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Godre Endorsed By Victory Fund For County Board

[Madison]- Friends of Cathreen Godre is proud to announce that Cathreen Godre has been endorsed by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Godre, who is running for the Dane County Board of Supervisors in the 6th District, is thrilled with the endorsement. "The Victory Fund is one of the most powerful Lesbian and Gay organizations in the country and their support and resources mean a great deal to my campaign."

The Victory Fund, founded in 1991, is a national membership organization formed for the purpose of getting openly Lesbian and Gay candidates elected to office. Each member of the organization pledges to donate \$200 a year to candidates endorsed by the Victory Fund.

"This is a very important endorsement for Cathreen," said State Rep. and former Victory Fund endorsee, Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). "It demonstrates that a network of Lesbians and Gay men in Wisconsin and across the country stand firmly behind her."

This week the Victory Fund will send out thousands of letters to its members eliciting their support for Godre. While the financial assistance is important to Godre, she says that the symbolic support that this endorsement offers is more important. "Gays and Lesbians around the country are united by the Victory Fund to elect future leaders. I am honored to be a part of that."

"Cathreen Godre is a tremendous individual and will be an excellent Supervisor for Dane County," said Kathleen DeBold, Victory Fund's Political Services Coordinator. "We have done a great deal of research on her campaign and standing in the community and we firmly believe that she can and will win this race."

"Gay men and Lesbians around the nation must be a unified force to accomplish our goals, including running for office," said Godre. "I will be a voice for Gays and Lesbians who are in my district, around Wisconsin and across the nation. I believe that if we are to achieve our equal civil rights, we must have our voices heard at all levels of government."

Godre is an attorney and a Guardian Ad litem for Dane County. The bulk of her practice consists of working with children in abuse and neglect cases. She is 32 years-old and lives on Madison's east side with her partner Mary and their 4 cats.

State Supreme Court Begins Hearings on Lesbian Adoption Case

Madison [AP]- Today, March 2, 1994, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court will begin hearing a case involving Lesbian adoption.

The case concerns Angel LouAnne Grinkey, (10) who is the adopted daughter of Georgie Grinkey. Angel has lived most of her life with her mother and Georgie's life partner, Anne Grinkey.

Two years ago Georgie and Anne went to court in Green Bay, Wisconsin, so that Anne could adopt Angel too.

"We didn't go after any Gay or Lesbian rights or anything," Georgie said. "We sought the adoption so if something happened to me, Angel would be secure."

The proposed adoption had the approval of Angel's court-appointed lawyer and an adoption agency social worker.

The case was heard by Brown County Circuit Court Judge Richard Dietz. Dietz gave it as his opinion that the adoption would be in the best interests of the child, but unfortunately, Wisconsin State law did not permit the adoption. Therefore, Dietz ruled against the adoption.

Anne couldn't adopt Angel unless she was Angel's legal stepparent and that couldn't be because state law doesn't

State Health Care Reform Sought For Chronic and Terminally Ill



FAMILY TIES— Johnny Depp stars in the new film, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" which opens at theaters on March 4, including the Oriental in Milwaukee. The film takes place in Endora, Iowa where the citizens don't necessarily lead tranquil and ordinary lives — especially Gilbert Grape.

Furor Greeted Proposed Gay Studies Certificate Program at UWM

[Milwaukee]- "One of the real struggles facing Lesbians and Gay men is the silence that faces them... noticeably in our educational institutions. When you look at the prejudice and hatred that exist, one can track that to our educational institutions. If you don't have factual information, people form stereotypes that are uncontradicted by scholarly research." State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) was speaking about the condemnation by some legislators of the certificate program in Gay and Lesbian Studies that is proposed to be offered to undergraduates at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the coming Fall Semester.

In the last week in February, Christopher Lane, Ph.D., an Assistant Professor in the English and Comparative Literature Department at UW-M, announced a program in Gay and Lesbian Studies. The certificate program would begin in the Fall Semester, 1994 and would include three courses: AIDS

Literature, Gay and Lesbian Literature in the 20th Century and Lesbian Literature.

All these courses, Lane explained, have been taught before, some as many as three times. "Gay studies was not created out of thin air," he said.

"Contrary to certain assumptions, we are not a department. We are not offering a major or a minor. The certificate program is designed to compliment students' majors in a number of different fields," Lane explained.

Some people found objection to the new program on academic grounds. David Mulroy, Chair of the Classics Department at UW-M, said that he did not think Gay and Lesbian studies should constitute an academic discipline. "In the classics, for years before it was fashionable, we were teaching that it was not taboo in ancient Greece and Rome to be homosexual," he said.

But others objected for other reasons.

On March 2, 1994, State Reps Bonnie Ladwig (R-63), Steve Nass (R-31) and John Dobyns (R-52) sent a joint letter to their legislative colleagues condemning the program, saying the "occupational therapy and nursing programs" should be funded instead. The letter asked that those who agreed should call Ladwig's office by Friday, March 4 if they wished to sign a letter to George Steil, President of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents which must give final approval to the new program asking them not to approve the program.

In part the letter reads, "Undoubtedly issues affecting a certain group of people who choose a particular type of lifestyle should not constitute an academic

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Reports to Cover Life at Camp Sister Spirit

Wisconsin Light is proud to announce that it has commissioned a series of special articles on life in Camp Sister Spirit in Ovett, Mississippi.

Carolyn Drexler will be going to Camp Sister Spirit on March 8 to live there for two months. She has agreed to write a series of articles about her experiences there for publication in Light. She will be writing the articles while she is there and sending them back to the paper. The first one, she said, should be ready for publication by the end of March.

[Milwaukee]- As we go to press, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is making a major effort in the Wisconsin State Assembly to improve the hotly debated Health Care Reform Bill (AB 1160) for the AIDS community. ARCW is aggressively seeking Assembly support for an amendment to AB 1160 that would guarantee periodic open enrollment in all health insurance plans regardless of health conditions such as AIDS and HIV disease.

"This is a huge issue for the AIDS community," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's Executive Director, "and a rare opportunity to make private health insurance much more accessible for people living with HIV and AIDS."

"We are aggressively working to gain State Assembly support for a biennial open enrollment which the Assembly Democratic leadership has not yet supported," Nelson said, adding that he was "disappointed" that recent developments on the Health Care Reform Bill removed the ban on pre-existing condition exclusions that had originally been in AB 1160.

"This is a critical issue for us," Nelson said with force. "And it appears that Wisconsin's powerful insurance industry has the upper hand in this debate."

Nelson continued, "The purpose of health care reform must, at a minimum, make the system more accessible for people with chronic and terminal illness and that's why we are working hard in the Assembly to gain support for our amendment."

Nelson indicated that the Open Enrollment Amendment will be "immediately" offered to the Assembly and, he said, he expects full-floor debate to occur on March 8.

"The Open Enrollment and pre-existing conditions issues are among the few issues that the legislature is addressing that truly make a difference for people living with AIDS, and we are determined to be successful in winning these issues for the AIDS community."

Because of the vital nature of this amendment, Nelson strongly urged everyone to contact their State Representative to encourage their support of the Open Enrollment Amendment.

Nelson added that there were many issues surrounding health care reform, that the legislature is not addressing. This one they are. That is why everyone's support is crucially important.

Nelson Testifies Before Health Care Reform Committee

Earlier, in testimony to the Wisconsin State Assembly Special Committee on Health Care Review on February 22, Nelson urged the Committee to support Assembly Bill 1160, which at that time would have banned pre-existing condition exclusions and support community rating for all health insurance companies.

"In Wisconsin and throughout the country, we have a health insurance system that is well intentioned, but one that far too often fails to meet the clinical needs of people who are sick," said Nelson.

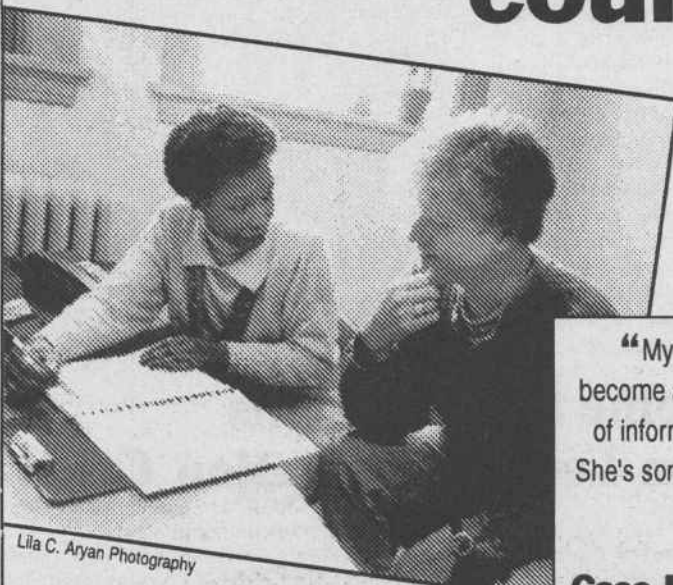
"It is a system that works fairly well for people who are healthy, but not so well at all for people with chronic and fatal disease." He added that the system works to avoid coverage of people with terminal illnesses like AIDS through exclusions from coverage for pre-existing conditions, limitations in coverage whereby costly services like prescription drugs are not covered and extremely high payments and deductibles that make coverage virtually unaffordable.

"Probably the worst way the health insurance system operates," continued Nelson, "is in its exclusion for people with pre-existing conditions. Denying or limiting health care coverage for 12 months for people who are very sick with

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State Senate President Rudely Says 'No' to Gay Marriage Law

By Darren J. Foster

[La Crosse, WI]- As forces supporting Rep. Tammy Baldwin's (D-Madison) "domestic partnership" and "Gay marriage" proposals gear up in the 1994 legislative session, it appears that State Senate President Brian Rude (R-Coon Valley), is among the first of early opponents to declare his opposition to such legislation.

"I do not support legislation which would recognize special rights or extraordinary protections for homosexuals," Rude stated in a recent letter obtained by *Light*.

Although Baldwin has yet to introduce her legislation in the Assembly, Rude appears to be one of the earliest high-ranking state Republicans to oppose such legislation.

Rude, whose Senate district includes La Crosse, also stated in his February 4 letter that he has "some serious reservations about the state formally approving domestic partnerships." Besides, the "financial ramifications to such a change," Rude warned, there would be "societal implications of recognizing relationships other than traditional marriages."

Responding to Rude's early opposition to her proposed legislation, Baldwin told *Light*, "It doesn't surprise me, but for many people their information — knowledge, rather — is based on stereotypes, myths and misinformation. It takes time to correct those images."

Unfortunately, according to Baldwin, with Rude "reacting in such a way, he is setting himself up to continue to get such information. It is unfortunate for a legislator to proclaim total resistance to a

bill, because," Baldwin explained, "this makes it harder for constituents to approach him, since they know he is hostile."

As to Rude's objection that Baldwin's proposals constitute "special rights," Baldwin responded, "Nobody considers it a special right for heterosexuals to get married. The right to marry is one of the basic civil rights."

"Traditional marriage" is thrown around in much the same way as "family values" are," Baldwin continued. "I define a traditional relationship as a couple that makes a life-long, strong emotional commitment, a pledge of themselves to one another. This is not gender and sexual orientation specific."

Although Rude's peremptory strike at domestic partnership legislation may deter some, a La Crosse member of the statewide Gay and Lesbian coalition (founded by Baldwin), Bill Steffenhagen, is determined to speak with Rude.

"I will, at an appropriate time, invite the Senator to discuss his concerns with me and give him the opportunity to speak with somebody who is directly concerned with these matters," Steffenhagen said.

Furthermore, Steffenhagen added that he will also be contacting La Crosse Democratic Assembly Rep. Mark Meyer on this issue despite Steffenhagen's belief that "Rep. Meyer's refusal in 1993, to sign Rep. Baldwin's letter of support for Gays in the military speaks for itself," he said.

"Rep. Meyer evidently cannot be counted upon, at this point, to support this legislation. His Gay and Lesbian constituents should be mindful of that," Steffenhagen warned.

UW-Stout Gays Plan Community-Campus Outreach

[Menomonie, WI]- On Wednesday evening, February 16, members of the UW-Stout Ten Percent Society met in order to map a strategic plan for its Spring, 1994 Campus-Community Outreach program.

"It isn't just enough to go hide in the corner or complain among your friends," one of the group's members stated. "We have to stand up and be counted. That means taking positive action when it would be easier to just stay angry at everyone." The group whose name symbolizes the approximately 10 percent of the population who is Gay or Lesbian, was shaken earlier in the semester by a second Gay hate crime on the UW-Stout campus.

Despite this attempt at personal and organizational intimidation, the staff and students crowding the meeting room gained new determination and an increased sense of focus and mission as they collectively contributed to a list of ideas which will now take three dimensional form.

Tim, the group's co-chair, stated that "We have a great deal of educating to do and there is no place like home to start doing it."

The five point program addresses a range of issues and concerns which the members of the society believe they can address in the weeks and months ahead. Panel presentations, self defense and safety awareness training, informational outreach and university-based educational activities are among the specific programs and activities now being planned.

The culmination of these efforts will be the group's participation and prominent role in the April 29-31 Stout Diversity Festival. "I am really excited about the Festival," said Brenda, an undergraduate student at Stout. "We have to get out there and get people over this idea that we're going to try and recruit their children."

The Ten Percent Society meets regularly to provide a focal point for the Gay/Lesbian community on the Stout Campus. "We encourage any interested students and staff to watch for meeting notices," a group representative stated. "They are always listed on the monitors in the student center and on the campus cable system."

For more information, call (715) 232-1765.

LAMM Softball Team to Play In Gay Games IV

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's (LAMM) softball team is preparing to play in the Gay Games. Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival will be held in New York City, June 18-25, 1994.

The team is holding several events to help defray costs. A spaghetti dinner will be held at the 3Bs (1753 S. Kinnickinnic) on Saturday, March 19. Tickets are \$5 and are available through players or at the door. Homemade vegetarian sauce, fresh pasta and stunning desserts are part of the menu. For more information or tickets, call Mary at (414) 263-2889.

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Researcher Studying AIDS Services in Western Wisconsin

New Richmond, WI [AP]- Researchers are surveying medical personnel, attorneys and funeral directors as they try to determine what services are available for Persons With AIDS in western Wisconsin.

"We need to know what is available, so we can fill what gaps exist," said David

Ernat, director of the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (NOWAP), the AIDS service organization for 13 counties in western Wisconsin.

A survey was mailed last week to 2,100 area doctors, dentists, hospices, home care agencies, mental health care agencies, funeral directors, nursing homes and attorneys.

The poll asks how the professionals respond to those who may be HIV-positive and whether the professionals are willing to accept referrals from NOWAP.

The agency, which has offices in New Richmond and Eau Claire, will use the survey to set up a referral bank, Ernat said.

Although a similar survey was conducted a year ago in southeastern Wisconsin, Ernat said he would not want to predict what sort of gaps in services might exist in western Wisconsin.

Among the earlier survey's findings was that nearly all the professions expect the number of their clients with the AIDS virus to increase in the next five years.

An estimated 600 people in the 13-county area NOWAP serves now carry the virus, although only about a fourth of them are aware of the fact, according to state estimates.

NOWAP serves Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Eau Claire, Dunn, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix and Washburn counties.

The agency hopes to have survey results available by June, Ernat said.

African American Clergy Commit To Fight AIDS Epidemic

[Washington, D.C.]- African American church leaders met on February 28, 1994, with Kristine Gebbie, President Clinton's National AIDS Policy Coordinator, to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on the African American community and to rally support for increased awareness and education about the disease.

Announcing their commitment to fight the AIDS epidemic, African American religious leaders from more than 18 different religious caucuses signed a Declaration of War to fight HIV/AIDS.

Organized by the National AIDS Policy Office and the Balm In Gilead, Inc., this one day summit was the kick-off to the Sunday, March 6 Black Church Day of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

The summit came the same day of the release of a study, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and initiated by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, that showed that Gay and Bisexual minority men make up about 20 percent of the more than 61,700 AIDS cases in the U.S.

One in five AIDS cases in the country occurs among Gay and Bisexual men who are African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander or Native American, the year-long study showed.

Despite the high rate of AIDS among these populations, they receive only 1 to 13 percent of available city or county funds for prevention programs, according to the study. President Clinton awarded no additional moneys for AIDS services in 1993.

"This country cannot stop HIV transmission and cannot indicate that it's even serious about doing so until it spends the adequate dollars in Gay and Bisexual (minority) communities," said Mario Solis-Marich of LLEGO, an organization for Hispanic Gays and Lesbians.

Solis-Marich blamed "racism, homophobia and lack of cultural sensitivity" for the problems facing Gay and Bisexual men with AIDS.



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Advocates for Children Supporting Godre for County Supervisor

Commentary By John Quinlan

Our community needs Cathreen Godre in government as a voice for the concerns of our country's children — especially those who face special challenges, say advocates of LesBiGay families. Godre is running as an openly Lesbian candidate for the County Board in the Sixth District on Madison's near east side.

"As we move forward with domestic partnership legislation, it's vitally important that we have openly Lesbian and Gay leaders in positions of responsibility at all levels of government," says State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison). "I've seen Cathreen at work — as an activist, as an attorney, and as a member of our statewide coalition. She knows the current law and its limitations for Lesbian and Gay families. She knows what must be done."

"From the very first time I talked with her, I realized that there was a deep understanding of my fears and concerns as a Lesbian parent," says Joan Pfister, who first contacted Godre while seeking legal advice about child custody issues. Pfister who co-parents four children with her partner Robin, later came to know Godre and her partner, Mary, as close friends.

"And I've seen the same depth of understanding in her role as guardian ad litem," she adds, referring to Godre's work as a court appointed advocate for children in difficult family situations. "Cathreen's extremely effective. She goes the extra mile in advocating for the best interests of the child," observes Pfister, a social worker. "That the kind of dedication she'll bring to the County Board."

"The more I get to know Cathreen, the more I grow in respect for the depth of her sensitivity and her knowledge of the law. When I heard she was running for County Board, I offered to do whatever I could for her campaign," adds Pfister, who serves on Godre's campaign committee. "I believe in Cathreen. She's really a remarkable person."

"It's critical that we have someone in office who has an understanding of the virtually unprotected status under the law of children in alternative families," says Sunshine Jones, a co-founder of the Lesbian Parents Network. Individual members of the Network's coordinating committee are mobilizing on behalf of Godre.

For Jones, actions speak louder than words. After she told Godre stories about Lesbian families who were unable to afford legal services, Godre's response was to offer her services free to those families who could not otherwise afford them. Godre is one of a handful of attorneys in Madison who advocate for Lesbian and Gay families.

LETTERS

Homophobic Church

TO THE EDITOR

I scarcely know where to begin on the rich feast of ignorance and delusion served up by John Margola in his response to Darren Foster's "Heretic Takes Freedom" commentary. Ordinarily, such a spiritually bankrupt, vacuously parroted party-line diatribe isn't worth my time, but he has offered so many delightful morsels of obtuse religiosity I can't resist.

Margola stated that God, in the 6th Commandment, condemns "any violations of Natural Law in matters of sexual gratification." Last time I looked, the 6th Commandment read, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." A mere glance at that very specific command exposes Margola's statement as a blatant interpretive license. The learned Mr. Margola is surely aware that God frowns of that. (The threat about jots and tittles, remember?) By definition of the word "adultery," the 6th Commandment is directed only to married persons or one tempted to have a sexual experience with a married person other than one's spouse. I am therefore quite unable to commit adultery with any number of unmarried persons no matter how much sex we enjoy.

While Margola is looking up the definitions of "doctrine" and "adultery," perhaps he will find one for "Natural Law" or be content, in this context, with the biological reality of homosexual behavior that occurs commonly in countless species.

Margola is no doubt referring to the Natural Law theology of such enlightened Medieval philosopher/theologians as Thomas Aquinas who's notions of Natural Law were predicated upon the biological knowledge of his time which included the commonly held "knowledge" that weasels copulated through their noses and gave birth through their ears.

That such profoundly-based theology still informs Christianity is preposterous!

Chastity is yet another word Mr. Margola needs to look up. It makes no sense in the context he used it. He must have intended the

By being out there as an openly Lesbian elected official, Godre offers the kind of voice that's needed at this point in our history, Jones adds. "Cathreen understands the need to represent the full diversity of our community — she'll be a leader who gives a voice for all of us."

"The Religious Right has perpetrated the myth that everyone who is Gay or Lesbian makes \$100,000 a year — is extremely well-off — much more so than the general population," Jones says. "That just doesn't reflect the reality of many of our lives."

Most Lesbian families face the double bind represented in this society by a two-female-headed household, Jones notes. Between the extra costs inherent in raising children and the still dramatic undervaluing of the work done by women, many Lesbian families are severely economically distressed.

"It's just not the Religious Right that's created that kind of image," Jones notes. "It's the national Gay and Lesbian leadership. We need vocal, articulate leaders who will provide the world with the true picture of our lives."

Jones points to Godre's work in the late 1980's with the San Francisco-based National Lesbian Rights Project as an indication that she would bring a different perspective as a community leader. "It's one of the few national organizations that's accountable to those in our community who are poor, who are of color, or who have children."

"Through that work and her work here as a guardian ad litem, Cathreen has had experiences that will allow her to represent the reality of the lives of all of the members of our community," Jones says. "It's crucial that we have her voice as we move forward in expanding our rights as partners and as parents — as we seek to protect our children."

Community leader and AIDS activist Dale Johnson notes that Godre has an extensive history of community activism, going back to her days as a student at the University of Michigan that encompasses the full range of issues that she would face as a County Supervisor. He observes, however, that the issues facing children in our country have significance for all of us.

"It's a homophobic myth that the issues that concern Gays and Lesbians are somehow at odds with the issues that stress the value of our community's children and the integrity of families," Johnson, who is the Board President of The United, says. "Regardless of whether we have children or not, Gays and Lesbians see children as the future of our community. In being there for our country's children during this campaign, Cathreen's candidacy as an openly Lesbian candidate makes a powerful statement to the community-at-large."

word "celibacy." Nowhere does God command or even request celibacy. Paul's mere admonition to be celibate is half-hearted and Jesus never mentioned it. Indeed, we can't even be certain He was.

I am amused by Margola's oblique suggestion that Darren did "not have recourse to sufficient prayer." What he means is that Darren didn't pray hard enough. Sounds familiar and it's actually quite true. He didn't. Neither did I, because there is no "hard enough."

The suggestion that insufficient prayer accounts for a lack of problem resolution is a systemic manifestation of the church's maintenance of power over people.

Persistent in arrogant condescension, Margola suggests that Darren "doesn't know the difference between the human element and the Divine element."

Darren was an altar boy, steeped in the doctrines and traditions of the Roman Church. In fact, the hell he has been through has made those differences all too clear. It is the human element that does indeed teach that homosexuality is an intrinsic evil.

I love it when religious bigots use the "scriptural smorgasbord" routine against us. A minister of a nearby community tried that recently using precisely those words in an opinion page letter to our local newspaper. I responded with several references to his (our society's) lifestyle choices vis-a-vis the Levitical Code and haven't heard a word from him or anyone else since!

I am intrigued by Margola's presumption that I too, am Catholic. I won't bother to speculate about where that comes from. I was raised in a very conservative Lutheran family and am a member of an accepting ELCA congregation.

During our first two years together, I occasionally accompanied Darren to his increasingly meaningless Catholic observances until he could no longer abide the sham. I talked him gently out of his demonic nightmares, held him in his agonies, and loved away his fears, when all he got from his beloved church was name-calling and condemnation, the most devastating of

bashing.

Darren came to self-acceptance in spite of the church and doesn't need the help of a homophobic priest of a homophobic institution shepherded by a large number of homophobic homosexuals. What a colossal joke!

Jesus is quite adequate, Mr. Margola. You might try Him yourself. You'll find him conveniently obscured amidst all the Papal Bull.

— Bill Steffenhagen
La Crosse, WI

Editor's Note: We thank our readers for their many fine responses to Mr. Margola's letter, both by phone and in writing. With this issue of the paper, the discussion comes to an end, both by phone and in writing.

Biblical Studies

TO THE EDITOR

You replied to the letter of Margola, and yes it did require an answer, but yours left much to be desired. You require knowledge of Hebrew and Greek for Bible study. I object to that. I do know Hebrew and Greek, but do you? I usually publish my scholarly work in Old Testament journals (JSOT, ZAW, etc), though I have an interesting piece on Lesbianism coming out in *Novum Testamentum*. Don't hold your breath, though. Scholarly journals take forever, and it may be over a year yet before it is in print.

As a published biblical scholar, I feel I am in a position to say that you do not need to know Greek and Hebrew to do effective Bible study, especially if you know English, Spanish, French, German or any other major Western language. The very idea of restricting Biblical study to professionals goes against my radical Christian roots.

Do you know Hebrew? I have four Hebrew concordances to the Old Testament and three scholarly lexicons. I have not yet come across the feminine plural for God anywhere. Please inform.

The Spirit of God may be feminine, but it is a singular feminine. Also, this Spirit is a separate person only in trinitarian Christianity.

There are several feminine images for God throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, and in the New Testament as well. Most have to do with child bearing, nursing and such, but other images exist as well. Once the masculine plural is in construct with a goddess, and some read this as an apposition, but a feminine plural for God?

Finally, you are rather simplistic about the all-or-none approach to Levitical law. "Love your neighbor as yourself" is Levitical law (Lev 19:18) and is a cornerstone of the New Testament ethics. Incidentally, Jesus did not originate the concept that your "neighbor" could be a complete outsider in his famous parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37). The concept is already in the same chapter of Leviticus (19:33-34).

I could go on forever with an analysis of Levitical law (we scholars get like that), but there are a few basics for New Testament ethics as taught by Jesus and Paul.

Both taught love God first, love each other second, proclaim the gospel third. Also, over and over and over again both Jesus and Paul stressed, Do Not Judge Each Other.

This does not mean we cannot judge whether the actions of another are acceptable or unacceptable. It means we cannot presume to decide what God thinks of the actions of another. We cannot presume to know what God's priorities are for the growth of another. Most of all, we cannot decide what another's relationship to God is. The church can discipline (though imperfectly). The church, properly speaking, cannot condemn.

— Jim Miller
Madison

Editor's Note: The response to Mr. Margola's letter stands as written.

UW Gay Studies

TO THE EDITOR

As you know, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee is inaugurating a certificate program in Gay and Lesbian studies. I have read three reports of it, in the *UWM Post*, the *UWM Sun*, and the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. I also heard Gordon Spencer of radio station WFMR mention it at 8:00 a.m. on February 23, and the local Associated Press contact read their very brief story to me shortly after 8:00 a.m.

My objection to the reporting of this story is to Gordon Spencer's report on WFMR and to the Associated Press. Mr. Spencer mentioned this as "a course in homosexual studies," even though I'm sure the official title of the program will be "Gay and Lesbian." He did not mention the UWM's Professor Mulroy, head of the classics department, who objects to the program, also objects to Afro-American studies and to Women's Studies. He did not mention that Professor Mulroy objects on academic grounds only.

When I called Mr. Spencer, his reaction was, "I'm just reading what the Associated Press is putting out. Talk to them." Now, I know that WFMR also picks up stories from the *Sentinel* because I have heard them give credit before. I did not discuss the matter with Mr. Spencer. I told him that WFMR also had the *Sentinel*. What I should have pointed out to him was that despite what the AP might do, WFMR has a responsibility to put the story in a correct light.

The Associated Press reporter read me the story, which began by using "homosexual studies" and continued in another sentence with "Gay and Lesbian studies." Mr. Spencer at WFMR chose to use the "homosexual" version though he had both in the AP story and had the *Sentinel* report.

The AP story was extremely brief. I pointed out to the AP reporter that Prof. Mulroy was objecting also to Afro-American and Women's studies programs. She didn't seem to see my point so I told her it was a responsibility to

inform readers that Prof. Mulroy was objecting on academic grounds and that he was not a Right-winger objecting to homosexuality. She said, "You have a point." What the AP will report further about the issue, I don't know, but I hope it will be put in a proper perspective.

So what about "homosexual" studies? Of the three written stories I have, "homosexual" is used only twice, and that in the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. In the story itself, "homosexual" occurs only at the very end, on the inside page, where Prof. Mulroy says, "...for years before it was fashionable, we were teaching that it was not taboo in ancient Greece and Rome to be homosexual."

On the *Sentinel's* front page, a headline writer put in "Supporter Says Move validates Existence of Campus Homosexuals." The "supporter" actually said, "validates the presence of Gays on campus." Given the *Sentinel's* emphasis on sensationalism, the choice of headline is what would be expected.

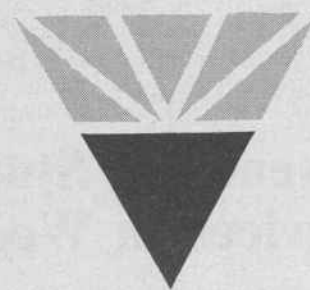
What is not expected is the Associated Press's emphasis on "homosexual." Does the AP truly feel that readers need clarification of "Gay and Lesbian?" Most telling is the fact that the official title of the program will surely be "Gay and Lesbian," not "homosexual."

People should be aware of the attitudes of the local Associated Press, of the headline writers at the *Sentinel*, and of WFMR.

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State Prison System to Begin AIDS Education for Inmates, Employees

[Madison]- Wisconsin prisoners' rights activists who criticized the state prison system for a lack of AIDS education say they are pleased it is speeding up efforts to inform staff members and inmates about the disease. This comes in the wake of efforts by Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and the heads of the nine AIDS service agencies in the state to have the State Department of Corrections (DOC), begin implementing the recommendations of the Governor's AIDS Technical Advisory Committee published four years ago. Baldwin is the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Elections, Constitutional Law and Corrections.

AIDS activists say that the delay and neglect of AIDS education and prevention in the prison system was due to former DOC Secretary Patrick Fiedler who resigned last November to become a judge in Dane County Circuit Court. Fiedler is currently running for a full term against Peter L. Steinberg.

A letter dated February 9 was sent to Michael Sullivan, current DOC Secretary. The letter blasted the DOC for the delay.

"The long delay by DOC in implementing HIV policy changes is proof that HIV has not been a priority issue for DOC leadership. This is a major failure for DOC in the face of a fatal epidemic disease that is increasingly present in the Wisconsin correctional system."

The letter was drafted by Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and signed by him and the other eight heads of the AIDS Service agencies in Wisconsin. Nelson and the others had been working closely with Baldwin for some time on the issue.

Led by Baldwin, the heads of the AIDS service agencies met with Sullivan in the third week in February.

As a result, Sullivan has made the following changes:

Sullivan said he had ordered comprehensive training for all 9,100 inmates and 4,000 corrections employees. He didn't know how much the training would cost, but called it "minimal."

In the past, only new workers, new inmates, or inmates who transferred between institutions received AIDS education.

There are 57 patients infected with human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS, out of 9,100 inmates statewide. In September 1991, 44 of 7,600 inmates were infected.

As soon as training is completed this year, Sullivan pledged to end the "I-9" designation placed on the cell cards of all HIV-positive inmates and others with communicable diseases. He refused, however, to stop the policy of isolating infected prisoners.

"I concluded that, after education and

training, it was in the best interest of everyone to drop the I-9 designation," Sullivan said. "It gives a false sense of security."

Because testing is voluntary, only about 80 percent of prisoners are tested for HIV. Therefore, workers could wrongly conclude an inmate without the designation wasn't infected.

Staff members learn in department training that several communicable diseases demand caution when treating infected inmates.

Sullivan said he also planned to end the "blanket restrictions" on work assignments. HIV-positive inmates will be able to work in food services, which currently is banned.

"Restrictions on work assignments will be based solely on clinical, medical and security considerations," Sullivan said. "They will not be restricted from work assignments because there is no medical evidence to prove this is problematic."

Mary Alice Mowry, Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), praised Sullivan for moving ahead with the issue. "He's really addressed our concerns," she said. "He has really moved us ahead."

No Condoms

But Sullivan said the department won't try to halt the spread of AIDS in the prison system by distributing condoms to inmates.

"This is not being considered and it is not on the table," Sullivan said.

Mowry said AIDS support groups were still hopeful that condoms would eventually be distributed to inmates, but they are not pushing the issue.

Joe Scabowicz, a spokesman for DOC said, "I don't know for a fact that sex between inmates occurs." He went on to say that sex between inmates was illegal.

Baldwin retorted that that view was naive. "If we acknowledge that sex goes on in prison, do we offer the means to protect one's self or not?" she asked.

Baldwin praised the changes.

"They've had these policy changes pending for several years now," she said. "Sullivan is going ahead with all this in a relatively short time line."

Wisconsin Light Has Become Member of the Associated Press

By Terry Boughner

Wisconsin Light is pleased to announce that it has joined 37 other LesBiGay publications across the country in becoming a member of the Associated Press (AP). The move is in line with our on-going expansion of the paper this year.

Our decision was based on a number of factors. One is the breadth and depth of national and international news coverage of LesBiGay issues and events that we cannot get as adequately from any other source. There are over 100 categories from which to choose. For example, "Gay" or "AIDS." Within these categories are anywhere from 20 to 60-some articles.

Secondly, access to AP national and international news articles gives us an immediacy, an ability to be right up-to-date, that we can get nowhere else.

Thirdly, with AP, we also have ease of access through the computer and the luxury of editing right on the screen. As one Gay editor told me, "It'll cut your work in half." Well, maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but as I've found out, it does make things easier.

In the process of making this decision, I contacted numerous editors of LesBiGay publications around the country who subscribe to AP. Every one of them advised me that AP was the way to go. One publisher of a major Gay paper out east listened to me. Then he asked a little incredulously, "You mean you haven't had it (AP) all these years?"

All the editors and publishers with whom I spoke cautioned about the tendency of AP writers to use "insensitive language," as one put it, when it comes to Lesbians and Gays. However, she added, those words and phrases can always be changed or edited out. And so we will do.

We also sought out and investigated Lesbian/Gay news services. One we have subscribed to, but I can tell you frankly that none of them could offer us anywhere near what AP does.

One thing cannot be too strongly emphasized. Stories and articles taken from AP are only a supplement, another resource for us to use. We will not change

our policy of hiring LesBiGay local and national writers. AP adds to our ability to cover the news. It does not detract from our desire to publish talented LesBiGay writers whenever possible.

Nor will we cease to give emphasis and priority to Wisconsin news. That, after all, is the purpose of the paper.

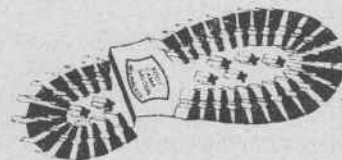
In short, therefore, like the other editors of LesBiGay publications around the country, we have opted to go with AP as another resource for the paper. We are satisfied that that is the right decision and are pleased by that.

New Book Section

We are also proud to inaugurate our new book section of the paper. This has been something that has been a long time in the works. It's good to see it finally come to print.

This special section will appear four times a year and will contain reviews, best seller lists, information about publishers, articles on writing itself and a great deal more that we hope will be of interest to the LesBiGay reading public.

The next Book Section will be appearing in late Spring, just in time for Pride events. We invite anyone who would like to contribute a review of a favorite book or article on some aspect of writing in the LesBiGay field, to send it to us, either via FAX or by mail.



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Men and Women From Across U.S. Rally to Help Camp Sister Spirit

By Elizabeth Weise

San Francisco [AP]—It's not exactly the Freedom Summer, but Lesbians and Gay men across the country are rallying around a small Feminist women's camp in rural Mississippi under attack by anti-Gay groups.

They're going there to defend Camp Sister Spirit, a Feminist educational and cultural center still under construction after being founded last July by Brenda and Wanda Henson. The couple consider themselves married and share a last name.

Those going from around the nation will help the eight women currently at the camp who have been living under a state of semi-siege, subject to stray shots, bomb and death threats. They say they will help at the 120-acre camp in whatever way they can — building fences, installing plumbing and keeping watch.

"They're very vulnerable," said law student Lisa Dettmer, of Oakland, California. "They've gotten threats such as 'Do we have to get our white sheets out and burn them out?' It's the same thing that happened in the '60s."

"We're going down because we can't rely on the government, we need to go in and defend the women for ourselves," Dettmer said.

The Press-Register of Mobile, Alabama reported that local residents at first embraced the camp as a boon for women and the local economy.

Then word got out that the Hensons are Lesbians.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno sent federal mediators to the town, but nothing has changed, according to the women who are going there. They say the camp needs reinforcements.

"We're concerned that the public thinks that since Janet Reno went in, everything's fine. But it's not. The FBI and the U.S. attorney from Mississippi are literally not doing their job," Dettmer said.

Feminist and activist groups including the Women's Action Coalition and the Lesbian Avengers have held a series of fund-raisers in the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento, said lawyer Allison Gude, who left for Mississippi on Monday. As money continues to be raised, more camp defenders will be sent, she said.

Both men and women are welcome at the camp, and Gay men are providing important financial support, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesperson Robert Bray said.

"There's very little difference between what's happening in Ovett and what happened in Colorado or Oregon," he said.

The Associated Press reports that shots continue to be heard all around the camp at night. Local residents say that it's "just hunters."

Wanda Henson fired into the air after hearing shots, and then those shooting responded with automatic weapons firing that Henson said "sounded like a machine gun."

People living near the camp say that the area has become a "war zone."

BestD Clinic Seeks Volunteers

[Milwaukee]—BestD Clinic has scheduled a new volunteer orientation on Saturday, March 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at 1240 E. Brady Street. An all-volunteer agency, the Brady East STD Clinic is eager to welcome those who want to share their time and skills in an effort to make a difference. BestD offers services to the entire Metro Milwaukee area, but specializes in the health concerns of the Les/Bi/Trans/Gay population.

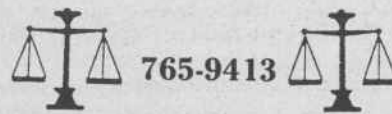
The March 19th orientation will give prospective or undecided volunteers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with BestD before making a time commitment. The two hour session will be group oriented and a continental breakfast will be served.

Volunteer positions are available to physicians, nurse practitioners, RNs, LRNs, PACs, counselors, facilitators and persons with public speaking, client intake, telephone, clerical or computer skills. BestD services are offered during the evening hours and volunteers are asked to give time consistent with their schedules.

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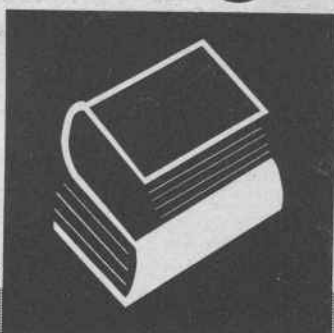
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Book Reviews

1994 Expected to Be a Bumper Year for Gay Themed Books

[Milwaukee]- In the not too distant past, it was a relatively simple matter to keep up with any and all of the new Gay and Lesbian-themed books published. Not any more. A renaissance in Gay and Lesbian literature has emerged in the '90's and already 1994 looks to be another bumper year.

Gay men and Lesbians are very likely to find themselves overwhelmed in the upcoming months by the tremendous number of new fiction and non-fiction titles that are to be published in anticipation of June, now designated as National Gay and Lesbian Book Month. While many mainstream publishers will be bunching new titles to tie in directly with Gay Pride festivities, 1994 has already seen several excellent and exciting new books published.

A Love Story

Perhaps the most eagerly awaited title this Spring is **Straight From the Heart: A Love Story** (Warner, \$21.95) by Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris. Rod and Bob who were in Milwaukee late last year for the Victory Fund celebration, have filled their book with many candid, never before seen photographs. **Straight From the Heart** relates Rod's and Bob's lives and their relationship in their own words. It is a must for all fans of the two wonderfully handsome young bodybuilders who Herb Ritts so gloriously photographed in **Duo**.

Modern Nature

A different kind of memoir is the late Derek Jarman's **Modern Nature** (Overlook Press, \$23.95). Jarman was the controversial British Gay filmmaker of such cult classics as **Edward II** and his final film, **Blue**, which was recently screened as part of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Film Festival.

In **Modern Nature**, Jarman chronicles the years 1989 and 1990 as he battled AIDS and continued filmmaking.

Jean Genet

A more traditional biography is Edmund White's definitive work on Jean Genet, titled simply: **Genet: A Biography** (Knopf, \$35.00).

Exhibiting meticulous scholarship, White traces Genet's life from his illegitimate birth and explores the early milieu that helped create this controversial and startlingly original writer whose greatest creation may have been his invention of himself.

Genet enthusiasts will also want to keep in mind **The Selected Writings of Jean Genet** (Ecco, \$27.50), also edited by Edmund White and a perfect companion to Genet.

Mark Morris

Also deserving of mention is a group of three Gay-themed biographies of three very diverse subjects. Joan Acocella's **Mark Morris** (FSG, \$27.50) is a brilliant portrait of the young, controversial founder of the internationally known "Mark Morris Dance Group."

Fascinating for its unique portrayal of Gay life in the 1940's is **Jeb and Dash: A Diary of Gay Life, 1941-1945** (Faber & Faber, \$24.50), edited by Ina Russell.

Finally, for those of you who thought (hoped?) the Dahmer mystique would go away, you're out of luck. To satisfy even those with the most perverse interests is **A Father's Story** (Morrow, \$20.00) by, you guessed it, Lionel Dahmer. Don't look for any new insights here, but the author is donating an unspecified amount of the book's proceeds to benefit the victims' families.

Madison Is Setting For New Kirsch Novel, 'Madlands'

MADLANDS

By J. Allen Kirsch
Waubesa Press, 1993, 335 pp \$12.95

The Madlands of the title of J. Allen Kirsch's novel is Madison, Wisconsin, the setting for a high spirited look at a group of individuals whose lives provide a series of intertwined tales of the city.

The main character is Cissy Pankhurst, a Yupette from California in Mad Town for a year as an instructor in the department of Museum Studies. She and Jeb, her boyfriend, having driven to the Berkeley of the Midwest in the Summer of 1985, rent a place in a rather scruffy house on Willy Street (Williamson).



J ALLEN KIRSCH

Among their housemates are Juan, a taxi driver with a Ph.D. and Gil, his lover who keeps his fraternity brothers well supplied with drugs. Juan is Gay, the tutelary spirit of the place; Gil is Bi — leading to some heartaches. Irv Barmegian, age 42, is a lawyer who takes on difficult civil rights cases. He finds a return to youth with voluptuous Pep, a monosyllabic waif who seems at least six cents short of a dime.

Elsewhere, Roz Goldwomyn (nee Goldman), another YUD, Young Urban

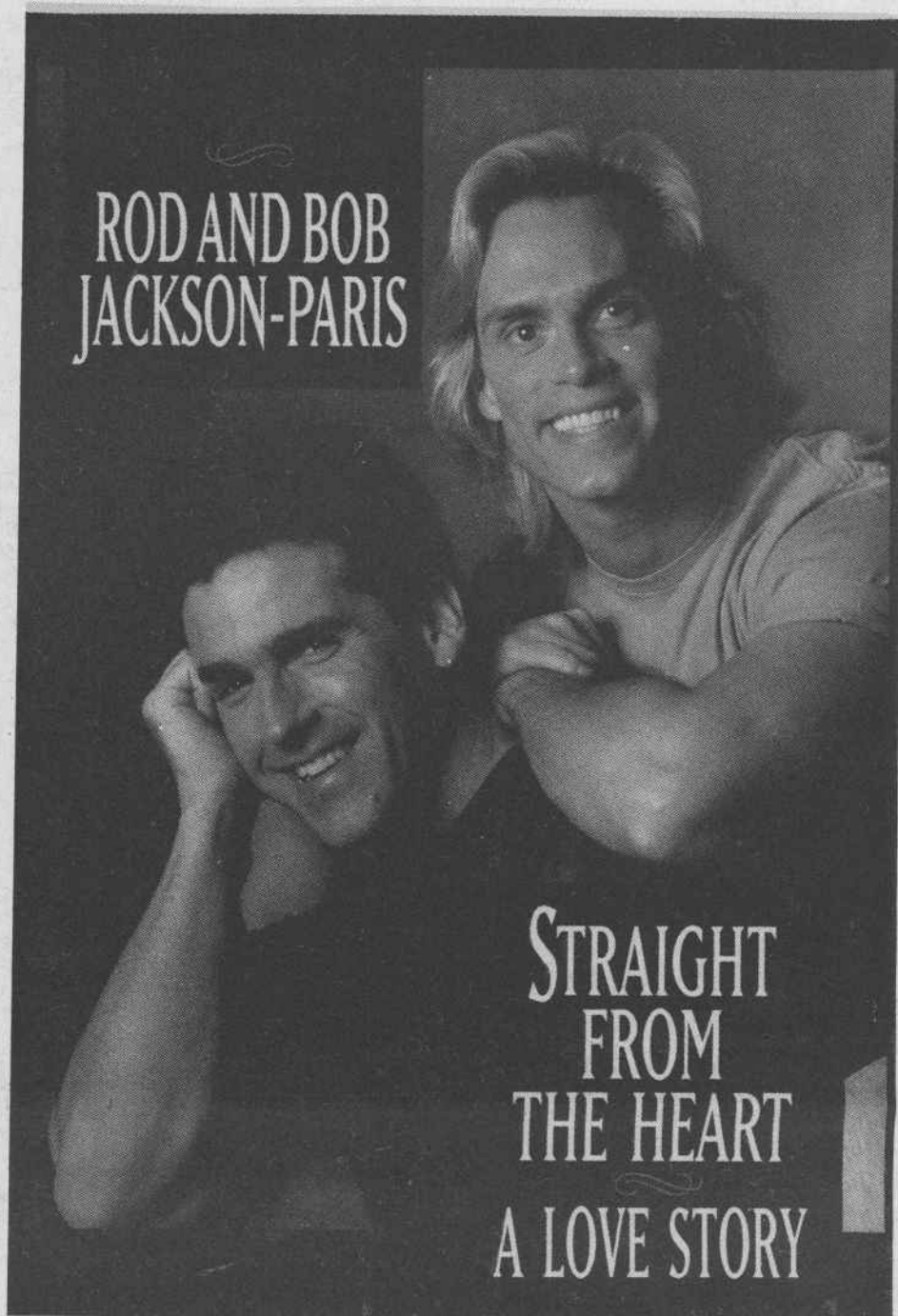
Dropout, who works at Womynspace, a women's center, was once Irv's lover and now lives with hyper-politically correct Erva Mae Voelp. Earlier, Roz left Irv for Roxanne, the director of Womynspace. Among the other dorm dwellers are Lou Lautermilk, a hefty farm girl mismatched with her roomie, Beth Yarmolinsky, a party girl from Skokie.

And then there are the academics, most of whom have secrets they hope stay hidden. Kirsch, who received an M.A. and Ph.D. in Spanish literature from UW-Madison, certainly knows the oddball events and characters endemic to most college faculties and he puts Cissie in the midst of it all.

Inevitably resemblances of **Madlands** to Armistead Maupin's **Tales of the City** suggest themselves. It should be pointed out, however, that both authors, like every successful story teller since time immemorial, have used the traditional devices of suspense, changing fortunes, coincidences and a collection of eccentric characters to amuse their audiences.

There are numerous open targets for humor and satire. Political correctness extremes and behind the scenes faculty machinations are always good for a chuckle as are some of the excesses of ultra-feminists like Erva Mae who almost hires the All Senorita Salsa Band led by Kay Pasa, not realizing that it is a male drag group not suitable to entertain at the Female Fall Festival, otherwise known as Hallowe'en.

Kirsch's readers are constantly kept guessing: will Cissie be promoted to the tenure track?; will Roz finally settle her sexual identity?; will trusting Lou be taken in by the Trusters, a sinister Fundamentalist campus group? The mix of Separatists, YUDS, vegetarians and holdovers from the sixties keep the narrative brew bubbling as Kirsch explores the alternative lifestyles and all the fads and fancies of a university town. And with forefathers like Dickens, Kirsch eventually ties up and unknots all the loose ends of his story.



Horror Genre and Screwball Comedy Books Add Variety

Until recently, Gay fiction rarely crossed into the horror genre, with the notable exception of Anne Rice's **Vampire Chronicles**. New on the scene is Poppy Z. Brite. Brite created a sensation last year with **Lost Souls** (Dell, \$4.99), a hip, youthful and surprisingly erotic variation on the traditional vampire theme. Brite has followed up her initial success with a new novel of suspense, **Drawing Blood** (Delacorte, \$19.95). Again setting her story against the desolate landscape of Missing Mile, North Carolina, Brite has crafted a daring and stylish ghost story complete with countless, devilish twists.

Another writer who has gained near cult status in the Gay horror genre is John Peyton Cooke, most famous for the deliciously gory, but sadly out-of-print, **Out For Blood**. Cooke returns with **Torsos: A Novel of Dark Intent** (Mysterious Press, \$19.95). Basing his novel on the true story of Cleveland's Torso Slayer, Cooke combines the taut suspense of a gripping mystery with the immediacy of true crime in **Torsos**. Filled with headless and dismembered bodies, **Torsos** is not for the faint-hearted.

On the lighter side is Eugene Stein's delightful first novel, **Straightjacket & Tie**. The protagonist of Stein's comic spoof of contemporary American pop culture is 16-year-old Bert Rosenbaum. Bert is haunted by the madness of his brother Philip, who communicates with extraterrestrials through radio stations that only he can hear and discovers a homosexual plot to control the world. Upon graduation, Bert finds himself surrounded by an odd assortment of

neighbors and curiously attracted to a male co-worker.

Part screwball comedy, part AIDS story, Harry Kondoleon's **Diary of a Lost Boy** (Knopf, \$20.00) is a bright and original story of love and marriage, both Gay and straight. Susan and Bill have vowed to care for Hector until the end, but find their seemingly idyllic marriage falling apart. Hector finds himself drawn into the middle of their nightmare. **Diary of a Lost Boy** is a novel of acceptance and reconciliation, with a perceptive eye on the way we live our lives in the '90's.

New Titles For Spring

New titles for March include new novels by three established writers. Dennis Cooper has established himself as a truly original voice in Gay literature with such novels as **Closer**, **Frisk** and **Jerk**. In **Try**, Cooper again plumbs the depths of human needs and obsessions in telling the story of Ziggy, an adopted teenaged son of two sexually abusive fathers.

Acclaimed British writer Adam Mars-Jones follows up **Monopolies of Loss** with another chronicle of Gay love in the age of AIDS with **Waters of Thirst** (Knopf, \$20.00).

Acclaimed writer Harold Brodkey has crafted a daring and controversial novel, **Profane Friendship** (FSG, \$22.00). Brodkey's protagonist is Niles O'Hara, who as the son of an expatriate writer, befriends a Venetian boy. After the war, Niles returns and becomes involved in a kind of semi-affair with the boy, now an adolescent with a wartime story of sexual trespass.

Number of Travel Books Growing for Gay/Lesbian Travelers

There is an obvious correspondence between miserable, dismal Winter weather, much like we are currently experiencing, and the desire to travel, preferably to someplace warm. Gay men and Lesbians weary of removing their cars out of snow drifts taller than they are, are certainly no exception. Yet, with the possible Gay haven exceptions such as San Francisco, Provincetown, Key West, West Hollywood and, of course, the Michigan Women's Music Festival, Lesbians and Gay men face the problem of locating Gay and Lesbian life in other destinations. This is where Gay/Lesbian Travel Guides become an invaluable travel companion.

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There are two well-known established series of travel guides catering to Gay and Lesbian travelers. The granddaddy of all Gay guides is the **Damron Address Book** (\$13.95), now in its 30th edition boasting over 8,000 listings for the U.S., Canada and Mexico in its convenient, pocket-size format.

Still the best guide for Gay men, the **Damron Address Book** has spawned two additional guides. The first is the **Damron Road Atlas** (\$13.95), newly reformatted in 1993, the perfect blend of comprehensive listings for Gay men and full-page maps. Alas, this guide has no Lesbian equivalent.

Instead, the Damron company has created **Women's Traveler** (\$10.00), also focusing on only the U.S., Canada and Mexico and lacking any maps.

Lesbian travelers are better served by **Ferrari's Places for Women** (\$12.00), a worldwide guide which will be in its fourteenth edition in 1994.

Ferrari Publications also features three other travel guides. **Ferrari's Places of Interest** (\$14.95) is uniquely useful in planning Gay and Lesbian travel by featuring dozens of attractive vacation destinations worldwide and offering extensive descriptions, not merely listing, of bars and bookstores.

Ferrari's **Inn Places** is an unparalleled listing of bed and breakfasts and other accommodations catering to Lesbians and Gay men.

Finally, Ferrari also publishes **Places for Men** (\$13.95), a clone of the **Damron Address Book**.

Two other comprehensive, worldwide guides deserve mention for those interested in international travel. First and foremost is the **Spartacus Guide**, with a 1994-95 edition due sometime this Spring. Despite its hefty price tag (\$29.95 for the 1993-94 edition), **Spartacus** is simply the most accurate, most comprehensive Gay travel guide for Europe and Asia.

Lesbians be warned that while **Spartacus** does include places of interest to Lesbians, Lesbian listings are not nearly so comprehensive as for Gay listings.

A second international guide is **Odysseus '94** (\$21.00). Although **Odysseus** is an annual guide, its listings can be very far out of date. The long favored **GAIA Guide** seems to have been discontinued.

Many Gay and Lesbian travelers are reluctant to purchase expensive, comprehensive guides if their traveling is limited to an occasional trip, or simply going to a single destination. Unfortunately, there are few travel guides focusing on Gay and Lesbian travel to a specific destination and those that are available are only irregularly updated.

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There would seem to be some questions as to why someone would need a Gay guide to San Francisco, perhaps the world's Gay mecca, but there are two that can be recommended.

First is **Betty & Pansy's Severe Queer Review 3rd Edition** (\$9.95), which is a delightfully subjective listing of the Queerest and coolest Gay life in San Francisco. A second popular guide to San Francisco is the **Official San Francisco Visitor's Gay Escort** (\$11.95).

In time for last year's mammoth March On Washington, were two travel guides. **Detour's Washington, D.C.: An Alternative Guide** (\$13.95) is a good general guide to the nation's capital in addition to featuring the best in Gay and Lesbian Washington.

The more irreverent choice was **Betty & Pansy's Severe Queer Review of Washington, D.C.** (\$8.95). Look for Gay and Lesbian guides to New York in anticipation of the Stonewall 25 and Gay Games festivities this June.

Although not a complete listing, here are some additional Gay guides that are available:

London Scene 1992-1993 (\$10.95) has a thorough Gay listing for London. A new edition of **London Scene** is also due out sometime this Spring.

Northern Scene (\$10.95) is also from England's Gay Men's Press and is invaluable for those Gay travelers wishing to escape London, see some of Britain's beautiful countryside and still want to experience some Gay life.

London: An Alternative Guide (\$13.95) is newly published and is perhaps the best Gay London guide available.

Gay Guide to Eastern Europe 92-93 (\$7.95) is certainly the only guide specifically on this traditionally un-Gay area, but its dated listing must be taken with great care.

The Black Book (\$12.00) is a truly unique listing of some very non-traditional Gay and Lesbian vacation activities.

Book Readings Announced At Madison's A Room of One's Own

[Madison]- Mary Jo Bona, editor of **The Voice We Carry: Recent Italian/American Women's Fiction**, will be reading from her anthology at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 11, at A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, 317 W. Johnson Street in Madison.

The writings explore the heart of the Italian/American ethos and represent a medley of emotions regarding women's position within both American and Italian culture. Bona teaches American Literature at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington and specializes in the analysis of Italian/American women writers.

Helen Frost

Poet Helen Frost, author of the recent **Skin of a Fish, Bones of a Bird**, will read at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 25, at A Room of One's Own. Frost is the winner of the 1993 Women Poet's Series Competition. Her poetry explores the strength of women in many circumstances. Many of the poems in her new book draw from her experiences living in Telida, Alaska, a small Athabascan village near Mt. McKinley.

June Jordan

Author and activist June Jordan will be reading at A Room of One's Own at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 27. Everyone at Room is proud to welcome her back to Madison. She has just published **Technical Difficulties**, which is a collection of essays published by Random House. Her other new book is **Haruko/Love Poems**, published by Serpent's Tail. Both books are available in paperback.

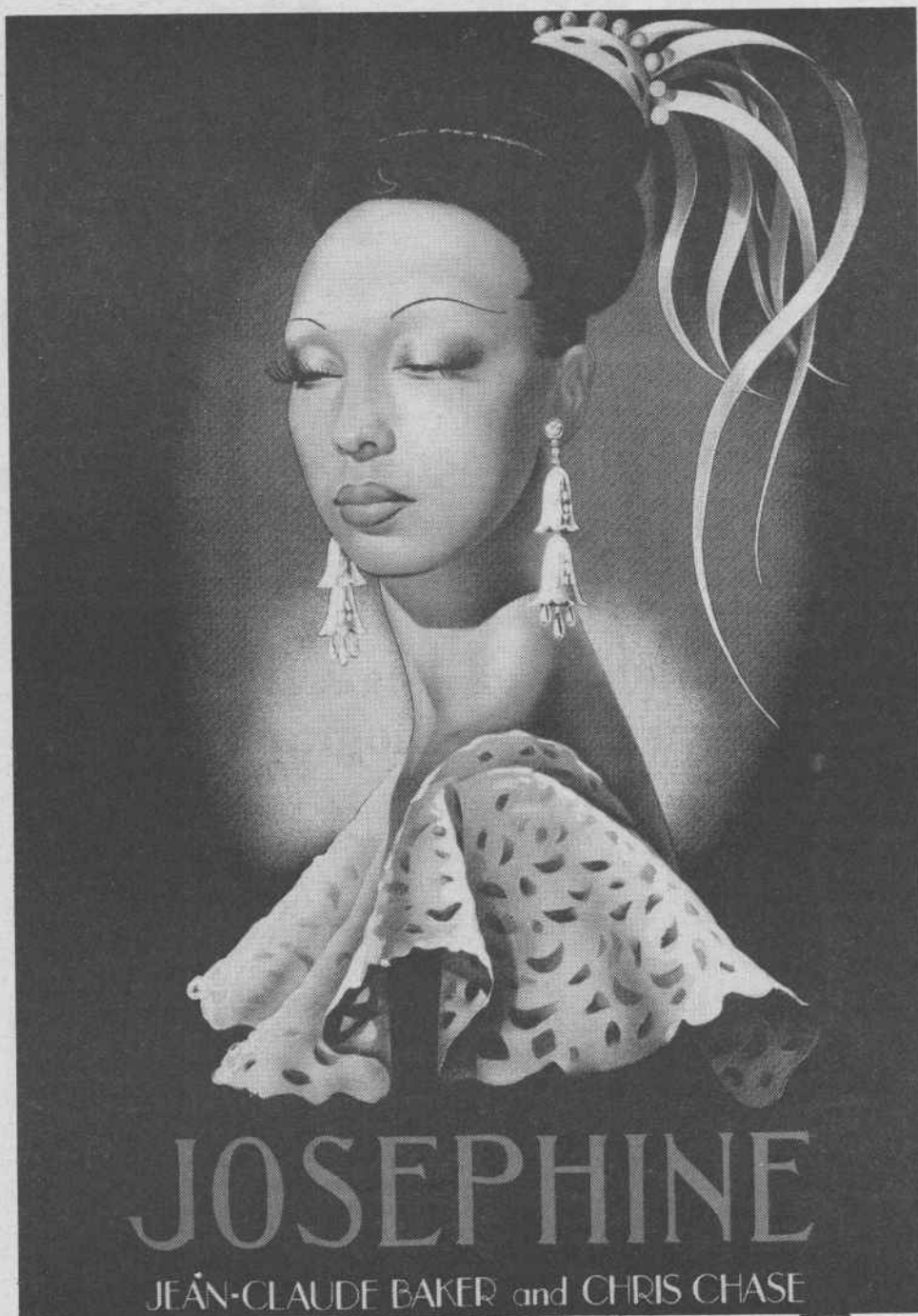
All readings at A Room of One's Own are free and open to the public.

Highlights of Spring Books In Paperback

There are many highlights among the new paperback titles this Spring. After being announced for November, 1993, February finally saw the release of **Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika** (Theatre Communications Group, \$10.95). Another paperback original is Amy Dean's **Proud To Be: Daily Meditations for Lesbians and Gay Men** (Bantam, \$8.95). In **Proud To Be**, bestselling author Dean offers healing wisdom, humor and comfort in 365 meditations to help Gay men and Lesbians face their daily challenges.

Other noted paperback releases of bestselling Gay titles include John Preston's excellent anthology, **A Member of the Family** (Plume, \$10.95); **Heartlands: A Gay Man's Odyssey Across America** (Plume, \$13.00) by Darrell Yates Rist; **The Hidden Law** (Ballantine, \$4.99), the latest in Michael Nava's acclaimed mystery series; and **Martin and John** (HarperPerennial, \$11.00), a powerful and provocative novel by Dale Peck.

Two excellent, if lesser-known in hardcover are now in paperback are: Rupert Everett's daring and irreverent **Hello Darling, Are You Working?** (Avon, \$10.00) and Gregg Johnson's extraordinary portrayal of a Gay man and a straight woman and their search for life's meaning in **Pagan Bables** (Plume, \$10.95).



Poet James Merrill Has Memoirs

A DIFFERENT PERSON

By James Merrill
Alfred Knopf, NY, 1993, 271 pp. \$25.00

By Geno

Now almost seventy, James Merrill, one of America's leading poets, has written a memoir, **A Different Person**, looking back to his youthful jaunt in Europe in 1950-51. He hoped to return "a different person."

The memoir is a lively account of a young poet who was leaving one lover behind and looking forward to reuniting with Claude, a new conquest, in Portugal. Merrill's first book of poetry was being published and he had unlimited funds to enjoy the blandishments of Greece, Rome, Venice and Paris. He was the son of the founder of the world's largest brokerage firm (Just say "Merrill" and the rest of the firm's names will automatically follow).

Merrill delineates portraits of a circle of young men, bright, even effete and not a little piss-elegant. It was a wonderful time when Europe was their playground and their hearts were young and Gay.

Much of the book is concerned with Merrill's crushes and the game of changing partners. He is met when he

arrives in Europe by Kimon Friar, his former teacher, who had been his first lover when he was in prep school. Claude, whom he is to meet in Portugal, is also a former lover of Friar, teacher and famous Greek poet.

Most of Merrill's relatives, it seems, made trips to Europe that year and all expected to be entertained and shown around. But when Father arrived, they stayed at the best hotels and drove around in limousines. At other times, Merrill enjoyed playing the role of the poor student, though he enjoyed a huge, unbreakable trust fund.

The writing is a poet's prose — allusive, figurative, clever and a bit precious at times. At the end of each chapter, Merrill brings things up to the present day with reflections upon the past and discussing events that have taken place between times.

Did he come back a different person? Well, Merrill saw his psychoanalyst during most of his European sojourn, and he did overcome his writer's block. He also appropriated Claude's newest lover, Robert, and feels "I will never be lonely again." But upon Merrill's return to New York, a shipboard romance supplanted Robert.

Pity!

BEST SELLERS OF THE MONTH

GENERAL INTEREST

1. **Angels in America Part 2: Perestroika** — Tony Kushner, Theatre Communications Corp. \$10.95
2. **Proud To Be** — Amy Dean, Bantam. 8.95
3. **Tales Of The City** — Armistead Maupin, Harper-Collins. 12.00
4. **Permanent Partners** — Betty Berzon, Plume. 12.00
5. **Jesus Acted Up** — Robert Goss, Harper/San Francisco. 19.00

GAY BESTSELLERS — HARDCOVER

1. **Straight From The Heart** — Rod and Bob Jackson-Paris, Warner Books. \$21.95
2. **A Place At The Table** — Bruce Bawer, Poseidon Books. 21.00
3. **While England Sleeps** — David Leavitt, Viking. 22.00
4. **Dead On Your Feet** — Grant Michaels, St. Martins. 19.95

GAY BESTSELLERS — PAPERBACKS

1. **Martin and John** — Dale Peck, Harper-Collins. \$11.00
2. **The Hidden Law** — Michael Nava, Ballantine. 4.99
3. **Heartlands** — Darrell Yates Rist, Plume. 13.00
4. **Mem On Men** — Edited by George Stambolian, Plume. 12.00
5. **The New Joy Of Gay Sex** — Dr. Charles Silverstein and Felice Picano, Harper-Collins. 17.50

LESBIAN BESTSELLERS — HARDCOVER

1. **Love Match** — Sandra Faulkner with Judy Nelson, Birch Lane Press. \$19.95
2. **The Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Stories** — Edited by Margaret Reynolds, Viking. 27.50
3. **Trouble In Transylvania** — Barbara Wilson, Seal Press. 19.95
4. **A Killing Cure** — Ellen Hart, Seal Press. 19.95
5. **Anais: The Erotic Life of Anais Nin** — Noel Riley Fitch, Little, Brown & Co. 24.95

LESBIAN BESTSELLERS — PAPERBACKS

1. **Venus Envy** — Rita Mae Brown, Bantam. \$5.99
2. **K.D. Lang: Carrying the Torch** — William Robertson, ECW Press. 9.95
3. **Daughters of Darkness** — Edited by Pam Kesey, Cleis Press. \$9.95
4. **Spawn Of Dykes To Watch Out For** — Alison Bechdel, Firebrand Books. 8.95
5. **Friends and Lovers** — Jackie Calhoun, Naiad. 9.95



ANAIIS NIN

Erotic Reputation of Anais Nin Comes Forth in New Biography

THE EROTIC LIFE OF ANAIIS NIN

By Noel Riley Fitch

Little Brown, 1993, 525 pp. \$24.95

By Geno

Anais Nin had to wait until she was 63 before winning deserved recognition which came only in 1966 with the publication of the first volume of her *Diary*. Up until that time, several small presses had published some of her works which did not sell and which were often panned by the critics.

Her erotic reputation had preceded her literary fame. She was known as the incandescent lover of Henry Miller as described in his novel *Tropic of Cancer*. At one frenzied period in the '30's, she was sexually involved with Miller, his wife June, and this complex relationship was published in *Henry and June*, a part of her *Diary* that had been cut out of the first edition. It later became a movie of the same name in 1991.

Anais later carried on simultaneous sexual liaisons with as many as five other individuals, including her cousin Eduardo Sanchez who was trying to overcome his homosexuality, Gonzalo, a Peruvian would-be Communist freedom fighter, as well as her first analyst.

Of course, most of this comes from her *Diary* which runs to 150 handwritten notebooks, eleven volumes of which are now in print. She began writing this personal account in 1914 when she was 11 years-old and addressed it to her father, a concert pianist who abandoned his family for another woman. Miss Nin claims to have been sexually abused by her father and when she was 30, they met again and this time she claims to have seduced him.

The veracity of the *Diary* has been questioned often and Claudia Roth Pierpont recently attacked this problem in "Sex, Lies and Thirty-five Thousand Pages," in the *New Yorker* magazine (Mar. 1, 1993). Different versions of the *Diary* are in print and Miss Nin often transferred sections of it into her novels in altered form, and one suspects, vice versa. She wrote, rewrote, expurgated and added to this life work continuously.

Noel Riley Fitch has tried to verify facts of the life of Anais Nin by interviewing just about anyone who had ever known her, by searching public and family records and by consulting the works of Nin's contemporaries. Mrs. Fitch knows her subject and her biography *Sylvia Beach and the Lost Generation*, attests to her thoroughness and perception, but she has nevertheless had to rely upon the *Diary* in its various chameleon forms.

Mrs. Fitch's main contribution is her interpretation of key elements in the character makeup of Anais Nin. The abandonment by her father is crucial and may account for her attraction to older men, including Henry Miller and her often cuckolded husband, Hugo.

The biographer also reveals the ease with which the diarist could switch from one reality to another; she could dip into Henry Miller's world of "shit, cunt, prick, bastard, crotch and bitch," then, in her *Diary*, turn her feminine perceptions and her imagination upon that world.

Seduction came easily to her and she seduced her readers as well as the many persons in her life. According to Mrs. Fitch, Anais Nin was always aware of an audience beginning with her father, and she maintains that the *Diary* "is itself a work of fiction, an act of self-invention."

In the late sixties and until her death in 1977, Anais Nin enjoyed great eclat, being much in demand as a speaker on

college campuses and at feminist events. Her attitude, expressed in "I will love my husband, but I will fulfill myself," had finally found its time.

Writer Interviews Anais Nin in Paris During The 1960's

By Geno

When I first met Anais Nin in Paris in the Spring of 1960, I had not read any of her works (very little was available), but I was aware of her torrid love affair with Henry Miller, the author of *Tropic of Cancer* and *Tropic of Capricorn*, copies of which I later had to sneak past customs agents in New York. Harold Norse, poet, translator and pornographer, had invited me to accompany him to the English Bookshop, 42 Rue de Seine, to hear Miss Nin read from *The Seduction of the Minotaur*, recently published. He also told me how to pronounce her name (ah-nah-ees).

Unfortunately, Harold had gotten the time wrong and we arrived after the reading was over. Apologies were in order and as I was introduced to her, I found big Kohl-outlined eyes and a friendly smile in a heart-shaped face looking up at me.

She was petite, almost doll-like, and appeared to be much younger than her age, then close to sixty. She was wearing a red velvet dress with a narrow waist and a short skirt that belled out like a ballet dancer's tutu.

"What do you do?" she asked and seemed genuinely interested that I was in Europe for a year on a university grant; that my edition of Walter Pater's *Imaginary Portraits* was being published by Harper and Row.

She spoke of her admiration for the writing style of Pater and we commiserated with one another about the difficulties of getting published.

The English Bookshop was a wonderful haven for book lovers and transients of all nations, a place where it was possible to browse without interference, to enjoy a cup of tea or play a game of chess in a comfortable corner.

Miss Nin explained that she was a kind of roving editor for *Two Cities*, an international literary magazine. She asked me to send her something and I was struck by her kindness and thoughtfulness.

The gathering that evening included other writers and literary figures. Standing next to Anais Nin was Sylvia Beach, admired for having taken the risk of publishing James Joyce's novel, *Ulysses* from her famous book shop, Shakespeare and Company.

Miss Beach appeared to be a placid, grandmotherly sort of person, her tousled gray hair framing a face pleasantly alight with smile lines. "Isn't she beautiful?" she asked, referring to Miss Nin who clearly was intended to hear the compliment. "She always wears red. It's her favorite color." (Noel Fitch says it was purple). "Doesn't she look like a ballerina? She was a dancer, you know." Miss Beach went on in this vein and Miss Nin didn't seem to tire of it.

Near the back of the shop, James Jones was holding forth to a group around him and signing autographs. His novella *The Pistol*, had recently been published, but I didn't buy it since I had read the reviews,

most of them comparing it unfavorably with *From Here to Eternity*.

Jones commandeered several of us for the next day to help him move some furniture into his new apartment on the Ile de la Cite. We had to be especially quiet because his wife who had had several miscarriages and was expecting another child, was not to be disturbed. It was a sweaty job and Jones kept us going with lots of cold beer and a lunch at a nearby Relais. He also distributed copies of *The Pistol*.

'Bastard Out of Carolina' Is A Book To Be Treasured

BASTARD OUT OF CAROLINA

By Dorothy Allison

Plume, 1993, 309 pp. \$10.00

By Tim Grair

"All the Boatwrights told stories, it was one of the things we were known for, and what one cousin swore was gospel, another swore just as fiercely was an unqualified lie."

Bastard Out of Carolina is my favorite book in years — and I've read some good books. I never expected to read it in one sitting. I came home stuffed and tired after Easter dinner and had planned to read one chapter and then fall into a contented sleep.

Ha! I also never expected a first novel to be so compelling, so insistent. Dorothy Allison is a name to remember and *Bastard Out of Carolina* is a book to treasure and share.

I admit, I had high expectations for *Bastard* after having read Allison's poetry and Lambda Literary Award-winning short stories. However, the uniform excellence of those somewhat related gems did not prepare me for the tour de force of *Bastard Out of Carolina*.

Allison's book will resonate particularly deeply in survivors of sexual and/or physical abuse, but it is a mark of her genius that *Bastard* rises above its subject matter with the same seeming ease with which it transcends all potential limitations.

Bastard Out of Carolina is a classic, but a modern classic. It will stand the test of time because of the quiet force of Allison's rich prose; her efficient,

I corresponded with Anais Nin and she helped to place one of my short stories. I had been impressed by her soft spoken manner and decided that her period of erotic frenzy was over, but the Fitch biography reveals that at that time, Anais was bigamously married to two men and kept them both happy traveling between Hugo, the banker husband in New York and Rupert Pole, the much younger husband in California.

What an incredibly complex life story! She even confounded her analysts.

complex character development; and the Biblically inevitable, yet still surprising, plot.

Yes, the plot. I won't breath a word of it to you. I could not bear to ruin a single page of Allison's book for anyone. This is why *Bastard Out of Carolina* is a modern classic: despite satisfying all the more literary cravings, it is a page-turner.

Other reviewers have raved about Allison's power of the English language — and she fully deserves the praise — but I found it far more remarkable how aptly her wording and imagery cohered without intruding on other aspects of the book.

Bastard is filled with details that are often harrowing and precise, but they are also implicit incongruities that breath truth into the novel. Guilt is as palpable as the Summer heat and just as unbearable.

This is not a genre novel. The narrator's sexual orientation is never revealed — nor should it be since she is only 12 at the conclusion of the book. She does develop crushes on several characters of several genders, but at such an age, does not recognize them for what they are, though the careful reader certainly will.

There are several paragraphs that deal overtly with a Lesbian relationship, and there is a (sometimes not-so) subtle Lesbian subtext throughout.

Bastard Out of Carolina is newly out in paperback and available at most area bookstores. Buy, beg, borrow or, yes, steal this book. Read it and pass it to a friend if you can bear to part with it. Better still, share it with your mother.

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AfterWords Bookstore Plans Variety of Spring Events

[Milwaukee]- Although we are still mired in the snowy depths of Winter, AfterWords has already planned several events for this March and April. Hopefully, the weather will be a bit more cooperative than it has been for events in January and February.

AfterWords will be celebrating Women's History Month in March with a special, month-long discount of ten percent on all Women's Studies titles, including both fiction and non-fiction titles. AfterWords first and foremost focus is on carrying the best and most extensive selection of Gay and Lesbian literature. In line with that, they have sought also to carry comprehensive selections of books in Women's Studies as well as AIDS-related literature and Men's Studies. If you have not yet seen the Women's Studies Section, you might be surprised.



YVONNE ZIPTER

AfterWords is pleased to welcome to Milwaukee author and nationally syndicated columnist Yvonne Zipter on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. Zipter's appearance is being sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB) and will include a reading, discussion and, of course, a book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

Zipter's first book is **Diamonds are a Dyke's Best Friends** (Firebrand, \$9.95, 1988), in which she brought the world of Lesbian softball under analysis in book form. Of the book, Kate Clinton wrote, "I hope this book is our own Time/Life series on Lesbians and sports." Next we'll look at the L in LPGA. Up close and personal. **Sports Illustrated** eat your heart out."

The **Patience of Metal** (Hutchinson House, \$7.95) is her latest book, a book of poetry. **The Patience of Metal** is a

Chicago Book Clinic Honor Book, a 1990 Lambda Literary Awards Finalist, and was nominated for an American Library Association Award.

Her poems are poignant and often extremely intimate. In **The Patience of Metal**, she explores the pains of loss and of incest, yet achieves the triumphant voice of someone who has emerged to the other side of such gripping, emotional turmoil.

Zipter has read from her work in a wide range of forums, including such venues as the Printers Row Book Fair in Chicago, the National Women's Studies Association meeting, and student-sponsored events at Yale University, Miami University and the University of Chicago.

Zipter is a native of Milwaukee and currently lives in Chicago. The event is free and open to the public. AfterWords is located at 2710 N. Murray Ave.

Book Club and Writers Group

The AfterWords Book Club and the Gay and Lesbian Writers Group have scheduled dates in March and April. The Book Club will meet on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. The topic for this discussion is "Coming of Age Novels" with Edmond White's **A Boy's Own Story** and Rita Mae Brown's **Rubyfruit Jungle** as selected titles. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.

The April Date for the Book Club meeting is April 11 with the topic and book titles TBA.

The Gay and Lesbian Writers Group will meet on Thursday, March 10. Gay and Lesbian writers looking for a forum to read and discuss their works and writing in general, are welcome to join in. The group also encourages those who want to find out how writers work or hear works-in-progress to attend.

HIV Testing

On Friday, April 8, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., AfterWords will host the Brady Street STD Clinic Anonymous HIV Testing. This off-site testing is part of the Clinic's continuing community outreach program. AfterWords offers a special discount of ten percent on any AIDS-related titles during testing.

Tim Grair

An AfterWords poetry reading with Tim Grair held in January was virtually snowed in, so Tim has offered to come back again in April. Grair will do a poetry reading on Wednesday, April 20, at 8:00 p.m. An open mike will follow. Everyone is encouraged to come and hear one of Milwaukee's most accomplished young poets read from his work.

A Wide Variety of Books For Every Lesbian Being Published For Spring Reading

Clearly the Lesbian publishing highlight during this bleak, miserable Winter is **The Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Stories** (Viking, \$27.50), edited by Margaret Reynolds. Superior to its **Gay Short Stories** companion, **The Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Stories** features a truly remarkable list of Lesbian writers and some absolutely classic short fiction. This is a must for anyone with a serious interest in Gay and Lesbian literature.

Much of the very best in Lesbian fiction writing is in the mystery genre where two recent titles stand out. First is Barbara Wilson's **Trouble in Transylvania** (Seal Press, \$18.95). **Trouble in Transylvania** is Wilson's fourth mystery in her Cassandra Reilly series.

Equally popular is another Seal Press writer, Ellen Hart. In **A Killing Cure** (\$19.95), Hart's protagonist Jane Lawless, along with her eccentric sidekick, Cordelia Thorn, are faced with unraveling the baffling and dangerous happenings at the Amelia Gower Women's Center.

Other Lesbian mysteries of note are Mabel Maney's clever Nancy Drew spoof, **The Case of the Not-So-Nice Nurse** (Cleis Press, \$9.95) and new from Naiad, Penny Mickelbury's **Keeping Secrets** (\$9.95) featuring Afro-American news reporter Mimi Patterson.

A Few Laughs

A second area of superb Lesbian writing is in the humor genre. Long dominant has been Alison Bechdel's wonderful **Dykes to Watch Out For** series. Bechdel's latest effort is **Spawn of Dykes to Watch Out For** (Firebrand, \$8.95).

Perhaps the most perceptive perspective on Lesbian and Gay life is contained in Cleis Press's collections of Andrea Natalie's **Stonewall Riots** comics. Natalie's second collection, **Rubyfruit Mountain** (\$9.95) was recently published.

Also just published by Cleis Press is **Hothead Palsan: Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist** (\$12.95) by Diane DiMassa.

Finally, for an unusually hip and trendy look at Lesbian chic and general Lesbian

life in the '90's, is Robin Stevens' **Girlfriend Number One**, an outrageous collection of cartoons, essays, poems and stories. Very highly recommended.

Let's Get Serious

On the more serious side, there are several excellent and intriguing new Lesbian non-fiction titles. Groundbreaking, comprehensive and highly entertaining from Crossing Press is **Lesbian Culture: An Anthology** (\$21.95) edited by Julia Penelope and Susan Wolfe and featuring "the lives, work, ideas, art and visions" of an extraordinary collection of Lesbian writers and activists.

A perfect companion to **Lesbian Culture** is Dell Richards' **Superstars: Twelve Lesbians Who Changed the World** (Carroll & Graf, \$12.95). **Superstars** presents a group of women who were feminists long before the word was coined.

Other notable titles this Spring of interest to Lesbians are **Coming on Strong: Gender and Sexuality in Twentieth Century Women's Sports** (\$22.95) by Susan K. Cahn. Another is celebrated writer Pat Califia's honest and unpretentious exploration of dominant/submissive sexuality, **Sensuous Magic** (Richard Kasak, \$12.95). Still another is **Josephine** (Random House, \$27.50), an honest and explicit biography of Josephine Baker by Jean-Claude Baker and Chris Chase.

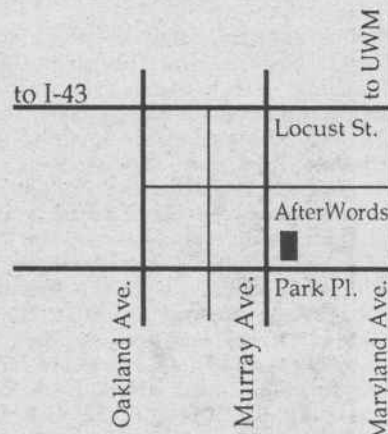
Finally, several eagerly awaited titles have been released in paperback. Bestselling Lesbian author Rita Mae Brown's latest novel, her first Gay-themed novel in almost a decade, **Venus Envy** (Bantam, \$5.99) is now available in paperback as is Jeanette Winterson's **Written on the Body** (Vintage, \$11.00).

So too is Sarah Schulman's **Empathy** (Plume, \$10.00) and **Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold** (Penguin, \$12.95), Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy and Madeline D. Davis's history of a Lesbian Community.

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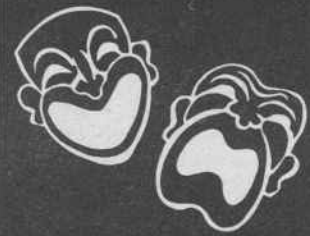
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Kissing Girls Culture, Creativity Grant Application Deadline Extended

[Madison]- Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is pleased to announce its fifth season of Lesbian Culture and Creativity Grants. These grants are intended to stimulate and encourage Lesbian culture and creativity primarily in Madison and the Midwest. These grants will be awarded to Lesbians who work in arts, crafts, music, drama, film, literature, comedy, dance, visual and performing arts, and other activities that enhance Lesbian Culture.

KGP has decided to award 1994 grants to individuals, groups, organizations, private non-profit and on-going community groups.

KGP will award grants primarily for public performances or showings, entry fees, supplies, travel expenses, rehearsal/studio space, or the publication/printing of work. (Alternative proposals will be considered.)

KGP will judge grant requests on the basis of: quality of the proposal; diversity of applicants; impact within the Lesbian community; and the applicant's ability to successfully complete the project.

Acceptance of a grant award by an applicant will carry with it the expectation

that the applicant will participate in the 1995 Lesbian Variety Show, Art Show, or Poetry Reading...if they are an appropriate forum. Also, one copy of a final product (i.e. printed booklet, etc.) will be given free of additional charge to KGP for archival purposes.

All applicants **must** submit itemized receipts and product by July 30, 1995 unless the completion of the project requires special arrangements. These arrangements must be made in advance with KGP.

Grants will be awarded in the amounts of \$1- \$500. Applications are due April 1, 1994. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1994. Award announcements, including the name and city of recipient, will be made in May, 1994 issues of local Lesbian, Gay and Feminist publications.

Please send your grant application request with an SASE to: KGP, Inc., P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716.

Milwaukee Alderman Frank's Play, 'Bridge at Mo Duc' Opens March 12

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre will present the world premiere of Milwaukee playwright Wayne Frank's **The Bridge at Mo Duc**, March 12 through the 27th at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theater.

Directed by Chamber Theatre's Artistic Director Montgomery Davis, the play will feature James Tasse, Jonathan Smoots, Louyong Wang and Lee Palmer.

The play is a story of four men trapped in enemy territory on a bridge in central Viet Nam. The play examines both the fear and boredom of the war while examining its prevalence of violence and racism among American soldiers.

Veterans of the Vietnam War have been invited to attend the production at no cost. Veterans who would like to attend, should reserve tickets through the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office (414) 291-7800.

A Milwaukee native, Frank is currently working on an adaptation of a classic American novel, and in 1995, the

Milwaukee Repertory Theatre will produce his play, **War Stories From the 20th Century**, a memory play about growing up in Milwaukee's Merrill Park in the 1950's.

For tickets, call the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office at (414) 291-7800. Six of the 22 performances are already sold out.

AIDS Activist TV Now On Cable

[Milwaukee]- AIDS Activist TV, a program produced by ACT UP Milwaukee members which covers AIDS-related issues from the activist perspective, is broadcast live on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8:30 p.m. on MATA Cable Channel 47. The show is taped for re-broadcast on the 4th Sunday of every month at 2:00 p.m., also on MATA Cable Channel 47.

School Board Candidates to Be On Queer TV

[Milwaukee]- Two exciting shows you will not want to miss will be aired on The Queer Program in March. On Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., the lovely Miss Goldie Adams and the incredible Miss Regina Garrett of The Triangle, La Cage and other parts, will be guests, discussing everyone's favorite obsession: drag. Goldie will also highlight the program with tapes of some of her past TV performances. This is your chance to call in and ask any questions of two of Milwaukee's most beautiful and talented female impersonators.

On Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m., Milwaukee District 3 School Board candidates Leon Todd and Janice Brazil-Cummings will be guests, sharing their visions and plans for Milwaukee's children and young adults. Do they include our LesBiGay youth? Tune in and call in your questions.

The Queer Program is broadcast live in Warner Cable MATA Channel 47 every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Replays are on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. For information, ideas, topics and guest suggestions, call co-producers Michael Lisowski at (414) 265-8500, or Dan Fons at (414) 964-8423.

Rock Group 'Jake' Album to Benefit Center Project

[Green Bay, WI]- **Imagine The Best**, a new album by the rock group "Jake," has just been released.

Rick Middleton, an openly Gay Wisconsin musician wrote all of the songs on the album. Several of the tracts deal directly with Gay life. "Being a Man" deals with love between two men. "Sassy Daphne" is about a drag queen and "Damn it, it fits," explores dealing with your sexuality, no matter what it is.

Proceeds from the cassette sales will directly benefit Center Project in Green Bay and the Fox Valley AIDS Project in Appleton. Center Project and the Fox Valley AIDS Project are AIDS service organizations that provide services in 11 northeastern Wisconsin counties.

Cassettes are available for \$7 at local bars in Appleton and Green Bay. Or by mail (\$7 and \$1 postage/handling) from: Center Project, P.O. Box 1874, Green Bay, WI 54305.



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Triangle Bar Sold, New Owner Takes Over March 10

By Terry Boughner

Just as we go to press, Al Thomas of The Triangle called me to say that the sale of the bar was final. The new owner would take over on March 10.

The Triangle and the paper were "born" about the same time. I remember the first time Jerry and I met Al. It was late afternoon. The bar was empty, save for Al himself. We introduced ourselves, told him what we did, and he, in turn, talked about his plans for The Triangle. There were going to be a lot of good times, he said. And so there were.

I remember the shows with Garrett, Holly Brown (who could ever forget her?) and "The Lovely Miss Goldie Adams."

I will remember Al's distinctive "Oh honey!" and "That's a hot young stud!," which applied to everyone.

But "the old order changeth," as they say. There will be no goodbye party, Al

said. Instead, he will be at the bar the evening of March 9 to greet all his many friends. The next day, the new owner takes over.

Al says all the staff will still be there, Mark, Jimmy, Max and the rest. But the new owner plans to begin remodeling at once.

As to Al? Well, he's going to take some time off, a little vacation, he says, and then it's on to something else. Whatever that will be, **Wisconsin Light** wishes him all the very best.

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chronic and terminal illness and who desperately need medical treatment is a terrible failure of our health care system."

Seventy percent of the people served by ARCW who are living with HIV disease and AIDS are either denied private health insurance coverage or cannot afford it. Of the thirty percent who are fortunate enough to get coverage, at least one-half of them have serious difficulty getting therapeutic drugs and medical treatments covered and are in jeopardy of losing their

health insurance coverage due to job changes or a change in their residence.

Nelson urged regulators to support the ban on pre-existing condition exclusions and also urged their support of community rating.

"It makes no sense to assure that those with health conditions can get insurance coverage and then allow the insurance industry to price them out of the market with high and discriminatory rates," Nelson said. "Community rating means that everyone shares the risk of illness — young, old, sick and healthy — which enables everyone to be covered."

Although in support of the bill, Nelson cited several disappointments with the proposal: it does not assure comprehensive benefits in health insurance plans that will provide individuals with health security; it does not assure universal coverage; it does not fully address affordability barriers so that access to coverage is based on the ability to pay and it does not include much needed consumer involvement in the health care system.

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Court to decide the issue, but that it should be left up to the legislature.

"Merely because a given adoption is in the best interests of the child, the court is not free to disregard statutory limitations on its power," he said.

Weighing in on the side of the Grinkeys is the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU argues that if the Court forbids the adoption, it is acting in a discriminatory manner because the Grinkeys are forbidden by law to marry.

However the case is decided, the Grinkeys have already spent \$12,000 pursuing the issue.

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department."

The letter goes on to say, "We should be striving to unite people of all colors, creeds and beliefs. This program clearly separates people into splinter groups.

On March 2nd, a statement was issued by Lane, Jeffrey Merrick (History) and Chava Frankfort-Nachmais (Sociology)

titled "In Defense of Gay and Lesbian Studies." The purpose of the paper, as it says, was to clear up "misrepresentation that had appeared in the press elsewhere, appeared in the press in elsewhere.

Lane and his colleagues emphasized that the certificate program "like the growing number of similar programs elsewhere" is designed to "allow students to take a group of coordinated courses in different departments... from a variety of disciplinary perspectives."

"Gay and Lesbian studies course cover material not currently covered in other areas in a distinctive, but not divisive manner."

It is further emphasized that the certificate program "does not constitute a major"

As far as money being spent on a new department, "there is no academic department in (Gay and Lesbian studies)," hence "there are no faculty positions or budgeted funds."

The paper went on to say that the "deliberately provocative attacks on the Program are outlandish and disturbing. It is both erroneous and offensive to suggest that the objectives... include mockery of religious principles and denigration of the family unit."

These types of "irresponsible charges... encourage the sort of hatred that the Art Against Homophobia competition is designed to counteract." The Art Against Homophobia is largely funded by the Cream City Foundation.

Asked for comment about Rep. Ladwig's letter, Baldwin said that "The same logic that she applies on this issue could be applied to Women's Studies, African American Studies and many other programs that serve to enhance our society's knowledge of the diversity in our culture."

Baldwin said that "the signatories have chosen to single out Gays and Lesbians and have revealed their true agenda which is an anti-Gay agenda."

Baldwin went on to say that "The opponents, I believe, fear the power that facts and information carry because if the public really becomes informed, then attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians will change for the better. And unfortunately, this is counter to their agenda."

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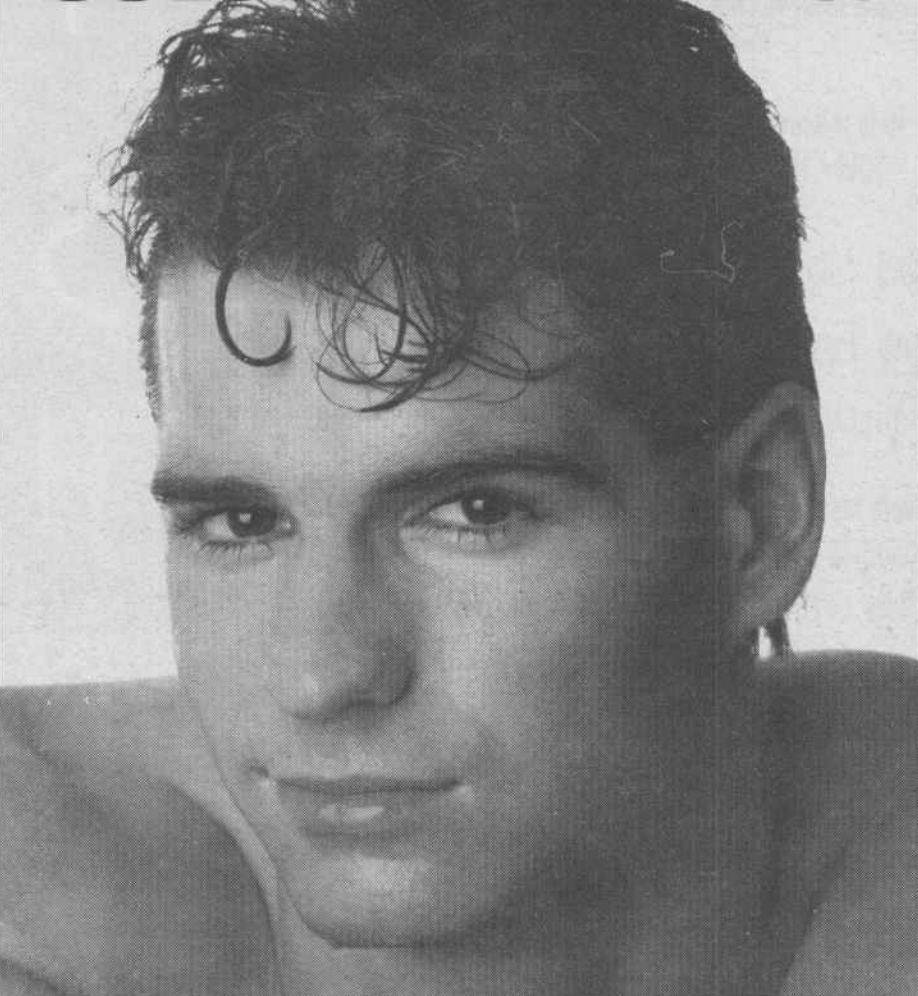
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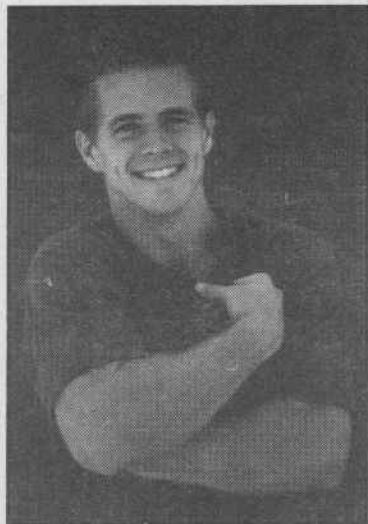


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WI WHERE DO YOU THINK?: GWM, 21, 145, 5'10". I am seeking an honest guy who thinks with his heart. #11508

Milwaukee **GARDEN FAN:** 35 YO. Into down to earth people, rare plants and country music. Call me at home. Seeking 18-35 year olds. #17697



WI CLEAVAGE!!!: 5'8", 165 builder. Interested in masc guys. I am a strict tp with a beard. #17812

Milwaukee **FIND ME IN THE GYM:** 41 year old workout nut loves animals, movies and dining out. Open to all ages. #17954

Milwaukee **WHERE YOU LEAD:** I will follow. 6'1", 195, 37 blonde and blue guy seeks a white male 27-37 who is good-looking and athletic. Show me the ropes. #17940

Milwaukee **YOU NAME IT, WE DO IT:** Blue eyed professional is into various experiences and would enjoy hearing from you. #18299

Milwaukee **GOING TO EXTREMES:** 28 year old white male seeks a black guy for fun excitement. I am into music, movies and socializing. #18300

Milwaukee **HAVE HAIR, WILL TRAVEL:** 25 year old guy with brn hair and eyes seeks 18-26. Hairy/aggressive A+. #18327

414 area code **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** 22 year old black male is 5'9", med built and vers. I am open to all races and enjoy the theater and quiet times. #18381

Milwaukee **NOW PLAYING:** 6'2", good-looking guy seeks similar. Into all kinds of movies and quiet nights at home. #18556

414 area code **YOUNG SPLENDOR:** 21 year old, 6'2", blue eyes. Seeking a guy 18-25 for friends and a possible relationship. Call me at home. #18655

Milwaukee **POOL PARTY:** young ht studs for pool parties that are ht, ht, ht. #16120

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking bigger guys. Hairy A+. I am 30 with a slight beer belly. Into outdoors, bicycling, movies and music. Slim guys OK, too. #18745

Milwaukee **BE SINCERE:** 22 year old with brn hair and grn eyes seeks honest and sincere men. I enjoy quiet evenings #18750

Milwaukee **GOT ON MY SISTER'S BEST:** 35 year old crossdresser seeks others or TS/TV's. #18890

Milwaukee **HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR:** 18 year old into wrestling, football and workout. Seeking 18-25 year olds. #18816

Appleton **SPORTS-MINDED:** 34 year old WM. I am inexperienced and seeking a 27-37 year old. I am into music, golf, tennis, skiing and more. #19054

Milwaukee **KICK UP YOUR HEELS:** GWM, blonde, 30, seeking fun-loving men. I love to dance and am not into the bar scene. #19069

Milwaukee **YNG AND SATISFYING:** Seeking good-looking guys under 22. I am very willing to satisfy. Just let me know. #19251

Green Bay **GAY FRIENDS NEEDED:** 39 year old guy seeks some friends to pal around with. I have curly hair and blue eyes. #15249

WI LIKE A ROCK: Attractive 6'4" guy is into guys who are masc and built. #15263

WI SATISFACTION GUARANTEED: 5'8", 165 bbuilder is into the tp scene. I am a great daddy. #15839

Milwaukee **COUNTING ON YOU:** 5'11", 175. Pos. 33 year old seeks someone secure and reliable. Please call. #16093

Milwaukee **TRUCK DRIVER:** I need a massage. Call me. #16354

Eau Claire **GREAT OUTDOORS:** Seeking 30-35 year old guy. I like snowmobiles and four-wheeling. I am a good looking btm. #16762

414 Area Code **SHOPPING SPREE:** 21 year old vers guy seeks professionals 23-47 for friendship and maybe more. I like the theater and shopping. #16844

Milwaukee **MAKE THE MOST:** 5'11", 175. 33 year old pos. guy in good health seeks a friend to enjoy life with. Must like a good time and be relationship-minded. #16093

Milwaukee **MULTI-LINGUAL:** WM seeks 25-35. I am fluent in several languages and like to travel. No smoke/drink. Seeking similar minded. #16901

WI TOYS FOR TPS: Call for a present. #7338

WI SMALL OPENING: GWM 6'1", 185 is tight and into crossdressing and cuddling. #11250

Milwaukee **STEAMY:** 28 YO seeks other smooth and ht guys for safe action. #11256

WI SNUGGLED UP: Attractive blk male 200+ lbs. btm loves to get into music and cozy nights. #11509

WI I LIKE TO WATCH: Feel like putting on a show for this 33 YO? #11182

WI SETTLING DOWN: 29 year old is looking for a long term relationship. #12141

Milwaukee **WORLDLY:** 40 YO gentleman is very athletic and stashed. I am a cultured model/professional. Into antiques and partying. #12558

Milwaukee **SO I LIKE DRESSES?:** 21 year old crossdressing white male seeks same types. #12602



Milwaukee **CALL ME:** 40 year old has blue eyes and light brn hair with a beard and stache. I am not that into the bars, but do go out on occasion. #12730

WI GOOD TALK: EZ to get along with guy seeks a white male for pleasant conversations. #12947

Madison **ZANY:** 22 year old is blde and blue and a student at U MAD. Into Mel Brooks and Monty Python. #13239

WI DADDY DEAREST: 43 yr old lthr btm seeks a dom dad. Please call me. #13395

608 Area Code **LONELY BLK STUD:** I am seeking fulfillment from an honest and sincere man. Call me at home. #13410

WI BEAUTIFUL HAIR: 21 year old Mike has long brown hair and is seeking an eighteen to 21 YO for ht fun and possible relationship. #13442

Kenosha **SLOW AT FIRST:** GWM, 31, is seeking a blk male to get to know and we'll see about a possible relationship. #13806

WI LET'S START A FRIENDSHIP: Hispanic male is 29 and new to the area. I will return all calls. #14034

Green Bay **I AM NEW:** 39 year old 38-28-34. I would like to try ANYTHING. #13147

Madison **QUIET MEETING:** 25 year old brn/brn and bearded is seeking 18-45 for discreet get-togethers. #12439

Milwaukee **PLEASED TO MEET YOU:** 6'1", dark hair and musc seeks 18-23. I have many interests I would like to share. #14232

WI PARTY ON, DUDES: Bi-head banger into partying. I can be creative and flexible. #14259

La Crosse **ZEPPELIN TO ZEPPO:** 23 year old, 5'10" and seeking 18-25 into sports, classic rock and the Marx Bros. #14358

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Milwaukee **MUTUAL INTERESTS:** 40 year old, 6' with a beard and a stach and blue eyes seeks a relationship. Into the theater and movies and gardening. #14363

WI TRADE OFF: Gay couple looking to get-together with a third. Call us! #14477

West Alice **ARE YOU MASC AND YNG?:** 5'8", 165. I have a bbuilder type body and a short beard. I like masc men. I am 40 and am looking for younger men. #14598

Milwaukee **SSSSSHHHHHH:** Tom likes the movies and quiet times at home. Please call him there. #10523

Milwaukee **ALL I NEED IS YOU:** Greg is on his way out and willing to try anything. #10570

Green Bay **GOOD TIME GUY:** Lenny is 38 and 5'11", 160. Looking for a friend to enjoy gd times. #10587

Madison **WEST SIDE:** 6'1" 23 year old into light workouts. Looking for new friends. #10604

Milwaukee **MIRROR IMAGE:** Bi-WM bbuilder 29 years old seeks similar. Call if this is you. #10851

Watertown **ANYBODY AROUND HERE?:** Eighteen 5'9" short wavy brn hair. Looking for 18-25 for friends and more. #9528

Milwaukee **CUTE JOCKS:** Gd looking and vers male seeks cute athletes. #10967

Milwaukee **FREESTYLER?:** Attractive masc male, 28, is seeking 21-30 with a swmmr's bld. Let's be friends first. #11083

Milwaukee **IMAGINATIVE PHONE CONVERS:** Pls call and maybe we could meet sometime, let's at least talk. #11147

Milwaukee **HI, DUDES:** 30 YO Tom Cruiser wrks out religiously and is waiting for your call at home. #11148

414 AC **KICK UP THOSE HEELS:** 23 YO WM seeks 18-30 for gd times and poss rel. I am into dancing and the clubs. #11515

Milwaukee **READY, WILLING AND ABLE:** 24 YO WM interested in others about the same age. Will try anything once. #9249

Milwaukee **STOCKING STUFFER:** 28 YO, 5'11". Seeking sock and ft men. ages 25-35. Let's get together and see what happens. #9658

Madison **SLIM AND SEXY:** Seeking 18-35. I am 6'2" and slim. Please ring me. #9718

Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** Looking for someone to party without the strings attached. Good looking and easy going. #9940

Milwaukee **TOUGH TP WANTED:** Seeking 19-24. Must be masc tp. #10069

Milwaukee **ON THE SIDELINES OR IN THE GAME:** 29 YO WM prof. Blk hair and brn eyes. I love sports. Participating and watching. #10071

715 AC **SOUTHEASTERN:** Seeking friends and couples. Varied interests. Call me. #2609

Milwaukee **DRESS ME UP:** 21 year old cross-dresser seeking the same. #10160

414 AC **BLUE COLLARS:** Hairy and hunky waits. #1001

WI INFINITY: BM, 24 serious minded homebody. Possibilities are endless. #1001

Lacrosse **STOP THE FREEZE:** New to area. Let's warm up these Wisc nights. Like bowling golf and shopping. 2 or 3 ain't bad. #2411

Milwaukee **TWENTY-SOMETHING:** 20 y/o, looking to have fun all the time, let's get together. #7625

Milwaukee **ALL THE GOOD STUFF:** bm, 40 y/o, into travel, electronics, sports, & v. interested in finding the same or anyone into fun. #8049

Milwaukee **SIZZLER:** 26 y/o, fun person: into exploring, trying new things. looking for some wild & sizzling nights. #8123

Milwaukee **JERRY MEI:** GWM, 31, bi-okay 18-35. Big deadhead and tape collector. Btm seeks tp. #8172

Kenosha **KENOSHA:** 22 WM 5'6". Seeking fit man with long hair. Italian A+. Music and cuddling are the best. Pls. write. #9227

Jamesville **STUDENT BODY:** 24 y/o, gwm, work a lot, go to school. Pls call for fun and friendship. #9249

608 Area Code **IT STARTS WITH TALK:** gwm, blond, blue, dark stach, 155lbs, would like to meet new people to talk & maybe something more. #9262

Madison **28 YO 6'1", 175** looking to talk and get together. #2206

Milwaukee **BACK TO SCHOOL:** 29 YO student 5' 11" BM seeks friends for fun. #4239

Milwaukee **FEELIN GOOD:** 39 YO, 5'7" looking for any-aged hot man. I like to feel good. #8354

Green Bay **LATIN** bi-curious guy is ready to try and do anything. #9538

Milwaukee **FULLFILL ME:** Seeking tall blk tps. I am unfulfilled. Please help me. #1476

Milwaukee **SPECIAL SOMEONE:** 28 YO, 5'11". Looking for someone to share the quiet evenings with. I love camping and the outdoors. I will return all calls. #7752

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 24 YO is physically fit and gd looking.. Hoping for hot safe times. Please call me at home. #9368

Madison **INTO BIKING:** rollerblading and skiing. Seeking under 25 year olds. #9462

Milwaukee **ENERGETIC, HONEST ROMANTIC:** gwm, 26, 5'9, med build, enjoy movies, C & W dancing, looking for someone 18-30 for quality times. #7654

Milwaukee **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 y/o, 180lbs, Builder, enjoy having good times getting to know people & just staying home cuddling. #7868

Milwaukee **EITHER WAY:** black bi-male, seeking tp, for casual or long term rel. #8231

Green Bay **ACTIVE:** 5'9, blond, blue, positive, 150lbs, med. build, good person to know, call me sometime. #4051

Wisconsin **V.GOODLKG:** 30, 5'11, 160lbs, btm, blond, blue eyes, seeks agres tp, (prefer blond, blue & under 30). #8281

Kenosha **ASIANS WANTED:** goodlkg bi-wm, 35, looking for asian guys for fun /etc.. #1329

Milwaukee **TOP FLIGHT:** looking for tp guys, 5'10, 160lbs, light brw hair, enjoy movies, outdoors, leave msg. #5441

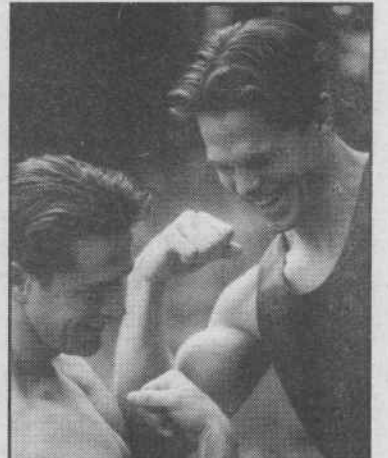
Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** 24 y/o, brw hair & eyes, stacked, 5'11, 190lbs, looking to meet masc. acting guys, looking for friends first. #8750

Milwaukee **COACH ME:** I enjoy leather & water sports, looking for tall, musclr, builder or leather tp man for discreet calls. #2077

414 Area Code **FASHION FRENZY:** 35 y/o, x-dresser seeks simlr. #2716

FRESHMAN: 18 YR OLD: 5'9, brw hair/eyes, interested in hiking, biking, nature trail walks, horseback riding, canoeing seeking any guy 18-25 for rel. #2792

WILD IN WISCONSIN: 24 y/o, blond, green eyes, 5'10, 120lbs, seeking someone in my age & area. #4630



Kenosha **DOUBLE DARE:** 2 bi-men in their 40s seeks other fun guys. Call if you dare! #6858

Madison **TENNIS ANYONE?** 38, 5'8, 150lbs, med. build, clean cut, masc. new to area, looking for athletic ynger guy. #8897

414 area Code **HURRY:** 19 y/o, looking for tp guy 19-24. #3967

Milwaukee **GOLDEN TONE SKIN:** gbm, 19, 6'2, looking for man any race to call me day or night! #7373

Milwaukee **VERY GOODLKG:** in shape, 26, seeking friends 18-25. #6280

Kenosha **SEEKING STRONG PERSONALITY:** 48 y/o, prof. w/ 2 children, Seeking active adult w/strong personality for relationship. #8434

Fox Valley **21 YR OLD:** 6'2, 170lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, seeking gwm 18-30 for friendship maybe more, I like movies & social get togethers. #8435

Milwaukee **LOVE MALE CLOTHING:** ht btm, N2 boots, straps, get the picture, call for more info. #6423



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UW Parkside Adds Gay Course

[Kenosha, WI]- Carole Vopat, Professor of English and Women's Studies has announced that she will be teaching the first-ever Gay and Lesbian course at UW-Parkside in Kenosha. The course, English 464, is titled "Cultural Patterns — Gay and Lesbian Literature." The course will be offered M-W-F at 1:00 p.m. beginning September 2. Prof. Vopat encourages people to make plans to sign up. Registration for the Fall semester is August 29-September 3. There are no prerequisites. If enrollment is high enough, she will be able to offer this and other courses at regular intervals.

Political Discussion on Starcom BBS

[Milwaukee]- One of our readers has asked us to announce that for those interested in "a serious discussion of political issues free from personal animosity and bickering" they take a look at GAYGENDA which is part of the Starcom BBS, (414) 873-6969.

Bob Eisen Holds Danceworks Auditions

[Milwaukee]- Chicago's award-winning choreographer Bob Eisen will audition dancers and non-dancers for a two week performance workshop to be held at Danceworks. The workshop, which has a participation fee of \$150.00, will include the creation of a new work to be performed on his April 8 and 9 Danceworks concerts. Auditions will be Sunday, March 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee St. For more information, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

The Stonewall Experience: Then & Now

[Chicago]- "The Stonewall Experience: Then and Now" is the title of the Speakers Bureau co-sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of Stonewall 25 and the Chicago Gender Society. The information panel discussion will be held at 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8 at Catering by Hecks, 5133 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Chicago.

Speakers for the evening will include George Busse, noted Gay historian/archivist who was featured in the national documentary "Before Stonewall" and Brother John Paul Renieri-Demonte, a Stonewall-era veteran who was arrested on the night of the Stonewall riots in New York City 25 years ago.

For further information, contact Dana Tremblay at (312) 929-4260 or the Stonewall office at (312) 334-2175.

Southwest Wisconsin Gays to Meet

[Richland Center, WI]- The Pioneers, a southwest Wisconsin Rural Gay and Lesbian support group is seeking for those interested in participating. For more information, call (608) 647-6384 or write: P.O. Box 53, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Coggs-Jones to Hold Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee County Supervisor, Elizabeth Coggs-Jones will be holding a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 9, 1994 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the House of Peace, 1702 W. Walnut. There will be food prepared by Milwaukee's famous gourmet chef, Brother Booker Ashe. Any donation will be gratefully accepted.

Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, a long-time champion of civil rights and a supporter of our community, deserves our support. Please plan to attend if at all possible.

'Dance It!' To Benefit MASN

[Madison]- The Madison Civic Center Marquee Room (211 State St.) will be transformed into a dance club for the first annual "Dance It!" — a pledge dance produced by the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). Over 200 dancers are expected to attend the March 13th event and collect pledges to help raise over \$5,000 for AIDS care and prevention. Dance It! will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Each hour will begin with live dance demonstrations by some of Madison's hottest dancers performing hip hop, country, latin and ballroom dance. Every half hour there will be a drawing for a door prize and all night there'll be a varied d.j. dance mix.

The dancer who raises the most money will be awarded two roundtrip air tickets courtesy of Midwest Express Airlines. The first prize winner will take home a CD boombox courtesy of American TV.

The event is a pledge event, not a dance marathon. Dancers must raise at least \$30 in pledge money to enter the dance.

For more information or to request a pledge form, call MASN at (608) 238-6276.

Adventurous Experiences Is Goal of New Outdoor Cooperative Group

[Milwaukee]- Do you enjoy outdoor activities? An opportunity awaits you as Outdoors, a new organization, begins this Spring. Twenty individuals with experience in organizing exciting and adventurous experiences are forming a cooperative group called "Outdoors."

Outdoors will give Milwaukee-based Gays and Lesbians a broad scope of events such as sea kayaking, canoe trips, long biking excursions, mountain biking, backpacking, rock climbing, cave exploring, white-water rafting, Winter camping, and Western downhill skiing trips. Experience in these activities is not necessary; however, participants need an adventurous spirit and an enjoyment of the outdoors.

Membership is open to all members of

the Greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community who wish to grow with Outdoors.

Preliminary plans for the 1994 season include a weekend of kayaking in the Apostle Islands, a one-week backpacking trip to Glacier National Park and a canoe trip in the Horicon Marshes. Current plans call for one "short" and one "long" event per month.

The actual selection of activities will be made at an organizational meeting and planning session to be held the evening of Wednesday, March 16, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street in Milwaukee. Anyone interested in Outdoors is urged to attend. For more information, contact Dave Hutchinson at (414) 771-0326.

OBITUARIES

Randy Shilts; Journalist, Activist

[San Francisco]- Journalist Randy Shilts, whose pioneering covering of the AIDS epidemic spawned a best-seller and a TV movie, died from complications due to AIDS early Thursday, February 17, 1994, at his home in Guerneville, California. He was 42.

Shilts was the author of the 1987 best-seller, **And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic**. It chronicled the failings of governments and the medical establishment in the epidemic's early years, but also took the Gay community to task, accusing some activists of endangering lives to protect sexual freedom.

"Shilts was really in exile from his own community for several years," San Francisco Examiner columnist Lisa Krieger said.

San Francisco Chronicle reporter Susan Sward said, "At a time when it was very controversial to do so in the Gay community, he stood up against the bathhouses and really fought to alert his own community to the dangers involved in promiscuous sex."

Shilts also wrote the best-selling **Conduct Unbecoming: Gays and Lesbians in the U.S. Military**, published last year, and the **Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk** published in 1982.

It was in May, 1972, during a class presentation in college, that Shilts revealed that he had been born Gay. From then on, he vowed never to hide his sexual orientation and became one of the first openly Gay reporters to work for a major newspaper.

"When heterosexuals start hiding their wedding rings...I'll start covering up the fact that I'm Gay," he said in a 1989 interview.

In town to promote President Clinton's health plan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, paid tribute to Shilts.

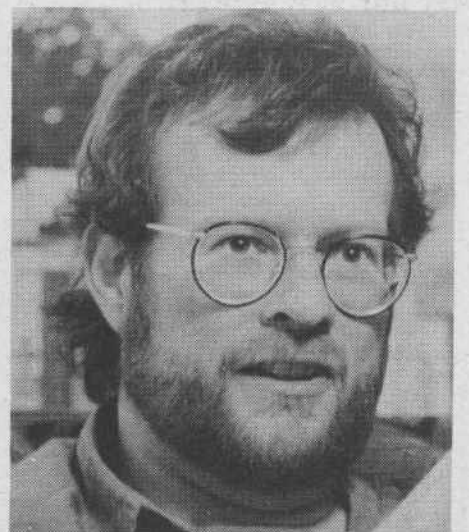
"This past week the whole country lost one of our strongest and best fighters in the fight against AIDS," Shalala said Sunday, February 20. "His tireless work as a reporter and advocate made sure that the band simply didn't play on and on and on. He worked to mobilize all of us," she said.

Shilts is survived by his spouse; Barry Barbieri, brothers, Gary, Dennis, David and Reed; his stepmother, Pat; and nieces Victoria and Elizabeth.

The Funeral

On Tuesday, February 22, nearly 3,000 people gathered to remember Shilts. Inside Glide Memorial Church where the service was held, more than 1,200 people spilled into the aisles. Outside, a crowd estimated by police at more than 1,500 listened to the service over loudspeakers.

"Randy Shilts helped to change the course of journalism," labor leader



RANDY SHILTS

Howard Wallace said in his eulogy. "He had the traits that make a great journalist: independence of mind and the courage to pursue the truth and let the chips fall where they may."

While the service was going on, about a dozen pickets led by the Rev. Fred Phelps paraded on the sidewalk across from the church.

Phelps is a Baptist minister from Topeka, Kansas, the pastor of Westboro Baptist Church. Phelps and some of his followers had recently picketed the funeral of President Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelly, carrying signs saying that she would "Roast in Hell" because her son was a "Fag-lover."

Phelps sent word of his plans to picket Shilts' memorial in a FAX to San Francisco police and local news organizations delivered over the weekend. The FAX, obtained by Wisconsin Light, called on "all local, state and Federal agencies" and "dyke Attorney General Janet Reno" for protection from "violent faggy crimes."

The FAX shows a recent photo of Shilts and a headline reading "Filthy Face of Fag Evil." In the FAX, Shilts was referred to as a "gerbil mongering moron" who "has died of AIDS and split hell wide open." It concluded with the words "Turn or burn, all you living Fags."

The crowd outside Glide Memorial Church, greeted Phelps with a deafening chorus of boos, a few eggs and pieces of fruit. Moments later, the Baptists fled with a police escort.

In a press release the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) called Phelps and his protest "just one expression of the homophobia that is characteristic of the so-call 'Religious Right.'"

"What Fred Phelps does in public, Jesse Helms and Pat Robertson are applauding in private," said GLAAD.

Derek Jarman: British Filmmaker

By Matt Wolf

[LONDON, England]- Derek Jarman, the iconoclastic British filmmaker who often said being Gay influenced his work, died after a long battle against AIDS. He was 52.

Jarman died late Saturday, February 20, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in central London, a hospital spokesman said Sunday.

Although prolific as an author and painter, Jarman was best known as the director of films that helped energize independent low-budget British cinema in the 1970s and '80s.

He was no less renowned for his outspokenness, arguing at one point that Sir Ian McKellen — an actor and Gay activist — had compromised himself by accepting a knighthood from a Conservative government responsible for anti-Gay legislation.

Jarman had made Gay life and issues central to his career.

"I am simply trying to demystify areas of life which are very ordinary, such as HIV infection or my sexuality," he told the **Sunday Telegraph** in 1991.

Sebastiane (1975), a life of the martyred saint set during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian, elicited as much attention for its portrait of Gay life in ancient times as for its Latin dialogue.

In **Caravaggio** (1986), about the 16th-century Italian chiaroscuro painter, Jarman turned a knifing incident between friends into a lovers' quarrel.

Edward II, (1991), perhaps his most famous film, unapologetically addressed the king's liaison with the court favorite, Gaveston.

His most recent project, a film to be shown September, 19 on Britain's Channel Four television, is **Blue**, a spoken account of Jarman's personal experience of AIDS filmed as a vast expanse of delphinium blue.

Jarman began his career designing sets and costumes for ballet (Frederick Ashton's **Jazz Calendar**) and opera (**Don Giovanni**), moving on to films as set designer on Ken Russell's **The Devils** (1971) and **Savage Messiah** (1972). He made his directing debut with **Sebastiane**, incurring the censors' wrath, as he did again with **Jubilee** (1977), a hymn to an anarchic England in which Elizabeth I finds herself in the 20th century encountering punk and the end of royalism.

Other films include **The Tempest** (1980), **The Last of England** (1987), and **War Requiem** (1989), a rigorous adaptation of Benjamin Britten's 1962 oratorio inspired by the poetry of Wilfrid Owen.

This year saw his acclaimed film **Wittgenstein** about the provocative philosopher. Its stylistic sparseness — the film was shot in front of black draperies, without sets — typified his later work.

Away from movies, Jarman exhibited often as a painter at London galleries. His books include **Dancing Ledge** and **The Last of England**, as well as two memoirs: **Modern Nature**, in which he spoke publicly for the first time of his HIV status, and **At Your Own Risk**, in 1992, intended — he wrote — to rectify "the terrible dearth of information" about himself and about Gay life.

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Throwing Shade

By Jamakaya

Here's a little variation on my "Queer Quotes" column. I've run across a number of deliciously devastating put-downs in the press lately. Not all are Gay-related, but every queer appreciates good shade. Some of these would make the queenliest among us proud.

Steve Barr wrote to **Premiere** about **The Age of Innocence**: "I have to hand it to Martin Scorsese for being able to take a tragic love story and film it in such a way that after seeing it you feel absolutely nothing, except maybe admiration for the table settings... This is an incredible achievement. Who else could make a film as dead and empty of human emotion, and still have some critics call it a masterpiece?"

Ouch.

New York Times theatre critic David Richards recently wrote about the cruel titles awarded to Broadway flops.

"Rehearsals for **The Red Shoes** were barely underway last fall when Broadway wags christened the \$5 million musical **The Red Snooze**. After the original director and several of the lead performers were dismissed, it became known as **The Pink Slips**, then, when further details leaked out, as **The Cement Shoes**."

Richards noted the 20 year revival of 1946's **Annie Get Your Gun** with Ethel Merman became known as **Granny Get Your Gun**. A flop revival of **The Corn Is Green** earned the moniker **The Corn Is Creamed**, and a musical version of **David Copperfield** became, you guessed it, **Flopperfield**. He also recounted Christopher Plummer's classic barb during the filming of **The Sound of Music**, in which Plummer dubbed the beloved family epic **The Sound of Mucus**.

"The cleverest example, though, has to do with **Nick and Nora**, the 1991 musical based on the **Thin Man** movies, featuring Nick and Nora Charles and their dog, Asta. During its troubled, drawn-out preview period... its nickname was **Nick and Snora**. After the musical folded, Broadway wits rose to the occasion, memorializing it as **Asta la Vista**."

Here's a bit of wisdom from 102-year old Bessie Delany in her book **Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years**: "When Negroes are average they fail, unless they are very, very lucky. Now if you're average and white, honey, you can go far. Just look at Dan Quayle. If that boy was colored he'd be washing dishes somewhere."

The Times' Michiko Kakutani had this to say about the new Tennessee Williams bio: "**Tennessee Williams: Everyone Else is an Audience** by Ronald Hayman is a cold, perfunctory book, mechanically written and entirely devoid of sympathy and critical insight... His comments on Williams' plays range from the obtuse to the pedantic..."

"Mr. Hayman shows no appreciation of Williams's urgent, lyrical language, no understanding of Williams's gift of empathy..." Hayman dwells on the playwright's foibles but "tells us nothing, however, about the artistic vision that fueled his writing, nothing about the emotional contradictions that animated his life and his work."

"Among a decidedly mediocre collection of biographies and memoirs, Mr. Hayman's **Tennessee Williams** stands out as a particularly depressing contribution."

Gee, guess I'll skip that one.

The Times' Frank Rich was not impressed with HBO's **And the Band Played On**, especially the anointing of its allegedly courageous stars. In an essay called **The Band Preened On**, he wrote:

"Except for Alan Alda, who plays the credit-hogging retrovirologist Robert Gallo, the only major character who is not pious, the movie's stars behave as if it was enough to show up on the set, reap publicity for their lofty intentions and give performances commensurate with their reduced compensation and generosity of service to a good cause. A particularly outrageous example is the great British actor Ian McKellen, who, in the role of a Gay San Francisco politico, Bill Kraus, can't be bothered to attempt an American accent and contributes a death scene of such narcissistic bathos that Greer Garson might have found it a bit much..."

The TV version of **Band**, wrote Rich, "is a particularly egregious landmark in the history of bloated media sanctimony. Only by the standards of Hollywood, where donning a bejeweled red ribbon at an awards ceremony counts as a courageous stand, could showing one's



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face in a movie as bland, dated and toothless as this one be considered a badge of honor... 'We like to do movies that are about something,' one of the high-minded producers of **And the Band Played On** said in a typical interview. This particular movie is about self-promotion," concluded Rich, "and about five years too late."

Jim Mullen's wicked pen is one of the chief reasons to pick up **Entertainment Weekly**. His cryptic comment about Meryl Streep's performance in **Death Becomes Her** is a classic: "She got more laughs in **Sophie's Choice**."

Readers were not amused with **The Advocate's** recent cover story/interview with Marky Mark. Under the headline "Barky Bark" was this query from Jacob Cartwright: "Why did you feel the need to interview someone who speaks English as a third language?" Bill Berry wrote: "If it looks like a thug and acts like a thug, there is only one conclusion to draw."

Faced with critiquing Michael Crichton's reactionary novel **Disclosure**, about a sexy female boss who harasses a male underling, Maureen Dowd adopted an air of casual derision. "Here is the novel Hollywood has been waiting for," she wrote in the **Times Book Review**, "Sharon Stone as Bob Packwood."

Crichton's new thriller "is fun, like reading a movie. He doesn't so much create characters as cast them. You know all the female leads will be knockouts, preferably blond, and with 'the kind of fresh beauty that required no make-up'... The vixen will be that ultimate female monster, vagina dentata. This one is even nicknamed Meredith Manmuncher because she can't stop chasing stud-muffins around the old conference table. You know all the male leads will be attractive, smart and principled... The closest thing to character development is when Tom stops for a cappuccino on the way to the office..."

Dowd longed for the "deft satirical eye" of an Evelyn Waugh or Somerset Maugham to do justice to the material. She chided Crichton for the shallowness of his writing and his inability, despite his four marriages, to recognize the complexities of gender politics. **Disclosure** ends with the simplistic proposition (of a female character!) that "On the basis of facts, I don't see much difference in the behavior of men and women."

"And those facts," Dowd concluded, "represent the biggest fiction of all."

Jamakaya Speaks On Union Women March 9 at UWM

[Milwaukee] — Wisconsin Light columnist Jamakaya will present a slideshow and talk at UW-Milwaukee March 9 as part of the Center for Women's Studies' Women's History Month celebration and the 20th anniversary of Women's Studies at UW-M.

The program is called "Milwaukee's Union Women: Two Generations of Leadership" and will include slides and commentary about the women Jamakaya interviewed for the Women of Wisconsin Labor Oral History Project.

Four union women will be on hand to add their perspectives and experiences as well. They include: Barbara Follmann of AFSCME Local 82; Helen Hensler, business representative for OPEIU Local 9; Judy Kuhn, legal counsel for Plumbers Local 75 and a founder of Milwaukee Women in the Trades; and Nellie Wilson, formerly with the Smith Steelworkers.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hefter Conference Center at 3271 N. Lake Drive. It is free and open to the public.

Dykes To Watch Out For



U.S. to Allow Foreigners Who Are HIV+ To Attend Gay Games

[Washington, D.C.]— The U.S. government will allow foreigners with the HIV virus to attend or participate in Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival Immigration officials have announced.

Duke Austin, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said his agency will draw up guidelines to allow people with HIV to obtain visas.

According to a State Department cable obtained by The Associated Press, Attorney General Janet Reno used her discretionary authority "to grant a blanket waiver for those with HIV seeking to visit the U.S. for 30 days or less to attend or participate in this event."

U.S. policy is to deny visas to anyone with a "communicable disease of public health significance," including HIV, Austin said.

"We're very pleased," said Jay Hill, Executive Director of the Gay Games IV. "Obviously, we wish the restrictions weren't there in the first place, but we feel this is a step in the right direction."

New York Preacher Condemns Gay Games

"Differences of opinion over such issues as sexuality and next June's Gay Games don't have to turn into hatred among New Yorkers," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

The Mayor's comments came after Rev. Ruben Diaz, one of Giuliani's

strongest supporters and a member of the Police Civilian Complaint Review Board, wrote an article in **Impacto**, a Hispanic weekly newspaper, complaining that the Gay Games would attract Gay and Lesbian athletes who "are likely to be already infected with AIDS or (who) can return home with the virus."

The South Bronx minister said millions of people, including children, would see the games on TV or in person, leading them to conclude that if there were so many Lesbian and Gay athletes that "then there is nothing wrong, nor any risks involved."

Six members of the New York City Council have called for Diaz's removal from the Police Review Board. Giuliani has refused saying, "There is nothing in his performance that merits the Mayor condemning him."

The Mayor emphasized that he disagreed with the minister's statements, but added, "I believe he has a right to his religious and moral point of view."

City Councilman Thomas K. Duane disagreed. "It is completely outrageous to suggest that the Reverend Diaz is not speaking out of hatred." He added, "The issue is that the comments he made were hateful and dangerous for the Lesbian and Gay community."



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