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An Interview With Wisconsin's Fifth District Congressman Tom Barrett

Congressman Tom Barrett (D-WI) is Milwaukee born and bred. He is a graduate of Marquette University and served in the State Assembly from 1984-1988. He was elected to the State Senate in a special election in 1989 and reelected in 1990.

In 1990, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 5th District (Milwaukee) and reelected in 1992.

Congressman Barrett lives in Milwaukee with his wife and baby son.

Recently, with Congress adjourned, he met with "Light" in his Milwaukee office.

Wisconsin Light: Congressman Barrett, when I lived in Washington, I used to go down and look at the Capitol and just go "Ahhhhh." What's it like working there?

Tom Barrett: It's a very exciting job and you have to be someone who is first of all, an optimist, because on any given day there are so many things that could overwhelm you with pessimism if you wanted to let that happen to you. If you're not the type of person who's always looking for the silver lining in a bad situation, you're simply going to be overwhelmed by the problems.

I love the job. I find it incredibly exciting and challenging. It's the hardest job I've ever had in my life and I love every minute of it.

I find that the opportunity is there, even in this atmosphere, which I consider a negative atmosphere, to do some good things, give people hope that their government can respond, even though many people feel that it's not responsive. There are good things that can be done, because in its most basic sense, government is the community working together.

I'm not someone who spends his career bashing government. I'll be critical of it. There are times I think it does a lousy job, but over-all, I'll still take the United States system of government over any other system in the world.

Right now, as a Democrat, it's a time when I don't suffer from over-confidence. The pendulum has certainly shifted to the right.

WL: Do you think that shift is permanent?"

TB: I don't know whether it's permanent and I don't know whether its reached the furthest swing to the right. I don't know if it's still swinging. The projections for the next election are, for the Senate, at least, are that the Republicans will do very well.



Congressman Tom Barrett

The House, at least for the first 100 days, has been more extreme than anything we've seen in the last several generations. As a Democrat, I hope the American people realize just how extreme this agenda is and decide to go for a more moderate approach.

But Newt Gingrich is a very effective leader. I don't use that as a compliment, but a description. My argument is that I think he's leading the nation in a direction I don't think the American people intended to go. People

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A Gala Fireworks Display Will Light the Night Sky at Milwaukee's June 10-11 PrideFest Venetian Boat Parade, Fine Arts Fest, Activity Tent New to Festival

By Bill Meunier

It's becoming an annual ritual. In each of the last three years, PrideFest organizers have announced a major expansion of Wisconsin's Gay/Les/Bi Pride event. 1995 will continue that trend.

PrideFest has announced that the June 10th and 11th festival to be held at Veteran's Park will include a number of new additions.

Added to the mix of hundreds of entertainers, dozens of traditional exhibits, displays and activities that include the marketplace, the Volley Ball tournament, the Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Classic Car show will be such things as have never been seen before, things that will, quite literally, light up the sky.

Chief among the added features are:

FIREWORKS!

That's right, fireworks as in skyrockets, bang-bangs, pinwheels and a whole host of other things in a grand and Gayly glorious pyrotechnic display.

On Saturday June 10th beginning at 10:00 PM, hundreds of explosions will resound during the "Lite Up the Sky With Pride," fireworks show. Sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company the display will be produced by the world-famous Bartalotta Company, that same company that produces "skyrockets delight" at the annual 4th of July show and the other festivals as well.

PrideFest organizers and the Bartalotta's are working together to design a display especially for Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian pride.

For example, as now projected, there will be a Pink Triangle blazing in the night, not only a symbol of the Pride we take in ourselves, but a memorial to all those of us who have gone before, those who suffered and died in the Holocaust. This is fitting, it is thought, for the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi camps.

Of course, there will be other displays as well, exciting displays that will burst over Mother Michigan, as our Great Lake is sometimes called around here. According to the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Pride Coordinators, Milwaukee will have the only Gay/Les/Bi Pride Fireworks display in the country and it is going to be quite a show!

THE PRIDEFEST FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The two day Fine Arts Fest will be housed in its own tent. Produced by Milwaukee's renowned Dale Gutzman, the Fine Arts Festival will include a stunning array of theater, dance, classical music and choral groups.

THE VENETIAN BOAT PARADE

Scheduled for Sunday June 11th at 9:15 p.m., the Venetian Boat Parade will be a fitting spectacle to end the weekend.

Sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Maritime Association, the Boat Parade is expected to attract several dozen lighted and decorated boats. It will sail right alongside the PrideFest grounds affording everyone a great

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Fireworks will light up Milwaukee's lakefront on June 10 at PrideFest

A Federal Judge Strikes Down 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' But It's Only a First Step

New York, NY— A federal judge's ruling that the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy is unconstitutional will not be the final word on whether Gays and Lesbians should be allowed to serve in the military, lawyers for the soldiers and sailors said.

In ruling Thursday, March 31, U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson called the policy "Orwellian" and said it violated the First Amendment right of free speech and the Fifth Amendment guarantee of equal protection.

Nickerson barred the government from further actions against the six Gays and Lesbians who brought the suit, the first legal challenge to a policy instituted by the Clinton administration.

Gay activists were jubilant, but they said the issue is far from settled.

"This is an important first step in the fight, but it's not over," said Matthew Coles, an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyer who had argued the case in federal court in Brooklyn. "Thousands and thousands of other Lesbians and Gays need to know that, at least for the time being."

Beatrice Dohrn, legal director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which joined the ACLU in the suit, was even more cautious. "We don't want people to read the paper and think they can come out tomorrow," she said.

Nickerson's 39-page decision applies only to the six service members who sued, so it does not bar the Pentagon from applying the "don't tell, don't ask" policy to other Gay people in the military.

Perhaps the most important implication of the ruling is that it sets the stage for appeals, which ultimately could reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

None of the plaintiffs could be reached for comment. Their lawyers said they did not wish to make statements.

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy became law in 1993, as the Clinton administration's

solution to the issue of how the military should deal with homosexuality.

Under the policy, Lesbians and Gay men who publicly disclose their sexual orientation are subject to honorable discharge but may continue to serve as long as they keep it secret and refrain from any but heterosexual sexual conduct.

The military used the policy to begin discharge proceedings against three of the six service members, who included two Navy enlisted men on active duty and four reservists—a Navy commander, an Army captain, an Army sergeant and a female Army lieutenant colonel.

Nickerson said the policy was "inherently deceptive" and "offers powerful inducements to homosexuals to lie" about sexual orientation.

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AIDS Housing Funds Gain U.S. Senate's Support, 'A Sweet Victory,' Nelson Says

Milwaukee— In an update to an on-going story, the struggle to safeguard federal AIDS housing funds from massive budget cuts gained a victory in the U.S. Senate on April 6, when the 1995 Rescissions Bill was passed without cuts in the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program.

National AIDS advocates have been working tirelessly to protect HOPWA, which provides rent assistance and many other housing support services specifically for people with AIDS and HIV disease.

Both the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) rely on HOPWA funds to supplement their housing programs which include major construction projects for AIDS housing funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department.

"It is a sweet victory," said AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Executive Di-

rector Doug Nelson, "and the enormous amount of advocacy that we have put forth to save HOPWA is paying off."

Both Nelson and David Clarenbach, Acting Executive Director of MASN, have been spending considerable time in Washington lobbying Congress on behalf of HOPWA and other AIDS programs.

"A lot of people at home may not realize what Nelson and Clarenbach have been doing down here," a Senate staffer told *Light*, "but they've been working their asses off (Can I say that in your paper?). Without their work, funding for AIDS may have suffered a real blow."

He went on to add, "I don't mean there weren't others working hard, but those two are like bulldogs. They just won't let go. People in Wisconsin should know that."

Nelson said that the House Rescission Bill

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ASOs are the Best Vehicles for Preventing HIV Transmission Clarenbach Tells State

Madison-- The Acting Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) urged state officials in the last week in March "to maintain and expand your commitment to HIV prevention."

David Clarenbach presented his strongly worded testimony to the Wisconsin Bureau of Public Health hearing in Madison on the use of prevention block grants.

"When it comes to the most serious public health challenge of our times, there is nothing more important than preventing HIV transmission," Clarenbach declared.

"AIDS Service Organizations (ASO) in Wisconsin are the best and most efficient weapon in the fight to prevent AIDS. Our mission is to inform and educate," he said.

"We educate the public about HIV an AIDS and how our community lives with the epidemic. We educate individuals about strategies

issues to those whose behaviors put them at risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV, and earlier identification of HIV infected individuals to enhance the quality of their lives through better primary care.

This project is a partnership between MASN and another community non-profit organization, the Madison Community Health Center, and seeks to incorporate all public and private health, human and social service organizations as well as individual outreach to targeted groups.

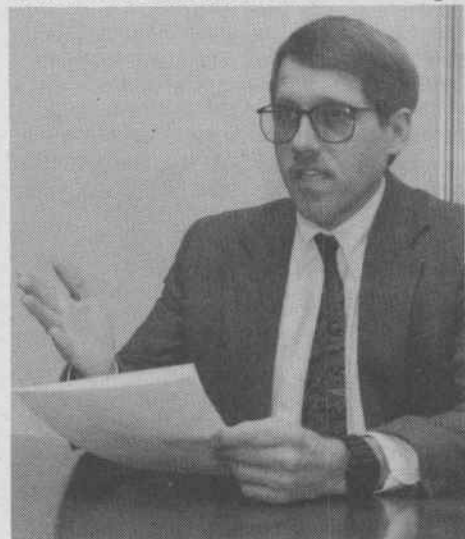
"University of Wisconsin Outreach staff and our HIT Squad (HIV Intervention for Teens) reaches thousands of young people each year providing the very best kind of education: peer to peer learning through workshops, awareness activities and informal outreach," Clarenbach said.

Another ongoing prevention program, Street Outreach, touches intravenous drug users to encourage and facilitate access to treatment.

"Our community health education staff responded to requests of businesses, churches, schools and organizations, educating audiences on HIV disease and MASN's resources. Last Fall, we presented a very successful first annual HIV disease workshop, sharing skills, strategies and information with over 100 local health care and AIDS service providers," said Clarenbach.

The Bureau of Public Health and the Prevention Advisory Committee are holding a series of public hearings around the state to solicit testimony on a state plan for use of federal health block grants.

The deadline for submitting written comments is May 1, 1995, and may be sent to: Chronic Disease Section/Bureau of Public Health, 1414 E. Washington Avenue (Room 167), Madison, WI 53703-3044.



David Clarenbach

to prevent the transmission of HIV."

He said that ASOs cannot do their work without a renewed commitment from the state to provide the necessary dollars through block grant funds.

"Last year, MASN instituted an early intervention program called "Well Aware" to reach people who have a history of behavior that puts them at risk for HIV infection," Clarenbach said.

He explained that this educational and wellness program has two primary goals: to promote self-evaluation and awareness of health

Make A Promise Dinner Sets New Record for Success

Milwaukee-- The Make A Promise Dinner, Milwaukee's Winter AIDS fundraising gala, set new records in attendance and funds raised this year.

Over 900 people crowded into the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom on March 25, raising \$113,000 for AIDS prevention, care and research programs of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

"This dinner is a great tradition and it just keeps getting better," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson. "The outpouring of support from the Gay and Lesbian community, from dozens of corporations and from people throughout Milwaukee is the reason why Make A Promise raises more money and is more successful every year."

As in previous years, guests at Make A Promise enjoyed a huge silent auction with over 270 items. More than \$26,000 was raised from the auction itself.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association to Host Pig Roast in May

Milwaukee-- On Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m., the monthly meeting of the Sherman Park Rainbow Association will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3616 N. 48th Street. The Brady Street Clinic will provide information and anonymous HIV testing. Anyone who would like to be tested is welcome to attend the meeting. Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo will also be present to meet with members and learn more about the Rainbow Association.

The Rainbow Association will again decorate a PrideFest float and will run the game concessions at the PrideFest grounds. Details will be presented at the meeting.

The Sherman Park Community Association's 1995 ShermanFest promises to be a great success since 10 of the 30 planning committee members are Rainbow members. Rainbow will be hosting a pig roast in May to raise money for ShermanFest.

The Rainbow Association will be involved in the Sherman Park Community Association Annual Housing Survey and Spring paintout. Volunteers are needed.

For more information, please call (414) 777-3986.

Commitment '95 is to Hold a Bowling Fundraiser April 30

Little Chute, WI-- There will be a Commitment '95 fund-raiser, a bowling extravaganza, on Sunday, April 30 at Village Lanes in Little Chute. The event begins at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. At Noon, there will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to pass or a donation. Sloppy joes will be provided. Bowling begins at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 for three games and shoes, \$2 for spectators. There will be a silent auction. Bring donations old and new.

PrideFest '95 is Now Looking For a Few Good Volunteers

Would you like to get involved in putting on the best and biggest event in Wisconsin Les/Gay/Bi history? Do you have a few hours of spare the weekend of June 10th and 11th?

Then PrideFest would love to hear from you. Wisconsin's annual Pride celebration needs proud people to assist with a variety of tasks.

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Marriage Bells for Same-Sex Couples Come Closer to Ringing in Hawai'i

By Tom Flint

Seattle, WA-- The next round of court battles over Gay marriage in Hawai'i is scheduled to begin on September 25, 1995, with a very good possibility that Hawai'i will become the first state to recognize same-sex marriages.

The court battle has been underway since 1991, when three same-sex couples sued the state for discrimination in not recognizing same-sex couples.

The Hawai'i Supreme Court ruled in 1993 that the state can not prohibit same-sex marriages unless the state can demonstrate a "compelling interest" in showing why such marriages should be banned. The court reasoned that Hawai'i was discriminating against individuals based on their sex and that the state has no apparent interest in making sex-based restrictions. (In other words, a man can marry a woman, but a woman cannot marry a woman--which is sex-based discrimination.)

Gay activists and lawyers argue that the only reasons that marriage is restricted to heterosexuals is tradition and religious belief, neither of which can be grounds for depriving someone of their rights.

The court's ruling was also a victory for women because it established a precedent that all individuals will have identical rights regardless of gender identity.

Carl Verady, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i, explained the complex legal ruling at the time.

"The burden now imposed by the Court on the state is identical to that used by courts in the 1960s to overturn regulations that discriminated on the basis of race, including state laws in the South that prohibited interracial marriage," he said.

"We believe the prohibition on same-gender marriage is based on the same prejudice, ignorance and faulty reasoning that previously were used to rationalize state laws banning interracial marriage," he said.

For the past 18 months, Hawai'i Deputy Attorney General Steven Michaels has been developing arguments to demonstrate a "compelling interest" in banning same-sex marriage. He is expected to begin presenting those arguments this coming September.

The case was originally scheduled to begin this month, but the state has been granted a postponement until September because of a shake-up on a state commission studying the issue.

The Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law was established last year to advise the Hawai'i legislature on the legal and economic impact of same-sex marriages in the state.

The Catholic Church and the Mormon Church had four representatives on the commission, but a District Court judge in Hawai'i ruled that the appointment of representatives of churches on public commissions violated the separation of church and state, delaying the commission in its work. A new seven-member commission was then appointed by the governor.

The Mormons and the Catholics have united their efforts to oppose any recognition of Gay and Lesbian marriage in Hawai'i. The reason is their religious belief. On February 23, 1995, representatives of the two churches held a press conference vowing to maintain the current status against same-sex marriages because that's what it says in their holy books.

"We decided to unite on this issue because we are very concerned about the health of our families," the Rev. Mark Alexander said.

The two churches are using their followers' money to fund extra legal staff and services to help develop arguments against the marriage reform.

But the momentum to recognize same-sex marriage is probably too big to stop at this point, according to Evan Wolfson, attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is representing the Gay and Lesbian couples.

Whichever side loses in September, the verdict will be appealed to the Hawai'i Supreme Court and will most likely be heard in 1996.

Hawai'i Volcano

Gay and Lesbian leaders are urging activists in the rest of the country to prepare to mobilize in support of the anticipated favorable ruling. If same-sex marriages are sanctioned in Hawai'i as expected, other states, such as Wisconsin, would be required to recognize their legality or justify their rejection of the marriages in court, while it would cost a great deal of money. A political firestorm will ensue that could dwarf the Gays in the Military debate.

The volcanic rumblings from Hawai'i are already beginning to be felt throughout the western United States.

As reported in *Light*, the South Dakota Senate failed by one vote to pass a bill declaring same-sex marriage "null and void." The bill had already passed in the House of Representatives.

In Utah, under heavy influence from the Mormon Church, the state legislature passed a law last month that would deny recognition of marriages performed elsewhere that do not conform to Utah law.

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UW-Green Bay's GOP Mounts Crusade Against Mel White Appearance

Green Bay, WI-- Action Wisconsin, the statewide human rights organization, will hold its Region III quarterly meeting Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Brown County Public Library in downtown Green Bay.

A portion of the meeting is expected to be devoted to the recent disinformation campaign conducted by the College Republicans of UW-Green Bay regarding the upcoming May 4 lecture on the campus by Dr. Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*.

As a former ghostwriter for Right Wing celebrities like Ollie North and Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Billy Graham, White lectures about these experiences and provides his insider's view of the tactics of the Religious Right Wing.

In a series of three flyers, two uncredited and a third credited to the organization in print so small that flyers had to be enlarged 200% to make the print legible, the junior GOP alleged that White's \$5,000 honorarium had been

granted to the 10% Society of UWGB to allow White to "vilify Christianity" using "mandatory student fees against the wishes of the taxpayers and students."

For the record, the lecture is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life, the 10% Society, the Good Times Programming Board and various other UWGB student organizations and utilizes no taxpayer dollars. Additionally, over \$2,000 of White's fee has been raised by the 10% Society through voluntary donations and other group solicitations.

The lecture and campus Republicans' response has created a controversy which has been reported on the front page of the *Green Bay Press Gazette* and been covered by the other area media.

The meeting is also expected to cover the statewide annual meeting to be held June 10 in Milwaukee on the PrideFest grounds. Action Wisconsin will elect its first full-term regional and at-large representatives at that session. Region III currently has a representative vacancy on the pro-temp board.



Romantic Comedy-- Jeff (Russell Crowe, right) and Greg (John Polson) test the romantic waters in the film "The Sum of Us" which will have a benefit showing on April 18 for PrideFest. (See ad on this page for details.)

Mel White is the Ghost Writer Who Haunts the Christian Fundamentalist House

If you haven't already heard of former religious ghostwriter Mel White, you will soon enough.

For one thing, White is appearing at AfterWords bookstore this month. And, for another, he has brought out a book called *"Stranger at the Gate"*, which is a scathing, autobiographical account of his days inside the bible-banging tent.

For years, White was the faithful scribe for some of the biggest names in American televangelism. He ghostwrote books for the likes of Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker and W.A. Criswell, the Dallas bible thumper who is widely considered to be the father of the modern Christian Fundamentalist movement.

White moved in a world where right was right and everything else was the work of the devil--or the Commies which was merely a synonym.

In the late 1980s, he penned the speeches of Ollie North. Falwell called him "perhaps the best writer I have ever known."

But he had a secret. After a long, tortured odyssey of denial that was strewn with electroshock therapy, several suicide attempts, lots of prayer and a divorce from his wife, White finally admitted to himself and the world that he was, is and always had been Gay.

Now, from this vantage point, he has come back to haunt his former employers--"homophobic hatemongers," he calls them.

Today, he is the Dean of Dallas' Cathedral of Hope, the largest Gay church in the world and the flagship of the Metropolitan Community Church.

Hampton Sides: "Stranger at the Gate" represents quite a departure for you. You've turned the tables and written a strictly "unauthorized" account about your former clients. What's it about, exactly?

Mel White: It's a book about the religious right in which I try to exorcise the ghost of homophobia. It's filled with stories about me and others across the country whose lives have been affected by their anti-Gay rhetoric.

HS: So it's a kind of "Pray and Tell?"

MW: Well, it draws on the strange, but wonderful opportunity I've had of living so close to them. It's amazing when I think about it. Either God has an incredible sense of humor, or I've just stumbled into something really weird. I know them better than anybody knows them. I know them better than they know themselves. They're my friends, the enemy.

HS: You make it sound like a war.

MW: It is a war. And I'm going to do everything in my power, short of an act of violence, to win it. For me, talking about them is sort of like asking a Jew to talk about Himmler or Goebbels. They're soul murderers.

My favorite bumper sticker is "Jesus Is Coming Again, And Boy Is He Pissed." I really believe that. He's going to do to them just what he did with the money changers in the temple. I think Falwell, Robertson and the others are a threat to the country. I really do. A major threat.

HS: "Stranger at the Gate" is also about sex, how you dealt with Gay sex while living and working in a Fundamentalist Christian milieu.

MW: I'm trying to show how the sensual and the spiritual sides of a Gay Christian kid finally came together after 25 years of denial. See, a big part of my problem was that the religious right has always had this terribly unhealthy aversion to talking about sex at all--any kind of sex.

The bible is filled with sex stories. If you don't know about the sex life of David, it's because you haven't read the story in "Kings." These were sensual beings. It's pathetic how completely the evangelical right wing has sublimated the sensual side.

HS: When you were writing for Robertson and the others, were you ever forced to

write anything negative about Gays?

MW: Absolutely not. All that time I was working for them, Gays and Lesbians were never the issue. I never had to write ideological stuff--only biographical.

Never, ever, ever would I have considered writing about Gays as the scourge of the earth or that AIDS was God's wrath visited upon Gays--which was, you know, Falwell's famous pronouncement.

HS: What was your reaction when you first heard the line?

MW: I was furious. I dropped everything and took a plane to Washington. I went to the hotel where Falwell was staying and confronted him. I said, "Jerry, did you say that? I just want to hear it from your own mouth."

And he said, "No, Mel, I did not say that. That's wrong. I did not say that."

Well, I went back and found it reported in five different places. And he will deny it to your face to this day.

HS: You didn't tell any of them that you were Gay?

MW: Not a one.

HS: You feared that if you told them, they wouldn't ever ask you to write for them again?

MW: In this country, if you're Gay and you want to work anywhere, you don't tell. And certainly if you want to work in religious circles, if you tell, you'll lose your job.

HS: And now that they do know, what's happened to your professional contacts?

MW: Well, they've all dried up. They've all

severed contact with me.

HS: Was there ever a moment when Falwell suspected you were Gay?

MW: One morning in the Spring of 1986, Jerry and I were sitting in a limo on our way to a Fundamentalist rally in San Jose. Our car pulled up beside a crowd of Gay activists protesting against Falwell. Looking out the window of the limo, I could see the anger on their faces. Jerry waved to the protesters and smiled.

Then he turned to me and said, "Those Gay protesters--boy, I love 'em. If they weren't here, I'd have to go out and hire 'em."

I just sank in my seat. I couldn't look at Jerry. I was the first time that my two worlds had ever collided like that. I knew I couldn't go on living this lie.

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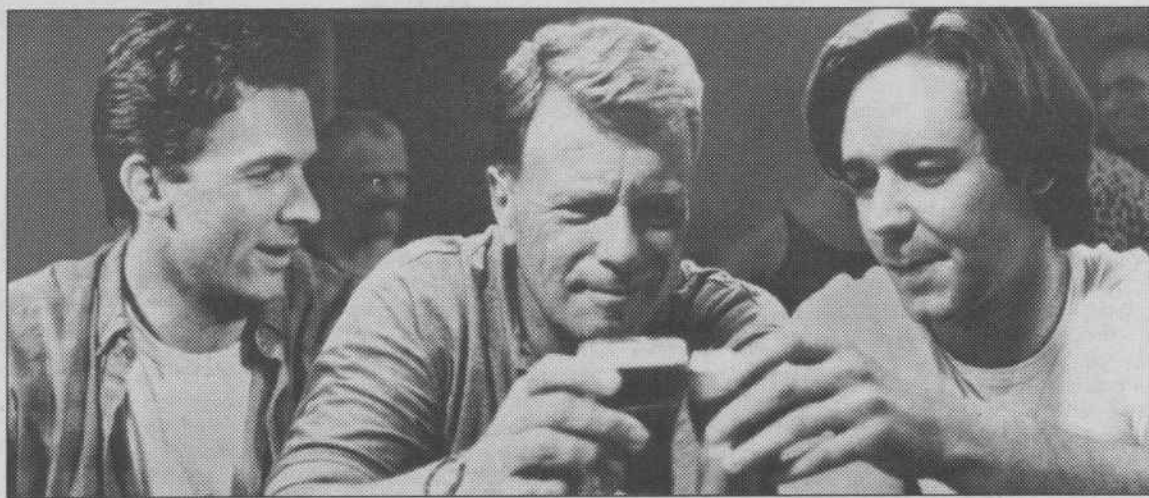
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EDITORIAL

It's Time to Say 'Thank You, Ron Geiman' For All He's Done for This Community

There's probably somebody out there who'll say that editorials are to be formal statements of a paper's position on this or that subject. The language is to be suitably stately, academic and correct. Maybe. But how can you be formal when you need to speak from the heart?

On April 30, 1995, the Cream City Foundation, along with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the Pride Committee and this paper, will be co-sponsoring a recognition reception for Ron Geiman, editor and publisher of *In Step*. Never, ever, has *Light* been more proud of participating in something than it is in this.

For over a decade, Ron has served this community of ours by giving us here in Wisconsin one of the finest--if not the finest--LesBiGay publications this country has to offer. We could talk about all the blood, sweat, tears and treasure that cost--and it did, but there's more.

When there was a battle to be fought for our civil rights, Ron was there, right on the front lines. There was the bright smile, the "queenly" wave, a towering figure giving encouragement to the troops. How good it was to see him at those times.

When there were benefits that needed a helping hand, money, maybe, a sponsor, perhaps, Ron, never stinting, pitched right in, offering what was needed, giving, all the time, giving.

Did you need to talk? Come right in, sit down, have some coffee and a cigarette. Wasn't he busy? Well, that (whatever it was) could wait.

That's how it was, for example, when a fledgling writer came one time to him, manuscripts in hand. First, let's get comfortable, talk together like two old friends (even though the two had never met). Later, there could be time for business.

That's the point. *In Step* is a wonderful creation. There is no way we can praise it highly enough. There aren't words. But like all endeavors, it is the person behind it that gives it its spirit and its life. Sometime, perhaps, we tend to forget that, letting the work obscure the creator.

On April 30, all of us, here in Milwaukee, in Madison, Green Bay and throughout the state, will have a chance to say "Thank You" for *In Step* and all the work that Ron has done to produce it. We should do that. It is long, long past time.

But in all of that, let's show our appreciation for the man himself, a good, kind, thoroughly decent human being who has given of himself as so few people do. (The word "dedicated" comes to mind, but that sounds too much like a Pennsylvania Scots-Irish Presbyterian.)

That Sunday, April 30, the publisher and the editor of this paper will stand proudly with the rest of the community in the Renaissance Place here in Milwaukee, to say "Thank You" to Ron. But we will also be saying "Thank You" for Ron and for the fact that this LesBiGay community of ours is better, a whole lot better, for his being here.

The Recognition Reception will take place at the Renaissance Place, 1451 N. Prospect Avenue in Milwaukee's lower east side from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. The event is free and open to all. There will be food and Miller Brewery will provide the beer.

Wisconsin Light strongly urges everyone to come and say Thank You to Ron for giving us *In Step* and himself.

As Baths and Sex Clubs Proliferate Once More, the Debate Heats Up On What to Do

New York, NY-- A decade after many of New York City's Gay bathhouses and sex clubs were shut down to prevent AIDS, they're back, along with fierce arguments among Gay men over what to do about them.

Some activists say the government should monitor sexual activity in such clubs because the survival of a new generation of Gay men is at stake. They want to forbid all oral and anal sex, whether or not condoms are used.

Opponents of a crackdown say there's nothing wrong with men having sex in bars and clubs as long as they're using condoms. They say men are just as likely to have unsafe sex with a lover in a bedroom as with a stranger in a back room.

In the mid-1980s, New York, San Francisco and other cities closed bathhouses and other clubs where oral and anal intercourse without condoms had been common long before AIDS.

The action followed a bruising debate pitting club supporters, including many Gay political leaders, against other prominent Gay men, such as *And the Band Played On* author Randy Shilts. He felt the clubs had to be closed to slow the AIDS epidemic.

Now, while the city doesn't have an official count, activists estimate there are 30 to 50 clubs in New York where sex is occurring.

Many are a new type of club that emerged at the end of the 1980s, "essentially mutual masturbation or group masturbation places," said Jim Eigo, a writer and AIDS activist who was one of 400 people at a community forum held to debate the issue last month.

"There's very little anal sex, and all the anal sex that I see in these clubs is protected," he said.

The debate flared in February, when the West Side Club opened in New York. It's a 1970s-style bathhouse with private cubicles where patrons' sexual practices can't be monitored.

Gabriel Rotello, former editor of the now-defunct Gay magazine *Outweek*, wrote in *New York Newsday* that during a visit to another sex club, Zone DK, he had witnessed "a murder-suicide"-- two men having unprotected sex.

Rotello and others are campaigning to force the clubs to comply with the state health code, which prohibits oral, anal or vaginal sex in commercial establishments.

Neither Paul Galluccio, who owns the West Side Club, nor Michael Fesco, promoter of Zone DK, returned repeated calls.

AIDS activists who oppose a crackdown complain that the state health code makes no distinction between sex with and without a condom.

"As long as the law remains unchanged, to enforce it is to campaign against public sex, not unsafe sex," said Michael Warner, who wrote a *Village Voice* story called "Why Gay Men Are Having Risky Sex."

Opponents of a crackdown say that for Gay men, having sex where and with whom one chooses is a hard-fought right.

"We do not believe that the government has a role in telling adults what they can do sexu-

ally," said Marc Elovitz, an attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union's national AIDS project. "To invite the government to do so is to bring the repressive forces of the state on us."

The city said it has been enforcing the health code and has more than 30 sex-club inspectors.

The city's position was called into question by a January 23 *Daily News* editorial quoting Health Department spokesman Steve Matthews as saying the city was treading lightly in cracking down on the clubs for fear of appearing homophobic.

Shortly after the editorial appeared, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani fired Matthews.

Dr. Margaret Hamburg, the city's health commissioner, denied that a fear of appearing homophobic had slowed the city's response. But Hamburg said the city must proceed cautiously to make sure that any club closings stand up to court challenges.

Whether because of the city's efforts or the activists', or both, it seems that at least in the short term, sex clubs are changing their practices.

Daily News columnist Amy Pagnozzi donned a fake mustache to accompany two men to Zone DK and found it had "cleaned up its act, for the time being." She reported that activity she witnessed "never got hotter than a high school hooky party."

WC-3 Revisited

By Rosemary Caravella
Milwaukee-- The concept of a women's/Lesbian community center has always been a dream in this city. Well, as long as I can remember and as far back as 1975, and the Women's Coalition women have been talking about space of our own.

Sometimes it will happen, like Wisconsin Women's Land, which was an idealistic dream that became reality and sometimes it will not happen, like the 1981 Women's Building Project.

The important part is that we keep the dream, rethink the dream, replay the dream. It's the very process that keeps us vital.

The Board of Directors of the Womyn's Cultural Community Center would like to thank all of you who supported this idea of community with your ideas and money. We have not given up the idea. We realize the importance of timing and letting go of a good idea, if the time is not right for it. We value our effort and energy enough to say "We need to let go."

Again, we want to thank all the people who put their time and energy into this project. WC-3 is donating all money it collected to Hurricane Productions, Inc., to continue its almost 15 years of producing Women's music in the city of Milwaukee.

I, for one, am willing to engage this project at any time in the future that the issue might come up.

Rosemary Caravella, for the WC-3 Board of Directors.

LETTERS

Quit With the Bible

TO THE EDITOR:

When will we have done about bantering around the bible? Between scripture quoting Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, well-meaning liberals and equally well-meaning quoters of more fundamental, i.e. anti-GLB, even the patience of Christ himself would be well tried. An enormous number of people throughout history have used "Holy Writ" to support a view on whatever subject you might name.

People have used the Upanishads, the Bhagavad-Gita, the Torah, the Book of Mormon, the writings of Zoroaster and the ancestral retold stories of the first Americans to their own ends and will probably do so to the end of time. Why not the writings of Christian Scripture which have been in the hands of the ultimate good-old-boys club for nearly two thousand years?

Who knows what the original writings of the apostles contained before they went through the metamorphoses of translation, copying and theological revolutions throughout the centuries?

Back in the fog of three millennia, what were the real teachings of the ancestors of the Buddha? Did the disciples of the Enlightened One faithfully record His sweeping message while translating Him into a God?

While the Book of Numbers in the Pentateuch tells about the 600,000 men over 20 brought from Egypt, why did it not tell of the women and children? And indeed, what did Paul and Peter really say about relationships? And while they were the apostles preaching to the men, who were the ones preaching to the women? Was not Mary Magdellen as good as they?

So, we have had thousands of years for people whose intentions are not clear to alter what may have been the one, clear, consistent message from God about love...simply love. The message that was to be the essence of simplicity has become the quintessential Gordian Knot and there is no Alexander around with the wisdom to cut it.

It is impossible to look upon creation without some belief in a power above and beyond our understanding. The wisest theologian (who would balk at the title I am sure), who I ever met, when asked about what he believed, replied: "I believe I don't know. I believe in I don't know."

I think, perhaps, all wisdom flows from this foundation and that the Word is the essential first message of love and that how many LesBiGays and Straights dancing on the head of a pin is a trivial waste of the energy we should spend caring for on another.

Richard L. Mence
Milwaukee

Fundies and Nazis

TO THE EDITOR:

Today's Fundamentalists are attempting to persecute Gays by claiming they are a threat to public health. Recently, a judge rejected this "health danger" claim in a case where Fundamentalists tried to get civil rights protection for Gays rescinded. The Gay "health threat" has been widely used in Fundamentalist propaganda, in Colorado, Cincinnati, and many other United States anti-Gay campaigns, and now in Canada, and increasingly in other countries as Fundamentalists plan the early stages of a Gay Holocaust.

The Fundamentalist health propaganda originates from the "work" of psychologist Paul Cameron, head of the Family Research Institute, who was expelled from the American Psychological Association for his propaganda activities.

Fifty years ago, the ancestors of the Fundamentalists, the Nazis, and Paul Cameron's ancestor, Josef Goebbels, used exactly the same arguments to justify their actions against the Jews.

The Jews were a threat to the community, and had to be isolated in ghettos in order to protect the population from the horrible diseases they carried. Today's Fundamentalists say the public must be protected from Gays, who carry AIDS, and 50 years ago they were saying the public had to be protected from Jews, who carried typhus. Here is the evidence from the mouths of those Nazi Fundamentalists themselves:

Clipping from *Krakauer Zeitung* containing report dated October 18, 1941 (Paper of German occupiers of Cracow).

The Question of the Jewish Districts (Ghettos)

"Although, the formation of the District's Jewish quarters was decided upon in order to prevent Jewry's asocial behavior from disturbing the German economic and administrative effort and--inasmuch as the Jewish population was recognized as harboring the most dangerous disease--to check the latent danger of epidemics.

"At the same time, the Jewish quarters were to make possible the employment of the Jews in productive labor. Experience with the Jewish quarters to date has confirmed their necessity, for they were the means (for example, in Warsaw) whereby typhus, carried primarily by Jews, was kept at a distance from the rest of the population. Stricter supervision of traffic between the Jewish Quarter and the remaining city areas should reduce the health danger, caused by the presence of a half-million Jews in the midst of a German and Polish population of a million, to a minimum.

"A decree issued by Generalgouverneur Dr. Frank in Warsaw about the leaving of closed districts should support these measures."

(From Raul Hilberg's *Warsaw Diary of Adam Czerniakow* (leader of Warsaw Ghetto Jewish community).
Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Reply to McFarland

TO THE EDITOR:

"I AM NOT A CROOK"--a response to Jim McFarland and his desire to destroy the already unbalanced American democratic system from within the legal establishment:

It has to do with the Preamble--in order to form a more perfect union--and with the 14th Amendment, which the conservatives never had the wits to grasp, since they believe that it is possible to pull yourself up by your own boot straps.

In America, the conservatives came first for the weakest. I didn't speak up, because at that time, I was not weak. Then the Republicans came for the handicapped by cutting their support, and I didn't speak up, because I was not handicapped.

Then, the Republicans came for the needy children, and I didn't speak up, because I was not a child.


Then, the Republicans came for the poor, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't that poor.

Now that I'm old and ready to retire, the Republicans are coming for me and by now not many are left to speak up. I ask you, when did you ever support any group where your own self-interest wasn't threatened?

Not So Cordinally,
Dave Rudyon
Madison

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Dykes To Watch Out For



Nation's First Gay Pride March of 1995 Unfastens the Buckle of the Bible Belt

Columbia, SC--More than 3,000 marchers stood side-by-side, shouting for Gay and Lesbian rights on Saturday, April 8, at the nation's kickoff Gay Pride March.

Gays, Lesbians, family members, clergy and other supporters turned out for the 30-minute march to the steps of the South Carolina Statehouse. Groups from Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida loudly took part in the rally, alongside people from throughout South Carolina.

"We've seen some positive things and this is just another step for us," nationally known Lesbian activist Mandy Carter told the crowd.

The marchers were met by about 50 Right Wing Christian protesters, who tried to distribute pamphlets condemning Gay orientation as sin worthy of death, and carrying placards with Biblical sayings and urged the crowd to change their ways before "they wound up in hell."

However, there was no stopping this spirited gathering. Once at the Statehouse, they filled the top two levels of steps on the long approach to the front doors. Matt Tischler, co-chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Pride March of South Carolina, said people should be proud of themselves and not hide away.

"It's time to fight back when we hear things we don't like," he said. "The time has come when we have to quit putting up with comments and jokes that offend us."

The exuberant crowd were clearly happy to be themselves. Clutching balloons, ribbons, noisemakers and banners, they chanted, laughed and waved throughout the 10-block march.

"What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want it? Now," they yelled. "Out of the closet and into the street. To the Statehouse we go."

Their views were not shared by all who turned out. Roger Davenport, 63, drove 30 minutes from Leesville, putting off a garden that needed tending to, to display a sign with a quote from the first chapter of the Bible book Romans.

"You only need to take one look and see the destruction and suffering AIDS has wrought because of the proclivity and abominations of this sort," he said.

Performers and speakers took the Statehouse steps in the rally that Tischler said was the first chance to bring the community together and heighten the visibility of Lesbian and Gay issues.

Carter, a leading African American Lesbian activist, said the movement for Gay and Lesbian rights is picking up steam. She said 10 states tried to get anti-Gay and Lesbian legislation on ballots last year. Just Idaho and Oregon were successful and neither measure passed with voters, she said.

"We've got the ultra-conservatives running

scared," said performer Deidra McCuller, a single Lesbian mother from North Carolina. "Who knew we had that much power?"

More important was the solidarity such a march brought to the community in the buckle of the Bible belt, said 19-year-old Penni Kantrowitz, who moved to Columbia two months ago from Boca Raton, Fla.

"I noticed a quietly visible group when I got here," she said. "And it's only going to grow with support like this."

Kantrowitz was taunted by self-identified Christian protesters when she tried to hand them purple flowers, and wondered why such hate persists.

"We are not here to hate," Davenport said. "We are here to love and share our love with these people who need our help and guidance."

Austin Watson, a United Methodist Minister in Columbia, took part in the march along with other clergy who sympathize with the cause for Gay and Lesbian rights.

"We read the same Bible they do," he said. "We just don't happen to believe the same things."

Softball League Seeks More Players for New Teams in 1995

Milwaukee-- The addition of two and perhaps a third team was indicated at the Saturday Softball League (SSBL) organizational meeting on April 2, 1995. Teams would be given until April 19 to pay entry fees and thus become part of the schedule. This would bring the League to 10 or 11 teams for 1995.

To support the new teams and augment established League teams, the League, with the help of a grant from the Cream City Foundation, has begun a wide advertising campaign in the community and straight press trying to uncover new players who probably do not know of the League's existence. New players responding will be invited to a social evening to introduce them to League officials and managers. Players then can make arrangements to attend practices with the teams that seem to fit their abilities and style of play.

SSBL has been organized since 1977 and was the first organized Gay/Lesbian league in the United States. It went on to help found the national ruling body (NAAGA) and the first Gay/Lesbian World Series was held here in Milwaukee.

Each Memorial Day, SSBL hosts a large, 32 team tournament visited by teams from all over the country. The League has always had both men and women participating in games since its inception.

Nearly 100 Gather at New GLB Business and Professionals Alliance Gathering

By John Quinlan

Madison-- The mood was festive but purposeful as nearly 100 LesBiGay professionals came together on April 10 at Fyfe's Corner Bistro in Madison. Laughter and good conversation resounded through the room as business cards were exchanged and talk of collaborative efforts and nascent entrepreneurial ventures filled the air.

The occasion was the second gathering of the newly-forming GLB Business and Professional Alliance. The event was organized under the auspices of Madison's Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (MGLRC), which also publishes the enormously successful GLB Community directory. As the organization develops, MGLRC hopes to spin the Alliance off as a separate group.

Organizers point out that the community at large is filled with a wide variety of business and professional groups, but that "out" Gay men and Lesbians are often made to feel uncomfortable in these settings. Often in the context of the straight world, the notion of collegiality and shared interests can translate into conformity and intolerance of people who are different.

In a community such as Madison, with its disproportionately large GLB population, that phenomenon can be turned on its head, organizers say.

"A GLB business and professional alliance is a place where people can be comfortable in being who they are and where they can enjoy a special bond with people who share their business and professional interests," says one of the event's organizers, Cris Derrick.

For Derrick, the potential for networking and resource sharing is an exciting prospect. Derrick and her partner operate Dalmation Ink, a desk-top publishing company they run out of their home. She sees the potential for networking and resource sharing, including the formation of health care alliances, as two of the organization's most valuable goals.

For the co-organizer and small business owner Mark Pocan of Budget Signs and Specialties, it's the potential for socializing that is most enticing. Pocan points out that opportunities for people to come together for fun and good conversation outside the context of a bar scene are still too few and far between. With a little imagination, an on-going professionals group could bring people together on a regular

basis in a variety of settings.

Other Alliance projects that have been suggested are an information bank on starting a new business, a barter system, a mentoring program, cooperative advertising ventures, collaborative market analyses and on-going educational programming.

Nearly all of the people attending the second meeting filled out a two-page questionnaire asking which directions they would like the Alliance to take. Results of this survey will be reported in an up-coming issue of Light.

For more information, to indicate your interest and to receive a copy of the questionnaire, contact the Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53731.

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Newly Elected, openly Gay and Lesbian Madison Alderpersons Mike Verveer and Judy Olson.

Madison Elects Two New Openly Gay Leaders Amid Other Mixed Election Results

By John Quinlan

Madison-- Wisconsin solidified its preeminence in the Lesbian and Gay political record books with the election of two community leaders to the Madison Common Council on April 4. Mike Verveer and Judy Olson will be sworn in April 18. This will bring the total number of openly Lesbian and Gay candidates elected in Dane County to fourteen. No other locality or state comes close to that record.

In other good news, self-described moderate Judge Ann Walsh Bradley of Wausau won easy election to the Supreme Court in a victory over judicial conservative Judge Patrick Crooks of Green Bay. Bradley will fill the seat being vacated by progressive Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan, a longtime friend of Lesbian and Gay rights on the court.

However, the joy of their victory was tempered by some devastating news for Lesbian,

Gay and Bisexual education advocates. All three of the Madison School Board candidates who had most closely aligned themselves with our community were defeated.

Radical Right backed incumbent Nancy Mistele squeaked to victory over Andy Franken; Tommy Thompson appointee Ray Allen edged out a victory over longtime GLB rights advocate Eyvonne Crawford-Gray; and fiscal conservative Mary Jan Rosenak won easy election in a race complicated by the semi-withdrawal of scandal-plagued progressive Keith Burkes.

Despite murmurings of a conservative backlash and inklings of a massive NRA-funded campaign against him, incumbent progressive Mayor Paul Soglin won easy reelection over conservative newcomer Todd Hunter. Openly Lesbian state Rep. Tammy Baldwin had served as co-chair of Soglin's campaign.

Madison Elections Show Bright Spots, But Progressives Must Get Organized

Analysis by John Quinlan

"I was very excited by the victories of both Mike Verveer and Judy Olson. They are outstanding individuals who will provide effective and articulate leadership for our community as alderpersons," Rep. Tammy Baldwin said.

Verveer concurs. He told *Light* that the recent election has left the Common Council in good hands. Both Verveer and Olson received the support of Progressive Dane, an increasingly successful pro-Gay and Lesbian rights political group which saw seven of the nine candidates it endorsed win election.

While committee assignments are pending, insiders at the City/County Building tell *Light* that it's likely that Verveer will be appointed to the powerful Board of Estimates, a coup for a freshman council member. The well-connected Verveer had faced only limited write-in opposition and won with 87% of the vote.

Olson faced a well-financed, well-organized opponent. Despite this, she won by a very respectable 56 to 43 percent margin. In the week before the election, she won the much sought after endorsement of the Washington-based Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. Only about one in four candidates who apply meet their criteria as well-qualified, viable candidates.

Opponent No Match for Soglin

Incumbent Mayor Paul Soglin won reelection with 68% of the vote over self-described Newt Gingrich disciple Todd Hunter. When Hunter tried to capitalize on his father's TV role as the original captain of the Starship Enterprise, Soglin's campaign countered by displaying an autographed picture of himself and Gene Roddenberry.

Bradley Elected to Supreme Court

Judge Ann Walsh Bradley will become the third woman to serve on Wisconsin's Supreme Court. Veteran court watchers are sure she will vote more often than not with progressive justices Shirley Abrahamson and William Bablitch, who have been supportive of Lesbian and Gay rights.

It's likely that the swing vote on the seven member court will continue to be Justice Janine Geske, a moderate originally appointed to the court by Gov. Thompson and who won election in her own right last year.

Had Bradley lost, the conservatives would have had a firm four vote majority and Geske would have lost her role of holding the swing vote. With Bradley's election, there is renewed hope that judicial progressives supportive of Lesbian and Gay rights may eventually win back the court.

Progressives, Get With It!

While devastated by a now razor thin progressive majority on the Madison School Board, Gay and Lesbian education advocates took solace in the closeness of the contests in

two of the three races. Both Eyvonne Crawford-Gray and Andy Franken lost by margins of less than 1,000 votes out of more than 40,000 votes cast.

From my perspective, conservative school board candidates seemed to have found a way to effectively work together, while progressive efforts to recruit and support candidates seemed fractured and disorganized.

For example, while incumbent conservative Nancy Mistele, was very visible in her efforts to support her conservative colleagues, the school board's four progressive incumbents were nowhere to be seen in terms of lending support or expertise to progressive candidates.

Following the election, there was a lot of finger pointing and laying of blame, exacerbating long-standing rifts and old grudges among progressives. The rift between third party advocates and Democratic Party insiders also seemed to grow. The notion that the growing Radical Right presence in local elections might be the real enemy seems to be only slowly dawning on people.

On a more encouraging note, the recent formation of Progressive Dane and the increasingly visible GLB political group, Action Wisconsin, are two examples of groups of successes to build on. Also notable have been the efforts to build a successful support organizations for progressive county board candidates, an organization that is likely to come together next year.

On another encouraging note, two of the three newly elected fiscal conservatives on the Madison School Board continue to send the kinds of signals that they sent out during the campaign that their conservatism does not necessarily translate into intolerance.

During a WTSO Radio talk show, a caller asked all three if they would support school programs which worked to ensure the safety of Gay and Lesbian youth.

Surprising no one, Nancy Mistele launched into a canned diatribe about not buying into the "Gay agenda." She was promptly rebuked by the caller who reminded her that she'd simply been asked if she would pledge to work to keep kids safe.

Mary Jan Rosenak and Ray Allen, however, were considerably more circumspect. Allen repeated his position as stated at a Gay and Lesbian school issues forum, that he had an open mind, that he was concerned about the struggles faced by these kids, and that he wanted to hear more.

Rosenak echoed these sentiments and clearly distanced herself from Mistele's remarks. Clearly, both had been moved by recent dialogues with Gay and Lesbian rights advocates.

As is true of politics these days, these elections held a dual message. For proponents of a

THE TEN PERCENT SOCIETY

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The Ten Percent Society announces: Out and About Week - 1995. This, the 12th annual Out and About Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Awareness Series, includes a wide array of events including noted speakers, entertainers, films, and much more. All events are free and open to the University community. All are wheelchair accessible. Interpreting for the hearing impaired provided upon request. Please call 262-7365 at least five days in advance of the event to reserve a speech interpreter. A brief series synopsis follows:

LGBT Graduation Reception

Sunday, April 23, 11AM, Alumni Lounge, Wisconsin Center (702 Langdon)

The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alumni Council of the Wisconsin Alumni Association and the Dean of Students Liaison to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender community are hosting the second annual LGBT Graduation Reception.

Queer Political Activism

Monday April 24, 7PM, TITU, Memorial Union

Come find out how you can Fight the Radical Right this summer and get paid for doing it!

Comedy Night

Tuesday, April 25, 8:30PM, Tripp Commons, Memorial Union

Hilarious comedy by the "Ladies on the Couch" and performance art by Nate Lippens with interludes provided by the band "We".

Film: "Totally Fucked Up"

Wednesday, April 26, 8PM, TITU, Memorial Union

An excellent Greg Araki film consisting of six racially-mixed lesbian and gay teens who spill their hearts while waiting to enter a club on a Friday night.

Ann Northrop

Thursday, April 27, 8PM, Morgridge Hall, Grainger (Business School)

Former Vassar graduate and award-winning career journalist, Ann Northrop is one of the leading lesbian activists in the United States. Noted as a "Dyke activist from hell," Northrop will speak about the media and its role in achieving coexistence between the LGB and heterosexual communities.

Out & About Dance

Friday, April 28, 8PM, Great Hall, Memorial Union

The annual Out & About Dance is FREE and guaranteed to be a great time. Come on out and meet new people while dancing the night away!

Charlotte Kasl

Lecture: Friday, April 28, 7PM - 9PM, TITU, Memorial Union

Workshops: Saturday, April 29, 8:30AM - 4PM, 240 Union South

Dr. Charlotte Kasl will present opening remarks on 'Culture, Sex and Addictions' and a workshop on 'Healing from Trauma and Addiction with Empowerment and Joy.'

A detailed description of each event follows:

LGBT Graduation Reception

This event was created to pay tribute to UW's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender graduating students by honoring their accomplishments in academics and service here at the University. Richard Wagner, of the GLB Alumni Council will be Master of Ceremonies. There will be comments made by a University of Wisconsin Faculty member and by two of the Graduates. All Graduates will receive a certificate of congratulations along with the good wishes of everyone present. It is a fun and moving event. Please join us if you can.

Queer Political Activism

Chris Morris, co-director of the Progressive Student Leadership Exchange, will talk about current and future battles in the struggle for civil rights. Don't miss this important activist opportunity!

Comedy Night

A comedy act, a performance artist, and a band will perform for the entertainment of the community. • "Ladies on the Couch" will be presented by Chicago comedienne Susan Howard and Kary Finn. The show includes skits, monologue and audience games based on the more amusing parts of life. • Local performance artist - Nate Lippens - will present his show which has been performed in many local establishments. • The local band "We" will provide us with acoustic music before and between the performances. This along with candlelight and refreshments will certainly make for a relaxing and entertaining evening that is sure to please.

Film: "Totally Fucked Up"

Greg Araki shock the mainstream film world with his low-budget "The Living End" in 1992. Now he is back in full force with the long-awaited "Totally Fucked Up." Araki has assembled a cast of six racially-mixed lesbian and gay teens waiting to get into a club on a Friday night. They spill their hearts with stylistic interludes by one of the boys. Their search for identity in their inherited wasteland of Los Angeles is stylistically, humorously, and quite movingly captured by Araki's unique telling.

This film, produced in the style of the aging French New Wave film-maker, Jean-Luc Goddard, is an open-structured, plot-free gaze into the lives of queer teens everywhere as they struggle with their emergent identities in an indifferent world. The cast includes an inspiring young film-maker Steven (Gilbert Luna), his loyal artist boyfriend Deric (Lance May), the terminally bummed Andy (James Duvall), skater-dude Tommy (Roko Belic) and trendy dykes Michele (Susan Beshid) and Patricia (Jenee Gill).

Ann Northrop

Ann Northrop, former Boston debutante and a Vassar graduate, is one of the leading lesbian activists in the United States. Currently a media consultant to ACT-UP and a famous AIDS activist, she was convicted on four counts for her participation in the notorious demonstration inside New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral. Northrop's writing and speeches have inspired thousands of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people to take to the streets to demand change and have educated millions of straight people about how and why they have been lied to by the media and the powers that be.

Northrop had a long award-winning career as a journalist, including work for CBS News, ABC's Good Morning America, and ABC Sports. An expert in media analysis, Northrop cuts through the standard rhetoric and deals with the real issues in a uniquely insightful and inspiring way. Are gay people just as normal as straight people? Can we co-exist? How does the media control our thinking? Is our society undergoing a fundamental revolution? Northrop addresses these and other urgent questions right out of today's headlines and will demonstrate how they relate to current affairs right here on the UW-Madison campus.

This lecture is co-sponsored by The Associated Students of Madison.

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Charlotte Kasl Lecture/Workshops

Dr. Kasl has a Ph.D. in Psychology, is a licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, and the author of *Women, Sex, and Addiction: A Search for Power, Many Roads, One Journey*; and "A Feminist Perspective of Sexual Abuse" in *The Sexually Abused Male*. She will give opening remarks on Friday and then conduct a series of workshops on Saturday, including "The Trauma and Response, Longing for Love" and "The Bittersweet Journey Home: Healing Addiction and Trauma."

Related event - Earth Day: Crossroads

The Ten Percent Society will also be co-sponsoring an extravaganza entitled "Crossroads". This six-figure event is being presented by the largest coalition of students and student organizations in UW History.

The event will begin with a 10-minute movie clip from various minority cultures around the world. Immediately following is a speakers panel including the children and grandchildren of some of our world's greatest civil rights leaders: Ghandi, Black Elk, Chavez, and Martin Luther King, Jr. This panel, which is moderated by Dick Gregory, will be comprised of the speakers giving talks on their and their family members civil rights struggles, and will be followed by an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions. The panel is concluded by a performance of the drumming group: "Call for Peace."

"Crossroads" is on Thursday, April 20, 1995 beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are free to persons with a UW ID and can be picked up at the Wisconsin Union Theatre box office beginning on the week of April 10.

Event locations are subject to change by Memorial Union Reservations. Please check *Today In The Union* to confirm event locations.

Gingrich Now Says Congress Will Not Address Gays in the Military Issue

Washington, D.C.—Faced with Republican chairmen reluctant to revisit the issue, House Speaker Newt Gingrich now says it is unlikely Congress will review the don't-ask-don't-tell policy on Gays in the military if the courts leave it in place.

Two days after asserting, "I expect Congress to take up that issue," and saying that Republicans were likely to restore the ban on Gays serving in the military, Gingrich said the Clinton administration regulations will remain in place if they survive court scrutiny.

Only if the Clinton administration regulations were judged unconstitutional by federal appeals courts and, possibly, the Supreme Court, would Congress review the issue, Gingrich said. A federal district judge in New York has ruled that the Clinton policy is unconstitu-

tional; the administration plans to appeal.

During an appearance on "CBS This Morning" Tuesday, April 4, Gingrich said that if the Clinton policy remained in place after court review, "that will not be an issue that you'll see necessarily very much legislative action on."

Gingrich asserted Tuesday that he wasn't changing his position. He said he made his comments last Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," when asked what would happen if higher courts upheld a federal judge's ruling last week that the don't-ask-don't-tell policy was unconstitutional.

In fact, the question by conservative columnist George Will mentioned the court decision but did not ask what Congress might do if higher courts upheld it. Instead, Will noted that the policy was put in place by a Democratic president and a Democratic Congress and asked, "Do you expect this Congress to take up that issue?"

Gingrich's response Sunday, April 2, did not mention the court decision or whether it would be upheld.

Prior to the Clinton presidency, military recruits were routinely asked about their sexual preference and any recruit, enlistee or officer who declared his or her homosexuality was immediately discharged. Under the new policy recruits are not asked about their sexual orientation and Gays may remain in the service as long as they keep their status private and obey all codes of conduct.

Rep. Peter Torkildsen, (R-Mass.), a moderate Republican who opposes the Gay ban, attended a news conference at which several House members criticized Gingrich. Torkildsen said Gingrich should avoid straying from the Republican agenda of reforming Washington and cutting spending.

"I hope we can get that focus back to where it should be," Torkildsen said.

Both Rep. Floyd Spence, (R-SC), chairman of the House National Security Committee, and Sen. Strom Thurmond, (R-SC), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said they had no immediate plans to re-examine the Clinton policy on Gays in the military.

In 1993, Gingrich not only voted for the policy that the Pentagon now follows, he "strongly" opposed an amendment by Rep. Duncan Hunter, (R-CA), that would have allowed the military to resume its practice of asking recruits about their sexual orientation.

Log Cabin Testifies Before Congress on Ryan White Bill

Washington, D.C.— Testifying before the House Commerce subcommittee on Health and the Environment on Ryan White Reauthorization, Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) became the first Gay and Lesbian organization to testify on AIDS funding before the 104th Congress.



Richard Tafel

Commending the Congress' swift action on Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization, Log Cabin Executive Director Richard Tafel said, "When Republicans took over as the majority party in Congress, I read articles and heard reports that the Ryan White CARE Act would face the chopping block because Republicans supposedly didn't care about people with AIDS...the fact that you are holding this hearing to address the need for a proper response to the AIDS epidemic just as you are completing your work on the Contract with America, is to be noted and commended."

Representing the only Gay and Lesbian organization during the committee's hearing, Tafel said, "While the face of AIDS has changed, the commitment from the Gay community to fight this disease has not. We feel strongly that no group should suffer the way our community has, and so we have joined forces with all Americans in ending this scourge on us all."

Ryan White reauthorization is LCR's top legislative priority for the 104th Congress.

Newt Gingrich Could Join Sister Candice at San Francisco's Gay Pride Parade

San Francisco, CA— Candice Gingrich, half sister of Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich and an open Lesbian, has accepted the invitation from San Francisco's Pride Committee to be Grand Marshal of the 1995 Pride Parade in June. Ms. Gingrich will lead the parade seated on the back of a convertible, and could bring her brother along, said Robert Allen, Parade Committee President.

"She has the option of having one guest ride with her in the car," Allen said. "If she wants to waste it on her brother, that's her choice."

The Speaker's office said that it had no knowledge of an invitation "from anyone" for the Speaker to ride in San Francisco's Gay Pride Parade.

Ms. Gingrich will be one of four Grand Marshal's at the 25th annual parade.

Organizers hope for especially large crowds this year because the June 18 parade comes just a week before San Francisco's 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of the United Nations.

Also, Los Angeles has agreed to stage its parade a week earlier than San Francisco's in the hope that many of the same people will travel to both.

Ms. Gingrich Speaks Out

Waves of applause greeted Ms. Gingrich as she urged Gays and Lesbians in Miami Beach, Florida, to "come out" and combat the resurgent political right led in part by her half-brother.

"Hopefully, we can help put an end to anti-Gay legislation that just keeps cropping up and unfortunately has been cropping up even more recently since the Republicans took control of

the House," said Ms. Gingrich.

Her brother was not left out of criticism as the soft-spoken Ms. Gingrich addressed the Pathways To Pride conference sponsored by the Miami-based Gay Rights Public Information Group Safeguarding American Values for Everyone, or SAVE.

She lauded the return to the 1996 federal budget of funding for AIDS research, as well as money earmarked for housing indigent AIDS patients. Funding for both programs had been removed from the budget proposal earlier.

Saying "tolerance at this time for (Lesbians and Gays) is not enough," Ms. Gingrich called for support of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, awaiting passage in Congress.

"Personally, I've never been a victim. I've not been fired or not hired because of my sexual orientation," she said. "But I have very close friends, and there are instances all over the country where we know people that've been fired, been harassed, whose lives have been turned upside down, merely because of who they are."

The most important first step before Lesbians and Gay men can start to seek political change, she said, must be made by coming out.

"It's very important for us to remain visible, to not be the faceless, nameless citizens that we've been allowed to kind of be pushed back into over the years," Ms. Gingrich said.

Time Line On Gays in the Military

1982-- The Department of Defense formalizes World War II-era policies against allowing Gay people to serve, issuing a directive that says "Homosexuality is incompatible with military service" because it undermines discipline, good order and morale.

1989-- Members of Congress who support lifting the ban release draft copies of two internal Pentagon reports that found Gays in the military posed no security risk and in many cases, made better soldiers than heterosexuals.

June 1992-- The General Accounting Office (GAO) says the Defense Department discharged almost 17,000 service men and women for being Gay between 1980 and 1990. GAO estimated it would cost about \$27 million to recruit and train replacements for only those kicked out in 1990.

September 29, 1992-- Asked during the presidential campaign whether Gays should be allowed to serve in the military, Bill Clinton, says, "Yes. I support repeal of the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the United States armed forces."

January 29, 1993-- After the Pentagon and some members of Congress object to an outright lifting of the ban, President Clinton announces a compromise under which recruits would no longer be asked their sexual orientation. He gives Defense Secretary Les Aspin six months to study the issue and draft an executive order.

July 19, 1993-- Clinton issues a "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy that would allow Gays to serve as long as they do not announce their orientation. He calls it "an honorable compromise."

July 27, 1993-- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund launches the first legal challenge to Clinton's policy, arguing that it is unconstitutional.

September 9, 1993-- The Senate passes legislation to discourage Gay enlistment in the military, calling homosexuality an "unacceptable risk" to morale. Tougher than Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" proposal, the measure would allow a future defense secretary to reinstate questioning of recruits on their sexuality.

September 28, 1993-- The House passes the same policy as the Senate. Within days, Clinton signs the measure with no fanfare and little public notice.

October 8, 1993-- A federal appeals court upholds a judge's order banning discrimination against gays in the military, in the case of naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold. He was discharged, under the old policy, in August 1992 after disclosing his homosexuality on national television. The court concluded that the Pentagon policy was not an absolute ban and would allow a Gay person to remain in the military if the person showed he or she could "live by the rules" and had no "propensity" to engage in homosexual conduct.

December 16, 1993-- Meinhold re-enlists in the Navy.

December 22, 1993-- Pentagon issues directives implementing "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

March 7, 1994-- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union file first lawsuit challenging "don't ask, don't tell" on constitutional grounds in federal court in New York City. The government immediately moves to seek discharge of some of the six plaintiffs.

April 4, 1994-- U.S. District Judge Eugene Nickerson grants preliminary injunction barring action against plaintiffs until lawsuit is resolved.

June 1994-- Two years after Col. Margaret Cammermeyer was kicked out of the National Guard after disclosing she is a lesbian, the highly decorated colonel and Vietnam veteran was reinstated after winning a court ruling that the old policy was unconstitutional.

March 13, 1995-- Three days of testimony begins. Nickerson takes case under advisement.

March 30-- Nickerson declares "don't ask, don't tell" unconstitutional. Government promises to appeal.

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A Great Time for All--Jane Purse-Wiedenhoef and Mark Bucher star in Milwaukee's Boulevard Ensemble's production of "The Time of Your Life" which opens April 28.

AfterWords Sponsors Mel White, Former Ghostwriter for Leaders of Religious Right

Milwaukee-- Mel White, former ghostwriter for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and other leaders of the religious right and now author of the controversial and best-selling *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America*, will appear at AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar on Tuesday, April 25, 1995.

White will begin the evening offering a program titled "To Be Gay and Christian in America" at 6:30 p.m. This talk and discussion will be held at the newly remodeled offices of the Brady East STD Clinic located at 1240 E. Brady Street.

Later, White will appear at AfterWords Bookstore, 2710 N. Murray Avenue, at 8:30 p.m. for a "Meet the Author" informal talk and reception. Both appearances are free and open to the public.

White, a minister of justice with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches has written what is part autobiography and part personal manifesto in *Stranger in*

the Gate. Beginning with his story as a devout Christian, father and preacher, White chronicles his struggles to overcome and later to accept his Gay orientation.

Meanwhile, Fundamentalist leaders begin to increasingly turn to the "homosexual threat" as their rallying cry for fundraising. White grew alarmed at their virulent, anti-Gay rhetoric. Frustrated when his former colleagues refused to respond, let alone meet and discuss the issue with him, White decided to appeal his case directly to the people. His book is the result.

White has continued to anger many of his former Fundamentalist friends. *Stranger at the Gate* provides a fascinating, first hand look at the workings of the religious right today. No longer on the defensive, White declares war on the religious right. His recent hunger strike is an excellent example of that.

For more information, contact Carl M. Szatmary at AfterWords, (414) 963-9089.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Celebrates Eight Years with Concert, Awards Dinner

Milwaukee-- The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus had a lot to celebrate the third weekend in March, starting with a thoroughly enjoyable "The Gay Concert" at Vogel Hall. A departure from the Chorus' traditional offering, "The Gay Concert" featured solo and ensemble performances by the Chorus' brightest and bravest stars in an array of fabulously Gay numbers.

Song, dance, costumes and choreography marked the evening's fare, as well as some original vocal arrangements by Chorus members. An appreciative audience awarded the chorus with a standing ovation and, after the performance, urged the Chorus to make this a yearly event.

The next evening found the Chorus at the Park East Hotel for their Elegant Eight anniversary banquet. The event not only celebrated eight years of great singing and fun, but also celebrated those Chorus members whose contributions deserve distinction.

The Alan L. Davis Award, presented by the Board to that Chorus member whose non-singing contributions have helped to best advance the Chorus' goals, was awarded to Michael Rahm, for his beautiful and eye-catching artwork, as seen in Chorus ads, programs and the new logo.

The recipient of the Golden Record Award, the individual voted by the membership to have given the most to the Chorus, was Audrey "Ma" Mixdorf, who functions as librarian, greeter of new members and visitors and Ma to the whole Chorus.

The final award of the evening, the first annual "Fifi Award," presented in memory of Gene Schilling, was given to the past Board member who, like Gene himself, continued to give his all, above and beyond the call. The award, a pink "ChamPoodle," was given to Jay Reinke, past Chorus president, for his continued work on special projects, including the Anniversary banquet itself.

Rehearsals for the Cream City Chorus continue to be held each Wednesday evening at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor, starting at 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome as the Chorus continues working toward its Spring appearance at PrideFest and the June 24th concert at Vogel Hall. For more information, call (414) 344-WCCC or write: P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1488.

Richard Waswo Photo Show to Premier on May 5

Milwaukee-- Over the past decade, Milwaukee-based artist Richard Waswo has traveled the world, camera in hand, producing a rare collection of images. From the phallic sculpture of a Bangkok fertility shrine to the steps of Malcolm Forbes' home in Tangier, Waswo's camera provides the viewer with a world-wide tour.

Maori aborigines of New Zealand set forth in a huge ceremonial canoe in one Waswo photograph, while an Australian farmer checks the wool of his sheep in another. Waswo eagerly gives us glimpses of landscape, architecture and people far removed from our everyday existence.

Most known for his colorful aerosol paintings, Waswo reveals a more conservative side in vintage looking sepia black and white prints.

"Waswo: Photographs" opens May 5, 1995 at Gallery 218 with music by Jazz Guitarist Jack Grassel from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Gallery 218 is located at 218 S. 2nd Street in Milwaukee. For more information, call (414) 277-7800.

Book Signings, Artists Reception, Added to AfterWords' April Schedule

Milwaukee-- AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar is going to be a very busy place in April with a wide range of events and activities, both in and out of the store.

On Friday, April 14, the author of the popular new book on Gay and Lesbian films, *Images in the Dark*, Raymond Murray, will be bringing his multi-media presentation on Queer Cinema to AfterWords. *Images in the Dark* has captured the explosion of new Gay and Lesbian cinema which has seen the release of such popular recent films as *Go Fish* and *Priscilla: Queen of the Desert*, both soon to be out on video.

Murray will begin his fascinating presentation at 7:30 p.m. Come early. Seating will be limited. As usual, this event is free and open to the public. Free popcorn will be provided.

PrideFest Benefit
AfterWords is also especially pleased to announce a benefit screening of the eagerly awaited Gay film, *The Sum of Us* at Milwaukee's Landmark Downer Theatre on Tuesday, April 18.

(Do any of you know what happened on that date 220 years ago?)

The benefit is co-sponsored by AfterWords, Wisconsin Light and Wisconsin In Step and Samuel Goldwyn Company. All proceeds from this screening will benefit PrideFest. Advance tickets are \$10, \$12 at the door and can be purchased at AfterWords, This Is It, M&M Club, Just Us, the Downer Theatre and In Step.

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 first-ever Lesbian organization in America, the Daughters of Bilitis.

Artists Reception
AfterWords will be hosting an Artists Reception for a trio of talented local artists on Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All artwork will be for sale. Refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

Susan MacArevery has exhibited at AfterWords in the past and now offers a new exhibit. She studied Art Education at St. Rose College in New York and Art Therapy at Mount Mary College. Her interests are in working with abstract art as a therapeutic process. MacArevery works in pencil and pastels.

Lisa Uvenia studied painting at the Art Institute in Chicago. Her main interest lies in the human figure. Of late, Uvenia's primary focus has been her new 10-month-old boy, Nicholas.

Tracy Matabele simply wants to be known with "1962"

Mel White
A late addition to AfterWords schedule for April is an appearance by Mel White, author of *Stranger at the Gate*. See interview and article in this issue.

At the end of the month, AfterWords will be participating in Gay Pride Week at Stevens Point, selling T-shirts, books and various other Gay Pride merchandise.

Finally, throughout the month of April, AfterWords will be featuring a 10% discount on all CD's and cassettes in stock, along with ten new, discounted Pride list titles.

April 18?
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Greg Louganis Receives an Adoring Hero's Welcome No Matter Where he Goes

San Francisco, CA-- They started lining up more than five hours early to meet him, to thank him and to feel his muscled arms around them in hugs of love and support that went both ways.

Looking tanned and fit, Olympic gold medal diver Greg Louganis flashed a 1000-watt smile each time he signed a copy of his new autobiography.

"It's wonderful, the support and love that comes through the line. It just confirms that I did the right thing," the 35-year-old said.

Louganis first openly acknowledged he was Gay at the 1994 Gay Games in New York City. Last month he revealed on national television that he was HIV positive. Since then he has begun a 13-city tour to promote his new book **Breaking the Surface**.

"I feel that finally people are seeing me as a whole person, they're not just seeing me as a diver. That was one of my fears, that people would reject me," he said.

Far from rejecting him, so many people came to meet him that the staff at A Different Light bookstore had Louganis start signing copies of his book at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, more than an hour and a half early. He didn't end until after 10 p.m..

"The first person in line was a woman who showed up at 1 p.m. The next one came at 2 p.m. and by 3 p.m. they were already around the block," said bookstore spokesman Dave Ford.

Frank Romeo and a group of friends had been in line since 5 p.m.

"He's a wonderful role model for Gay people. He's the world's best diver and he just happens to be Gay-- that pretty much says it all," he said.

"Yeah, and he's gorgeous!" another man shouted from further down the line.

Louganis' reception was no less enthusiastic in Dallas, Texas where more than 1,000 people turned up on April 2 at a Dallas bookstore to offer the shyly handsome young man flowers and little gifts.

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progressive political agenda there was the message that we must learn from the politically effective Right in terms of working together with others who share our political beliefs and in learning new ways to effectively mobilize people as a means of electing progressive candidates.

And it is also a reminder that, in a time of widespread concern about rising property and income taxes, that fiscal conservatism does not necessarily equal social conservatism.

Experiences like the recent LGB school board forum show the importance of telling our stories to all of our public leaders and not necessarily closing the door on someone because they define themselves as conservative.

However, regardless, this is a time when bridge-building of all kinds is more important than ever in advancing our rights.



Dim the Lights! Dale E. Kuntz's (above) semi-annual movie collectibles show will be held Sunday, May 7 at the Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham, West Allis, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Over 30 tables of vintage and recent movie and TV posters, stills, videotapes, press kits, lobby cards, books, magazines, scripts and 16 MM films will be for sale or trade. Admission is \$2. For further information, call (414) 466-1877.

Cream City Chorus Concert Was a Case of Too Much Humor and Too Little Song

By Bill Meunier

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus provided its "Gayest" show yet with its Eighth Anniversary concert. While the evening was entertaining, the usually high performance standards of the chorus were not met.

The evening consisted mostly of solos and duets broken up by an auction of outrageous "choir robes." As a group the chorus did only three numbers.

The concert had two great ideas. First to provide an evening of Gay and Lesbian entertainment and secondly to provide an opportunity for chorus members to perform solo or in duets.

The first part of the concept worked wonderfully. Nearly every number had a Gay twist to it. The emcees, the very funny Karen Valentine a.k.a. Michael Johnston and Bill Schumacher (who played the straight man for the one and only time in his life) kept things lively.

In fact, if some of the individual performers had shown the same skills in the chorus that they did separately, the evening would have been a smashing success. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

Several numbers sparkled. Shirl Greeb was wonderful playing Fanny Brice. Pati Arnold and Jay Reinke did an excellent rendition of "Marry the Man Today" from *Guys and Dolls*. Sheila was deliciously sultry singing "OO-LA-LA." Bill Schumacher and Teri Wedner were very good in their final duet together. Wedner and Johnston were simply delightful in "Bosom Buddies." The chorus itself did a very good job in singing "Everything Is Possible."

But musically that was the best that could be said for a long evening. Some of the other numbers were adequate, but did not measure up to the high standards the same performers had set in the past.

Two of the soloists were wholly inadequate. They simply did not have the vocal ability needed to fill a concert hall with the quality of sound a paying audience has a right to expect.

Another major problem was sound. The chorus is at the mercy of the stage hands union for its sound techs. This sound tech was either unfamiliar with the chorus, the setting, the equipment or all of the above. For example, Shirl Greeb was miked in a way that her shoes clattering on the stage floor were heard as loud knocks over the P.A. The piano was so loud that at times instead of accompanying the performers it competed with them.

To make matters even worse the accompaniment provided by the piano was not the best the chorus and its soloists have ever had. Put simply, for most of the concert the accompanist did not seem to be prepared.

Several chorus members indicated that the chorus had a great time with this concert. That is good, performers should enjoy their work, but they should also keep in mind that members of an audience do not buy tickets to watch performers have fun. They buy tickets to be entertained.

The evening as a whole was entertaining, but far too high a proportion of the entertainment came from the emcees and far too little from those they were introducing.

Audiences attend concerts for the music and not for the humor. The humor was great and so was the idea of weaving it into the concert. That idea bears repeating, but only if the

chorus comes to the realization that humor is there to accent an evening full of well performed music and not as a replacement for it.

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Animation fans have two new films for the Easter holiday. Pictured left is an over-confident Goofy demonstrating the not-so-fine points of fishing to his teenage son, Max in Walt Disney's "A Goofy Movie." At right is Hubie (left, voice of Martin Short) the shy, romantic penguin and his cantankerous sidekick, Rocko (voice of Jim Belushi) in MGM's "The Pebble and the Penguin."

Despite its Promise, 'Priest' Never Rises Above a Soap Opera Quality

By Bill Meunier

Priest is a film with great promise. Unfortunately, that promise is lost in a jumble of cardboard characters, stereotyping and unrealistic sub plots woven together to paint an anti-religious picture.

The plot revolves around a young priest, Father Greg Plinkington, played by Linus Roache. Plinkington is newly arrived at a Catholic parish in a poor Liverpool, England neighborhood. Almost immediately he is drawn into conflict with the parish pastor, Father Matthew Thomas played by Tom Wilkinson.



Linus Roache in "Priest"

Plinkington is the more orthodox of the two. He believes in close adherence to church doctrine and practices. Wilkinson, on the other hand, is practicing his own version of liberation theology.

Whatever promise the movie had laid within that conflict. There was real potential to explore the debate between liberals and conservatives within, not only the Catholic Church, but many others as well. That potential went unfulfilled.

Both priests are stereotypical images. Their stilted dialogue often sounds more like a high school seminary debate than reasoned discussion. Only rarely does reasoned and intelligent discussion occur.

The film makers could be forgiven their failure to reach the movie's potential premise if the film was at least realistic. That would have made it somewhat entertaining. Alas it

was not.

The major player in the movie is Father Greg, but almost nothing that happens to him is believable. He is a closeted Gay but has sex in a parking lot in broad daylight. He is a devout Catholic, but after his arrest for public sex tries to commit the ultimate Catholic sin, suicide. He is supposedly an orthodox priest, but he looks the other way as Father Thomas and his housekeeper carry on an affair. After just one tryst with another Gay man, Graham, he is madly in love with him.

The film makers would have us believe that Father Greg is struggling with another moral dilemma. A young girl, Lisa, tells him that her father is abusing her. Plinkington tells her to go home and tell her father to stop. His problem is that Lisa told him this information inside of the confessional therefore according to the movie he can not reveal it without violating "the seal of the confessional."

In reality the seal of the confession only applies to confessed sins, not to private conversations especially when these conversations take place after confession. This manufactured crisis seems to have been inserted in an attempt to portray the Catholic church as a rigid unfeeling institution.

There are times when even Catholics feel that way about their church, but the film makers could have picked a better, more realistic way to portray that feeling.

After Father Greg's disgrace he is exiled to a rural parish. In rushes Father Thomas eager to defend the young sinner. This scenario of the older popular pastor defending the young Gay priest has been done in other movies and it has been done much better than it was in this one.

The older priest defends his protégé telling the congregation that God doesn't care "what a man does with his dick." Which was just one more line in a series of unbelievable lines that pass for this movie's dialogue.

Certainly, the Catholic Church is not above criticism, and film can be a valid and effective vehicle for that criticism. Such criticism succeeds only when it is grounded in fact and done with believable dialogue, credible characters and some semblance of a believable plot.

It's a shame, really. The premise was promising. Roache is a very attractive actor and the sex scenes between him and Graham are very well done. But good movies need more than that.

They need real characters, a realistic plot and a script that doesn't read like some cheap B grade soap opera.

Priest will open April 19 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

'Don Juan De Marco' is Homoerotic Enough to Show Johnny Depp at His Simmering Best

By Dolores Barclay

A young man who vaguely resembles an overripe Zorro is about to hurl himself to his death from atop a billboard. He proclaims he is Don Juan, the world's greatest lover. He has lost his only love, and has nothing to live for.

The police call a psychiatrist, Dr. Jack Mickler, who is about to retire from practice. Jack talks down the young man, agreeing he is indeed the legendary lover. The delusional young man then is committed to a local facility for a 10-day evaluation to determine if he is suicidal and dangerous.

After a disastrous try with another shrink, Mickler becomes Don Juan's doctor. And thus begins a delightfully offbeat, romantic and wistful journey through the wonders of imagination-- Jeremy Leven's **Don Juan De Marco**.

The movie pairs two exceptional actors, Marlon Brando and Johnny Depp, and they make for a wonderful juxtaposition-- the spidery and simmeringly sensual Depp with his poetic flourishes and romantic sensitivity,

The humor in **Don Juan De Marco** is subtle and sweet, like a good lover. It caresses, rather than grabs you; makes you smile, rather than fall out of your seat. And, like a good lover, it tweaks you with its mysterious ways and charms you with its wit.

What's real? What's the truth? The truth is inside you, as Don Juan's mother tells Mickler. And so he must look to himself as he attempts to resolve the young man's fate.

There's good support all around, from Rachel Ticotin as Don Juan's mother, Dunaway as Marilyn and Bob Dishy as Dr. Paul Showalter.

Don Juan De Marco springs from an original screenplay by Leven, who is making his directorial debut. But the story is highly reminiscent of **Man Facing Southeast**, a 1987 critically acclaimed film by Argentine director Eliseo Subiela.

In Subiela's work, a charming young man with dark, good looks claims to be from another planet and, as his psychiatrist treats him, the doctor starts to re-examine his life and finds the young man's story-- and powers--



Romance Time--Don Juan DeMarco (Johnny Depp) with his infamous mask in the new film "Don Juan DeMarco" which is playing in theatres nationwide.

contrasted with the ballooning Brando, who still carries a twinkle in his eye.

Don Juan and Mickler form a symbiotic relationship that skirts of the fringes of Gay love, as the sexy young man (every older Gay man's dream) spins his romantic life story. His poetic meanderings and fantastic adventures jump-start the burned-out shrink's sex life and idea of love, and he is forced to re-examine not only his life, but his relationship with his dutiful wife, Marilyn (Faye Dunaway).

Slowly, Mickler comes to regard Don Juan as delusional, but certainly not insane and, against the judgment of his superior, he refuses to medicate the youth. That is, until he meets Don Juan's grandmother, who tells quite a different story about her grandson's life and his parents.

Just as in **Ed Wood**, Depp's comedic timing is perfect. He drops such lines as "The power of love of Don Juan is eternal and will not be denied" without batting an eye. And Brando is able to laugh at himself as Mickler tells a cop at the suicide scene, "I hear you're putting on a little weight."

But his weight can be a distraction, as is his labored breathing as he enters and exits a scene. Then, there's the problem of spotting a hearing aid in his ear--used for feeding him his lines. (Liam Neeson also can be seen wearing one in **Rob Roy**.)

Unfortunately, Brando also still speaks with marbles in his mouth and, in a few scenes, can be caught sucking on candy.

But fortunately, he's still Brando, and he brings a wealth of experience and solid business to his portrayal. He's an actor's actor, one who gets more across with a mere facial move than the best dialogue.

believable.

Don Juan De Marco was produced by American Zoetrope and is a New Line Cinema release. It is rated PG-13 for nudity and sexual content.

Is Daytime the BestD Time for You?

Milwaukee-- Historically, most of BestD Clinic's services have been offered during evening hours. Since most BestD volunteers work full-time, their availability to offer their skills and time is limited to "after work" hours.

Now the Brady Street Clinic would welcome a few good people who are looking for something important to do during the day. It's an ideal opportunity for those who are retired and would like to volunteer.

The Board is attempting to staff the facility at 1240 E. Brady Street weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tasks are assigned based on the volunteer's interests and skills. Each day involves providing a live voice for the Clinic's phone line to make appointments, provide information on services and make referrals.

Manager of Support Services, Ralph Resenhoeft, is pleased that several people have already offered their services. He would like to involve at least 3 or 4 more. If this appeals to you and days are the BestD time for you, please call Ralph or Erv Uecker at the Clinic. (414) 272-2144.



GLAAD executive director Ellen Carton and awards presenter Barbara Walters congratulate NBC "Nightly News" executive producer Jeff Gralnick at the 6th Annual GLAAD Media Awards held in New York City March 16 at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mr. Gralnick accepted the award for Outstanding TV New Program on behalf of the NBC "Nightly News" series "Gay in America." More than a thousand guests and honorees attended.

Announcements

Fifth Annual Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest

Milwaukee-- The 5th Annual Daddy/Leather Daddy's Boy contest will be held the weekend of May 12-14 and will kick off with the daddy's boy contest at the Wreck Room on Friday, May 12 at 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, May 13, there will be a banquet at the M&M Club to which everyone is invited to meet last year's daddy and daddy's boy winners as well as the guest judges. The banquet starts at 6:00 p.m. The daddy contest will be held at the 1100 Club on Saturday evening, May 13, beginning at 10:30 p.m. Banquet and weekend passes are available at the Boot Camp, 1100 Club, the Wreck Room or from members of the Argonauts in Green Bay, the Unicorns in Madison or the Oberons or Castaways in Milwaukee. Anyone interested in entering the contests may pick up an application blank at any of the sponsoring organizations.

GALVANize Holding T-Shirt Design Contest

Madison--GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance of Madison, is holding a T-shirt design contest for the 1995 Pride Celebration to be held on Sunday, July 16, 1995. The suggested theme for the event is "From Silence to Celebration." Entries for the design contest should be limited to three colors plus black on 8 1/2 by 11 white background. The winning submission will remain the property of GALVANize through the weekend of the pride event. The winner of the contest will receive two free T-shirts. Contest deadline is Monday, May 8. Send entries to: P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701.

Outreach Milwaukee Needs You

Milwaukee-- Do you have a winning smile, engaging personality and possess the ability to attract people of the same sex? The Outreach Milwaukee, the LesBiGay outreach program, needs you. The program, sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), is looking for stimulating Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered volunteers to provide outreach to Milwaukee's hottest bars, festivals and fund-raisers.

MAP will provide you with the necessary information in order for you to put your special skills and talents to work. By becoming a part of Outreach Milwaukee, you will be able to make a difference by spreading information about HIV prevention and care services. For more info, call Outreach Milwaukee at (414) 225-1563.

SAGE Milwaukee

Milwaukee-- On Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee County Medical School's Center for AIDS Intervention and Research (CAIR) building at 1249 N. Franklin Place (between Prospect and Juneau), SAGE Milwaukee will hold a discussion on AIDS and the Older Gay and Lesbian. The discussion will be led by Dr. Jeffrey Kelly, CAIR's Executive Director. The event is free and open to the public.

On Sunday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Theatre X, 158 N. Broadway, Fifth Column Productions in association with Theatre X will present Martin Sherman's award-winning play *Bent*. SAGE Milwaukee has taken a block of tickets for this performance and will provide an elegant after theatre party. Cost for each ticket is \$7 and reservations are required. Call (414) 271-0378 after 4:00 p.m. or on weekends.

GAMMA Plans Many Mid-April Events

Milwaukee-- Milwaukee GAMMA's annual kiting event will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Veterans Park on Lake Michigan, on Sunday, April 23--meet at the Gift of Wings Rental Shop. Brunch will precede the kiting at M&M's at 12:15 p.m. For the kiting aficionados, GAMMA will participate with Minneapolis' Outwoods group on September 9 for the Frank Mots Kite Festival at Veterans Park. Call (414) 963-9833 for membership information and a free copy of GAMMA's newsletter.

MASN Teen Volunteers to Hold Forum

Madison-- Teen volunteers for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) invites the community, especially parents, to join them in an open forum to discuss the issues surrounding sex and AIDS among teenagers. The forum happens Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the West High School Library, 30 Ash Street. The event is being coordinated by MASN's teen peer educators, also known as the HIT Squad, and Sue Pegg RN, of the West High School Nurses' Office. The students will be facilitating the discussion, along with Mary Jo Hussey, RN, of the Madison Department of Public Health. They will be discussing their views on the AIDS epidemic, sex education, peer influences, the media and how parents can open a dialogue with their children on these issues. For more information, call John Rademacher at MASN, (608) 252-6540.

LesBiGay Council Strengthens HIV Prevention

Milwaukee-- Do you have ideas or suggestions about the state of HIV prevention in the Gay and Lesbian Community? Come discuss your interests at the LesBiGay Advisory Council meeting sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in various locations throughout Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25. For more information, please call (414) 225-1563.

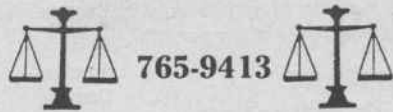
Dane County Advocates for Battered Women

Madison-- Dane County Advocates for Battered Women is currently seeking survivors of domestic violence who are interested in educating the community about this devastating problem. If you are ready to speak about your experience as a victim of domestic violence or as a child from a violent home, attend our speaker's bureau training on April 19 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call (608) 251-1237 and ask for Judy or Mary.

Dane County Advocates for Battered Women is currently recruiting volunteers for its 24-hour crisis line in our new Hospital Advocacy Program. Training begins on June 1. For more information, call the above number.

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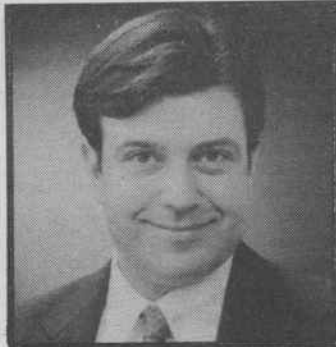
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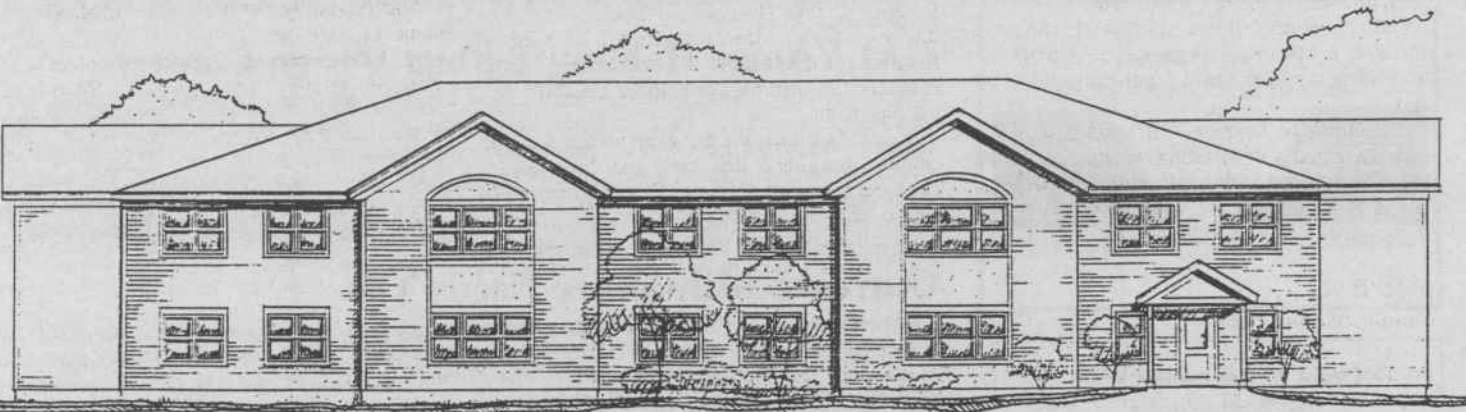
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On Schedule—Architectural drawings are shown of the Rodney Scheel House project in Madison. Pictured on top is the 17 unit, two story building (front elevation) and below is the 6 unit, one story building (front elevation). Completion of the project is set for July.



The Rodney Scheel House under construction

Grinkeys to Hold Major Fundraiser to Help Pay Legal Bills and Continue Their Fight

By Sue Burke

Milwaukee—A May 19th fundraising dinner will help a Green Bay Lesbian couple pay legal bills in their effort to jointly adopt a little girl.

Annette Grinkey wants to adopt 9-year-old Angel, the child of Annette's partner, Georgina Grinkey. Their case went to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which ruled in June, 1994, that same-sex couples can't adopt under state law. Only legally married couples may jointly adopt.

The Grinkey's attorney had argued that state law says the paramount consideration in an adoption is the best interests of the child. The attorney argued that Angel would be better off with Annette as her second parent because Angel would have access to Annette's health and life insurance as well as protection if Georgina died.

Three justices agreed, but four others voted no. The majority decision said any efforts in the case should be directed toward changing Wisconsin's prohibition of same-sex marriages.

The Grinkeys plan to try a new strategy for adoption, but meanwhile, they face a \$9,000 balance on legal bills that have reached \$25,000 so far—despite a two-thirds reduction in fees by the attorney's legal firm.

Local organizations have come together to host the May 19 "Adopt Angel Benefit." The organizations include Northern Womyn, Positive Voice, Appleton's Gay and Lesbian Education and Economic Development Alliance and the bar, SASS.

This is the first time northeastern Wisconsin organizations have joined together on a project. One organizer said the event might prove to be one of the largest Gay and Lesbian social events in the Green Bay area.

The evening will begin with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. at the Swan Club, 1950 Dickinson Road, De Pere. A family-style chicken and rib dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The Grinkeys' attorney, Judith Sperling Newton, will speak.

A concert by Madison singer-songwriter Mary Waitrovich will follow. She has appeared at the Chicago Mountain Movin' Coffeehouse and Southern Womyn's Music and Comedy Festival.

Tickets will cost \$20. Checks, made out to the Angel Fund, should be sent to P.O. Box 2483, Green Bay, WI 54306-2483, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope so tickets

can be mailed back. All tickets must be purchased in advance and all orders must be received by May 12.

The case has generated more publicity than the Grinkeys expected, including articles in *Newsweek* and *USA Today*. Georgina said the publicity has generated "loads and loads of support" from both straight and Gay people.

"I think if we didn't have all the support that we do have, we'd have been crushed a long time ago" because every delay and denial disheartens the family, she said. People at check-out counters, families in their church and Annie's co-workers at the Brown County Sheriff's Department have offered support.

"People we don't even know send letters or give us a call once in awhile," Georgina said.

Madison's Rodney Scheel House Moves Ahead on Schedule

By Denise Starkey

In the light of Congress' recent maneuverings with the federal budget, it has been difficult to keep up with the cuts Congress has made and the cuts Congress has undone regarding AIDS care, prevention and housing dollars for persons with AIDS.

Unprecedented questions have been raised by HUD's historic decision to also consider rescinding dollars already encumbered. What, if any, impact are these budget deliberations having on the Rodney Scheel House?

"We're continuing to press forward," reports the Madison AIDS Support Network's (MASN) Acting Executive Director David Clarenbach. "We're keeping a close eye on changes, but we have no choice other than to move ahead in good faith. Our programming would be immobilized if we gave into all the worries. We never have any guarantees."

Each housing project is different. The Rodney Scheel House is the only housing project of its kind in the state. More than three years of development resulted in a coalition of funding sources. Dollars come from private donors, an 811 grant from HUD and HOME funds which are administered by the City of Madison.

In addition, the City of Madison and MASN have received a \$990,000 Housing Options for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant. HOPWA dollars are currently under the federal budget ax. HOPWA dollars fund support services ranging from rental assistance and home health care to harm reduction and AODA programs. The City of Madison has already received the check for the three-year grant.

"While HUD has been given the authority to rescind dollars already encumbered," Clarenbach explained. "The thing to remember is that it is much easier and less of a bureaucratic nightmare to cut unspent dollars."

Construction on the Rodney Scheel House is moving ahead on schedule. The anticipated date of opening is August 1, 1995. Applications for the facility will be accepted beginning in mid-June, 1995.

Reports from MASN and MAP are that their housing projects continue to move forward as scheduled and HOPWA funds will continue to be available to support these projects. Saving the HOPWA program from the federal budget cuts will assure that the Madison and Milwaukee housing programs will be completed and continued over many years.

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tion in order to stay in service, and falsely interprets a service member's acknowledgment of homosexuality as admitting to the "likelihood" of misconduct.

"The court regards the definition and treatment of these terms to be nothing short of Orwellian," said the judge, who ruled after hearing three days of testimony earlier this month.

Dohrn said earlier that the Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits "sodomy"—defined as oral or anal sex—by any service members but in practice is enforced only against Gays.

"To presume from a person's status that he or she will commit undesirable acts is an extreme measure," Nickerson said. "Hitler taught the world what could happen when the government began to target people not for what they had done but because of their status."

The judge scoffed at the government's contention that the policy protected the privacy of heterosexual service members.

"The latrines and the barracks became no more private than they were before," he said.

The government had also contended that Gay people were detrimental to military "unit cohesion" and morale. Nickerson said that even if heterosexual members were upset by discovering a colleague was Gay, it "does not justify a discriminatory policy."

A Gay officer at Offutt Air Force Base says he is encouraged by Nickerson's ruling. Captain Rich Richenberg, an electronic warfare officer, has been fighting a forced discharge from the military after telling his commander nearly two years ago that he is Gay.

While Nickerson's ruling does not directly affect him, Richenberg said he was hopeful that the ruling would encourage the secretary of the Air Force, Sheila Widnall, not to force him out of the military.

The court ruling could also help him if he decided to file a lawsuit, he said.

Offutt officials, however, said the New York ruling would not change the way they administer the policy.

Government Will Appeal

On Thursday, April 6, Solicitor General Drew S. Days, speaking on behalf of the Clinton Administration, announced that the government will appeal Nickerson's ruling to the U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York.

Those familiar with the case say that nothing about this move surprises them. It was generally expected that the government would appeal an adverse decision and that the case will eventually be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Brienza Lawsuit Brings Milwaukee Right Wing Broadcaster Vic Eliason to Heel

Washington, D.C.— Five years after she was fired from United Press International (UPI) for being a Lesbian, former Supreme Court reporter Julie Brienza announced a \$255,000 settlement on April 5 of the lawsuit she brought against the news agency and Vic Eliason, a right-wing Milwaukee religious broadcaster who led an on-air campaign to have her dismissed.

"What we have achieved today is simple justice," Brienza said, who was at UPI for 4 1/2 years when she was terminated. "Five years ago, a crumbling wire service caved into the prejudice of a radical right broadcaster. Today, my journalistic integrity has been vindicated."

Eliason, an avowed Christian, said he and his insurance carrier agreed to pay reporter Julie Brienza \$255,000 in an out-of-court settlement only to avoid the expense of further litigation.

As part of the settlement, Eliason also agreed to issue a public statement in which he acknowledges the "principle of equal employment opportunities for Gay men and Lesbians in the media."

"Eliason's acknowledgement is an important first step in the on-going struggle to achieve true equal rights for Gays," said Lambda co-operating attorney Lynne Bernabei from the D.C. law firm of Bernabei & Katz. "It is an important symbol to have...Eliason, a man who devoted his life to conducting hate-campaigns admit that Lesbian and Gay journalists have a right to participate on equal footing basis with all others."

"Sexual orientation should not be a litmus test for reporters," said Suzanne B. Goldberg, staff attorney at Lambda and co-counsel in the case. "The settlement should remind the radical right that targeting Lesbian and Gay journalists for sabotage involves a hefty price tag."

As reported in Wisconsin Light at the time, in 1990, while researching a freelance article for the Washington Blade, a D.C.-based paper that focuses on the LesBiGay community, Brienza contacted Eliason.

When Eliason learned that Brienza also worked for UPI, he took to the air on his evening Milwaukee TV show, "In Focus," to complain and complain again, that since Brienza was writing for the Blade, "a homosexual paper," she could not be objective in her reporting.

As one listener to the show said, Eliason made clear that he wanted UPI to fire Brienza, who he outed as a Lesbian.

"In Focus" is broadcast on WVCY-TV, a station owned by Eliason.

Brienza said that only a few close friends knew she was a Lesbian before the incident. The controversy revealed her sexual orientation to radio audiences nationwide.

Brienza's attorneys said UPI first resisted Eliason's complaints, but dismissed her after listeners jammed the news service's switchboard with angry calls denouncing Gay people.

"I never urged UPI to breach any contract it had with the plaintiff," Eliason protested to the Associated Press. "In fact, I had been told by one UPI official that she had violated company regulations and by another that it appeared she had a conflict of interest," Eliason said.

Brienza, 33, of Arlington, Virginia, sued UPI and Eliason in November 1990, claiming Eliason conspired with other conservative broadcasters to urge thousands of their listeners to call UPI to complain about her in April 1990. At the time, UPI said she was dismissed because she violated company rules about writing for other publications.

As part of the discovery process in the suit, Wisconsin Light was called by Eliason's D.C. attorneys and informed that the paper must send all of its back issues to them. There were 100 at the time.

The reply was that the paper was ready to comply, but that it would cost—and it did. The papers were not sent until the check had been received.

Eliason was scheduled to sign the settlement agreement on April 5, said Lynne Bernabei, one of Brienza's attorneys.

Five years ago, Eliason demanded my firing, Brienza said. "When UPI acquiesced, the broadcaster told his listening audience across the country, 'Christianity has triumphed,'" Brienza told a news conference Wednesday, April 5. "Part of me today wants to counter, 'Gays and Lesbians have triumphed.'"

Eliason said he was only concerned about Brienza's ability to write objective news stories.

Brienza's lawyers said UPI first resisted Eliason's complaints, but dismissed her after listeners jammed the news service's switchboard with angry calls.

UPI said Brienza was fired for violating rules that prohibited employees from freelancing on company time, doing outside work that could compete with UPI or writing articles that take an advocacy position, the suit said.

Brienza's suit against UPI is pending. Trial was set to begin May 8, but Bernabei said she expected to settle the matter out of court although company lawyers haven't showed up for court hearings. Brienza is asking the com-

pany for an apology.

UPI declined comment, saying the controversy occurred before its ownership changed hands in June 1992.

"All of that happened five years ago, and that was under the old company. We really haven't been involved with that," UPI spokeswoman Annette Chapin said.

After 11 months of unemployment, she got a job with a newsletter, and she now works as an associate editor for a legal magazine, she said.

"I couldn't be happier," Brienza said. "We have corrected a devastating wrong-- a wrong that was motivated by two equal forces: the hatred of a radical right-wing broadcaster and the cowardice of a crumbling wire service."

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includes \$168 million elimination of HOPWA and a House-Senate Conference Committee will make the final decision on the HOPWA funds.

"Our chances in conference are good because even on the House side, there is growing support for HOPWA," Nelson said.

"It is important for everyone to call and/or write their members of Congress over the current Congressional recess to urge them to support the HOPWA program by assuring that it is not in the Rescission Bill," Nelson said.

While Nelson was optimistic about the Conference Committee decision on HOPWA, he said that President Clinton has expressed a

Lesbian Couple File Discrimination Suit After Insemination Denied

Minneapolis, MN—A lawsuit accusing a doctor of discrimination for refusing to provide artificial insemination for a Lesbian couple pits physicians' rights against patients' rights, experts say.

Choosing a physician "is essentially a contractual agreement in which both parties have to agree," said H. Leonard Boche, executive director of the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. "I don't think it's under the category of 'have to.' I think it would be optional" for the physician.

Patricia Gambill, the attorney for the Lesbian couple, disagrees. She calls the case one of clear-cut discrimination. "It's a matter of simple fairness," she said.

In their Hennepin County District Court suit, Karen Heeney and Julia Beatty say Dr. Lisa Erhard told them she was uncomfortable doing the procedure and advised them to seek help elsewhere.

"The doctor was willing to inseminate ... right up until she found out the patient was part of a Lesbian couple," Gambill said.

"The question strikes me as something akin to, if this were 1963 and you were Black and you're refused service at the lunch counter

warning that he is likely to veto the Rescissions Bill.

"We have the opportunity either with the conference committee or the President to save HOPWA and continue to make housing funds available to the AIDS community," Nelson said.

(being told), 'Why don't you just go eat somewhere else?'"

Erhard's attorney, Rebecca Moos, said Erhard turned the women away because she was not experienced with the artificial insemination procedure. Erhard denies discriminating against the women, Moos said.

"She (certainly) didn't refuse medical treatment because of sexual orientation," Moos said. Erhard offered to be the couple's physician for prenatal services, said Moos. "She said she'd care for them if they got pregnant."

A doctor generally is not obligated to accept a patient, but also cannot discriminate, said Susan Wolf, an associate professor of law and medicine at the University of Minnesota and an associate at the university's Center for Biomedical Ethics.

The case raises an interesting issue for providers of professional services, said Maury Landsman, a University of Minnesota law professor who specializes in discrimination law.

"As a lawyer, I don't think I can say I'm only going to serve white people ... or straight people," he said.

Erhard has since left Obstetrics and Gynecology West clinic in St. Louis Park for unrelated reasons, Moos said.

Thomas Adams, a lawyer for the clinic, said it intends to dispute the facts of the case. "We don't think the case has any merit either under the facts or the law."

The plaintiffs declined to comment on the case and Gambill wouldn't say whether the women had sought another physician, or whether one of them eventually was artificially inseminated.

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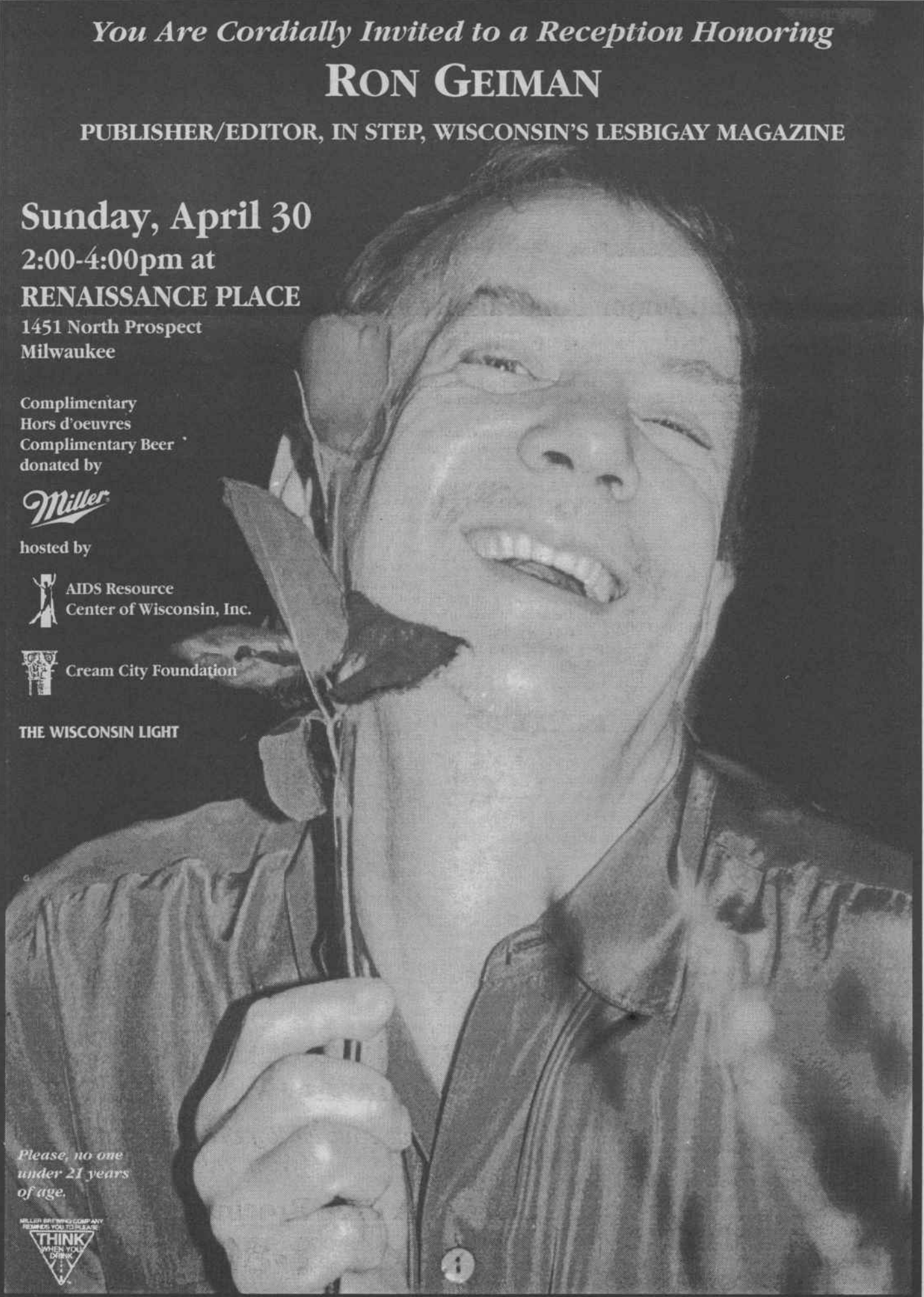
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Ironridge **MORNING FUN:** Dwayne 47 BIWM married looking for times with other men mornings only thanks! #37441

Wausau **BI MALE,** Brian, give me a call waiting to hear from you iso a male 18-20 for a relationship- #31045

Oshkosh **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Brad, 20 coll student, like music conv and quiet nights out- lkg for someone caring and sensuous, if u match that give me a call #37472

Milwaukee **WANNA WATCH?** 25 GWM, true voyeur, if u have a show for me to watch, let me know when and where- #37475

Hurley **COLLEGE STUDENT:** 19 5'6, 145, brn/brn, like music and movies, non smoker/drinker new at this lv a message- #37495

Milwaukee **BEAR DADDY:** Brian, 36 5'9 185, must hairy chest, iso a new facet to my life, iso bear daddy 40-45 in the area- like to be outdoors, nature, movies to reading to dining, trying new things iso some wild sizzling nites, give a call- #37541

Milwaukee **HAIRY ARABS** wanted by GWM, 38, very hairy orally excellent, give it a try- #37564

Milwaukee **NEW TO SCENE** bi male, 47 164, iso younger GWM, top bottom int in b and d and french, to show me the ropes- #37577

Marquette **GREG 28,** looking to meet men 18-35 if ur interested give me a call- #37646

Sheboygan **SKY DIVER:** Eric, 20 Bi WM, major in criminal justice 5'8 140, blond/blu, like sky diving, and riding a horse, if ur bi or gay 18-22 and have a keen sense of adventure! #37712

Milwaukee **THEATRE ARTS:** Robert GWM, 32, 6', 190, med brn/hzl, like working out, music, into theatre, arts, musical theatre, community theatre, prof'l, looking for a long term rel, like to find some good friends, best friend and lover, #19866

Madison **NICK, 22 5'10,** just moved here like quiet nights at home, theatre, music dancing, not really into bars iso someone career oriented give me a call- #38079

Green Bay **FEMALE IMPERSONATOR:** Gay Indian Male, 30 5'9 130 like to party have fun times, alone together snuggling, female impersonator/entertainer, long hair iso a plus- butch and short men- #38099

Milwaukee **LET'S EXPERIMENT:** GM 34 5'11 attr, like to find someone to have fun with, vers like to experiment call me- #38156

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Madison **JEFF GWM, 26, 5'2, 120** lb brn/blu, iso GWM 21-30 who has a var of interests like biking, long walks, night on the town iso friendship poss long term rel- #38285

Milwaukee **BLOND WEIGHTLIFTER:** Tim, East Side, 23 5'4, 130, lb blond/grn, slightly hairy like w/lifting, like to dance, plays movies, avant garde independent, open minded and have a good sense of humor, lv a message- #38315

Brown Deer **LOOKING FOR LEATHERMEN:** Brent, looking for masc leather top men, well end'd novice iso slave training and kicking back W/S looking for guys for afternoon fun-BM HM guys extremely muscular a plus- #38404

Kenosha **BIWM 40 and 21** iso bi or gay men 18-25 like heavy metal concerts, social drinking-give us a call- #38414

Milwaukee **MARRIED WM 6'4,** 230, iso of men in the area to get together with morning or aft, tp iso btms like men who are willing to pls - #36390

Milwaukee **GWM, 24, STUDENT** lkg for same 18-25, 150-200 5'9 6'2 190, lkg to have fun and exciting times, new to scene- #36412

Cedarburg/Port WA **IS THERE A DR. IN THE HOUSE?** Brent, 42, 5'10 180 brn/.blu must, lkg for a gay doctor or dentist in the area for when I move up there, like to keep my business in the community give me a call- #36419

Sheboygan **BI BLACK MALES:** Mike, like to meet bi BM in the area - discreet- #36504

Milwaukee **PRETTY BOY:** Chris, GWM, 6'1 176 dk/hzl, pretty boy, med build, lkg for masc GWM 22-39 for a long term rel, if you have a good build a plus, like holding hands and going out for good times, give me a call- #36545

Milwaukee **DANCING AND SINGING:** Evan BM 5'9 160, like to go shopping travelling dancing singing much more iso WM 18-33, give me a call- #36589

Browndale **MOVING TO YOUR AREA:** Brent, 42, 5'10 180 brn/blu must fairly

hairy, moving to Cedarburg/Port Washington area, looking to make friends ahead of time, like leather bars, btm lkg for friends, people to hang out with- #36619

Wausau **OUTDOORS AND NATURE:** Tom, 30, 5'8, 155, good shape honest non smoker not into bars, like outdoors, nature and working on my cottage, iso 25-35 new to scene inexp, friends first, pls write! #36694

Milwaukee **HAIRY ITALIAN:** Peter, 5'8, 150, Italian blk hair must grn, 31w, nice legs, hairy chest, iso other Bi guys that are looking for a good friend, like football baseball kick boxing, iso a driving companion to go to AZ- pref hairy chest- #36707

Milwaukee **MASCULINE BLONDE:** 29, blond/blu masc nice guy iso guys in the area lkg for tall big, dk/dk, lv a message or give me a call- #36781

Milwaukee **SENSUAL MESSAGES:** GWM, 40 attr loves to give sensual massages to GWM, #36816

Milwaukee **PROFESSIONAL BLACK MALE:** Attn Black men gdlkg fit bi WM 6'2 185 iso mature prof'l gay bi BM 40-45 for occasional private get togethers- #36794

Lake Geneva **OUTDOOR SPORTS:** GWM, 5'11, 250, brn/brn, looking for friends in the area, I enjoy alot of outdoor sports, like gardening swimming and I'm int in meeting - give me a call- #36891

Milwaukee **LET'S TALK MORE:** Lance 27, 5'10 blond/hzl, 180, like to talk further you can give me a call- #36957

Sheboygan **EROTIC ART:** BIM looking to have fun in the mornings, like to paint erotic art, if ur interested, give me a call- #27780

Milwaukee **LOVE THE OUTDOORS:** Brian, 26, 5'8, 160, lkg for guys ages 18-28, int are outdoors, just about everything, lv a message- #35354

Milwaukee **INEXPERIENCED BM,** like a teacher, to teach me the fonder things of Gay life, pref WM or HM, tp, could be btm, if ur interested, give me a call, 6'2, 210, like to meet that perfect or close to perfect mate- #36994

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** 24, 5'7, 140 brn/brn iso other college students around my age for candlelight romantic dinners- very discreet, very masc and like masc men, lv a message- #37001

Appleton **BIKE WITH ME:** Jim, looking for someone to do biking with me this spring road or mtn- lv a message- bye! #22935

Milwaukee **MATURE MAN:** WM 6'2 285 bald 50s, int in safe no strings rel, with mature gay or bi male any race, first exp, workout partner a plus- #37128

Milwaukee **POLISH YOUR BOOTS, SIR?** Rich, 26, dk hair/eyes hairy and cln cut, int in being dom, like to svc, boot svc int in under 35 in shape cln 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 imp't heart imp't 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 cln 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

Menominee **GOOD FOOD AND GOOD TIMES:** Robert, looking for some friendship, like good food, good times, good company- #35599

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, blond/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,** blond/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+ l'm GWM 28 5'9 155, brn/grn attr, iso GAM to get together have fun see what happens, lv a message- bye! #36333

WI **NEW TO SCENE:** Steve, GM new to scene like to meet someone to help me out of the closet, like CD and be with him- #11250

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee **HAIR FETISH:** head for hair, hair fetishist, passion for blondes with thick long hair, lv your name and # #28881

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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, blond/blu, swimmers build, pretty smooth, like to talk to guys give me a call- #29408

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Milwaukee **GM 21 6'2, 190,** blk/brn mustache, smoker, int are like volleyball, pool, swim, have a good time, go to bars and have a great time, iso a serious rel, lkg for someone fairly attr, close to my age- #37975

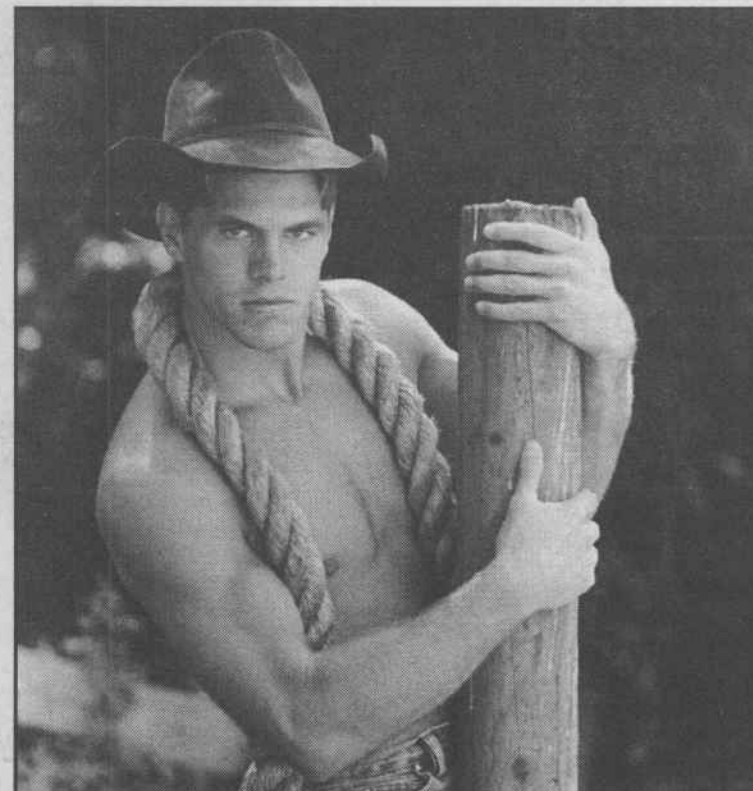
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want change, but I don't think people are calling for an entire reordering of our society.

WL: What is Gingrich like?

TB: He's a very bright man and he's very obsessed with power. He loves the power that goes along with being Speaker of the House.

WL: Do you see him wanting higher office?

TB: I think in his mind he sees himself going higher, but the public certainly hasn't warmed up to him as much as he would have liked. I think it's because the public recognizes an extremist when they see one.

WL: What's going on in the White House. Some people have the impression that it's floundering. Is it?

TB: The White House is not on center stage right now. It's still searching for the appropriate response. The next several months will be key, because the Contract has now moved out of the House and goes to the Senate, where I think, you'll see more moderation. If Newt told House Republicans to jump a 100 feet, they'd jump 100 feet. In the Senate, you won't see that.

In the Senate, you've got many people who served in Washington in the 1980s when they saw the result of the exploding deficit that occurred because of the 1981 changes in the tax law.

WL: As we approach 1996, a presidential year, what is your sense of what's going on in the Parties?

TB: There certainly is a reevaluation going on among Democratic party members and elected officials. Our message is one that has certainly been muted by the cries from the Republicans. It's not sexy. Fairness for all is not a sound bite message.

WL: Do you see any Democrat challenging Clinton?

TB: It's still conceivable. You could have a Jesse Jackson challenging from the left, a Bob Casey on the right. Both those are potentials. And the question still remains about a third party.

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WL: Who do you think the Republicans will nominate?

TB: Bob Dole certainly looks more moderate compared to Newt Gingrich. He's certainly the insider's candidate right now. How he plays to the mainstream is another question. Phil Gramm is the darling of the Right Wing and would certainly make it a divisive presidential campaign. I think Dole or Gramm are the front runners at this time.

WL: What about AIDS issues and this new Congress?

TB: I'm hopeful. The first signs were not encouraging because the Appropriations Committee in the House went after some of the housing money, but the Senate certainly has taken a much more moderate view again and restored the funding.

And even on the floor of the House, there were a large number of Representatives who showed their vocal displeasure with the actions of the Appropriations Committee. As a result, the chairman indicated he would be willing to work to restore those cuts.

I was also encouraged by the actions in the Senate on the Ryan White Reauthorization Act, in particular for states like Wisconsin who have suffered because of the inequities in the formula. I think you'll see some positive changes there.

So, I'm guardedly optimistic that we'll be able to do something.

WL: What about Gay/Lesbian issues and the Republican Party?

TB: It's still divisive within the Republican Party. There are a lot of moderates in the Republican Party who have made it clear that they will bolt on some of these issues (Gay/Lesbian) if they are going to use social issues as wedge issues, either in legislation or in the coming campaign.

WL: What's your impression of President Clinton?

TB: I'd never want to be scored on the same curve on an SAT test with him. He's a very smart man. If he has a problem, it's that he's trying to appeal to everyone at the same time. His heart's in the right place. I'm hopeful that the President won't fall into the trap of letting the Republicans set the agenda in terms of vision of community, fairness, bringing people together.

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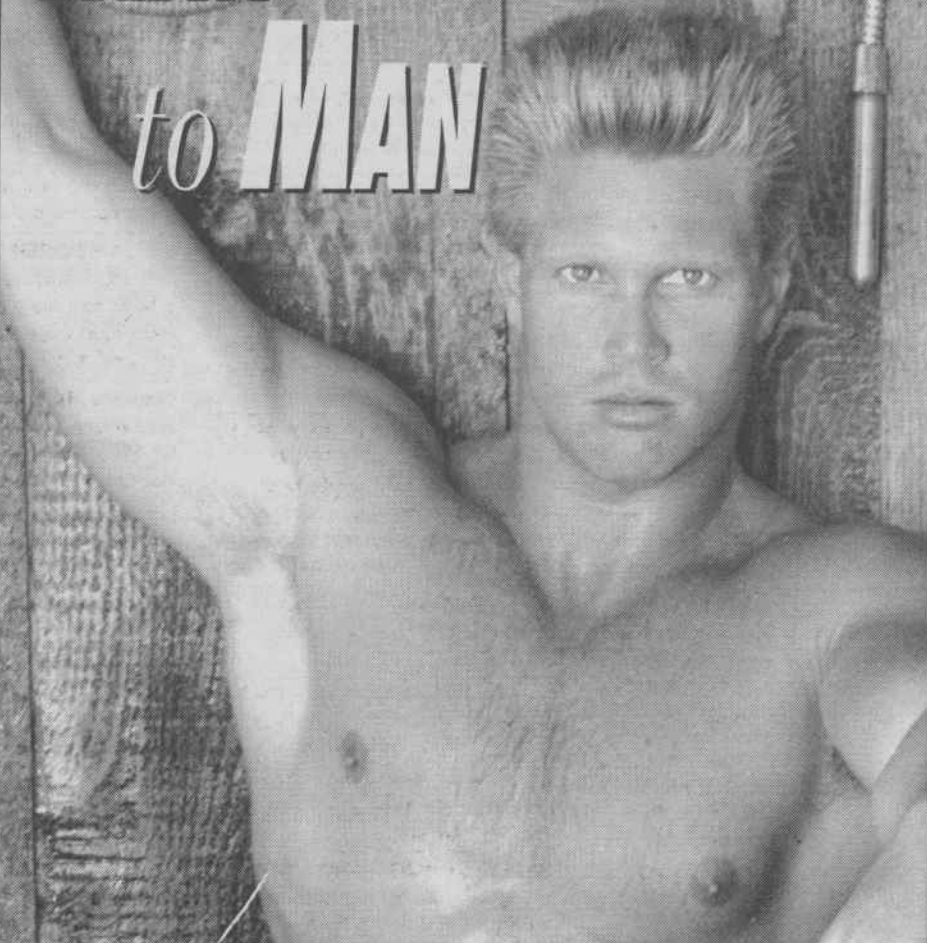
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