barb Wieser of Amazon Bookstore in Minneapolis (the oldest existing women's bookstore at 25 years old) remembers women's hunger for their own words in the late '60s. Women started newspapers to record and spread information, and then started their own presses to make sure these words would be available.

One of the founders of the Iowa City Women's Press in 1970, Wieser recalls that this women's press started because local presses refused to print an issue of the women's newspaper *Ain't I a Woman* that included articles and photos explaining how to do your own vaginal exam.

One of the first books the press printed was a collection of work from a local women's poetry reading. Both the all-woman reading and the book were exceptional and radical at the time. It was an exciting and hopeful time, with an enormous amount of activity.

Women's bookstores provided not only a safe haven and gathering place for women and children rarely available elsewhere, but also made it possible for women to both sell and locate writing by women. Women's presses, women's newspapers, and women's book-

stores formed a still-existing and mutually beneficial bond.

Women's bookstores were (and still are) a place not only to find newspapers and books by and about women, but also a community center of shared information, knowledge, and skills that validated women's lives.

Women who started bookstores for women in the early 1970s were often young and rarely experienced in running a business. Some were active in the Women's Liberation movement and/or other justice movements, some were in college and met other women there who wanted to start a bookstore, some were interested in developing not only a resource center for women, but also a meaningful way for themselves and other women to make a living.

"We wanted more from our lives than our mothers had," notes Sandi Torkildson, adding that working class women like her mother often spent their working lives in dreary clerical jobs.

Bookstore founders all shared an intense, passionate sense of purpose and commitment to other women.

Today, Carol Seajay, editor and publisher of *Feminist Bookstore News* and long-time women's print worker and activist, describes the women who work at women's bookstores as an extraordinary source of information, insight, skill, and support and affirmation for all women. She suggests that women today may too often take for granted both the presence of women's bookstores and the profound affect they've had on American society. It is hard for people today to imagine, she says, a world without women's words.

Both Carol Seajay and bookstore founders across the country interviewed for this article believe that women's bookstores and presses have had substantial influence on the availability of not only women's books in general, but also writing by and about women of color, anti-sexist and anti-racist children's books, writing by and about sexual abuse survivors, and Lesbian writing.

Linda Bryant, co-founder in 1974 of Charis Books and More in Atlanta, notes that one of the founders' original goals was "to be a part of an integrated, multicultural world where all people were welcome and celebrated."

Women's bookstores (and women's presses) helped to create a demand for multicultural books, as well as for women's writing in general, that has now become mainstreamed.

The differences between the mainstream stores and women's bookstores, however, are large and obvious to the women who started and continue to run women's bookstores.

Bookstore women emphasize that the dollar is the bottom line in the mainstream book world. Publisher Nancy Bereano, founder of the Lesbian/feminist company Firebrand Books in 1985, says that she and other women started publishing "because no one was publishing the books we wanted." Women's publishers "can't survive without women's bookstores," she states, and adds information that was repeated frequently by women's bookstore owners for this article: Mainstream book publishers publish and mainstream bookstores carry what sells, period.

In contrast, women's bookstores have been consistently committed to their original purposes: making available women's writing and thinking and affirming women's lives. Mainstream bookstores and chain stores, which have taken a bite out of sales at women's bookstores around the country, "are economic institutions," says Sandi Torkildson. "We're cultural institutions. Of course we have to make money, but our bottom line is to keep books for women on the shelf. Women's culture has changed, there are now other organizations and so on. But women's bookstores are still a very visible presence and resource for women's culture and we won't go away easily."

"When things get hard, when Borders no longer carries Lesbian books, we'll be there, because of our independence and our commit-

ment. I think (the present) conservatism will fall down, and we'll still be sitting here, saying, we've been here all along."

Bookstore owners, while trying to adapt their stores to the 1990s, feel that the original need for women's bookstores has not changed. We are still, they believe, living in a society that offers very little consistent affirmation and inclusion of women.

Carol Seajay believes, "this is not a time for complacency," but rather a time when it is becoming essential to support not only women's voices, but independent voices in general.

"It's good that women don't feel so isolated and underacknowledged now," adds Gilda Bruckman, one of the founders of New Words Bookstore in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1974, but she questions whether or not the current partial inclusion of women in the mainstream publishing and bookstore world "represents real change or a market strategy."

Bookstore women ask women to look around them in the areas where they live, and to realize that women's bookstores are now often the only women-centered spaces in the area. Similar validation of the "wholeness of women's lives" is also still difficult to locate in mainstream society.

Linda Bubon, reflecting on the current reasserted power of conservative thinking in the U.S., suggests that we may now be "back to the Reagan era, and...we cannot enjoy the luxury of cynicism" or resignation.

Ann Christophersen adds that "the goals of feminism haven't been reached yet. There haven't been institutionalized changes that are deeply rooted in women's lives and hearts. Women's bookstores are like outposts of feminism...here to nurture, sustain, and fuel" women's struggle for justice.

Simone Wallace believes that feminist "issues have not gone away," and observes that "violence against women has gotten more and more open."

Karen Jorgensen, owner of the recently opened West Berkeley Women's Books, feels there is a "growing need to really get angry and do something political, something to raise people's consciousness."

Bookstore women hope that people realize that, as Gilda Bruckman notes, "The vitality of independent bookstores," including women's bookstores, is very important to the maintenance of independent action and thought, particularly important during a politically conservative era. Sandi Torkildson also reminds women to remember the power of individual economic choice and its affect on the world we all live in.

Women's bookstores around the country are working hard to reflect women's needs in the 90s. Bookstore owners often put a lot of work into welcoming young women at their stores, for example, with particular books, music, groups, and events. They often offer a wide variety of events and meetings at their stores, and try to provide a warm, welcoming space for women (and supportive men).

Many bookstore owners believe that women's bookstores may be returning to some extent to their original incarnation: as a meeting and gathering place for women, as a cultural center that meets many needs and that persists in nurturing and affirming women.

Karen Jorgensen's reasons for opening her new bookstore reflect this. "Women still need to organize to get at very basic issues...And there's an incredible need for new energy and direction in the women's movement. I'm feeling women here are wanting a center, a place to gather and I think we'll offer that, a center of energy and hope."

"We're holding fast to our vision." Linda Bryant tells us. And indeed they are.

A Room of One's Own is celebrating the store's 20th anniversary at a concert with Claudia Schmidt and Libby Roderick on April 1 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at A Room of One's Own, the Barrymore Theater, or Green Earth (Atwood Avenue location only).


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Power and Sex--John, a college professor (Mikel MacDonald) tries to clarify his point to Carol (Krista Cromwell), a young student in his class in a scene from David Mamet's *Oleanna* which is being presented by the Madison Repertory Theatre through April 2.

Madison Rep to Present Controversial and Thought-Provoking 'Oleanna'

Madison-- Sexual harassment and the uses and abuses of power are the topics of David Mamet's play, *Oleanna*, that opened in Madison on March 10. Presented as the fifth show of the Madison Repertory Theater's six-play season, *Oleanna* is the playwright's timely treatise on this political predicament.

Using the power of language, Mamet explores a volatile situation where the balance of power shifts between characters in a volley of words, ideas and emotions. *The Wall Street Journal* notes that "The intellectual appeal of *Oleanna* is that it is hard, if not impossible, to judge what happened between a young student and her encouraging professor."

In the play, we are involved in the ideological sparring match between John, a college professor currently up for tenure and Carol, a young undergrad who is failing his class.

Through Act I, John attempts to clarify his course, methodology and view of academia to

Carol. His paternal attitude and comforting gestures only confuse and frustrate her. She later accuses him of sexual harassment.

With this accusation, John's future is in jeopardy, including his teaching position, his purchase of a new home and his family life. As Carol empowers herself, John is shaken from his secure position and standing.

Director D. Scott Glasser has directed over 90 productions in his career and has worked with such theatres as the Guthrie, GeVa Repertory, Minnesota Opera and the Utah Shakespearean Festival.

Glasser has cast stage veteran Mikel MacDonald in the role of John. Krista Cromwell is playing Carol.

Oleanna will run through April 2 at the Isthmus Playhouse located in the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street. For tickets and other information, call the Madison Civic Center Box Office at (608) 266-9055.

Theatre X Continues Its 25th Season with Oscar Wilde's 'An Ideal Husband'

Milwaukee-- Theatre X continues its tribute to literary legend Oscar Wilde with a presentation of *An Ideal Husband*, running from April 5 to April 30.

Riding on the success of last December's *Lord Alfred's Lover*, artistic director John Schneider and the Theatre X company will present this seldom seen Wilde comedy at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward.

"*An Ideal Husband* is quintessential Wilde-Wilde writing dangerously close to his own skin."

Wilde, who finished the play in 1894 while his lover, Lord Alfred Douglas was in Egypt for a couple of months, told one of his friends that the play "was written for ridiculous puppets to play and the critics will all say, 'Ah, here is Oscar unlike himself!'--though in reality, it contains a great deal of the real Oscar."

He was right. The play joined his two previous comedies in demonstrating the universal capacity to come up with the ideal.

When the play was presented at London's Haymarket Theatre to an audience that included the Prince of Wales, the Prime Minister Lord Balfour and many other luminaries of the Victorian scene. One of the reviewers, George Bernard Shaw commented, "Mr. Oscar Wilde's new play...is a dangerous subject, because he has the property of making his critics dull. He plays with everything; with wit, with philosophy, with drama, with actors and audience, with the whole theatre."

Shaw particularly welcomed what he called "the modern note" in the leading character's (Sir Robert Chiltern) assertion of the individuality and courage of his wrongdoing as against the mechanical idealism of his stupidly good wife.

Shaw, who said that he was the only one who could not sit down and write an Oscar Wilde play at will, would later deal with the same theme in *Major Barbara*.

Cream City Chorus to Present its Gayest Concert Ever

Milwaukee-- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will be hosting "The Gay Concert" on Friday, March 31. This event, held at Milwaukee's PAC Vogel Hall, will "have a very Gay theme," said Bill Schumacher, Chorus Vice President and concert coordinator. He also advises you to "leave the kids at home."

Breaking with tradition, "The Gay Concert" is a collection of solo and ensemble performances by Chorus members, displaying their individual talents and style. Music will be widely varied, very Gay, and certainly festive!

But that's not all! The Cream City Chorus, which is not known for wearing choir robes, will continue to break with its traditions. At "The Gay Concert," the audience will see a bevy of Chorus "beauties" modeling their original bathrobe creations in a style show and auction.

"The Gay Concert" is a kick-off for a series of fund-raisers for GALA V, a national convention of Gay and Lesbian choruses, to be held in Tampa Bay next Summer. This event allows choruses from around the nation to share ideas, songs and inspiration, as well as to judge themselves against their peers and set goals for the future. The Chorus has attended the last two very uplifting and eye-opening

conventions: Seattle in 1988 and Denver in 1992.

"The Gay Concert" will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Vogel Hall. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, and are available through Chorus members, the PAC box office or by calling the Cream City Chorus at (414) 344-WCCC.

National Campaign Petitions Queen to Pardon Oscar Wilde

San Francisco-- Wilde, the new national Gay men's magazine, has launched an American campaign requesting Queen Elizabeth II to pardon Oscar Wilde to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the conviction and imprisonment of the celebrated writer for "gross indecency with other male persons" in 1895.

The Oscar Wilde Pardon Campaign supports the ongoing drive launched in Britain last year by the Gay activist organization, OutRage. Postcards expressing support of the campaign have been inserted in the March issue of *Wilde*. An additional 300,000 cards have been distributed to Gay organizations throughout the U.S. Returned card will be delivered by hand to Buckingham Palace in November, 1995.

On February 14, 1995, a stained glass window was dedicated to Wilde at Great Britain's literary "Hall of Fame" known as Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

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Time-Warner Discovers Gay Male Market With New CD 'Sensual Classics, Too'

By Rod Parke

It is appropriate that one of the first large corporations to offer domestic partnership benefits should also be among the first to openly market to Gay men. **Sensual Classics, Too** represents the first time any record company in the U.S.--classical or pop--has created a romantic product for Gay consumers. Shot down twice by the CEO of Time-Warner, the project finally got to market after the success of a similar product in Australia. Tower Records was selling just too many of that item as an import at \$20 a pop for Time-Warner to ignore.

The new CD and cassette appeared in February on Atlantic Records' new classical division, Teldec label. The cover and booklet artwork consists of tasteful black-and-white photos of two attractive young men in a dreamy mood, upper bodies entwined and bare.

Fortunately, the product is as tasteful as the packaging. Production values are first-rate. The sound on all selections is state-of-the-art, absolutely free of background noise and beautifully balanced. The performances are better than average, with several quite outstanding.

Much as one might think of other selections

to include, this grouping has been chosen with obvious care and sophistication. As you might expect, the music comes mainly from the slow movements of the "romantic" classics, beginning nicely enough with Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1." That's appropriate since Tchaikovsky was Gay.

It's all designed to be background to an evening of intimacy...much like Ella Fitzgerald singing slow ballads that make good "couch music."

The composers also include Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin, Schubert, Dvorak, Bizet, Ravel and Shostakovich. The "Andante" from Shostakovich's "Piano Concerto No. 2" is one of the most gorgeous, sumptuously sensual pieces of music you will ever hear, captured in a glowing performance by artists whose unfamiliar names in no way diminish the delight of their efforts.

Before you say that Mozart and Beethoven didn't write "romantic" works, listen to selections included here. A radiant performance of Beethoven's "Romance" for violin and orchestra is one of the disc's highlights.

Thankfully the producers avoided the cliché (for this sort of mood music) of Mozart's "Elvira Madigan" piano concerto and chose instead the Adagio from the "Clarinet Concerto."

This disc may not catch up with those Spanish monks whose "Chant" album has amazed chart watchers, but it will find the significant market it deserves. It feels so good to be so overtly addressed by a quality product from a major record label. May the success of this CD lead record companies to also address the women's market.

AfterWords Events Calendar for March and April

Milwaukee-- AfterWords is pleased to announce several upcoming author appearances over the next several weeks.

The bookstore is happy to welcome African American Lesbian poet, novelist and activist Jewelle Gomez to Milwaukee.

Prior to her reading at Woodland Pattern bookstore, AfterWords will be hosting a reception for Gomez on Friday, March 17 from



Master Storyteller-- Singer and song writer, Fred Small, a long-time champion of civil rights for the LesBiGay community, returns to Milwaukee for a concert on Friday, March 31st at Schlitz Audubon Center Auditorium. His songs cover a variety of topics, but they have a common theme: they celebrate the goodness and courage of all kinds of people who refuse to bow down to oppression.

Small is a master storyteller who has written such biting anti-homophobia songs as "Scott and Jamie" about two Gay adoptive parents, the uplifting "Annie" about a Lesbian school teacher, and "The Marine's Lament, of the Pink Peril," a stinging satire of military intolerance.

Small also sings out against sexism, able-bodied-ism, consumerism, environmental destruction and the arms race. His songs can be hilarious, sad, angry or hopeful and they make a truly empowering concert.

The Schlitz Audubon Center Auditorium is located at 1111 E. Brown Deer Road in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$10 (\$7 for Schlitz Audubon Center members). Call (414) 352-2880. You must include a SASE for tickets ordered by mail. Bring a mug for hot refreshments.

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Authentic African hors d'oeuvres will be provided by African Hut Restaurant. For further information, call AfterWords at (414) 263-5001.

Throughout the month of March, AfterWords will continue to celebrate Women's History Month with 20% off AfterWords Women's Select Titles and 10% off all Women's contemporary fiction and women's studies.

In April, there will be 10% off music CDs and cassettes in stock.

On Sunday, April 9, AfterWords will present poet and short story writer Darrell g.h. Schramm. Members of the AfterWords Book Club will be familiar with Schramm's essay, "Father's Sorrow, Father's Joy" from John Preston's anthology, *A Member of the Family*. Schramm's work has also appeared in *White Crane*, *Iris*, *The Advocate*, *Frontiers* and many poetry anthologies. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The Book Club
The April AfterWords Book Club will discuss Christopher Coe's stylish and haunting novel, *Such Times* on Monday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. The AfterWords Book Club meets on the second Monday of the month and new members are always welcome.

Lyon and Martin
Two legendary figures from the early Lesbian and Gay rights movement, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, will be making an appearance at AfterWords on Thursday, April 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Together, they founded the oldest Lesbian organization in America, the Daughters of Bilitis.

Martin is the author of *Battered Wives* and together, they published *Lesbian Women* which is considered a definitive work for understanding the Lesbian as a whole person. More details about this very special event will follow.

Fest City Singers to Hold Auditions

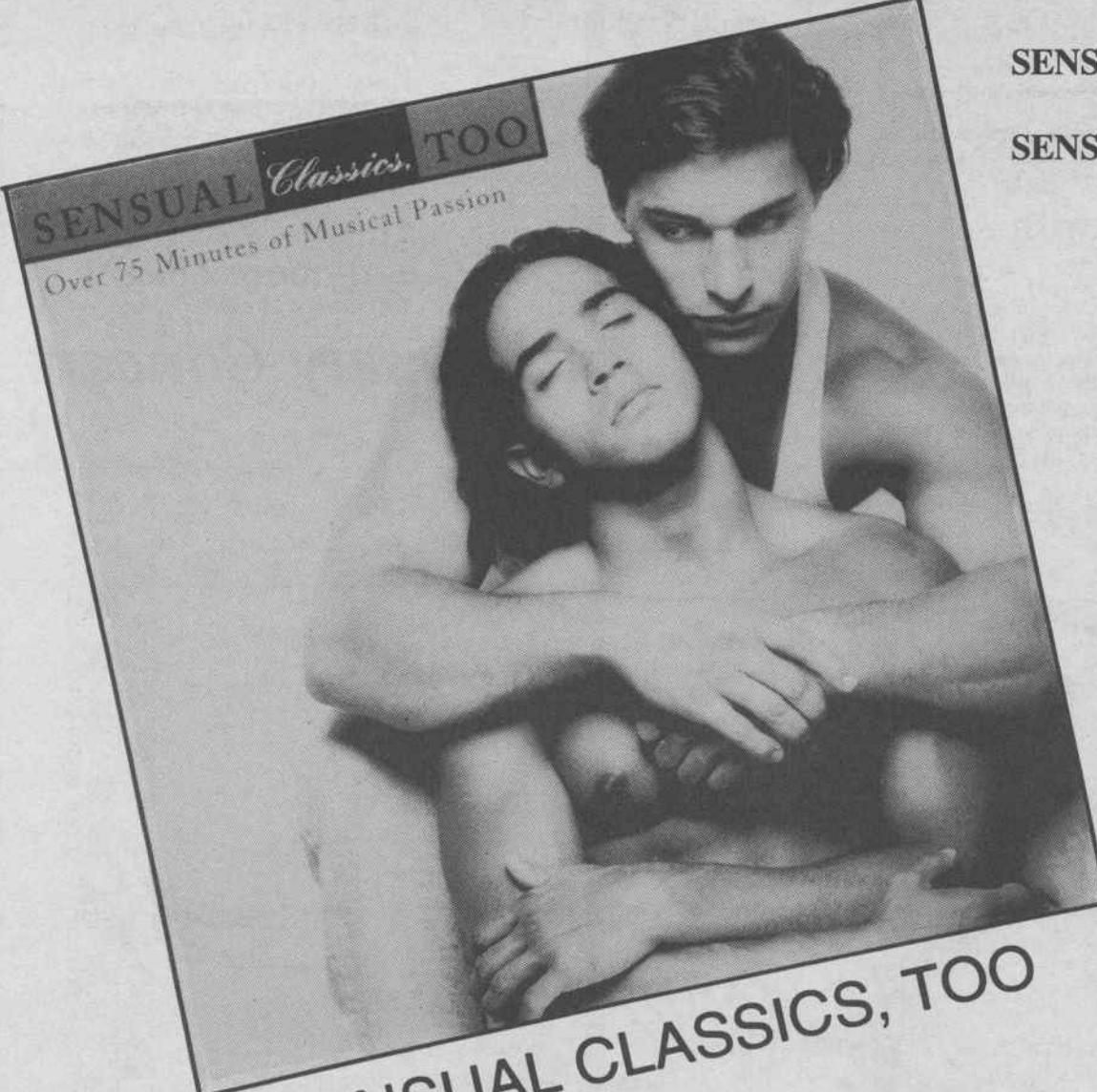
Milwaukee-- The Fest City Singers (FCS) have announced auditions for their Spring musical production, written and directed by Peter Mortensen with musical direction by Peggy Lozier.

The auditions will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, 720 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. The auditions begin at 7:00 p.m. in room 409.

Those auditioning should bring a short paragraph to read and a musical selection for vocal placement. Enthusiasm and commitment are important and all levels of performance skill will be considered. Both women and men over age 18 are encouraged to audition.

FCS is also seeking persons with technical skills to fill openings for Stage Manager and Technical Crews.

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Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore Begins its Third Decade in April

Madison— On April 1, A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore will celebrate its 20th year in business with a concert at the Barrymore Theatre featuring Claudia Schmidt and Libby Roderick. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the tickets cost \$15. They are available at Room of One's Own and the Barrymore Theatre. For more information, call (608) 7888.

A Room of One's Own is entering into its third decade of offering books, periodicals, music and other resources to the Madison community. Women and men alike have found a wide selection of books by and about women at the bookstore, but also a continuous stream of information about community events, social services, listings of women-owned and Gay-friendly businesses, notices of workshops and conferences, tickets to concerts and the ever important roommate/housing booklet.

The bookstore opened in 1975 during the growth of the women-in-print movement, which was part of the larger grassroots women's movement. The bookstore became and remained part of the national network of feminist bookstores that see themselves as part of both their local communities and part of the global feminist movement.

Over the years, A Room of One's Own has hosted many events, from poetry readings by local unpublished authors to readings and book signings by nationally known authors such as Robin Morgan and Isabel Allende.

The first official women's delegation from China visited the bookstore on their trip across

the United States gathering information about grassroots women's organizations in America.

The bookstore provides information on women's music and cultural events throughout the U.S., outdoor trips, writers' workshops and international tours of goddess sites around the world. The music section of the store is one of the most extensive collections of non-mainstream women's music in the world.

Forty percent of total book sales in the U.S., in 1992 came from chain bookstores. Their goal is to dominate book distribution within five years. The end effect is that a few buyers for the chain stores will have a tremendous impact on which books get published and distributed.

More bookstores assures more choices for the book buyer and a healthier climate for publishers of all types of books. Freedom of the press means not just the right to publish ideas, but access to a means of distribution.

In the current political climate with its backlash against the poor, minority groups and women, A Room of One's Own will continue to be a vital and very visible part of the women's community in Madison and beyond.

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Milwaukee Premiere— The prize-winning film from Chinese master Xie Fei, *Women from the Lake of Scented Souls* will play at the UWM Union Theatre, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., on March 30, 31 and April 1. The film shared the top prize with *The Wedding Banquet* at the 1993 Berlin Film Festival.

Different Drummer Theatre Offers an Evening of March Madness and Fun

By Dale Rutledge

On March 2, Different Drummer Theatre, Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian theater company, opened their second annual one-act festival. It turned out to be a most enjoyable evening.

The opening show, *Supreme Beings Create the World and Las Hermanas* by comedy team Kathy Najimy and Mo Gaffney has us observing two heavenly beings (Indigo and Shannon Sloan-Spice) who have the task of solving the questions of how humans will be created.

The women in the audience found the dialogue particularly humorous, but it made us all see just how ridiculous prejudices can be.

In *Las Hermanas*, two suburban women (played by Allyson Grotzky and Shannon Sloan-Spice) are on an outing to a women's bistro. They engage in conversation about their adventure, Gay relatives and the act they are about to witness.

What they witness is two performance artists (Sandy Lewis and Jackie Milbrandt) performing interpretations of everything from the birth process to sisterhood.

Director Joseph Rabensdorf uses the stage well in creating several different environments and keeping the action tight and concise throughout these separate, but interwoven, stories.

In *Tales of Lavender South* by William Stotts, we meet a group of individuals (Jeff Lynch, Miriam Frest, James Bolton, Kris Nedrow and Leah Kanable) who come together in a small Wisconsin town to share their experiences as Gay people, both through a support group setting and through separate experiences presented to the audience. It's all been put together by a therapist (Denise Christy) who has just moved to their town.

Although the play had several fun moments and good individual monologues, I found it to be almost a work-in-progress. I wanted to know more about these people, but as we just begin to see who they are, the play abruptly ends with everyone moving on with all too neatly tied up story lines.

Director William Stotts does effectively portray time passage through the use of music and costume changes, but I wish the characters had been developed further.

In *The Fairy Garden* by Harry Kondoleon, we find Dagny, Roman and his lover Mimi (Cyndi Durfee, Robert Hoyt and Vasilio Balentine) on the horns of a dilemma. How do they rid themselves of Dagny's husband, Boris (Michael Westerhausen), without jeopardizing their easy, carefree lifestyle...by cutting off his head.

But just as they realize that they may have made a mistake, they are visited by a fairy who really complicates their lives.

Durfee does an excellent job of showing us that fairies may not always be the sweet creatures that we so often think.

Fest City Singers Get Grant from Cream City Foundation

Milwaukee— The Fest City Singers would like to extend their most sincere and warmest thanks for the generous grant they have received from the Cream City Foundation. The grant is targeted for production costs associated with the Singers' Spring musical in June. As the Singers raise their voices in *Pride*, they will remember that it was the Foundation and all those who contribute to it, who helped them serve the community with song.

The Singers' Spring concert will be presented at the Studio Theatre in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. Performances will be Friday, June 2 and Sunday, June 4. Watch the paper for further details and information.

What really makes this play work is the high amount of amusing interplay between the characters. Director Dennis Schroeder has his cast accomplishing that wonderfully. If there had been just a bit of cutting at a few slower moments, this performance would have been perfect.

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Famous Irish-American Movie Stars



The beautiful Greer Garson as she appeared in *Random Harvest* (1942).

Milwaukee's Spencer Tracy appearing with Mickey Rooney in *Boys Town* (1937).

Cast as a pirate, Tyrone Power starred with Maureen O'Hara in *The Black Swan* (1942).

Two of Hollywood's Biggest Irish Stars Were From Milwaukee

By Dale E. Kuntz

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, I got to thinking about all the Irish-Americans who became famous film stars—including two from Milwaukee, Spencer Tracy and Pat O'Brien. It might be fun to reminisce and see how many you can remember.

Our Monthly Trivia Question: What two character actors—brothers—had different screen names?

When I think of Irish actors, the first one I think of...is Tyrone Power. He, I thought, was the most handsome man ever to be a film star. If I could look like anyone, it would be him!

Even his name is Irish. He was the son and grandson of a famous Irish actor, also both named Tyrone. The name comes from County Tyrone in Ireland, where both the father and grandfather were born. When Tyrone started in theatre and films, he was known as Tyrone Power, Jr.—since his dad was still alive and also making films. In reality, he was Tyrone Power III. And, his son, who is an actor today, is actually Tyrone Power IV—but he now goes as Tyrone Power.

However, the famous film star of the 1930's, '40s and '50s, is the one we remember. He is most famous for his romantic films like *Marie Antoinette*, *Suez*, *The Rains Came*, *Alexander's Ragtime Band* and his swashbucklers like *The Mark of Zoro*, *Captain from Castile* and *Prince of Foxes*. He even played "Irish characters" in films like *In Old Chicago*, *The Long Grey Line* and *Luck of the Irish*.

One of Tyrone's most glamorous co-stars was Maureen O'Hara—probably the most beautiful Irish colleen ever to grace the silver screen! She actually was born in Ireland and got her start in the famous *Abby Players*. She was spotted by Charles Laughton and signed to a personal contract with him.

Her first film was *Jamaica Inn* (1939), filmed in England and co-starring with Laughton. He then brought her to America to co-star with him in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1939). He then sold her contact to RKO Radio Pictures and 20th Century Fox.

She was one of the very few stars in Hollywood who had a joint contact with two different studios.

Her two co-starring films with Tyrone were *The Black Swan* (1942) and *The Long Gray Line* (1955). She is best-remembered for her starring role in *How Green Was My Valley* and her films with John Wayne like the *Quiet*

Man and Rio Grande.

Probably the most famous and best-beloved of the Irish Americans is Bing Crosby. He even won his Academy Award for Best Actor in 1944, playing an Irish priest, the famous Father O'Malley, in *Going My Way*, a role he reprised in *The Bells of St. Mary's* (1945).

However, he is best remembered for those great musicals he did like *Holiday Inn*, *Dixie*, *The Emperor's Waltz*, *Blue Skies* and, of course, all those Road (*Morocco*, *Singapore*, *Utopia*, *Rio*, *Bali* and *Zanzibar*) films he made with Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour.

Milwaukee's Own

Milwaukee's Spencer Tracy and Pat O'Brien were both born and raised here. But when they went to Hollywood, they worked at different studios—so did very little work together.

O'Brien was under a long contract with Warner Bros. Studio and was a staple in their wonderful pool of character actors. While at Warner, he appeared opposite all of their biggest stars: Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, James Cagney, Ann Sheridan, Edward G. Robinson, Paul Muni and others. His most famous role was *Knute Rockne* (1940), the famous coach of Notre Dame. He played more Irish priests than any other major star.

Spencer Tracy started his film career in 1930 at the old Fox Studios. His career moved between "A" films (major) and "B" films (minor). His career did not really take off until 1935 when he signed a new contract with MGM. His third film there was *San Francisco* (1936). It established him as a major star and his career took off like a shooting star.

The following year, he won his first Academy Award as Best Actor for his portrayal of the Portuguese fisherman in *Captains Courageous*. The following year, he became the first male actor to win a second Award for Best Actor—and in two years running.

This fete has never been equaled. Maybe Tom Hanks will become the second actor to win two years in a row—this year!

The role that won that won this time was as Father Flanagan in *Boys Town*. Like his friend, Pat O'Brien, Tracy did specialize in portraying Irish priests—but not as often as O'Brien. His 20 year career at MGM resulted in some of the best-loved films of all time:

Men of Boys Town, *Boom Town*, *A Guy Named Joe*, *Father of the Bride* and, of course, his co-starring films with Katharine Hepburn (*They made 9 together*)—*Woman of the Year*, *Pat & Mike*, *Adam's Rib*, *Sea of*

Grass, *Without Love* and *Keeper of the Flame*. Milwaukee is—and should be—truly proud of Tracy and O'Brien!

Our unforgettable *Mrs. Miniver* was not English! Greer Garson—the most popular dramatic actress of the 1940's—was actually born in Ireland. And, was always proud of her Irish blood.

She left Ireland, went to England and became a teacher. Her interest in teaching dramatics finally led her to the London stage—where she was discovered by Louis B. Mayer. He signed her to an MGM contract and she made her film debut in 1939's classic *Good-bye Mr. Chips*—and won an Academy Award Nomination for Best Actress in her first film.

In 1941, she co-starred with Walter Pidgeon for the first time in *Blossoms in the Dust*. One of the greatest teams in film history was born and they went on to star in some 9 films together, including *Mrs. Parkington*, *Madam Curie*, *Julia Misbehaves* and *That Forsyte Woman*.

Plus, they appeared as themselves in *The Youngest Profession*—a story of autograph hounds in Hollywood.

When the great beauties of Hollywood are discussed—Miss Garson's name never comes

up, one of the biggest oversights in film history. With her natural red-gold hair, peaches and cream complexion and deep blue eyes, she was one of the great beauties of all time. A mature beauty, for sure, but a beauty none-the-less.

We could not mention the Irish in Hollywood without paying tribute to John Ford. While not a film star—he is one of the greatest (if not the greatest) directors Hollywood ever had! While he did not make many typical Irish films like *The Quiet Man* (1952), he is best remembered for his outstanding films of the American West.

He loved his adopted land and his best films are also America's best westerns: *Stagecoach*, *My Darling Clementine*, *Fort Apache*, *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*, *Rio Grande*, and *Drums Along the Mohawk* and *Young Mr. Lincoln*.

And, now who were those Irish brothers of different names?

None other than Bing Crosby's other famous co-star—Barry Fitzgerald and his brother Arthur Shields.

There was a great family resemblance and if they both appeared in the same film—you can be sure one of them was the preacher!

'Straight from the Heart', a Gay-Themed Film, Wins an Oscar Nomination

San Francisco—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has announced that a film about Gay and Lesbian families has been nominated Best Short Documentary Film. *Straight from the Heart*, a videotape developed by Dr. Dee Mosbacher of Woman Vision Productions and Frances Reid, was made in response to the Religious Right's scurrilous *Gay Agenda* film series that they use to promote hatred against Gay people.

Straight from the Heart profiles parents who have come to a new understanding of their Gay and Lesbian children, and who so courageously wish to share their stories. It presents simple stories about real people; a police chief who talks about how proud he is of his Lesbian daughter; a Mormon family whose son is believed to be the first Gay man in Idaho to have died of AIDS; and a Black woman and her two Lesbian daughters, both of whom had been accused of "catching" their

Lesbian orientation.

The 24-minute video movingly confronts the lies and distortion propagated by the multi-million dollar Christian Right in their effort to increase society's venom against Gay people.

Straight from the Heart, which was called "an extraordinary documentary" by *The New York Times*, was designed for use in diverse contexts in which Gay and Lesbian issues are being debated. Woman Vision Productions intends to use the film as a vital part of the ongoing process to educate Americans about Lesbian and Gay civil rights, Gays in the military, homophobia and anti-Gay violence.

Mosbacher is co-producer and co-director of the film. She is the daughter of Robert Mosbacher, former Secretary of Commerce under President Bush and chief fundraiser for the Bush/Quayle 1992 Republican National Convention.

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Gay/Lesbian Educators' Group Meeting

Milwaukee-- The Gay/Lesbian Educational Employees of Metropolitan Milwaukee (GLEEMM) will be meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m. This meeting will be both informational and social. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own beverages. Food will be served at 2:00 p.m. and the group will meet at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Larry at (414) 384-9695.

Future meetings will be on: Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association

Milwaukee-- The next meeting of the Sherman Park Rainbow Association will be held Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3627 N. 48th St. Items on the agenda include the Spring Plant and Flower Exchange, Sunday Brunch, our involvement in PrideFest, the Annual Sherman Park Community Association Survey, a graffiti paintout and organizing a financial issues seminar. For more information, write P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee 53216 or call (414) 777-3986.

The United's Volunteer Orientation

Madison--The United will be holding a volunteer orientation on Wednesday, March 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Memorial Union. This will provide a chance to learn more about volunteer opportunities at The United. Questions? Call (608) 255-8582.

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Nabozny went to the principal., "I told her what had happened," he said. "I was crying and I was very upset. And she just looked at me and said, 'Well, boys will be boys. If you're going to be so Gay, you have to expect it to happen.'"

No punishment was given his attackers. In high school, the harassment continued, Nabozny said. He says his algebra teacher called him a "fag" and suggested that he transfer to another math class. Boys would grab his crotch and mock him, telling him it was "Queer hunting season," he said. Classmates on his bus threw pencils and spit at him, he said, until he stopped riding and started walking to school.

While not every claim of harassment is as severe as Nabozny's, anti-Gay sentiments in school are not unusual at all.

It is almost a truism that students seem to "know" who is Gay, sometimes even before they understand it themselves. "The other kids have a kind of sixth sense about it," one former student said. "How they know, I don't know, but they do and they make your life a living hell."

In a 1993 study by the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth, nearly half the students surveyed said they had heard anti-Gay remarks at school "very often."

A nation-wide survey of students by the American Association of University Women found that being called "Gay" or some derivative slur was the worst possible insult to high school boys. "No other type of harassment--including actual physical abuse--provoked a reaction this strong among boys," the 1993 report said.

Another former student said, "You can't have any idea how bad it gets. The teachers are no help. Most of them are as homophobic and stupid as the kids. The gym and athletic coaches are especially bad. Sports proves their manhood and they can't have that questioned, it seems like."

Nabozny said that his problems in high school worsened. Early one morning before school began, eight or 10 boys surrounded him in a hallway and began punching him in the gut, Nabozny said. As he fell to the floor, one of the boys began to kick him. "He had cowboy boots on," he recalled.

Three weeks later, Nabozny was admitted to the hospital for abdominal surgery. Although his parents reported the assault to school officials and police, his attackers were never reprimanded, he said.

In the 10th grade, while he was standing at the urinal in the locker room, three classmates knocked him to the floor and urinated on him, he said.

"Of all the things that happened to me, that was the thing that hurt the worst," he said. "Being hit and kicked, the pain goes away. But this humiliated me...It was something I'll never forget."

By 11th grade, Nabozny said, he had attempted suicide three times and had been hospitalized for depression.

"My whole purpose was trying not to get hit, trying to avoid harassment," he said. "And suicide seemed like the better option than trying to get through school."

Other former students attest to and confirm much, if not all of Nabozny's experience. They talk of the incredible feelings of loneliness, alienation and despair that confront them every day. They tell of trying to hide their orientation, of bouts with suicide, of tears shed in the night.

They speak of uncaring teachers, of religious leaders who do nothing but condemn them out of hand, telling them in so many words, that there's no place for them on this earth.

Maligned, persecuted, fearful at every turn, some do kill themselves. Others run away and die in the streets. As one student said, "The Christians blame us for a lifestyle which they cause themselves."

In December, 1992, at age 17, Nabozny ran away, like so many Gay teens settling in the nearest big city, hoping for anonymity and some relief. In Nabozny's case, it was Minneapolis.


He has since completed his GED test and now works full-time.

Nabozny is asking for \$50,000 in compensatory damage for pain, humiliation and emotional suffering. His complaint seeks \$300,000 in punitive damages from the school district.


But as part of his injunctive relief, Nabozny also has asked that Ashland High School allow him to participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a diploma.

"I deserved to have that high school experience without being verbally harassed and attacked," Nabozny said. "I just happen to be Gay."

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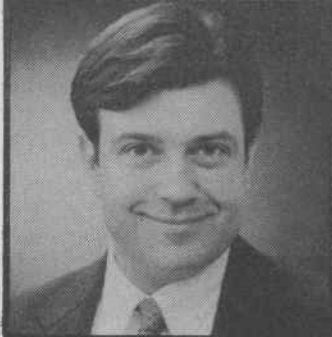


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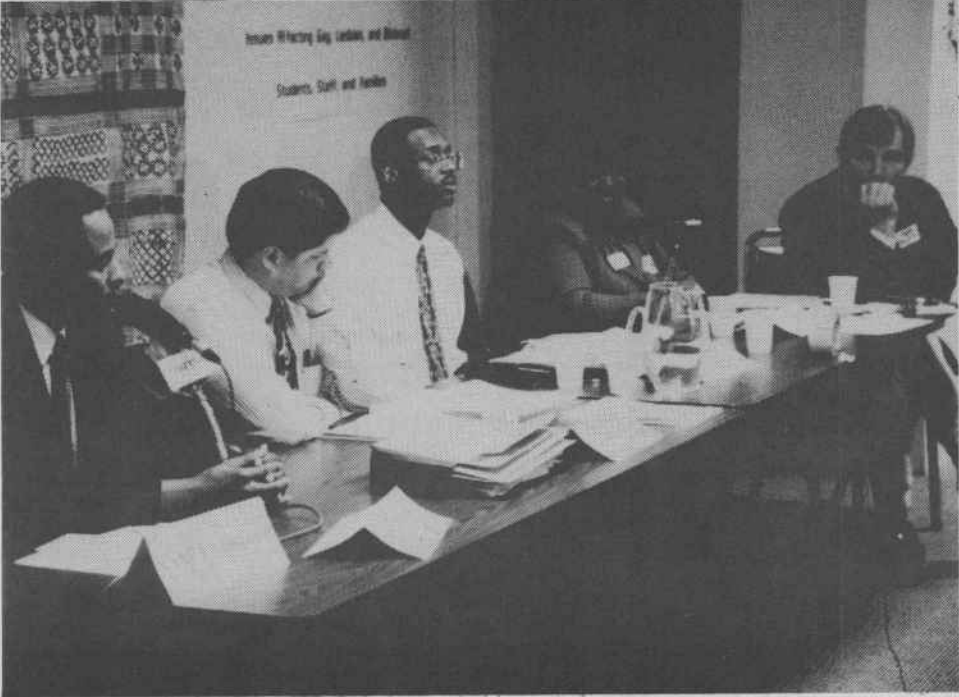
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Election Time-- Madison School Board candidates (l-r) Ray Allen, Andy Franken, Keith Burkes and Eynonne Crawford-Gray, participated in a public forum as moderator Tom Popp (far right) listened attentively.

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was unnecessary because "There are no homosexuals in my class," the young woman told the candidates.

"There is no one to talk to," the young man added. "We don't know if our teachers have any training that would help to make them supportive. If you're elected, please make sure that our teachers have training." The students' remarks were greeted with resounding applause.

Keith Burkes: Our Young People Deserve Better

All four of the six school board candidates who were present were clearly moved by the courage of the students in coming forward. "A while ago, I thought that I was doing fine on these issues, until I heard these two students talk," said Keith Burkes, a candidate for Seat 3. "Adults, we can handle a lot of crap sometimes, but young people, they shouldn't have to. We all have some child in us, and we all feel that pain. And I want you to know...that I'm actively involved in my community to address some of those needs."

Burkes cited his work with the Multi-Cultural Teen Council, where he helped organize skits to depict the often controversial struggles facing today's teens, including teen pregnancy, racism and the exploration of one's sexuality. "One skit that got the most feedback and made the adults most uncomfortable, was the Gay scene," he said.

"People got in my face--telling me how maybe some people in Madison think like that, but that 'We don't think like that,'" he added. "We actually had name-calling. Nothing else brings out the kind of reaction that Gay and Lesbian issues do--but it's so clear that we simply must discuss them."

Eynonne Crawford-Gray: "It's an Awful Thing to Hurt a Child..."

Seat 4 candidate Eynonne Crawford-Gray told how she came to know a personal sense of the struggles faced by Lesbian and Gay male-headed households because of her own experiences as a member of a so-called "alternative family." She and her husband had helped to raise a nephew whose membership in their family was never legally recognized, but who was a member of the family nonetheless.

Crawford-Gray said that her efforts to advocate for her nephew resulted in encounters with often hostile institutions that left her feeling indignant and unsupported. She gained an empathy for the struggles faced by many Lesbian and Gay alternative families as she encountered some of the obstacles they face--including being turned down for a family membership at the YMCA.

And, in particular, she learned, school district personnel seemed bound and determined to impose their own definition of "family" without regard to the best interests of the children involved--each visit to the school began with a battle to have herself recognized as her nephew's advocate.

"If a child represents someone as their family, then it's not up to the school district or anyone else to say, 'Well, that's not really a family, because of this or that.' We need to inform the school district that we have all kinds of families--and families mean different things to different students," Crawford-Gray observed.

Her experiences inspired her to action as a board member of the Madison Institute for Social Legislation which worked to get an alternative families ordinance through Madison's city council in the mid-1980's.

Crawford-Gray related some of the lessons she had learned from Lesbian and Gay parents over the years. She spoke of the pain that they face--knowing that their mere involvement at school could translate into retaliation against their children because of the way that their families can be stigmatized by school personnel.

"It's an awful thing to hurt a child. To make

a child a passive learner because he or she is afraid to be who they really are," she said. "We're here to educate all who come to us. We don't have the chance to say who we educate."

"And we need to educate ourselves," Crawford-Gray added. "If there's any child who's injured mentally because of what's going on in the classroom, we need to check out what's going on in that classroom."

Audience Members: You Need to be Ready to Go Out on a Limb

While all four candidates seemed willing to listen and learn, several audience members were quick to point out that substantial action and leadership on these issues, not just watered-down pronouncements about "tolerance," is what is needed from school board members. One Lesbian parent rose to say, "I don't want just a harassment-free environment. I want a Gay-affirmative environment."

"What I'd like to know is...what are you going to do to help your colleagues on the board...(to bring about) a truly Gay and Lesbian-affirmative environment?" she continued. "We want an environment where there can be openly Gay role models, where the curriculum addresses the contributions of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people in the history of this community and this country. Where there can be social activities where Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students, faculty, staff and family members can come and feel welcome."

"You need to be ready to go out on a limb," said a school social worker, who challenged the candidates not to pretend that they can be all things to all people. She questioned whether the candidates would be as supportive in a forum where the majority of the people were hostile to Lesbian and Gay rights.

Franken: I'll Stand by What I Say

Seat 5 candidate Andy Franken responded by saying that "I take opinions and stand by them. I came here to listen and I'm not the type of person who will tell you one thing and then tell someone else another."

"Obviously, you believe that you're left out of the school district inner circle, and that's why I'm here," he added. "And Nancy Mistle's not here...I'm here to show my support and my opponent is not."

Mistle Conspicuous by her Absence

Of the six candidates who had pledged one month before to appear at the Forum, both Seat 3 candidate Mary Jan Rosenak and Seat 5 incumbent Nancy Mistle were missing on the day of the event. According to Forum sponsors, Rosenak called repeatedly over two days to apologize for her non-attendance because of a family funeral.

Mistle, however, canceled with less than an hour's notice citing an undefined "family conflict." Mistle, whose candidacy has been endorsed by the Radical Right-backed CARE committee, has been an outspoken opponent of multi-cultural education and recently sought to abolish a school committee concerned with equity issues.

Ray Allen: "I Don't Know a Lot...I've Got a Lot to Learn."

Seat 4 candidate Ray Allen, echoed Franken in criticizing Mistle's non-attendance. "I am truly saddened that everybody isn't here," he observed. "Because it doesn't have anything to do with personal beliefs. It has to do with our ability as a society to integrate all parts of that society together and to work for fairness for all of that society...I came here to listen and to learn. This is an issue I don't know a lot about. And I've got to learn."

"I'm going to make a commitment to you that if I'm elected, I'm going to be back," he added. "I hear that something very terrible is going on in the schools when I listen to these young people and they tell me how they're treated. And when I listen to the people who are employed by the district and they tell me that they're mistreated, that's not right either. It's really not right."

Homophobia Hurts all Kids Struggling with their Identities.

Several speakers, many of whom were not

Lesbian or Gay themselves, emphasized that homophobia is a problem that affects virtually all of Madison's school children. Verbal and physical harassment of any student whose behavior doesn't fit into "traditional" sex roles, hurts all kids and limits their sense of who they can strive to be, they observed.

However, for children, struggling to understand their own sexuality, harassment from their peers that is tolerated or reinforced by school staff, can be particularly damaging, they noted.

A pediatrician, who is also a Gay father, cited a recent study involving 34,000 school children that showed that fully 25% of all 12 year-olds were actively questioning their sexual orientation.

He noted that this figure, which is already astoundingly high, is, in fact, likely to be artificially low because homophobia provides so much incentive for young people to deny these feelings when asked about them.

Other speakers pointed out that a disproportionate number of Gay and Lesbian youth attempt suicide or run away from home because of their internal struggles or their rejection by their families.

A recent University of Minnesota study showed that fully 30% of Gay teens have attempted suicide at least once; half that number have tried more than once.

Mom Reflects on Daughter's Shared Struggles: "30 Year Later, the Pain is Still There"

As the afternoon progressed, more and more audience members told their stories, and the candidates appeared to be genuinely moved by what they heard. However, putting the upbeat tone of the dialogue in perspective, a Lesbian parent rose near the end of the program to remind the candidates that much work

lies ahead.

"Thirty years ago, I was a West High student, and also a Lesbian," she said. "When I hear these students speak...I feel that nothing has changed in 30 years. The pain is still there."

"Now I feel the pain for my family and for my daughter who's in the Madison school district. And I feel what she says to me that not once in 11 years has she ever had her family validated. Ever."

"Last year she came home ecstatic when her teacher told her that they had something in common, that they were of the same religion. She came home high with that information."

"I hope before she graduates that she can come home with her family having been validated. But I don't have that kind of faith..."

"I feel that it's wonderful for you to listen and to respect and to understand, but it's not my job to teach. Why don't you already know this information? It's not my job to (take the initiative). It's not safe for me. I need you to do that."

Regardless of the outcome of what will be a pivotal school board election, community leaders tell the Light that they are determined to continue to press the Madison school district for policies that address the challenges facing Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students, staff and families.

For more information on how you can become involved with GLADE, contact Jan Sheppard at (608) 265-2407 (days), Jack Siebert at (608) 231-3064 (evenings) or Sunshine Jones at (608) 276-8010.

Editor's Note: A special report on the Forum will run on WTSO Radio, 1070 AM on Sunday Night Out! From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on April 2, the Sunday before the general election.

Announcements

Third Annual Country Dance Gala

Milwaukee-- The Third Annual Country Dance Gala will be held April 1 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. This event is sponsored by Shoreline and the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. The event welcomes all of Milwaukee's LesBiGay community. Come with or without a dance partner and join over 350 women and men who are expected to attend from Madison, Minneapolis, Chicago and other parts west. Special rates have been secured for out-of-town guests at the Park East Hotel.

Line dancing, "meet and greet" dance mixers, raffles, Texas two-stepping and performances by Milwaukee's Shoreline, the Windy City Spurs and North Star two-step champions Carol Anderson and Suzan Lamey will fill the evening from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Shoreline dancers will be offering free two-step lessons and you'll be able to buy a dance from one of the Shoreline dancers.

Tickets are \$8 and are available at the Counseling Center, People's Books and the 3B's. For more information, call Bill Hanel or Cheryl Orgas at (414) 271-2565. This will be a smoke-free event.

Integrity Meetings

Milwaukee-- Integrity, the Lesbian and Gay ministry of the Episcopal Church, has formed a new chapter in the metro-Milwaukee area. At the first meeting, members voted to become a chapter-in-formation and to begin holding regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. every second and forth Monday of the month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Meetings will begin with the Holy Eucharist in the church at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Parking is available across the street in the Lincoln School parking lot and in the rear of the church. For more information, call (414) 276-6277.

Dairyland Rainbow Squares

Madison-- The Dairyland Rainbow Squares is brand new in Madison, an organization dedicated to creating a space where Gay men, Lesbians and others can come together to square dance. It is an outgrowth of the Dairyland Cowboys/Cowgirls. Experienced dancers are invited to weekly dance lessons held at Madison's Cardinal Bar from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. For more information, call Doug at (608) 251-0904 or Sue at (608) 277-9957.

Ten Percent Dance

Madison-- Madison's Ten Percent Society will be holding its Spring Dance on Friday, March 24, beginning at 8:00 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. There is a \$3 admission. There will be a DJ and cash bar.

Main East High School Reunion

Chicago-- There will be a first-ever reunion of Lesbian/Bi women (students, faculty and staff) who attended Maine East High School in Chicago. The event will be held on Sunday, June 11 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Guests of honor will be the heroines who went to the 1993 prom together. For more information, please call (312) 769-9009.

SAGE-Dane Meeting

Madison-- SAGE-Dane will be holding their third meeting on Saturday, March 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Luther Memorial Church, 1021 University Avenue in Madison. The guest speaker will be Eldon Murray of SAGE-Milwaukee. In addition, members will report their experiences at the Governor's White House Conference on Aging. For more information, call Caroline at (608) 835-8971.



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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

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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

Alex, 25, 5'11", 175, ISO relationship. Box# 2885

Mike, 32, versatile, 5'6", 165, brn hr, grn eyes, ISO compatible M's to share my house I just purchased. (Call Thru) Box# 9644

Tyrone, GM, 23, call. Box# 6310

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

DJ, 37, bi-WM, very oral, ISO afternoon or evening encounters. Box# 8718

GWM, 22, 6'5", 180, sandy blonde, mustache, thin beard, hairy chest, ISO guys 22-35, friends, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 9782

Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who can service. I aim to please. (Call Thru) Box# 2967

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John, young, very handsome, runway model, likes art, music, dancing, skiing, ISO special man to show me good times.

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

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

M, 24, looking for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2104

Peter, looking for a friend for hot times, someone who is fit, likes to workout, bottom, hairy, loves to be licked. (Call Thru) Box# 5782

Richard, 25, WM, I like dancing, sports, ISO someone who's comfortable with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 9370

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

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

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

Bill, HIV+, bottom, 5'9", 220, butch bear, ISO a tough man who's interested in falling in love. (Call Thru) Box# 8774

John, 5'9", red hair, blue eyes, good shape, bottom, college jock, ISO well-built, top, 30+, well-hung. Box# 6513

Jim, 29, ISO BM, 18-35. (Call Thru) Box# 9922

Sebastian, 18, have body piercing, ISO dominate, handsome, intellectual male, 18-21, respectable, having body piercings and tattoos in exotic places is a big plus. (Call Thru) Box# 1705

Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381

GWM, Garrett, 27, ISO young, GWM. (Call Thru) Box# 3295

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

Jack, 36, ISO M, same age, open-minded, friendship, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 3143

Shawn, 19, BM, fun-loving, ISO dominant, masculine, muscular, intimate tops. (Call Thru) Box# 7280

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

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

Spanish guy, 148, ISO males 20+. Box# 6226

Chris, bi-BM, very straight-looking/acting, enjoys skiing, movies, travel. ISO someone with similar interests who is straight-acting and looking as well. Box# 1778

GWM, bottom, 53, 250, masculine, clean, discreet, ISO top guy, beard and mustache a plus, attr., 35-50, any race, no bums/fems/alcoholics. Bi's welcome also. (Call Thru) Box# 6450

Dave, very attr., 30, prof., 6'4", 190, brn. hr., blue eyes, affectionate, down to earth, enjoys photography, sci-fi, theatre, music, dancing, dining, outdoors. I'm intelligent, non-feminine, not into drugs or games, ISO similar guys. (Call Thru) Box# 4928

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

Michael, GWM, ISO another GM. Box# 6562

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

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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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# 1583

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

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Milwaukee **POLISH YOUR BOOTS, SIR?** Rich, 26, dk hair/eyes hairy and dln cut, int in being dom, like to svc, boot svc int in under 35 in shape dln cut- like to be dom, collar me! #35063

Green Bay **MARRIAGE MINDED:** Come to be with me for life- marriage minded GWM iso 23-39 hairy chest and good looking a plus- #35328

Milwaukee **FEM CD:** BIWM fem CD int in a CD TS, TV or a Drag Queen must be able to treat me feminine and kind, want to learn from an exp'd TV that can help, politics sports, theatre, music plays, race looks not impt heart impt also- #24839

Sheboygan **DAYTIME FRIEND:** BM, pref btm, vers, iso daytime friend for morning fun, ages 30 or under, like to get together for greek or french conversation, lv a msg- #27780

Milwaukee **FRENCH SERVICE:** Rich, 26, dk hair/eyes cln shaven hairy good shape, int in getting one on one or with groups, french service, int in being dom, and guys that under 35 in shape and dln cut- #35061

La Crosse **BITV like** to meet anyone int in fun, anything to pls, give me a call- #35108

Milwaukee **HAIRY ITALIAN:** Peter, 5'8, 150, Italian, black hair hairy chest, good shape, iso friends like to get together for sporting events, baseball games, not into gay scene, like being with masc guys horsing around, wrestling, getting together- #

Milwaukee **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:** GM 22, gdlkg, int in meeting young guys and students 18-23 for coffee, conv, movies and good times, alt types and east siders a plus- #35343

Eau Claire **KINDA INEXPERIENCED:** Brian, GWM 26, 5'8, 160, int are sports, outdoors, movies, lkg for 18-28, kinda inexp, so if ur int give me a call- #35354

La Crosse **BIWM 18,** closet case iso WGM 18-23 for some kind of support, someone to help me out, companionship, friendship, like coffee shop, hiking, want to have fun give me a call- #35405

Milwaukee **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN:** Andy, student 23, 5'8, 140 blk/blk, easy going good humor and friendly, like to stay at home, go to gym, shopping, - looking for a GWM who is also a student under 25- about 6', with good build, for a good rel- #354

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Milwaukee **GM 18,** 5'9, brn/blu iso someone 18-21 into camping parties, iso some hot new friends for a good friendship and more- #35629

Milwaukee **HAIRY HOT FUN:** GWM 40 lkg for other hairy GWM for hot fun in the area, give me a call- #35722

Milwaukee **TONY 33** Afr Amer male, looking for conservative and masc, comfortable with who you are, give me a call- #35726

Milwaukee **YOU KNOW WHAT:** Kurt, 30, int in meeting guys betw 20-35, to get together and you know what- give me a call- #35778

Greendale **SWIMMERS BUILD:** Keith, 35, 5'10, blnd/blu, swimmers build, like swimming hiking biking movies, and alot of other things- looking for some friends, enjoy life, and looking for someone that does too- #35780

Eau Claire **HOT YOUNG STUD:** GWM, 6'1, 170,45 brn/blu, iso hot young stud, GWM 18-30, likes shopping, movies quiet nites at home iso monog rel- #35851

Milwaukee **SUBM AND CD'S:** Young cute musc jock, iso cute subm guys for fun times, also int in CD's too thanks bye! #35951

Appleton **KEITH 23,** blnd/blu, if ur 18-25 give me a call- #36204

Racine **HOT TOP MAN:** Tom, iso a hot tp man, creative, 24 6'1 brn/blu slender, give me a call- #36290

Milwaukee **GAY ASIAN MEN:** Jason, iso gay asian guys 18+ I'm GWM 28 5'9 155, brn/grn attr, iso GAM to get together have fun see what happens, lv a message- bye! #36333

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WI **LET'S GET TOGETHER:** Ron, looking for someone to get together with any age, like outdoors fishing, lv music, - #27367

Milwaukee **BLONDE SWIMMERS BUILD:** Mike, 6'1 180 blnd/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

Milwaukee **HAIR FETISH:** head for hair, hair fetishist, passion for blndes with thick long hair, lv your name and # in the area- #28881

N. Central **LET'S PARTY IN THE CITY!** int in going to city, dancing, partying, and fun- #29126

Milwaukee **SLIM GBM:** Gary, hands GBM 30 5'17 140 slim build, must iso someone 25-35 the same char as mine, any race, lkg for friendship future rel, lets talk and see where it can go from there later- #29300

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

Green Bay **OUTDOOR BLONDE:** Eric, 5'11 blnd 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 impt- int, lv a message- #29541

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Derek 6'2 20 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 ur, 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 blnd/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 Bl 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, blnd/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 masc appearance and has same int, poss friendship, rel- #30552

Milwaukee **FRENCH FUN:** 40, brn/brn must 6'1 210, btm, lke to pls, french, give me a call #30591

Milwaukee **BUILT BLONDE:** 30 blnd blu- good build, nice body looking for someone to talk to and hang out with, give me a call thanks- #30671

Hartford **DAN, 32,** movies, having fun dancing, give me a call, #30817

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, blnd/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 Bl 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, blnd/blu, musc, heavy tp iso you know btm heavy 25-50 WM/BM in my area pls call me- #19173

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee **MACHO MAN:** Ken, macho musc man, attr, adv tall blu grn brn bi wm 26, iso same for great times iso young bi wm 18020 fit and attr into movies working out wllfing 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

Plattville **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 somoene who knows what they want where they wanted under 43 only- #25825

Milwaukee **X RATED VIDEOS:** bi WM 43, 6', 185, smooth NW side int in meeting other guys for fun times open to new ideas

affectionate, like hangin out, music movies, x rated and massage, like young guys to show me the ropes, new to scene- #25864

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

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

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

Milwaukee **YOUNG GUYS:** Tom, lkg for other hot young guys, 6'1 185, blnd 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

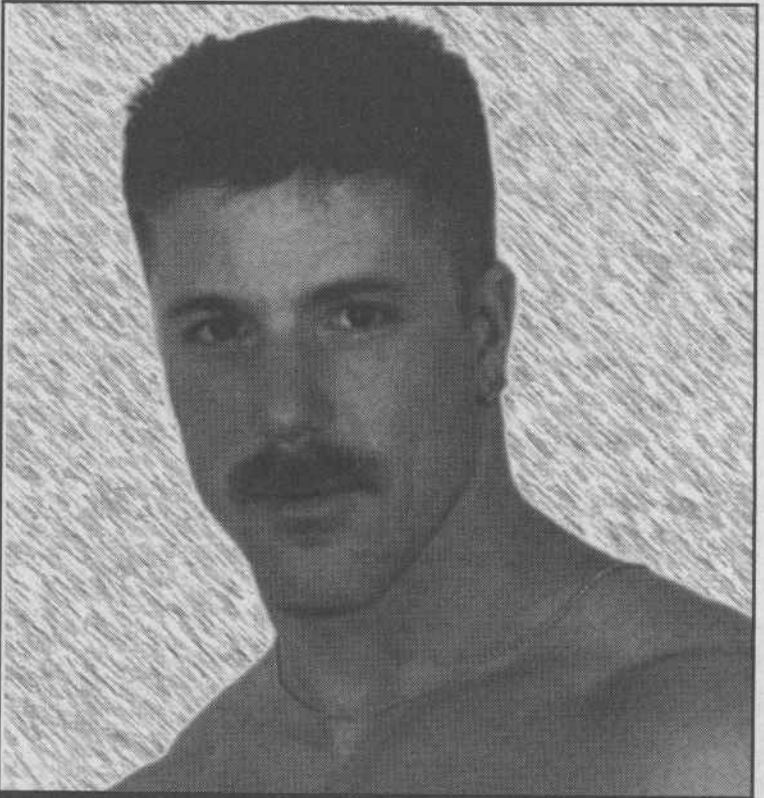
Milwaukee **YOUNG MALE** 6'1 185, brn/ into music movies, lkg for same- looking for other young guys #26470

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 antiaqing, homebody, gd sense of humor, sincere loyal and caring, lkg for Mr. Right, or Mr. Right now iso same qual, int, new experiences-hairy+ #26738

Milwaukee **RICH 24** btm 5'6 145, lkg to meet 18-40 var int #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



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have been urging their supporters to communicate directly with their Congressional representatives.

HUD Projects At Risk

Nelson explained that the HOPWA recision was part of a \$7.5 billion recision to HUD which was unprecedented in HUD history. He reiterated his concern that all federally funded AIDS housing programs in Wisconsin are at risk because the HUD Secretary has authority "to reach back" to prior fiscal years and cut HUD funding even from reserved accounts.

"The Milwaukee and Madison AIDS housing projects could well be affected by a slashing of the HUD budget," Nelson explained. "We are working to obtain a commitment from the HUD Secretary, Henry Cisneros, that reserved accounts will be protected and that approved AIDS housing projects throughout the country will survive."

Nelson said that he was heartened by statements from the Milwaukee HUD office that the current intent of HUD is to protect HUD funds that are in reserve accounts.

"Current intent, however, can quickly change in the face of massive cuts at HUD," Nelson said.

He cautioned that with the authority of Cisneros to reach back for these funds and the unprecedented potential cut to the HUD budget, that it was essential to gain the HUD Secretary's commitment to protect reserve account funds.

"We have a chance to avoid all of this if the House will support the HOPWA amendment and the massive HUD recision is reduced," Nelson said. "If we fail in the House, we will move quickly in the Senate where increased moderate Republican support of AIDS funding will help."

Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) Acting Executive Director David Clarenbach reported that construction on the Rodney Scheel House is moving ahead with the belief that funding is secure. Clarenbach also acknowledged that AIDS funding is being slashed in "a spirit of meanness and insensitivity to the AIDS community."

AIDS Prevention and Care Funds Restored

In a hard-fought and surprising vote during the second week of March, the House Appropriations Committee restored \$26,000,000 in AIDS prevention funding and \$13,000,000 in Ryan White CARE Act funding that had been targeted for elimination in the recisions bill. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) authored the amendment which passed by a 37-18 vote margin with 14 Republicans joining Democrats to restore the funds.

"It was a great bipartisan victory for the AIDS community," said Nelson. "Amidst the deep budget cutting that is being done by the new House Republican majority, this vote for

AIDS prevention and care is a glimmer of hope that there remains a Congressional commitment to battle the AIDS epidemic."

Nelson said that the national response to the AIDS cuts has been overwhelming with calls and letters flowing in to Capitol Hill offices. In Wisconsin, the ARCW Public Policy Office has been working overtime with a flood of action alerts and with constant calls to the Wisconsin Congressional delegation.

Nelson is scheduled to leave for Washington for a critical AIDS Action Council Board meeting on Saturday, March 18, where AIDS activists from around the country will decide strategy for protecting long-standing and hard-won federal AIDS funds.

Nelson, the only member of the Council from the Midwest, chairs the Council's Public Policy Committee which is charged with creating the AIDS advocacy agenda.

"I will be urging the Council to implement a strategy that will build on the bipartisan support that we won in the House when we got the AIDS prevention and care money restored," Nelson said.

"The fight to protect AIDS funding at HUD is much more difficult, but ever as important," he said. "We truly are under siege at a time when AIDS is worsening."

"That's why it is so important for everyone who cares about AIDS to join us in aggressive political advocacy," Nelson stressed. "We need everyone's cooperation and support."

Nelson urged supporters to call and write their Congressman and Wisconsin's two U.S. Senators, Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold. The ARCW Public Policy Office will provide all addresses and phone numbers that are needed and can be reached at (414) 273-1991, Ext. 247.

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service station and waited there to be arrested, Sgt. Michael Elliot said.

Officials at the Jenny Jones show were asked about what the suspect was told when he was brought on stage. They referred the question to a publicist in California, who was on jury duty and unavailable.

Telepictures Productions released a statement on behalf of the show saying, "We are shocked and saddened" by the shooting.

"At this time, the segment is not scheduled for broadcast. We feel it is inappropriate to comment any further," the statement said. Nichols said today the Jenny Jones show planned to give authorities a copy of the tape to review.

An anonymous source with Telepictures told WDIV-TV, which carries the Jenny Jones show in the Detroit area, that guests had been advised before the taping that their "secret admirer" might be of the same sex, the station reported today.

Amedure was infatuated with talk shows, especially Jones', a neighbor, Gail Clinton, told *The Detroit News*.

"He watched all of them, but Oprah (Winfrey) was too mild for him," she said. "He really liked the shows, which revealed the intimate details of people's private lives. He would call me up and say: 'You won't believe what they're talking about today.'"

George Gerbner, dean emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School for Communication, said he had never heard of such a case in his 30 years of studying television and violence.

"Of course, it fits in with the bizarre phe-

nomenon of these talk shows that select out the most unusual behaviors-- expose people and give a very twisted sense of reality," Gerbner told the *Detroit Free Press*.

The president of a Detroit-based Gay and Lesbian advocacy group said Amedure did not deserve to die for expressing his feelings.

"There shouldn't be anything wrong with a guy saying he has a crush on another guy, ... Is this a crime punishable by death? I don't think so," said Jeffrey Montgomery of the Triangle Foundation.

Robin Kane, a spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) said that "This tragedy highlights the deadly nature of homophobia in our society. That anyone is killed simply for being Gay is deplorable. Sadly this is not an isolated incident."

"We are shocked and saddened by this horrible incident," said Randy Snyder, Executive Director of the Chicago chapter of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). "Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals...are often the subject of sensational depictions on some of these talk shows."

Snyder added that GLAAD/Chicago cautions anyone asked to appear on a talk show to be concerned about how they might be presented and the possible consequences.

woman sitting there that he knew," Naile said, referring to Riley. "He figured she was his secret admirer and walked up and kissed her."

"But then they told him 'Oh, no, she's not your secret admirer, this is'-- and out walked Scott Amedure. The show was about men who have secret crushes on men."

"He was stunned. He had agreed to do the show, so he didn't know what to do or what his rights were. So he sat there and went along with it."

Minutes after the shooting, the suspect called Auburn Hills police from a pay phone at a

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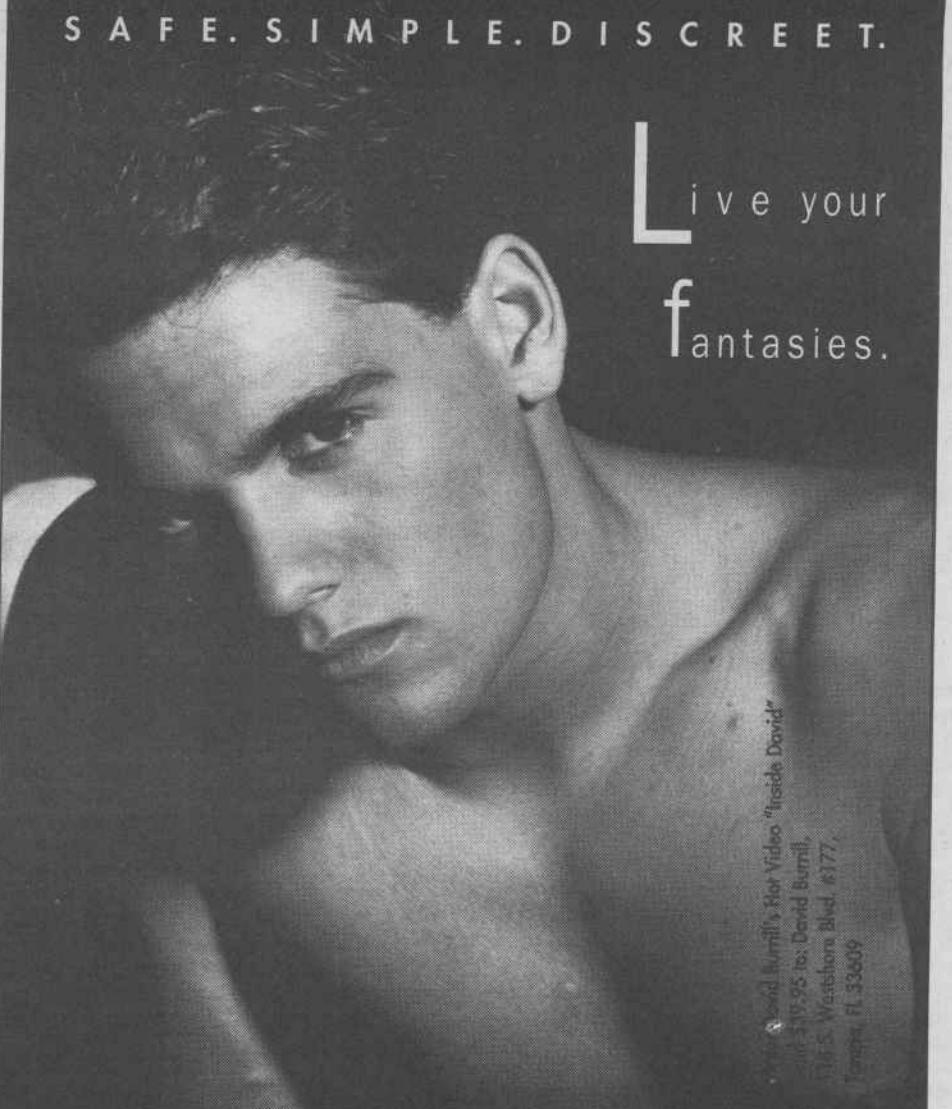
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Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee-- Like American culture at large, the Gay subculture can be critiqued for its bias toward youth and physical beauty. The term "Ageism" has been coined to describe this. Join the Gay Men's Discussion Group on Sunday, March 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. as they listen to the stories of a panel of men who are involved in Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE), the organization that addresses the needs of aging Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men in the Milwaukee area. The session will be held at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. There is a \$3 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Contest for Writers

Madison-- The Writers' Place has announced their Second Annual literary contest. Categories include fiction, non-fiction and poetry, with cash prizes offered in each category. 1st prize: \$50; 2nd Prize, \$25; and Honorable Mention. This year's judges are: A. Manette Ansay, fiction; Susan Neville, non-fiction; John Reinhard, poetry. The contest is open to all Wisconsin residents. The deadline is April 15, 1995 and winners will be announced in May. There is an entry fee. For contest guidelines, write: The Writers' Place Awards Competition, 122 State St., Room 607, Madison, WI 53703 or call: (608) 255-4030 between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., Tues.-Fri.

Juan Pablo Ordonez to Speak at UW-Milwaukee

Milwaukee-- On Tuesday, March 21, Students for Peace Studies, the Latin Student Union and the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community will sponsor an informational forum presented by Juan Pablo Ordonez, who will discuss the abuse of human rights in Columbia with an emphasis on the Gay and Lesbian community. The event will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at UW-Milwaukee in Room E240 of the Union. All are welcome to attend.

Doctors Encouraged by New Treatment that Rebuilds AIDS-Damaged Immune System

Santa Fe, NM-- A New Mexico man says he feels revitalized after participating in a study on a new anti-AIDS treatment and researchers say the patient's case has shown "amazing" results.

The 46-year-old Carlsbad house painter was one of 10 patients chosen about six years ago from a nationwide group of patients diagnosed either with HIV or AIDS.

In a newspaper interview with the Carlsbad *Current-Argus*, the patient, identified only as David, said the treatment has changed his outlook as well as his physical status.

"I look to the future," he said. "I can plan things now. In the past, I couldn't plan things too far ahead. Now I do."

He was the first patient to experience an increase in so-called T-cells after infusions of interleukin 2, or IL-2, a natural protein that regulates the immune system. Doctors say it appears to work only on people who are infected with HIV but have not yet developed AIDS.

In effect, the drug prods the body to speed up production of blood cells killed by the AIDS virus. If it works, the treatment may help the body stay ahead of the virus by pumping out these critical blood cells faster than they can be destroyed.

Some patients have taken it for up to 3 1/2 years with no sign of waning effectiveness--something no other medicine has accomplished.

"This is the first time I truly in my gut feel excited" about an AIDS treatment, said Dr. H. Clifford Lane of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who pioneered the new approach. He reported it in the current issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Lane told the *Current-Argus* that the Carlsbad patient was "the official light in the dark."

"It's amazing is all I can say," Lane said of the results.

The first indication of improvement in the patient's T-cells showed up in August 1992, he

said. "He was the first patient in which we thought there was something unexpected happening," Lane said.

His first infusion was February 1992, when his T-cell count was 554. Normal T-cell range is 800-1,200.

His most recent count was 1,276, on January 19, 1995, up from 1,258 the month before, the newspaper said.

Now, whenever his T-cell count drops below 900, David says he travels to Bethesda, MD., for a new infusion of interleukin.

The AIDS virus typically takes 10 years to kill a person. During this time, the virus tirelessly destroys a variety of disease-fighting white blood cells called helper T cells. IL-2 sharply increases the body's supply of these cells.

Several important questions remain, however. Dr. William Paul, head of federal AIDS research, said it remains to be shown whether the interleukin research will translate into resistance to opportunistic infections or prolongation of life.

The treatment is the first that rebuilds the damaged immune system. Others, such as the drug AZT, attack the virus directly. Although this may temporarily spare T-cells from destruction and allow them to rebound modestly, those drugs quickly lose their punch and white-cell levels fall again.

A key to the new treatment appears to be its intermittent use. Once every two months, doctors give patients a five-day continuous dose of IL-2, which requires them to be attached to an infusion pump.

In all, the doctors have treated about 100 patients, and the results look consistently good in people whose T-cells had not already been depleted.

However, among people with very low levels of helper T-cells, especially under 200, the treatment might actually be dangerous since it triggers an initial burst of virus production but fails to boost the immune system.

IL-2 has already been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treatment of kidney cancer.

Side effects, resembling a bad case of flu, typically last about two weeks. While not life-threatening, symptoms are severe, often including rash, fever, aches, diarrhea and fatigue.

Lane said it eventually may be possible to reduce such effects by using smaller and less frequent doses.

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Liberation of the Nazi Camps is Time to Recall the Horrors

Berea, KY--A concentration camp survivor whose boyhood horrors were depicted in the movie *Schindler's List* said Nazi atrocities were actually far worse than shown in the film's most graphic scenes.

"The movie had to pull some punches when it came to brutality," Alex Rosner told about 1,500 people at Berea College on March 2. "People couldn't watch everything. The director could only allow that which would be palatable for human consumption."

Rosner was speaking at an event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration camps by the Allies. Others too are marking the occasion.

In San Francisco, the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Democratic club, among other organizations, will sponsor on March 28, a talk by historian Gerard Koskovich on the Nazi persecution of Gay men and Lesbians.

Koskovich, a respected scholar, is one of an increasing number of historians who is documenting the sufferings of Gay people under the Hitlerian regime. Like the others, he agrees with Rosner, that the horrors cannot be overestimated.

Gay men were rounded up, beginning in the first months of the Nazi period, in 1933, and shipped off to Dachau, a camp located about 12 miles outside Munich. There, they were required to wear the pink triangle, which was 2-3 centimeters larger than the other insignia so that Gays could be singled out for "special treatment."

"Special treatment" included castration, using dogs to bite off the testicles, anal penetration using broom sticks or hot irons, being boiled alive or frozen to death, being used for target practice as well as for medical experiments of various kinds, including surgery without anesthesia.

Gay men were hung on posts by piano wire driven through their backs. They were systematically raped by the "straight" guards in the camps.

Bars and clubs, known by the SS as being places where Gays gathered, were sealed off and burned down with everyone still inside.

In an attempted justification of what they were doing, the Nazi propaganda machine cranked out warnings that homosexuality was a disease that anyone could catch. Conversely, it was also said that being Gay was something one choose for one's self.

It was believed that Gays could be "cured." To do this, women were brought into the camps to serve as prostitutes. If a "Pink Triangle" was able to have sex with a woman three times, he was considered to be "cured."

Gay men and Lesbians were described as "physically and mentally degenerate," a threat to "church, children and kitchen," which were said to be the triune foundations of the Nazi

state. As it was with the Jews, so it was said that Gay men and Lesbians had distinctive physical characteristics that could be seen at a glance.

Lesbians were required to wear the black triangle. They too were raped with the intent that they, as women, should "serve the purpose intended by God," of bearing children to the Nazi Aryan elite.

Heinrich Himmler, SS leader, told his doctor, Felix Kerstin, that while he believed Gay men were trying to take over the world in some vast conspiracy, Lesbian women could be "discounted."

"If a woman bears children for the state," he is reported to have said, "what is the difference what they do with each other?"

As many historians point out, Himmler's attitude was typical. In the "macho state," women were thought to be inferior to the male, hence did not matter.

A Gay man, however, was an affront to the state by his very existence. Hence, no punishment was too great. Many still hold this view in America today.

When the Allies liberated the camps in 1945, Gays found there were required to serve out the sentences forced on them by Nazi authorities. In the end, Gays and Lesbians were given no recompense of any kind for the suffering they endured.

For many years, there was no monument to the victims. Now there is one in Amsterdam, while a limited memory of the Pink Triangle can be viewed in the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Of late, Right Wing Religious writers try to make the claim that, among other things, Hitler was Gay. There is absolutely no evidence of this whatever and much evidence to the contrary.

And while Ernst Rohem, head of the SA was Gay and made no secret of it, the rest of the Nazi leadership was very straight. Dr. Josef Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, for example, had a well-deserved reputation for forcing himself on women.

How many Gay people were put in the camps and exterminated? Estimates range from 150,000 to 3,000,000.

While the actual number will probably never be known, neither figure is without the realm of possibility, considering the fact that the population of the Third Reich was 90,000,000 according to Germany's census figures.

Also, Gays were not rounded up from Germany alone. Once the Nazi conquest of Europe had begun, Gay people were taken from the conquered countries as well.

Today, unfortunately, there are Gay people who do not know what the Pink or Black Triangles mean or where they come from.

Gay Title Tops List As 1994's Most Challenged Title

Philadelphia-- Daddy's Roommate, a children's picture book showing a Gay parent family, once again topped the list of books people tried to ban in 1994, the American Library Association (ALA) said.

It was the second consecutive year the book by Michael Willhoite made it to the top of ALA's "most challenged" list.

Another author generating considerable controversy was Alvin Schwartz, whose three books of ghost stories and folktales earned him the spot as most challenged author, the organization said February 6.

Other titles at the top of the list reflect a concern with Gay materials, witchcraft, the occult and sex.

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman, a picture book about Lesbian parents, and **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark** by Schwartz tied for second.

The ALA received reports of 760 challenges to books in schools, school libraries and public libraries last year. The majority involved school library materials, the group said.

Other titles on the list include **Forever** by Judy Blume; **More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark** by Schwartz; **Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson; **The Chocolate War** by Robert Cormier; **The New Joy of Gay Sex** by Charles Silverstein; **Scary Stories III** by Schwartz; **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain; **Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger; and **Running Loose** by Chris Crutcher.

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