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The Wisconsin Light

HIV Prevention Coordinator Named for Gay Community

(Milwaukee)- Responding to the Gay community's concerns about the state of prevention programming in southeast Wisconsin, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has created a new position that specifically addresses HIV prevention in the Gay community. Rod Johnson was hired in March to fill this position.

Light recently had a chance to talk with Rod in his office at MAP. It was a sunny day. There were boxes stacked everywhere, but Rod paused in his unpacking to sit over coffee and chat.

Rod said that his official title was "Prevention Specialist for the Gay Community." That means, he said, that he would be designing prevention programs for the Lesbian and Gay communithy and implementing strategies. In doing this, he will be starting from scratch inasmuch as none of this has existed before specifically for the Gay community at MAP

Rod said that he will be going to the organizations and the bars, designing some programs, as he said, in conjunction with the organizations and the bars.

The programs he envisions will be "multifaceted." Included will be the handing out of condoms and pamphlets, but "We will also expand into developing support programming in terms of doing workshops dealing with issues that range from grieving to self-esteem to building relationships.

Some of the programs will be prevention-type programs to support safer sex activities within different communities. Among those he mentioned were the Leather and Transgender communities.

Rod emphasized strongly that this is a community project. "The reason why this position was created in the first place was because the community stood up and spoke out."

He pointed out that he couldn't devellop the program alone. The community had "to come in and be a part of this whole process," he said. "It is going to be the community's project."

To cultivate community support, Rod will be developing a "coalition or council" that will cooperate with him in putting the program together.

He strongly urged that anyone "who has a concern" to contact him; to get involved. Even as we spoke, he was getting ready to send out a letter to the bars and organizations asking people for their support.

He will be hosting meetings, both with groups and with individuals, to seek their help in finding out what issues need to be addressed.

It was mentioned that in recent times, there was a perception among some that a gap had developed between MAP and the Gay community. "You're directed right to the Gay/Lesbian community?" he was asked.

"Exactly," he responed. "I think a lot of things have happened since MAP has grown, a great amount ovder the last several years. Part of that has been pulling away from the Gay/Lesbian community," he said.

He added, "We really need to start looking at how we can start putting things in place that we know will be there, that we know will serve our

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Medical College Designated National Center for AIDS Prevention Research



IT'S BOOGIE TIME!— British pop star Elton John, left, and U.S. transvestite comedian RuPaul perform Elton John's popular "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" during the Sanremo Song Festival in the Rivera resort recently. Both were guests at this famous Italian song marathon.

Milwaukee's Byers Elected Secretary of National Law Board

By Carmen Alicia Murguia

(Milwaukee)- Attorney Stephen M. Byers was elected Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA) at the Association's Winter Board of Directors meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Byers, a native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is a veteran of over 10 years of legal service to the Lesbian and Gay community and to individuals who are affected by HIV and AIDS.

Byers was first drawn to NLGLA in 1992 when he attended the National Lesbian and Gay Lavender Law Conference. "On the day before the Conference," he said, "they have what is known as the AIDS Law Conference, which is what I was doing exclusively. I was so impressed by the caliber of NLGLA's Lavender Law Conference that I signed up then."

Shortly thereafter, Byers was elected Regional Representative of the five state area that included Wisconsin

Byers, an openly Gay man and a graduate of Marquette University Law School, began working as an attorney on the Board of Brady East STD Clinic in Milwaukee in 1982.

"I represented the very first one or two people who came in with HIV infections in 1984," Byers said. "Initially, when AIDS was primarilhy rooted in the Gay community, it was allo my friends and acquaintances. It was people in my community who had died. There didn't seem to be any appropriate response coming from the federal government, nor was there anybody else out there saying 'No, you can't just walk all over folks with HIV."

Byers joined the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) as a volunteer legal director and became a staff member in 1989. As Managing Attorney of the Legal Assistance Program at ARCW and a Staff Attornehy with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Byers and fellow Staff Attorney, Janet Mueller, and numerous volunteer attorneys provide direct legal services to ARCW's clients.

In addition, Byers provides communithy education and training to professionals in the health care field and personnel directors on issues regarding HIV and AIDS.

(Milwaukee)- At a press conference held Wednesday, March 23, the Medical College of Wisconsin announced that it had been awarded \$4 million by the National Institute of Mental Health to establish a new Center for AIDS Intervention-Research (CAIR). This is the only Center of its kind between New York and California.

The award, announced by Wisconsin Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold and Congressman Tom Barrett, will create an AIDS Research Center focused on the development of improved HIV prevention, mental health and health behavior interventions.

The Center will be under the direction of Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences. Dr. Kelly has received nearly \$18 million in grant support since 1990 to conduct prevention and mental health research on AIDS.

T. Michael Bolger, President and CEO of the Medical College, cited the Center as one more proof of the College's commitment to the community. Bolger praised Dr. Kelly for getting the award and reaffirmed the College's dedication to eradicating AIDS and easing human suffering from the disease.

Leonard Mitnick, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Office of AIDS Research for the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH), offered congratulations from NIH to the College and Dr. Kelly. Mitnick said that this was the first time Office of AIDS had made such an award. He called the Center's work on prevention, intervention and behavior change ""the only hopes right now in stemming the tide of HIV."

Harry Prosen, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences at the Medical College and Chair of the Department, called the award "a magnificent event." He added however, "That it is with mixed feelings that we have the best research group working on the worst disease."

Prosen praised Dr. Kelly for his work in establishing the Center, calling Kelly "a genius" for what he as done.

Dr. Kelly spoke of the fact that in 1979, there were 12 cases of AIDS diagnosed in the country. Two years later, he said, in 1981, there were 38 cases diagnosed.

"Now, in 1994," he said, "there are more than 500,000 cases of AIDS that have been diagnosed." Kelly's statistics were chilling.

"AIDS and HIV infection," Kelly said, "are the second leading cause of death among adult men under 45 in the U.S. AIDS is the fourth leading cause of death among adult women under 45 in the country."

Kelly went on to say that "It is very clear that we are in the midst of an enormous epidemic. A million people in the U.S. have HIV infection. About 12,000 people in Wisconsin have HIV infection right now."

Kelly said that initially, AIDS ravaged the Gay community. "But now we have entered a second wave. That wave is affecting people in our inner cities, people with all the problems that go along with social disadvantage."

He pointed out that women constitute "the most rapid" rise in new HIV infections right now, especially poor women in the inner cities.

"What we need," he said, "is a major, coordinated, comprehensive prevention effort for HIV in the United States. He said that in order to do that, "we have to go beyond basic AIDS education alone and help people and entire communities implement changes in order to curtail the epidemic."

Kelly said that there was more to prevention than education. People often know what is good for them, but this knowledge doesn't translate into behavior. The research to be conducted at the Center is intended to find the link between knowledge and behavior, "particularly in the areas of sex and drug abuse" which he called "difficult to change."

Kelly cited the work of the Medical College for the past three years. "We've learned a lot. We've learned how to integrate and bring AIDS prevention programs into primary care clinics in the inner city. We've done that a lot in Milwaukee," he said.

"We've learned how to mobilize communities of Gay men to change standards of behavior to prevent future cases of HIV in the Gay community."

Kelly cited the Manhattan Project as an example of what is needed in the epidemic. "The award from NIH is going to help us do that in a certain way right here in Milwaukee," he said.

Kelly said that the Center will bring together behavioral scientists, physicians from disciplines TURN TO MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAGE 6

Miller Brewing Co. to Receive Cable Car Award for Community Service

(Milwaukee)- Miller Brewing Company and Golden Brands Bottling, its distributor in San Francisco, have been selected to received a Cable Car Award for their service to the Gay and Lesbian community in that area.

This is the 20th anniversary of the Cable Car Awards, which are presented each year to corporations and individuals who have demonstratefd support for Gay and Lesbian concerns.

The award going to the brewer and its distributor is in recognition of their fundraising efforts for the AIDS Emergency Fund through a program called Rainbows for Relief. This program, initiated by Miller and strongly supported in San Francisco by Golden Brands Bottling, allows beer drinkers of legal drinking age to purchase paper rainbows for \$1. These are displayed in bars, convenience and liquor stores and restaurants as a visible sign of support. Proceeds from the purchases are given to the fund.

Miller Brewing Company has printed thousands

of rainbows and promotes the program with point-of -purchase materials such as posters, banners and table tents

Since it first began in 1991, Rainbows for Relief has raised approximately \$90,000 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. This includes a yearly kick-off contribution of \$10,000 made by Miller and participating distributors.

In addition to San Francisco, the program also has been conducted in 10 other cities including Atlanta; Chicago; Dallas; Denver; Honolulu; Houston; Los Angeles; New Orleans; Portland, Oregon and Seattle. In these areas, the fundraising effort benefits local charities helping those with AIDS and HIV-related illnesses.

Miller is a wholly owned subsidiary of Philip Morris Companies, Inc. Principal beer brands include Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Genuine Draft Light, Miller High Life, Miller Reserve, Lowenbrau, Meister Brau and Milwaukee's Best. Miller also produces Sharp's, a non-alcohol brew.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sherman Park Meeting

(Milwaukee)- The next meeting of the Sherman Park Rainbow Association is set for Wednesday, April 20th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 48th St. from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers from the Brady Street Clinic will be available to answer questions and provide HIV testing for those interested. Other items on the agenda will be the Association's plans for PrideFest and Shermanfest.

The Rainbow Association's March event was a pot luck and food drive. The food collected was donated to St. Catherine's Church neighborhood food pantry. The organization recently received a grant from the Cream City Foundation to help cover start-up and operating costs.

The Sherman Park Rainbow Association is composed of Lesbians and Gays who live in and around the Sherman Park neighborhood. The organization encouragesx involvement in neighborhood, civil rights and health issues as well as sponsoring social activities. Meetings are held on a monthly basis. For more information, contact the Sherman Park Rainbow Association, P.O. Box 76115, Milwaukee, WI 53216 or, (414) 777-3986.

Turtle Island String Quartet

(Racine, WI)- The Turtle Island String Quartet will be performing on Saturday, April 16, at 8:00 p.m. at the Prairie Performing Arts Center, 4050 Lighthouse Drive in Racine. For information and reservations, call (414) 631-3845.

Madison Soccer Team to Host Benefit

(Madison)- Tina and The B-Side Movement, Ladybeard, and Cornelius Klein are performing at the Barrymore Theater on Thursday, April 14. The show is a benefit for The Bovine Babes, a local women's soccer team headed for the Gay Games in New York City. Showtime is 7:30, tickets aare available at The Exclusive Co. (State St. location), Star Liquor, Mifflin St. Co-Op and Room of One's Own.

Minnesota Rainbow Weekend

(St. Paul, MN)- Details are almost complete for Minnesota Rainbow Weekend, a Memorial Day celebration sponsored by Philanthrofund Foundation. Plans include everything from a Western barn dance to a jazz evening to a garden brunch to a sweaty Sunday night dance. A family picnic in Loring Park will cap the weekend on Monday.

"For the first time, we can stay in town for Memorial Day," said Weekend cochair Sue Guesnard. "In fact, we expect lots of visitors from all over the upper Midwest and Winnipeg."

For more information, call the Philanthrofund at (612) 645-2287.

Danceworks To Host Premier

(Milwaukee)- Journey down the rabbit hole with Et Toi, tu danses?, Milwaukee's own chamber ballet company, in their new production of Alice in Wonderland. The one-hour, professional ballet production, based on the Lewis Carroll classic, is suitable for grades K-12. Choreographed by Yves de Bouteiller and performed by his acclaimed company, the ballet features sets by Gregg Rake and Costumes by Amy Horst.

Performances will be in Danceworks' theater, 727 N. Milwaukee St. Curtain time is 10:00 a.m. April 18-22 and April 25-29. Additional performances are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. For information and reservations, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

Country Dance Gala

(Milwaukee)- The Counseling Center of Milwaukee presents the Shoreline Country Dancers at a Country Dance Gala to benefit the Gay and Lesbian Support Group program of the Counseling Center.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 9 from 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. at the War Memorial-Art Museum/Memorial Hall Ballroom, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. For ticket and other information, call Bill or Cheryl at (414) 271-2565

Workout For Hope

(Milwaukee)- Suzette Whiteside will serve as Milwaukee Chair of the Sixth Annual Workout for Hope-Fitness Against AIDS, on Saturday, April 16, 1994, at the talian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago in Milwaukee. The international fitness narathon will be held in 120 cities this Spring including Madison and Milwaukee, and will benefit AIDS research at City of Hope National Medical Center.

Late Night Theatre X

(Milwaukee)- Clockwork by Joseph Rabensdorf will be the feature at Lat Night Theatre X on April 8 at 10:00 p.m. Clockwork is a performance art piece written and performed by Rabensdorf. It is a showcase of his work written around he theme of time. Rabensdorff is a member of Foothold Dance/Performance Collective. This performance will preview some material he may use for the Foothold concert Inside Out at Danceworks in May. Primarily a text-based performer, Rabensdorf will also utilize; video, sound synthesis, dance and props in this innovative, avant garde production. For tickets and other information, call (414) 276-2243 or (414) 278-0555.

Cream City Comers

(Milwaukee)- The Cream City Cummers, Milwaukee's only safe sex club, is accepting applications for Gay and Bisexual men wishing to attend the International Safe Sex Party hosted by the New York Jacks during the Stonewall 25 celebration in New York. Limited community housing is available. Write to: Cream City Cumers, P.O. Box 93421, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3421

Tammy Baldwin to Speak

(Milwaukee)- State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) will be speaking Saturday, April 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society,. Lower Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive in Madison. Baldwin will be speaking at a benefit for Sandy Holtzman to help her in her landmark legal battle to obtain visitation of her son. The suggested donation is \$10 to \$35. For more information, call (608) 242-1251.

If you are unable to attend and would like to support this important cause, please make your check payable to: The LGB Law Student Union and mail it to: LGB Law Student Union, University of Wisconsin Law School, 975 Bascom Hall, Madison, WI 53706. Proceeds will benefit the LGB Law Student Union and Sandy Holltzman's legal defense fund, with the majority of the proceeds going to the latter.

Madison's United Seeks Nominations for Awards Dinner

(Madison)- The United will be hosting the 2nd Annual Community Awards Dinner. The event will take place on June 3, 1994 at the Inn on the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square in Madison.

The theme this year will be *Under the Rainbow*. "We chose this idea because we want to celebrate the diversity within our community," said United Board President Dale Johnson. "We are a community that battles bigotry and discrimination everyday. The Gay and Lesbian community is a leader in teaching the world to understand and appreciate difference. The rainbow flag is a symbol of that ethic."

Six awards will be distributed the evening of the event; the Susan B. Greene Memorial Award for Man and Woman of the Year, the Volunteer of the Year Award for one man and one woman, the Organization of the Year, and the Ally of the Year

April 24 Sweet Sunday Afternoon To Raise \$15,000

(Madison)- Come celebrate the arrival of another Spring on Sunday, April 24 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. as 120 community members host the eighth annual Sweet Sunday fundraiser to benefit the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

An incredible afternoon filled with festive music, lively conversation and delectable desserts. Once again the Wilson Street Grill has graciously offered their restaurant for this special afternoon that promises to raise \$15,000 for local AIDS care, prevention and outreach.

On this year's dessert buffet you will find fruitfilled genois with almond buttercakes, triple chocolate cheesecake, key lime pie, chocolate Kalua layer cake and many more mouth watering treats.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be reserved by calling MASN at (608) 238-6276.

As in the past, MASN will sponsor an incredible Sweet Sunday raffle. Prizes to be awarded include hotel/bed and breakfast overnights, dinners for two at local restaurants, theatre tickets and other exciting prizes including the Grand Prize of a contemporarhy blown glass vase created by nationally renowned artist James Van Deurzen.

All proceeds from the event and raffle will benefit direct care, prevention education and outreach to MASN's 13 county service area in south central Wisconsin.

DOE Farm Seeks Volunteers for 18th Season

(Madison)- Daughters of the Earth (DOE) Farm begins its eighteenth year in April, 1994. The eighty acres of rolling hills with a campground, four bedroom farmhouse/lodge, and other buildings, is two hours northwest of Madison.

The Wisconsin Womyn's Land Cooperative (WWLC), the organization that holds the land in trust, is seeking new members. Resident caretakers are needed for the Summer. Part-time work is done in exchange for free housing. Write to the WWLC expressing your interest.

On Saturday, May 7, a "recruitment" party will be held at DOE Farm. Potential Summer workers and new members are invited to tour DOE and share a pot luck meal. Womyn who would like to find out more about DOE Farm can come to one of the next two Coordinating Council meetings: April 10 and May 8. The meetings begin at 10:00 a.m., and include a shared mid-day meal. Womyn can visit DOE Farm at any time.

Brochures about WWLC and DOE Farm are available at Room of One's Own Bookstore, Apple Island and other places women frequent around Madison. Information is also available by calling (608) 269-5301 or writing to: WWLC/DOE Farm, Rt. 2, Box 42, Norwalk, WI 54648.

for a member of the supportive community who has been instrumental in the struggle for Lesbian and Gay civil rights.

"Recognition is extremely important for the future of the LesBiGay community," said United Director Jane Vanderbosh. "Activists in our community often face burn-out because of the incredible efforts of many people who fight for our rights."

Any interested parties are encouraged to nominate individuals and organizations for the awards. People who are making nominations are requested to answer the following questions:

1) Why should this individual/organization receive this award?;

2) What has this individual/organization been involved with? (please include professional, volunteer and political activities).

Written responses to these questions will be judged by the awards committee and winners will be announced in the United newsletter at the end of April.

Nominations are due April 22. Please send response to the United. The address is: 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103, Madison, WI 53703. For more information, please contact the Awards Committee chair, Margaret McMurray (608) 255-9252.





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Momentum Is With Godre; Large Voter Turnout Needed to Win

(Madison)- As openly Lesbian candidate Cathreen Godre heads into the final days before the 5th election, she says she feels "overwhelmed by the dedication and support of the diversity of people who've gotten behind me." That support has translated itself into an extremely successful fundraising effort and a solid, broadlybased grass roots campaign organization.

However, Godre recognizes that these efforts will mean nothing if her supporters do not mobilize to get out the vote on April 5. "As we found out in the primary, every vote really does count," she said. "We can use get-out-the-vote volunteers in these final days, and people can also help by getting on the phone on April 5th and calling their friends and making sure they've gotten out to vote." For more information and for info about the victory party, call (608) 244-2837.

Godre grew up in a conservative, middle class family in and around Detroit. After beginning her studies at the University of Michigan, trying "to be who my parents wanted me to be," Godre's political consciousness began to rapidly expand. The process of her politicization was inextricably linked with her "coming out" process, she explained. At age 18, she fell in love with the woman across the hall, yet for two years was "extremely homophobic and unhappy with myself." At 20, after falling in love again, she says she finally looked at herself in the mirror and said, "I'm Gay." Things changed rapidly after that.

As she was letting go of her feelings of selfhatred, she also let go of the conservative beliefs with which she'd been raised. She became a peer counselor for other Lesbians and Gays, and eventually became co-founder of a Lesbian network that still exists to this day

She helped to organize two Lesbian and Gay pride marches in Ann Arbor, an activity that was not without its share of controversy and backlash (including a shotgun incident during the march itself). As a leader in QLAC (the Queer Action Committee), she helped plan direct actions, silent marches, and letter writing campaigns. She was also active in Take Back the Night and prochoice activities. She helped to build a diverse and effective political coalition with groups that ranged from Black student groups to fraternities and sororities. Eventually, they succeeded in passing a new student code of conduct that promoted respect for diversity.

Godre arrived in San Francisco to attend law school during the politically volatile and energizing period which followed the assassination of Harvey Milk, a time that saw the rise of many openly

Lesbian or Gay politicians, including Chief Municipal Judge Mary Morgan and Supervisors Harry Britt and Roberta Achtenberg. It was "an enormously exciting time," Godre remembers, "full of inspiration.

Working full-time while in law school, Godre still found time to be involved with the women's law student association, the National Lawyer's Guild, and the Bay Area Lawyers for Personal Freedom. She also began work at the National Center for Lesbian Rights, where she worked with Roberta Achtenberg (who, as Undersecretary for Fair Housing at HUD, currently is the highest ranking openly Lesbian appointed official in

PrideFest Seeks Bar Sponsors to Help Advertise **Event in Chicago**

(Milwaukee)- PrideFest is offering a new program for Gay and Lesbian bars that officially show their support fo this year's June 11-12 event. All bars have been sent information packets requesting that they be PrideFest sponsors or supporters. Gay and Lesbian sponsors donate \$400 to PrideFest. In return, they receive a full page ad in the Pride Guide, posters indicating that they are an official sponsor of PrideFest, placement of their logo, address and phone number in six PrideFest ads which will run in Chicago newspapers.

Supporters donate \$200. They receive a half page ad in the Pride Guide and signs indicating that they are official supporters of PrideFest.

In addition, PrideFest will be sponsoring a special bus which will make stops at sponsoring and supporting bars Friday and Saturday after the Festival. The bus will begin and end runs at all hotels booked by Bottom Line Travel for PrideFest

"We believe that this event can and will attract thousands of visitors to Milwaukee," said PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier. "This program will help provide us with the funds we need to promote PrideFest outside Wisconsin. This program will help PrideFest and our local Gay and Lesbian economy.'

Despite Opposition: Virginia Libraries To Distribute Gay Paper

[Manassas, VA]- The Washington Blade that aroused the opposition of some parents can be stocked among other free publications at Prince William County libraries, the library board has decided.

After a two- hour public hearing Thursday night, February 24, the county's library board of trustees withdrew for a lengthy private session, then emerged to vote without further discussion.

Opponents, including members of the Christian Coalition, told the board The Blade "advocates homosexuality and attracts young people to a deviant and deadly lifestyle," as James Athey said.

But other speakers told the board the First Amendment right to free speech was at stake. Some also said the homosexual themes and advertisements in the Blade to are widely available.

After the board's 8-2 vote in favor of paper, supporters critics called out, accepting the applauded and

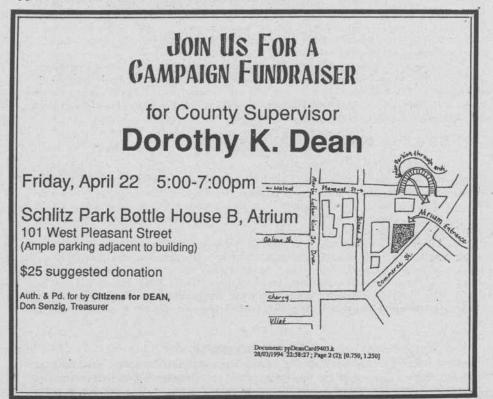
"Absolutely unbelievable."

The county's 10 libraries do not currently stock The Blade among the free-distribution papers, and publisher Don Michaels said there are no immediate plans to include Prince William in the circulation area.

The same issue arose in December 1992 in Fairfax County. The Fairfax library board decided to keep the paper available, but met with opposition from the Board of Supervisors.

After the library board refused the supervisors' request to remove all free publications, the Board of Supervisors asked the county attorney if the paper could be banned.

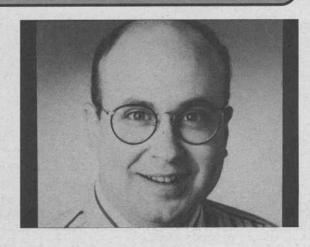
County Attorney David Bobzien said it would be illegal to ban the newspaper; but he has sent an opinion to the library system director that The Blade and other free publications that "may be harmful to children" can be placed out of children's



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Scott McCormick for the Sixth District Eighth District Fourth District

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Candidates Recommended for Madison's April 5 Election

STATE SUPREME COURT

Although appointed by Tommy Thompson last year to fill out the term of a retiring conservative justice, Janine Geske has shown a promising independence of thought in her decisiions thus far, breaking with the conservative pack more often than not. While it's not appropriate for Supreme Court candidates to take specific stands on issues that may appear before them, Geske brings a strong consciousness about women's rights and civil rights to the bench. We hope she would bring that same level of consciousness and non-doctrinaire thinking when considering the several important Lesbian and Gay family rights cases that have arrived or are heading for the court.

By joining Shirley Abrahamson as Wisconsin's second elected female justice, her election would move us that much closer to the day when the election of female justices is the norm rather than the exception

MADISON SCHOOL BOARD

Increasingly this year, the national Gay and Lesbian press reports that school board races are becoming a battleground as the Radical Right uses homophobic rhetoric and low turnout elections to take control of local boards. Nowhere ahs that threat been as apparent as in Madison, with the periodic success of the conservative group Citizens Advocating Responsible Education (CARE), which had its beginnings in a hatred and homophobic-laden campaign four years ago. In each of the last four Madison school board elections, Lesbian and Gay community leaders have been at the forefront of progressive coalition-building, public education about the true nature of these candidacies, and efforts to mobilize progressive voters, producing electoral successes

This year, two outstanding candidates, Juan Lopez and Deborah Lawson, deserve your support. Both Lopez and Lawson have strong records of community involvement and strong civil rights records. Their opponents, CARE-backed incumbant Greg Samp and perrenial "family values" candidate Michael Langer, just don't measure up. Lopez and Lawson would be valuable assets on the school board representing the full diversity of students in our community.

COUNTY COURT JUDGE

Paul Higginbotham and Peter Steinberg, both long-time allies of the Gay and Lesbian community, deserve your vote in separate races for Circuit Court judge. As we noted in the last Light, Steinberg has a long history of community involvement. His civil rights record includes years of work on behalf of Native Americans. Steinberg is the underdog in his race against incumbant Partick Fiedler, a Tommy Thompson crony appointed last year who had a shameful record of non-achievement as head of the Department of Corrections.

Paul Higginbotham's professional and personal life has centered around his commitment to civil rights. He has a long history of involvement in the community-at-large and as a leader in the African American community. He is one of the county's outstanding civil rights attorneys, and he has served as counsel to the Wisconsin Fair Housing Council as Dane County Minority Affairs Director and as Acting Director of the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission. Higginbotham's candidacy is supported by a diversity of community leaders including Shelley Gaylord, who succeeded him as Madison Municipal Judge

COUNTY BOARD

As we noted last week, three outstanding candidates hope to continue Madison's proud traditions as openly Lesbian or Gay members of the Dane County Board. Cathreen Godre, Scott McCormick and veteran board member Marc Pocan are all deserving of your support. Their elections are part of a larger picture, as progressives hope to take back the county board after two years of conservative gridlock. We encourage you to take a close look at the race in your area. Among the progressive candidates deserving support are Carol Brooks (Dist. 1), Darold Lowe (Dist. 3), Christine Sarbacker (Dist. 7), Regina Rhyne (Dist. 13), Betty Rygiewicz (Dist. 14), Terese Berceau (Dist. 20), JoAnna Richard (Dist. 26), and James Van Deurzen (Dist. 28). There's a good chance that with renewed progressive interest, the county board can be taken back and we can move forward again at a challenging

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Now Let's See, This Thing Is Supposed to Typeset the Light?

By Terry Boughner

Editor's Note:

24 Hours! The sun's coming up. That's all I've had with this system--and I still haven't figured it out. Someone said, "Write something funny about it.," I don't feel funny. I feel frustrated to the max!

The keyboard has a different touch. The print's smaller. The margins won't stay put, and

I've got this damned little diagonal line that keeps blinking on and off. I want my nice little horizontal line back! I want to judge the length of articles in K's, not inches! God. I hate change!

An expert came in, someone

who knows what she's doing. "Just remember," she said, "the intelligence is on your side of the keyboard."

Yeah. Right.

The moment she left, the thing looked at me with a malignant eye. It knew.

I went out on the street and grabbed the first six-year-old who came along. He came in, took one look at it, and the thing sat up and begged for mercy. He sniffed and walked out.

As he left, deep in its electronic bowels, I heard the thing mutter, "I'll get you for this." And it has, believe me it has.

Someone burbled over the phone, "You've got windows! Now you've got a REAL computer!"

The other one may be phony, but I understand it. I know it. It smiles at me. This on flips me the bird.

Instead of one mouse (which I never used) I now have two. Instead of having the same nice-looking words morning after morning, I've got "fonts" and "styles"--dozens of them. Who needs it?!

I've written novels on my other computer, finished nine of them that no one will ever see. I can't even finish a paragraph on this thing---not without umpteen trillion mistakes----and then I have to pray to whatever exists that I don't erase the whole damned thing, like I've done five times

Do I feel funny? You better believe not. I feel like the wave of the future has hit me and I

But next week! Ah, next week, after the paper's out and things are quiet around here. Then, computer, you and I have a date.

I'm gonna sic my cat on you.

LETTERS

Promote Good

To the Editor

Thanks for the warning about demonstrating against Lou Sheldon in Waukesha. Why play into

I believe that there are any number of ways around him. It's just a matter of getting together to discuss it which, unfortunately, means forming another group and all that time and work. But then again, there seems to be an endless supply of energhy and enthusiasm among the young people.

My suggestion is to take a lesson from the political machines. When they want their man elected, they create a distraction. For example, when there was an Italian running against Ted Kennedy in one of his early races, the Kennedys hired another Italian with the same name as the first and put him on the ballot as well. That way, they split the Italian vote in half.

The truth is we don't even need to go to that length. All we need is a rebuttal

Similarly, when the movie Basic Instinct came out, Gays and Lesbians made that movie by demonstrating against it and we did it for free. My approach would have been to solicit charitable donations from movie-goers. If they could afford \$7.50 for opening night, why shouldn't they be able to afford \$25 for human rights?

Instead, we let all that money go to the studios without asking for a penny for ourselves. Anger can be a useless stumbling block.

Edward Williams Los Angeles, CA

Equal Rights

To the Editor

Recently you featured an article with the following headline: "Statewide Organization Formed to Fight Bigots and Hate Mongers." Even though I endorse the concept of the statewide network. I also have concerns with the tone of the headline and some of the intentions of the network.

I believe our energy should be directed at a proactive approach of fighting for equal rights and defending our current rights. I look around the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities and see many individuals who do not currently have equal rights in our society. If this network is going to be successful on a broad basis within the Gay and Lesbian community, it will need to have a positive focus that will ensure my human rights.

I believe bigots and hate mongers have a right to exist and state their opinions. These individuals are a major reason the Gay and Lesbian community have emerged with a growing identity. As these bigots and hate mongers speak, I simply want my human rights to remain intact. I don't want to fight them. In the comfort of my equal rights, I want to appreciate their freedom to exercise their equal rights.

Dave Rompa

Fest City Singers

To The Editor Au Contraire

The Fest City Singers first appeared Labor Day, 1985, when they sang for the Gay World Series which was held in Milwaukee.

In April, 1987, a group broke away from FCS and formed the Cream City Chorus. The Original Fest City Singers maintained the FCS name and

This Summer, FCS will begin their 10th continuous year of musical service to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Straight citizens of Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin.

We extend our best wishes to the Cream City Chorus on their 7th anniversary.

Jonathan Justice President, Fest City Singers

(The above information was originally published in the Wisconsin Light, 1986-1987 editions.)

Sexual Survey Conducted In England

[London, England]- Reuter's news service reports that a new survey published in Britain has shown that one in 90 men in that country are "actively Gay." The story was reported in the London Daily Mail on January 21.

"The most exhaustive survey ever conducted into British sexual habits has smashed the claim that one in 10 men is Gay," the paper said in a front page report headlined "The Gay Myth and The

A total of 3.4 percent of women in the survey said they had had a homosexual experience and 1.7 had had a Lesbian sexual partner.

The Mail said that the report, Sexual Behaviour in Britain, published on January 24, covered nearly 19,000 people across a wide range of ages, social class, education and ethnic background.

Its key finding was that 1.1 percent of men, one in 90, had taken a same-sex partner in the year prior to the survey. When broadened to cover the previous



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five years, the proportion increased to 1.4

Just 3.5 percent of men had had a male partner at any stage of their lives and only 6.1 percent had had a "homosexual

The figures for London were much higher than the rest of Britain with 12 percent of men saying they had experienced some sort of Gay contact and 5 percent being active.

The landmark one-in-10 statistic was culled from the 1948 Kinsey Report on sexual behavior in the United States. That percentage has recently been disputed.

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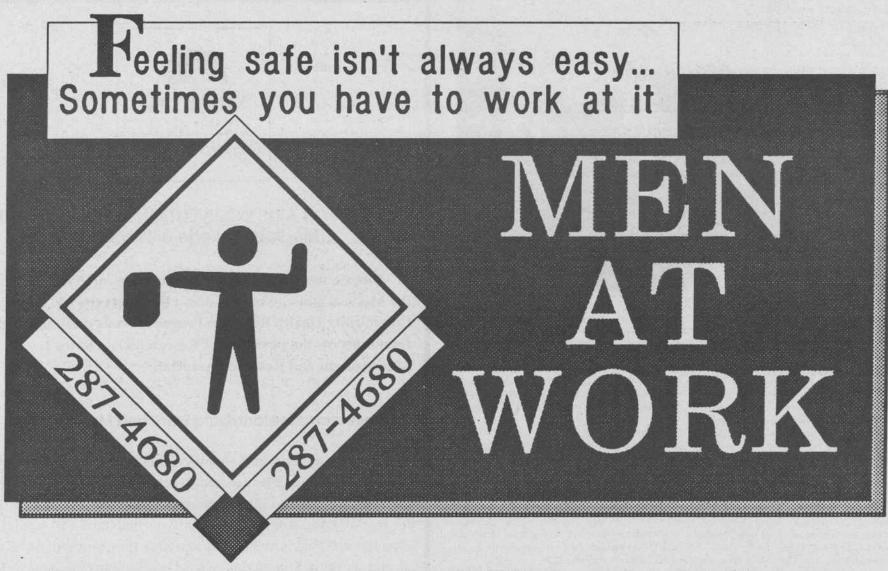
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Community Health Behavior Program Medical College of Wisconsin



A MIDWEST FIRST— T. Michael Bolger, President and CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin (far left); Jeffrey Kelly, Ph.D., Director of the Center for AIDS Intervention Research; Leonard Mitnick, Ph.D., Associate Director of the Office of AIDS Research, National Institute of Mental Health and Harry Prosen, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences of the Medical College of Wisconsin attended the press conference on March 23 that announced that the College had been awarded a four million dollar grant for AIDS Intervention Research.

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ranging from infectious diseases to psychiatry, public health scientists, community organizations to join together to mobilize more comprehensive efforts to studying HIV prevention.

The new Center, he said will help attract to Milwaukee and to the Medical College leading AIDS prevention and research scientists from all over the country.

The new Center will provide a mechanism by which experts can quickly identify needs and quickly begin initiatives that will be tested "within weeks" instead of months or years.

The researchers at the Center will be able to translate their findings to community and public health agencies that urgently need them.

The Center will provide a mechanism that will enable researchers to listen to the needs of the community so research can be driven by what providers say is really needed.

Kelly said that while the major focus would be

on prevention, the researchers at the Center would be very interested in the mental health needs of people with HIV. He cited all those who affected by someone who suffers from HIV and the help they

"A second focus for CAIR is going to be on mental health sérvice need research for people with HIV."

The Center will embark on a new area of research. "That will be research on health behavior related to AIDS."

Kelly cited health problems that confront people with HIV/AIDS that contribute to the decline in their condition such as TB. Those at the Center will seek to develop interventions to improve the quality of life for those with HIV/AIDS.

Bolger concluded by thanking Kohl, Feingold and Barrett for their work in bringing the Center to Milwaukee

In a statement issued to the press, Barrett praised the Center as enabling researchers to "bring us closer to the day when AIDS will be a plague of the past."

NGLTF Releases Survey of Voter's Attitudes About Gay Questions

(Washington, D.C.)- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released a survey of national and local polls, group research, and other articles measuring voters' opinions about Gayrelated issues. The document, The Right Response: A Survey of Voters' Attitudes About Gay-Related Questions, was issued by the NGLTF Fight the Right project to assist activists battling the forces of the Religious Right.

In assessing the relationship between public attitudes towards Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and the community's political strategies, the survey's author, Susan Hibbard, NGLTF Campaign Specialist with the Fight the Right Project, offered the following recommendations to those battling the forces of the Far Right.

1) "Discrimination" and "equal rights." These are the terms in which Gay organizers must cast the debate. Overwhelmingly, voters opposition to discrimination has driven them to oppose anti-Gay measures. The public most strongly objects to housing and job discrimination. Three quarters of the U.S. public supports equal rights in employment opportunities for Gay people.

 Organizers must clarify and quantify the real nature and extent of discrimination against Gay people—only then can voters understand the need for legal remedy.

Although many people believe Gay people are discriminated against *in some way*, they do not feel that Gay people face discrimination of a kind that needs remedy.

Short-term victories will more likely result from reinforcing the public's opposition to discrimination than from trying to change the majority's lack of acceptance. Conversely, long-term victories will not be won without increasing public acceptance.

3) Polling data identifies the power of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community's ongoing encouragement and organizing of individuals to come out. Coming out lets more of the public know that they are acquainted with a Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual person and polling shows that this personal knowledge makes people feel more positively toward Gay people.

In the short run, Gay people must clarify that protection against discrimination is not a "special right." In the long run, the questions must be addressed. Gay organizers should join with other minorities to launch an education project that will untangle the concepts of civil rights and tackle the fears and prejudices related to race, class, gender and sexual orientation.

The major findings of the survey include the

Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals face a U.S. public that mainly sees them, or their "lifestyle" as unacceptable or immoral. The high level of national disapproval chronicled by polling data ranges from 50% to 77%, probably depending on the poll question's terminology.

The high level of national disapproval is accompanied by an equally strong or even stronger belief that discrimination is wrong. Approximately three-quarters of the public believes that Gay men and Lesbians should have equal rights in terms of employment opportunities.

Gender, age, education level and acquaintance with Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals are all linked to attitudes about discrimination and protective legislation. Women, younger adults, people with higher levels of education and those who know they have Gay friends or family members, all tend to oppose discrimination more strongly and to be more likely to support protective legislation.



CENTER FOR AIDS INTERVENTION RESEARCH (CAIR) Medical College of Wisconsin

The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) of the Medical College of Wisconsin (formerly the MCW Community Health Behavior Program) seeks dedicated professionals for the positions of Research/Data Entry & Management and Research Associate.

Research Assistant/Data Entry and Management

We seek a motivated, detail-orientated individual who will be responsible for entering and managing research data collected from surveys and questionnaires, implementing procedures for tracking and follow-up of study participants, and similar data handling activities. The successful applicant will have a strong working knowledge of IBM compatible PCs, considerable data entry and data management experience, and be highly organized. Excellent typing and data entry skills are essential, and some coursework in basic statistics is desirable. The position requires either a bachelor's degree or a high school degree combined with 4 years of related experience or education.

Research Associate

We also seek applicants for an AIDS/HIV prevention Research Associate. This individual will have responsibility for conducting HIV risk assessments and co-leading group interventions following standard protocols, establishing and maintaining follow-up relationship with CAIR study participants and community organizations, data entry and tracking of study, participants, and similar activities. Experience in AIDS/HIV preventions activities, excellent interpersonal skills, and experience using PC computers are needed. The position requires comfort and experience discussing sexual risk behavior, and sensitivity to community populations affected by AIDS. The position requires either a master's degree, or a bachelor's degree plus at least two years of related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience in areas related to position responsibilities. Some local travel is required.

Both positions are based at CAIR's offices on the eastside of Milwaukee. The fulltime positions carry competitive salaries and excellent fringe benefits. We particular seek women and minority applicants. Interested persons should submit a resume or complete and application, preferable accompanied by a cover letter describing past experience, at the Employment Office, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. AA/EEO/MFD

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800 MAKE PROMISES —Among the 800 attended the Milwaukee AIDS Project's annual Make A Promise dinner were: (L to R) Eric Knecht, Michael Verveer, State Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Dayna Verstegen of Madison.

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Nearly \$100,000 Raised at MAP's Make a Promise Dinner March 19

(Milwaukee)- Eight hundred people attended the 8th Annual Make A Promise Dinner, show and silent auction at the Pfister Hotel on Saturday evening, March 19, 1994, raising nearly \$95,000 for vital AIDS care, prevention and research services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

Sarah Elliot, Chair of the ARCW Board of Directors, presented the Congregation of Blessed Trinity with the Third Annual Sterling Rose Award. The award, in recognition of the Congregation's leadership and support in converting a former convent into the Wisconsin House, a 33 unit residence for people with HIV disease and AIDS, was accepted by Reverend Joseph Juknialis.

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, TODAY'S TMJ4 and State Rep. Tim Carpenter, were all recognized for their commitment to the AIDS epidemic with Red Rose Awards.

The Sterling Rose Award and Red Rose Awards recognize individuals, businesses or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic.

Principal sponsors of the Make A Promise Dinner included Andersen Consulting, Aurora Health Care, Miller Brewing Company, Time Insurance Company and United Airlines.

Following the Dinner, State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and a party of friends, paid visits to some of the Milwaukee bars. Included were This Is It, The Triangle, Your Place, La Cage and others.

Everywhere she went, Rep. Baldwin was greeted with warm pleasure and deep respect. She treated everyone she met as the most important person on earth. One patron said of her, "That's one gracious lady."

Baldwin's work and leadership in the field of human rights for the LesBiGay community had

'March With A Buddy' To Remember III and Deceased

(New York, NY)- A casual remark by a homebound AIDS patient was the inspiration for what is sure to be one of the most dramatic, emotional moments of the Stonewall 25 march on the United Nations, Sunday, June 25.

"I wish I had walked in a Gay Pride parade," was the comment made by Bob Cohen to his friend Ron Antman. After Cohen's death last year, Antman was determined to fulfill his wish.

And so, March With A Buddy--a part of the Stonewall 25 march--was conceived. Initially, Antman intended to march in the parades with Cohen's snapshot in his pocket. After mentioning the idea to friends, Antman discovered that many knew ill people they wanted to represent in the march, too. So, with the help of his business partner, Owen Frager, Antman decided to do something that would remind everyone of the hundreds of thousands of people who are either too ill to march or who have already succumbed to AIDS.

Now in the works, the actual March With A Buddy program is much loftier than the original idea. Instead of snapshots, participants will march with poster-sdize enlargements. And instead of a few dozen marchers, organizers anticipate upwards of 1,000 people.

The event is being sponsored by San Diegobased Priority Pharmacy that caters especially to People Living with AIDS. Priority will give each marcher a March With A Buddy T-shirt to wear in

To participate in the event and receive a registration form-either as a marcher or to have a picture carried--call 1-800-313-8485. All marchers will be notified when and where to pick up their poster and T-shirt, which will be close to the March's origination point.

University Regents Will Not Intervene in Gay Studies Proposal

(Milwaukee)- In an update to a story in the last issue, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents' president, George Steil, has decided not to intervene in a proposal to establish a Gay and Lesbian Studies Certificate Program at UW-Milwaukee.

Earlier this month, a group of 30 state legislators had signed a letter urging Steil to block the program, arguing that the program would be too costly, that the program might grow into an academic major, and that issues affecting the Gay/Lesbian "lifestyle" should not be the focus of a university program. Inside sources say the letter was drafted by State Rep. Bonnie Ladwig (R-Racine).

In his letter to the signatories, Steil said in part, "My understanding is that the UWM proposal is not to establish an undergraduate major nor to create an academic department."

Steil went on to say that it was "premature" for the Regents to take any action."

One of those to sign the original letter was State Rep. Scott Walker (R-Wauwatosa). On March 19, Walker was interviewed at the Make A Promise Dinner. He was asked why he had signed the letter?

Walker answered that he agreed with those who had "mentioned their frustration over adding additional courses beyond the core curriculum...and my feeling that the average has already gone to five plus years to graduate and much of it is because of the waiting list to get into the core curriculum.

"My main objection to adding this or any other program that doesn't directly tie into the core curriculum, is that resources would be taken away from, say, the English Department."

Walker said that he realized that there wasn't any additional funding allocated for the program, "but it would be taking away from other positions where majors were currently in place. "And that was the intent, I think, the intent probably, of a fair number of others whno signed the letter or who were listed on the letter," Walker said.

Walker was asked if he thought the letter was homophobic in intent?

He answered that there "was some concern expressed in my office and others with the original impetus of the letter and (I) initially did not sign the memo that was sent around explaining the letter," he said.

"After further discussions on the phone, we got the feeling that this was more of an issue of adding additional certificates which could evolve into majors when we have so many students who can't get through in under five years when it should be under four years," he said.

"That, more than the topic of the certificate, was really the impetus for the signing," Walker said.

On March 8, in a letter to "All Legislators," Rep. Stephen L. Nass (R-Whitewater) said "Gay studies does not represent an academic discipline in that there is no body of *knowledge that can be taught." (underlined in original).

Ladwig continued in her opposition, saying she was concerned that the program would not get students jobs.



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Nationally Acclaimed Dyke T.V. Show to Be Shown in Madison

(Madison)- 20,000 dykes march through the streets of Washington. Ocean Springs, Mississippi holds its first ever Gay Pride March... Dykes from across the country converge on Tampa when the home of a Lesbian with AIDS is firebombed... Lesbian rugby players take you up close and behind the scenes. These are just a few of the segments that have aired on Dyke TV.

The nationally syndicated **Dyke TV** program will premiere in Madison on WYOU (Cable Channel 4) on Monday, April 18 at 8:30 p.m.

Dyke TV is a virtual plethora of global dyke culture, from newes, arts, sports, health and money (pleas for), to gossip, horoscope, home movies and a local weekly calender.

While Dyke TV is a product of the public access television world, it is a refreshing and well-produced package. The talents of the production staff are obvious in this quirky amalgamation of topics and personalities.

"Its guerilla irony, its earnestness, its sweetly postmod quality that suggests that we can all transmit together like the Partridge Family, from a groovy Lesbo house--Dyke TV makes this postmodern, post-Stonewall television-suckled, exsiuburban, urban girl really, really happy," said Stacey D'rasmo in a review that appeared in The Village Voice (Sept. 17, 1993)

Dyke TV is a New York City creation that has come to the Midwest, "There is a lot going on in the dyke community in the Midwest," said Dyke TV co-founder Melissa Dopp. "We are planning production of segments, an events calender, and we are looking for more cities to air Dyke TV."

"This is an excellent program," said State Rep. Tammy Baldwin. "Visibility is the key to our future and Dyke TV puts us on television screens around the country."

Interested persons have an opportunity to see a collection of highlights on Sunday, April 17. A premiere party will be held at Fyfe's restaurant (1344 E. Washington Ave.) on the east side of Madison from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. State Rep. Baldwin is scheduled to appear as well as the producers of Dyke TV-Midwest.

For more information, call Alice K. Reynolds at (608) 246-0606 or Dayna Verstegen (608) 258-9298.

'Art Against Homophobia' Student Competition Announces Awards

(Milwaukee)- Art Against Homophobia was a student competition co-sponsored by Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's College of Letters and Science, for its students working in painting and

'Waiting for the Parade' to Open April 15

(Milwaukee)- The Boulevard Ensemble breaks into song as it presents John Murrell's stirring character piece, Waiting for the Parade.

The tale of five women's lives in Canadca during World War II includes a lively selection of music, including a capella singing. William Kubicek is providing musical assistance for the production.

The Ensemble will present Waiting for the Parade on Thursdays through Sundays from April 15 to May 15 at the Boulevard Theatre 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue in Bay View.

drawing, graphic design, print making, photography and film (stills).

The competition was allocated \$500 in prize money, of which \$250 was given to the winning image, \$100 to the second, \$50 to the third, and four prizes of \$25 for the runners-up. The competition was designed to engage students critically in the issue of homophobia by encouraging them to produce images about the violence and psychological damage homophobia inflicts on Lesbians and Gay men, on the cultural meaning of gender, and of friendships between people of the same sex.

Funding was approved to publish the winning image as a poster that will soon be distributed across campus so that other students can think about and reflect upon this issue. Resources are sufficient to make 300 posters.

The following students received awards: Janell Olive, \$250 (Print making); Janell Olive, \$100; Barbara J. Fischer, \$50.

Runners-up received \$25 each. These were: Tony Stonehouse, Amy Janowski, Patrick Gulke and Amy Ruppel.

'BestD Clinic Live' Is New Name Of Medical Call-In T.V. Program

(Milwaukee)- The Brady East STD Clinic is renaming the weekly live cablecast, call-in program to BestD Clinic Live. "The old name, BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions on HIV was too long and of course, too specific. We do much more than just HIV counseling and testing. We do extensive Sexually Transmitted Disease testing and treatment as well as offer support groups for Gay HIV positive men and partners and caregivers of Gay HIV positive men," said Bob Ambelang, Clinic Administrator.

Ambelang continued. "We also have a very active Women's Clinic and from now on, the program will be embracing all of these services. I am frequently surprised at the number of Gay men and Lesbians who have just heard of some of our other services. They thought that we only did anonymous HIV counseling and testing," Ambelang said

"We have a wonderful energetic group of medical professional volunteers and we are filling in the gaps left by other medical service agencies. The word needs to get out as to what we have to offer our community," Ambelang added.

The program airs live every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on MATA Channel 47 and a taped rerun airs every Saturday at noon following Queer TV.

Mark Behar, Physicians Assistant with the Sinai Samaritan Group and one of the earliest professionals involved with BestD Clinic will guest on the program April 21 and April 28. Mark has had a long and on-going relationship with the Clinic and is one of the Gay pioneers in Gay cable broadcasting.

The topic for the April 21 program will be Anal and Genital Warts. Mark points out that warts are fairly common and many individuals are totally unaware of their transmission and cure.

April 28, Mark will be discussing Safer Sex and

the Brain Connection.

Your questions during the live Thursday night cablecast will be answered on the program.

'Before Stonewall' Film to Be Shown April 12 by SAGE

(Milwaukee)- SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), a recently formed group with an outreach to older LesBiGays, announces a meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street. The award-winning film Before Stonewall, will be shown.

This film features archival footage and interviews with Gay men and Lesbians who tell it like it was before the advent of Gay liberation. Persons over 40 will remember those pre-lib and early-lib days and will relate to this film in a big way. Younger persons will get a chance to see what they "missed."

After a short floor discussion of the film and how the viewers relate to those days, Lori Coleman, Midwest delegate to the Stonewall 25 Committee will speak briefly.

Ms. Coleman will talk about the Stonewall Rebellion and the 25th anniversary celebration in New York City in latge June when about a million LesBiGays are expected to converge on the Big Apple. Then she will answer questions about the celebration's events, low-priced bus transportation to New York and moderate-priced housing for those who wish to attend the celebration, etc.

As usual, this event will be open to the public and will be free. SAGE will, however, pass the hat.

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WEDDING BELLS EXPOSED— Actors Doug Ballard, right, who plays Ron Bance and Don R. McManus, left, who plays Erick Hillman, on the television series, "Northern Exposure," look over a wedding cake March 17, 1994 during taping in Redmond, Wash. The show, which will air during early May, will feature the Gay wedding of the two characters.

Macho 'Sugar Hill' Star Wesley Snipes to Play Drag Queen in 'To Wong Foo...' Movie

By Steve Warren

If Will Smith had gone to Wesley Snipes for advice, Six Degrees of Separation might have turned out differently. Instead of the "Don't be kissin" no man" Smith heard when he asked Denzel Washington how far to go in playing a Gay man, he would have gotten a lesson in discipline.

"I would have sent him to acting class," Snipes says at a press conference hosted by the Miami Film Festival, where Sugar Hill, in which Snipes stars, is being shown. "When you're playing a character you do what the character does. It's not you doing it, it's him."

Michael Wright, who co-stars in Sugar Hill and played a sexually confused psychotic in Robert Altman's Streamers, concurs. "Ditto. You do what the part calls for." Asked about the earlier film, in which he flirted with Mitchell Lichtenstein, he notes, "I didn't kiss anybody in Streamers. I wanted to, but Altman wouldn't let me."

If young Smith had gone through with the male-male kiss in the **Six Degrees** script, Snipes says, "people would have given him props: 'What abandonment! What power!'"

Snipes adds half-seriously, "I'm not going to go out and write a movie where I have to suck face with a guy, but if that's what my character does, I'll do it. That's why they call you an actor."

The actor's fans may be in for a shock later this year when he plays a drag queen in To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Productions and director Beeban Kidron, who made Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit and Used People.

Written by Douglas Carter Beane, the comedy is, according to Variety, "about three drag queens whose car breaks down in the Midwest while they're on a cross-country trip to a queen contest." Not ready to discuss it seriously in a large group, Snipes quips when asked how he prepared for the part, "I just put on my pumps and went out there."

It's been reported that Kidron made actors audition in drag. Snipes confirms that he went along with this and adds, "It wasn't the first time." Before anyone can ask the obvious follow-up question, he pleads, "Come on, guys, let's talk about Sugar Hill."

OK. It's a powerful drama about two characters in Harlem who follow in the footsteps of their father (Clarence Williams III), dealing drugs for mobster Abe Vigoda, even though they've seen their mother OD and their father destroyed by drugs. Snipes eventually gives up using drugs and tries to get out of the business of selling them.

Coming from a different culture, I wonder how they can ignore the implied warning in what happened to their parents. Snipes shrugs it off as "the family business," while Wright makes the point, "Young African American men don't have that many alternatives. They want their slice of the American dream too."

Director Leon Ichaso notes that the

story provides historical background, starting in the 1950's when the Harlem drug scene was totally different. "It was hip to take heroin. Drugs weren't sold on the street, but to musicians and rich white people."

Snipes says he was attracted to the script, even though he had just played a Harlem drug dealer in New Jack City, because of "the family relationships. It's not often you find male characters who care so much about each other, who have such a sense of loyalty."

With a jazz score and violence neither gratuitous nor graphic, Sugar Hill may be too mild for the usual drug-movie audience yet too rough for the art film crowd. Asked about screen violence, Ichaso responds, "I think as a director you have to be responsible. I wouldn't have done it if it had been a rap, shoot-'em-up kind of film."

Wright, the cool one in person although he specializes in playing society hotheads, chimes in, "Society doesn't

Stevens Point Photo Exbibit Shows the Many Faces of AIDS

(Stevens Point, WI)- Thanks to a powerful photo exhibit this month, Central Wisconsin residents have a window on the lives of the diversity of people affected by HIV and AIDS. AIDS: How It's Changed Us, is an exhibit of over 70 photos from around the country of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, their families, friends and partners.

The exhibit will be on display at the following sites: St. Joseph Hospital, Marshfield from April 5-7; UW-SP Newman Center, Stevens Point from April 12-14, Portage County Library, Stevens Point from April 19-21 (co-sponsored by St. Michael Hospital) and Wausau Hospital Center, Wausau from April 26-28.

The original photo contest was co-sponsored last Spring by the Catholic Health Association and the National Catholic AIDS Network in an attempt to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the pandemic in its second decade. The exhibit is being coordinated by Mary Pat Campbell of the HIV/AIDS Ministry Program at UW-SP Newman (UW-Stevens Point's Roman Catholic community center). For more information, contact Mary Pat at (715) 345-6500.

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Snipes adds that if nonviolent films made over \$100 million we'd see a lot more of them. "If we want to change (violence on the screen) we should stop paying to see it."

With his career in high gear and his asking price above \$5 million a picture, Snipes is set to make three more films this year. He returns to Miami in March to shoot Drop Zone, an action drama in which he plays a skydiving federal marshal. Then he trades in his parachute for a dress in To Wong Foo, followed by The Money Train, which reteams him with his White Men Can't Jump co-star Woody Harrelson. All this activity doesn't make him feel secure. "If Al Pacino can go for years without working, what's in store for me?" he asks.

Success cuts both ways for Snipes. "With every high there's a low... I like goin' out and just bein' an average guy. Now it's a big ordeal." Disguises don't keep him from being recognized. "It seems like I always dress the way I do in movies." Soon even drag won't help, he laughs. "Girl, you will see me. I'm gonna be out there!"

Cream City Chorus Seeks Instrumentalists

(Milwaukee)- Moving swiftly toward its Spring-Concert, No More Walls, as well as the making of its first studio-recorded tape, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus is looking for instrumentalists to accompany their performances.

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The Spring concert, No More Walls, will be performed at the Performing Arts Center's Vogel Hall on Saturday, June 18, 1994, at 8:00 p.m.

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(Milwaukee)- Composer and Accordionist Guy Klucevsek will join Present Music for a concert of premieres and polkas on Friday, April 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Shank Hall, 1434 North Farwell. Present Music will perform the premiere of three new works written by Klucevsek for the Present Music ensemble. Klucevsek will also perform with the Present Music ensemble in arrangements of his infamous collection of polkas entitled Polka from the Fringe.

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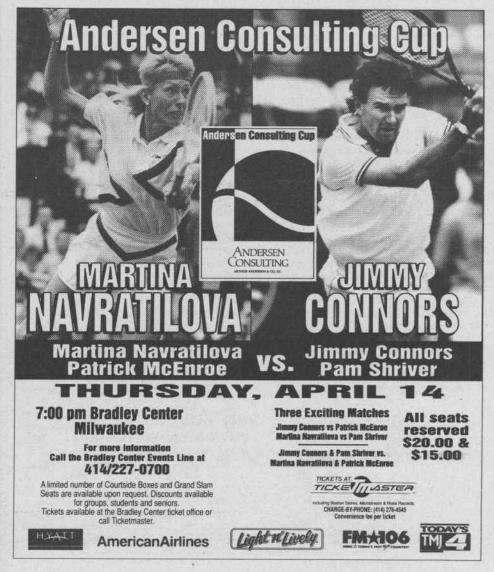
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Stop The Presses!

By Jamakaya

When I called Light editor Terry Boughner and let him know I was planning to write a column critical of his choice to join the Associated Press, without hesitation, he replied: "Go right ahead."

Terry and I have had a few scrapes over the years regarding the style or content of this paper, but he has never once attempted to edit my column or prevent me from writing anything I damn well please. Needless to say, I appreciate the carte blanche, something few editors extend to even fewer writers.

The funny thing is, the more I considered the decision about AP membership, which I think is fraught with all sorts of political implications for the ostensibly independent Gay press, the less critical I became. If anything, pondering the current state of the Gay and Lesbian press, I became more enraged at our own inability to forge a cohesive network in which Gay papers nationwide could swiftly and effectively share information amongst ourselves, a system which would obviate the need for AP coverage.

There are several reasons for my initial visceral reaction against AP membership. AP coverage of Gay and Lesbian-related issues is often uninformed and insensitively written, which Terry pretty much admitted in his article announcing the affiliation. The articles are often extremely superficial and cry out for more background and probing by a Gay or Lesbian reporter who would clearly have a better idea of the questions to ask.

The best example of this I can mention is the Jeffrey Dahmer case. It was the AP which helped carry the Milwaukee cops' hysterical cries of "Homosexual Overkill" to the entire nation. Mainstream reporters with no history or interest in the Gay community here made numerous errors and omissions in their coverage and, ironically, eventually got most of their tips from the staffs of Light and In Step. The Dahmer case illustrated most dramatically the importance of an independent Gay press.

In another case, AP carried news stories about the rape and murder of cross-dresser Teena Brandon in Nebraska, but it took Gay papers like the Washington Blade to clarify that Brandon identified as Transgender rather than Lesbian and to delve more deeply into the hate-related motives of her alleged assailants.

AP coverage is occasionally riddled with errors. The very first AP story this paper ran about the Wisconsin Supreme Court's consideration of the Lesbian adoption case last month was filled with errors: the child's age, the opposing attorney's name, the route the case took to the Supreme Court, ad infinitum. Luckily, Terry had our own trusty Sue Burke do a follow-up story in the next issue which was well-researched, well-written and put the AP coverage to shame.

It has always been particularly galling to me that the corporate press views the alternative media as a sort of beggarly relation, with few professional standards and, horror of horrors, a lack of objectivity. The truth is, most Gay and Lesbian editors, with only a fraction of the resources of mainstream papers, are rigorous in their standards and oversight. And the lack of objectivity that is so often disparaged by media bigwigs is a direct response to the historic exclusion of Gay and Lesbian topics from the major media!

I believe passionately in the necessity of an independent Gay and Lesbian press. While increased coverage of the Gay and Lesbian community in the mainstream media is welcome and a measure of just how far our movement has succeeded in gaining recognition, no one can document our lives and our issues in all their varieties and complexities the way we

This year marks my 20th year as a journalist. I have worked almost exclusively in the alternative media because of the greater independence of thought it affords me, because of the opportunity to speak directly to my chosen communities, and because of the residue of 1960's radicalism in my soul which makes me deeply suspicious of the power structure (in this case, the corporate media) and committed to the ideal of



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separatist institutions. I've almost always worked among people who share the same ideals.

But I had a rude awakening at the Gay and Lesbian Press Association conference in San Francisco in 1992. One workshop focused on the pros and cons of AP membership, and I was dumbfounded to find myself virtually alone in opposing it. I nearly went ballistic when, after I mentioned the many homophobic angles I had seen in AP accounts of the Dahmer case, a Gay editor in attendance upbraided me for my failure to contact AP at the time and lodge a complaint. I was so furious at this suggestion, I can remember steam rising from my body!

I don't think I said anything because I was so pissed off, but I can tell you what I was screaming in my head: "It is NOT my fucking job to reform the straight press! I despise and distrust it! I am a Lesbian writer dedicated to feminist and Gay publications. YOU reform the straight media if you think you can!" I had gone to the conference thinking the purpose was to strengthen the network of Gay and Lesbian publications nationwide, but much of the focus was around mainstreaming — tying our publications more closely to the corporate media structure! It was mind-boggling and demoralizing. Where are people's politics? I lamented.

I have always been uncomfortable with assimilationist arguments and the obsequiousness and sycophancy of the people who espouse them. There's always this implication that somehow by working closer with the power structure we'll gain greater legitimacy, we'll be able to rub shoulders with the big guys, we will have really arrived. Well pardon me, but rubbing the shoulders and kissing the asses of the big shots who have consistently excluded, distorted and defamed my people is not and never will be my goal. This paper's recent proclamation that it was "pleased to announce" its membership in AP made me heartsick.

But after considerable thought, I've moderated my views. The Light would not find it necessary to subscribe to AP coverage if the network of Gay and Lesbian papers nationwide were better organized and more responsive to each other. The papers themselves are growing in numbers, circulation and quality, but there is little or no communication between them. Ideally, coverage of Gay stories in different cities can best be provided by reporters on Gay papers in those cities. But there is currently no automatic, cost-effective method of accessing that large network. Computerized Gav news services have largely faltered through simple lack of cooperation. High turnover on the editorial staffs of Gay papers requires one to constantly re- establish contact with new editors, and overworked and underpaid staff writers barely have the time and energy to meet their own deadlines let alone respond to requests from other papers.

While I continue to occasionally rage against the Gay press's lack of cohesion and the apparent lack of will to form a more solid network, I've come to recognize the limitations. I guess Terry came to that conclusion too.

In a world of instant communications, with multiple Gay and Lesbian-related news stories breaking every day, speedy online access to that information is a necessity. AP is much less expensive than I imagined (it's prorated to circulation), so the modest sums Light sometimes pays contributors should not be affected. I was particularly disgusted to think that AP would be pocketing the lion's share of this paper's meager revenue while Gay and Lesbian writers went without, but that is not the case.

For all the reasons mentioned above, I still don't like it. But there it is,

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Gay Leaders Throughout the Country Condemn Pedophilia Groups

[Washington, D.C.]- "It's very clear that every major U.S. Gay leader has condemned NAMBLA and condemned groups that promote pedophilia," said David Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Smith was referring to the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) and the heightened controversy that now swirls around it.

The controversy stems from the fact that NAMBLA is one of 350 groups that belong to the International Lesbian/Gay Association (ILGA). Last year, the United States voted with the majority of nations to give ILGA consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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ECOSOC is a 54 nation body that studies economic and social issues and makes non-binding recommendations to the U.N. General Assembly on such topics as human rights. Membership in ECOSOC had been a goal for which ILGA had long worked for and is seen by many as a sign of the U.N's recognition of the repression that Gay people suffer world-wide.

In January of this year, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed an amendment,

Jamakaya to Speak April 4 at UW-Parkside

[Kenosha]- Wisconsin Light columnist Jamakaya will be speaking at UW-Parkside Monday, April 4 as part of that campus's celebration of "Out and About" Week. She'll speak on the topic of "Beating the Backlash: Surviving and Thriving in the Gay 90's." In addition, the official March on Washington video, "A Simple Matter of Justice," will be shown. The program begins at 7 p.m. in Union Room 104 and is free. Jamakaya says: "Come on down!"

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introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), to sharply reduce U.S. funds going to the U.N. unless the President can certify that no organization or group within the U.N. supports pedophilia. It was a clear reference to ILGA and NAMBLA's membership in that organization.

"The United States was asleep at the switch," said Helms, when it voted for ILGA's membership in ECOSOC.

Hans Hjerpekjon, spokesperson for the Brussels-based ILGA said that NAMBLA had joined ILGA about 15 years ago when ILGA was a loose network with no rules for admission.

Hjerpekjon added that there were many now in ILGA who would like to see NAMBLA expelled, but the group cannot take up the resolution to oust a member until its next meeting this Summer in New York

"Under our constitution, there will have to be an 80 percent vote in favor of expelling the group," Hjerpekjon said. "And of course, that can be hard to obtain on any issue, but our intention certainly is to expel them and I am hopeful we will reach that goal."

Hjerpekjon said that ILGA had been concerned about its association with NAMBLA since the late 80's and had repeatedly urged the group to resign. In 1990, at the behest of Scandinavia, Australia and New Zealand, ILGA adopted a resolution denouncing pedophilia, Hjerpekjon said.

"I guess the groups, especially the Norwegian group who had been working to get this resolution passed, thought it would be self-evident that NAMBLA and people who thought likewise would resign," Hjerpekjon said.

NGLTF's Smith acknowledged that

NGLTF's Smith acknowledged that there is disagreement among Gay leaders about NAMBLA's presence at Gay events. For example, the annual Gay Pride march in Los Angeles excludes NAMBLA, but the marches in New York and San Francisco have allowed it to participate.

"There's an argument in the community that if you start with excluding NAMBLA, who's next?" Smith said. "I disagree."



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What Next: Embrace the Law And Then Change It

Commentary By Maytee Aspuro

The Lesbian and Gay community's issues are fought at home, work, play, and in the law. I read the news and listen to the advocates. The action is in the courts and in the legislature. The fight is over words. Words that recognize, ostracize, protect and harm. The strategy that is embedded in the reality of our fight is to change the laws for our better.

Under the umbrella of civil rights, the failures of our society are pronounced and easily identifiable. Lesbians and Gays do not have equal protection under the law. Without recognition from the law as administered by the governments, society can continue the exclusion and abuse or those who are different. In the '70s separatism was a word parlayed solely in the context of feminism and radical Lesbianism. Now, the term separatism has re-established itself as a state of mind that destroys societies as one group is pitted against another to the point of genocide. This is not new. History tells of these atrocities over and over again. We need not go to Bosnia to see separatism at work. Just look over your shoulder.

The law is a tool used to either encourage or derail efforts to separate and destroy. In Nazi Germany and in Mao's cultural revolution, the search and destruction of a select group of individuals due to their religious or political beliefs was not only sanctions but driven by the government. Law after law was passed to establish the legitimacy of abuse.

Anyone who has studied the law knows that the law reflects the beliefs of the society it governs. To read the law as anthropologist do is to gather a sense of the reality of the times. To read the laws of the United States, municipality by municipality, state by state and those that govern the nation is to be seized by the absolute truth that there is no one truth under the law especially in regards to the civil and criminal status of Lesbians and Gays.

There come points in history when urgency rules. An event causes a surge in the debate and creation of law. Anita Hill's testimony before the Senate shook society's assumptions of sexual harassment and caused a review of the law. The epidemic of AIDS caused a profound argument in the rights of an HIV or AIDS victim's privacy vs. the rights of society to protect those uninfected or potentially infected.

The rights of parents to determine the influences on their children no matter how prejudiciously embedded their beliefs may be is a constant issue in the

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employment of Lesbian and Gay teachers, social workers, etc. It goes on and on and on and on and the battles are fought in the courts and the courts do not go unaffected by public sentiment.

It is the courts, comprised of the ethics of individuals, that rule. An ethic that was shaped by the same society that carries the burden of historical prejudice. There are many prejudices yet to be breached and taken forward to a new era of understanding and acceptance. Given this harsh reality the influence on the courts will be made not only by the social advocates but by the lawyers.

There are constant arguments of where changes can be best promoted; from the outside crashing in the walls or from the inside making measured changes, slowly and patiently establishing a foundation to build further changes. Both strategies have merit. Proponents of each have not always appreciated the work done by the other. Those pounding on the doors do not consistently recognize the influence of those inside striving to open the door for them. Those inside requesting patience do not always allow themselves to recognize the extent of the damage waiting continues to inflict on very real individuals.

The lawyer through the courts takes the route of institutionalizing change. Such a route though lengthy and costly still provides greater possibility than the legislature which drowns in the politics that the judges merely tread water in.

The Lesbian and Gay agenda is continuous change. It is a slow process but it is one built on the foundation established by our predecessors who began the fight for a legitimacy which allows the victims of prejudice to obtain a shade of justice if not its complete rays of sunlight. I would like to see more of us in law school. In the past few months I met one Lesbian studying labor law and another who shall use her law degree as a means of promoting changes in society's treatment of the disabled.

There is much work to be done. As the young and the seasoned reflect on how they want to make a difference, the law, a maligned profession, can be a vehicle for positive change.

Finally, and not to be forgotten, is the fact that every judge began their career as a lawyer. There needs to be a greater representation of the Lesbian and Gay community on the bench. I am sure the pool of candidates exists but there is no reason why it shouldn't be an ever expanding body of water.

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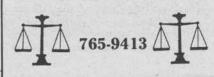
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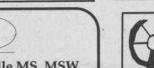
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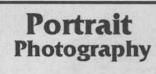


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A Patron Saint for Drag Queens

By Brian Treglown

The selection of a patron saint to serve as a protector — a sort of special guardian, actually — over a segment of Catholics is a long-standing tradition. There is a patron saint for people with epilepsy (St. Vitus) and one for poets (St. Cecilia). There is even a patron saint for postal employees (St. Gabriel), though one wonders if Gabriel isn't occasionally asleep at the switch given some postal employees' habit of periodically going on shooting rampages. So, with so many occupations and lifestyles represented, it seems fitting that drag queens should now have someone who would provide this special guardianship for them too.

Clearly, the logical patron saint candidate for Catholic drag queens is St. Eulalia. She was born in 304 A.D. in the Spanish town of Merida. Eulalia was a pious child, a fervent believer of the Catholic faith. So, when the Roman ruler Maximian began decreeing that the

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people must make sacrifices to the gods, young Eulalia was troubled. Though only 12 years-old at the time, she believed the edicts were blasphemous. No way would

Eulalia's mother realized that her spirited child was courting danger. If she were to openly defy the rulings, there was sure to be persecution. So, she took the child from Merida to the countryside, hoping for safety in distance.

But Eulalia was not to be denied her fury. She made a special trip to see the presiding judge. When he tried to appease her, legend has it that she spat at him and reproached him for enforcing a rule that would deny the existence of one God. Not a smart move. Her actions gave the judge no choice but to sentence her to

At this point, details get cloudy. As so often happens with history retold many times over the centuries, there is no clear consensus on how Eulalia was executed.

One theory is that she was burned to death. Another is that she was tortured and her body impaled on large hooks. A third theory, and this is the one of interest to us here, is that she was crucified.

This theory becomes significant because, if true, it makes Eulalia the first Christian woman to receive the dubious honor of being executed in the same manner as Christ.

For you drag queens who have been waiting patiently to see how you fit in, here it is. You see, at St. Eulalia's mother church in Barcelona, Christ appears on the cross in a dress. It's almost as if Eulalia was Christ in drag. At least that is how he/she is represented on the cross.

In a final, rather theatrical twist to the story, legend says that at Eulalia's death, a white dove flew out of her mouth. A very Ken Russell sort of touch.

One final footnote: for reasons unknown, Eulalia is already the patron saint of sailors. Drag queens and sailors, both under Eulalia's all-caring umbrella? Could be interesting.

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needs as a community. It (the program) is very much going to be community-centered."

Again he emphasized that he wanted as much "input" from the community as he could get. "I can't do this alone," he said. "I'm going to need a lot of volunteers. I'm going to need a lot of people with ideas who are willing to work those ideas into reality. I'm going to need all of that.'

He was asked if he realized that he could also be a "point man" at MAP: that if anyone in the community had a gripe with the agency, they would come to him?

"I'm willing to accept that," he said. "But I'm only willing to accept so much. I'm going to listen to people because I know that a lot of people have been burned and hurt. That has to be dealt with. I can't skip over that," he said.

"But then I have to move on to actually putting some programs in place," he said.

Rod was born and raised in Milwaukee and came out here. He said he made a conscious decisioin to devote himself to his hometown and not to get drawn away to places like D.C. or L.A. "I felt like I had a commitment to my community," he said. "That's why I'm still here."

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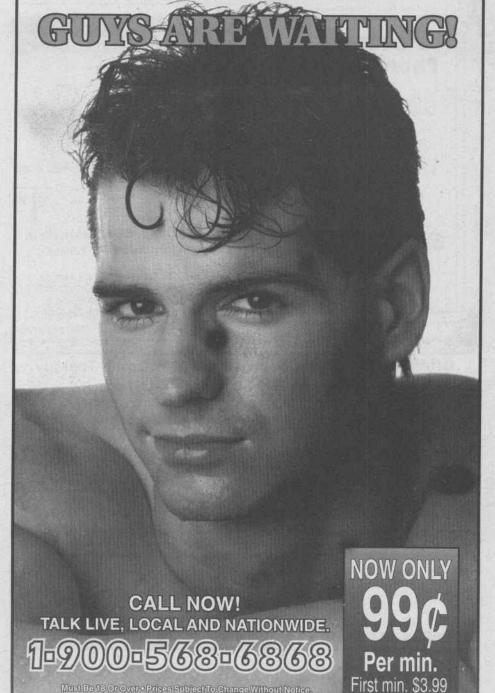
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414 Area Code CALL ME: 6'1", dark hair and grn eyes. Seeking a guy 18-30. I love movies going out, dancing and phone talk. Gimme a call at home. #14232

WI **RIDE IN THE COUNTRY:** 20 yr old, 6'2", 185. Seeking a guy who likes to cuddle, drive around and listen to music. Please be 18-40 (preferably). #22880

WI HERE COMES SUMMER: 29 yr old blk male, 5'8", 150. Med-build. Into music, dance and the lake in the summertime. Seeking a serious relationship with an 18-40 yr old. \$\pi 23108\$

Milwaukee GOOD WITH MY HANDS: 37 yr old seeks a relationship. I am a handy man and home owner. #23153

WI DO YOU NEED A MAID?: TV, very passable Totally shaven. I will cook and clean and provide EVERY service. I can dress from sophisticated to sleazy. Great legs! Call me. #23161

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking guys under 30 for a hot, safe time. #9368

Green Bay I WANT TO TRY: Seeking Bi or married guys. 26 yr old is very interested and would love to hear from you. #23421

Milwaukee **YOUR CALL:** Seeking a hot blk guy. 28 yr old white male for a long or short term situation. #23515

WI FIT AS A FIDDLE: Professional, healthy guy

seeks a fit man in his 40's call me at home. #20766

WI NORTH-EAST: Outdoor guy

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WI SLEEP ON IT: 6'2", 34 YO, into men who are

men who are intelligent and fun-loving. Anything safe is OK. #20473

Milwaukee I KNOW MY PLACE: 34 year old 5'9", and med build. I am a definite btm. Seeking friends and a possible LTR. #20494

4) 4 Area Code DOWN TO EARTH: Blonde and

A14 Area Code DOWN DEARTH is binded and blue, 57", into sports, movies and all kinds of music. Seeking guys with good hearts and souls.

Must be mutually respectful. #20506

608 Area Code **CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE:** 20 yr old, 5'6", 135 seeks men 20-40's for fun and excitement. ≈20614

Madison MILITARY SCENES: Workouts, crewcuts and having fun your thing? Call me. #20744

Wassau **THRU THE UPS AND DOWNS:** 23 yr old WM Bi-guy seeks a relationship with a WM 18-25. #20758

Milwaukee CREAM OF THE CROP: 39 yr old, clean healthy and ready for fun. #20769

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 5'11", 165, seeking 18-26 yr olds. Must be fairly liberal and a nonsmoker. \$\pi 20777

Milwaukee ALL POINTS BULLFTIN: Seeking hnky Puerto Rican or blacks. #20879

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.
61", 195, 37 blonde and blue guy seeks a white male 27-37 who is good-looking and athletic.

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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, socializing. #18300

Ml/waukee **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. **\$\pi\$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

Eau Claire **GREAT OUTDOORS:** Seeking 30-35 year old guy. I like snowmobiles and fourwheeling. 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

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.

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 stached. 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

and light orn 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

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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

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 gettogether with a third. Call usl #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 looking for yngr men. #14598

Milwaukee SSSSHHHHHHH: 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

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

Waterlown 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 fimes 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. \$\pi 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. 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 crossdresser 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 ME!:** 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 FEEUN 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 **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 auddling.

▼7868 Milwaukee EITHER WAY: black bi-male, seeking tp, for casual or long term rel. = 8231

Green Boy **ACTIVE:** 5'9, bland, 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.



Milwaukee COACH ME: I enjoy leather & water sports, looking for tall, musclr, builder or leather tp man for discreet calls: \$\pi\$ 2077

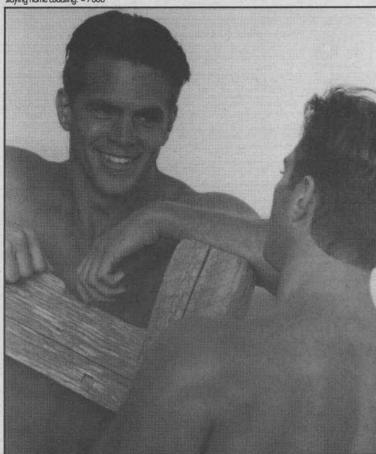
414 Area Code **FASHION FRENZY:** 35 y/o, x-dresser seeks simlr. **±** 2716

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

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

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Paul, call me on call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 6537

Carl, 29, GWM, 180, 5'9, ISO a sincere open minded man, any race. (Call Thru) Box# 3779

GM, 21, blond hair, blue eyes, like bars, ISO a male companion. (Call Thru) Box# 4266

TV, 5'11, 140, 30, blond hair, ISO a big black man. Box#

Jeff, 35, WM, 195, brown hair/eyes, good body/looks, looking to have fun with other men. (Call Thru) Box#

4558 Michael, BM, 23, ISO guys my age for football, movies,

etc. Box# 6919 Kevin, masculine, ISO Gay or BiWM, 20-35 who is built

and masculine also. (Call Thru) Box# 3560

Randy, GWM, 32, 5'9, stocky, submissive, ISO a long hair biker type to show me the ropes. (Call Thru) Box#

Mark, 30, 5'8, 150, dark hair, my partner-29, 5'6, 142, light brown hair, ISO men under 40 for goodtime. (Call Thru) Box# 4245 Stanely, born in 69, like walks, tennis, volleyball. Box#

Curt, over-weight GWM, ISO nice, hairy, funloving top men. (Call Thru) Box# 2875

WM, 6', 190, athletic, well-built, very submissive bottom, ISO a large well-endowed top, you won't be sorry. (Call Thru) Box# 7197

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

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Mark, short, stocky, Hispanic bottom boy, ISO hot mid-western top boy. (Call Thru) Box# 2146

Joe, BM, 29, ISO other BM, I like the outdoors and I am down to earth. (Call Thru) Box# 4522

Kevin, 24, bottom, still in the closet. Box# 5610 Joe, GWM, 41, 6'1, 185, nice body, well-hung. (Call

Thru) Box# 9750 Dave, 26, 5'9, bottom, 160, ISO a cute guy. Box# 7571

Dave, 26, bottom, long blond hair, 5'8, 160, great job, ISO a top to live with. (Call Thru) Box# 5547 M, 5'6, 150, 18, muscular, blond, blue eyes, 9"s, ISO an experienced top to show me everything. (Call Thru)

Jenni, 6'1, 190, ISO teddy bear, 37-47, hairy, dark hair, muscular and intimate. (Call Thru) Box# 3315

GWM, 5'7, blond, blue eyes, 38, goodlooking, well-endowed, muscular, thin, ISO top, HIV-, goodlooking man to love. (Call Thru) Box# 8547

GM, John, 22, college student, ISO someone out-going for good times. Box# 5093

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael, 5'7, GBM, top, looking for a goodtime, let's talk.

GM, Erin, 24, quiet, sincere, like music, astrology, ISO a monogamous, fun male,21-35. (Call Thru) Box# 2526 Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM,

25 and over. Box# 2742 GBM, Andre, 20, college student, ISO GWM, for dancing, movies, etc. Box# 6542

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

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

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

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

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Box# 7686

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WM, 30's, ISO a Bi or GWM for goodtimes, I'll be open to your ideas. Box# 1977

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Good-looking GWM, 21 yrs old, 5'9", 135 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, seeking a LTR w/ an intelligent, stable, humorous GWM, 18-25. I like music, film, video, art, & good conversation. Box# 4451

BM, 5'11", 175 lbs, attractive, smooth, muscular, seeking a WM, 25-40, who's masculine (perhaps a bit huskey), professional, easy-going, fun to be with, and looking for some company. Box# 5101

Family of M.A.P. Volunteers Honored with J.C. Penny Award

(MILWAUKEE)- In the first week in March, a family of six was awarded the JC Penny Golden Rule Group Award for their extensive contributions to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The Sharpee-Kennedy-Lengling-Guerrero Family, who have volunteered in a variety of capacities at MAP for the past two years, will receive well-deserved recognition at the JC Penny Golden Rule Award Dinner at the Italian Commnity Center on April 20, 1994.

Members of this family are involved in virtually every area of MAP including Life Care Services, MAP's client services department, Prevention Services, which provides a wide range of educational programming; and Special Events, a fundraising arm of the organization.

Neil Albrecht, MAP's Director of Volunteer Services, who nominated the family for the award said, "The involvement of their family provides a role model for other individuals, and encourages current volunteers to bring family members and friends into the volunteer program at MAP. Their impact on the lives of individuals living with AIDS is significant."

Did Kinsey Really Say That One Out of Ten People Is Homosexual?

By William H. DuBay

Forty years after sex researcher Alfred Kinsey told us that the world is not made up of two different kinds of people, Gay and straight, we still read in the papers, "According to Kinsey, one out of ten (or one out of seven or five, depending on who is writing the piece) is homosexual." Such statements must have Kinsey spinning in his grave. Not only did he never make any such statements, he went out of his way to disclaim them.

The study that Kinsey and his colleagues published (Sexual Behavior in the Human Male in 1948 and Sexual Behavior in the Human Female in 1953) remains to date the largest and most significant study of human sexuality. Based on 12,000 in-depth personal interviews from the widest sampling of the general population, the Kinsey findings give us a solid background against which we can understand and evaluate more recent studies.

"Homosexual": A Control Label

Kinsey was not the first or the last to observe that "homosexual" is a label society has invented to stigmatize and control behavior. Males and females, he said, do not represent two discrete populations, heterosexual and homosexual... Only the human mind invents categories and tries to force facts into pigeonholes. The living world is a continuum in each and every one of its aspects.

The attempt to maintain a simple dichotomy on sexual matters exposes the traditional biases which are likely to enter whenever the heterosexual or homosexual classification of an individual is involved.

The Kinsey Scale

While emphasizing the continuity of gradations between exclusively homosexual and exclusively heterosexual histories, Kinsey proposed his heterosexual-homosexual rating scale, based on both overt and psychological experiences.

0 Exclusively heterosexual with no homosexual experience; 1 Predominantly incidentally heterosexual, only Predominantly homosexual; 2 heterosexual, but more than incidentally homosexual; 3 Bisexual; 4 Predominantly homosexual, but more than incidentally Predominantly heterosexual;5 but incidentally homosexual, heterosexual; 6 Exclusively homosexual.

Kinsey summarized his findings on the incidence of homosexual behavior among white males in the U.S. population in these words:

37 percent of the total male population has at least some overt homosexual experience to the point of orgasm between adolescence and old age. This accounts for nearly 2 males out of every 5 that one may meet.

50 percent of the males who remain single until age 35 have had overt homosexual experience to the point of orgasm, since the onset of adolescence.

58 percent of the males who belong to the group that goes to high school but not beyond, 50 percent of the grade school level, and 47 percent of the college level have had homosexual experience to the point of orgasm if they remain single to the age of 35.

63 percent of all males never have overt homosexual experience to the point of orgasm after the onset of adolescence.

30 percent of all males have at least incidental homosexual experience over at least a three year period between the ages of 16 and 55. This accounts for one male out of every three.

18 percent of males have at least as much of the homosexual as the heterosexual in their histories. This is more than one in six of the white male population.

10 percent of males are more or less exclusively homosexual for at least 3 years between the ages of 16 and 55.

4 percent of males are exclusively homosexual throughout their lives.

Bisexuality the Norm? As to the origins of homosexual behaviors, Kinsey, like Freud, believed that all persons are born bisexual and one's sexual activities and pleasures depend on a wide variety of causes.

In short, Kinsey gave us a picture of human sexuality quite different from the rigid categories of Gay and straight propagated in the media. He concluded the chapter on homosexuality in the "Male" volume with this paragraph:

"If all persons with any trace of homosexual history, or those who were predominantly homosexual, were eliminated from the population today, there is no reason for believing that the incidence of the homosexual in the next generation would be materially reduced. The homosexual has been a significant part of human sexual activity since the dawn of history, primarily because it is an expression of capacities that are basic in the human animal.

Editor's Note: The above article was taken from the February, 1994 issue of Southeast Alaska Gay and Lesbian Alliance's Perspective

Bay View Center To Host Monopoly Tournee

(Milwaukee)- Attention Monopoly players! It is now time to sign up for Milwaukee's official Monopoly tournament and pit your skills against other players in the area. You could wind up playing in the U.S. Monopoly Championship.

The tournament will be held at the Bay View Community Center, 1320 E. Oklahoma Avenue on Saturday, May 21, 1994, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Milwaukee-area tournament is one of many local competitions being held throughout the country. The winner of this local tournament will qualify for consideration for the title of Wisconsin's Monopoly champion and could go on to play in the national competition.

The entry fee is \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door. The fee for playing in the "pick-up" games, which will be held throughout the day, is \$5 per adult, \$2 for children under age 12.

To preregister, call the Bay View Community Center at (414) 482-1000. You will be sent a registration packet.

Delta Airlines Employees Echo Lawsuits Claims of Discrimination

[Milwaukee]- 9to5, the National Association of Working Women, has been hearing stories on intimidation and discrimination from Delta Airlines employees for years. So news of a former Delta worker's suit against the airline claiming he was targeted, harassed and fired for having the AIDS virus comes as no surprise.

According to the lawsuit filed in San Mateo County Superior Court in California by Joseph A. Sullivan, 38, Delta kept lists of employees suspected of having HIV. Sullivan claims Delta harassed and fired him in 1991 because he has AIDS. His case, originally filed in October, 1992, goes to trial March 21, 1994.

Sullivan had worked for Delta for 13 years as a reservations sales agent in the San Francisco International Airport.

According to court records, Delta managers met on April 23, 1991, to discuss employees known to be HIV positive or suspected of being infected. A list was compiled consisting of 13 employees including descriptions of each, their known medical problems, symptoms, physical appearance and two-year attendance record. Again according to court records, the list was then forwarded to Delta's Atlanta headquarters.

The memo lists by name two employees under the heading "Documentation of HIV Positive Diagnosis." Sullivan's name is one of the two under the heading "Advised Management of HIV Positive Diagnosis."

According to the documents, Delta claims that the information was necessary because it would "enable supervisors to correctly handle medical emergencies."

A year later when Sullivan filed a complaint with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, Delta wrote the Commission: "Upon subsequent evaluation...this was probably not the best way to address the concern which was made." Local management, Delta wrote, had been advised that this procedure was not to be followed in the future.

The Commission halted its investigation at Sullivan's request when he sued.

Sullivan, who has AIDS and is living with his parents in Mississippi, is seeking back pay, emotional distress and punitive damages against Delta.

Delta maintains the Sullivan, hired as a temporary agent and promoted to supervisor a decade later, established a pattern of unreliability and inability to perform his job.

Sullivan took two leaves of absence. One in September, 1990, and one in May, 1991 for alcohol rehabilitation. Sullivan, who drank outside work and was never reprimanded for alcohol related behavior on the job, according to the court documents, had requested the treatment process.

Delta says, according to the documents, that Sullivan violated Company policy by failing to follow up with after-care when he completed the company-sponsored rehabilitation.

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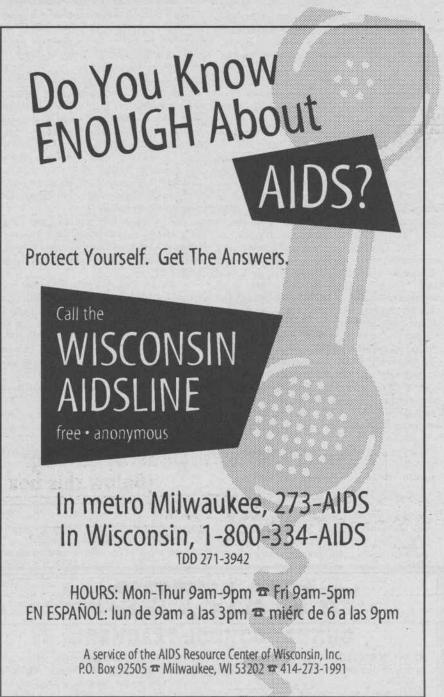
The calls coming into 9to5's Problem Hotline (1-800-522-0925) from Delta employees relate similar stories of discrimination by airline management. These callers eventually formed an network to share information and provide support to other Delta employees.

Although Sullivan's case is currently receiving national attention, 9to5 officials see it as only the tip of the iceberg.

"Respecting the rights and on-the-job safety of employees must be a priority for major corporations like Delta," said Ellen Bravo, Executive Director of 9to5. "Likewise, employers must deal responsibly with them (employees) on disability and terminal illnesses."

The airlines industry is a high stress one. The calls we get, especially from the reservationists and customer service agents, indicate that job-related source of a variety of injuries. Scapegoating the employees in this manner is clearly irresponsible."

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Immigration Door Opens While Another Door Slams Shut

By Robert Bray

Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals in Southern California are still repairing their homes, community centers and AIDS support offices following last January's massive earthquake. Many citizens affected by the temblor are rebuilding their lives with federal assistance authorized by the U.S.

That federal asstance - \$8.6 billion for victims of the quake- came with the first-ever Federal nondiscrimination clause that included sexual orientation. The legislation authorizing the money contained a little-noticed amendment that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in distributing emergency earthquake aid. It's the first time the government has banned anti-Gay discrimination in a federal program.

But the good news is bittersweet. Because while the measure opens a door for Gay people, it slams shut another door for another vilified group also at the top of the Far Right's attack list, immigrants.

The Gay-inclusive language appears in a controversial section of the legislation that bars assistance to "individuals not lawfully in the United States." The bill requires disaster aid officials to take "reasonable steps to determine the immigration status of those seeking aid. The measure was quickly condemned by immigrant groups as an example of the rising tide of immigrant scapegoating now sweeping the nation.

Although Gays are protected, the ban against immigrants will result in a wholesale discrimination of another kind. All people should be eligible for earthquake relief regardless of immigrant status or sexual orientation. This is a humanitarian concern and politics should not be a part of the consideration

The ban also reflects a fear linked with racism. The majority of immigrants in the U.S. are, in fact, European. But the current immigrant bashing spree directs suspicion primarily toward Latinos and

Anti-immigrant sentiment directly affects Gay people. Many undocumented immigrants and those seeking asylum are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender. The upcoming Stonewall 25

International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Gay People will highlight the fact that we are of all nationalities and colors

The Far Right--the same people behind anti-Gay initiativews in several states--are fueling the antiimmigrant backlash. It uses many of the similar tactics against immigrants as it does against Gays.

First, the concept of "protected rights" is narrowly defined. Gays are not a rightful minority and immigrants aren't American so neither should have protection, say the Christian Fundamentalists. Gays are demonized as a threat to the traditional family values. Immigrants are scape-goated as a threat to our economic secuity.

The Far Right aims to institutionalize discrimination against Gays in the form of Colorado-style initiatives. It targets immigrants with laws that discriminate against foreigners and even their U.S. born children

Scape-goating and bashing nurtures an environment of harassment and violence. This makes many Gays think twice about coming out. It makes those hit hardest by disaster fearful of

"The Far Right has been influential in altering political and ideological culture in this country so people are fairly accepting of intolerance," said Cathi Tactaqiun, Exectuive Director of the National Network for Immigant and Refugee Rights. 'They've made it easier for people to rationalize discrimination, to morally and legally justify it against immigrants or Gays."

The current battles against the human rights of Gays and immigrants pose a critical question about our country: Will our democracy expand to provide rights to an increasingly diverse population, or will it contract to limit rights to a few?

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual activists must work in alliance with immigrants, people of color, and other groups to expose the broader respressive agenda of the Christian Fundamentalist Religious Right-an agenda that attacks the basic civil, human. labor, economic and reproductive rights. We must pour a stronger civil rights foundation for all. Then, we can build a solid united front against intolerance that will result in a more inclusive democracy

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Student Tells of Experience of Being Lesbian at Shabazz City High

By Jessie Tanner

Hi, I'm Jessie and I go to Shabazz City High School. I was asked to write about why I decided to go to Shabazz. At first I choose Shabazz because I was doing poorly in a regular high school here in Madison. But being at Shabazz for nine weeks, I soon discovered that I was really wanting acceptance.

At the other high school, I was a closeted, homophobic dyke. If there was a Gay-bashing joke being told, I was there. When I talked with a couple of my friends about what I was thinking, they gave me responses like, "You just haven't found the right guy yet... Maybe you just need to get ---- by a real man."

Well, I started to think about it. Maybe that was the problem. I was just being anxious about having a sexual relationship with someone. Then, I thought, I don't want to have a relationship with a man. The next thing I did was I stopped going to school. I didn't want to be reminded that I was "different" from everyone else. I stayed home and wrote poetry about how I felt.

Then one day I got bored sitting at home, so I went to my afternoon classes. The social worker at the school found out that I had shown up. She called me into her office and told me that if I didn't start coming to school on time and every day, I would have to do an extra year of school.

I had known about Shabazz from a friend who used to go there, so I asked if I finished up my Junior year at this school, if I could then transfer to Shabazz? She told me she couldn't make those decisions, then she sent me back to class.

I went home that night and asked my mom if she could help me get into Shabazz. I had to make the deal that if she set things up, I would go to school every day. It was a small price to pay to graduate on time.

I remember the day I went to Shabazz for the interview. As I walked into the social worker's office, I saw a picture of a boy, his Gay father and his father's partner. Then, as I looked around more, I noticed a lot of diverse pictures.

I told the person at the interview that I was Gay. I think that that was the first time I had said "I'm" and "Gay" in the same phrase. The people at the interview smiled at me and just continued on with their questions. It was great! I felt on top of the world.

Finishing the last quarter of my Junior year at my home school was hard. I wanted to tell the world that I was Gay, but I still had a lot of homophobic ideas racing through my head. I was still hanging around the same people who were telling the jokes about Gays still laughing at them. I was still in the same situation that had caused me to regress into myself.

I was so happy when school let out. I cut my hair short and underwent a complete change in attitude. If I heard a Gay joke, I no longer laughed, but rather questions why people would tell jokes that

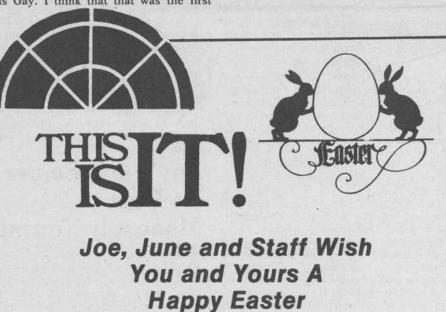
put down a whole culture.

During the first nine weeks of school at Shabazz, I came out to several teachers and a few close friends. I started to write articles for the school newspaper. My first story was about Gays in the military. I became more aware of Gay history and even got to write a paper about homosexuality becoming a trend in the

In the third quarter of school, I am completely out to everyone. Even my mother knows. I am also in a relationship with a woman. Making the decision to come to Shabazz has really helped me with the things I want to do in life.

Editor's Note: This article was written by a Shabazz student. If you are in the Madison Metro School District and would like more information on Shabazz, please call the main office at (608) 246-5040.

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