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The Wisconsin Light

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For One Brief, Shining Moment the Possibility of \$8 Million Brought Camelot

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee—Now it appears to have been nothing more than an elaborate con in the classical definition of that word. Then, however, it didn't seem like that at all.

On Tuesday, February 27th, a thick envelop marked "Confidential" and "For Editor Only" arrived at the offices of Wisconsin Light. Inside was a packet of very official looking documents. With them was a hand written covering letter addressed to the editor.

The letter represented itself as being from the administrator of Realty Trust International headquartered in Las Vegas and Geneva, Switzerland. According to the letter Realty Trust was a "spin-off trust" of a 1928 trust that had been established by Charles "Lucky" Luciano and was now being administered by his grandson.

The letter stated that the Trust was prepared to give \$8 million, \$1 million to each of eight Milwaukee organizations or groups, most of them serving the Gay and Lesbian community.

The eight organizations listed were: PrideFest, Pathfinders, the Human Rights League (HRL), SAGE-Milwaukee, BestD Clinic, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Gay Youth Milwaukee and the Cream City Foundation.

The money was to be given "free and
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The Victorian Allyn Mansion Inn, located in Delavan

To Cure the Winter Blahs, Why Not Escape for a Weekend in the 19th Century

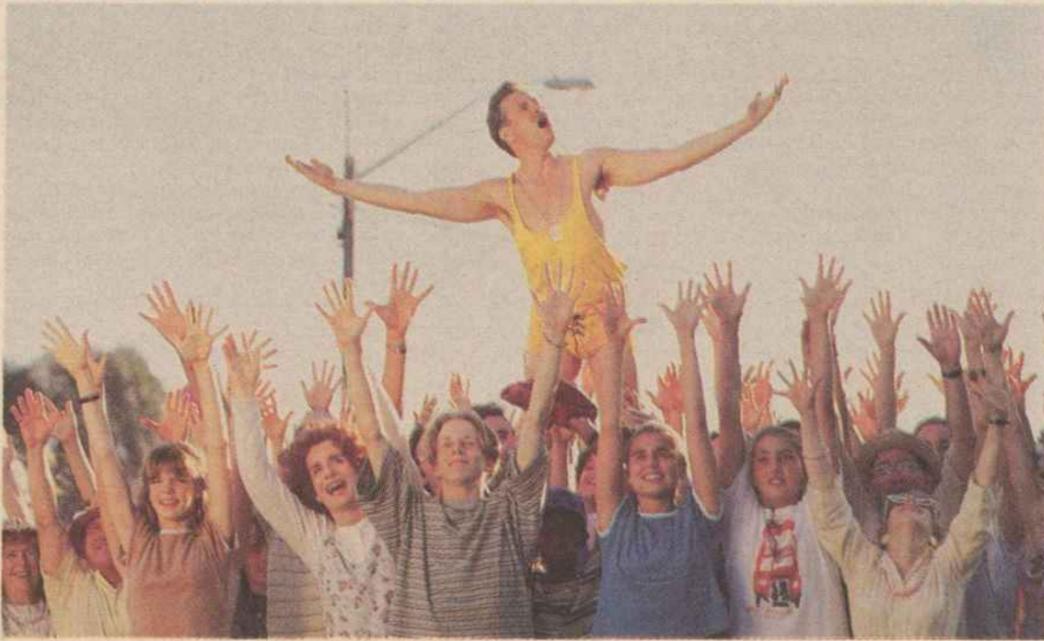
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The walls are coming in on you. The sky gets grayer by the day. There's a chill in the air that's lingered for weeks and seems to strike right to the bone. You feel like something even the flies ignore.

Maybe it's time to treat yourself, take a break, get away for awhile—but where? The islands would be nice, or maybe the South of France. But even if you've got the money, you don't have the time.

Why not try something different, something right here in Wisconsin? Why not take a night or a weekend and spend it in the 19th Century? That's not as far-fetched as it sounds.

While Thousands of Teens Contract HIV, A White House Report Ignores Gay Teens



Liberation Time—The once repressed Wally (Scott Thompson, top) joyously proclaims his sexual identity to a chorus of celebrants led by his wife Doreen (Kevin McDonald, floral dress in front) in the comedy, "Kids in the Hall Brain Candy." The film opens April 12th. (See the next issue of "Wisconsin Light" for more details.)

A Seat of Our Own; Gays Can Have a Voice on the Common Council with Karen Gotzler March 19th Vote Critical

Commentary by Patrick Flaherty

Imagine the community pride and progress unleashed by electing an open Lesbian to the Milwaukee Common Council.

Gay and Lesbian residents of Milwaukee's Third Aldermanic District are busy imagining the opportunities ever since Common Council Candidate Karen Gotzler cruised to first place in a field of ten in the February 6th primary.

Karen faces the runner-up in the General Election on Tuesday, March 19th, when the East Side and Riverwest voters who reside in

the Third District decide whether to elect Southeast Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian or Gay elected official.

But the race could be difficult. While Karen's campaign has energized residents of all walks of life at the grass roots, many campaign observers feel that Milwaukee's polished political establishment rides with her opponent.

A key factor in the race, all agree, will be whether the Karen Gotzler campaign can mobilize her core supporters in the Gay and Lesbian community.

If energy is the deciding factor, the Gotzler Campaign would win in a landslide. Many who cast votes for her in the primary were voting for the first time.

The campaign also boasts more than 300 volunteers. Many hail from the Lesbian and Gay community, where her support is rock-solid because of her long history as a community-builder and advocate.

She played a founding role in organizations
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Move Begins in Milwaukee to Develop Lesbian and Gay Community Center

Milwaukee—In what is believed to be the fourth time since 1970, the movement is mounting for a Lesbian/Gay community center in Milwaukee.

Recently, two Gay activists, Erv Uecker and Ross Walker of the BestD Clinic, issued a \$120,000 challenge to establish that would help provide for such a center. They have said that they will pay \$1,000 a month for up to 10 years toward a center if, among other things, a diverse, non-profit group can be established to receive the funds.

On March 11th, approximately 125 people from the community, some representing organizations, some only themselves met in the Common Room of the First Unitarian Church to discuss the matter.

As C.A. Klein reported, "Not since the 1989 meeting that brought over 100 Lesbians together in a North Side backyard has so much energy been generated by a single topic." The result that time was the establishment of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

The March 11th meeting was chaired by B.J. Daniels and Niki Cunningham. People discuss the meaning of "community," what a center should be and where it should be. Many ideas were put forth, but as one speaker said, "The type of site is immaterial; that will come as we identify our needs. We need to fire up the whole community and (the community center) will come true."

Washington, D.C.—Teenagers are contracting the AIDS virus at an average of more than one an hour, and the White House has again urged the nation to teach them how to protect themselves.

But to some disappointed young people, the report, issued March 5th, and its media fanfare were just more government talk and no action.

"This report isn't really doing something for youth," said Lam Duckim, 24, of Washington, who has the HIV virus. "There is a need for accountability."

Between 40,000 and 80,000 Americans become infected with the AIDS virus each year, and one in four is a teen-ager. That means that between 10 and 20 thousand teens are infected with HIV every year.

Based on those sobering statistics, President Clinton asked the White House Office of AIDS Policy to talk to young people to find solutions.

The office's report echoes what many scientists and AIDS activists have said for years: Strong AIDS education is a must for young people, so that if they later have sex or experiment with drugs, they know how to protect themselves.

"Kids are dying because adults are arguing about what to tell them about AIDS," said Miguel Bustos, 25, of San Francisco. He was asked to help write the report because as a teen, he organized student AIDS education.

"Teach the children. That's our message," he said.

Most American school systems provide some AIDS education. But many systems' policies prohibit discussion of sexual intercourse, homosexuality, bisexuality and condom use, the report said.

Ultra-conservative and Religious extremist groups have criticized AIDS awareness campaigns. They contend advising teens that condoms can prevent HIV infection condones teen-age sexual activity. Similarly, they charge that some education programs promote homosexuality by and condone drug use by discussing AIDS prevention techniques.

Religious Right Wing groups believe that homosexuality and sex are choices. Therefore, if the choice is made, death by AIDS is the justifiable result, according to the Los
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Surveys were completed by most of those attending. These will be used to identify specific services people want.

Klein reported that a steering committee will be developed from the list of people who registered and be charged with the task of organizing the effort—fundraisers, developing a data base for mailings, etc.

Another meeting is being scheduled in about a month's time.

The Community Center Fund

At the same time, BTB Corporation has established its own fund. Called "The Community Center Fund," it has set up a trust account at Milwaukee's Marshall & Illsley Bank. According to Si Smits, owner of the Boot Camp Saloon and the secretary of the Corporation, the purpose of the trust account is to receive funds for an endowment for the purchase, operation and maintenance of a community center.

As envisioned by the Board of BTB, the fund will be a "loving memorial" to women and men who the Board members knew well.

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Vote
Tuesday, March 19th

News Briefs

Texas Gay Rep. Charges Gay-Baiting

Austin, TX-AP-The state's only openly Gay legislator says a radio ad on two Spanish-language stations uses "Gay baiting" language and violates an opponent's pledge not to make sexual orientation an issue.

Rep. Glen Maxey, (D-Austin), is seeking his fourth term representing a southeast Travis County district. An ad paid for by the campaign of Abel Ruiz, one of his Democratic primary opponents, says, "Glen Maxey is an activist for the rights of homosexuals. And he has only supported issues important to the homosexual community. He forgot about our people."

Ruiz campaign manager Jenny Cameron said the ad is designed to show voters that Maxey has ignored the most important issues in the largely Hispanic district: crime, education and economic development. Most of the minute-long commercial discusses Ruiz's stands on those issues.

No Fraud in Maine Referendum Vote

Portland, ME-AP-There is no proof that last November's anti-Gay referendum was marred by fraud, the Maine Attorney General's Office has concluded. Brian MacMaster of the Attorney General's Office said nothing in the affidavits from four Concerned Maine Families members formed a basis for starting an investigation.

Carolyn H.T. Cosby, Concerned Maine Families' leader, denounced the state's decision not to investigate the charges made by her group, which initiated the referendum.

Concerned Maine Families members challenged hundreds of votes, saying the people who cast them were ineligible and that some of them lived outside Maine. The members also said election officials obstructed attempts to monitor and challenge balloting.

Secretary of State William Diamond said MacMaster's decision shows that Cosby was "crying wolf" in claiming election fraud. "Someone like that can yell fraud all the time and get a lot of coverage on it," Diamond said. "Obviously, there was never any evidence at all."

Homophobe Phelps Walks

Topeka, KS-AP-Charges against five people accused of wearing T-shirts emblazoned with a derogatory statement about Gays and Lesbians have been dropped after a municipal court judge found that clothing was not included in a city ordinance governing the picketing of churches. Judge Joseph Cox on Friday dismissed citations issued against the five Westboro Baptist Church picketers. "It was the obvious required outcome because a T-shirt isn't a sign," said Margie J. Phelps, one of the five defendants and an attorney representing the defendants. "We're going to get that (anti-Gay) message out, and that ordinance isn't going to stop us."

The other defendants were rabidly homophobic Jonathan B. Phelps, Timothy Phelps, Abigail Phelps and Shirley Phelps-Roper. The five are adult children of the Rev. Fred W. Phelps Sr., pastor of Westboro Baptist, which is known for its strongly-worded, anti-Gay hate signs.

Gay Tolerance Posters Banned From High School

Aurora, KS-AP-Posters with a message of tolerance about Gays and Lesbians have been banned from the halls of Smoky Hill High School. Assistant Principal Michael Murphy banned the posters, proposed by a student club, in the absence of principal Mary Jarvis, who was out of town. Murphy said he supports the concept of tolerance but did not think the message was appropriate for the school building and that some students might react violently.

On the posters was the group's name, "Homosexuals Heterosexuals Alliance Reaching for Tolerance."

Murphy said he would allow the group to have posters that spell out the group's name in classrooms where teachers didn't object, but the posters could not include explicit messages, or including the words "homosexual, Gay or lesbian." For the rest of the school the posters have to use the group's acronym: H.H.A.R.T.

Marlboro Man Dies of AIDS

San Francisco-AP-Christian Haren, a Gay man, who appeared in print ads as the Marlboro Man and later educated young people about AIDS, has died. Haren, diagnosed with AIDS in 1985, died February 27th. He was 61. After leaving the Army in 1954, Haren received a studio contract with MGM Studios. He appeared in several films, including *In Harm's Way* with John Wayne.

In the early '60s, Haren appeared in print ads as a model for Marlboro cigarettes and Budweiser beer. He later owned several businesses, including a Guerneville chocolate store and the CC Construction Co., a famous Gay bar in Palm Springs.

Since he contracted AIDS, Haren educated young people about the disease and its prevention.

Discharge of HIV+ Soldiers is Unfair

Washington, D.C.-AP-The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff says discharging military service members with the AIDS virus is unfair and wastes money spent on training. Responding to questions during an appearance Tuesday, March 5th, before the Senate Armed Services Committee on the defense budget, Gen. John Shalikashvili denounced the newly enacted law that would force out service members who test positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Under a provision written into this year's defense authorization bill, 1,049 service members with the AIDS virus would be discharged within five months. President Clinton opposed the provision but signed the bill because he said he favored other aspects of the defense bill.

Shalikashvili noted that there are thousands of others in the military who cannot be deployed because of various ailments such as heart disease. "To single out one group over another in how we look to treat them among all of the non-deployables is, I think, unnecessary because the system we have works well," he said.

Manila Mayor Urges Gay Cops to Come Out

Manila, Philippines-AP-The chief of the Philippine National Police said Thursday he does not object to having gay policemen. Director General Recaredo Sarmiento was reacting to statements the previous day by Mayor Alfredo Lim of Manila, who urged Gay police to come out in the open and even wear makeup.

Lim, who gained fame for banning go-go bars in the city, also proposed the creation of the country's first police desk specializing in problems involving Gays, which would be manned by Gay officers. "In the Philippine National Police there is no discrimination," Sarmiento said.

On Wednesday, Lim, a former Manila police chief who was elected mayor in 1992, said there was nothing wrong with Gay policemen putting on "a little blush and lipstick," provided that they wear proper uniforms. "Stopping them from doing what they want to would mean discrimination," he said. Besides, he added, "there is no law barring any cop from looking beautiful."

Last year, a congressman proposed the appointment of a representative for gays. The proposal is to be discussed in a House committee.

Log Cabin Stands By Gay Students

Salt Lake City-AP-State Democratic Party officials unsuccessfully requested that the Gay and Lesbian Utah Democrats remove "Democrats" from their name.

Now the Utah Log Cabin Club, a group of Gay Republicans, has added "Republican" to its title—and mainstream party officials are leery of the change. "In Utah, as you know, anyone can call themselves a Republican," said GOP executive director Russ Behrmann, since there is no party registration here. "Personally, I don't mind" the Log Cabin's name change, he added. "But I imagine that a number of people in our party will. The (Gay and Lesbian Republicans) are part of our party, but they should realize that many in our party don't accept the lifestyle choice they make."

In his announcement of the Republican name change, Log Cabin president D.J. Thompson said his group "disapproved of the Utah Legislature's handling of the Gay and Lesbian (student) club issue." A minority of lawmakers used "inflammatory and inappropriate language when speaking about" Gay student clubs, Thompson charged. He also criticized the Salt Lake City School District Board's move to ban all clubs, rather than allow Gay-Lesbian groups, as an overreaction.

Gay Republicans must become politically active "to meet the opposition to equal rights coming from some quarters of the Republican Party. If we don't fight for what we believe in, we will be defined by our opponents," Thompson said.

Lawmakers Demand Removal of Photos of Gays

Olympia, WA-AP-The photos show a teacher, a construction worker, a real estate agent, a police officer and dozens of other people at home and on the job. But because the people in the photographs are Gay, 27 Republican lawmakers want them removed from the state Capitol rotunda.

"The concern is that it is promoting homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle," said House Majority Leader Dale Foreman, a GOP candidate for governor. He also noted the irony of the timing of the display: The Republican-majority House recently passed a bill banning same-sex marriages. (See article this issue)

Gov. Mike Lowry, a Democrat, rejected the request to remove the display, which honors the late state Sen. Cal Anderson, the Legislature's first openly Gay lawmaker.

Eight Democratic lawmakers defended the exhibit at a news conference, sharply rebuking the GOP attack.

"They're reacting to something they can't deal with," said Rep. Ed Murray, a Gay Seattle Democrat. "This goes against the stereotypes of who they think Gays and Lesbians are."

Minister Begins Lenten Fast

Indianapolis-AP-The Rev. Howard Warren has prayed for people with HIV and AIDS, counseled them through fear and pain, and simply been with them at their bedsides. More than 500 men and women have died of AIDS knowing that Warren considered them his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Now, the openly Gay Indianapolis Presbyterian preacher and Gay-rights activist is fasting in their memory and for Christians who feel isolated from churches that condemn their sexual orientation. Warren, 61, began fasting on Ash Wednesday and will continue throughout the 40 days of Lent, the Christian season of atonement, reflection and renewal. He is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, so doctors will monitor his partial fast closely, encouraging him to consume liquids and fruit.

Warren wants to attract the attention of the leaders of his own denomination. For nearly 20 years, clergy and laity in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. have been debating whether openly Gay and Lesbian people can be ordained. Like many mainline Protestant denominations, the Presbyterian Church currently forbids the ordination of practicing homosexuals as elders, deacons or ministers.

"I feel that the Presbyterian Church is filled with fear and that it is being manipulated by the religious right," Warren said. "As a result, a mean spirit of law and order has replaced the Holy Spirit. I would like the Holy Spirit to reclaim the Presbyterian Church."

British Say Gay Military Ban Must Continue

London, England-AP-Lesbians and Gay men should continue to be banned from serving in the British armed forces because their presence would be an affront to servicemen, a government report concluded, according to a newspaper report.

The 450-page report for the Ministry of Defense also said Gays would hamper fighting efficiency and may never fit in with the military despite changing attitudes among civilians, *The Daily Telegraph* said on Saturday, February 24th.

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames has approved the recommendations, which will be announced in the House of Commons within a week, the newspaper said. They then will be considered by the Commons select committee charged with reviewing the Armed Forces Bill.

The ministry's legal adviser, however, wrote that the government is "likely to lose" when the ban is challenged before the European Court of Human Rights, the newspaper said.

According to the newspaper, the report acknowledges "evolving social attitudes towards Gay people" but adds "it may equally be that the permanent features of the military environment are such that it will never be possible to integrate homosexuals."

The military is unique, the report said. "No other employer sends its employees out in disciplined teams to kill and be killed." Lifting the ban would lead to "heterosexual resentment and hostility" and would be seen by servicemen as "coercive interference in their way of life," the newspaper said.

A survey of 13,500 British service personnel conducted as part of the inquiry found that 80 percent were against and just 5 percent for lifting the ban immediately. Opposition is strongest in the army and weakest in Royal Air Force.

anal sex



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Use plenty of water-based lube.

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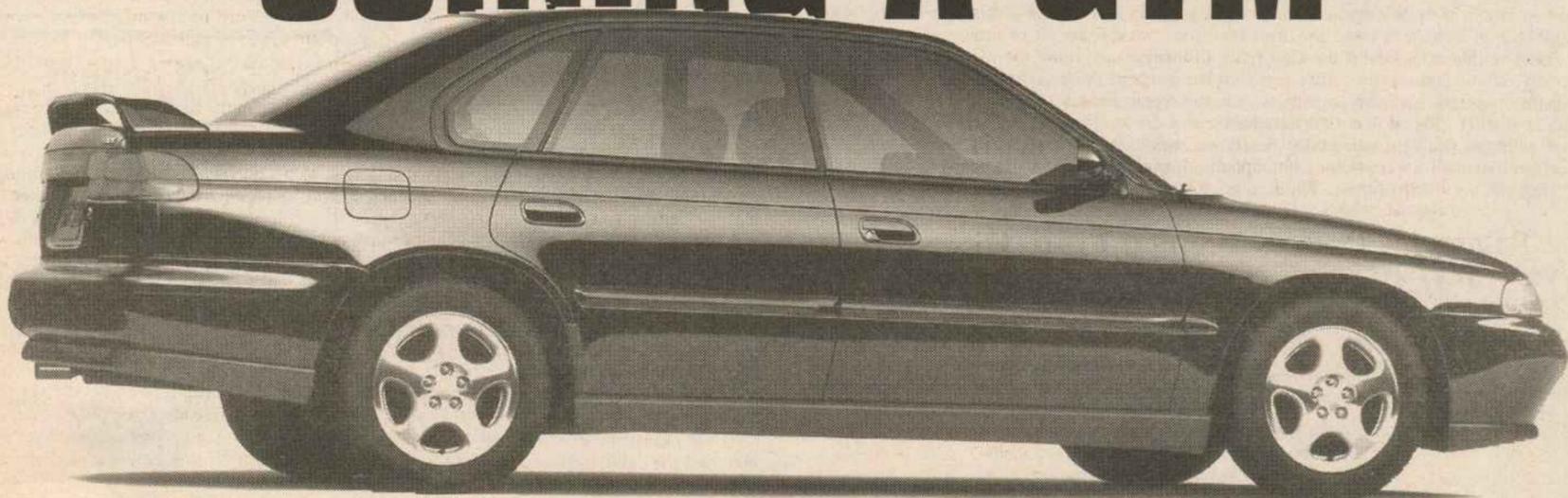
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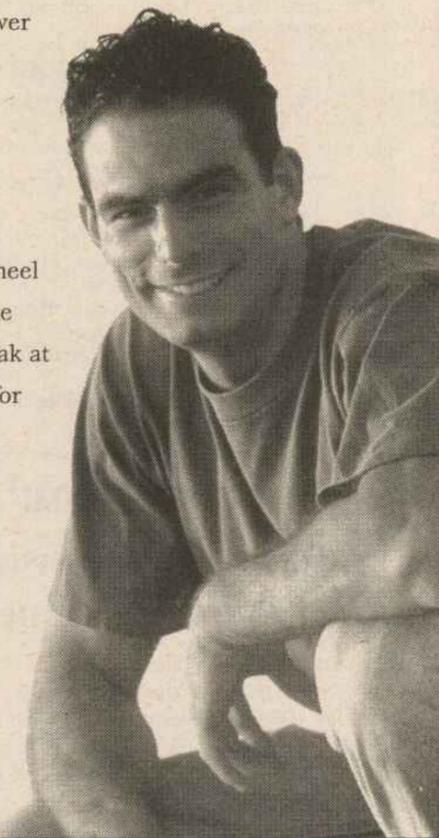
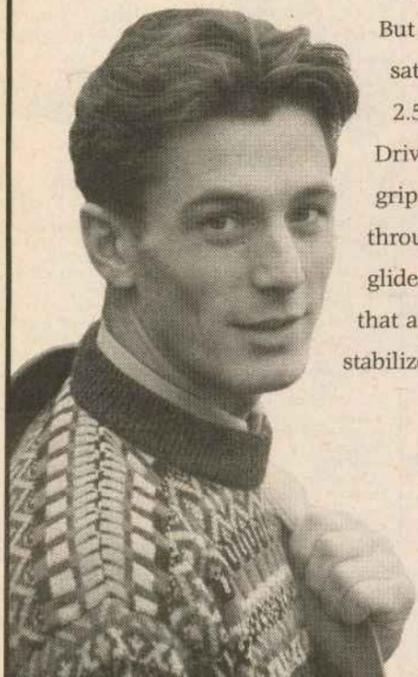
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Editorial

On Christians and Love

What continually impresses us is that those who like to go by the name "Christian"—such as the Christian Coalition and Wisconsin Christians United—seldom, if ever, as far as we can see, give any evidence at all of understanding what Christianity is all about. We have to wonder if any of them have ever read anything about what Christ said? If they have, they seem to figure that they can safely ignore it.

Now we're no Biblical scholar, mind you, but we do remember reading that Jesus—and Paul too, for that matter—ran around talking about love a lot, accepting love, non-judgmental love. We think the "professional" Christians have forgotten this, because most of their talk is all about sex. Not only that, but they add to it hate—for us who are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and just about anyone else who's different from them.

They want Madison Mayor Paul Soglin to be "born again." Why? So he can be just like them? So he can hate a lot and judge a lot and condemn most people out of hand? Who needs it?

Hate takes energy and leaves you empty, separated and unfulfilled. Only love is satisfying, good and redemptive, love that's accepting of even that which it doesn't understand.

There's a minister in Madison who stands up in front of her congregation and talks about love, while outside the doors, hate spews forth like some noxious mist. Which is commensurate with Christ and the faith he taught? We ask you.

There Was Hope

It was an unimaginably difficult and tension-filled situation. Here, right out of the blue, came documents and letters from an apparently incredibly wealthy trust offering \$1 million to each of eight Milwaukee organizations. It was an unsought "honor" that made Susan Cook the coordinator of all that had to be done—and all in a very short time.

First, we must say that Susan did this community incredibly proud. If, as it is said, the proof of a person comes when they face sudden problems, Susan proved herself to be pure gold. She conducted the difficult business with a sober professionalism and sense of responsibility that allowed the heads of those organizations to come together and work together in a spirit of unity and hope. Susan is to be praised for this. We can only add that all of us, the whole community, should be proud that she is the Co-Chair of PrideFest.

Secondly, all the community can be proud of the heads of those organizations. We have been in so many meetings, so many situations, where there seems to be little more than egos and contention at work. This was not the case here.

Faced with this situation, something nearly overwhelming as it appeared, these women and men deliberated with an acute sense of the responsibility to the whole community that they bore. They too are to be praised. Would that all of us could work together like that all of the time.

Election Endorsements

Statewide

In the contest for a seat on the Wisconsin State Supreme Court, we have no recommendation to make. In our opinion, neither one of them have proven good on our issues.

In Milwaukee John Norquist

In the race for Mayor of Milwaukee, we recommend a vote for incumbent Mayor **John Norquist**. He has appointed openly Gay/Lesbian officials to his administration. He has made it a point to attend Gay/Lesbian political events. He has signed bills providing for increased city AIDS funding. He has used his influence quietly, behind the scenes for the benefit of this community. **John Norquist** deserves a third term.

His opponent, on the other hand, Richard Artison, has a long, unhappy history of disdain for our community, a disdain bordering on contempt. For example, in years past, when he was sheriff, the Cream City Business Association (CCBA) invited him twice to speak before them. When he pleaded schedule problems each time, CCBA asked him to set a date himself. He refused.

When his officers were accused by some in this community of entrapping people in the county parks, he was asked for an interview. He refused, just as he has steadily ignored all other requests for contact made during this campaign.

Artison has never attended any Gay/Lesbian event; never shown the slightest concern for or interest in this community. If he wants to be mayor of the whole people, he could keep in mind that we are a part of that.

Milwaukee County Executive Tom Ament

In the race for Milwaukee County executive, we believe that the choice is clear. We recommend a vote for the incumbent **Tom Ament**. He has attended Gay/Lesbian events. He has made himself accessible to members of the community and shown an interest in our concerns.

The same cannot be said of his opponent who has consistently voted against proclamations of Gay Pride—among other things.

Milwaukee County Supervisors

In the races for Milwaukee County Supervisors, we recommend votes for **Elizabeth Cogg-Jones** and **Dorothy Dean**. Their support for our community has always been ample and without stint. They are well known to our community and deserve re-election.

Milwaukee Common Council

In the races for Milwaukee Common Council, we strongly recommend the election of **Karen Gotzler** (3rd District). In our opinion, she is the most highly qualified in the race in that District to assume a Council seat. It is long since time that we had a "place at the table" in this city. **Karen Gotzler** can give us that. She is one of us, yes, but a highly qualified one of us.

We recommend the re-election of **Paul Henningsen** (District 4). He has consistently supported issues of importance to the Gay and Lesbian community. He has proven himself a friend to progressive people. He has been there for us when we needed him. He deserves our support.

We recommend a vote for **Marlene Johnson** (District 6), and **E. Fay Anderson** (District 17), and **Michael J. Murphy** (District 16).

Editor's Note

200 Issues of 'Wisconsin Light' Brings a Time to Stop and Remember When

By Terry Boughner

This is the 200th issue of **Wisconsin Light**. After nearly a decade, the occasion gives me pause.

I remember a hot August day when the humidity seemed as high as someone's ideal bowling score. Fifteen people from Madison and Milwaukee were jammed into our back parlor. One Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian newspaper was coming to an end. Should there be another to take its place? That's what we were all there to decide.

In between ducking out onto the back porch for a cigarette—and to try and get some air,

there was discussion. Not much, really, it was just so damned hot. In the end it was decided that, yes, a newspaper was needed. What it would be called and other such details were left unsaid. Someone, I remember, mentioned an air conditioned bar. Such delicious comfort could not be resisted, and everyone fled.

There would be other, smaller meetings. At one, Peter Johnson chose the name. He said he liked the sound of "Wisconsin Light." Peter's gone now. He died in a tragic accident in Galveston not long after, but it was he who gave the money to incorporate the paper.

It was famed Milwaukee artist Orloff who designed the logo. He said that Marc Hauptert came to him and said "We have to have it (a logo) ASAP. They talked for bit and then Orloff went and drew it. As usual with Orloff's work, it was perfect, exactly what everyone had in mind.

Marc was one of the most talented and energetic activists Wisconsin knew. From what I know, he and his partner are living in Palm Springs, California now.

To make a long story short, the paper kind of resembles what someone said of the British Empire: it grew in a "fit of absence of mind."

It began as a monthly, but shortly became what it is now: published every other week.

In the beginning, every word in it was typed on a typewriter. Afterwards, the sheets of copy were sent over to Dan Schramm for him to re-type into a typesetting machine. Jenean Sharp's kind loan of a computer changed some of that. Later years would see more sophisticated equipment allowing us to do our own typesetting.

Funny. Before Jenean loaned us that machine, it would have been fair to say that I didn't know what a computer was. Now, I can't live without one.

Over the years, I've learned a lot. For one thing, the more I have to deal with politics, the less I like it. It's fun to study in the abstract, but in reality it's contentions, confrontational, full of acrimony and mostly worthless debate.

Why can't someone just say, "Here and here I stand on this issue and that. If you want to vote for me, do it, and if I'm elected, give me a jingle. I'm anything but perfect, but I'll do the best I can."

In my dreams!
"Let's not debate the issues," they seem to say. "Those are too complicated. Let's get at the person, destroy them. It's more fun that way."

I've learned, too, that when it comes to the mechanics of doing the paper, not matter how it is done, what ways and means are used, there's always going to be someone to complain. As Ron Geiman (one of the finest people who it has been my good fortune to know), said to me one time, "Honey, since you're doing it, do it your way. The hell with 'em."

As with much of Ron's advice, this is gold. Have a little faith in yourself and things will work out.

I'll never forget when someone came in and exclaimed, "My god, you can't type a newspaper with a cat in your lap!" Her eyes had that look about them of a fish recently deprived of its guts. "That's not journalism. That's not professional!"

"To hell with journalism. My cat (name of Popcorn) loves me." I replied. "You don't understand that. Get out."

There are other things. That's only one example, albeit a favorite of mine.

Another one is the person who demanded to know why we didn't print anything they agreed with.

"Well, hot damn! You mean I didn't consult you!?! You, whose wisdom would make Solomon look sick!?! Silly me. I guess I just forgot."

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Letters

GOP Bashing

TO THE EDITOR:

In Mr. McFarland's column, "Speaking From the Right; HRC and other Gay Organizations Continue Kneecrushing of the GOP," Mr. McFarland mentions my involvement with Rep. Hoekstra's hearings in Washington on "Parents, Schools and Values."

Imagine my surprise when Mr. Hoekstra's staff called to interview me about testifying before the subcommittee. Imagine my further surprise when they called to ask me to testify.

My name, along with three others, had been given to his office from GLSTN (The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Teachers' Network) and HRC (Human Rights Campaign).

Mr. McFarland is correct in saying that I was chosen because Mr. Gunderson pushed for a fair hearing and wanted another positive witness. However, once chosen, all the support, both financial and emotional, was provided by HRC even though technically I wasn't their witness.

HRC flew me and my husband in from Boston to Washington, D.C. They brought me into a hearing room so that I could practice answering questions and run through my testimony, and perhaps most importantly, they provided me and my family with emotional and moral support, all things Mr. Hoekstra's staff was unwilling to do.

I am thrilled that Mr. Gunderson and the Log Cabin Republicans were able to do their behind the scenes work and submit my name as a potential witness. I am even more thrilled that HRC was there sitting behind me and working with me to make me an effective witness so that my message of making schools a safe place for Gay and Lesbian youth could be heard.

Anne Simon
Teacher, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School
Sudbury, MA

Owl Angels

TO THE EDITOR:

Often the fight for Gay rights can be a struggle. It may be tempting to give up by thinking that you will never succeed. But I was visited by an owl angel that gave me encouragement.

The other day, as I trudged through the deep snow in my backyard, I witnessed a Barred Owl hunting. With alert eyes and ears, she sat high above on a tree branch where she could observe everything around her.

The owl made several dives into the snow throughout the yard before finally being victorious.

After the owl flew off, I discovered that she had left imprints of her face and body in the snow—like a miniature "owl snow angel."

Owls succeed by way of patience and persistence. We can all take a lesson from the owl angels.

Mark C. Langenfeld
Duluth, MN

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HRC Launches First Youth College for Campaign Training

Washington, D.C.—The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is launching a Youth College for Campaign Training, a skills-building program that will equip 26 young equal rights activists to work in political campaigns this fall.

HRC is seeking applications from people 18-24 to participate in the Youth College this August through November, said Gary Schiff, the Youth College coordinator. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and heterosexual young people who have demonstrated their commitment to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation are strongly encouraged to apply.

"The Youth College will train 26 young people to provide a boost to campaigns across the country and work to defeat anti-Gay initiatives and the election of a fair-minded Congress," Schiff said. "After the elections, these young leaders will continue to provide vision and energy in the fight for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual rights for years to come."

The Youth College will begin in Chicago with six days of intensive workshops, teaching the essentials of winning campaigns. From August 13-18, participants will learn about campaign management, fund-raising, media use and get-out-the-vote skills.

The week ends with Youth College members participating in OutVote '96, HRC's first national political convention, which is expected to draw 1,000 activists to Chicago one week before the Democratic National Convention.

Youth College graduates will then be placed in teams of two in a dozen target states where they will work for three months as campaign staffers. As full-time campaign workers, Youth College participants will receive a weekly stipend of \$150 for 13 weeks. If they are placed in campaigns away from home, HRC will provide them with housing.

After the elections, HRC will fly all Youth College participants to Washington for a retreat, including discussion of how to continue using their new campaign experiences and skills.

The application deadline is April 30th. Application forms may be obtained by contacting HRC at 1101 14th St., NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20005.

E-mail: YouthCollege@hrcusa.org
For more information, contact Gary Schiff at 1-800-866-6263.

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Make A Promise Dinner Sold Out!

Milwaukee—"Never before have tickets sold so fast," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), as he announced that the annual Make A Promise Dinner and Auction is completely sold out.

One thousand people have already purchased tickets and will crowd Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel on March 23rd. This year's dinner will feature a premiere viewing of a Milwaukee video production called "Faces of AIDS, the Portraits of Hope."

ARCW announced that it would maintain a waiting list for the dinner in the event that ticket buyers cannot attend. To get on the waiting list, call (414) 225-1577.

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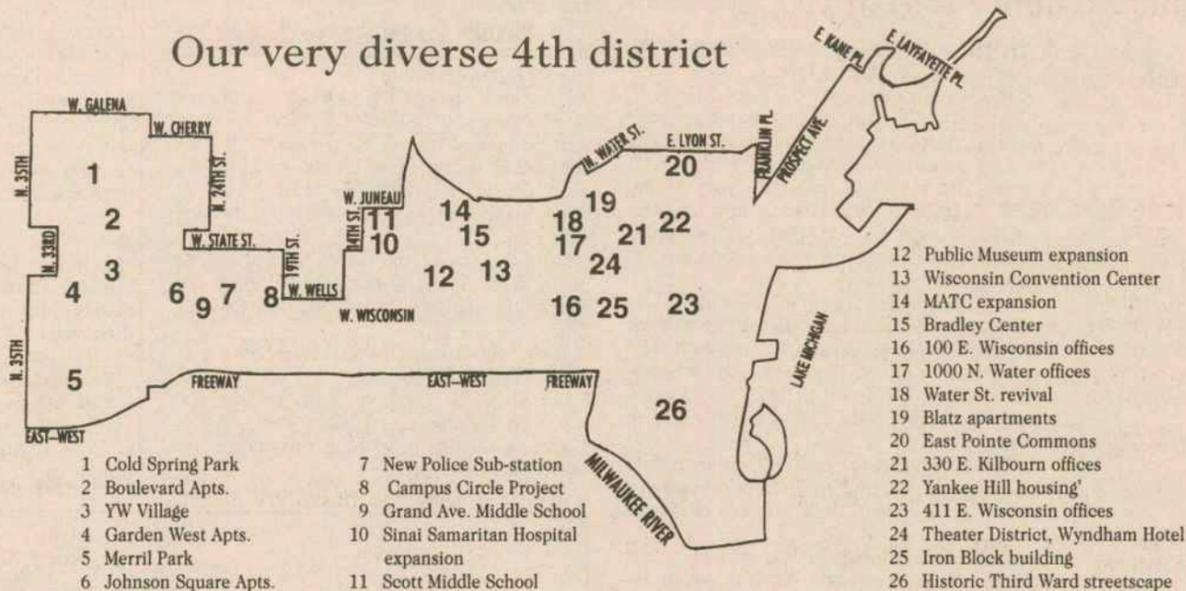
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ARCW Pushes to Have State Make New AIDS Drugs Affordable to All

Milwaukee—With the recent approval of promising, but costly, new AIDS drugs, AIDS activists in Wisconsin are worried that most people with AIDS will not be able to afford them.

In a strongly worded letter to Secretary Joe Lee of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), called the cost of the new drugs "unmanageable for middle income, working people."

Nelson called on Lee to expand Wisconsin's AIDS Drug Reimbursement Program (ADRP) to include four new AIDS medications, including Saquinavir, the new protease inhibitor drug that is providing new hope to people with HIV and AIDS by slowing disease progression.

"We have waited far too long for effective AIDS therapies to have them denied to the people who need them because of outrageous

costs," Nelson said. "The best scientific research means nothing if people can't access the new drug therapies that will extend the quality of their lives."

Nelson said that the cost of Saquinavir alone is \$7,000 per year. Combination drug therapies, which are increasingly being used as effective treatments, cost up to \$10,000 per year. According to Nelson, drug costs for some people with advanced AIDS can reach as high as \$12,000 to \$18,000 per year.

"We are dangerously close to a situation where if you are a person with AIDS who is wealthy, you will get the best drugs to extend your life," Nelson said. "But if you are a middle or low income person with AIDS, these critical drugs will not be available."

Nelson called on Lee to also add the new anti-retroviral drug, 3TC, to the ADRP. In addition, he recommended that Fluconazole, which is used to treat and prevent debilitating fungal infections, and Clarithromycin, which is used to treat and prevent severe infections, be added to the ADRP.

Nelson's request was endorsed by Dr. Brian Buggy of Milwaukee who chairs the Wisconsin AIDS Consortium, the only statewide HIV critical drug trial program in Wisconsin. Buggy confirmed that 90% of people with HIV and AIDS who must utilize Wisconsin's ADRP need to access these four new drugs.

Nelson sharply criticized ADRP for falling far behind most other states and national standards.

"Wisconsin's program was once among the best in the country and is no longer keeping pace with critically important medical advances," Nelson charged. "We now have one of the most restricted programs in the country that is falling far short of meeting the needs of the AIDS community in Wisconsin."

Nelson said that Wisconsin's drug formulary includes only 10 medications and does not include antibiotics. He cited the state of Michigan which provides reimbursement for 15 drugs, Minnesota which reimburses for 35 drugs and Illinois which reimburses for 106 drugs, as states that are keeping pace with medical advances in maintaining their drug formularies.

Since 1988, Wisconsin has helped pay for the exorbitant cost of HIV and AIDS medications through its ADRP. It began as one of the premier programs in the country and, according to Nelson, has changed little over the years.

Nelson urged Secretary Lee to recommend \$470,500 in funding to include the four new drugs in the state ADRP.

"This is a wise investment of state funds because it will enhance the health and independence of people with HIV and AIDS and will significantly reduce reliance on the state Medicaid program thereby saving the state far more money in the future," Nelson said.

The final decision on adding the new drugs to the ADRP will be made at a special hearing of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee in April.

More Money for AIDS

New drug therapy costs have also received a response on the federal level.

President Clinton asked Congress March 1st to put \$52 million into a drug assistance program for people infected with the AIDS virus to help make up shortfalls in hard-pressed states. The assistance program, part of the Ryan White Care Act, has run into financial trouble brought on, in part, by scientific findings that patients do better taking a combination of several different drugs.

That adds to the expense of medicines.

The Ryan White act provides direct medical and social services to people living with HIV or full-blown AIDS. It is named for a hemophiliac teen-ager from Indiana who battled discrimination at school and died of AIDS in 1990.

The drug-assistance program serves people who are poor and underinsured or uninsured—but not poor enough to be covered by Medicaid.

The president's request was part of a supplemental appropriations request, which includes funds for Bosnia and flood victim relief, an administration official said.

The need for \$52 million is based on estimates from states, AIDS organizations and members of Congress, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Only recently scientists decided that multiple-drug therapy works better than giving victims a single medicine.

The request was made as the Food and Drug Administration approved another AIDS drug, ritonavir—the second in a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors that kill HIV differently than other medicines do. In addition, FDA advisers recommended approval of a third protease inhibitor, indinavir.

The first protease inhibitor, Hoffman LaRoche's saquinavir, approved in December, costs \$5,800 a year. The standard AZT therapy, often prescribed as part of a multi-drug AIDS treatment, costs \$2,300 a year.

Channel 10 Censors Interview With a Drag Queen During Their Pledge Drive

Milwaukee—Maybe you saw it—and then again, maybe you didn't.

On Thursday evening, February 29th, on Channel 10, the station aired "This Old House," a regular show on that PBS station. The setting was the quaint and colorful city of Savannah, Georgia. The show's host, Steve Thomas, was on a tour of the city with best-selling author John Berendt in an attempt to give viewers a flavor of the place.

One of the stops was a visit to Lady Chablis, one of Savannah's most popular and talented female impersonators, a sort of local Ru Paul. The conversation, utterly devoid of all sexual content or innuendo, was pleasant, innocuous and brief. After all, the point of the show is to fix up old houses, not give a "Cook's Tour" of American cities, no matter how much they drip in charm.

If you saw the show on the 29th, you saw Lady Chablis. But if you watched it on Saturday, March 2nd, she was gone.

Pardon me?! Lady Chablis had been edited out by the mavens of "taste" at Channel 10 because of "some phone calls" objecting to her appearance, the station's program director, Tom Dvorak said.

It could be easily inferred that the station was particularly sensitive to these phone calls because on Saturday they were holding their pledge drive. The station which bills itself as a forum for ideas and many contending views, as some say, avoids living up to its claim when there's money involved.

Bruce Bennett, formerly of TV Channel 12

and now, since leaving the station, a program director and program consultant working nationwide, could not take this censorship. He sat down and wrote Dvorak a letter protesting heatedly about the censorship Channel 10 had gratuitously displayed.

"Your decision to edit a drag queen out of 'This Old House' has me enraged," Bennett wrote. He went on to write that "In my 33 years as a broadcaster, I have NEVER seen such a politically motivated, hateful, and downright 'weenie' move."

Bennett continued, calling Channel 10 "The worst run, worst programmed, worst marketed public station in the nation."

Bennett signed his letter "With all the anger I can muster."

In a letter to Wisconsin Light Bennett noted that TV 10's "Lawrence Welk Show" (one of the station's biggies for pulling in dollars), often includes band members in drag, while "The American Cinema" series features everyone from Fatty Arbuckle to Jack Lemmon in drag.

In his letter to Light, Bennett wrote that this "latest incident proves that they are programmed to, and for, a select group of elitists who use their checks to stifle free thought."

Channel 10 does air "In the Life," but it buries the show at so late at night that most viewers, mainline or not, won't see it.

"All I can do," Bennett wrote in his letter to Dvorak, "and all the Gay community can do, is withdraw and withhold support."

As of press time, Bennett had received no response from Dvorak.

PrideFest Offers Booth Spaces to Craftspeople and Businesses

Milwaukee—PrideFest, Wisconsin's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender June 7-9, 1996, Pride celebration has booth spaces available for its Market Place area.

The Market Place area will be housed in the Williamsburg Village on the Summerfest grounds (Maier Festival Park). The Village contains four open air buildings divided into 10'x12' spaces. The Market Place will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8th, and Sunday, June 9th.

PrideFest is especially interested in renting space to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender craftspeople and artists. The organization has reserved a limited number of spaces specifically for craftspeople and artists.

Each space can be rented for \$250. This fee covers both days of operation, power, admission and parking passes, tables and chairs.

Businesses and organizations may also reserve a booth in the Market Place. Business Sales Booths are \$400 and information booths are \$75. Organizational Sales booths are \$100 and information booths are \$50.

This year there are three good reasons to reserve your booth early:

1. There will be fewer spaces available than in previous years;
2. The booth rental fees in ALL categories increase as the festival draws near;
3. There are a limited number of booths in each category.

PrideFest does not discriminate. Straight-owned businesses and craftspeople are welcome to apply for booth space.

For more information, call (414) 272-FEST.

Anonymous Gift Allows Creation of PFLAG Chapter In River Falls

River Falls, WI—With the aid of an anonymous donation, the UW-River Falls Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual support office is working to establish a local community chapter of PFLAG. Mandy Fox, UW-RF coordinator of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual student support services, is seeking members and potential leaders from both the University and the surrounding area.

Area PFLAG chapters include Eau Claire, Red Wing and the Twin Cities.

"PFLAG is one of, if not the most respected organizations by the Gay community," Fox said. "It is every Gay kid's dream to have their parents attend a PFLAG meeting."

The local PFLAG chapter is intended not only for UW-RF students, but for all area families and friends of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual individuals.

"PFLAG is not a campus organization," Fox said. "It is supposed to be a community organization."

Fox hopes the River Falls PFLAG chapter can begin meeting as early as this month (March) or April. During the first meeting, Fox plans to show the video "Straight from the Heart: Stories of Parents' Journeys to a New Understanding of Their Lesbian and Gay Children."

Though Fox is spearheading the effort to form a local chapter, she does not see herself as its leader. Rather, she would like to see the leadership come out of the families involved.

Anyone who has questions or is interested in attending meetings or helping to organize the chapter can contact Fox at (715) 425-3530.

Two Gay Men Gay-Bashed Verbally and Physically Outside a River Falls Gay Bar

River Falls, WI—The UW-River Falls Student Voice reports that two Gay men were attacked verbally and physically outside a Gay bar in River Falls. The attack occurred in the early morning hours of February 8th.

According to the report, Gracme Thompson and Jason, 21, (he asked that his last name not be used), two Gay men, had stopped in at the Club Kaos in River Falls right after last call. They, along with some other friends, were there to see a friend of Jason's who was working at the bar.

A man was at the bar giving the bartender a hard time, demanding a drink and denying that he was drunk," Jason is reported to have said.

The situation appeared to be threatening so that when Jason and Thompson were ready to leave the bar, the bouncer, a former UW-River Falls roommate of Jason's, offered to escort them to their car.

Jason said that he had been at the Kaos Club "many times before" and had never had any trouble.

Outside the bar, Jason and Thompson were confronted by "5-7" men.

"Basically I was surrounded by these guys, and they were going 'you pussy-fag, come here pretty boy; so you're a pretty boy,'" Thompson said.

The bouncer succeeded in breaking up the circle of assailants, however one of the attackers followed Thompson.

"He came running across the street toward me," Thompson is quoted as saying. "And then he pushed me on the ground. I got up and then he was going to hit me, so I grabbed onto his sleeves. Then we were wrestling around, and then I let go, and he socked me on the lip."

Jason tried to defend his friend and got hit in the face. As Jason prepared to return the attack, the bashers turned and ran to their car.

Those who witness the attack described it as a hate-crime.

Jim Kauth, a UW-River Falls student who was with Thompson and Jason, said, "All of a sudden just like everything was 'faggot' or 'queer' or whatever."

The River Falls Journal reported on Feb-

ruary 15th, that two young men face battery charges for taking part in the assault. The two are both UW-River Falls students, one is a member of the football team.

While Jason admits to a "certain paranoia" after the attack, he is determined not to let it affect him.

"They're not going to force me out of a public bar," he was quoted as saying. "They're not going to scare me back into my house, back into my closet, just because of one incident. If they want to pull that crap, at least I'll know they're coming this time."

Under Wisconsin law, a hate-crime isn't a specific charge, but rather a penalty enhancer.

For example, the penalty for a Class A misdemeanor battery is nine months in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine. The hate crime provision would raise the penalty to two years in jail and/or a \$10,000 fine.

LAMM Out Front for Gotzler

Milwaukee—The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) has announced its unqualified support for and endorsement of Karen Gotzler for Milwaukee Alderwoman in the 3rd District.

Gotzler placed first among a field of 10 candidates in the primary on February 6th. She faces one opponent in the general election on March 19th. If elected, Gotzler will be the first openly Lesbian or Gay official in Milwaukee.

Laurie Guilbault, LAMM's current chair, said, "Karen has demonstrated great leadership in our community. She will be an outstanding Common Council member. I encourage all friends of LAMM to give Karen their strongest support, especially in getting out the vote."

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Minister Decries Religious Extremist Homophobia and Anti-Semitism in Madison

Madison— On Friday, March 8th, Rev. Diane Reistroffer, Pastor of University United Methodist Church spoke out for "religious tolerance, respectful dialogue and ecumenical cooperation in Madison."

Reistroffer, a member of the Coming Out, Coming Together Religious Coalition and a member of the Madison Clergy Association, was challenging the anti-Gay and anti-Semitic rhetoric that, as has been reported is proliferating in the Madison community, sponsored, it is alleged by something called Wisconsin Christians United (WCU).

WCU is a religious extremist organization of the Far Right Wing. According to its literature, it finds Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition too liberal when it comes to civil rights for Gay people. In its literature, WCU says that Gays not only deserve no "special rights," they deserve no rights at all. They call for an end to all civil and human rights for Lesbians and Gays.

According to Reistroffer and others members of WCU do not live in Madison.

"We declare that this group's (WCU) escalating campaign of harassment, intimidation and disorderly conduct against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered affirming ministries and public officials is not in keeping with the spirit of this community and thus has no place in the city of Madison, the State of Wisconsin, and in a nation that honors and protects religious freedom," Reistroffer said. "We make a clear distinction between religious dissent and religious harassment."

As an example of their tactics, Reistroffer said the WCU members had picketed the church on Sunday evening, March 3rd, distributing "anti-Gay hate literature . . . verbally harassing worshippers as they en-

tered the church, blocking the driveway and videotaping license plates."

Reistroffer said also that she and the lay leaders of University United Methodist Church had received "harassing phone calls and hate mail, some anonymous and others from persons identifying themselves as members of Wisconsin Christians United."

In firm language, Reistroffer denounced not only WCU's anti-Gay assault, but its anti-Semitism as well.

"We from the Christian community are particularly grieved and embarrassed by Wisconsin Christian United's blatant anti-Semitism, illustrated, she said, by WCU's call for Madison Mayor Paul Soglin's resignation "unless he repents and becomes a 'born-again' Christian."

The extremist group has also called for State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's resignation because she is a Lesbian.

Pink Triangles and the Lesbian Avengers

While Reistroffer decried homophobia and anti-Semitism, the Associated Press reported that the anger of some, particularly the Lesbian Avengers, in Madison's Lesbian and Gay community boiled over at the on-going anti-Gay attacks.

As reported in *Light*, a Madison firefighter who came under fire two weeks ago for voicing approval of the fire that destroyed the Hotel Washington because it destroyed two Gay bars says he will file a police report about the papering of his house and lawn with pink triangles.

A logo on the triangles indicated the vandalism was the act of a group called the Lesbian Avengers.

Ron Greer made his comments about the burning of the Hotel Washington, just as the Fire Department was trying to decide if Greer should be punished for handing out anti-Gay brochures earlier this year.

Greer said that a banner was strung across his front porch, stickers were placed in the windows, and dozens of pink triangles were strewn about the yard.

The triangles were printed with messages such as "Welcome to Fag City, USA," "Born Again Bigot" and "Wisconsin Lesbians Against Greer."

"It doesn't surprise me, given the mentality or the nature of the people who did this," he said.

The targeted home is actually one that is under construction, and the Greers are not yet living in it.

It was the latest in a series of relatively minor harassments he said he has endured over the last two to three weeks, Greer said.

His work shoes and key chain were stolen on the job, he said.

Greer also said that some firefighters don't talk to him anymore.

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Speaking From The Right

Dole is Not Only a Positive Force in the GOP, He Can Stop Buchanan

Commentary by Jim McFarland

On March 19th, I will cast my vote in my first meaningful Presidential primary.

Both the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin and the national Log Cabin Republicans have refrained from endorsing any of the current list of candidates because none of them jump out as being worthy of our whole-hearted support.

However, I must choose one of them to vote for in the primary, and I have chosen to vote for Bob Dole for the following reason: **PAT BUCHANAN!**

Nothing is more important now than denying Pat Buchanan the nomination, as his nomination would destroy the Republican Party, and his election would destroy the country.

I am greatly distressed by the similarities between Buchanan's campaign and the campaign of another nationalist who campaigned along similar themes in the 1930's.

Most people do not even realize that this individual was elected to office before he declared himself a dictator. He also stressed the importance of stopping immigrants from taking jobs from the natives, protecting native industries, stopping the exploitation of workers by industrialists making ridiculous profits, and stopping the "perverted" of society.

That man was Adolf Hitler.

Not only is it important to keep Pat Buchanan from getting the nomination, it is equally important to keep his delegate total to a minimum so he can be marginalized at the Republican National Convention in San Diego this summer.

There is no doubt that the Republicans want to do everything possible to prevent a repeat of Houston four years ago: Pat Buchanan spewing his venomous rhetoric on prime time national television.

Many also hope to soften the Party platform at the convention and, in particular, remove the anti-Gay planks of the platform.

The only way to do that is to keep Buchanan's types out of the convention, and the only way to do that is to keep Buchanan's delegate total low.

After Buchanan's close second in the Iowa caucuses and first place finish in the New Hampshire primary, I resolved to support whatever non-Buchanan candidate gained the most momentum. That candidate is clearly Bob Dole after his resounding victory in South Carolina and his Junior Tuesday sweep of all of the primaries.

In fact, Bob Dole's sweep has put Lamar Alexander out of the race, and seriously hampers Steve Forbes' efforts.

Moreover, Bob Dole is the only candidate with enough money and enough name recognition to keep the nomination from going to Buchanan.

Forbes simply cannot hope to have the general appeal that Dole does because social conservatives do not trust Forbes.

But there are other reasons to support Dole over the other candidates, notwithstanding his campaign's return of the donation from Log Cabin, which he said was done without his consultation and which he says was the wrong thing to do.

Here is a brief low down on the main contenders:

First, let's deal with the issue of the resolution against same-sex marriage.

Just before the Iowa caucuses, the fundamentalist Christian groups held a big rally in Iowa in opposition to same-sex marriage. They invited all of the Republican candidates to speak, and asked them to sign a resolution opposing same-sex marriage.

All of the Republican candidates signed the resolution, and President Clinton has already publicly stated that he also opposes same-sex marriage, so the distinguishing issue is not the signing of the resolution, but whether the candidates attended the rally to pander to the fundamentalists and stir their brew of poison.

Of the candidates in the race who have consistently finished in the top four so far, Buchanan and Alexander both attended the rally, but Forbes and Dole did not.

The leftist Gay media has tried to make a big thing out of the fact that Dole sent a letter which said the resolution did not go far enough, but we should focus on the measures he proposed in that letter: eliminating the marriage penalty from the income tax and providing tax benefits to families who have children.

These are not homophobic measures by any means, and I for one see nothing wrong with promoting families through such measures.

Dole should be given credit for not advocating the kinds of solutions which the fundamentalist Christians like such as pushing for anti-sodomy laws and enforcing them.

Now to the individual candidates:

Buchanan—he has proven to be an extremist on social issues and an economic liberal—he does not belong in the Republican Party, since, all agree that it is economic and fiscal issues which are supposed to unite the party, not social issues.

He is the main mouthpiece of the funda-

mentalist Christians, spewing their venomous intolerance across the land. Enough said.

Alexander—is said to be a moderate, but clearly is not on Gay issues. Like Buchanan, he supports reversing Clinton's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy and reinstating the absolute prohibition against homosexuals in the military.

While Clinton's Don't Ask, Don't Tell is proving to be worse for Gays in the military than the previous policy, this is not why Alexander wants to eliminate it, and his position on the issue speaks more to his general views about discrimination against Lesbians and Gays.

Forbes—has taken the wishy-washy position of doing whatever the military says it wants him to on the issue of Gays in the military. His flat tax idea is pie in the sky, as it will clearly greatly increase the deficit and will hurt those of us in the middle class (which is not to say that a flat tax is a bad idea, just his version is for reasons that will have to be discussed in another column).

Other than that, it is not really clear what he stands for, and he clearly is not concerned enough about the budget deficit.

While many in Log Cabin expected him to be better on Gay issues since he claims to be a social moderate, he still has not spoken out any issues on which he is better than Bob Dole.

Dole—a traditional conservative who is an economic conservative, he places economic issues above social issues, and considers balancing the budget most important.

In addition, I believe that Dole has learned from his two previous decisions to support higher taxes in an effort to balance the budget (neither of which worked), that increasing taxes will never result in a balanced budget, because Congress will simply find new ways to spend the increased revenues (Dole did not support the most recent Clinton effort to balance the budget by increasing taxes, showing he has learned his lesson).

While Dole has said he does not support granting "special rights" to Gays and Lesbians and thus ostensibly does not support a Federal law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, he has maintained a written policy of non-discrimination in his office which he will continue as President, and, to his credit, he has been very clear about his personal opposition to discrimination against Lesbians and Gays on national news programs.

Finally, and most importantly, Dole was instrumental in bringing the Ryan White Care Act Reauthorization to a vote on the Senate floor.

As Senate Majority Leader, he agreed to override Senator Jesse Helms' hold on the bill, thus allowing it to come to a vote (overriding a hold placed on a bill by a member of your own party is not commonly done).

He also assisted Senator Kassebaum's efforts to stop Helms anti-Gay amendments to the bill.

Finally, Dole's voting record earned a 63% score from Log Cabin Republicans, placing him in the second highest category ("cooperative").

Thus, if you look at Dole's legislative record and look beyond the rhetoric surrounding his campaign's return of the Log Cabin donation, you can see that Dole may well actually be the best choice for Gays and Lesbians among the Republican candidates.

Personally, I believe that Dole himself strongly opposes discrimination against Lesbians and Gays. It has been his right wing mouthpieces in the campaign which have made the statements indicating he does not support banning such discrimination, which has been done to hold the support of social conservatives during the primary season.

While this is seen as distasteful by some, including myself, the bottom line is that Dole is a pragmatist. The rhetoric has prevented me from endorsing Dole and working for his campaign, but it will not prevent me from voting for him in the primary.

I can be a pragmatist as well, and the importance of denying Buchanan the nomination and denying him a strong delegation to the convention far outweighs the right wing rhetoric which has emerged from Dole's campaign. So I will vote for Dole.

**Vote
on
March 19th**

Politically Speaking

"Mr. And Mrs. North and South America and All The Ships at Sea, Let's Go to Press"

Commentary by Bill Meunier

In the words of the famed Walter Winchell, let's hit those Repub... ah presses... baby!

First On a serious note: The withdrawal of the Log Cabin Club endorsement of Aldermanic Candidate Karen Gotzler because of her brothers drug conviction is outrageous.

The leaders of the National Republicans have elevated judging others to the level of a science. They judge us for our orientation, and they judge our relationships and lifestyle. They judge other minority groups as well.

It's unfortunate that the Log Cabinites have fallen into lock goose step with the tactics and philosophy of their national party.

Does anyone think that the Reagan/Bush administration would not have prosecuted an open Lesbian and her music business had there been any credible evidence of her involvement in a drug ring?

Log Cabin Club apparently does.

For a brief moment there was hope that perhaps the deep chasm between them and the rest of the community could be bridged with everyone working together on a common campaign. Now that hope has been dashed and the chasm is wider than ever.

Second On a Lighter Note: With the election campaign in full swing, it's hard to keep up with all the most recent developments.

Here are a few election stories that got left on the editing room floor of America's major dailies.

As a public service, I am bringing them to your attention—with tongue in cheek, naturally.

Milwaukee, WI: Mayoral Candidate Richard Artison unveiled the long awaited phase two of his jobs program. Phase one dubbed "Let's Give Artison the Mayor's Job." has failed to catch on.

Artison and his supporters are hoping that phase two "Let's Give Richard's Wife Charlizene A Job, Too" will prove that Artison really does have innovative ideas.

An Artison spokesman notes "With Phase two and the employment of Charlizene, we will double the number of people being given work through the Artison campaign."

Said the former Sheriff, "With this new exciting program, I have proven that I can provide real answers to Milwaukee's employment problem."

Milwaukee, WI: Log Cabin Republicans continued to urge Gays and Lesbians to support Senator Bob Dole. A spokesperson said "So what if Bob Dole has denounced the idea of same-sex marriage?"

So what if he has praised the Christian Coalition and Pat Robertson?

And yes it's true he wants to kick Gays and Lesbians out of the military.

But it's not like his brother got arrested for selling pot on the East Side ten years ago."

Memphis, TN: Phyllis Shaftley announced that her son, a known homosexual, supports Pat Buchanan for President. Said Phyllis, "I am so proud of my boy for coming out for Pat. He is obviously not doing this for any type of gain. Pat has made it clear that he won't be hiring any stinking homos, so its obvious that my son hasn't done this to get a job."

Shaftley went on to denounce what she termed "selfish queers," demanding equal treatment. According to her statement "Who would we joke about? Who would we use to scare people into giving us money? These homos only think of themselves."

Washington, DC: The National Chairman of the Log Cabin Club denied the rumor that a number of its members are really closeted

heterosexuals acting as homosexuals to trick self-loathing Gays and Lesbians into voting Republican.

Said National Chairman Rich Taffy "These rumors have gotten out of hand. They are coming from the same kind of people who said that Richard Nixon was a crook."

Taffy continued "Let's concentrate on important issues. After all it's not like someone's brother got arrested for selling pot on the East Side of Milwaukee ten years ago."

La Crosse, WI: Wisconsin's openly Gay Republican Congressman, Steve Gunderson denied rumors that he and Kansas Senator Bob Dole have been having an affair.

When asked to explain how as an openly Gay man, he can support a Presidential Candidate who has voted against lifting the military ban on Gay service, denounced Gay weddings, embraced the Christian Coalition, and praised Right Wing extremists, Gunderson refused to comment.

Log Cabinites quickly came to Gunderson's defense pointing out that he never had a brother arrested for selling pot on Milwaukee's East Side.

Dallas, TX: Presidential Candidate Pat Buchanan denied rumors that his statements about how "Our Brown Brethren taking up our resources," were directed at Hispanics.

Buchanan cut down his critics saying "I am not a racist. I was referring to the Roman Catholic order known as the Carmelite Brothers. All of them wear brown robes. They take all the good chocolate and wrap around caramels." The Carmelites who take a vow of silence were not available for comment.

Miami, FL: Republican Presidential candidate, (foaming at the mouth homophobe) Alan Keyes, has been arrested again. Keyes was arrested earlier in the campaign when he tried to storm into an Atlanta, Georgia television station to demand the right to participate in a debate between his rivals for the GOP nomination.

This time Keyes was arrested inside of the back room of a well known Miami leather bar. When asked what prompted his erratic behavior, Keyes said he just "loved the way those cuffs felt on him" during his Georgia arrest.

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'The Birdcage' is a Dubious Re-Make of a Classic, Fit for White, Middle Class America

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Okay, Glenn openly and without shame admits to outbursts of hysterical laughter throughout *The Birdcage*, an English-language remake of the classic 1979 film, *La Cage Aux Folles*. Starring the always incorrigible Robin Williams (*Mrs. Doubtfire*), *The Birdcage* will certainly entertain middle America, but Glenn wonders what messages this film is sending.

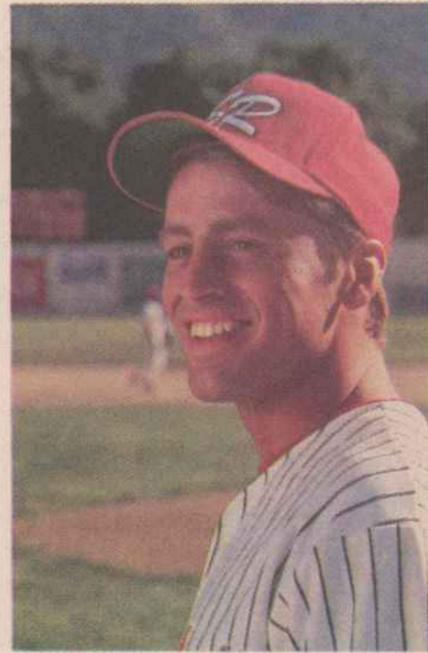
For the uninitiated, *La Cage Aux Folles* was an outrageous farce where everyone pretends to be something or someone they aren't, just to keep up appearances.

A young couple have fallen in love and want to marry. She is the daughter of a conservative government Minister. He is the son of the owner and the star of a popular drag nightclub. The son convinces his father that a charade of normalcy (i.e. heterosexuality) must be maintained to impress his future in-laws. As with most successful farces, in *La Cage Aux Folles* even the best of intentions soon fall victim to the weight of their own virtue: the son's scheme quickly unravels into a comedy of errors, building up to a hilarious climax.

La Cage Aux Folles was extremely successful, particularly at the box office where the film was popular with both Gay and straight audiences.

Nichols and May, perhaps bearing the burden of impassioned earnestness and even worse, dreaded bouts with political correctness, have saddled *The Birdcage* with the inability to offend no one.

While *The Birdcage*, now set in the heart of Miami's South Beach area, seems to follow its cinematic predecessor virtually scene for scene, sadly it does not follow line for line. Sure, the story is the same, but gone is the original's scandalous outrageousness.



Baseball Time—Matt Le Blanc stars as Jack Cooper, a rookie pitcher, in the film "Ed" which is playing at theatres everywhere.

Albin (here called Albert) was the *La Cage's* spiritual and comic heart and soul, a role written for Michel Serrault and one which he played absolutely to the hilt. Nathan Lane, seemingly a perfect casting choice, has some delightful moments, particularly when he is, albeit, too briefly on

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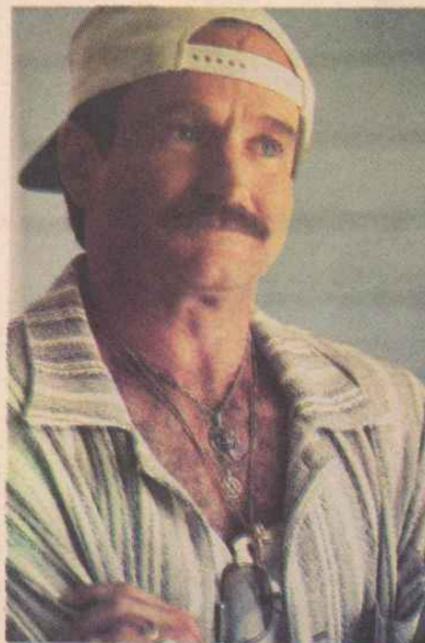
Interview With Robin Williams; Will 'The Birdcage' Bring Jesse Helms Out?

By Theresa Thomas

New York—Going mano-a-mano with Robin Williams can be a scary prospect. There is no armor for his sweet science: silliness.

Survival demands a well-conceived game plan. Maybe the best defense really is a good offense. How about a few disarming body blows to soften him up, then a couple of wicked head shots to knock him to his knees? We're speaking in a purely figurative sense, of course.

Beating him to the punch after the opening bell may be a great idea, but don't bother trying to rib him about his seventy-something mother's celebrity-parent-geriatric-workout videotape.



Robin Williams in "The Birdcage"

Nothing rattles the champ. "Work out to my mother's Silver Foxes video? No, I couldn't. That would be frightening, like going through childbirth again," he says, trying not to laugh. "Her and Al Pacino's dad, Sal Pacino, and Dustin Hoffman's father."

Ducking and diving, he suddenly pulls his

plastic cheeks down into a sagging old man's face and does a matching voice, bouncing on the sofa in a Manhattan hotel suite as he pretends to be an aging aerobics instructor:

"And one, and two and HOCK. And three and four and HOCK-TOOEY," he says, flailing his arms around. "And cough that phlegm, and cough that phlegm, and cough two, three, four."

So much for disarming body blows. Going up to the head brings the same results: comic carnage.

All seems calm as Williams ponders serious questions about his image, namely the impact of his latest role as the Gay owner of a drag nightclub in *The Birdcage*—especially after wearing a dress and falsies in *Mrs. Doubtfire* and popping up in the drag queen fable *Too Wong Foo, With Love, Julie Newmar*.

Has his career taken on a certain sashay?

"That's a mouthful," he says slyly, pushing his tongue hard into his cheek before launching himself back into manic humor mode.

"Please welcome the winner of the Better Latent Than Never Award," he says with a flourish. "This year the Golden Closet goes to..."

Barely stopping to take a breath, he goes off again.

"There are great, great parts in those movies my friends. Don't be afraid, they're for everyone," he says. "Sly, don't be afraid to play it. (He twists his lips and impersonates Sylvester Stallone). A leather bar scene would be fabulous. Sly Stallone in 'The Marquis de Suede.'"

For a second, he pretends to be serious.

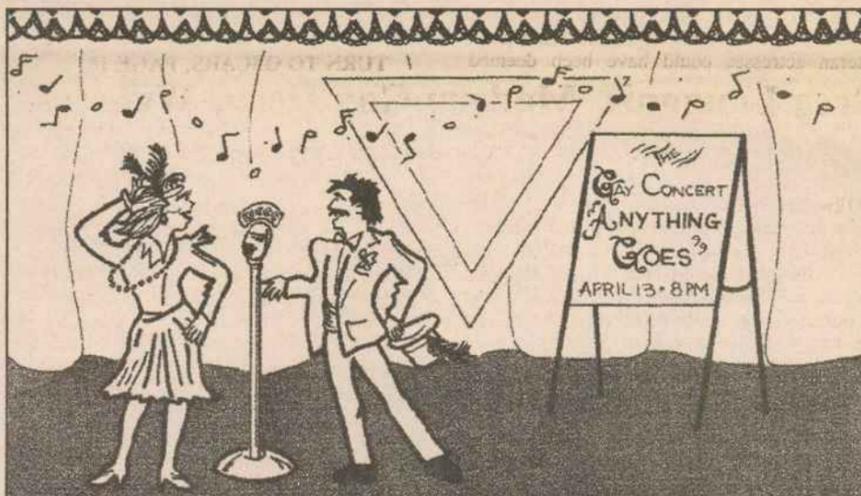
"No. It can't hurt your career," he says flatly. Then he grins and says, "Wearing Versace will hurt your career before that."

The Birdcage, a remake of the 1978 French comedy classic *La Cage Aux Folles*, is the story of two Gay men who raise a straight son eager to marry the daughter of an ultra-conservative politician, played by Gene Hackman.

Slams from an increasingly Hollywood-hostile Washington seem inevitable, but Williams sees the film as a public service. He even jokingly suggests it might spur a certain outspoken conservative senator to make a shocking announcement.

"I think the effect will be profound," Williams says, acting as his own straight man

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Glenn Bishop Shares His Oscar Picks As Hollywood Gets Ready for Its Most Glittering Night

By Glenn Bishop

As for many other faithful readers of *Wisconsin Light*, Glenn has always placed Oscar Night amongst the highest and most sacred of all Gay Holidays, rivaling Valentine's Day, perhaps behind New Years Eve and Halloween but certainly above such trivial "Hallmark Holidays" as Secretary's Day and even such typical days-off as Labor Day and oh-so anonymous (and should I add sinister) "President's Day."

Oscar Night is absolutely always an absolutely fabulous evening, an endless parade of stars dressed in their best designer duds, be they seeking to merely dress to impress or more often (especially if their star just happens to be on the wane) dress-to-shock. As occasional interruption, a few golden statues are banded about.

But what golden statues—Oscars! If actors and actresses are willing to sleep around for a starring role, the mind boggles what they might be willing to do for an award such as THE OSCAR.

Normally Oscar Night finds Glenn with a small group of close friends, all eyes glued to Glenn's large screen TV while making small wagers on which actress (or actor) will trip over her(his) heels and who will win these coveted bits of Golden knick-knacks.

Not this year sadly, for the ever so gorgeous Greg Louganis will be in town. Anyway, it is an occasion like this for which VCRs were made!

So, on to the predictions for this year's key Academy Awards in the five key categories: Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actor.

Nominated for Best Actress are some of Hollywood's best actresses (plus Sharon Stone). Of course perennial Oscar nominee Meryl Streep is back, here nominated for *Bridges of Madison County*. (Did anyone under 100 years old actually go to see this movie?)

Perennial Oscar Bridesmaid Susan Sarandon has been nominated for *Dead Man Walking*. Throw in Emma Thompson (*Sense and Sensibility*) and Elisabeth Shue (*Leaving Las Vegas*) and this year's Best Actress category is one of the best lists in years.

The biggest surprise in this category, besides the indescribably shocking inclusion of Sharon Stone, was the absence of year-long front-runner Nicole Kidman in the devilishly clever *To Die For*.

While past winner Streep and Thompson can't be entirely be written off, the popular choice this year seems to be Susan Sarandon. Still, Susan has been much, much better many other films. Glenn's vote therefore must go to gutsy Elisabeth Shue who was willing to look like a beat-up old slag (hey, it worked for Liz Taylor in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*) and even more remarkably held her own against Nick Cage's antics in *Leaving Las Vegas*.

Supporting Actress category is usually quite a delightfully disparate group of actresses, performances and films. This year is somewhat of an disappointment. *How to Make an American Quilt* with its all-star lineup of veteran actresses could have been deemed

worthy of an ensemble award.

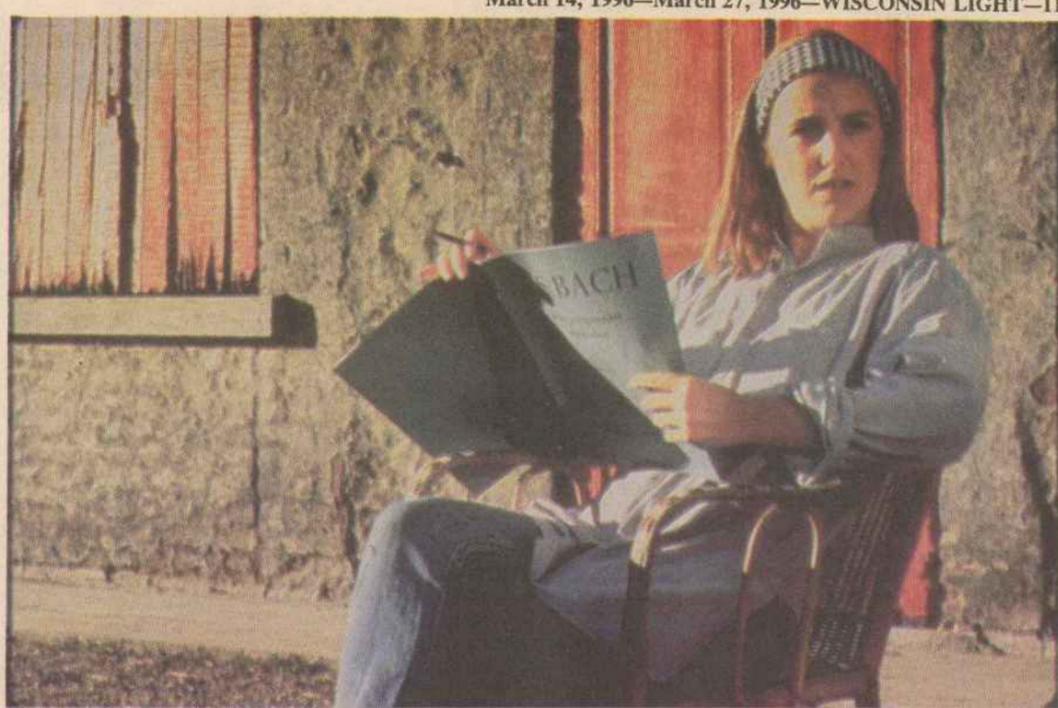
Could the Academy have actually nodded off during the stunning, standout performance by poet Maya Angelou? And what about Lois Smith's equally touching performance in the same film?

Joan Allen (*Nixon*) and Kathleen Quinlan (*Apollo 13*) have been consistently popular actresses but here are unlikely to be Oscar's friend. Mare Winningham is always wonderful but few of the ancient Academy members are likely to have seen *Georgia*.

Riding the wave of Jane Austen's revival is the marvelous young British actress, Kate Winslet in *Sense and Sensibility*. But the popular money (and Glenn's vote to boot) is on a true Hollywood brat: Mira Sorvino for her delightfully wacky hooker-with-a-heart-of-gold in Woody Allen's otherwise wooden *Mighty Aphrodite*.

Best Supporting Actor is perhaps the only wide open of the five key Oscar categories. People have inexplicably nominated *Babe* as Best Picture so human co-star James Cromwell could pull a porcine upset.

Brad Pitt may have mooned us in *12 Monkeys* but even Glenn cannot imagine that his



Antonia's Line, an Academy Award Nominee for Best Foreign Language film from the Netherlands, unfolds as a work of magical feminism. With the tone of a fable and the lulling bucolic look of a pastoral fantasy, it tells of one strong woman and her talented descendants, all blessed with self-sufficiency and remarkable little need for men in their lives. Veerle Van Overloop (above) plays Therese, *Antonia's* brilliant and musically gifted daughter. The film opens March 22nd at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

story, the story behind the story, behind the headlines was that at the time, Greg was HIV-positive and his male lover at the time had full-blown AIDS.

Despite the fact that to the rest of world Louganis would seem to be leading a picture-perfect sports hero's life, *Breaking the Surface* proves that our champions, so often our role models, often live all too human of lives.

Louganis was adopted and throughout his childhood was taunted and tormented because he was different. His skin color was darker than the other kids, due to his natural father's Samoan heritage. His late-detected dyslexia resulted in taunts of "dummy" and "retard".

A gifted dancer and acrobat, Louganis found escape and satisfaction in these activities and later, in diving.

Still, Louganis grew up a very shy boy, unable to accept validation even in those activities in which he excelled. Ironically, even a Silver medal at the Montreal Olympics, quite a feat for boy of sixteen, would seem, in his eyes, a failure; that anything short of a Gold medal was the ultimate let-down to his diving coach, Dr. Lee.

There were years of self-doubt and low self-esteem resulting suicide attempts, years of substance abuse and several abusive relationships.

To make matters worse, Louganis soon realized that he was not attracted to girls but instead craved attention and affection from men. Unable to find other Gay teens, he became involved, at the age of sixteen with a man old enough to be his father.

Throughout the 80's, Louganis would become involved in a series of abusive relationships, finally with a man Greg names as "Tom" who would become his manager and who swindle him out of much of his fortune.

Breaking the Surface could not have been an easy book to write, delving as deeply as it does into so many painful memories. Louganis's story is a remarkable one. Throughout his life and career, Louganis overcame many, many obstacles, physical and emotional. For so long, the Gay and Lesbian community searched for a role model, a true hero. We've got one in Greg Louganis.

Glenn very highly recommends *Breaking the Surface*.

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Greg Louganis, Modern Gay Hero, Will Appear at AfterWords Bookstore

Milwaukee— On Monday, March 25th at 7:00p.m., Olympic champion and AIDS-activist Greg Louganis will be making his only Milwaukee appearance at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar.

Louganis's appearance at AfterWords is one stop on a nationwide 10-city book tour promoting the paperback release of his New York Times best-selling autobiography, *Breaking the Surface* (Plume \$12.95).

AfterWords expects an enthusiastic and diverse crowd to greet Louganis's Milwaukee appearance. To help coordinate this event, numbered tickets will be available beginning at 10:00 a.m. the day of this event, Monday, March 25th. These free tickets will be available throughout the day including during Louganis's appearance.

When *Breaking the Surface* was released in hardcover a year ago this month, it became an instant success and somewhat of a publishing phenomenon. No one was prepared for the tremendous outpouring of love and support which greeted it.

Louganis's revelation that he has AIDS stunned an America which had adored him as a shining light of the U.S. Olympic diving team, the consummate athlete who overcame tremendous adversity to win a 1988 Olympic gold medal.

His powerful, unflinchingly honest memoir, *Breaking the Surface* (which Louganis wrote with Eric Marcus) is now available in a

trade paperback edition enhanced by a new epilogue by Louganis detailing his experiences following the publication of the book.

Breaking the Surface is the moving story of a man whose athletic success also involved the challenge of breaking free of a lifetime of silence and isolation. Despite his artistry on the diving board, Louganis struggled with late-detected dyslexia, prejudice because of his dark skin coloring, and anguish over his sexual orientation, which he long felt compelled to hide.

Here, in his book, Louganis reveals the whole story of his life—from a childhood marked by loneliness and self-esteem problems, to the seemingly glorious days of the Olympics, to difficulties with personal relationships and substance abuse, to his present day battle with AIDS.

By possessing the courage to speak out on AIDS, in his book and on various national talk shows, including one hosted by Barbara Walters, Louganis has sought to raise awareness about AIDS and AIDS-prevention and on domestic violence.

For those unable to attend, copies of Louganis's book can be reserved in advance by contacting AfterWords. When calling please specify paperback or hard cover edition. Please call (414) 963-9089 for further information concerning Greg Louganis's appearance at AfterWords.

'Breaking the Surface' by Greg Louganis Shows a Hero Emerging from Tragedy

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn doesn't get a chance to read many books, there just doesn't seem to be enough time anymore. When the plum assignment arose this past week to review Greg Louganis's *Breaking the Surface* to tie into his first Milwaukee appearance, well, Glenn just had to jump at it.

By now Glenn is certain that just about everyone who loyally reads the *Wisconsin Light* is familiar with Greg Louganis: Olympic Champion, AIDS activist and overall a gorgeous hunk of man.

Breaking the Surface, the book that Louganis wrote with Eric Marcus is Greg's inti-

mate and very personal story, the shocking, absorbing story behind the headlines.

Regardless of what Greg Louganis might do in the future, regardless of the number of medals he has won, he will always be remembered for one singular moment in Olympic history.

During the preliminaries of the 3-meter springboard diving competition of the 1988 Olympics, on his ninth dive, Greg hit his head on the board. Time, as they say, stood still.

Fortunately Louganis was not hurt and he would happily go on and win double gold medals at the 1988 Olympics. But the real

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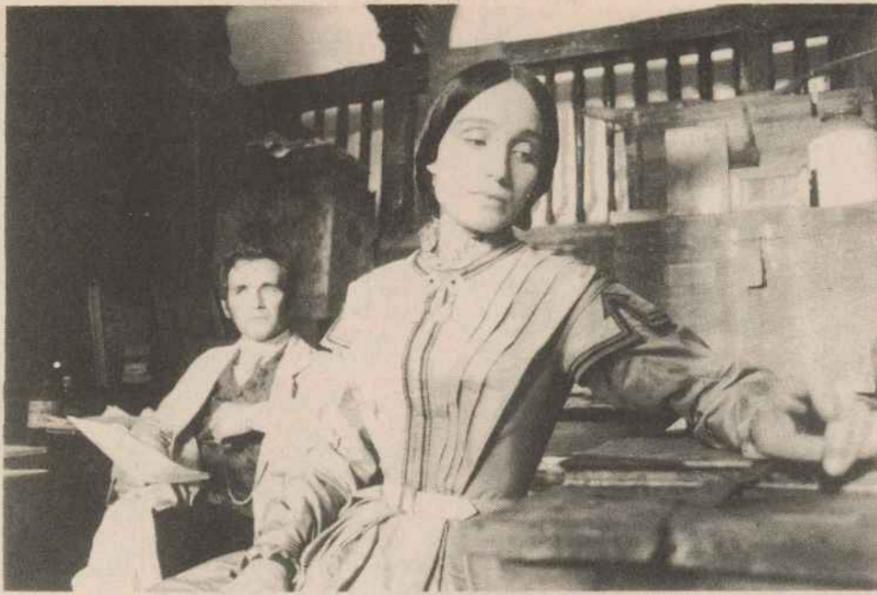
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A Tangled Web—Former Milwaukeean Mark Rylance (left) stars in "Angels and Insects" which is now showing at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre. While living in Milwaukee, his name was Mark Waters. He attended University School where his parents taught. After graduation he attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. While in Milwaukee, he performed in high school plays and performed at the Skylight Opera Theatre. His other film credits include "Prospero's Book" and "Wallenberg." He was recently appointed Artistic Director of the newly remodeled Globe Theatre in London. Also pictured above is Matty (Kristin Scott Thomas).

Fest City Singers Holding Annual Spring Membership Drive and Auditions

Milwaukee—The Fest City Singers (FCS) will perform for the first time at the Maier Festival Grounds (Summerfest) during PrideFest '96. President Jonathan Justice has announced. FCS is scheduled to kick off the evening of Saturday, with a performance at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Theater. The chorus is holding its annual spring membership drive prior to beginning rehearsals for PrideFest.

Auditions for anyone wishing to sing with the LesBiGay show chorus will be held on Wednesday, March 20th and again on Wednesday, March 27th during rehearsals at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2308

Alix Dobkin, Lesbian Acoustic Performer to Perform in Madison

Madison—Apple Island Women's Cultural Space and the Madison Hillel Foundation welcome Jewish Lesbian Acoustic Folksinging legend Alix Dobkin on March 23rd at 8:00 p.m. at Hillel, 611 Langdon Street in Madison.

Reaching out to welcome the diversity that is Madison, Alix's music is kind of folk-y, kind of rock-ish, proudly Lesbian, proudly Jewish, boldly political and always woman-loving.

Advance tickets are on sale at A Room of One's Own Bookstore and Green Earth. Discount tickets are available only at the door and require a student ID to qualify.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Basic price for tickets is \$10, sliding scale from \$8-\$12. Hillel is wheelchair accessible and the show will be ASL interpreted by Ari-Asha Castalia. Please come scent free. For more information, call the Apple Island connection line at (608) 258-9777.

March Events at A Room of One's Own

Madison—On March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own feminist bookstore, the editors of **Food for Our Grandmothers: Writings by Arab-American and Arab-Canadian Feminists**, will read from this collection of essays, poems and recipes by over forty feminists honoring the courage and spirit of Arab women—past, present and future.

Ann Aswegan

On Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m. Ann Aswegan will present a slide show at A Room of One's Own. The slide show will feature images of the Goddess throughout time and around the world.

While viewing the slides in "Glimpsing the Goddess Around the World," the audience will also be able to enter a guided imagery to seek the inner dwelling of the feminist spirit.

Philia Geotes Hayes

On Friday, March 29th, at 6:30 p.m., Cedarburg author Philia Geotes Hayes will read from her memoir in progress entitled "Twice My Child," an exploration of her Greek roots and the story of five generations of women.

A Room of One's Own is located at 317 W. Johnson Street. All events are free and open to the public. Call (608) 257-7888 for more information.

E. Belleview. Rehearsals are held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Musical director for the chorus is Peggy Lozier.

In addition to rehearsing for their PrideFest performance, the FCS will begin preparing a repertoire of songs to be performed upon request at commitment ceremonies, memorial services, birthdays, anniversaries and other events in the community. Requests for specific music will be honored if music is available and time is given to prepare the group adequately.

Anyone wishing FCS to perform at an event or requesting more information about auditions and membership, may call the Festline at (414) 263-SING.

Milwaukee's Times Cinema to Change to All-Classics Schedule in Mid-March

Milwaukee—The Times Cinema is pleased to announce a significant programming change.

Beginning in mid-March, the theatre will convert to an all-classics schedule, which will include the best films of the past 95 years, including important silents and unique archival films. Admission will be \$2.50 for all seats, although certain film events may be higher priced.

Times Cinema co-owner Eric Levin has recently formed a company, Archival Releasing, which is currently engaged in restoring the 1922 film, *Nosferatu*. This, and other restoration projects, will eventually be shown at the Times.

March Schedule

Arsenic and Old Lace, Cary Grant, Peter Lore and Raymond Massey. Plus a vintage Warner Brothers cartoon. March 16th-21st. 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. daily, plus matinees. Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 and 4:15 p.m.; Sunday, March 17th at 4:15 p.m.

Singin' in the Rain. Simply the best movie musical ever! Starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. Plus another Warner Brothers cartoon. March 22-28, 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. daily, plus matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 and 4:15 p.m.

The Maltese Falcon, Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor and Peter Lore. Also another lunatic cartoon. 7:00 and 9:15 p.m. daily, plus matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 and 4:15 p.m.

April Schedule

April 5-11—Sabrina (Bogart) and **Excuse Me, Please**, a 1941 Czech puppet-animation short.

April 12-18—Rear Window

April 19-25—A Day at the Races

April 26-May 2—North by Northwest.

The above programs are subject to change. To confirm or for further information, call the theatre at (414) 453-2436. The Times Cinema is located at 5906 W. Vliet Street in Milwaukee.

'Oh Wow! Nancy Drew' Returns to the Milwaukee Stage at Theatre X

Milwaukee—Theatre X returns a classic to Milwaukee with the flight of fancy, **Oh Wow! Nancy Drew**. The play will run from March 29th through April 14th at the Broadway Theatre Centre, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward.

Based on the book, **The Hidden Staircase**, from the original Nancy Drew series, **Oh Wow! Nancy Drew** follows the story of the famous teenage sleuth and her best friend Helen. The two wrestle with the mysteries of a haunted house and the sinister disappearance of Nancy's lawyer father, while always finding time to prepare delicious meals and tidy up when needed.

John Schneider, who wrote **Oh Wow! Nancy Drew** in 1976, describes the play as a spree. "This play is about growing up in the '50s and '60s and the effect Nancy Drew and her friends had as role models on all of us," said Schneider.

Theatre X takes a truly classic American character and "Theatre-Xizes" her. It makes for an interesting and hilarious look at growing up.

The original production featured Willem Defoe dressed in drag as Aunt Rosemary. This new version will feature Dan Harmon of the "Dead Alewives" as Aunt Rosemary, Deborah Clifton as Nancy Drew and Marcie Hoffman as her best friend Helen.

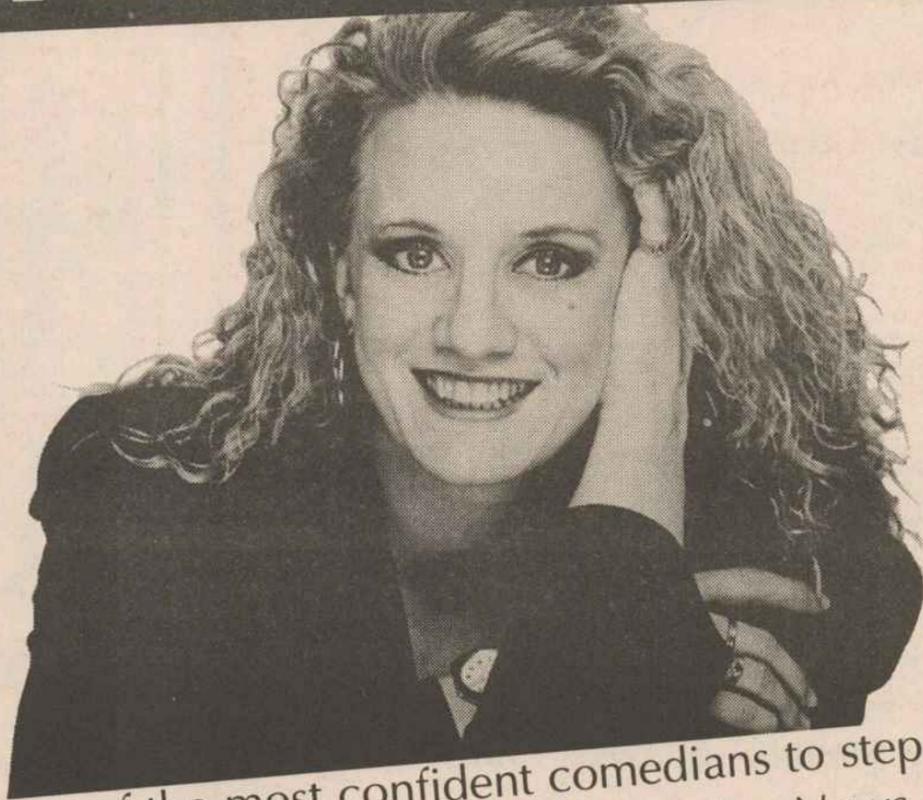
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Saquinavir and the Protease Inhibitors, What They Are and How They Work

A powerful new class of antiviral drugs called protease inhibitors is coming onto the market and heralds a new era in AIDS treatment, experts say.

Actually, these drugs are not new. They've been around for awhile—seven years at least—but it is only within the last year that their effectiveness in humans has become known.

The first of these is saquinavir, marketed by Hoffman-La Roche under the name "Invirase." As reported in another article in *Light*, it has only recently been approved by the FDA. It is now available by prescription.

Two other protease inhibitors, Abbott's ritonavir and Merck's crixivan, are expected to get FDA approval in the next few months.

What excites people about these new (and expensive) drugs, is that they have extraordinary power and function in humans in a new and different way from what is currently available to those with HIV/AIDS, according to Donna Shalala, Health and Human Services Secretary, speaking after saquinavir's FDA approval.

Thought saquinavir is the least powerful of the new drugs, studies have shown that it does reduce levels of HIV in the body and has minimal side effects.

The problem with saquinavir, scientists say, is that as it is now, it is poorly absorbed into the bloodstream so that it has difficulty reaching the blood-carried virus.

There is also the possibility that if someone uses saquinavir now, that could reduce their ability to benefit from the other six protease inhibitors expected to come along.

How Protease Inhibitors Work

As you've no doubt heard many times before, HIV is a retrovirus. What it does is to attach itself to a T-cell, resulting in an internalized virus.

HIV's genetic material is composed of RNA. In order for it to infect a human being, it must convert its RNA to DNA. To do this, it must use early in its replication process an enzyme called "reverse transcriptase. AZT and other drugs such as ddI, ddC, D4T and the recently approved 3TC, (front line drugs) are intended to stop this process. The effects have proven to be temporary. HIV mutates and the drugs become ineffective.

What the protease inhibitors do is to attack HIV at a later state, after it has begun replicating inside infected cells.

Protease is an enzyme made by HIV. It cuts up the long strands of polyproteins that HIV needs to finish replication. When the poly-

proteins are the right size, HIV can get on with its deadly work.

The protease inhibitors trick the enzyme and block it from doing the cutting. What ends up happening is that a new virus is replicated, but one that is neither infectious or damaging.

What the excitement is all about is that for the first time in the course of the pandemic, it is now possible to interfere at two separate stages in the process of HIV replication.

On the one hand, HIV can be hindered when it first attacks the cells and sets out to use them to make more of itself.

On the other hand, protease inhibitors interfere with the already "captured" cells to prevent them from successfully producing new viruses, reducing viral load at ten times the efficiency of other currently available drugs.

Saquinavir

Doctors say that saquinavir should always be taken together with another antiviral drug. This is because HIV mutates, producing as it does, strains that are resistant to or have reduced sensitivity to both the first line of drugs or protease inhibitors when either type is used alone.

What researchers say is that it is usually harder for HIV to develop resistant strains to a well-chosen combination of drugs started together than it is to develop resistance to the same drugs taken one at a time.

There is considerable data to show that patients treated with saquinavir in combination with front line drugs have lowered levels of HIV in the body. People who have never used an antiviral drug before have had a 93% reduction in the amount of HIV in their blood when they use saquinavir and AZT together. That's more than double the decrease that you get when you use either one alone.

Many people have reported side effects from the use of AZT. Unfortunately, there is no research using saquinavir in a combination that doesn't include AZT.

Use of Saquinavir is Expensive

The FDA recommends that saquinavir be taken at a dose of 600mg, three times a day. Unfortunately, it is widely agreed that this dose is too low because only 4% of the drug is absorbed from the digestive tract into the bloodstream. Higher doses may be required for greater effect. The problem is that at this time, no one knows what the best dose of saquinavir should be because the studies haven't been done.

Saquinavir is expensive. Most insurance companies will pay only for the FDA recommended dose. If your physician recommends a higher dose and Medicaid doesn't pay, you will have to do so. That can amount to upwards of \$16 per day.

Hoffman-La Roche does have the Roche HIV Therapy Assistance Program to help ensure that anyone who needs it can benefit from saquinavir. Consult MAP or MASN for more information.

Saquinavir and Future Drugs

As mentioned earlier in this article, there is a potential problem in that taking saquinavir now may inhibit the effectiveness of later protease inhibitors. The reason for this is that if HIV becomes resistant to one drug, it might also be resistant to other untried drugs of the same class. This is called "cross resistance."

Fortunately, there is probably no cross resistance between front line drugs and protease inhibitors because these two kinds of drugs act on two different enzymes in different locations.

There is serious disagreement on whether using the current dose of saquinavir will create cross resistance to future protease inhibitors.

Hoffmann-La Roche says it will collaborate with Merck and Abbott to determine how saquinavir interacts with the next available protease inhibitors, ritonavir and crixivan. However, cross resistance is known to develop between saquinavir and Viracept, another experimental protease inhibitor from Agouron drug company.

In Conclusion

Saquinavir does reduce viral load and does have minimal side effects. It does add a second line of attack against HIV when used in combination with front line drugs. However, as a cautionary note, it should be remembered that saquinavir does have unresolved flaws.

The best advice seems to be that if you have few or no options and can't wait for the other protease inhibitors to reach the market, it would be a good calculated risk to take saquinavir in combination.

What you should always do is to keep in mind that there is no absolute treatment formula for everyone. You must consult your doctor—and keep up on the latest information about the other protease inhibitors as they come along.

Editor's Note: This article is a compilation of several sources, including the AIDS Writers Group of Boston, the AIDS Action Committee, and Search for a Cure.



Face Hunting—Tiziana Ledato stars in Giuseppe Toratore's "The Star Maker," which opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on March 15th. The story takes place in 1953 as Joe Moelli speeds into one small town after another under the Sicilian sun looking for the right person to develop into a new Italian movie star.

Madison's Broom Street Theatre is the Scene of Pirate Daring-Do

Madison—It's big, bold and brassy. Swashbuckling pirates set sail on the open seas in Broom Street Theatre's latest production, *The Legend of Pinkbeard, Pirate of Men*, an original musical comedy written and directed by Callen Harty. Love, lust, adventure, treasure and murder are all part of the story that opened on March 8th and will continue every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening through April 14.

The *Legend of Pinkbeard* is Harty's fourth original play for the Broom Street Theatre. While most of the script is pure fiction, it is actually historically based. Five months ago, Harty got the idea for the play while playing a fast game of Trivial Pursuit with a party of actors.

As an epic musical in glorious technicolor, *The Legend of Pinkbeard* is an "enormous" cast of 17. Included are Jessica Callahan, Buck Hakes, Adam Seeger and Clare Sorman. David Hansen is making his stage debut as Peachfuzz, the cabin boy.

The music was composed by Brian Wild who wrote the background music for Harty's other plays.

All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Broom Street Theatre, 1119 Williamson Street. Tickets are \$6 at the door only (sorry, no reservations). For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

New Muscle Video Showcases East Coast Hottest Hunks

Atlantic City, NJ—Frank Jacobs, physique photographer and president of Atlantic City, New Jersey-based Muscle East Studio, is all pumped up (as you can see from the photo) about his latest business venture, Muscle East Studio. With the new company, Jacobs is ready to "muscle in" on the Gay video mar-

ket, producing a series of tapes which showcase the hottest up and coming bodybuilders on the East Coast.

"By taking the bodybuilders out of the gym and off the posing platform, I placed them in a natural setting where they can freely show off their physiques. Viewers may need to flex their imaginations, because the video contains no nudity," Jacobs said.

The first video, "Premiere Collection," features performances by 12 handsome young athletes. It is a 100 minute private flex-fest, muscle entertainment at its best. It is paced with oil, pump and posing action, close-ups, on-location shoots, behind the scenes work-outs and more.

Premiere Collection is available only through mail order. For more information, write: M.E. Video, P.O. Box 5347, Atlantic City, NJ 08404 or call 1-800-566-8523.

Wisconsin Chill

It's so cold back there in Wisconsin that dogs keep warm by draping cats over their shoulders.
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Street Beat Fashion Extravaganza To Benefit Milwaukee AIDS Project

Milwaukee—Miss Gay Wisconsin, Mary Richards, will perform at the Street Beat Fashion Extravaganza and Benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), on Saturday, March 30th, at 8:00 p.m. The fashion show, hosted by B.J. Daniels, will be held at Survival/Revival, 246 E. Chicago Street, and will benefit MAP.

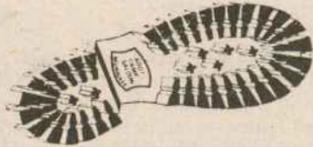
Chrisanne Robertson, also known as Sister CashBox, will provide the fashion commentary. Customers, donors and students will model retro and club fashions sold at the store. Hair styling, make-up and wigs have been donated by Beauty Salon.

Volunteer with MAP's Gay and Lesbian Outreach program will be distributing condoms and other assorted safer sex products, according to Andy Bagnall, Gay and Lesbian Outreach manager. Bagnall attended last fall's premiere of Street Beat.

"It's a trip," said Bagnall. "It's very fun, very cool. It's like the Village or Soho in New York transplanted to Milwaukee's Third Ward."

Over two hundred people attended and enjoyed an exciting evening of shopping, dancing and viewing an "alternative" fashion show at the first Street Beat in September. Highlights in this year's show are a raffle, musical entertainment by the Melting Prophets, and refreshments. The store will be open for shopping and huge discounts storewide.

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MAP Consumer Advisory Panel to Hold Client Open Assembly

Milwaukee—The Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Consumer Advisory Panel (CAP) is conducting the first of its Open Assemblies for 1996 on Thursday, March 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. MAP clients are invited to the agency's Training Center, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue, to discuss the panel's background, task forces and future plans. In addition, the panel representatives will address questions and concerns about MAP's programs and services.

CAP is made up of MAP clients who volunteer to monitor existing programs and provide input on new services offered by MAP.

Based on CAP's success, the State of Wisconsin now recommends that each of the nine AIDS Service Organizations across the state create a Consumer Advisory Panel.

For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt to Be Shown in Full in Washington

Milwaukee—On October 11-13, 1996, the Name Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed in full in Washington, D.C. This is the fourth time this has been done. The last time was in 1992.

According to the statement from the Names Project, "The timing (of the display) is no accident" coming as it will just before the presidential elections.

The Quilt, 25 times larger than it was in 1987, will be laid out on the Mall from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, a distance of one mile.

According to the Names Project, it will take 16 railroad cars to transport the Quilt to Washington. Fifteen thousand volunteers will be needed to manage the undertaking, which will include being displayed in part in over 200 cities throughout the United States.

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SEEKING FRIENDS. GWM, reddish brown hair, 5'6", 140, blue eyes, seeks other guys for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Kenosha) #25276

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WORK OUT WITH ME. GWM, 34, 180, 5'10", good body, into working out and more, not into bar life, seeks others to share my life with. Let me wrap my big arms and solid chest around you and make you feel comfortable. (Milwaukee) #10046

BLACK AND WHITE. GBM, 20, 5'8", 130, seeks tall, attractive and slim GBM's/GHM's, masculine and 20-30, for fun, pleasure and more. Non Smoker's only! Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #13034

LOOKING FOR YOUNG GUYS. Bi WM, 31, seeks others, 18-20, swimmer's build, for fun and pleasure. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #28388

TOP ME OFF. GWM, masculine, 6'1", 195, 28, bottom, seeks other top men for discreet, safe and clean fun and more. Discretion a must! Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #26342

SEEKING NEW MASTER. GWM, 5'9", 35, good looking, hairy, very submissive, seeks dominant and masculine master for ongoing relationship. Please leave me a message. Total service and worship is yours! (Milwaukee) #22206

FRIENDS AND MORE. GBM, 19, HIV-, seeks GWM's, 19-26, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #24478

GO FOR THE GOLD. GWM, 29, 6'1", 200, seeks experienced and dominant GWM for first time experience. Please leave me a message! (Milwaukee) #18042

DEEP NEED. GWM, 5'3", 160, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks GWM/GLM, 18-24, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #18499

WINTER'S COMING. GWM, 20, 5'9", 175, auburn hair, green eyes, submissive, varied interests, seeks local guys, 18-30, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #19117

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ALL AMERICAN CREAM. GWM, 30, 6'2", 200, brown hair, blue eyes, boy next door, seeks same, 25-45, for friendship and more. (Wisconsin) #46088

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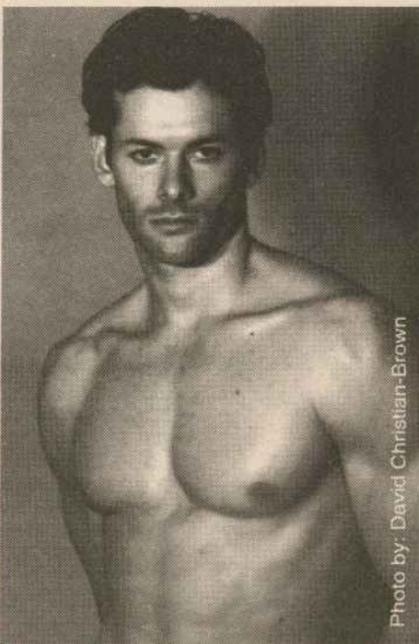


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YOUNG ONLY. GHM, 19, 5'9", 140, seeks others, 18-22 only, masculine and attractive, for fun and more. No fat's, fem's or anyone over 22. Please leave a message. (Chicago) #29976

READY TO RUMBLE. GWM, 52, brown hair, blue eyes, 200, clean shaven and smooth, seeks GWM's for wrestling and other body contact sports. Please leave a message. (Chicago) #25163

BLACK ON BLACK. GBM, seeks other GBM's only, 24-28, for pleasure and fun. Please have varied interests and be sincere. Leave a message. (Chicago) #16172

LAKE FRONT ROMANTIC WALKS. GWM, 31, 5'9", 171, reddish brown hair, brown eyes, moderately hairy, seeks others, under 35, for fun, friendship and possibly more. (Chicago area) #26444

LIBERAL ARTS ENTHUSIAST. GWM, 18, 5'11", green eyes, blonde hair, 150, variety of interests, seeks others, 18-21, GWM's and local preferred, for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Chicago Suburbs) #44464

WAITING FOR THAT SPECIAL MAN. GWM, 30, 5'10", 190, blonde hair, hazel eyes, into volleyball and golf, seeks others into life, fun and more. I want to meet that special dating partner. If this is you, don't hesitate to call me. (Crestwood) #48009

PIPELINE TO PLEASURE. GWM, 35, brown hair and eyes, hairy and well endw'd, seeks GBM/GWM, under 35, for fun and excitement. (Elgin) #47872

NOT LOOKING FOR PRETTY BOYS. GWM, 35, 5'10", 155, brown hair and eyes, seeks GWM/GBM, same age, for fun, friendship and more. No blonde's or body builder's! (Elgin) #31961

BLACK MALE ME. GWM, 34, 150, brown hair and eyes, seeks GBM's, masculine and well endw'd, for fun and more. (Elgin) #30416

RELATIONSHIP ONLY. GBM, 6'5", 265, body builder, goatee, varied interests, seeks others, 18-35, for fun, friendship and more. Serious replies only. (Elmhurst) #28687

SINCERE AND HONEST. GM, 5'8", 157, dark features, clean shaven, black hair, brown eyes, professional and masculine, seeks GHM/GWM, masculine and attractive, for friendship and possibly more. I can travel to other areas as well. Call me! (Evanston) #47986

ROLE PLAYING. GWM, 33, 6', 170, seeks same, 21-32, for fantasy fulfillment. Please have an active imagination for Batman and Robin action. Call me and let's talk! Only serious responses will be answered. (Evanston) #10435

KRAMER LOOKS. GWM, 6', 170, brown eyes, 'stache, attractive, very new to this lifestyle, seeks GHM's to add spice to my life. Please be adventurous and patient. (Evanston) #45050

PARTY DUDE. GHM, 20, 145, thin, 5'9", seeks same or GWM's, top men preferred, for parties and more. Let's meet soon! (Evanston) #34177

I KNOW WHAT I WANT! GBM, 6', 195, football player's build, seeks GBM/GLM, dominant only with varied interests, for fun, friendship and much more. Please be versatile and well endw'd for immediate response. (Evanston) #34333

FRIEND SEEKER. GWM, 43, 6', 180, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Evanston) #30633

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING. GBM, 21, 5'9", 180, varied interests, seeks others, 18-25, for fun, friendship and more. (Evanston) #28654

TIRED OF BAR SCENE. GWM, 6'2", 190, shy, varied interests, non smoker, 27, seeks other GBM's, 25-35, for fun, friendship and more. (Evanston) #26009

MASCULINE MEN ONLY! GHM, 5'9", 140, seeks GWM/GLM, dominant and aggressive, masculine only, for pleasure and more. Please leave a message. (Evanston) #17999

LET'S MEAT SOON. GWM, 28, 6'2", 165, very attractive, blue eyes, brown hair, 'stached and moderately hairy, seeks others in the local area for friendship and more. Smoker's OK. Please leave a message. (Evanston) #18845

BIG SEEKS SMALL. GWM, 30, 6'4", 220, seeks others, 18-25, very small, for fun and pleasure. (Evanston) #19693

ART LOVER. GWM, 18, 5'11", 150, green eyes, brown hair, varied interests, seeks other GWM's with similar qualities, 18-20 but older considered, for friendship and more. (Evanston) #44464

NEW AND INEXPERIENCED. GWM, brown hair, blue eyes, 155, very new to this, seeks others for experience training. (Grands Lake) #21003

ANY PORT IN A STORM. GBM, 34, seeks any and all men with varied interests. Let's talk! (Hazelcrest) #47691

LET'S CHAT. GWM, 41, 130, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde hair, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Madson) #21699

TOP ME OFF. GWM, 5'7", 230, salt and pepper hair, moderately hairy, stocky, 34, bottom, attractive, seeks top guys, 25-40, attractive and adventurous, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Oak Park) #11681

STOCKY AND BUILT. GWM, 33, 5'7", 230, moderately hairy, salt and pepper hair, blue eyes, 'stache/goatee, seeks others, 25-40, comfortable and secure, for fun, friendship and more. (Oak Park) #11681

Minnesota

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. This GWM is seeking one or more aggressive, masculine and furry G/Bi/or Othr males for fun times! (Apple Valley) #10427

MEAT ME IN MINNESOTA. GWM, 43, blonde hair, good body, gentle, safe and kind, seeks others, 25-45, for regular meetings and other things. Please respond soon! (Brooklyn Park) #48353

RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED. GWM, 21, professional, 6'4, brown hair, green eyes, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. (Duluth) #27451

ON GOLDEN BLONDE. GWM, 6'2, 180, blonde hair, good shape, seeks others into working out, good sense of humor, for friendship and possibly more. (Grand Forks) #38400

HAZEL EYES, HAIRY CHEST! GWM, 5'5", 133, good shape, hazel eyes, hairy chest, well endw'd, varied interests, seeks others for fun and more. Please leave a message. (Hopkins) #23990

BEAR SEEKING BEARS. GWM, 41, brown hair, blue eyes, beard, hairy chest, seeks others who are beefy, stocky and hairy. (Mancato) #14639

MANLY MEETINGS. GWM, 25, 6', 165, blonde hair, blue eyes, attractive, seeks other Bi or GWM, masculine, built and discrete, under 30, for friendship and more. (Mancato) #20931

LET'S MEAT SOON. Bi WM, 23, 6'2", 200, blonde hair, blue eyes, bottom, seeks top men for fun and more. You must be safe and discreet, straight acting and drug/disease free. Please respond soon. (Minneapolis) #47791

LOOKING FOR BOTH WORLDS. WM, 45, 5'8", 155, long dark hair, 'stache, semi muscular, seeks TV's, TS's, pre or post op's preferred, for a unique relationship. Leave me a message. (Minneapolis) #48137

YOURS FOR THE TAKING. GWM, submissive, seeks GBM's, dominant and well endw'd, to train me for their own satisfaction. Call me soon. (Minneapolis) #48317

EXPAND MY HORIZONS. WM, 39, straight, seeks others to teach me what I have been missing. Please leave a discreet and detailed message. (Minneapolis) #48470

I'M WAITING FOR YOU, MISSY! WM, 37, 6'2", 175, brown hair and eyes, disease/drug free, seeks passable TV's and TS's, pre-op or post-op, for fun, good times and more. Age and race not important. Please leave a message. (Minneapolis) #47973

ALL ARE WELCOME. Bi BM, 5'11", 180, seeks others, 20-30, open to anything and everything. Group action is a plus and I'm versatile. You must be disease and drug free and ready to play. Give me a call. (Minneapolis) #48010

GO FOR IT! GWM, 38, 5'8", 175, dark hair and eyes, slightly hairy, seeks a masculine and aggressive top man who knows what he wants and how to take it. Call me! (Minneapolis) #47912

LET'S RUMBLE. GWM, 32, out doors man, landscaper, seeks well built and endw'd guys who know how to have fun. Leave a message if this sounds good to you. (Minneapolis) #47934

CUSTOMER SERVICE WITH A SMILE. GWM, nice body, good looking, very submissive, seeks well endw'd and dominant males for complete service. Mastermind me and make me work. Call me. (Minneapolis) #21219

IMMEDIATE ACTION. GWM, seeks others now! Call me. (Minneapolis) #47661

ARE YOU WILLING TO LOVE ME?. GBM, 25, 148, seeks other males, 18-25, fun and full of life, for adventure and possibly more. You must be sincere and as attractive as I am. (Minneapolis) #42957



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Hot GMC, 33 and 45, looking to meet other monogamous C, 28-45, for hot, safe fun. Box# 2574

GWM, 34, 170, 6'8, fun-loving, open-minded but conservative, caring, enjoy good conversations, music, ISO another guy for good company. (Call Thru) Box# 5163

George, 26, 5'10, 175, hzl eyes, brn hr, college student, very good-looking, clean shaven, masculine, ISO Asians or Hispanic guys, 25-. (Call Thru) Box# 9625

GAM, 22, 5'7, 140. Inexperienced. ISO GWM, masculine. For exotic massages, wrestling and companionship. Box# 3066

GM, 29, 5'10, 175. BR hair and blue eyes. Variety of interests. ISO GM to have some good times. Box# 4073

straight-acting GBM, 25-35, to hang out, take long walks, listen to the radio, and quiet evenings at home, for friendship and possible relationship. Box# 3065

Oliver, GBM, 19, 5'10, 160lbs., medium build, looking for M, 18-33. Box# 9954

Dad, GM, seeks 18-25 yr. old, for occasional night out, cuddling, and hot fun. Let's talk. Box# 8134

Brian, 30's, slender, clean shaven, buzz cut, into wild times, and partying, anytime. Box# 4416

Andre, BM, 25, dark skin, masculine, nice build. ISO rough neck type, B/HIS/Puerto Rican, under 24, masculine. Let's hook up. Box# 0886

Bruce, GWM, 38, 6', 200lbs., works out, brown hair, hazel eyes, caring, sincere, easygoing, enjoys plays, dining out, long walks, reading, computers, and gardening. ISO M, 28-40, for friendship. (Call Thru) Box# 5632

Anthony, WM, 30, Italian, 5'7, black hair, brown eyes, mustache, medium build, easygoing, fun, spontaneous, and masculine. ISO masculine BM, under 40, solid-lean, interested in sports, and music. Box# 6652

Steve, looking for someone for good times with friendship, and possibly leading to relationship. Box# 5169

Paul, 26, new to area, 5'8, 155lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, good looking, clean shaven, smooth, looking for M, around 26. Let's talk. (Call Thru) Box# 5109

Ernesto, M, really into meeting some guys that could show me a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 4857

BiWM, 23, 130lbs., seeking older, adult M, 27-35, big, rugged, about 175-195lbs., for an encounter. Beard/mustache preferred. Box# 9717

Light skinned BM, 27, 150lbs., very straight acting, looking for W/HIS/M, under 35, descent shape, straight acting, who like nudism, JO's, 69, and safe butt play. (Call Thru) Box# 9299

Les, WM, 26, 5'11, 135lbs., red hair, hazel eyes, new to area, farm boy at heart, enjoys the outdoors. ISO WM, 23 and under, slim, smooth, boyish, farm boy looks. (Call Thru) Box# 3111

James, GWM, 20, 5'7, 175lbs., into just about anything fun, likes having good times. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 2546

Ben, 27, 5'11, 160lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, new to area, professional, looking for GWM, 24-30, hairy chest, relationship-oriented, who knows what they want. (Call Thru) Box# 2424

Zack, looking for mature M, 40 years plus. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 1888

Thomas, 18, just out of the closet, looking for someone to give me some fun, and a little show around. Box# 0623

Discrete bottom, 5'10, brown hair, likes to suck, looking for top. Well-endowed a plus. (Call Thru) Box# 0675

M, into wrestling. So if you want to go to the mat, and you're in-shape like I am, call me. Box# 9516

Luke, 34, 5'5, 120lbs., professional, looking for top B/WM, 28-40, for something serious, or a relationship. No games. (Call Thru) Box# 0022

George, 18, sexy, slim, brown hair, brown eyes, creative, erotic, enjoys going out, having fun, and exploring. (Call Thru) Box# 8485

BM, 28, 6', 180lbs. If you're a BM, at least 200lbs., I'm the one for you. No fats, fems, or positives. (Call Thru) Box# 5973

Dave, 31, 6'1, 180lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes, good looking, good body, masculine, looking for another hot M. Box# 5943

Jeff, 28, 170lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, smooth, 7cut, clean shaven, looking to hook up. Box# 5672

John, looking for gorgeous BM in good condition. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 5751

Joe, smoker, social drinker, enjoys partying. ISO honest, true M, to show me around the world. Box# 5545

Al, 29, light brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, muscular, looking for WM, 25-35. Call me if interested in friendship or possible relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 5135

Ron, 6'2, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a lady who wants all the TLC she can handle. Box# 4946

M, 19, 6', 185lbs., well tanned, dirty blonde hair, green eyes, alltime hairy, looking for a hot M who would love to get together. Box# 4826

Jeff, looking for F who likes to talk about you know what. Let's have fun. (Call Thru) Box# 4767

Mike, M, 22, financially secure, 6', 200lbs., very well built, looking for M, any race, to show me how to have a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 4558

Jim, 32, 130lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, bottom, looking for top to have good times. (Call Thru) Box# 4439

Al, 29, looking for guys, 25-35. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 4365

Attractive GWM, 29, 5'10, 170lbs., well built, versatile, looking for attractive M, under 40, who wants to get into some good hot times. (Call Thru) Box# 4152

Rob, BiWM, 31, 5'8, 160lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, good looking, looking for BiM/GM, for safe, discrete, same time next week relationship, under 45, who's masculine/straight acting. Box# 3811

Steve, 35, blue eyes, brownish-blond hair, 135lbs., bottom, looking for someone for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 3144

Hot papa type, top, beard, hairy, works out, 9inches, looking for love. Box# 2912

Mike, 5'9, 145lbs., dark hair, green eyes, smooth, tan, bottom, likes going to the beach, looking for top for different things. Box# 3474

Attractive GWM, 5'10, 170lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, very good looking, versatile, discrete, looking for attractive M, under 40, to get into some really hot times. (Call Thru) Box# 2726

Nathan, 26, tall, good looking, and very attractive guy, looking for someone nice. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 2700

Male stud, 29, pretty hot and into everything, so give me a call. Box# 2582

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Carlos, 6'2, energetic, fit, green eyes, open-minded, speaks 3 languages, enjoys reading, outdoors, sports. ISO F interested in friendship, relationship, or just making new friends. (Call Thru) Box# 1875

If there are any young ladies out there that like putting through the harbor and enjoy the water and sunshine, give me a jingle. Box# 1313

WM, 23, 5'6, 155lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, athletic build, looking for older F for discrete pleasure and fun times. Box# 1817

Stewart, willing to try most anything, looking for F, 18-40, to have some good fun and pleasures. If you want to get it on and have good times, call me. Box# 1142

M, enjoys wild sex with Couples. Hope to hear from you soon. (Call Thru) Box# 2483

Tony, body builder, very masculine, 5'8, muscular, brown hair, brown eyes, athletic, bottom, looking for aggressive M who is comfortable being a top. Box# 1377

Hunky, hairy novice slave, looking for experienced master for use and abuse. Thank you sir. Box# 1762

Derek, BM, 26, 6', 230lbs., muscular, top, looking for anyone feminine, bottom, who's very very oral, and loves to please his partner. Box# 1184

Madison Chuck, 50, 170lbs., daddy, looking for son, 18-25, swimmers build, clean shaven, masculine. If you like the son role, and want to take care of daddy, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 2347

Mike, 23, 5'8, 185lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a cowboy who wants to have fun and maybe have their bull rode. (Call Thru) Box# 2313

Travis, GBM, caribbean, 26, recent grad, looking for nice caring individual to share life with me. Any race. (Call Thru) Box# 2241

Busy MC, looking for W/Asian F, up to 30, who would like to relocate to the country, and be part of family, manage household, and enjoy country living. Not for employment. Box# 1573

Randy, 30, 5'9, 148lbs., 28waist, looking for someone, 30 or younger, to get together. (Call Thru) Box# 1474

Rod, 28, 5'10, light brown hair, body builder, hairy, into really big fat guys. ISO big guys, with big guts. If you want someone to worship you, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 3988

Mark, 38, 6', brown hair, brown eyes, top, HIV+, seeking someone special. Box# 2049

Bob, interested and ready, and can handle alot of fun. Give me a call. Box# 1595

Terry, African American M, 28, 5'7, 150lbs., brown eyes, grad student, looking for dominant, masculine African American M, 25-35, 5'9+, independent, honest, to experience friendship and more. (Call Thru) Box# 0052

Steve, BM, 35, 5'8, 180lbs., straight, curious, looking for very feminine M, any race, beautiful to look at and wonderful to hold. Drag queens welcome. Box# 0196

Michael, 21, 5'8, 200lbs., dark brown hair, brown eyes, into all kinds of different things. ISO M, 18-30; who's an aggressive top. (Call Thru) Box# 1280

GWM, 36, great looking, smooth, muscular, mostly bottom, looking for clean shaven top, buff, muscle-bound jock, 21-38, for body worship and more. Box# 1851

Steven, GWM, 32, 5'8, good looking, brown hair, brown eyes, mustache, Italian, great body, into safe sex. ISO attractive GWM, similar interests, for friendship/possible relationship. Belives in honesty and lifetime commitments. Box# 1726

M, 5'8, 145lbs., black hair, brown eyes, bottom, looking for BM or older man. Box# 1606

Dave, GWM, 23, 6'1, 189lbs., clean cut, military type, looking for hairy chested M, 6'2+. Honesty is important. Box# 3231

Sam, 5'4, 160lbs., cuddly little teddy bear, looking for something casual, not to intense. Let's cuddle tonight. Box# 3728

Charles, GWM, 35, 5'10, 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, moderately hairy chest. ISO GWM, 25-45, for caring, romantic, monogamous relationship. Mustache/hairy chest a plus. Box# 3920

D.J., good looking, pierced, long hair, looking for M to share latex and spandex fiddishes with. Young stud, 18-25. I know you're out there. (Call Thru) Box# 3986

Dan and Jack, GW/Couple, looking for M or Couple to have some hot times with. (Call Thru) Box# 4129

Terry, looking for masculine M into leather, with good mind and a good body. (Call Thru) Box# 6641

Jeff, GBM, likes singing, dancing, writing poetry, and listening to soft music. If you're looking for love, I'm the one. Box# 7281

Frank, HIS M, 25, 6', 190lbs., black hair, brown eyes, looking for very muscular GWM, 20-40, for hot sexual times. Versatile. Box# 8039

Ray, GWM, 55, 250lbs., bottom, HIV-, brown hair, brown eyes, mustache, clean/discrete. ISO top M, 35-55, any race, clean/discrete, HIV-. Hairy body/beard a plus. Construction/trucker/fireman preferred. (Call Thru) Box# 8052

BiM, top, 36, 6'2, 178lbs., great shape, Native American/Irish/French/Black, looking for BiWM, masculine, 18-35, for fun and good times. Prefer same build. Box# 8585

GBM, 23, athletic, looking for GBM, 22-35, athletic, straight acting, with a good head on his shoulders. Box# 8723

GWM, looking for GBM, 18-30, for fun. Box# 8744

M, 31, 6'1, 150lbs., dark hair and eyes, looking for hot times with M, 30-45. Versatile, who likes to have good times. (Call Thru) Box# 7419

GM, 5'10, 220lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, looking for GM, 25-35 for friendship and possible relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 5644

BiM, new to area, cute, attractive, 26, light brown hair, brown eyes, clean shaven, clean cut, 6', 180lbs., good shape, straight looking/acting. ISO guys, straight looking, good looking, to talk. (Call Thru) Box# 4986

WM, 22, 5'9, black hair, hazel eyes, different looking, into music, techno, waves, and rollerskating. Not into drugs, rap, or unsafe sex. ISO honest, sincere M, 22+, for friendship/long-term relationship. Prefer BM. (Call Thru) Box# 7336

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

Greg, SWM, 24, college student, healthy, looking for F to try to mutually pleasure each other. If you want to get together for drinks, and fun afterwards, give me a call. Box# 8427

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

Tim, SWM, 35, 6'1, nice guy, respects woman, has good sense of humor, just give me a chance. You won't be sorry, I'll try to make you happy. Box# 8674

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

M, 24, 5'9, 165, long brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, I'm easy-going, ISO similar dudes. Box# 3216

Bill, 32, 5'8, 160, prof., not into glitter, self-absorb, bitchy or stereo-types, ISO someone who is truthful, warm, gentle, in-touch, with a quiet strength for mutual honest friendship, no sex right away calls please. Box# 8684

This freak is looking for a masculine top freak, to do it anytime, anywhere. You must be freaky. Box# 3588

BiWM, 23, 130lbs., very little experience with M's. ISO older M, 28-38, 170-200lbs., trim mustache and beard, big, rugged build, for very discrete, 1st encounter. Box# 7415

Dennis, DWM, 43, looks younger, 5'10, 153lbs., sophisticated, swab, romantic, kind-hearted, clean shaven, well-gifted, looking for classy, intelligent F, 30-45, to be spoiled and pampered. (Call Thru) Box# 8470

M, 33, 6', 215lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys job, has variety of interests, playful, young at heart, looking for relationship, but I'd like to take it slow. (Call Thru) Box# 9300

Mike, SWM, 36, well endowed, happy and healthy, looking for outgoing F, preferably redhead, for good times, leading to serious relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 8556

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

Allen, sexy, bow-legged BM, muscular, 5'9, 160lbs., looking for attractive BM, well-built, in-shape. If you can measure up and hang with the program, call me. (Call Thru) Box# 9110

SWM, sincere, handsome, with years of experience as being dominant. ISO F with submissive fantasy. They will be explored in safe, discrete manner. All you have to do is call. (Call Thru) Box# 8481

Eric, BM, attr., handsome, nice body, ISO muscular, well-endowed male, attr., disease free, clean, still in the closet a plus. Box# 1449

Brian, 38, 6'2, 210lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, good body, hairy chest legs, looking for masculine guys who love the outdoors, playing, groups, and having good times. Box# 9776

GM, likes to stay up late in hot tub, ISO someone to accompany him for contact and oral. Box# 6063

Erin, likes to have fun, be with people and have alot of good times. ISO M to share good times with. (Call Thru) Box# 3069

Asian M, 22, 5'7, 142lbs., conservative dresser, clean cut, slim. Enjoys running, wrestling, cuddling, massages, not into bar scene. ISO WM, 25-40, 5'8-6', 160-190lbs. (Call Thru) Box# 4113

Hil I'm a cool guy, clean cut looks and appearance, looking for a boyfriend. You should be the same and be 21-35. Call me. Box# 3437

Jeremy, WM, 18, looking for compassionate M friend, 18-25, any race. Box# 7307

Dave, 39, 6', 200lbs., good shape, fun guy, likes skiing, scuba diving, swimming, cars, mexican restaurants, movies, dining out. Sexually I like alot of things. ISO M. (Call Thru) Box# 0179

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

GWM, 29, 6'1, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, looking to meet M, attractive, fit, secure with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 4682

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

Tony, 29, dirty-blond/hair, blue-green/eyes, 6', 185lbs., affectionate, likes the outdoors, running, having good times, movies, and holding and cuddling. ISO M, 27 or younger, descent shape, with similar interests. Box# 9046

WM, 49, in good shape, into bondage, domination, dildo play, and phone sex. If interested, please call. Box# 7418

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College student, early 20's, 6', 185lbs., works out, clean shaven, likes basketball, biking, dining out, and opera. ISO someone to spend time with, develop a friendship, and more. Box# 7973

Nick, 22, 5'10, new to area, light brown hair, blue eyes, not into games, likes theatre, dancing, swimming, music. ISO M, good personality, to hang out with. (Call Thru) Box# 3300

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Dave, BiWM, 30's, 6', clean shaven, good shape, dark hair, green eyes. ISO Bi/GWM, similar age, masculine, fun, no strings attached, discrete, into good times. (Call Thru) Box# 5673

BM, 24, 5'11, 165lbs., smooth, attractive, looking for straight acting/appearing, versatile, endowed, educated BM only. No fems. (Call Thru) Box# 4213

Nick, 22, 5'10, black hair, blue eyes, likes hiking, biking, swimming, the outdoors, movies, theatre, dancing, music, not into games. ISO real person to go out, and have fun. (Call Thru) Box# 0877

Aggressive top, very capable, likes to get in the saddle, and stay there a long time. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 1321

Mark, If you're into hot fun, and good times, and love to play, I'm into you. Box# 0320

Kevin, If you're looking for a good, hot, fun time, I'm your man. I'll make sure you have the time of your life. Box# 0319

GWM, 22, 5'10, into body piercing and stuff like that. ISO alternative, punk rocker type M, 5'6-6'2. (Call Thru) Box# 9185

TEENS

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Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

"Gay teens are dying and the fact is that the Religious Right does not care."

The White House report said: "Discussion of the facts concerning such matters is not inconsistent with also encouraging abstinence or delayed sexual activity."

It recommended that young people with HIV be used in campaigns to tell their peers how to protect themselves, because teens of-

ten tune out adults.

But while the White House report mentioned homosexuality, it never recommended how to reach Gay teens, criticized the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. The center said 63 percent of AIDS cases among men under 25 are due to unsafe sex with other men.

"However well intended, the report's recommendations ... turn a blind eye to Gay and Bisexual youth," said center director Lorri Jean.

"Half of all new HIV infections in this country are among Gay men under 25, and half of those are among teens," Jean said. "And the heinous crime about these infections is that they can be prevented."

And young people in the audience when the report was issued had some tough questions: Will the White House ensure that states follow the report's recommendations? Will it force school systems to provide condom education and discuss homosexuality? Or provide money for student-run peer-education programs?

AIDS Policy Director Patricia Fleming responded that the report was "a call to action." She acknowledged it broke little new ground but said it marked the first time the government has spotlighted teen-agers' needs.

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To that end, a private group has promised to fund peer-education groups nationwide. The Until There's a Cure Foundation, which gave the White House \$100,000 to do the report, raised the money by selling more than 100,000 gold and silver AIDS commemorative bracelets, founder Dana Cappiello said.

The report also recommended that: Governments allow teens to get HIV counseling and testing without parental consent. Some 23 states already do.

Clinics offer free or low-cost HIV tests to teen-agers and stay open after school hours.

The Department of Health and Human Services establish a board of teen-agers who have HIV to advise on government services for preventing HIV among youth and treating those who contract it.

The department has made no decision.

BIRDCAGE

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stage, but has otherwise been toned down. No effeminate stereotypes please, this is the 90's.

Instead, as if by default, Robin Williams's Armand is given the star turn in *The Birdcage* and is, admittedly quite wonderful. When allowed momentary respite from the confines of the original, his quite marvelous mimicking of various disparate choreographers in rehearsal for example, Williams really gets to shine.

Nichols and May's primary original contribution in *The Birdcage* is placing it into political context of conservative America.

Future father-in-law Senator Keeley (Gene Hackman) presumably emerges straight (no pun intended I'm sure) out of the Pat Buchanan mold. With the scandalous demise of his closest political ally, Keeley sees his only hope for political salvation with the return of traditional family values as embodied in a "white wedding"—his daughter's wedding. As earnestly played by Gene Hackman, Senator Keeley lacks his predecessor's monstrous buffoonishness. In the climatic finale, one cannot help but think Senator Keeley less deserving of his fate.

The biggest letdown in *The Birdcage*, as Glenn sees it, is with Armand's son Val (newcomer Dan Futterman). Blessed with the kind of lopsided smile that is sure to melt the hearts of many in the audience, Mr. Futterman's Val appears far older, both physically as well as emotionally than his supposed 20 years and is clearly lacking in the warmth department.

Despite Val's early boast of being the only one in his fraternity not coming from a broken home, he gives precious little indication

that this has been a particularly happy family. Glenn felt that his repeated demands made Val seem more than a little mean-spirited. His grudgingly offered declaration of Albert as his real mother lacks credibility. Val should fit in quite nicely into Keeley's conservative household.

The Birdcage nevertheless has many wonderful moments and delightful performances. As the loyal houseman Agador, Hank Azaria is an absolute find, appealingly hunky yet very, very funny. Throughout the film, Agador's "Guatemalan heat" lights up the screen. Also shining is the always delightful Diane Wiest as the much put upon Louise Keeley. Poor Christine Baranski is thrown away in the thankless part of Katherine, Val's biological mother.

Audiences, Gay and straight are sure to find *The Birdcage* highly enjoyable entertainment. Still, Glenn couldn't help but think that they will find Armand and Albert less like lovers than their predecessors.

Isn't it about time for Hollywood to finally stop passing off sanitized "Gay" movies for nice white, middle-class, suburban-mall America?

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

Obituary

Thomas H. Schwalbach

Age 35, died Sunday, December 31, 1995, from complications due to AIDS.

He was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on August 1, 1960, the son of John F. Schwalbach and the late Rita C. (Maher) Schwalbach. Tom had graduated from Xavier High School in 1978 and attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He had worked at the Outagamie County Health Center for five years and at RCDD for seven years as group home manager.

Tom was a volunteer for the Wisconsin Association for Retarded Citizens, the Special Olympics and Winnebago County ARC.

Survivors include his father, John, Appleton; his partner in life, Fred Grosse; two brothers, John M. (Joan) Schwalbach, Menasha, and Edward G. Schwalbach, Appleton; a sister, Mary (Scott) Hawkinson, Menasha, and special friends G. Hansen, P. Kiel, D. St. James and Allison.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, January 4, 1996 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery, Appleton.

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Announcements

Jewish Lesbians to Hold Seder

Madison—Madison Jewish Lesbians will hold a Passover Seder on Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:30 p.m. It will be a kosher for Passover vegetarian potluck for all Jewish Lesbians and their significant others. RSVP required. Call (608) 246-8002 or (608) 256-8883.

Country Dance Benefit

Milwaukee—The fourth annual Country Dance Benefit for the Counseling Center's Lesbian and Gay Support Group Program will be held at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door and can be purchased at AfterWords, Just Us, People's Books, Designing Men and The Counseling Center. For more information call (414) 271-2565.

Cream City Chorus Annual Meeting

Milwaukee—The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 27th at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor in Milwaukee. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

This year's meeting will include the election of all four officers. Incumbents, President Matt Pamperin and Secretary Terri Wedner, are both at the end of standard two-year terms. The offices of Vice President and Treasurer have both been vacated in the last two months and will also be open for nomination, as will all single-year offices.

All members of the Chorus are urged to attend. Several matters of importance to all members, active and non-active, will be discussed.

Ten Percent Society Dance

Madison—The UW-Madison Ten Percent Society Spring Dance for Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men and friends, will be held on Friday, March 22nd in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$3. There will be a deejay and cash bar.

Castaways and Unicorns to Hold Club Night

Madison—The Castaways MC of Milwaukee and the Unicorns of Madison invite you to join them for a joint club night and beer bust on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the 1100 Club, S. 1st Street in Milwaukee.

GOTZLER

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like the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB) and the Human Rights League, and she helped formulate the community's response to the tragic Dahmer murders.

Karen currently serves as a trainer at the Police Academy, working to ensure that police serve the Gay and Lesbian community fairly and sensitively.

Gotzler, a Milwaukee native who has lived in the Third District for some thirty years, is also widely known as the former owner of a successful East Side business, Meridian Distributors, promoting leading Women's Music artists and other independent voices in the music world.

Karen sold the business and now shares her expertise with others as an economic development consultant with the State of Wisconsin.

Her work helps small businesses, often owned by women and people of color, create and retain jobs by matching up credit-needy businesses to loans while providing important technical support.

It is her work as a successful business developer that gives rise to one of her key campaign issues—the creation of family supporting jobs.

Karen's work in the Central City Initiative makes her painfully aware that the city is about 40,000 jobs short of the population available for work. She's pushing a city-wide approach to the problem, encouraging better-targeted economic development dollars and more work on job retention programs. Focusing on family supporting jobs, Karen notes, helps fight other city problems like crime and adds more homeowners to the property tax rolls, lessening the tax burden for everyone.

Other Gotzler campaign issues include a push for a more community-oriented police force, greater community involvement in local decisions, and vigilant protection of Milwaukeeans' civil rights.

Many feel that her stature in the women's community, coupled with her important roots in the Gay and Lesbian community and her work with the pro-choice Milwaukee Clinic Protection Coalition make her the logical champion for voices often excluded in Milwaukee politics.

In contrast to her opponent, who lists his wife as a qualification on campaign literature,

Karen also has strong support among all sexual orientations. In fact, Gotzler's appeal is so broad that she has gained key endorsements not just from the Wisconsin Light but also The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Political powerhouses in the Lesbian and Gay community like LAMB and the Human Rights League have endorsed Karen, but so have non-Gay groups like Progressive Milwaukee, a political organization that runs grass-roots candidates for office, and AF-SCME, a labor union.

And while persons to whom the Lesbian and Gay community often looks to for leadership, like State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson, and Brady Street STD Clinic leaders Ross Walker and Erv Uecker, support Karen; non-Gay leaders like Ald. Marvin Pratt and County Supervisor Dorothy Dean support Gotzler as well.

Lil Lau and Lori Sitzwohl, Third District homeowners, put it this way: "We're not backing her because she is a Lesbian. We honestly believe she's the best candidate," said Lau. "Karen is the best candidate for a lot of reasons—because of her background in economic development and as a small business owner, for one, and for her work with the police department and the City Council," said Sitzwohl, referring to Karen's role as a trainer on Lesbian and Gay issues at the Police Academy and her decades-long activism.

Former Aldermanic candidate, Steve Rose, who is openly Gay and who opposed Karen in the primary, added, "The fact that there's an openly Lesbian or Gay candidate for the March 19th election—few things could make me happier."

Karen agrees. "I said from the very beginning that I don't want people to support me just because I'm a Lesbian," she told a reporter. "But there are a lot of things that are awfully important about electing openly Gay candidates...When you have openly Gay elected officials, you can have people who initiate legislation, who advocate on issues, who are strong and don't have to be apologetic about their work. You're in a position to put coalitions together of the kind other people in the community just can't do."

Volunteers and funds are vitally needed in the last days before the election, said campaign field organizer Bill Dempsey. "We can't let this opportunity pass us by."

People can make Lesbigan history by calling

campaign headquarters at (414) 264-4354. But the most important role for Eastsiders and Riverwesters, say campaign insiders, is to vote with their friends on Tuesday, March 19th. To find out where to vote, call Milwaukee's Election Commission at (414) 286-3491.

DELAVAN

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clap of horses' feet going by on cobbled streets.

Go there with your honey, the most important human fact in your life, and the sheer romance of the regal old place will bring your hearts to flame.

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Walk along brick streets. Stop in at the many little shops. Visit the Clown Museum—or laugh with each other, talk, renew yourselves.

Delavan is 50 miles from Madison, 45 miles from Milwaukee and 75 miles north of Chicago.

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COMMUNITY CENTER

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These include: Jimmy Dorn, former owner of the YP; Rodney Scheel, owner of Rod's in Madison; Wayne Bernhagen, owner of the Wreck Room; world-famed artist Robert Uyvari, Betty Aiello, wife of the former owner of the Mint, and Allyn Hess, Gay activist and one of those responsible for pushing Wisconsin's Gay Rights Law through.

Smits said that fundraisers will be held to increase the fund—now at over \$2,000—and ads placed in various publications to familiarize the community with the effort.

Brochures providing more information will be distributed shortly, Smits said, along with donor cards.

OSCARS

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cute little butt, briefly bared, is enough for an Academy Award. Tim Roth (*Rob Roy*) may have been devilishly wicked in an otherwise undistinguished costume drama but Ed Harris (*Apollo 13*) has many fine performances under his belt that the Academy might decide to recognize.

Glenn's choice is Kevin Spacey for *The Usual Suspect*, a truly superior whodunit featuring a truly mesmerizing performance by Mr. Spacey.

The Best Actor category is perhaps more notable for the list of actors who did not make the grade rather than the mediocre lot who did.

Where is Ian McKellan's sensation Richard III? What about John Travolta, perhaps the "comeback of the century"? Robert Downey, Jr., usually so annoying was absolutely marvelous in *Restoration*. Then there is James Earl Jones, so terrific in *Cry the Beloved Country*. Well, at least Mel Gibson was only nominated in the Best Director category for the relentlessly tedious *Braveheart*.

Like Meryl Streep, Anthony Hopkins seems

to get nominated each year that he's in a film and thus is always a threat to win. Still, Nixon was in the Budget Theatres faster than you could say "Watergate."

Forget Richard Dreyfuss (*Mr. Holland's Opus*) and the late Massimo Troisi (*The Postman*). The only truly deserving performances in this category are Nicholas Cage's doomed alcoholic in *Leaving Las Vegas* and Sean Penn's arrogant death row inhabitant in *Dead Man Walking*.

With both *Leaving Las Vegas* and *Dead Man Walking* registering equally as supreme downers, it is an absolute wonder that enough Academy members saw either film so as to get these remarkable performances into the race. Penn's performance might be the more worthy but as a singular Hollywood outsider Penn would seem a bit of a longshot. Glenn expects Mr. Cage to dash off with the gold statue.

Almost anticlimactically comes the category off Best Picture. Glenn might suggest that 1995 was not an exceptional year for films. This year's Best Picture nominees clearly prove this claim.

Certainly a nomination for *Apollo 13* is no surprise, nor is the terrific *Sense and Sensibility*. But *Braveheart*? Really! And who did the Academy voters get to read to them the subtitles in *The Postman (Il Postino)*? And if *Babe* could wheedle a nomination, what about the enchanting *Toy Story*? If *Sense and Sensibility* does not win, Glenn imagines that poor Jane Austen will be spinning in her grave.

Gays Hold Midwest College Convention

By J. Alan

Milwaukee—On Friday, February 23rd through February 25th, the fourth annual Midwest Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian College (MBGLCC) Convention got underway at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin. The alternates among Midwest colleges and universities.

Lisa M. Doyle, an honors student at Beloit, organized the event as part of a special project for the College administration. She said that it had taken her a full year of work to put the conference together. Everywhere one looked, there was evidence of her hard work.

The Conference sailed smoothly through the entire weekend as 400 college students from across the Midwest to learn and to have fun.

One of the highlights of the Conference was a silent auction featuring such things as items from Lily Tomlin, Mel White, Harvey Firestein, Eric Marcus, Leslea Newman and Sara Shulman, to name only a few.

In addition, Patricia Nell Warren sent an autographed, leatherbound, 20th anniversary copy of *The Front Runner*, her wildly popular novel about Gay love and sacrifice among athletes.

Kate Clinton sent autographed photos and autographed copies of *Stories from the Quilt* and *Common Threads*. There were also two guest passes to the Liberace Museum.

In addition to the above, guests of the MBLGCC could look forward to their pick of 42 different workshops. Lesbian activist and long-time crusader for the rights of Lesbians and Gay men to serve without fear in the military, was the keynote speaker.

Joining Ben-Shalom at the podium was Lili Bearmen, author of *Surpassing the Will of Men* and Paul Wesselman, an inspirational speaker from Madison.

Finally, there was a massive party to top off of the convention that featured a very popular kissing booth. (You should have seen the two-for-one special). There was also a drag queen competition as well as three hours of dance music that went on until 3:00 a.m.

For many students, this was the first event at which they were completely out. As one student put it as they gently clasped their significant other's hand, "I've never been to ANYTHING this great in my life."

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Or the voice on the other end of the phone: "You fags are going to hell!" "But why would you want us there with you and all your friends?" Hang up time. Click! (Really, slam!). Over the years, the paper has changed. For example, from a relatively few distribution points in Wisconsin, there are now hundreds. And it is distributed in cities across this country and abroad as well. That pleases me. And from a handful of subscriptions, there are now hundreds of those as well. There's color now, full color on a regular basis, which I like very much. We've recently made a major investment in capital equipment, equipment made to our order. I'm excited about that.

One in Ten

Ad revenues are on an ascending curve. For example, there's the Subaru ad which you see in this issue. We were asked to submit copies of the paper in a competition. The result was that **Light** was chosen to be one of only ten Gay/Lesbian papers in the country to run the Subaru ads.

Despite what may be thought, we are a conservative paper in the sense that there's little beef or cheese cake in **Light**, (except in certain ads) little of the parties and soirees that go on. We try not to be sensational and appeal to a broad, literate and somewhat older base.

The Convention

We will be going to the Democratic National Convention, taking a staff of five. I'm not sure I'm looking forward to that. The pace is unbelievably hectic, but at least the food is good. What some of those people pay for hospitality suites is unbelievable.

We are well aware that many of our readership is non-Gay (The majority of our distribution points are in non-Gay establishments of one kind or another). We tend to take a sober sided attitude, one that reaches out to a non-Gay audience.

One final thing. The fact that the paper looks as good as it does, is to Jerry's credit. He has put in long and tedious hours putting

it together, but there's more than just work to it, there's art.

Jerry has that fine sense of balance and proportion that is born, not made. He has the artist's eye and the inborn skill to translate what that eye sees into material reality.

Yeah, yeah, so maybe there are better ways to do it than laying the paper out by hand—some would say. But there's something to be said—a lot to be said—for hands-on work; the touch, the feel of it. This is the craftsman's way.

There are a lot of people who I could single out for thanks, good self-effacing people who have given a lot. There's Joe, John, Karen Lamb, Brenda, Al Thomas, Ron Geiman and Jenean (of course), Allan Eslinger, Bruce Bennett, Geno, Sandy, Carl, and a whole host more—even Jan and Craig. Thanks for making this 200 easier and more pleasant. Here's to 200 more.

ROBIN WILLIAMS

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fore a few rapid-fire voice changes.

Booming radio announcer: "Hold on America, Jesse's going to come out."

Quavering Southern drawl: "I had this thing. It was only a weekend. I was out duck hunting. Who knew?"

By this time, ribs aching from laughter, all hope of self-defense evaporates. Surprisingly merciful, Williams picks the same moment to drop the act, for the time being anyway.

"I don't know if they're going to fire back at me," he says of the political right, which takes a feather-boia beating in **The Birdcage**.

"But if it gets them a little squirrely, that's not a bad thing in a year like this. If it works to that purpose, that's OK."

Presto change-o, the comedy volcano corks himself and shows he's much more than goofy faces and sharp-tongued impersonations.

"The fact is, there are families like this," he says. "They exist. They exist all over America despite what folks want to think. And they raise their kids like anybody else. They don't raise them to be Gay or straight, they raise them just to have a life."

Swimming free of the mainstream always has come easy to Williams, 43, who grew up in San Francisco and still lives there, which, like most interesting people, makes him a study in contradictions.

Sure, he honed his wild-man improvisational skills at freewheeling local comedy clubs, but he also studied acting in New York at the Juilliard School when John Houseman headed the department.

Most people first experienced Williams' unique talent when he was the wacky alien Mork from Ork on **Happy Days**.

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The guest role led to his own sitcom, **Mork and Mindy**, which in turn led to his big screen career. He became a marquee player with his portrayal of a hip, fast-talking military deejay in **Good Morning, Vietnam** in 1987, which earned him an Academy Award nomination.

He backed that up in 1989 with another Oscar nominated performance in **Dead Poets Society**, the venue for his favorite movie line: "Seize the day, boys."

"That was awesome," he says. "It's a great thing just to say to anybody. Although I must admit people come up to me on the street and say that to me and I say, 'It's just a movie, don't change your whole life.'"

"One guy I met said, 'I burned my suits. I have a crafts store now, heh.' It was a little bit scary. I went in and bought some stuff to make sure he was doing OK."

Other film credits include **The World According to Garp**, **Moscow on the Hudson**, **Cadillac Man**, **The Fisher King**, **Awakening**, the voice of the genie in the animated hit **Aladdin** and the dreaded **Popeye**, a film Williams uses to help explain why he'll never step behind the camera and become a director.

"First, I could never say to someone, 'That really doesn't work,' because then all they'd have to do is look at me and say, 'What about Popeye?'" he says, squinting one eye shut and cracking a smile.

"And the second thing is, it takes a great deal of discipline and a great sense of story. And I don't have one. I have a great sense of character. Some people are great generals, some are great field commanders, others do great on the line."

Williams, who stole scenes as a doctor in Hugh Grant's **Nine Months** and also starred in **Jumanji**, has been real busy making movies the past few years. And it has paid off. According to **Forbes** magazine, he earned \$25 million in 1994-1995.

And there's even more to come. After **The Birdcage**, he'll be seen in Kenneth Branagh's "Hamlet," Francis Ford Coppola's "Jack," and a film version of Joseph Conrad's "The Secret Agent."

Not surprisingly then, he's looking forward to a change, a return to his comedy roots. He's hearing the call of the stand-up mike.

"I've just got to start performing in clubs again," he says. "It's like the birth of a child. To get walking and grow you first have to stub your toes. Talk about creation. When you go on the road you really see what's funny and what's not. The people will let you know, believe me."

Blending the freshness and unpredictability of stand-up comedy with the technical demands of dramatic acting, the silly and the serious, is what makes it all work for Williams, who credits Houseman with making room for both disciplines to coexist.

"I remember him talking about the theater, and that you can use it as a political tool," Williams says.

"It IS a political medium, and you CAN do both, entertain and make a point. You can put it all in one, whether it's **The Birdcage** or 'Hamlet.' And you should try."

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clear." No accounting as to how it was to be spent was requested.

The reason for the donation, the letter said, was "because a Wisconsin legislator" (unnamed) had done "favor" for the Trust administrator and had asked him to make the grant.

In the packet of materials were documents to back the whole thing up. These were supposedly from the FBI and the Federal Department of Justice showing how legitimate it all was.

There was also an account sheet showing the Trust's assets (over a billion dollars), along with checks in the millions of dollars to show that donations had been made to the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and the New York City Public Library.

It was also noted that sizable donations were being given to various people and groups in Kileen, Texas.

The day all this arrived was the day the paper went to bed. Things were extremely hectic. The packet was put aside until later.

According to the covering letter, "Sue" (She prefers "Susan" and few people call her "Sue") Cook, Co-Chair of PrideFest had received similar documents sent to her personally by express mail and marked confidential.

On Wednesday, February 28th, **Light's** publisher, Jerry Johnson, attended HRL's Award ceremony. Sue was there as well and the two of them talked privately. As it turned out, she had, that day, received a similar, but larger, packet from Realty Trust.

The following morning, February 29th, Susan came to **Light's** office bringing her materials with her. Included in them was a long list of instructions about what had to be done to receive the money. Clerical materials had to be assembled and sent. The heads of the eight named organizations each had to sign a letter accepting the grant and thanking the administrator for the money. All this had to be done and the materials sent by Wednesday, March 6th.

To do all this, a meeting of the heads of the eight organizations had to be called. It was all to be very secret, very hush-hush. No one else in the community was to know.

Susan, Jerry and I spent some time, a lot of time, actually, on the phone, checking with people, chiefly in Kileen, listed as references in the documents.

What we found out was that the administrator's son was in the military and stationed there.

What we also found out was that while no one we talked with was prepared to say the money existed, no one could say that it did not.

There was a reporter for the Kileen Herald, we were told, who had been working on the story for the past three months. His name was Charles Harrest. But his office said that he was out of town and could not be reached until Monday, March 4th.

As the head of the Youth Services Agency in Kileen, Thomas Williams, told me, "I'm going ahead with it (fulfilling the terms of the grant). I cannot take it upon myself to disregard it and then find out that it's all true."

This was the deciding factor. "What If?" Handling the whole thing in a typically professional way, Susan decided that the heads of the organizations would have to be called together and told what was going on.

A meeting was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Sunday, March 3rd to be held in a MAP conference room. Only the heads of the eight organizations would be asked to attend.

That meeting was held. All the heads were there. At great effort, Susan had prepared packets of materials to give to everyone in attendance. These were handed out and the matter discussed.

I will say this. Seldom have I seen people work as closely and as well together as I did at that meeting. There was a tremendous sense of seriousness, and of responsibility among the people there that what they were talking about, what they were being asked to decide, would, if true, have untold consequences, not only for themselves and their organizations, but for the entire community as well.

The matter was urgent. The time was short. But the discussion was calm and deliberate. Questions were raised. There were doubts expressed. In the end a vote was taken. Two heads had to further consult their boards, but it was decided to go ahead.

Susan and her partner, Chris Klein, would assemble the various materials required. Each organization would contribute \$200 toward the expense. Ross Walker and Erv Uecker of the BestD Clinic gave the first check. Everyone cooperated, everyone pulled in. It was beautiful.

Another meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th, at 5:30 p.m. to sign the necessary letters and send everything off.

There was, I would say, a great feeling of hope when we left that meeting. As someone said, for a people as oppressed as we are, hope is a wonderful thing.

Monday morning, March 4th, investigation began. There were a lot of phone calls made that day.

Elden Murray, Bill Meunier, Tony Rhodes, Susan, Jerry and I dug down. Among other things, we found out that the administrator of the Trust was in prison in Nevada, having been convicted of fraud. A reporter, William Smith, with the Las Vegas Tribune, said that the administrator was one of the most litigious prisoners in the system.

As Tony Rhodes found out, the checks didn't check out. There was a great deal else, including the fact that the cost for postage alone would come to \$1,100. Then there were the other materials, manila envelopes and the rest which would bring up the cost even more.

I finally was able to talk to Harrest, the reporter. Yes, he'd been investigating this thing for months, but no, he couldn't prove that the money didn't exist or that the administrator didn't have access to it if it did. That was the reason he hadn't broken the story himself.

With the evidence mounting, Susan called a meeting for Monday night, March 4th to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room over the BestD Clinic to discuss what had been found out.

It was decided there to go no farther with this thing.

Does the money exist? We still don't know. Who was the legislator? How did the man get Susan's name and why did he address her as "Sue?" Why did he choose the eight organizations and not others? How was he able to identify them as well as he had? We don't know.

It's over now. But even now, as I write, I think how heady it all was. I guess you had to have been there, but trust me when I say that for one, brief shining moment, there really was a sense of Camelot.

One postscript. The administrator's (who's name we all agreed to keep confidential) called Susan. She reported that he said his father's donation was "sincere" and real.

Susan thanked him for the call, and told him we were going no farther with it.

She said he replied, "Thank you. That's all I needed to know."

Then he hung up.

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