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The Wisconsin Light

Maine's Anti-Gay Ballot Measure Set to Go to Voters in Less Than Thirty Days

Portland, ME—While writing to the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court while Colorado's Amendment 2 case is being heard probably would do little good, there is one situation where the Lesbian and Gay community nationwide is being asked to help.

In less than 30 days, Maine voters will decide the outcome of a statewide anti-Gay ballot measure, Ballot Measure One, that threatens Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Americans everywhere.

Well-funded national anti-Gay groups of the Far Right are funneling resources into Maine to support the discriminatory measure. The initiative was specially designed by anti-Gay Right Wing extremists to resist the kind of court challenges currently facing Colorado's Amendment 2. If it passes, those of the Religious Right and their kind plan to clone it and bring it to states throughout the country.

The Gay community is being asked by Maine and national leaders to act to help defeat the anti-Gay initiative, which will appear on the state's ballot on November 7.

The initiative would single out Lesbian and Gay people for discrimination and exclude us from equal participation in the democratic process.

Portland is currently the only place in Maine that includes Gay people in its non-discrimination laws. Federal and Maine state civil rights laws do not protect people from being fired or otherwise being discriminated against merely for being Lesbian or Gay.

If passed, Measure One would overturn the law in Portland and prohibit Maine from ever including sexual orientation in its non-discrimination laws.

What happens this year in Maine will affect all Lesbian and Gay Americans.

Maine Won't Discriminate is the statewide coalition working to defeat the anti-Gay ballot measure, and it needs your help. Current polls show that the vote could go either way, so your support can make a difference.

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Republican Party Gets \$5,000 from Human Rights Fund—And Keeps it

Washington, D.C.—Gay activists and House Republican campaign strategists managed to find common ground at their first meeting, on AIDS programs and corporate America's efforts to treat Gay and Lesbian employees fairly.

The activists from the Human Rights Fund (HRF) ended up contributing \$5,000 and, to the dismay of the religious right, the Republicans ended up keeping it.

When Republicans seized control of Congress, the conventional wisdom was that Gay and Lesbian Americans were doomed," said Elizabeth Birch, HRF's executive director.

Yet, she said, an AIDS care program vital to the Gay community is likely to be reauthorized with full funding and no anti-Gay amendments, and an employment non-discrimination act has more co-sponsors in this GOP Congress than the last Democratic one.

Sen. Bob Dole, (R-KS), made headlines when his presidential campaign solicited and then returned a contribution from Log Cabin Republicans.

It was a sobering setback for a fledgling group striving to prove it's feasible—in an age of Religious Right prominence in party affairs—to be both Gay and Republican. But there have been signs of encouragement as well.

When the group held a conference for major donors in June, speakers and Republican minglers included Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, Wyoming Sen. Alan Simpson and eight House members. Among them was Rep. Steve Gunderson, (R-WI), who is openly Gay, close to the House leadership, and increasingly outspoken as he approaches retirement next year.

Gunderson and the Log Cabin group embody what spokesman David Greer calls "the winning combination in American politics today," fiscally conservative and socially moderate.

MAP Hosts Forums to Seek Input and Advice on Improved Services, Future Directions



Hallowe'en Time—Milwaukee's Theatre X will present Marcie Hoffman and Flora Coker in the Jeffrey Jones classic, "70 Scenes of Hallowe'en" from October 11-29 (See related story on page 10).

U.S. Supreme Court Begins Hearing Colorado Amendment 2 Case

Washington, D.C.—The state attorney who will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court that Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 should stand insists his personal opinion on the measure isn't important.

"My personal views are not relevant, and any discussion of them is distracting to our role in the case," said Tim Tymkovich, the state's solicitor general.

There are three Gay PACs active at the federal level. The largest, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, gives money to openly Gay candidates for local, state and federal office. The fund raised about \$900,000 in the past election cycle and has helped some 400 candidates since its founding in 1991.

Spokeswoman Kathleen DeBold said the fund has helped at least two Republican congressional candidates in each cycle. This year it is giving money to primary challengers in Maine and California, and expects to help up to 25 Gay Republicans overall.

The Human Rights Fund, which raised about \$760,000 in the past election cycle, contributed to two Republican senators and six Republican House members in the first six months of this year. Four GOP House members have so far accepted money from the Log Cabin group, which was organized in March.

Rejections of money these days are rare. House candidates usually hold consistent positions, and Gay groups are careful about their choices.

"When HRF began in the early '80s, there were many candidates who refused money," said spokesman David Smith. "But attitudes have clearly changed since then."

No one has rejected money since 1988, he said, when Rep. Peter Hoagland, (D-NE), refused a contribution. Under attack as a liberal, Hoagland scraped to victory by 2,981 votes. Last fall he lost by 1,766 votes to Jon Christensen, a traditional-values GOP candidate.

Republican lawmakers receptive to Gay concerns are mostly moderates from the Northeast. There are some libertarians and some with relatives or good friends who are Gay. Some are from districts where Gays have clout.

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But the attorney who will present the case against the amendment in the hearing that began October 10, while good attorneys should be able to argue both sides of a case, she draws the line on this issue.

Jean Dubofsky, the first female justice on the Colorado Supreme Court, said she thinks the amendment, approved by Colorado voters in 1992, is "mean-spirited."

"I think it was promoted for...reasons of bias," Dubofsky said.

Amendment 2, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values, a Right Wing Religious group, prohibits laws offering legal relief for discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would void such laws already on the books in some Colorado communities.

However, the constitutional amendment has never taken effect because of legal challenges. Last year, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld a district court that found the measure unconstitutional on grounds that it violates the guarantee of equal protection under the law.

The state attorney general's office is appealing that decision, disputing that the amendment is unconstitutional. Attorney General Gale Norton has also said the voters' will should be honored.

In addition, the attorney general's job is to defend state officials who were sued by Gay advocates after Amendment 2 was approved.

Tymkovich, a Broomfield High School graduate

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Coalition of Organizations Formed to Support the Same-Gender Freedom to Marry

New York, NY—Under the banner "Freedom to Marry," an unprecedented coalition of national, state and local organizations recently formed to mobilize public support for same-gender marriage.

In an October 2 tele-news conference with Gay and Lesbian press from across the country, four coalition representatives stressed the urgency and importance of a national, united mobilization effort and outlined strategies to win and keep the freedom to marry for same-gender couples.

"This is truly an historic occasion—it will take this kind of teamwork, supporting activists and other organizations across the country, for us to combat the Radical Right's well-organized attempts to deny us this basic human right—the ability to marry the one we love," said Evan

Milwaukee—As with any agency that plays an ever increasing role in our lives, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has been the subject of talk, both laudatory and critical. While some of the talk has been public, there have been rumors as well.

In its vigorous outreach to the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay community, MAP and the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), have decided to hold two public fora to give everyone a chance to speak.

"We need direction from the Gay and Lesbian community as we work to meet the increasing demands of the AIDS epidemic that lie ahead," said ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson.

"For ten years, through this disastrous epidemic, the community has never let us down. We deeply value the support we have received and we want to be sure that through these fora that there is a direct opportunity for constructive criticism and good advice so we can meet the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community."

"Basically," Nelson said, "we want to hear from the community how we can do a better job in delivering AIDS services."

The purpose of these two meetings is to give the community an opportunity to provide an assessment of ARCW's and MAP's current programs.

Members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community are being invited to share their opinions about everything, ranging from HIV care, prevention and education, to the research and advocacy programs offered by ARCW and MAP.

"We have had what we consider to be a very successful first ten years," said Neil Albrecht, Deputy Director of Programs. "Now as we shape our future, we want to hear what people have in mind for MAP and ARCW."

"Too often, we hear rumors about how people feel about the agency. We're expecting these fora will allow us to gather some first hand information."

The fora will be hosted by the leadership of ARCW/MAP. In attendance to receive the community's input will be executive director Doug Nelson; Albrecht; Paul Milakovich, deputy director for Administration and Chief Financial Officer; and deputy director for community relation, Lisa Wolter.

Also attending will be the Program Directors for client services, education and prevention, Gay outreach, drug trial research, and public policy advocacy.

Albrecht emphasized that the fora would be wide open to discussion and comment by the participants.

"We encourage people to come to the fora and bring their ideas, questions, suggestions and concerns," he said. "We're committed to hearing what people have to say and then using the information as we build and plan for the future."

The fora will be held Wednesday, November 1, 1995 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday, November 2, 1995, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Wednesday forum will be held at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street.

The Thursday forum will be held at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Following the forum at ARCW, tours of the facility will be available.

"We want to give everyone the chance to be heard," Albrecht said.

For more information on the fora, call Andy Bagnall, Manager/Gay Outreach, at (414) 225-1502.

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Wisconsin Light Welcomes Visitors to National Conference of Gay/Lesbian Foundations

News Briefs

Transgender Activists Lobby Congress

Washington, D.C.—On October 2nd and 3rd, 75 Transsexual, Transgender and Genderqueer activist from across the country gathered on Capitol Hill to participate in the first National Gender Lobbying Day. This historic occasion marked the first time the gender community had raised its political voice in national politics. Concerned citizens from more than 20 states met over the two days with their Senators and Congresspeople, lobbying on issues critical to the gender community such as employment discrimination, civil rights, access to medical care and soaring levels of bias-related violence against the Transgendered.

Said organizer Riki Anne Wilchins of the direct action group, The Transsexual Menace, "It's high time 'Genderqueers' came out of the closets, out of the shadows and out of the margins. Too many of us have lost our jobs, our homes, and even our lives simply because of who and what we are. We work. We vote. We pay taxes. And we will no longer be silenced or shamed into political immobility. With Lobbying Day, we announce to the world that we are out for good."

Gay/Lesbian Alums at Northwestern University

Chicago—An all-university reception at this month's homecoming celebration will mark the first recognition by Northwestern University of its Gay and Lesbian alumni. "This recognition has been a long time coming," said Charles Katzenmeyer, who chairs the event and appealed to Northwestern's Department of Alumni Relations for official recognition as part of the 1995 Homecoming celebration.

Many observers believe that next month's vote on domestic partnership benefits will signal whether the university is sincere about fair treatment for its Gay and Lesbian population.

Alumni from around the country have expressed interest in attending the event, Katzenmeyer said. Students, faculty and staff also are participating, through the Gay and Lesbian University Union and the Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

The reception will be held on October 20 at 9:30 p.m. at Ann Sather Restaurant, 929 W. Belmont in Chicago. For more information, call Samantha Westcott at (708) 491-4693.

ACT UP San Francisco Wins Round One in Court

San Francisco—Felony charges against four AIDS activists who participated in an "office seizure" of San Francisco Republican Party headquarters, were reduced to misdemeanors on Friday, October 6th at the conclusion of a two-day preliminary hearing. Judge James McBride who presided over the hearing found no basis in the claims by the GOP that the ACT UP demonstrators allegedly caused over \$10,000 in damage to the Republican headquarters. In addition, McBride, concerned over evidence and testimony provided by ACT UP members that points to prosecutorial misconduct and collusion with the GOP by District Attorney Arlo Smith, ordered that all correspondence between the DA and the Republican Central Committee of San Francisco be turned over to the court.

ACT UP San Francisco has mounted a media campaign against the GOP and is planning to subpoena top-level Republican officials during their up-coming jury trial.

Lesbians and Gays Demand Action from the U.N.

San Francisco—The first ever International Tribunal on Human Rights Violations Against Sexual Minorities will occur on Tuesday, October 17, 1995, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the United Engineering Center, 345 E. 47th Street in New York City. The Tribunal will provide an international forum for individuals who have suffered persecution and abuse based on their sexual orientation. The testifiers, who represent a range of issues and regions, will present their cases to a distinguished panel of international human rights experts. At the conclusion of the testimony, the judges will issue recommendations calling for the U.N. and other human rights organizations to take their rightful and necessary roles as protectors and defenders of the human rights of sexual minorities world wide.

Co-chairs of the Tribunal are Urvashi Vaid, activist and author, and James C. Hormel, Gay philanthropist. "The U.N. must recognize that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people are entitled to all existing human rights guarantees," Vaid said.

Disney to Extend Domestic Partner Coverage

Burbank, CA-AP—The Walt Disney Company will offer health insurance to the partners of its Gay and Lesbian employees, as well as the partners' dependent children. "We made this decision because it brings our health benefits in line with our corporate non-discrimination policy," Disney spokesman John Dreyer said on October 6th. The new policy goes into effect on January 1, 1996. Disney joins several entertainment giants, including Universal, Paramount Pictures, Sony and Warner Brothers, that have extended domestic partner benefits in the last three years. Though most of corporate America has been reluctant to extend health benefits to Gay and Lesbian partners, Disney's decision could change that.

"I think other people will say, 'If it's good enough for Disney, maybe it's something we should consider,'" said Gary Schmidt, marketing director of PacifiCare Health Systems, a health maintenance organization.

Capital Cities/ABC, which Disney plans to acquire, already offers benefits to domestic partners of Lesbians and Gay men.

Nine Year-Old Born with HIV is Virus-Free

London, England-AP—A nine year-old boy who had tested positive for HIV has been cleared of the virus without medical treatment, Italian scientists say. The breakthrough case was described in a letter in the October 7th issue of the weekly medical journal, *The Lancet*. Reports of apparently natural recoveries from HIV have sparked both excitement and controversy among experts. "This child showed that it is possible to clear the virus naturally," said Dr. Carlo Giaquinto, a pediatrician at the University of Padova and co-author of the letter. Some doctors, like Giaquinto, say these cases may provide crucial clues for designing more effective anti-AIDS treatments.

But skeptics—and there are many—wonder whether these people were ever HIV+ to begin with, or whether the virus is still lurking in the blood and cannot be detected by conventional means. Though symptom-free and virus-free, the boy has a still unidentified immune deficiency.

Christians in the Arena with Coors

Golden, CO-AP- The "Taste of the Rockies" is leaving a bitter aftertaste these days with Right Wing Christians (who don't drink much beer, anyway, so they say) who feel betrayed by Coors Brewing Company's decision to extend health benefits to the domestic partners of Lesbian and Gay employees. The brewing company finds itself caught between Gay activists reluctant to forgive Coors its long-time support for Right Wing causes, and the newly alienated Right Wing Christians.

"We did a lot of research and of course people said 'You're going to have this backlash and that backlash,'" said Coors spokesman Joe Fuentes of the policy adopted in May. "But it's pretty consistent with Coors' philosophy of treating its employees well."

Coors family members still are involved in Right Wing groups. The Coors Foundation has donated to the Heritage Foundation and Mountain States Legal Foundation, both Right Wing groups.

But Coors is changing, said Earl Nissen, president of Coors Lesbian and Gay Employee Resource. The domestic partners policy is just an extension of Coors' support of a variety of Lesbian and Gay efforts and donations to AIDS research over the past few years.

Lesbians and Gays Organize in South Dakota

Rapid City, SD-AP- Organizers have announced the creation of a statewide organization to fight for the civil rights of Lesbians and Gay men. Free Americans Creating Equal Status (FACES), was introduced Saturday, October 7, to coincide with National Coming Out Day. Barry Wick, FACES founder, said that Lesbians and Gay men face job, housing and job discrimination. "That's why FACES of South Dakota is important," he said.



Showing their Colors—On October 7, twelve leather/levis social clubs gathered in Milwaukee. Six clubs represented Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay, while six clubs represented Chicago. Representatives from several clubs were photo grouped at the Wreck Room. They are (front l-r): Kurt Von Rayoum, Firebirds; T. Philln, Hellfire; Paul Laws, M.A.F.I.A., Chicago; (back row l-r) Staarr S.A. Petersen, Unicorns of Madison; Tom Ryan, Castaways; Steve Jones, Argonauts of Green Bay; John Wilke, Oberons; Nancy Lee Weinberger, Leather United of Chicago. Proceeds of \$210 were donated by the clubs to MAP's hospice.

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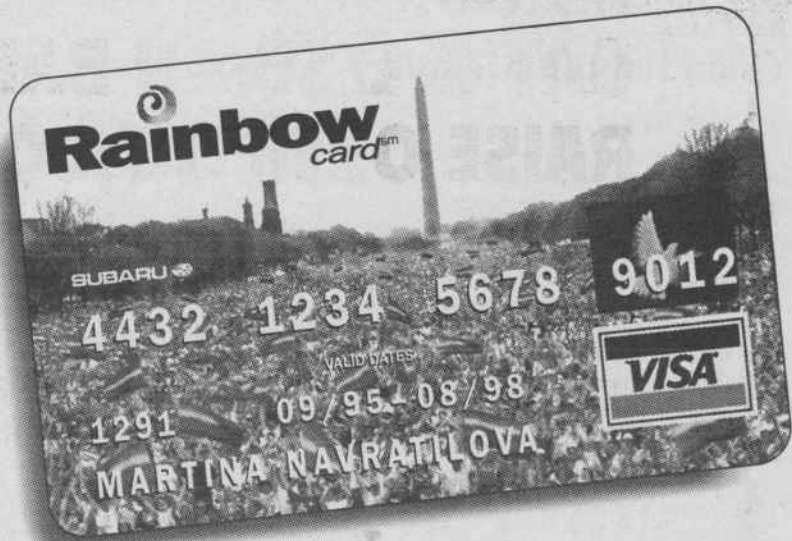
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Editorial

'Tis Time to Wait

By the time this paper is printed, one of the most crucial civil rights cases in many years will be before the U.S. Supreme Court. The nine Justices will have in their hands the question of Colorado's Amendment 2. The case begins to be heard on October 10.

It is hard to imagine a more important case. Essentially, it is this: can a majority of a society acting out of malice and bigotry, exclude one group of people from the just exercise of their rights because of who they are, who they were born to be?

Being Lesbian or Gay is not a lifestyle. The mainstream media have been deluded by this and use the term frivolously.

Being Lesbian or Gay is not a lifestyle. It's a state of being, involving the whole person, both physically and psychologically. It is not chosen, but established well before any choice can be made. The only choice involved, like heterosexuality, is what someone does with it, but that doesn't seem to be at issue here. What is in question is whether we have the right to live our lives in equality and peace, or whether we shall suffer discrimination caused by a misuse of religion so malicious as to be difficult to imagine.

Should the decision go against us, we shall, of course, fight on. No proud and noble people such as we are, can hold their heads up and live in chains. But the fight will be more fierce. No matter how an adverse decision is written, it will be interpreted by the vicious as a cachet to commit all manner of violence against us. The rhetoric will be searing. Our young people, among whom the suicide and run away rate is already great, will suffer most of all.

One of the sadly ironic things about this is that in pushing for Amendment 2 and others like it, the members of the Religious Right are condemning many of their own children. Many of their children will be born Lesbian or Gay. There is absolutely nothing that they can do to stop it and they cannot change them if they are.

But then there is an old saying that evil always redounds back on those who foster it. Sad that this can and, in many cases will, haunt those unaccepting, misguided parents for the rest of their lives.

If the decision is in our favor, our battle will still not be won. We still must fight for the legal rights associated with marriage. We still must struggle to be able to adopt, and a great deal more. A favorable decision will be one battle won, not a victorious war when we can lay down our banners and rest.

Those we have talked to in Washington who are in a position to know, say the outcome is anybody's guess. "No one's calling this one," someone said. Another added, "It'll be close, 5-4 either way."

Unlike some publications, we are not advising people to write to the Justices or call the Supreme Court. We do not think that would do much good. Traditionally, the High Court has not been susceptible of lobbying and it probably isn't now.

Calling or writing your Representative or Senator isn't going to do much good either. They have no influence there.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has called for vigils on October 10th. Such things are happening around the country, but, like letters, we do not think they will do much good—other than for the people participating in them.

In future weeks, there will be much speculation about how this Justice will rule or that. It's all a guessing game. As difficult as it may be, the thing is out of our hands now, and we must wait.

But we can say this. There is no minority, African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans or women in general who do not have a stake in this. One or all of them may not think so, but they do.

As we've said so many times before, as long as women are not free and equal, Gay men will be in chains.

Bigotry and prejudice are all of a piece and Mark Furman isn't the exception in this country. Unfortunately, among far too many, he's the rule.

What we hope and pray is that the Justices will understand that unless there is freedom and equality for everyone, no one has it.

When the history of this country is finally written, it may be said that equality, genuine equality was the most difficult of all the lessons that this country had to learn.

Speaking from the Right

The Truth About Ryan White

By Jim McFarland

It is an unfortunate fact that I am once again forced to use this column to "set the record straight" instead of using it to opine on an important issue of the day.

You may have noticed that I have reluctantly become a truth squad of sorts, and I will discuss my theories as to why misinformation seems to abound in the Gay press. But first, the real scoop on the Ryan White bill's passage in the House:

If there is any one person who deserves the lion's share of the credit for the House of Representatives' adoption of the Ryan White bill without amendments from the floor, it is openly Gay Republican Congressman Steve Gunderson.

It was Congressman Gunderson who interceded with his friends Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey and persuaded them to bring the bill to the floor under a suspension calendar so that no amendments could be introduced.

(Perhaps Gunderson was correct to refuse to condemn Armey's slip of the tongue in referring to Barney Frank as Barney "Fag").

As AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin lobbyist Mike Gifford said, Congressman Gunderson "carried this bill on his back" and ensured its adoption.

Congressman Gunderson deserves great praise and recognition for his courageous efforts to head off the "no promo homo" amendments which Congressman Dornan and other Right Wingers intended to offer in the House.

It is curious then that the report in the last issue of *The Wisconsin Light* regarding this issue listed Congressman Gunderson as merely one of several members of a bipartisan group of lawmakers who cooperated to advance the legislation, and made no mention of Congressman Gunderson's important role in the process.

It is also curious that the article implies that the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) had a great deal to do with obtaining the House leadership's support for blocking any amendments. This implication is laughable, as any honest observer on Capitol Hill would attest.

The House Republican leadership is well aware of the fact that HRCF has given more money to state Democrat party organizations, let alone Democrat candidates, than it has to

Republican candidates.

In fact, HRCF was high on the Republican leadership's blacklist of PAC's which have always contributed money to Democrats but rarely if ever contributed to Republicans.

The House leadership knows that HRCF has done everything in its power to keep the Republicans from taking power, and they have no interest in helping HRCF as a result.

That is why Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) is so important. The House leadership is willing to listen to Congressman Gunderson and LCR because they know that Congressman Gunderson and LCR have worked to make the Republican majority a reality.

So why do the reports in the gay press misrepresent reality so frequently? Perhaps because most of the articles are written from information provided by the established national Gay organizations like HRCF.

These organizations have two overriding goals at this time: to do everything possible to return the Democrats to power in the next election, and to maintain their position as the power brokers in the Lesbian and Gay community.

To accomplish these goals, two strategies have become apparent: the distortion, whenever possible, of the Republican record on AIDS issues, and, when distortion of that record is impossible (as with the recent Ryan White victory in the House), the propagation of the notion that it was their work which was responsible for the victories and the suppression of the notion that LCR had any influence on the outcome.

I have discussed before the evidence of the distortion of the Republican record on AIDS issues (such as the false reports that a House subcommittee had cut AIDS research funding and eliminated the Office for AIDS Research which were "confirmed" to an *In Step* reporter by HRCF).

HRCF's attempts to take credit for all good legislation emanating from Congress is evidenced not only by the reports in the last issue of this newspaper, but also by HRCF's own propaganda.

HRCF has recently created a "magazine" to report its activity to its contributors, and I was mailed a copy of this magazine even though I have not contributed to HRCF in years.

Throughout the magazine, HRCF trumpeted its success in obtaining the adoption of Ryan White in the Senate, but made not one mention of Log Cabin Republican's critical efforts in persuading Senator Kassebaum to take a leadership role on the bill and in persuading Senator

Dole (with, among other things, the \$1000 which was returned to us) to override Senator Helms's hold on the bill and bring it to the floor for a vote.

In fact, HRCF consistently lists other organizations which have been instrumental in lobbying Congress on these issues, but never mentions LCR.

One would think from reading the HRCF magazine that nothing changed last November and that HRCF continues to hold power in the halls of Congress through its influence with the Democrats.

The reality is otherwise, of course, but HRCF cannot afford to allow LCR to gain credibility within the Lesbian/Gay community. The reason for this is that HRCF is concerned, and rightfully so, that LCR might erode HRCF's donor base.

HRCF itself used to pitch the fact that 40% of its donors were Republicans before LCR came on the scene (now they deny that this was ever so).

If these Lesbian and Gay Republicans see that there is an alternative to HRCF, and an alternative that supports Republican principles and Republican candidates, many of them would likely end their contributions to HRCF, since it rarely ever supports Republican candidates and definitely does not espouse Republican principles, and send their money to LCR instead.

It is no wonder that HRCF's former executive director so shrilly attacked Log Cabin during last year's election, implying that we were traitors to the Lesbian/Gay community.

I suspect that LCR had already begun to erode HRCF's donor base, striking a nerve in the process (and by eroding the donor base I mean peeling away Republican donors, although HRCF has no doubt increased its contributions overall with alarmist appeals to the Gay community to stop the heinous Republican majority).

This is not to say that there is no place for HRCF and other similar organizations at this time. There is no question that they continue to hold much influence on the Democrat side of the aisle in Congress, and victories on Gay issues will continue to require significant votes from the Democrats since much work remains to be done with the Republicans.

But it would be nice if these organizations would have the intellectual honesty to admit that they have very little credibility with most Republican members of Congress, and it would be even nicer if they refrained from distorting the record of the Republicans just so they can return their beloved Democrats to power by mobilizing the Lesbian/Gay vote in support of Democrats in the next election.

This is too much to hope for, of course, because it would mean acknowledging that LCR is needed and, therefore, that money should go to LCR (and presumably not as much would then go to these organizations).

Moreover, it strikes me that many of the so-called leaders of the Lesbian/Gay movement would rather see the Democrats return to power than achieve legislative victories in a Republican Congress, which is why they are willing to do everything possible to distort this Congress's record.

And that is why I will never again give money to any of the establishment, national Lesbian/Gay organizations, and why I will send that money to LCR instead. I urge other moderate and conservative Lesbians and Gays to do the same.

Letters

Good for Bill Meunier

TO THE EDITOR:

In publishing a second column by Bill Meunier, the *Light* seems to be catching up for lost time: the dates at the top of the page are September 28, 1994—October 11, 1995, a span of more than a year.

Bill is also catching up with his vigorous attack on the Log Cabin Republicans, which is good to see.

I do take exception to Bill's headline suggesting that the activities of the Log Cabin Club are beyond all understanding. The answer is plain old greed.

There is a sad historic precedent for the Log Cabin Club, another group motivated by love of material wealth and willing to go to almost any length to hold onto it.

Author Alex de Jonge tells us that on January 4, 1933, former German government leader Franz Von Papen met Adolf Hitler in the house of Kurt von Schroeder, a Jewish banker and stock exchange man. Von Papen and Hitler agreed to ally their forces and work toward making Hitler leader of Germany. De Jonge considers this the day that the Third Reich was born. On January 30, 1933, Hitler attained power.

Von Schroeder was not the only foolish Jew in Germany. Others joined Gentile industrialists in bankrolling Hitler's party, despite its anti-Semitism, because they saw it as the best means of protecting their wealth from the threat of Communism.

History is well enough known that I don't have to recount what happened to Germany's Jews. Sadly, the rich ones like von Schroeder were most likely to escape Hitler's camps with much of their wealth intact. Their poor brethren who couldn't escape died in the Holocaust set up in part, however unwittingly, by the greed of the rich.

The parallel with the Log Cabin Club is plain enough that I needn't explain it.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

New Gay Advocacy Group Being Formed in Madison

Madison—Some members of Madison's LGB community have been concerned about the way in which the Police, Parks Department personnel and the media have addressed the issue of male-male sex in certain Madison parks.

There is not currently an organization established to respond to these issues.

Anonymous Gay sex is uncomfortable for many and insupportable by others, but the fact remains that there have been serious homophobic statements and actions because of this so-called "crackdown."

There will be a meeting to discuss Gay men's issues and organize a new group to address future such concerns and, more importantly, to work with the police and other public authorities to avoid harassment, entrapment and intimidation.

All who support these goals are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The gathering will take place in the Memorial Union; check "Today in the Union" for the exact room (it will be listed under TPS-Save Our Space).

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Andy Bagnall, New Gay Outreach Manager at MAP, is On Board and Running Fast

By Terry Boughner

Andy Bagnall is the new Manager of Gay Outreach at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). Though he has worked at MAP since January, 1993, he has held this position for about a month. So, you can say he is freshly on board—and he has hit the deck running.

It is a bleary day, with the overflow of some hurricane or other pouring over the city in torrents. But as I sit, talking with Andy at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), he is fresh and bright as a golden October day, brimming with energy as a waterfall.

According to his job description, he says, he is to coordinate AIDS prevention outreach to the Lesbian and Gay community; he's to develop programs and expand them; and he's to supervise new staff and volunteers.

But all that's rather formal. What that means, he says earnestly, is that he's going to promote AIDS prevention strategies for the Gay community that will help save lives.

ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson called Bagnall "an outstanding choice to lead a resurgent AIDS prevention movement in Milwaukee."

"Andy is as tenacious and as hard working a person as I have ever met," Nelson continued. "He's a natural leader, he's deeply committed to the Gay community, and he's determined to bring aggressive and explicit prevention programs to the community."

While Nelson was enthusiastic about Bagnall's leadership ability for AIDS prevention, there is no question that both Bagnall and Nelson understand that Bagnall's new role will also involve strengthening MAP's relationships with the Lesbian and Gay community, relationships that in some cases have deteriorated.

"I need the community," Bagnall says. "I need them to help me." He leans forward on the table, reaching out a hand as if to gather people in. "I want to involve the whole community." His dark eye flash.

He is well aware that in some cases the fishbowls with free condoms in them that are in every bar, have not been filled as regularly as might have been done.

He is aware too that many bar owners have questions and concerns about MAP programs that need to be addressed.

He intends to do all that.

As part of his effort, at the end of September, he sent out letters to all the Lesbian and Gay bar owners asking them to meet with him to discuss their concerns. He will follow up with a phone call to each one.

In the meantime, the fishbowls will be filled on a regular and timely basis, he promises and he and his 8 volunteers, will be maintaining a high profile in all of the bars.

Can eight volunteers do it all?, he is asked. He shakes his head. "I need more volunteers to be comfortable. Anyone interested should call me."

In the Parks

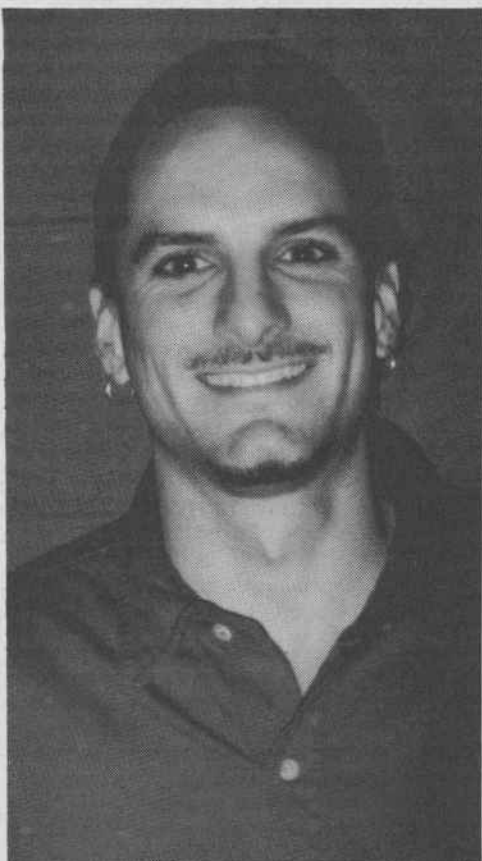
But there is more to cover than the bars. Andy and his small corps of volunteers, will be contacting Lesbian and Gay clubs and organizations, going to them, speaking to them about AIDS awareness and prevention.

Free HIV Testing at AfterWords

Milwaukee—On Sunday October 15th, The Brady East STD Clinic Outreach program will be offering free anonymous HIV testing at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar. Testing will be offered between 3:00 to 6:00p.m.

There is no need to make any appointments. The testing is completely anonymous and totally confidential.

For further information concerning testing, please call AfterWords at (414) 963-9089 or call the BESTD Clinic.



Andy Bagnall

They will be going to the parks and other places where "public sex" and HIV-risk behaviors are occurring to hand out materials and talk with "frequenters" about safer activities.

"Much like what we do with needle exchange in reaching out to venues where risk behavior is taking place, we must also reach out to public sex environments with the same aggressiveness and life-saving information," Bagnall said.

If Bagnall and MAP succeed with this aggressive approach, Milwaukee will join only a handful of other cities who are confronting the epidemic in controversial public sex areas.

Andy and his volunteers will be at fundraisers. He says he scans both *Light* and *In Step* to find out which ones are coming up so he can call those who are organizing them and ask permission.

Making Safer Sex Erotic

He fully realizes that when all is said and done, one of the ways, perhaps the chief way, of making safer sex attractive is to make it erotic. He has seen the booklet put out by the Brady Street Clinic and "really likes it," he says.

Bagnall already is working with MAP staff developing posters, brochures and other materials using a theme that is both highly erotic and that promotes Gay pride.

"I am committed to that (making safer sex erotic)," he says. "It's long over-due. It needs to be done." There is a pause. "You know," he adds, with a smile, "the Gay community is very visually oriented."

Do you have the support of the agency in this?, he is asked.

He replies without hesitation. "Yes. The commitment to this and the expansion of the Gay Outreach Program is total, absolutely total."

Nelson confirmed the commitment. "It's our top priority," he said. "We've done what no one thought we could with a highly successful needle exchange program and we are determined to achieve an equal success with the most aggressive, explicit, and effective AIDS prevention strategy for the Gay community."

Andy and his volunteers are out and about. I ran into he and his partner the other evening at This Is It. It was late. They'd been around checking on fishbowls and keeping the high profile Andy wants to maintain. Look for he and his troupe. If you see them—and you will—go up and say, "Hi."

Two Young Gays Bashed at Bradford Beach, While Cops Continue to Raid Juneau Park

Milwaukee—As we go to press, word was received that two young Gay men were attacked at Bradford Beach on the night of October 9-10, 1995.

According to the best information available to us now, Eugene 19, and his friend, Adam reportedly in his mid-20's., were at the Beach about Midnight, when they were attacked by two male assailants of, as yet, undetermined age.

The victims' last names are known, but are not printed here.

According to the best report now available, the police were called. The suspects were apprehended, but no charges were allowed to be pressed and the suspects were released, reportedly on the basis of the fact that "They (the suspects) didn't do anything wrong." The police, it was reported, said that Eugene and Adam had "instigated" the incident.

It was also reported that the police said the victims would be called, but as of now that has not happened.

Eugene and Adam went to the hospital, where Adam's gashed head received a number of stitches. He also suffered a black eye. Eugene suffered a bruised rib. Both men were treated and released.

As of press time, there is no police report number.

There will be an update and more information in the next issue of the paper.

In the meantime, Juneau Park continues to be the subject of police raids. One Gay man who

asked not to be identified, said that he saw four squad cars at the park "the other night," with lights flashing.

"There were a lot of men running from the park," he said.

There is nothing new in any of this. The police have been stepping up their activity in Juneau Park for some time. There have been numerous reports of entrapment going on.

As has been said before, the best advice to frequenters of Juneau and other parks is to be extremely careful. Even better advice would be to stay away entirely.

MAP Needs Holiday Food and Gifts

Milwaukee—The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will again this year distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for clients in need, and Christmas gifts to children affected and infected with HIV disease. In order to make this program successful, MAP depends on donations from the community.

Food Baskets

When you volunteer to donate a food basket, you will be sent the family's menu wish list. You will be asked to purchase the items on the list, at a cost of about \$25, and return the items to MAP, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. MAP employees will deliver the food to the clients' homes.

If you would like a small donor card placed in the basket you donate, please indicate that when you bring your basket to MAP.

In order to meet the needs of all clients in need, please sign up to sponsor a family before Monday, October 30, for Thanksgiving and before Monday, November 27, for Christmas baskets.

Secret Santa Program

When you volunteer to donate a gift, you will be matched with a child affected or infected with HIV. You will receive a gift tag that lists the child's name and her or his three gift wishes.

Donors are asked to purchase one gift, at a cost of less than \$25, and bring the gift to MAP. As with the food baskets, MAP employees will deliver the gifts to the children.

In order to be sure that all the children receive gifts, MAP asks that donors sign up to participate before Monday, November 27th.

For more information and to sign up, please call MAP's Holiday Line: (414) 225-1622.

Last year, through the generous support of the community, 200 Thanksgiving baskets, 200 Christmas baskets and 260 gifts were distributed.

Jerry Grillo to Debut New CD, 'Mister Grillo', at The Estate on October 21st

Milwaukee—Jazz crooner Jerry Grillo will debut his new recording, *Mister Grillo*, at a CD release party at 9:30 p.m. on October 21st at The Estate, 2423 E. Murray Avenue.

Grillo will perform tunes from the new CD, which includes a mix of jazz standards such as Duke Ellington's "Take the A Train" and show tunes such as Lerner and Lowe's "On the Street Where You Live."

Accompanying Grillo will be some of Milwaukee's top jazz players: Barry Velleman, piano; Jack Grassel, guitar; Jeff Hamann, bass; and Charles McFarlan, drums. The ensemble, along with saxophonist Juli Wood, also accompanied Grillo on his *Mister Grillo* recording.

Mister Grillo marks the singer's second release on his independent label (am Jazz). Grillo released his first recording, *This Funny World*, in 1994.



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Human Rights Campaign Fund Changes its Name to Reflect New Identity

Washington, D.C.—The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) unveiled its new organizational identity on October 9, including new communications tool, representing the culmination of an intensive eight-month internal and external reviews of programs and community opinion.

According to the organization, the changes reflect a new approach to building political strength, membership and enhancing the dialog about Lesbian and Gay issues "with America."

The new identity includes dropping the word "fund" from the group's name in order to emphasize the fact that it is a PAC (Political Action Committee).

According to Elizabeth Birth, the Campaign's executive director, the changes have been made "to meet the challenge of an evolving political environment."

According to some observers, this means finding ways to work with the new Republican

congressional majority as well to more effectively confront the assaults from the Religious Right.

Also, observers say, the changes came because of a feelings within the Lesbian and Gay community that HRCF (now HRC) that was bound within the beltway, out of touch with the community at large, and predisposed to "cozy up to the Democrats," as one critic said.

While the announcement of change came this month, it was really a process that had begun in January, 1995, when Birch was hired as the new executive director.

In July, 1995, HRC introduced the premiere issue of **HRC Quarterly**, designed the organization said, to "provide political news for Lesbian and Gay America." The second issue of the magazine, due out in mid-October, will go not only to members, but will be available in Lesbian and Gay bookstores nationwide.

New Web Site

To further enhance communication between the D.C.-based group and the general Gay and Lesbian population, HRC debuted this month its new site on the World Wide Web.

HRC's sit can be found at <http://www.hrcusa.org>.

The site features information about issues that affect Gay people, and provide links to other Gay-related Web sites.

The center piece of the site is the Action Center which is accessed by clicking the "Take Action" button. Users are prompted to enter their zip code, which brings up a page with their U.S. representative and senators.

After clicking on their member's name, that member's up-to-the-minute voting record on Lesbian, Gay and AIDS issues will be displayed. The user then has the option to send that member a message, regardless of whether or not that member has a public E-mail address.

As the 1996 election approaches, the Action Center will also include information about presidential, House and Senate races. Users will be able to enter their zip codes to display races in their area, with background research on candidates' positions on Gay and Lesbian issues.

New Statement of Goals

A cornerstone of the new organizational identity is HRC's new "vision statement."

"The Human Rights Campaign envisions an America where Lesbian and Gay people are ensured of their basic equal rights—and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work, and in the community."

HRC has also unveiled its new logo: a simple equal sign that symbolizes the fight for basic equal rights for all Gay and Lesbian people.

To further its attempts at broad community outreach, HRC has added more than 100 community events to the more than 35 HRC galas around the country.

It is also seeking to become an effective partner in state and local efforts to defeat anti-Gay legislation.

As one critic of the organization said, "It's about time. HRCF had become narrow, isolated, provincial and out of touch. They've long needed to broaden themselves, see there's life out there, get in some new people, see that a lot's happening in the grass roots."

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Arch Homophobe, Paul Cameron, Moves Anti-Gay Institute to Colorado

Colorado Springs, CO—An anti-Gay research group, whose work has been cited by many Right Wing Religious groups including the Idaho Citizens Alliance, has relocated to Colorado from Washington, D.C.

The five-member Family Research Institute, headed by psychologist Paul Cameron, produces writings against Gay people that have been widely used in campaigns against Lesbians and Gays like the one waged in Idaho last year over an anti-Gay initiative. It has moved to the Colorado Springs area.

Cameron, who has recently appeared in Mil-

waukee sponsored by the Far Right group, Christians United, and whose work has been denounced by various civil rights groups, has said his scientific research concludes homosexuality is an "addiction" that has caused an "octopus of infection stretching across the world."

His writings imply a connection between homosexuality, child molestation and mass murder. "A wise society tries to be very clear that this is wrong, condemns it, punishes those that it catches engaging in it and goes out of its way not to promote it," Cameron said.

His work is frequently referred to in the literature of Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family and by Colorado for Family Values, the Colorado Springs group behind that state's 1992 anti-gay initiative.

"Cameron is well-known for inaccurately gathering information and twisting statistics in order to attach the extreme behavior of a few Gays and Lesbians to all," said Richard Skorman of Citizens Project, which was formed to fight that initiative.

Cameron was dropped from the American Psychological Association and the American Sociological Association, which charged him with misrepresenting sociological research.

"His institute's move will further the mistaken impression that Colorado Springs is the center of Religious Right extremists," Skorman said.

The Idaho Citizens Alliance initiative prohibiting state or local laws protecting Gays from discrimination was rejected by less than 3,100 votes last year. But the alliance has launched a revised version that it is currently trying to qualify for the 1996 ballot.

Gunderson Warns Against Apathy in Face of the Rising Threat of AIDS

St. Louis, MO—The heavy dose of attention in recent years has made people tired of thinking and talking about AIDS, says U.S. Rep. Steve Gunderson.

"We don't have the luxury to be tired," warned Gunderson, (R-WI). "This is not just a big-city issue; people with AIDS are coming home, to rural Iowa and rural Wisconsin and rural Missouri."

Gunderson, the only publicly Gay Republican congressman, spoke on September 30, at the third annual fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign Fund at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel at Union Station.

The Washington-based political action group claims 150,000 members and schedules black-tie fund-raisers in 27 cities throughout the United States each year.

Gunderson said he agreed with AIDS activist Mary Fisher that this country was in the midst of an "AIDS fatigue" that was endangering the lives of thousands of Americans.

A congressman for 15 years, Gunderson said he was committed to "building bridges" between Gay Americans and people who feared or distrusted Gays.

He criticized both the Religious Right for its intolerance of Gays and many Gays themselves for their involvement in activities such as Gay parades.

"Sometimes, it comes off as an in-your-face kind of thing that seems totally committed to destroying your values," he said. "I have as much difficulty with radical Gay groups as I do with the Republican right."

He acknowledged that he broke political stereotypes. "I'm a rural, religious Republican and, oh, by the way, I happen to be Gay," he said. "I don't see myself as a weirdo; I see myself as mainstream."

He agrees that abstinence is the first line of defense against AIDS. But Gunderson added, "I don't think we should pretend we're in some beautiful Disneyland." He said work in AIDS education and research must be accelerated.

Take Back the Night March to be Held to Protest Violence Against Women

Milwaukee—The Take Back the Night March and Rally will be held on Thursday, October 19, 1995, as part of a week long series of activities protesting violence against women.

A pre-rally gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m. at Old North Point Park (adjacent to St. Mary's Hospital at Lake Drive and North Avenue near the Water Tower). The welcome address is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the one mile march around the East Side will begin at 5:40 p.m., returning to the park for a candlelight vigil and survivors of violence speak-out.

Invited speakers include Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean, Claudette McShane, State Senator Gwen Moore, State Representative Sheldon Wasserman and a host of other community leaders.

In support of these efforts, WITI, Channel 6, plans to provide special coverage of this event and re-air the Emmy nominated segment "Domestic Violence: Hurting to Healing" at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19.

For more information, call Diane Ripple at (414) 229-2852 or Carmen M. Pitre at (414) 374-7888.

Openly Gay Officer Struggles to Remain in the Navy

Norfolk, VA—Richard Selland has sued Defense Secretary William Perry and Navy Secretary John E. Dalton, claiming he was denied a promotion because he is Gay.

Selland, a native of Salisbury, Maryland, said he was one of three officers in a group of 203 who were turned down for a promotion.

"My pay is being held stagnant and I'm being held back regardless of performance," Selland said. "I was not surprised, but I was disappointed."

Selland, who was seeking promotion from lieutenant junior grade to full lieutenant, told a Navy chaplain he was Gay in 1993, and was transferred from the nuclear submarine where he was stationed. He is now serving as a supply officer in Norfolk.

The Navy tried to discharge him in April but he has received an injunction allowing him to stay in the Navy while his suit is pending, Selland said.

Selland's suit claims the military's Don't ask, Don't tell policy is unconstitutional. A hearing is scheduled for later this month.

His promotion was turned down despite supportive letters from three U.S. senators: Barbara Mikulski, (D-MD); Charles Robb, (D-VA); and Paul Sarbanes, (D-MD)—and five House members: Barney Frank, (D-MA); Wayne Gilchrest, (R-MD); Constance Morella, (R-MD); Patricia Schroeder, (D-CO); and Gerry Studds, (D-MA).

In her letter to the board, dated August 1, 1995, Mikulski said, "The only criteria for military service should be the ability to serve—not one's race, gender or sexual orientation. I urge you to base your decision on Lt. Selland's promotion on the quality of his work."

Navy spokesman Denny Moynihan said promotion boards deliberations are confidential, but members only consider performance records.

Lesbian Editor Takes Aim at the Hypocrisy of the Religious Right

New York, NY—"Before I came out in print, I had never had someone tell me that I was going to hell. Now people say it to me regularly." So begins Linda Villarosa's biographical essay in the September, 1995 issue of Essence magazine. The essay is one in which—as the magazine's cover indicates—"A Lesbian Takes on the Bible."

Villarosa, who is also the executive director of the magazine, utilizes a mixture of personal experience and social critique as she strikes at the hypocritical heart of the "Religious Right."

"Those so-called righteous people take the Bible literally when it suits them," she explains, "ignoring anything that doesn't easily support their narrow condemnations."

Villarosa undermines the Right's obsession with homosexuality, revealing the Religious Right's inconsistent and irrational use of biblical texts. The hecklers who regularly quote the Bible when condemning her Lesbianism, Villarosa observes, have precious little to say about other scriptural taboos.

"It didn't take a biblical scholar to figure out that people who shout me down in lecture halls and write me letters are not sending hate mail to people who are divorced," Villarosa writes. "The man who lashed out at me in Oregon is not condemning people who eat pork (Leviticus 11:7-8). Neither is he carrying on about cattle breeders, farmers who grow two different crops, or anyone who wears a poly-cotton blend of clothing (Leviticus 19:19)."

As an African-American, Villarosa notes the particular pain she has experienced within the community, when "Black people are using the Bible against their Lesbian and Gay sisters and brothers just as whites used the Scriptures against our ancestors when they interpreted passages to mean that our people should remain enslaved."

Villarosa concludes her essay with a plea for some scriptural—and common—sense. The essential message of compassion can be rescued, Villarosa suggests, once people "stop taking the Bible literally and begin to read it critically and intelligently."



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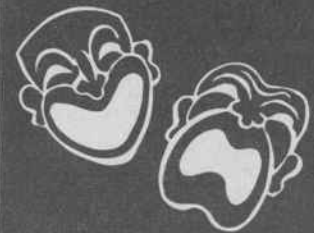
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LIVELY ARTS



Hope and Redemption—Robert Duvall, Billy Bob Thornton and Aidan Quinn star in "The Stars Fell on Henrietta." Directed by James Keach, the film follows a small group of people whose threadbare existence is changed forever during the Texas dust bowl of 1935. The film opens for a one week run on October 13th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

'The Stars Fell on Henrietta' is a Movie for Those Who Want to Dream Again

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

In *The Stars Fell on Henrietta*, director James Keach and screenwriter Philip Railsback transport the audience to another America. The time is 1935. The country is in the throes of the Great Depression. The place is no place really, just a small town lost in the Texas dust bowl.

Enter one Mr. Cox (Robert Duvall). Just a down-on-his-lucker with his cat, Matilda. An oil man, just a speculator really, Mr. Cox is still in search of that first real strike.

Sure, he's been in the business for years. He's even helped other oilmen make their fortune. Not Mr. Cox, though. Still, Mr. Cox is absolutely convinced that he can detect oil on the land by the smell, the taste, the very feel of it.

Fate finds Mr. Cox rescued from a dust storm by Don Day (Aiden Quinn), a farmer clinging to a meager existence on a farm whose land is all used up. Kind souls, Day, his wife and family open their home to the tired and injured man.

In a magical scene, Mr. Cox awakening after the dust storm, is drawn to the fields outside the farmhouse and under a canopy of stars Mr. Cox finds oil.

Finding oil would seem to be the easy part. First there is trying to convince the beleaguered Day family that beneath their barren fields is enough oil to make them indescribably rich. Oh, then there is also the small matter money, enough money to set up the oil rig.

The Stars Fell on Henrietta is about dreams. And about hope. In Mr. Cox we have a very determined hero/dreamer. Never doubting for a moment is his dream, Mr. Cox will find oil, or die trying. The oil in the Day's field becomes his goal, his sole goal, in fact the entire purpose in his life. And nothing, absolutely nothing will stand in his way.

The Day family, Don, Cora and their three

Pam Keesey, Author of 'Lesbian Vampire Stories', to Read at AfterWords

Milwaukee—Sexual and seductive, violently jealous, the Lesbian vampire enralls every Lesbian she meets. She is so terrifying and so deliciously wicked, so powerfully ancient and alluring, that even vampire buffs have tried to keep her under wraps.

So argues Pam Keesey, editor of *Dark Angels*, a new anthology of Lesbian Vampire stories. Like *Daughters of Darkness*, the best-selling collection of Lesbian vampires, *Dark Angels*, gathers original fiction written at the crossroads of vampirism and female sexuality.

"Dark angels, like the dark goddess," writes Keesey, "desired sexual union. And like the Lesbians with whom these stories are so popular, it was their refusal to deny their sexual needs that led them astray."

For nearly a decade, Keesey has tracked the Lesbian vampire, uncovering her often disguised presence in folkloric traditions, the Bible, Hollywood cinema, and in Bram Stoker's anemic masculinization of a 16th Century Hungarian countess—whom Keesey reveals as the real basis for the Dracula story.

Keesey herself "came out" at the movies: "Imagine my surprise as I watched the cool, alluring, and sophisticated Catherine Deneuve seduce Susan Sarandon there before my very eyes. By the time I saw *The Hunger*, I knew my interest in vampires was more than a passing phase. What I didn't know, sitting there in the dark with my boyfriend by my side was that *he* was a passing phase."

children, are the impossibly perfect prototypical American family. They are the Waltons without the saccharine. Honest and hard-working, the Days cannot possibly fathom that there might actually be oil under their farm. Only their little girl Pauline (the adorable Kaytlyn Knowles), who like Mr. Cox has heard the oil, actually believes.

And then, so does Don Day. Maybe he begins to believe because he actually hears the oil, or maybe because he just desperately wants to believe, wants to dream again.

All told, *The Stars Fell on Henrietta* is a marvelously magical, feel-good movie experience. Technically, director Keach and his director of photography Bruce Surtees have vividly recreated the despair of the Texas dust bowl during the bleak 1930's. David Benoit's lyrical score beautifully sustains the actions.

Keach's cast never hits a wrong note in the film. In the central role of Mr. Cox, Robert Duvall is a wonder, sustaining the right balance of mule-headed determination and eccentricity.

Aiden Quinn likewise invests Don Day with the right combination of despair and blind hope. In the small role of Big Dave, the usual capable Brian Dennehy is aptly menacing.

The Stars Fell on Henrietta is a small film, a story well told. It's just the kind of movie to sneak into town and then suddenly disappear. And that's too bad. In the tradition of a *Field of Dreams*, *Henrietta* has some indefinable yet luminous quality, some enchantment that make one leave the cinema a little bit happier, a little more content.

The Stars Fell on Henrietta opens October 13th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre for a one-week only engagement.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

Keesey Comes To AfterWords Just in Time for Hallowe'en

As part of a midwest tour, Keesey is coming to Milwaukee just in time for Hallowe'en. She will be appearing at AfterWords Bookshop on Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Keesey will be part of AfterWords' own, very special (and very Gay) spin on Hallowe'en. She will read some of the more "terrifying" passages from her book, surrounded by a "frightfully" decorated store.

There will be "special" refreshments for the occasion and everyone in costume will receive a gift from AfterWords.

The Hallowe'en bash is free and everyone is welcome.

AIDS Activist TV to Feature San Francisco's Jeff Friedman

Milwaukee—San Francisco choreographer and performer Jeff Friedman will be the special guest on the Wednesday, October 18th broadcast of "AIDS Activist TV." The show will air live on Milwaukee's Channel 47 at 8:30 p.m. and viewers will be invited to call in with questions or comments.

Friedman will be discussing his Milwaukee performance of "Muscle Memory," a movement and text work that premiered at the Bay Area Dance Series in 1993. "Muscle Memory" is based on Friedman's LEGACY Oral History Project, which seeks to record and preserve the histories of Bay Area artists at risk of being forgotten, including those with AIDS.

AIDS Activist TV is broadcast live every third Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. on Milwaukee's MATA Channel 47. Since 1992, each show has broadcast the latest in AIDS news, politics and scandal, plus a special feature focus.

Danceworks Queer Arts Series Continues with Jeff Friedman in Locus Solo Dance

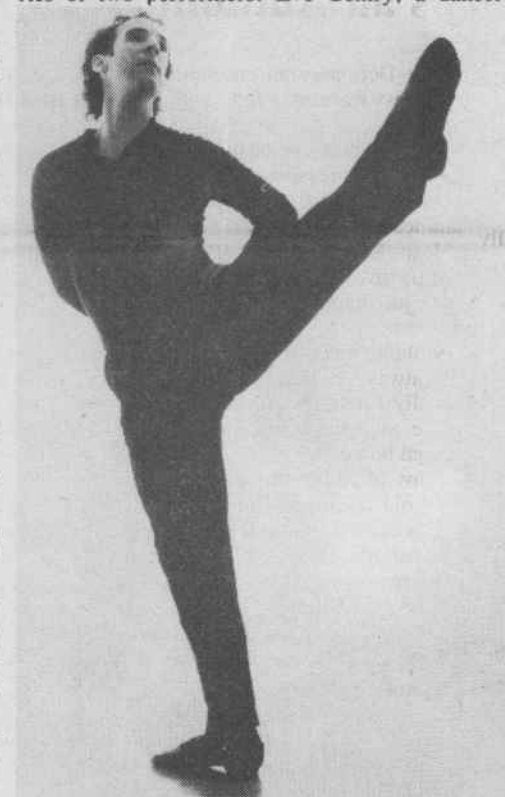
Milwaukee—Danceworks continues "Queer Art: Gay Dance in the Nineties" with San Francisco-based choreographer and performer Jeff Friedman. He will perform his solo repertory program, *LOCUS Solo Dance*, at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts on October 20 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Friedman's Milwaukee debut will feature "Muscle Memory, a movement and text work that premiered at the Bay Area Dance Series in 1993. "Muscle Memory" is based on Friedman's LEGACY Oral History Project Collection. The work is being performed in conjunction with the National Oral History Association's annual meeting, which is being held in Milwaukee from October 19 to 22.

LEGACY is the largest dance oral history project outside of the New York Public Library's Dance Collection. Founded by Friedman in 1988, LEGACY records and preserves the life histories of Bay Area Dance artists who are at risk: elders, those facing life-threatening illnesses, and people of color whose work in dance is outside the historical mainstream.

"Muscle Memory" uses taped excerpts from LEGACY's collection, live text developed from LEGACY transcripts, and original text by Friedman.

"Muscle Memory" juxtaposes the life histories of two performers: Eve Gentry, a dancer



Jeff Friedman

with Hanya Holm in the '30's and co-founder of the Dance Notation Bureau in New York who died at age 84; and Frank Everett, a classically trained ballet dancer who died of AIDS at the age of 28.

These lives bump up against each other in poignant, unexpected ways.

Friedman will also perform Nana Shineflug's "On Becoming Pthah," with text from the Egyptian *Book of the Dead*.

The evening will include a discussion of Friedman's work as an artist and oral historian in addition to the performance.

Friedman will be one of four Danceworks Artists-in-Residence this season. His residency will include master classes and a workshop, "Endangered Species: Oral History for Communities at Risk, as well as the performances.

"Endangered Species" is a two-day workshop offered in collaboration with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Ticket are \$7 general admission, \$5 for students and seniors. For information and reservations, please call Danceworks at (414) 481-2010.

Mark Dendy

Danceworks will present Mark Dendy for a Madison performance of "Busride to Heaven" at the Kanopy Arts Center, 600 Williamson Street in Madison on Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m.

In his solo performance show, Dendy becomes "four ordinary, but incredible people:" Pawnie, a transvestite heroin addict; Mee Maw, a little old Southern Baptist lady; Adam, who dies of AIDS; and Sandy, a televangelist who makes Tammy Faye Baker look like Little Bo Peep with a Maybelline fetish. They all tell their stories as they wait (posthumously) for the bus that will carry them into the next life.

The New York-based performer will link these riveting explorations of anger, vulnerability and the desire for redemption with three Angel Dances, commissioned by Danceworks for the Danceworks Pick-Up Company.

Dendy in Milwaukee

Danceworks will bring Dendy to Milwaukee for two performances, one on November 17 and one on November 18. The performances will be in the Modjeska Theatre, 1134 W. Mitchell Street. Both performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Dendy's November 17 performance of "Busride to Heaven" will be a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. All tickets for that evening are \$17.

Tickets for the November 18th performance are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors.

For reservations and other information, call Danceworks at (414) 481-2010.

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TICKETS

For Dendy:

\$12 General Admission
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Present Music Presents a Night of Dead Movies and Live Music

Milwaukee—The biggest and scariest Halloween costume party and collective horror movie viewing experience in Milwaukee will possess Present Music fans for two October nights in a row.

Pandemonium III makes its unsettling appearance on Friday, October 27 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pitman Theater at MECCA. New this Halloween will be a reworking of the 1932 cult classic **Freaks** with a musical score by Peter Buffett and Eric Segnitz.

Two old favorites, the classic vampire film **Nosferatu** and the quasi-documentary **Witchcraft Through the Ages**, return to entertain and repulse audience members, courtesy of Segnitz and John Tanner. Music to each of the films will be performed live by the Present Music Ensemble and conducted by Artistic Director Kevin Stalheim.

Tod Browning's 1932 masterpiece, **Freaks**, was considered so horrible that it was disowned by MGM and suppressed by censors for almost 30 years. Using a cast of actual circus freaks, this film will be show as the silent film it was intended to be.

Nosferatu (1922), directed by F.W. Murnau,

is the original, superbly loathsome German version of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel **Dracula** and is considered by many to be the first important film of the vampire genre.

The evening will also include a costume contest and post-concert entertainment at the MECCA performance by Little Blue Crunchy Things.

Horror film buffs who haven't experienced a Present Music **Pandemonium** will notice that the films do not appear in their original forms or lengths. Buffett collaborates with Segnitz on **Freaks**. They have shaped it into an entirely new creature by "decomposing" a new musical soundtrack and re-editing the film footage.

Segnitz and Tanner have applied the same treatment to **Nosferatu** and **Witchcraft**. All three movies have been condensed to fit into a two hour show.

Tickets to Friday's **Pandemonium** can be purchased by phone at (414) 382-6044 or at the Pitman Theater Box Office.

Tickets to the Saturday performance can be purchased by phone at (414) 271-0711, in person at the MECCA Box Office.



Attention Please—Lily Thomlin (above) stars in Wayne Wang and Paul Auster's "Blue in the Face." The film, which opens October 20th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre, also stars Roseanne, Harvey Keitel, Lou Reed and RuPaul.

Wild Space Dance Company Presents 'Romantic Options'

Milwaukee—Wild Space Dance Company will present "Romantic Options" on Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th in the Cabot Theater. Both performances begin at 8:00 p.m. The Cabot Theater is located in the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward.

"Romantic Options," called "richly imaginative and witty" by the *New York Times*, offers small dances, scenes, vignettes and large dance sections which examine the mystery and humor

of romance. The evening-long series of dances reflects an array of viewpoints on contemporary aspects of love and romance.

"Romantic Options" was choreographed by Wild Space Artistic Director Debra Loewen.

Joining the Wild Space Dance Company for "Romantic Options" will be former company member David Figueroa (now of New York City) and Milwaukee performance artist Mark Anderson.

Featured live musicians will be Connie Grauer (of Milwaukee's Mrs. Fun) and composer/performer Alissa Eells.

Tickets are \$15 general, and \$12 for students and seniors and can be purchased by calling the Box Office at (414) 291-7800.

For more information, call Wild Space at (414) 271-0307.

'How to Make An American Quilt' is a Rare, Enchanted Film, Warm as an Autumn Day

By Glenn Bishop

In years past Jocelyn Moorhouse's **How to Make an American Quilt** would most probably have been condescendingly dismissed as a "Women's Picture."

All the characteristic elements are here: a focus on emotions rather than action, a predominance of strong female characters, and especially only a few male characters in brief, secondary roles.

Nevertheless, this beguiling filming of Whitney Otto's best-selling novel offers a wealth of pleasures for all manner of audiences.

Quilt's story is deftly and deceptively simple. Graduate student Finn (Winona Ryder) escapes relationship and thesis conflicts by spending the summer at the home of her grandmother Hy (Ellen Burstyn) and her great aunt Gladys Joe (Anne Bancroft).

Here Finn intends to (finally) finish her latest thesis, this time focusing on the rituals of women's handiwork in tribal cultures. Meanwhile, Hy and Gladys Joe host the Grasse Quilting Bee who are currently engaged in creating a wedding quilt for Finn.

Moorhouse has structured her film in much the same fashion that the Grasse Quilting Bee allows Anna (Maya Angelou) to direct the making of Finn's wedding quilt. **Quilt** becomes the sum of its parts, each part or segment focusing on a different member of this remarkable group of quilters.

Winona Ryder's Finn is at the center of Moorhouse's **How to Make an American Quilt**, yet serves an almost secondary, passive role: that of the listener.

The Grasse Quilting Bee is composed of a remarkable group of women. First there is Hy, Finn's grandmother, who as her husband lay dying sought comfort in the arms of her sister's husband.

Then there is Sophia (Lois Smith), a woman grown bitter with life's disappointments, yet shown as a lively, high-spirited young girl who loved to dive.

Em (Jean Simmons), grown weary of her husband's affairs, is (again) on the brink of leaving him. Yet as a sultry and very beautiful young woman, Em was enchanted as her husband's muse.

As the quilting bee's "outsider", Constance (Kate Nelligan), mourning the loss of her beloved husband, has found comfort in the arms of Em's husband. Anna originally served as a servant to Hy and Gladys Joe but now reigns supreme within the quilting bee.

Anna's daughter Marianna (Alfre Woodward) has returned to Grasse from Paris. The lover of many men, she found, if only just briefly, and then lost, her destined true soulmate.

Much as the Grasse Quilting Bee seeks to create a quilt, filled with love but also with wisdom for Finn's wedding, each member seeks to impart some essence of her life to Finn, to offer advice that will guide Finn to the happiness that may have, in fact, escaped their own lives. In Finn, they have found a very apt and receptive listener.

Highlighting **Quilt** is its large and impressive

cast. Definitely an ensemble effort, **Quilt** nevertheless features a few, truly standout performances.

With her marvelously fluid voice, Maya Angelou is impressive as Anna, storyteller, former servant and now the quilting bee's inspiration and leader.

Jean Simmons is radiant as Em, and Lois Smith invests in Sophia a poignant vulnerability only just barely masked by her facade of bitterness.

Holding the group (and the film) together is the always wonderful Ellen Burstyn. Only the usually fine Alfre Woodward seems a bit out of place as Anna's free-spirited daughter, just returned home.

How to Make an American Quilt is a decidedly old-fashioned film, lushly filmed and beautifully scored. Central to the film are family relationships. Family values, true family values, here reign supreme. If there isn't anything especially new here, that's OK.

One of those rare and special films, **How to Make an American Quilt** is filled with joy and love and a host of characters that we come to care about deeply. Isn't that enough? It is for me.

American Quilt is now playing in a theatre near you.

Rating: \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

Mystery Writer, Mark Zubro, to Appear at AfterWords

Milwaukee—AfterWords is pleased to welcome for a reading and signing Mark Richard Zubro, who will read from his latest Gay mystery, **Another Dead Teenager** (St. Martin's HC \$19.95). Mark will be at AfterWords on Saturday, October 21st at 1:00p.m.

In **Another Dead Teenager**, Detective Paul Turner and his partner Buck Fenwick are assigned to investigate the murder of two suburban male high school students. Turner, himself Gay and the father of two teenaged sons, finds it difficult to bring his full attention to bear on the case. Yet, as the details slowly emerge, Turner sees something far more sinister and horrifying than a pair senseless, random killings.

Zubro is the author of seven previous mysteries, including the Lambda Literary award-winning, **A Simple Suburban Murder**, the first entry in Zubro's popular "Tom & Scott" series.

Other Zubro Gay mystery titles include **An Echo of Death**, **The Only Good Priest**, **The Principal Cause of Death**, **Sorry Now?** and **Political Poison**.

Zubro's appearance is free and open to the public. For further information concerning this event, or any AfterWords event, please call (414) 963-9089.

'Provocateur,' a New Magazine, Adds the Artistry of Eroticism to the Gay Scene

By Carla McCormick

As I sat slurping red wine with Keanu Reeves in the courtyard of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, conversation eventually meandered towards his crotch.

"Would I ever show my penis in a movie? Sure I would show my pee-pee," said Keanu, a bit buzzed after two wines, his wicked brown eyes flickered as he talk about something he knew a lot about, something he preferred to refer to as his "pee-pee."

"Showing it off wouldn't bother me," he smiled. "If that's the hardest thing that I would have to do on film, then I would be a lucky man."

The above is excerpted from an article called "Raw Footage: Male Nudity in Film" by Michael Szymanski, in the premiere issue of **Provocateur** published by Alluvial Entertainment out of—where else?—West Hollywood.

Szymanski's article is fascinating, discussion movie stars—both female and male—attitudes toward being seen nude on the silver screen.

Others beside Reeves include: Michelle Pfeiffer, Demi Moore, Jason Priestly, Brad Pitt, Drew Barrymore and Racquel Welch.

At a newsstand price of \$11.95, the bi-monthly magazine may seem expensive, but the quality of the writing and the fine artwork (both paintings and photos) that are found between its covers do much to explain the cost.

The reproductions are first rate, fit for a coffee table book, which, though smaller in size, is what **Provocateur** closely resembles.

The magazine is adult female and male fare, with full frontal nudity throughout, but it is anything but pornographic. It is erotic in the way of *The David* or a painting of Venus being born from the foam of the sea.

According to the publisher's blurb that came with it, the magazine intends to explore in words and other art forms, the art and culture of the Lesbian and Gay community in this modern age. If the upcoming issues are anything like the first, it will succeed.

The magazine is certainly worth a look-see

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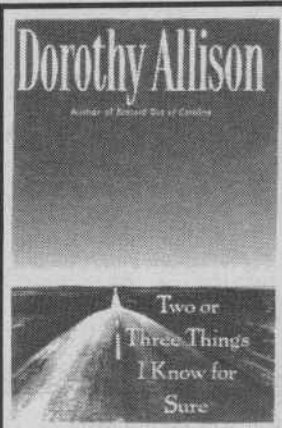
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A Plume paperback original from the always controversial Ana Castillo, **MASSACRE OF THE DREAMERS** (Plume Pb \$11.95)



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From the Lambda Award-Winning Lesbian writer DOROTHY ALLISON comes a marvelous new book, **TWO OR THREE THINGS I KNOW FOR SURE** (Dutton HC \$14.95)

AfterWords



Roll the Cameras—(Clockwise from left) Rene Russo, John Travolta, Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito star in the MGM comedy "Get Shorty" about a Miami loanshark who goes to Hollywood to collect on a gambling debt and winds up in the movie business. The film opens October 20th at the Times Theatre and outlying theatres in Milwaukee and throughout the country.

Cream City Chorus Elects Matt Pamperin as Its New President

Milwaukee—At a special meeting on September 27th, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd., elected Matt Pamperin to fill the vacancy left when previous president, Scott Sowles, resigned in early September.

Pamperin is neither new to the Chorus, nor to serving in it in an official capacity. Since joining the organization a little over a year ago, Pamperin has assumed the chair of the Finance Committee and of the newly formed Marketing Committee.

These areas are familiar to Pamperin, who has a B.S. in Sociology with a minor in Journalism/Advertising. Following his assumption of the Presidency, he will be focusing on his new duties and the Marketing Committee.

Pamperin took a moment to describe his goals for the organization.

"For too long, the WCCC has been 'One of Milwaukee's Best-Kept Secrets.' It's my intention to help this grass roots organization maintain a vision for growth. It is essential in today's economy that a not-for-profit organization continue to be recognized as stable, through being committed to the development of financial and organizational growth.

"The Chorus is in the process of transition into something bigger and better than it has ever been," Pamperin continued. "This will be achieved through the expansion of our Board of Directors to include both corporate and member delegates. I believe that once we install corpo-

Mileaf Returns to Direct Theatre X Women in Jeffrey Jones' '70 Scenes of Hallowe'en'

Milwaukee—The 1995 Theatre X Women's Series marks the return appearance of New York-based director Maria Mileaf to Milwaukee. For the 1994 Theatre X Women's Festival, Mileaf directed the Theatre X women in Lorca's *The Shoemaker's Prodigious Wife*. This year, Mileaf is tackling an equally interesting production, the Jeffrey Jones classic, *70 Scenes of Hallowe'en* with Theatre X women Marcie Hoffman and Flora Coker.

With respect to *70 Scenes of Hallowe'en*,

rate guidance and representation, this grass roots chorus will obtain a level of solidity that will enable it to be one of the best Fine Arts groups in the city."

The Cream City Chorus rehearses at the First Unitarian Society at 1342 N. Astor every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the Chorus is invited to attend.

Boulevard Theatre Presents 'Waiting for Godot' to Launch 10th Anniversary Season

Milwaukee—The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only microtheater, opens its 1995-'96 season—it's 10th anniversary season—with a production of Samuel Beckett's dark classical comedy of questions, *Waiting for Godot*.

Timothy X. Troy will direct the Ensemble's production of Beckett's famed play, to be presented Thursday's through Sunday's, October 20 to November 12, at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue.

Troy most recently directed the Ensemble's sold-out production of William Saroyan's masterpiece, *The Time of Your Life*.

Tickets for *Waiting for Godot* are \$9 for Thursday performances and \$10 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances.

For performance times and other information, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director, at (414) 672-6019.

Jones states: "The play consists of interchangeable scenes arranged in a sequence. Different arrangements will create different 'stories' with different 'meanings'."

70 Scenes from Hallowe'en will be presented from October 11 to 29. All performances are at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. For ticket and other information, call (414) 291-7800.



Morality and Justice—Trina Gavin (Linda Fiorentino) finds herself caught in a terrifying web of power, passion and deceit in the psychological thriller "Jade." Directed by William Friedkin, the film opens October 13 at theatres everywhere.

Tenth Annual Lesbian Variety Show Weekend

Friday, November 17-Sunday, November 19

Madison—In celebration of a decade of Lesbian culture and creativity, Kissing Girls Productions is proud to present the 10th Annual Lesbian Variety Show weekend extravaganza, "I got this way from kissing girls, A Dykade of Culture and Creativity, on Friday, November 17th, Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th, 1995.

Friday, November 17th

An evening of "Love and Lust Songs" will once again come to you for your listening and viewing pleasure. Torch and vamp as you can only hear as the "hot start" of a weekend of Lesbian pleasure.

The Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin Street in downtown Madison will be the venue for this great show, which will have two seatings.

The first show will sizzle from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., with the second, just as hot, seating, from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. seating will be ASL interpreted and The Madison Senior Center is wheelchair accessible.

Please remember, the cabaret (both seatings) has separate tickets from the other events of the weekend. The cost is \$6, and tickets go on sale October 28 at A Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson Street; Whole Earth, 817 E. Johnson Street; and Green Earth, 2094 Atwood Avenue.

Mail order tickets for those outside of Dane County will be available October 25th through November 1st.

Lesbian Art Show

Also at the Madison Senior Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and running until 10:00 p.m., you can enjoy the Lesbian Art Show. Be sure to stop in on the second floor (which is wheelchair accessible) and see this year's artistic and creative entries. Show your Variety Show ticket and get in free. For others, there will be a \$2 cover charge.

Saturday, November 18th

Saturday's excitement will begin at the Madison Senior Center as the first floor sparkles with the first Lesbian Community Carnival and Apple Island Crafts Fair.

There will be over 60 booths created by local craftswomen and Lesbian-friendly agencies, bringing games, food, fun and wonderful women-made crafts. Join in the Carnival fun and help raise funds for local Lesbian agencies. Admission is free.

The Carnival and Crafts Fair runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Art Show will also be open on the Center's second floor. The Show runs from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lesbian Variety Show

Saturday night will be the night of all nights, with the 10th Annual Lesbian Variety Show. There will be lots of surprises (Sorry, no fireworks), featuring some of your favorite acts from years past as well as many new acts, and of course, some down home Lesbian surprises!!

The show will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Avenue. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Variety Show will be ASL interpreted and the Barrymore is wheelchair accessible.

Sunday, November 19th

Save your ticket stub from the Variety Show, and on Sunday, November 19th, you'll be admitted free to the Art Show Reception and the Lesbian Poetry and Storytelling Showcase.

The Art Show Reception will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You'll have the chance to enjoy the art work and meet the artists.

The Annual Poetry Showcase will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Showcase will be ASL interpreted and is also free with your Variety Show ticket stub. Without the stub, the charge for each of these events is \$2.

Ticket Information

The ticket cost for these three events combined is based on a sliding scale, \$10-\$12-\$15, more if you can, less if you can't.

The Cabaret Night tickets are available at the same ticket outlets listed above at a cost of \$6.

For those outside Dane County, mail order tickets are available. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your request to: KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Make checks payable to: Kissing Girls Productions (KGP). If you are purchasing Cabaret tickets, please indicate first and second choice for show times.

Ticket purchases are limited to ten per request, either through the mail or at the ticket outlets, and they are non-refundable.

For more information, call (608) 242-9672.

Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian Entertainers Rally to Support the Grinkeys

Green Bay, WI—The "Angel Tour," a five-day series of three benefit shows by Wisconsin's top Gay and Lesbian entertainers, will kick off in Appleton, October 18th, to benefit Georgie and Annie Grinkey's "Help Adopt Angel" legal fund. After the initial night at the Pivot Club in Appleton, the show will travel to ZA's in Green Bay and Just Us in Milwaukee.

Among the celebrities scheduled to appear on the tour are Vickie, Ms. Gay Wisconsin USofA; Sage LaRue, Miss Gay Great Lakes USofA At-Large, and a host of other title holding female impersonators, comedians, singers and other acts. The show will be hosted by veteran entertainer Gloria Holloway, with assistance from a variety of guest hosts.

Although a court order prevents the Grinkeys from discussion the final outcome of the case and any of its particulars, it has been learned that Anne Grinkey is now the adoptive parent of the nine-year-old daughter of biological parent Georgie Grinkey.

The Grinkeys, however, are able to comment on their attorney bill, which is currently at \$12,600.

The tour is being organized by Green Bay activist Mike Fitzpatrick.

"I was happy to see the men's and women's communities band together to help the Grinkeys last Spring at the "Help Adopt Angel" banquet and wanted to develop a fundraising effort which would encourage those who weren't able to attend to assist as well," Fitzpatrick said. "I spoke with several Green Bay performers and the whole thing snowballed into this tour."

The talent roster will vary slightly from show to show due to entertainer commitments, according to Fitzpatrick, but each town will have just about all of the headliners.

"Loretta LaMour committed before she won her state title, which brought with it a conflicting commitment the last night of the show," Fitzpatrick said.

Performance routines will also vary from show to show to give tour followers variety, according

to Fitzpatrick. Showtime each night will be 10:30 p.m. Performers may be tipped with cash or checks made out to the "Adopt Angel Fund." All proceeds will benefit the legal fund.



Mystery Writers to Read at Booked for Murder Bookstore in Madison

Madison—Ellen Hart and R.D. Zimmerman, two Minnesota mystery writers will be speaking at Booked for Murder bookstore, 2701 University Avenue in Madison on Saturday, October 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Hart, author of two popular series set in Minnesota, will talk about her latest Jane Lawless/Cordelia Thorne novel *Faint Praise*.

Hart's book, *Small Sacrifice*, won the "Lammy," the Lambda Literary Award, as the "Best Lesbian Mystery" of 1994 and the 1995 Minnesota Book Award for Best Mystery/Crime Novel.

Zimmerman will discuss *Closet*, the first book in a new series featuring Gay detective Todd Mills, a TV anchorman at the top of his field who was outed on the 10:00 p.m. news when the body of his murdered lover is discovered.

Nominated for an Edgar for *Deadfall in Berlin* and author of the acclaimed *Trance* series, soon to be seen on TV, Zimmerman according to critics, will soon be a household name.

Dykes To Watch Out For

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I HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE, GLORIA! KISS ME!

TONI, NO! COME ON. THIS IS CRAZY, YOU'RE UPSET. THE KIDS'LL BE UP ANY MINUTE! WE CAN'T!

I KNOW, I KNOW. YOU'RE RIGHT.

I DON'T WANNA RUIN OUR FRIENDSHIP, YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN COUNT ON.

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Fifteenth Annual Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival Opens November 3

Chicago—Chicago Filmmakers has announced Reeling: The 15th Annual Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, opening Friday, November 3rd and running through Sunday, November 12th at the Music Box Theater, 3733 N. Southport, and at Chicago Filmmakers' Kino-eye Cinema, 1543 W. Division.

Opening this year's festival will be the Chicago Premiere of Canadian director Patricia Rozema's eagerly awaited new film, *When Night is Falling*. It is the unabashedly romantic story of Camille, a Christian academic, who finds her life turned upside down when she meets Petra, a flamboyant performer from an avant-garde circus.

The attraction is immediate, and soon Camille discovers that her desires may force her to accept the one thing that terrifies her most: change.

As intelligently directed, fresh an original as her earlier film, the popular *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing*, *When Night is Falling* is a Lesbian love story that unfolds with grace and

House Again Postpones Anti-Gay Hearing on the Schools

Washington, D.C.—Staffers for a House subcommittee announced on September 29th a second postponement of a planned hearing on local school efforts to protect young people from AIDS, hate violence, and suicide.

The hearing, which had initially been scheduled to occur September 12th, had been tentatively rescheduled for October 13th.

Entitled "Parental Involvement in Social Issues in Education," the tax-payer forum originally had been sought by rabidly anti-Gay extremist Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition.

No new date for the hearing has been set. The Human Rights Fund (HRF) and other Lesbian and Gay national organizations, continue to urge concerned citizens to call their members of Congress at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to urge Subcommittee Chair Peter Hoekstra (R-MI), for an outright cancellation of the hearing.

HRF is also calling for young people who have experienced anti-Gay discrimination and violence in school to send their stories to: Kris Pratt, Human Rights Fund, 1101 14th Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005;

Or: Rea Carey, National Advocacy Coalition on Youth and Sexual Orientation, 1025 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005.

magic. The festival offers an exciting line-up of films and videos this year. Opening weekend will include the Midwest premiere of *Man of the Year*. Highly entertaining and "very easy on the eyes," this film is dramatic, honest and funny.

Canadian film and video will be a special focus of this year's festival, representing almost a third of the programming. Films include: *Eclipse*, *Tokyo Cowboy*, *The Last Supper*, and *Fiction and Other Truths: A Film About Jane Rule*.

Screenings which will stir up some advance commentary include the Midwest premiere of *Frisk*. It is based on a book by Dennis Cooper about a Gay serial killer.

Others include: *Heavy Equipment and Midnight Dancers*, the adventures of three magnificently luscious young Asian men who work as "macho dancers" and prostitutes in a Manila Gay bar.

Also scheduled this year is the powerful *Black Is—Black Ain't*, the final work of Marlon Riggs, completed by his crew after his death from AIDS last year.

Another important documentary is *A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde*.

A major event the closing weekend will be a party with the Goddess herself! Judy Tenuta will be making a personal appearance to introduce the world premiere of her new video *Un-Butt-Plugged in Tex-Ass* on Saturday, November 11 at the Kino-eye Cinema.

A complete festival schedule is available and tickets and festival passes go on sale October 20th and may be purchased at Kino-eye Café, 1543 W. Division. The festival hotline number for up to date program information is (312) 384-0772.

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Youth Column

I Love October!

By Jason Jellison

It's October! What a fantastic month! Do you know what I love most about October? (And I hope you do too). It's National Coming Out and GLBT History Month! What a fantastic time of the year to be Queer. The East Side's streets are prime with Gay business and Fall colors are everywhere. It's the perfect time to be here and be Queer.

Since I've fully come out at home, school and work and everywhere around me, my life has been wonderfully happy, and I thought you might want to know about it because this can be anyone's life.

As those of you who read my column regularly may recall, when I began to write, I wrote of the depression I once felt in my life and the isolation I and you have experienced.

In lieu of Coming Out Day (October 11), I thought that it might be good to let all my younger readers know that Gay life is a fabulous change.

I am now surrounded by people who love and respect me as an individual and I find that highly fulfilling.

More importantly, however, I would like to talk to you about the importance of being out; what it means to yourself and what it means to your community.

The night before I wrote this column, I had the opportunity to meet Candace Gingrich, Newt Gingrich's Lesbian sister. Before that, I had just gone to Washington, D.C. and spent almost two hours in the White House in meetings with one of Bill Clinton's Presidential aides, Marsha Scott, the liaison to the GLBT community.

Also, I had the opportunity to meet and interview many important people in the GLBT community.

The point of all my horn tooting is this. I never realized what was honestly out there until I came out.

I don't take any credit for coming out because I had all the help in the world to do it. That's my point. It's National Coming Out Month. We all can take part in helping other people help themselves.

I never realized that I could be a part of that because I had always felt that problem was too immense. I always just let my personal life and sexuality walk over me and I never was concerned with the fact that I was hurting myself.

I always thought that I was somehow doing someone an intangible good by shutting up, shutting out, and isolating myself.

I always believed with the most deep-rooted sincerity that "Oh well, I will be helping my family, whatever, if I keep silent" philosophy.

Being raised correctly, I always had believed in the old Christian philosophy of making a concerted effort to be selfless. However, what I did not realize was that I wasn't helping anyone.

I hadn't realized that there are others in my situation and I was creating a disservice for them beyond my grasp by making myself someone else's sacrificial lamb.

I did not understand how I could firstly help myself, and secondly, attempt to help others who are in my situation.

As I have said many times before, we all can be a part of this. Everyone has the right to be who they are and everyone has the right to be content with who they are.

Personally speaking, I truly believe that the world, individually and as a whole, would be better off if we were all out. I learned this lesson the hard way. I don't want anyone else to do the same.

So, the question remains, "How can I get in-

involved with the facilities that exist to help?" If you're of high school age, there is Gay Youth Milwaukee. It's a nice, private group that will help you understand yourself and meet people.

If you're of university age, UWM and Marquette both have groups that you can get in touch with quite easily.

Also, MATC now has a group for its students which is brand new. It was started by a member of my family and, I assure you, that you will feel comfortable.

If you are older and have a Gay loved one or friend, there is PFLAG.

All of these groups are there for you and will stand by you through thick and thin. However, it's your decision if you would like to get involved. No one but you will make you feel happy.

If you're my age and would like help coming out, feel free to write to me. It's confidential and I do honestly care about you and so I really would encourage you to write.

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Mormon Leaders Begin to Open Discussion on Origin of Sexual Orientation

Salt Lake City, UT—The leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS)(Mormons), are bringing discussion of homosexuality out of the closet, seeking to explain to distraught parents of Gays and Lesbians and to the general membership why same-sex unions are anathema to the church.

In an unprecedented airing of the issue in the October edition of the faith's *Ensign* magazine, a church apostle writes that gender is a pre-mortal characteristic and that Satan is out to "confuse what it means to be male or female."

"The struggles of those who are troubled by same-sex attraction are not unique. There are many kinds of temptations, sexual and otherwise. The duty to resist sin applies to all of them," Elder Dallin H. Oaks says in the eight-page article.

Until recently, LDS leaders have publicly discussed homosexuality mostly in general condemnations of immorality. But in 1994 the church began a vigorous campaign against efforts in Hawaii and elsewhere to legalize same-sex marriages.

In the past month, they have thrice proclaimed their opposition in high-profile forums. And Oaks' article, while disappointing to many Mormon Lesbians, Gays and their parents, is significant for its acknowledgment of scientific research that is increasingly showing that sexual orientation has biological underpinnings.

Oaks stressed that the subject of sexual orientation is "highly complex" and scientific knowledge about it in its infancy. Firm conclusions to "nature" versus "nurture" arguments over sexuality "must await many additional scientific studies."

Nevertheless, he wrote, Mormons should refrain from using the words Homosexual, Lesbian and Gay as nouns because to do so would run counter to church doctrine.

"It is wrong to use these words to denote a condition, because this implies that a person is consigned by birth to a circumstance in which he or she has no choice in respect to the critically important matter of sexual behavior," Oaks wrote.

He also condemned those who engage in "Gay-bashing" and urged church members to show compassion toward those infected with the HIV virus or afflicted with AIDS, "who may or may not have acquired their condition from sexual relations."

On other points, the article by the former Utah Supreme Court justice elaborated on statements made in a September 23 "proclamation" by the church's governing First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles: That only heterosexual relations within marriage are acceptable to God and that men and women since Adam and Eve have been commanded to "multiply and replenish the earth."

Mormons who engage in homosexual behavior can expect to be excommunicated, Oaks said. "And discipline can be given for encouraging sin by others."

While many Christian faiths condemn homosexuality, Mormons have unique reasons for doing so. It is a basic tenet of the faith that only men and women married for eternity in a Mormon temple can dwell with God, and their families, after death, and eventually attain godhood themselves.

Oaks' address appears in partial response to a growing number of Mormon Lesbians, Gays and their parents wounded by their treatment within a church that continues to insist homosexuality is treatable and even preventable.

In a letter to President Gordon B. Hinckley on August 27th, 40 such parents asked, "How long must we endure the marginalization and vilification of our children?"

They took exception to the monthly "First Presidency Message" in the September issue of the *Ensign* written by Hinckley's counselor, James E. Faust, who declared the scientific theory of an inborn homosexual orientation a "false belief."

"The fruits of mounting scientific evidence, our own experience and our own children tell us otherwise," the parents wrote.

They also decried the continued insistence by LDS Social Services on placing a large share of the blame for homosexuality on poor parenting, such an absent or weak father and a dominant mother. The church agency provides sexual re-orientation therapy to Mormon Gays.

"If this theory had any validity, we would expect to see an epidemic of homosexuality in the ghettos where absent fathers are the rule rather than the exception," the parents told Hinckley.

A 1995 set of guidelines from LDS Social Services to Mormon counselors and psycho-therapists says an "important goal in working with the parents of feminine boys and masculine girls is to improve the marital relationship—schisms between the parents are apparent in almost all cases."

"Gender confusion is less likely when love and harmony are present in the parents' marriage. Treatment for the parents is aimed at overcoming their distance from each other."

Many Mormon Lesbians and Gays and their parents hold out hope that a preponderance of scientific evidence eventually will cause the church leaders they revere as prophets to look less sternly on same-sex marriages. Some point to the 1978 revelation ending the church's ban on the ordination of black males to the priesthood, which many once believed would never be lifted.

"As the understanding of homosexuality evolves, is the status quo the best we can hope for?" the parents asked Hinckley, the church's "prophet, seer and revelator."

"Is it possible that additional revelation may be forthcoming that might bring some peace and understanding to our families? How long must we and the church remain in conflict with ourselves?"

From the Media

Interpoz+ Magazine

Muncie, IN— A new Singles Introduction Service and Publication dedicated exclusively for the HIV+ AIDS community is targeted to debut this Fall. Offering free personal ads and subscriptions to all individuals using their service, **Interpoz+ Magazine**, a division of Choice Media Group, is a Gay, HIV+ owned and operated company.

Offering a safe and confidential alternative to those affected by HIV, **Interpoz+** will serve all sexual orientations, introducing readers locally and nationally.

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For more information, contact **Interpoz+ Magazine**, 564 Mission Street, Box 415, San Francisco, CA 94105, or call: 1-800-820-2948.

New Gay Web Site

Los Angeles, CA—The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center has a new, all-Gay presence on the Internet. The Center's new home page was established on October 11, National Coming Out Day.

The address is: <http://www.GLSC.org>
"The Internet is an incredibly valuable tool in mobilizing and uniting people from around the world—a tool increasingly used by the Lesbian and Gay community," said Lorri L. Jean, executive director.

The new home page will initially offer a monthly calendar of Gay and Lesbian Center events and meeting, the Freedom to Marry, community resources and volunteer opportunities.

The home page will also provide linkages to other Gay and Lesbian internet resources.

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Milwaukee SENSUAL SPANDEX: GWM, 27, 6'1", 160, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks GWM's, 21-45, attractive and in good shape, for submissive spandex pleasure. Groups and couples a plus. Please call. ☎13226

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Milwaukee LET'S TALK: GWM, 22, 125, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, musician and artist, seeks other GWM's with similar qualities and interests for fun. Please leave me a message. ☎13411

Milwaukee RELATIONSHIP MINDED: GWM, 38, sincere and romantic, seeks a sincere relationship with GWM, 25-40, hairy a plus. Let me share my life with you. Please leave a message. ☎13772

Milwaukee TRAIN ME: GWM, 34, 150, 5'8", brown hair, hazel eyes, muscular, smooth, seeks discipline from other GWM's with same qualities under 35. Please leave a message. ☎13692

Milwaukee LONG TERM COMMITMENT: GWM, relationship oriented, seeks GWM, 20-30, drug and smoke free, for serious relationship. Please leave a message. ☎13835

Wisconsin WHERE ARE YOU?: GWM, 5'9", 150, seeks other males for fun. Please leave a message. ☎14216

Milwaukee BOYS WILL BE BOYS: GWM, 26, 5'10", 165, blonde hair, blue eyes seeks GWM under 30 for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. ☎11276

Milwaukee BI BOYS: 18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", BIWM, seeks other young WM's between 18-21, for friendship, camping and hiking. Other things possible as well. Please leave me a message. ☎11307

LaCrosse STRAIGHT BUT BENDS : GWM, 34, 6', blue eyes, long blonde hair,

masculine, seeks GWM, 18-36, who are straight acting/appearing, and who know what they want from life. Please leave a message. ☎11450

Wisconsin NOT TYPICAL: GWM, 23, 6'2", 170, blue eyes, long brown hair, not into the bar scene at all, seeks other GWM's between 18-30 for friendship first with endless possibilities. Please leave a message. ☎11725

Madison BUDDY BONDING: GWM, 27, 5'2", 125, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks other GWM, 21-32, for fun and adventure. I have varied interests as I hope you will. Please leave a message. ☎11802

Madison DADDY CAN BE A BOY: GWM, 46, 5'11", 160, seeks fraternity hazing with other frat boys under 25. Please leave a message. ☎11816

Madison BI THE WAY, R U?: BIWM, 25, 6'1", 230, seeks other BIWM's under 30 in the local area for a good friendship with more possible. Please leave a message. ☎12072

Milwaukee SIR, THANK YOU SIR! GWM, 27, 6'2", 230, brown hair, brown eyes, seeking a dominant master into CBT, TT, WS, FF, shaving, S&M, B&D, and humiliation. Nothing I won't do for you sir! ☎11529

Wisconsin YOU AND ME: GWM, 27, 160, 5'8", enjoys sports, seeks GWM, 18-28, for outings and friendship. Please leave a message. ☎12286

Wisconsin PLEASURE SEEKER: GWM, 30, 5'8", 150, attractive, new to area, seeks other local GWM's. Please leave a message. ☎1095

Oshkosh OUTSPOKEN: Gary, 39, 6'1, 225, lkg to have some fun, give me a call- ☎6678

Janesville HAIR: 25 5'11 145 shoulder length hair, slender build, soft smooth body, tired of one niters, if you want someone to love for a life time, give me a call- like hiking canoeing, outdoors, into crystal and rock collections, writer- call me-

S. Fond du lac LIFE PARTNER: Fred, GWM, late 30s, look younger 5'9, 165, dk brn/blue, fit and tan, kind and caring, iso gdlkg non smoking, GWM 20-35, enjoys outdoors, quiet talks, videos, fit and muscular, ready for a long term rel, call me. ☎9315

Green Bay YOUNG LOVE: Eric, 1m 26, iso my age in the area, outdoors, good music, having fun, lv a message- ☎9485

Eau Claire SIR, YES SIR: Submissive GWM, 35, blonde hair/blue eyes, 135, seeking dominant men who know how to give orders and follow them through. Your command is my desire. Please leave a message. ☎9539

Appleton ERECTOR SET: GWM, 34, 5'10", 135, very muscular, cabin owner, seeking construction worker dudes who enjoy outdoors, cabin living, scuba diving, swimming, tackle football, lifting weights and male bonding. Call me. ☎10046

Madison OH DADDY: 50 yr. old, 170, daddy, looking for 18-25 yr. old son to take care of this masculine daddy with affection and obedience. All messages answered. Swimmer's build and smooth a definite plus. ☎10233

Racine FULL ATTENTION: GWM professional, 55 yrs old, looking for any and all interested males to share my time and life with. Age/Race unimportant. Call soon. ☎10495

Milwaukee HANKERIN' FOR A HUNK: BIWM, brown hair, blue eyes, well built seeking a different experience. First time for me and am curious. Please leave a message soon. All messages will be returned. ☎10510

WISCONSIN BOY TOY: GWM, 19, 5'10", 150, very picky, looking for good sense of humor, outdoors oriented, GWM's 19-22 who want to meet for a fun time. ☎46428

Milwaukee DEEP NEED: GWM, submissive oriented, seeking dominant individuals for obedience training and leather cleaning. Make me your servant. ☎10274

Jefferson County BI THE FENCE: Married BIWM, 31, very new to this lifestyle, seeks experienced Bi or GWM to help me follow my desires. Be my mentor. My eagerness is doubled with excitement and adventure. Please leave a discreet message. ☎10639

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Fox City FULLY COCKED: GWM, 30, 5'8", 155, blonde hair, blue eyes, iso GWM between 20-35, for great times and encounters. Masculine and very well built are a definite plus. Please leave a message. ☎11151

Madison LET'S EXPERIMENT: young couple looking for an older male or couple someone to experiment with, flex attr easy to get along with, if this interests you call- ☎6734

Racine GW BI male, single 55, lkg for someone with same interests for a good time, Tom. ☎7464

Milwaukee HAIRY TEDDY BEAR: 35 subm GWM, 5'11, 220, hairy teddy bear, inexperienced, lkg for hairy dom men 30-45 to have fun with and try new things- ☎7629

Madison REDHEAD: Ray, 21, 6', red 190 well built, like dancing, actor, lkg for some friends, maybe more- ☎7803

Oneida Co. LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP: Steve, 29, GWM, like snowmobiling, bowling, hiking, camping, iso a man for friendship talking and some fun give me a call- ☎8137

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W. Wisconsin MR. POLICEMAN: Mark, GWM, 37, 6' 170 law enforcement officer, iso friends, spec person for long term re, 18-40 like camping, movie, eating out, any race ok, BM a plus- ☎8734

Hurley 19 COLLEGE STUDENT, 5'7, brn/brn, like movies, hiking, horseback riding, just want to get together give me a call- ☎8808

Milwaukee FONE FUN: Tony 24, 6', 170, lkg to meet guys, int in having fun, fone fun, give me a call- ☎8944

Madison OUT ON THE TOWN: Steve, int in guys 18-30 for rel, friendship maybe more, like music, like to go out alot, lv a message- ☎9070

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David, GWM, 26, 5'7, 165lbs., very muscular, runner, 32w, 40c, brown hair, brown eyes, moderately hairy, mustache, beard. ISO top GWM, 28-40. (Call Thru) Box# 3737
GWM, 28, 5'9, 155lbs., brown hair, green eyes. ISO G/ASIAN M, to get together with, see what happens, for fun or whatever. (Call Thru) Box# 6776
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Oliver, GBM, 19, 5'10, 160lbs., medium build, looking for M, 18-33. Box# 9954
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Earl, GWM, 27, hairy, good build, loves quiet times, intimate times, dancing, and watching a beautiful movie with a beautiful person. Prefer heavy guys, 32+, hairy. Box# 7119
M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going. ISO similar dudes. Box# 3216
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Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381
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Michael, GWM, tall, attractive, 6'1, 175lbs., slim, looking for B/HIS M, slim, 5'8+, for good times. Box# 8866
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In-shape, M, 38, bottom, seeking top M, for regular, safe, discreet encounters. Box# 0827
Rob, WM, 32, 5'7, 145lbs., brown hair, green eyes, in-shape, non-feminine. Seeking WM, 18-30, good looking, straight-acting, boyish, smooth, who enjoys movies, music, travel, nintendo. (Call Thru) Box# 0935
Chuck, WM, 24, dark hair, blue eyes, tan, GQ type, good looking. ISO BM, good-looking, good-shape, well-dressed, straight-acting. Maybe we can hook-up, get together, and get to know each other. (Call Thru) Box# 8009
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Kevin, 24, 6'1, 170lbs., into hip-hop, R&B, dancing, doesn't like anybody knowing his business. ISO attractive Puerto Rican/BM, no fems, no fats. Box# 2465
John, GWM, 44, 5'7, 200lbs., big chest, big arms, brown hair, green-eyes, trim mustache, HIV-. ISO GM, any race, likes outdoors, quiet times, body massages, cuddling, to settle down, serious relationship. Box# 4271
Darrell, 49, 5'7, very active, likes volleyball, cycling, hairy men, the arts, dancing, music. ISO M, same age or younger, honest, truthful. Not into games. (Call Thru) Box# 3393
Italian BM, 32, looking for M, well built, well hung. Box# 2532
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Steve, BiM, 23, looking for other M to have some hot times with. (Call Thru) Box# 4233
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Tim, 24, 5'7, 135lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, looking for M to have fun with. Box# 9854
Greg, GBM, 30, 5'7, 150lbs., seeking sincere GBM, 20-40, masculine, straight-acting, for good times, possible serious relationship. Be real with yourself, let's talk and see what we come up with. (Call Thru) Box# 4649
Jerry, 32, lives in country, fun person. Looking to meet someone for friendship or possible relationship. Serious replies only. Relationship oriented. (Call Thru) Box# 5808
Allen, WM, mid-30's, 5'11, 140lbs., good looking, slender, dark-brown hair, blue/eyes, mustache, bottom, somewhat hairy. ISO M, hot top, hairy daddy, who knows what he wants and how to get it. (Call Thru) Box# 4724
GBM, 27, professional, looking to meet people, friends, for movies, theatre, and shows. Box# 7458
M, blonde hair, blue eyes. Give me a call, let me know what's going on with you today! (Call Thru) Box# 9687
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John, looking for gorgeous BM in good condition. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 5751
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Dave, 35, 6'2, 185lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, looking for someone to have some fun. Box# 3168
Bob, 29, WM, attractive, very athletic, easy going, great humor, open, discreet, interest are biking, racketball,

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state. "There are powerful legal reasons why a lawful marriage in one state must be recognized by all other states," said Wolfson, co-counsel in the Hawaii case.

Money and Polls

A recent article in the *New York Times* discussed the Hawaiian move to legalize same-gender marriages and pointed to the "vast economic benefits" that "will come to the first state to recognize" same-gender marriage.

The millions of dollars, if nothing else, the article said, "will make states begin to rethink gay marriages."

In July, a new poll was released by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund showing that fully a third of the nation's voters are in favor of allowing marriages between same-gender couples.

The poll found that 33% of voters believed that two people of the same gender should be able to get married if they love each other, while 63% disagreed.

Young voters with higher incomes, and those with more education, were more likely to be in favor of equal marriage rights.

The telephone survey of 1000 voters nationwide was conducted June 21-26 by EPIC-MRA-Mitchell Research, a polling firm based in Michigan.

Those who oppose same-gender couples having the freedom to marry the one they love and support, however, are aggressively working to prohibit other states from recognizing marriages that would take place when and if Hawaii legalizes them.

"By promoting misinformation and fear regarding same-gender marriage, the Radical Right has raised significant funds to increase their influence on state governments," said Laurie McBride, Executive Director of LIFE: California's Lesbian, Gay and AIDS Lobby.

"Having successfully engineered legislation prohibiting recognition of marriages for same-gender couples in Utah, they are actively targeting other states. Unless we mobilize nationally, we are at risk of losing the freedom to marry in many states before it is even won," McBride said.

Civil vs. Religious Marriage

"We need to make it clear," said Donald

Suggs, Associate Director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), "that religious and civil/legal marriages are two separate institutions."

"We believe the state should not dictate which marriages any religion performs or recognizes, just as religions should not dictate who gets a civil marriage license from the state."

"The Radical Right is confusing religious and civil marriage in an attempt to mislead people," Suggs said.

Other arguments used by the Radical Right to oppose same-gender marriage are strikingly similar to those used 30 years ago when civil rights groups fought government interference in the rights of others to marry.

"It was only 30 years ago that interracial couples were prohibited from legally marrying," McBride said. "Today, very similar arguments are being used to deny same-gender couples the freedom to marry."

NGLTF Marriage Organizing Manual

On October 2, 1995, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced its publication of *To Have and To Hold: Organizing for Our Right to Marry*. NGLTF is working in conjunction with the National Freedom to Marry Coalition.

"Marriage is coming at us like a 3,000 ton locomotive," said Robert Bray, NGLTF Field Organizer and author of the manual. "We must educate ourselves, foster a discussion in our own community, organize and drive the issue from the grassroots up."

The manual includes: the latest background information on marriage cases; how to fight Radical Right attacks and hostile legislation; questions and answers; and almost everything a person could need to organize for the freedom to marry.

The manual can be purchased beginning October 15th. Each copy is \$10, with discounts available for five or more manuals.

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The Coalition includes: the ACLU; Log Cabin Republicans, the Human Rights Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; PFLAG; the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, and many others.

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Announcements**Lambda Car Club—Lake Michigan Region**

Chicago—The Lambda Car Club, Lake Michigan Region will hold its End of Season Car Show on Sunday, October 29th, (weather permitting) from Noon to about 4:00 p.m. at the Belmont Bank Parking lot, at the corner of Belmont and Halstead Streets in Chicago. This is their final car show of the year and many members will be showing their prize possession, and will also be available to talk to new and prospective members. There will be information packets, newsletters and membership forms available. Membership is open to both women and men, and ownership of a Collectible Car is not necessary; just be an enthusiast about cars in general. The show is being sponsored by Lucky Horseshoe Lounge and the Belmont Bank.

Sherman Park Rainbow Assc. Hallowe'en Party

Milwaukee—The Sherman Park Rainbow Association, the only Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual neighborhood association in Milwaukee, is holding its first annual Hallowe'en party. It will be held on Friday, October 27, at Loose Ends bar, located at 4332 W. Fond du Lac Avenue from 8:00 p.m. until close. There will be a costume contest with a \$50 top prize. Free beer is being sponsored by the Rainbow Park Association for all attending the party.

New Lesbian Group Formed

Waukesha—WALN (Waukesha Area Lesbian Network) has been formed to address issues of interest for Lesbians living in the Waukesha County area. The social and networking group holds monthly discussion meetings. WALN began forming in August, when 24 group members identified political, social, emotional, professional and educational needs that WALN could address. WALN has a monthly mailing and welcomes new women. For more information, contact Carolyn Ruck, Cicsw, at (414) 297-9412.

New Members Sought for Delta Lambda Phi

Milwaukee—The Milwaukee Chapter of Delta Lambda Phi will be holding their Fall Rush the week of October 16th to 22nd. Delta Lambda Phi, a Fraternity founded by Gay men for all men, will be looking for progressive men interested in joining during this week. Look for them at the following area colleges: Oct. 19 at Carroll College and all four days at UWM. The events culminate in two parties, one on Friday, October 20th and the other on Saturday, October 21st at locations TBA. Finally, all interested parties should show up on Sunday, October 22nd for an informational meeting about the Fraternity. For further information, call (414) 229-4054.

Want to be a Country Dyke?

Madison—Are you a country dyke (or want to be?). Want to meet other country Lesbians? Then join us! On Saturday, November 25, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., RDA has its monthly potluck and work party (work optional). Bring a vegetarian dish to pass, work gloves and a rake if you like, and stories to tell and let's get acquainted. Call (608) 838-3094 for location and directions.

Panel to Discuss Being Married and Gay

Green Bay, WI—"Married and Gay" will be the subject of a panel discussion of men and women who are coping with those dual identities at the October 16th general membership meeting of Positive Voice. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Brown County Central Library in downtown Green Bay.

Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee—The Gay Men's Discussion Group will focus on the relationship between fathers and sons for its October topic. Several fathers will join us to talk about their reactions to their sons coming out to them. The discussion is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. Preregistration is not required and the cost is a \$3 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Kenosha, WI—The University of Wisconsin-Parkside's Gay and Lesbian Organization is planning a dance to be held Friday, October 20th to celebrate National Coming Out Day and all those who have just recently come out. The dance, featuring popular club music will be held in the Parkside Union Square from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The dance is open to community members 18 years and older. Admission is free and there will be a cash bar.

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ate, appeared before the nation's high court in March in a water dispute between Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

This will be Dubofsky's Supreme Court debut. "I'm a little daunted by it, but it will be all right," she said.

Work on Amendment 2 has consumed the last three years of Dubofsky's life, but she said it's been worth it.

"Amendment 2 tends to resonate with me," she said. "The issue is similar to other kinds of discrimination professional women experience."

Dubofsky, a 1960 graduate of a Topeka, Kansas, high school, was first in her class at Stanford University and earned her law degree from Harvard. She was appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court in 1979 and left in 1987 to spend time with her husband, Frank, also an attorney. She returned to private practice in 1988.

Her lead opponent in the Amendment 2 case considers her a worthy foe.

"I think Jean is one of the outstanding lawyers in the state of Colorado, and not only because of her involvement in this case," said Tymkovich, who has practiced law with major firms in Denver and Washington, D.C.

To prepare for his arguments against her, Tymkovich has read legal cases, articles in legal journals and general literature about the Supreme Court. The University of Colorado law school graduate said he never anticipated that he would one day be arguing about Gay civil rights.

"It's been a difficult case for our office just because of the intensity of opinion on both sides," he said.

In the most recent issue of the *Advocate*, Pamela Karlan, a University of Virginia law professor who helped write one of the briefs arguing against the measure, is reported to have said, "This is a court that has not seemed very interested in protecting minority rights of any

stripe and that keeps claiming the federal courts shouldn't be getting involved in state government."

Still, as the *Advocate* reports, observers expect the decision will be closely divided, whichever way it goes.

A decision is expected next year, probably in July.

Editor's Note: As we go to press, initial reports of the case give some reason for optimism. Several of the Justices are reported to be sharply questioning the lawyer pleading for Amendment 2.

REPUBLICANS

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Rep. Rick Lazio, for example, represents a southern Long Island, N.Y. district that includes the Gay beach enclave of Fire Island. He led a drive to maintain money for a housing program that serves AIDS victims; his efforts earned him a Log Cabin contribution.

Political imperatives also animated the National Republican Party's decision to accept money from the Human Rights Fund. From House Speaker Newt Gingrich on down, GOP leaders have stressed their mission to elect more Republicans and the diversity of those already in office.

The move unleashed predictable fury on the right. One manifestation was a two-page broadside from Robert Knight, the Right Wing Family Research Council's cultural affairs director. He bitterly accused the GOP of elevating Gay concerns above those of traditional Republicans.

That the campaign committee stood firm reflects shifting political geography.

The rise of congressional Republicans forced Gay activists to reconsider their traditional focus on Democrats. The very existence of Gundersen, the Log Cabin Republicans and their allies is forcing the GOP to break out of its stereotype as well.

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Joe St. Clair who bartends at Mama Roux bar in Milwaukee, accepted an award along with Jim Roddell, co-owner of the bar at a special party on October 1. The event honored the bars and their teams who walked in AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Mama Roux raised the second highest dollar amount of all participating bar teams, while having the most walkers at 118. The Just Us bar team raised the most money.

Candace Gingrich Advises Lesbians and Gays to Live Honestly by Coming Out

By Terry Boughner
The Washington Post called her "The Speaker's Outspoken Little Sister"—and so she is. She is Candace Gingrich, on the staff of the Human Rights Fund (HRF) and currently on a national tour, sponsored by the HRF, of 51 cities. One of those cities was Milwaukee where she spoke at Centennial Hall on Wednesday, October 4, at a Town Hall Meeting sponsored by the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL).

The morning before her speech, Ms. Gingrich visited the office of Wisconsin Light for an interview.

Wisconsin Light: Why do you think it's important for people to "come out?" Why did you come out?

Candace Gingrich: Which time? There are a couple of different levels of importance. The most important is there comes a time when we must be true to ourselves; to realize and acknowledge that I am important and that living my life freely and honestly and openly is in my best interest and if the people in my life can't accept that or deal with that, that's their loss.

Beyond that, I've been learning how important it is for us to come out so that people can learn the truths about Gays and Lesbians. For a long time, we've been invisible. When you're not out there living your life openly and honestly, the only information people get the sensationalized stereotypes that the press wants you to see.

So when we come out to people, we actually help educate them and help them understand the discrimination that we still face. So, not only do you empower yourself, but you gain allies.

WL: One of those allies might be your brother?

CG: Not so far.

WL: What part are you going to play in the election of 1996?

CG: I don't know. I'm going to be working for the Human Rights Fund, but in what capacity, I don't know.

One of the biggest things HRF is working on is giving Mr. Helms his pink slip, so I might be involved in that.

WL: It's been reported that you don't have much communication with your brother (House Speaker, Newt Gingrich). Is that still true?

CG: Yes, but that's the way it's always been.

WL: How does your mother treat the fact that you are a Lesbian?

CG: She's curious. About a month ago she asked me what Newt really does say about Gays and Lesbians and I got a chance to tell her. She didn't say anything one way or the other. She did tell a reporter that she thought if Newt and I sat down together, we'd be able to work things out. But really, the family doesn't take sides. They've been pretty supportive.

WL: Will there come a time when you and your brother will work things out?

CG: The thing is he's known for 9 years that I'm a Lesbian and that hasn't changed his policies. That hasn't changed his voting record. That hasn't changed the anti-Gay things that he says.

And I'm just one person and I don't have the power and resources of some of his supporters. Taking that into consideration, he will continue to appease them.

WL: Do you think his anti-Gay stand is more political or is it really something he believes?

CG: It's my hope that it's a political stance. I don't want to think that my brother's homophobic. I know that he's supportive and friends with Steve Gunderson and his partner.

But one of my favorite sayings about politics is that "You've gotta dance with them that bring you."

You can't deny the power of the Right Wing on the Republican Party and the pressure they put on a lot of politicians.

WL: What do you think are some of the most important issues Lesbians and Gays face?

CG: Getting Ryan White re-authorized is very important. The other two things are getting federal protection in the workplace (ENDA). Both Senator Kohl and Senator Feingold are co-sponsors of ENDA. And Senator Kohl has a very good record on our issues.

The third thing is fighting anti-Gay legislation in Congress. We've been pretty successful, but it seems like every week something more comes along, like the Sheldon hearings. That's been postponed again, this time indefinitely.

WL: What do you hear in Washington on the Supreme Court and Colorado?

CG: Nobody wants to make a call at all. The only prediction anyone cares to make is that it will be close.

WL: What do you like best about touring the country?

CG: Meeting all the people. The enthusiasm out there for what I'm doing is really great, both from the Gay and non-Gay community. I'm glad I'm able to talk to these people, to go to the mainstream media and tell people that we're still discriminated against.

Your generation has made it easier for my



Candace Gingrich

generation and, hopefully, we'll make it easier for the next generation.

Editor's Note: That evening, Ms. Gingrich spoke to approximately 150 people in Centennial Hall. Afterward, most seemed to stay for the reception, talking with her. Everyone who spoke with this reporter, praised her highly, saying it was good to hear someone talk about coming out so forcefully and so well.

HRL is to be thanked for sponsoring the meeting and doing the advance work for the visit, which was considerable.

Oh, the world. . .

They say free at last,
But there's a triangle.
Me, my partner and the world,
Say choose who ever you want,
Yet they shun me.

There are many unwritten rules in society,
From race to religion will one be the last?
For I have chosen of my own rules,
The only difference is, we're the same sex.

I look for the day when,
We the Gay can say equal at last.

By Martin

'Why Did He Use Me?' Straight Spouses Ask of Newly Out Gay Partners

Greenville, SC—One Christmas Eve, Deirdre's children were scouring the house for mittens and woolen caps before running outside to check on Santa's progress.

Trying to help, Deirdre tugged a cardboard box from a shelf high in her bedroom closet. She peered inside—and saw the end of her 18-year marriage.

There in the box was a stack of books, all with Gay themes. She was disbelieving and confused, but deep inside things began to fall dizzily into place: The time early in her marriage when he would disappear on Saturday nights (he said he was "out with the boys"); his low sex drive throughout the marriage; his expression of a general unhappiness and discontent over the last few years.

"At the time, I didn't know what he was getting at," Deirdre recalled. "I had never suspected anything. But as I looked back, there were pieces of the puzzle that began to come together."

She did, however, think they had a warm and loving marriage.

Once she confronted him with her Christmas Eve discovery, he agreed to try and patch things together and to go into counseling.

But it didn't work. Just months into joint ther-

Lesbian Book-Banning Trial Ends as Right Wing Screams 'Foul'

Kansas City, KS—A federal judge is expected to decide within a month whether a school district's ban on a novel about Lesbians violates students' free speech rights.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Van Bebber heard the final witnesses Wednesday, October 4, in the case brought by several students, their parents and a biology teacher against the Olathe School District.

At issue is the removal of the novel *Annie on My Mind* from the Olathe South High School library after it was donated in 1993 by a Gay-advocacy group. A copy had already been in the library for years.

Richard Marriott, a Right Wing Christian, one of four school board members who voted for the ban, testified Wednesday he was "offended by the nature of the book."

Marriott testified that he found the novel to be predictable and that it "glorified the homosexual lifestyle."

The critically acclaimed book, about two girls who fall in love with each other, was written in the late 1970s by Massachusetts writer Nancy Garden. She testified earlier in the trial, which began September 20.

School board president Bob Drummond, a psychologist, testified last month he considered homosexuality a mental disorder similar to schizophrenia or depression.

Olathe school superintendent Ron Wimmer, who made the initial decision to pull *Annie*, testified Wednesday that he did not object to the novel's content but was merely dealing with a touchy community issue.

Wimmer said he received hundreds of letters when the book was donated to the district and that he wanted to quell the reaction from the community and the media.

The plaintiffs contend that the board violated their First Amendment right of free speech and that due process was violated when the book was removed.

School officials replied that they were exercising their right to choose material for students and their right not to succumb to the agenda of a special-interest group.

apy, he admitted to himself and to Deirdre that he was Gay. He now lives with a male companion and says he is finally happy with himself and his life.

Deirdre, meanwhile, is shaken to the core.

An attractive professional in her early 40s, Deirdre continued to function on the outside. But inside, she felt foolish, sexually unattractive, distrustful of men; in a word, she said, she felt like a "freak."

She wasn't. And Carole Lender, for one, knew it.

Mrs. Lender is a co-founder of Greenville's PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). In her three years of pulling the organization together, she has seen the human fallout.

"The majority of Gay and Lesbian people that I've met have fought so hard: They don't want to be Gay," she said. "They don't want to lose the respect and the love of their family members. They don't want to lose their churches and everything else."

"And, so they figure, 'Well, if I get married, maybe it'll kick in,' and they do, and children come out of it. And then they can't do it anymore, and all these innocent people get hurt."

It's those "innocent people," the bewildered straight spouses of Lesbians and gay men who are the target of Family Secrets, a new support group in Greenville facilitated by Fran Pate, a licensed professional counselor.

In many cases, the marriage that's ending is one of long standing, one that included true affection and friendship between the partners.

"The 20- to 25-year mark," said facilitator Pate, "seems to be a real watershed for men who can't hide it anymore."

In many ways, the issues provoked in a Gay-straight marriage crisis are the same as when one marital partner has a heterosexual affair. The wronged partner feels the same "devastation and the low self-esteem," allows Molly, 30, a Greenville woman who ended her three-year marriage after learning that her husband was going to the Gay bars.

"But the thing that they don't feel that I feel," she said, "is that they are Gay. You question your own sexual identity. You ask yourself, 'Why would I attract a person like this? Why did he choose me? Why did he use me?'"

Molly's discovery made her skittish around men, suspicious that if she'd been fooled once, it could happen again.

Of course, while any extramarital affair carries the risk of HIV/AIDS these days, the odds increase with homosexual encounters. Molly was so paralyzed by fear she waited nine months before undergoing tests—which turned out negative.

The issue of how to tell children also becomes more complicated. Deirdre told her adolescent children only after they had sneaked a look at her diary. Her daughter, now in her early teens, is having trouble accepting it.

Molly hasn't yet told her 6-year-old son, and won't until he asks.

Emily, a senior citizen who remained in her marriage after her husband told her he was Gay decades ago, told her grown children only years later.

Recently, Emily's anger has replaced her earlier embarrassment: anger at her husband for using her as camouflage; anger at her family for encouraging her to keep quiet; anger at herself for not having the courage to leave; anger at society for putting so much pressure on Gays to live a lie.

And therein, say the straight spouses, lies much of the problem. If being Gay were more socially acceptable, Gays wouldn't try so hard to fit into a conventional marriage.

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