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The Wisconsin Light

May 24 Reception to be Held for Mayor Norquist and Ombudsman Marg Beil

(Milwaukee)- There is to be a reception held for Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist on Tuesday, May 24 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street. The reception is open to all and will be an opportunity to meet the Mayor and share with him your concerns. Refreshments will be served.

Also attending will be Marg Beil who has recently been assigned by the Mayor to handle problems that the community may have.

The reception is being hosted by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), the LAMM Education Fund, the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays, PrideFest, LOC Women of Color, Ujima, Men of All Colors Together and the Sherman Park Rainbow Association.

Studds and Frank to Introduce Employment Non-Discrimination Bill

(Washington, D.C.)- In a major effort to ward off the pressure building from the anti-Gay initiatives building in 9 of the states, U.S. Representatives Gerry Studds (D-MA) and Barney Frank (D-MA) announced on April 21 that they will jointly introduce federal legislation to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation. This will be the first legislation to focus specifically on workplace protections for Lesbians and Gay men. The plan is to introduce the bill in May, 1994.

"The right to be secure in one's livelihood is a bedrock principle with which every American can identify," said Studds.

"Discriminating against honest, hard-working people because they are Gay or Lesbian makes no sense--morally, socially or economically," said Frank.

The bill is being pushed by Gay lobbyists from the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), and others.

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70 Acts will Entertain PrideFest Goers Over Two Days and Evenings on Two Stages at June 11-12 Festival

(Milwaukee)- With more than 70 acts composed over 200 singers, dancers, comics and actors and other entertainers from three states, Wisconsin's PrideFest 94 has become the largest Gay and Lesbian entertainment festival in the Upper Midwest.

In order to accommodate the greatly increased number of performers, PrideFest has added a second stage, the Harvey Milk Stage, which will join the outdoor Cream City Foundation/Alyn Hess Stage.

PrideFest 94 will be held June 11 and 12 at its new site just north of Milwaukee's War Memorial Art Center located right on Lake Michigan.

PrideFest has succeeded in producing the biggest, most diverse and highest quality entertainment lineup ever seen at a LesBiGay event in Wisconsin or, for that matter, most other states as well.

Organizers say that last year's large crowd convinced many performers that it was worth their while to perform at PrideFest. Unlike past celebrations, there was no special effort made to cover bare spots in the lineup.

Every act was either viewed in person or required to submit a tape before being added to the lineup. In fact, so many good performers were turned away because there was no room in the lineup that organizers considered adding a third entertainment stage. That idea was rejected because of cost considerations.

There will be three different revues. Hur-

Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom Recieves Prestigious National Stonewall Award

Honored For Her Fight for Equal Rights



Won't Back Down--Miriam Ben-Shalom is pictured in this 1976 poster which was circulated by friends shortly after her dismissal from the U.S. Army in November of that year.

(Milwaukee)- Miriam Ben-Shalom is one of four awarded the prestigious Stonewall Awards in recognition of her long-time activism for equal rights for Lesbians and Gays. The award brings with it \$25,000.

The Stonewall Awards are administered by the Anderson Prize Foundation. It was founded in 1990 in Chicago as a not-for-profit charitable and educational organization, to promote education about and awareness of the concerns of the Gay and Lesbian community.

The Foundation is named for the late Paul A. Anderson, a futures trader in Chicago, who provided the initial funding as well as a bequest of \$1,250,000 to endow the prizes after his death. There are no conditions of any kind attached to the award.

Besides Ben-Shalom, Franklin "Frank" Kameny of Washington, D.C., Barbara Smith of Albany, New York, and Rick Osborne of San Diego, California also won Stonewall Awards.

Ben-Shalom, a native of East Troy, Wisconsin and a long-time resident of Milwaukee, gained national prominence when she opposed her discharge from the U.S. Army in 1976 when she told the truth about her sexual orientation.

Up to that time, she had received many commendations and was one of the first women to become a drill sergeant.

Ben-Shalom took her case to court and 11 years later won reinstatement, but was not allowed to re-enlist, whereupon she launched a second court challenge which she won and then lost on appeal. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

Ben-Shalom was one of the first public speakers on behalf of the right of Gays to serve in the armed forces. She has lobbied for the civil rights of Lesbians, Gay men and all people. She is a frequent speaker nation-wide and has been Grand Marshall in many Gay Pride parades, including in Milwaukee.

She is currently a member of the PrideFest Board in Milwaukee, serving as Vice President and Volunteer coordinator. She has given a portion of her award to the PrideFest celebration. She is a member of the Stonewall 25 Armed Forces Veterans Coalition, among other duties.

In addition to being a high school English teacher in the Milwaukee public schools, she is an instructor in the continuing education program at the Milwaukee Area Technical College.

She is also currently giving "serious consideration" to running for Mayor of Milwaukee.

Ben-Shalom first heard that she had won the Stonewall Award when she got a Federal Express package. When she opened it up, she found a packet of information. She said that at first she thought it was from someone asking her for a donation of some kind, perhaps "a con thing of some kind."

It was only when she called Allen Schuh, head of the Anderson Foundation, that she found out what had happened.

When Schuh clarified the situation, her

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style to its PrideFest debut during the Pride Showcase Saturday evening.

Last year, PrideFest experimented with a special Saturday evening concert: The Pride Showcase Candle Light Concert. This year's three-hour show will include a dramatic recreation of Stonewall. Concert goers are being urged to bring a candle to help light up the park with Pride.

PrideFest 94 Co-Chair, Bill Meunier, says the entire community has reason to be very proud of this lineup. "We have worked throughout the year to round up the best singers, dancers, and bands that we could find. It's a shame we had to turn down so many fine performers."

Marge Beil New Contact Person in Mayor's Office for Gay Community

(Milwaukee)- Marge Beil, Staff Assistant to Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist has recently accepted the assignment of being the contact person in the Mayor's office for the Gay/Lesbian community.

The person who formerly held that assignment was David Riemer who yielded it when he became Norquist's Chief of Staff.

Beil, who has worked for the Mayor since March of 1993, emphasizes that this is an assignment, not an appointed position. She is not a liaison between the Mayor's office and the community, she said. Nor is she a spokesperson for the community to the Mayor.

Instead, she is a sort of ombudsperson, a trouble-shooter, a person who tries to help solve problems, a position she occupies for other communities such as older adults, labor

and others.

As such, she said, anyone in the LesBiGay community can call her, for example if they have a problem cutting through red tape. She will assist them or refer them to the proper office.

Beil is no stranger to politics. She worked for Tony Earl, running the former governor's campaign in Milwaukee. It was while working with Earl, she said, that she had contact with the Gay community.

However, she said, that was 10 years ago. "Things have changed."

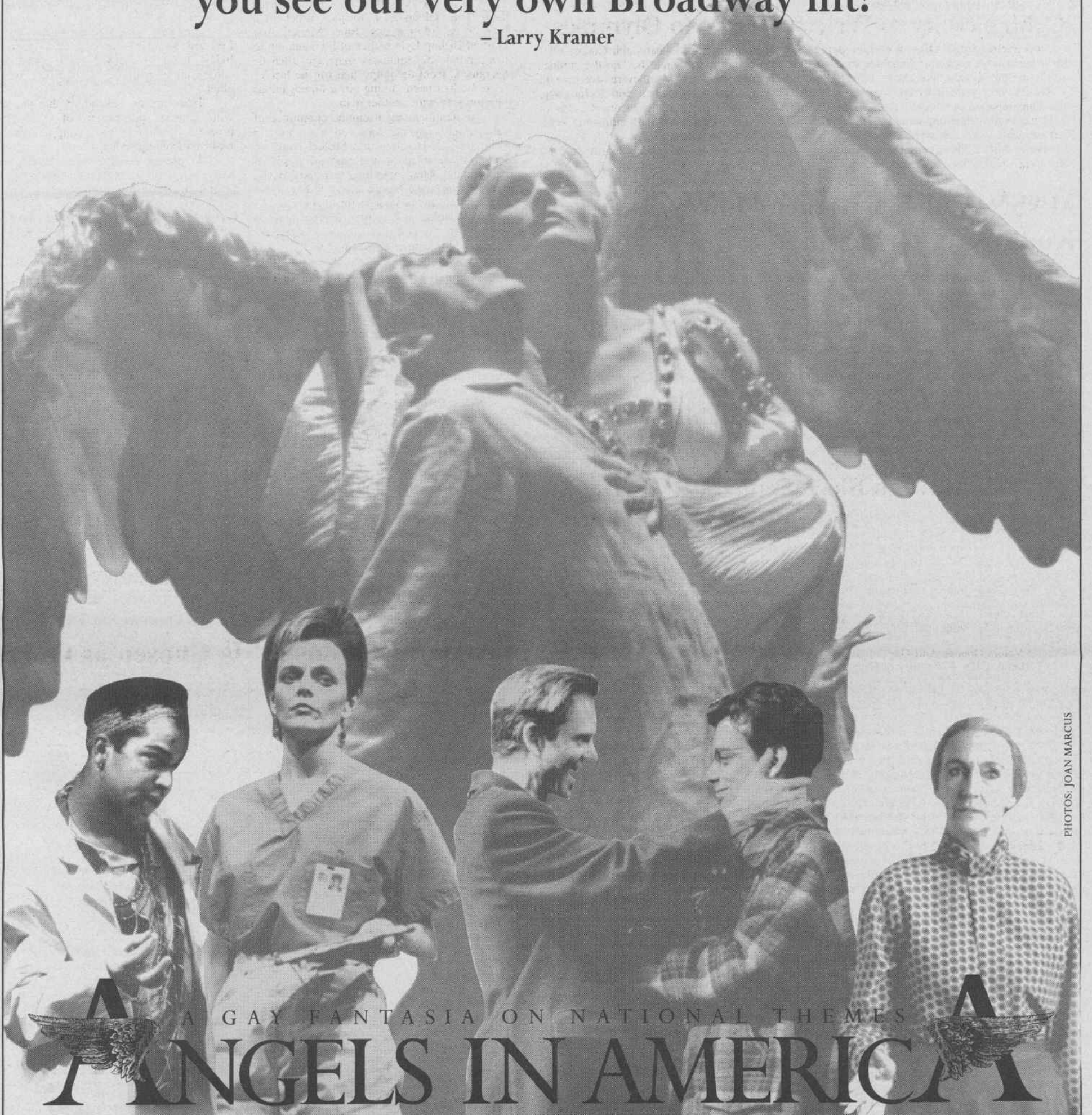
Beil said that she would be willing to accept invitations from community organizations and groups to meet with them.

Beil's phone number in City Hall is (414) 286-2200.

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EDITORIAL

Let Your Voices Be Heard: Homophobia in the Schools Project Needs Your Help

Virtually all of us who are Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual have extremely painful memories of the pervasive homophobia we faced in school. A dynamic new coalition has come together in Madison in an attempt to address these problems in the Madison public schools. GLADE (Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education) needs you to tell your stories, and to network with friends and other groups to encourage them to come forward as well.

GLADE is collecting contemporary stories documenting the incidence of homophobia in the Madison public schools from four perspectives: 1) Gay and Lesbian parents; 2) Gay and Lesbian teachers and school personnel; 3) Gay and Lesbian students; and 4) parents of Gay and Lesbian children.

Stories can be told either in writing or over the phone. Confidentiality is assured for all who respond, says organizer Sunshine Jones (of the Lesbian Parents Network). However, she asks that people include their name, address and phone number so that she can contact them.

While some people may understandably need to remain anonymous, it is hoped that others will be in a position to tell their stories publicly.

For more information, write to: GLADE, c/o The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 255-8582. Sunshine Jones can be reached at (608) 276-8010. Please respond by May 2. This project is of enormous importance; please do whatever you can to help.

MASN And Mary Alice Mowry Deserve Kudos, Not Criticism

Lay off and lighten up, Madison Magazine! Conservative founder James Selk's slick monthly rag began by unjustly deriding the Madison AIDS Support Network in a blatantly one-sided piece they published a few months ago. Complete with a heart-tugging illustration that pictured haggard PWA's desperately knocking on a locked MASN door, the article painted a picture of MASN as a \$1,000,000 agency tragically out of touch with the people it serves. This month, the smear campaign continued when the magazine gave Director Mary Alice Mowry a "power play" award for her alleged insensitivity.

Let's get a few things straight. Being big and successful is not inherently evil. MASN's 10-year history of extraordinary growth and development has not been driven by greed or avarice or power hungry administrators. The fact that a well-staffed and well-organized agency with a \$1,000,000 budget has arisen in such a short time is directly linked to one unavoidable reality: the overwhelming size and the scope of the epidemic in south central Wisconsin.

Madison Magazine focused on the complaints of a small and vocal group of clients on an advisory committee who felt that the vast majority of the agency's funds should go directly to people with HIV and AIDS. On the face of it, that seems to make sense. However, as MASN officials pointed out, money for support services is money going directly to help clients. Money for fundraising and administrative staff is not a drain on resources. On the contrary, it produces more money that can be used to help the people served by the agency. Most significantly, however, it's important to realize that at least half of the mission of the Madison AIDS Support Network is its vital work in the areas of education and prevention.

No MASN staff person, board member or volunteer would deny the compelling need for the compassionate delivery of services to people with HIV and AIDS. However, this important use of funds is only part of the picture. The Madison Magazine article offers the rather condescending and paternalistic assertion that since the people with an ax to grind against the agency have AIDS or HIV, they must be right and they must speak for all other serum positive people. The last thing that people with HIV and AIDS want is to be separated out from the rest of the community--whether that means being shunned and ignored, or whether it means being placed on a pedestal.

In fact, dozens of other MASN clients and family members called Madison Magazine in the weeks following the publication of the original story to try and tell the rest of the story, the story of an agency that has brought compassion and respect to the lives of the people it serves. They expressed understandable concern that the reputation of the agency had been wrongly tarnished and that its valuable work would be hurt.

However, despite the size of this outpouring, the magazine appeared to be dumbfounded in knowing how to respond. A retraction was out of the question. The publication of letters to the editor was also out of the question--the magazine, zealously protective of its narrow view of the world, had a policy against them. (One letter was published.) In taking its second swipe at Mowry and MASN last week, it's obvious that no one at the magazine was listening.

Born at a time when ignorance, prejudice and denial were rampant, there's no denying that the birthing process of MASN was a difficult one. Starting with its roots as a small grassroots operation, the growing up process has been equally difficult--it's a little like someone experiencing the terrible two's, a difficult adolescence, and a mid-life crisis all in the space of a few short years. The politically volatile nature of Madison inevitably made the arguments about the mission of the agency that much more strident, and the urgency of the needs of those affected by the epidemic understandably made the debate an emotional one. Despite all this, much was accomplished due to the dedication and conviction of the people involved. However, until recently, the turnover of executive directors and board presidents was occurring almost yearly.

Recently, so much of that has changed for the better. The leadership of a strong and responsive board of directors has done much to bring stability and a renewed sense of purpose to the organization. A professional and highly motivated staff has forged effective working relationships with each other and other community organizations. MASN has one of the largest and most dedicated groups of volunteers of any agency in this part of the state. However, what's especially ironic and unjust about Madison Magazine's recent ravings is its attempt to demonize Director Mary Alice Mowry. No one is perfect, but Mowry is far more deserving of kudos than criticism in terms of the valuable difference she's made in just two years at the agency.

Mary Alice Mowry brings a lifetime of experience as a social activist--and a depth of personal commitment to all of the communities affected by HIV and AIDS--to her work at MASN. Returning to Madison in 1992, after many years of work as an articulate and well-respected advocate in the Twin Cities, Mowry was uniquely suited to the job. Armed with an intimate knowledge of the Madison community, but not encumbered by old animosities and preconceptions, she was able to bring a fresh approach to the challenges facing MASN.

Mowry has earned the respect of many for the rare combination of knowledge and political expertise that she brings to her position. In Minnesota, openly Lesbian State Rep Karen Clark speaks glowingly of Mowry and her accomplishments, a perception shared by our own Rep Tammy Baldwin who calls Mowry "an exceptionally talented and articulate leader for our community." If Madison Magazine had any sense at all, they'd be working to spread understanding, instead of engaging in tabloid journalism. And they'd be naming Mary Alice Mowry their Woman of the Year.

Madison Judge Northrup's Coming Out A Tribute to His Late Father

As a publication dedicated to the premise that coming out is the most powerful thing that an individual can do in advancing understandings about Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals, we nonetheless never want to underestimate the highly difficult and individual journey each person must take in reaching that decision. For community leaders--particularly those of earlier generations or of different ethnic or cultural backgrounds--that decision can be a particularly difficult one. Many view the choice as that between remaining hidden, but effective, advocates who can quietly move our community forward versus being out and potentially losing the respect and influence that can help to change things for others.

It's a complicated dilemma. And a dilemma made even more complicated when remaining in the closet means denying the integrity and love of one's life partner. Inevitably, each person's choices must be honored.

However, the poignancy of those choices becomes especially pronounced upon the death of a partner. Recently, a community leader faced the death of her partner of more than two decades, and yet the newspapers reported their relationship as that of "roommates." No judgment is appropriate, but one cannot help but sense the weight that such non-recognition of the reality of the loss must add to the burden of grief she felt.

On Friday, April 22, the Madison dailies carried the obituary of Larry G. Small, a remarkable man who died from complications of AIDS at the age of 47. They noted his work as a computer programmer for a private business and the Milwaukee schools. They noted his love of the outdoors, of nature, and animals. They said that he was an inspiration to all who knew him. And it listed countless family members and friends who survive him.

For many of us, however, there was a special power in one very simple and matter-of-fact statement: "Survivors include his soul-mate and life partner of twenty-one years, George Northrup." For Northrup, a well-respected Madison judge, it was a coming out. For our community, it was a gesture with powerful meaning. And as a reverent tribute to the memory of a precious and much-beloved partner, no more eloquent statement of love and respect could be made.

Editor's Note: John Quinlin contributed the Madison-related editorials on this page.

LETTERS

No Secret Meetings

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to alert your readers to a secret meeting which took place on April 20, 1994, in a River Hills home between a self-selected group of Gays and Lesbians and a staff member in Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's Administration. Once again, a few of our own appear to be more interested in ensuring their places in a politician's Rolodex than advancing an inclusive agenda for Gay and Lesbian civil rights in Milwaukee.

This particular group of Queers, who all seem to be active with the newly-formed (and also very secretive) Human Rights League(HRL) of Greater Milwaukee, have a long history of holding similar meetings. When the activist groups, Queer Nation and ACT UP used non-stop demonstrations to force the Mayor to meet with representatives of our community after his Pride Parade funding veto in 1992, it was this "HRL" group that excluded front line activists from that meeting and asked the press not to report on it. In the uproar that followed that decision, it appeared that this HRL group had learned to be more inclusive.

The secret meetings continued however, and while the Mayor's office (which never told the group which Queers could and could not be at the meetings), viewed these meetings as being representative of our community's concerns, no agenda or goals for these meetings have ever been shared with the community at large.

Even worse, this HRL group is apparently so ineffective at or afraid of using grass roots power to influence political decisions that no accomplishments of all these meetings have ever been announced.

A few weeks ago, this HRL group was told that Marge Beil, a Norquist staff person, would be the new contact person for the Gay and Lesbian community. The change occurred as the previous contact, David Reimer, was promoted to Chief of Staff.

Rather than share this information with the community through the Gay press and a public meeting so that we could all access this resource, a private soiree in another city was held with only this self-selected group being invited. No press and no community leaders who are not a part of this elite group were invited.

Clearly, this was an attempt to maintain control over an information and power loop that this group has tried to control through secrecy for years. The implied message to Ms. Beil was that these are people who count.

Now, as the anger and distrust that is bred by such secrecy is surfacing, there is talk of an all-inclusive meeting with Ms. Beil and the Mayor in May (this one may actually be in Milwaukee). While such a meeting is a great opportunity, it will be occurring after the damage was done.

Why is all this important to talk about in public? In two years, Mayor Norquist will be seeking your votes again. When we collectively ask him, "What have you been doing for us for 4 years? Where is that openly Queer member of the Fire and Police Commission you promised? Why have you been silent as Queer teens are abused in the public schools?," etc., he will be able to honestly respond that he has been working closely with a group of Gays and Lesbians who have not complained about his performance, a group that believed that the best response to his parade funding veto in 1992 was to publicly volunteer to work for his re-election campaign.

The danger to us all is very real as the religious right begins to organize against us in Wisconsin. Our chance at attaining equal rights could be sold off so that a few people can feel important.

Of course, this could only happen to us now with our unspoken permission. I encourage your readers in Milwaukee to regularly contact Marge Beil at the Mayor's office with issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians.

We can make it clear from the outset that she needs to listen to the wide diversity of views and concerns in our community, and that the Mayor is actually expected to do something for us to get our votes.

Call and introduce yourself to her now at 286-2200, and come to the May meeting with specific questions and expectations for

the Mayor. We all must be included if true gains are to be made for our rights.

Dan Fons
Milwaukee

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Cream City Foundation's \$5,000 Grant Allows June 11-12 PrideFest to Expand

(Milwaukee)- Last year, after the failure of several PrideFest fund-raisers to produce the planned revenue, the Cream City Foundation (CCF) came through with a \$5,000 grant. PrideFest organizers credit CCF with saving the event. This year, CCF has provided another \$5,000 grant to help PrideFest expand.

Without CCF's help last year, it is doubtful that PrideFest would have been held. Without its help this year, it would have been impossible for the celebration to have added any of the many new attractions that exhibit the richness of our community's life and culture.

CCF is a full partner in our efforts to help build self-esteem and pride and to educate both our community and the community at large.

CCF stands as testimony to what Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals can do when we work to support each other. CCF gives out thousands of dollars every year to help insure that the richness of Lesbian and Gay life can continue. Without its help, PrideFest, like many other organizations, would be forced to either severely curtail or even to end our activities.

"There are so few sources of funds for LesBiGay organizations. Our community must realize that ultimately we must depend upon ourselves. CCF provides a vehicle for us to do

that," said Bill Meunier, PrideFest Co-Chair. "We urge every friend of PrideFest to make a donation to the one group that benefits our entire community in next Fall's combined giving campaign. Support CCF. The more we give to CCF, the more it will be able to give back to all of us," Meunier said.

It will also include a video viewing area, showing historical LesBiGay videos provided by Milwaukee's Video Adventures. Brief lectures on Gay and Lesbian history will be given every hour on the hour.

Brondino and Iverson Law Firm to Donate \$1,000 Grant for Sponsorship of the June 11-12 PrideFest History Tent

(Milwaukee)-Brondino and Iverson Law firm has announced a \$1,000 grant to PrideFest. The grant will be used to provide funds for the PrideFest History Tent.

The History Tent will include the largest display of Gay and Lesbian history anywhere. The display tracks the history of our community from the 1880's through the mid-1980's.

In announcing this welcome grant, Steve Brondino, an attorney at the firm, said, "It is

essential that everyone have a chance to know about their history. Brondino and Iverson is pleased to help Wisconsin Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals learn about theirs."

Brondino and Iverson is a full service legal firm with an emphasis on estate planning and asset transfer, two areas that most legal analysts say are critical for Gays and Lesbians. They say it is important for Lesbians and Gays to choose supportive attorneys who fully understand the implications of their relationships to help them set up plans for the future.

In addition to the grant, Brondino and Iverson has provided technical support and has been serving as the PrideFest legal counsel at no charge.

"We are gratified and pleased to have the support of Brondino and Iverson," said PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier. "Steve Brondino is a member of our Pride Council and our Booth Area Co-ordinator and their legal assistance has been first rate. They have already done so much for us that this grant is just the icing on the cake."

PrideFest Booth Reservations Deadline Nears

(Milwaukee)- Want to get your message or your products out to thousands of people? Then the PrideFest booth area is made for you. The PrideFest Booth and Parade applications have been sent out to organizations and businesses around the state.

The packets sent out contain information about the June 11 and 12 PrideFest as well as the PrideFest booth and parade regulations and applications.

Information and sales booths can be reserved until June 1. Applications received after May 15 will be charged a high fee. All of the PrideFest info and sales booths will be in tents this year. The fees for reservations made before May 15 are as follows:

Information booths for groups or businesses: \$35;

Organizational sales booths, \$75;

Business sales booths, \$175;

The fees cover both days of PrideFest.

Parade fees are \$30 for marching groups and floats and \$20 for decorated vehicles. PrideFest has added a "Decorated Vehicle" category for this year's parade judging. Any group carrying a banner identifying itself is required to pay a fee.

If you or your organization is interested in renting a booth or participating in the parade and you did not receive a packet, call the Pride Line at (414) 272-FEST.

You can also use your home computer to download all the necessary information and applications by calling Back Door BBS at (414) 744-9336. This information is contained within the Back Door's PrideFest message area.

Simmons and Reddish Announce Their Upcoming Marriage

Denise Simmons and Nadine Rena Reddish, both of Madison, are proud to announce their coming marriage on Saturday, May 14, 1994.

The ceremony will be held at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue in Madison at 2:00 p.m.



Denise Simmons and Nadine Rena Reddish

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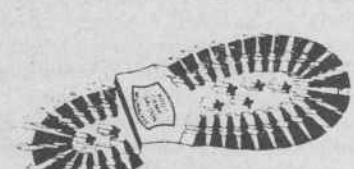
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20,000 CommunitySpirit Long Distance Phone Customers 'Improperly' Switched to Straight-Owned Company

(Chicago)- In what may become a landmark case in telecommunications history, thousands of Lesbian and Gay long-distance customers of CommunitySpirit are flooding their State Public Utility commissions and the FCC with phone calls to express their outrage over being improperly switched to Members Long Distance Advantage, a long-distance program offered by Trans National Communications (TNC) of Boston, Massachusetts, from CommunitySpirit, the nation's only Lesbian, Gay and Bi owned and operated long-distance program.

Eric McNulty, a TNC spokesman, acknowledged that "the customers are all with us." But a matter of dispute, which will be settled in federal court, is whether the customers belong to CommunitySpirit or to TNC.

McNulty admitted that TNC is not Gay-owned, but "we consider ourselves Gay-friendly. We have many openly Gay people working in our organization, and we're active locally in publicly supporting organizations like AIDS Action."

According to Jeffrey Vitale, President of Overlooked Opinions in Chicago, TNC has "improperly" switched some 20,000 CommunitySpirit Customers to Members Long Distance Advantage (MLDA) without a valid Letter of Agency for each customer.

"We have been embroiled with TNC in a legal battle that began when we terminated business relations with TNC because of TNC's continued and on-going breach of contracts," Vitale said.

"During this battle," Vitale continued, "TNC filed for injunctive relief asking the US District Court to order CommunitySpirit customers onto TNC's long distance service." Vitale said, adding that this "suggests and act of desperation."

Vitale explained that with the loss of the

CommunitySpirit account, "TNC lost an estimated 25 to 35% of their business."

Each CommunitySpirit customer was mailed a letter which, Vitale said, infringed on CommunitySpirit's federally registered trademark.

Overlooked Opinions had contracted with TNC in November, 1992, to provide customer service and billing services to individuals and members affiliated with Overlooked Opinions, the nation's leading market research and political polling firm specializing in the Gay market.

Long distance customers of Overlooked were to be provided with long-distance service obtained for Overlooked by TNC which purchases bulk long-distance time and operator assistance services through US Sprint.

By contract, TNC was forbidden from using the names, addresses, phone numbers and long-distance usage data from Overlooked's customers for any purpose other than fulfilling their contractual obligations.

According to Vitale, around November 1, 1994, Overlooked notified TNC that it was in breach of contract for the following reasons:

1. Poor customer service which included homophobic treatment of customers;
2. Non-payment of fees;
3. Unreasonable pricing;
4. Failure to provide Overlooked with the required auditing reports;
5. Improper bad debt practices;
6. Refusal to provide long-distance service to Overlooked customers;
7. Unreasonable delays in calling card distribution; and
8. A on-going unilateral cancellation of non-subscriber calling cards.

Overlooked says that because none of the

above was remedied, Overlooked terminated their contract with TNC on February 17, 1994.

Following the loss of the CommunitySpirit business, TNC launched what Overlooked calls "a defamatory telemarketing and direct mail campaign" against Overlooked.

Vitale said that, among other things, TNC personnel "actually impersonated CommunitySpirit by mailing a letter to our customers with 'Important Changes Regarding CommunitySpirit' slapped on the outside flap of the envelope and a \$5 check with fine print under the signature block in light gray type canceling each customer's CommunitySpirit long-distance service."

Included in the letter was a statement that CommunitySpirit had changed its name to "The Pride Network." This is not true, Vitale said.

McNulty said that the Pride Network customers would be allowed to choose AIDS and Gay and Lesbian organizations to receive a 2 percent donation from their monthly bill. The money will be disbursed quarterly, McNulty said.

In the initial fighting, TNC attacked CommunitySpirit for not having disbursed checks to the charitable organizations customers had chosen.

Vitale countered, saying, that in 1993, Overlooked had distributed more than \$80,000 to such groups and projected "three times" that amount for 1994.

A survey conducted earlier this year by CommunitySpirit, found that 84 percent of its customers said they wouldn't have switched to the carrier if it weren't Gay-owned and operated, and 79 percent said they wouldn't have switched without the option to donate 2 percent of their bills to community organizations, Vitale said.

"I expect a full-blown war," Vitale said.

Medical College AIDS Researcher Kelly Appointed to Editorial Board of AIDS Care Journal

(Milwaukee)- Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and mental health sciences and director of the Community Health Behavior Program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, has been appointed to serve on the International Board of Editors of the British Journal **AIDS Care**, which focuses on the medical, mental health, social and prevention aspects of AIDS.

Dr. Kelly is also a member of the Scientific Committee of the International Conference on Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection and an associate editor of **Health Psychology**, the journal of The American Psychological Association. He was also instrumental in securing a recent \$4 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to establish at the Medical College one of four national Centers of AIDS Intervention Research.

His specialty, behavioral medicine, focuses on research that involves the application of psychological principals for illness prevention, psychological treatments for persons who are ill, and the interplay of behavioral and medical factors relating to health and illness.

With over \$18.6 million in grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, Dr. Kelly is one of the nation's leading researchers in AIDS prevention through community-based prevention programs in urban Milwaukee and small cities throughout the country, for at-risk populations, including Gay men, minority women and the chronically ill.

Many Older Gays and Lesbians Living Lonely Lives in Isolation

By Ann Hardie

Marsha Bond's lifetime dream is to open a retirement community in Atlanta for Lesbians. Not to shut straight people out, but to give those older women--many of whom have never made their sexual orientation public--a place to finally open up.

"I would like to provide a setting for people to retire where they feel comfortable," said Bond, 49, a gerontologist. "I'm sure there are Lesbian and Gay people in retirement communities who are very isolated and get sick of going to parties where people have their children and grandchildren in common."

For now, it remains a dream.

When Bond, a little over a decade ago, founded Women of Wisdom, an Atlanta group for older Lesbians, she discovered just how hard it is to get older women to participate. Not everyone is ready to take advantage of the more open atmosphere--especially older Gay men and women.

Experts in the field say that at least until recently, after a lifetime of hiding, older Gay men and Lesbians are almost impossible to locate, even for research purposes.

"Many 80-year-olds went through shock therapy and were institutionalized for being Gay," said Sandy Zimmerman, President of the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology.

The strides made by Lesbians and Gay men in recent years is no more apparent than at a conference in Chicago held in late 1993 of the American Society on Aging, where the problems of America's aging Gay population was the subject of a host of sessions dedicated to Lesbian and Gay issues.

Researchers at the conference said that if they could conduct more reliable research on older Gay people, they could verify a few trends they only suspect, including that:

Many older Gay men and Lesbians have been prematurely placed in nursing and personal care homes because they didn't have children or families who accepted their sexual orientation and would help care for them as their health failed.

Older Lesbians who are forced to live in a group setting for health reasons prefer female-only environments, while older Gay men don't care as much about being in a single-sex home.

Many older Gay men may be more isolated than older Lesbians. Whereas many older Lesbians were empowered by the women's movement, as a group, elderly Gay men did not have that kind of liberating and collective experience.

"What older Gay men don't have is that whole era of consciousness raising," said Will Hubbard of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg, Virginia.

But even those who have been liberated run up against a legal system that hasn't. Gays and Lesbians of all ages still face--and often lose--tremendous court battles when

they attempt to leave their belongings to their partners when they die. Juries often side with families contesting wills over partners of the same sex.

In right-to-die and competency issues, partners are treated as no more than a close friend.

"We may consider ourselves bonded and what we have is every bit as committed as a marriage could be," said Shirley Brown, 64, who is in publishing in Atlanta and has a lifetime partner. "Still, society may decide that what we have is not to be taken seriously."

The reason for contesting a Gay person's will usually isn't an issue of money, lawyers say. In all likelihood, the family still is angry about their relative's sexual orientation. If a person dies from AIDS, the family may also blame the partner.

"One hates to see the legal system give vent to a person's spite and anger," said Jeffrey G. Sherman, a law professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Gay men and Lesbians can make the law work for them, lawyers say. A living trust, which is harder to contest than a will, is one way to better ensure an estate is left to the right person.

Also, a durable power of attorney for health care, a document that delegates health-care decisions in the event a person can't speak for themselves, ensures that a partner has a say in right-to-die issues.

Lawyers say it is important for someone who has been diagnosed with AIDS to get their legal affairs in order before the disease progresses. Many wills of AIDS victims are contested on the ground that the person suffered from disease-related dementia. "Unfortunately, this claim can be made plausible to a jury," Sherman said.

Lesbian and Gay gerontologists formed the National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology in 1978 mainly to support each other. There are well over a 100 members. With their increased acceptance, the group has turned its focus to educating heterosexuals who provide services to older Gay and Lesbian clients--when they can find them.

"I'm completely in the closet here," said one 82-year-old retired advertising worker in Atlanta. She lives in a personal care home and does not want her name disclosed because she is concerned that other residents will chastise her if they know she is a Lesbian.

"I have nothing in common with these people," she said. "They have all been married. They all have grandchildren."

In her day, it was unthinkable for a Lesbian or Gay man to have or adopt a child, she said.

Now, after suffering a stroke and the loss of her same-sex spouse, she is lonely. She would love to live in the home Bond dreams of building.

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Pat Robertson's Ghost Writer, Mel White, Comes Out of the Closet

By Tom Flint

Mel White, the current dean of Dallas Metropolitan Community Church, has made it his personal mission to do everything in his power to stop the Radical Right's attacks against Gays and Lesbians. White knows the enemy in this "culture war" having himself been a Fundamentalist Christian, as well as a respected and trusted colleague of such renowned Religious Right figures as Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, Oliver North and Tim and Beverly LaHay.

White was a dedicated "bible believing" Christian since his childhood. He was a writer and award-winning maker of Christian films. As a writer, White acted as the ghost writer for the autobiographies of Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson and other prominent figures of the Religious Right.

During his years of involvement in the Religious Right, the main enemy was "atheistic Communism," but in 1990, the Soviet Union began to crumble and the leaders of the religious movement declared a new war against the "homosexual agenda." Indeed, Jerry Falwell sent out a mailing announcing an "Official Declaration of War."

During all these years with the Christian Right, White had a secret that was making him miserable and slowly driving him mad--he was a Gay man.

For 25 years White struggled to become a heterosexual, going to Christian counselors, even undergoing shock treatment. Finally, he decided what had been obvious for so long: he was Gay.

White decided he had to come out of the closet. He had to try to reason with the leaders of the Religious Right, many of whom were long-time friends. It didn't work. They cut him off, and the "culture war" continues.

White is deeply alarmed by the activities of his former employers, and believes that American democracy is seriously threatened by "a religious Third Reich" that would include the extermination of Gays and Lesbians. He has vowed to fight this every step of the way.

As the German public of the 1930's dismissed the Nazi threat as lunacy, so today the American public is seriously underestimating the threat from the Religious Right, White believes. He warns that Pat Robertson, Pat Buchanan, Jerry Falwell and a host of others have demonstrated that they intend to "take back America" and that the public had better wake up before it's too late.

(Tom Flint:) -- During your interview on "60 Minutes," the interview ends with you saying no one would choose to be Gay if they had a choice. What did you mean by that?

(Mel White) --That's not what I said. I was so shocked at the way "60 Minutes" ended their piece.

I was talking about the problem of choice. The Religious Right is saying we "choose" to be Gay--to be evil. I said nobody "chooses" to be Gay. You are Gay as a gift from God. Once you accept it, you find it's a wonderful thing.

They took my quote completely out of context.

(TM) --What kinds of things are you talking to people about?

(MW)-- People are asking me how to respond to these threats from the Religious Right. At MCC in Dallas, our constant theme is come out wherever you are. We've got to get people to come out in every possible situation. As we come out, people who know us start questioning the homophobic rhetoric because they know a Gay person.

We have got to set up a project monitoring the Religious Right. In Dallas, we have 73 people collecting information (on the Christian Right Wing) so we will be able to pass it on to the Gay community and to our supporters; what the lies are.

Most Gay people don't listen to the "700 Club," and don't read their mailings, fund-raisers filled with hatred. Once we get the information out to the community, they see how dangerous the Religious Right is.

(TF)-- In your book, *Stranger at the Gate: To be Gay and Christian in America*, you suggest that Focus on the Family, based in Colorado Springs, is perhaps the most dangerous of all.

(MW)-- James Dobson and his lobbyist in Washington, Gary Bauer, are as dangerous as any of them. They're right up there with Pat Robertson. Dobson has the little spots on CBS radio all day long and this gives him such legitimacy.

Dobson's message is so filled with hate and so filled with misinformation and it is broadcast all over the country. Perhaps the single most listened to radio broadcast in the country is "Focus on the Family." The network is extensive. They're influencing in every way all of those anti-Gay initiatives.

Dobson and Bauer are both working to mobilize their masses to raise money. They hope to have a budget of \$40 million in a few years to get our rights taken away from us.

"Focus on the Family" is organizing, raising money, training volunteers, using a

media network, direct mail. They're collaborating with the Christian Coalition. They're everywhere.

(TF)-- Jeff Kemp, son of (former Bush Administration Housing and Urban Development head) Jack Kemp, is head of the Focus group in Washington State. He says his group is not anti-Gay.

(MW)-- He is lying. Did you know that Tim and Beverly LaHay headed up Jack Kemp's candidacy for the presidency (in 1988)? The LaHays were the national chairs. Beware of Jack Kemp because he is the most presentable politician on the Religious Right, but he's surrounded by really raving homophobes.

(TF)-- In your book you mention R.J. Rushdooney, founder of the Christian Reconstructionist movement, and his intention to exterminate Lesbians and Gay men. This sounds so far out that most people seem unable to believe it.

(MW)-- It's for real. I have a hand-written letter from R. J. Rushdooney at our church in which he says the bible is clear that homosexuals should be put to death. Just beneath this veneer of civility they hold that we should be put to death. If they continue this avalanche of hatred where will it take us?

They call me a fanatic because in the book I compare the Fundamentalist Christian movement to the Third Reich. But in traveling around the country and seeing what is really happening, I think we're already way down the path toward a sort of Fascism of the Religious Right taking over the country.

(TF)--The parallels with Germany in the '30's are remarkable. The war against degenerate art, the worship of "traditional values," the propaganda that Gays are rich and powerful. These are the same things that were said about the Jews.

(MW)-- It is exactly the same thing. People think I'm hysteric, but we have very good reason to be nervous. There's a very good possibility that we're going to be sacrificed.

President Clinton was sincere about lifting the military ban, but he had to "sacrifice" us for a "greater good"-- the economy, the presidency. The more you understand the history of people being at first marginalized and then sacrificed, the more you realize that Gays and Lesbians are really being set up. If we don't awaken our Gay brothers and sisters across the country, and their heterosexual friends, we are going to be in real trouble.

MAP Needs Gay Male Volunteers to Offer Emotional Support

(Milwaukee)-- Because of an increase in requests by Gay men who are HIV-positive, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), is looking for Gay men to provide emotional support and companionship.

People who are emotional support volunteers provide direct and personal companionship. Fellowship increases the support necessary for coping and helps decrease the mental stress and sense of isolation often felt by individuals with HIV disease.

Volunteers, particularly those with any daytime availability, are also needed in the following areas:

Food Pantry--receive, organize and distribute food to MAP consumers;

Transportation-- are willing to take consumers to medical and mental health appointments;

Daily Living Assistance--help with activities such as light housekeeping, shopping and minor yard work or home maintenance.

Volunteer opportunities are also available in many other areas such as the Wisconsin AIDS Library, Wisconsin AIDSLINE and fundraising.

All new volunteers receive comprehensive training to prepare them for the work they wish to do.

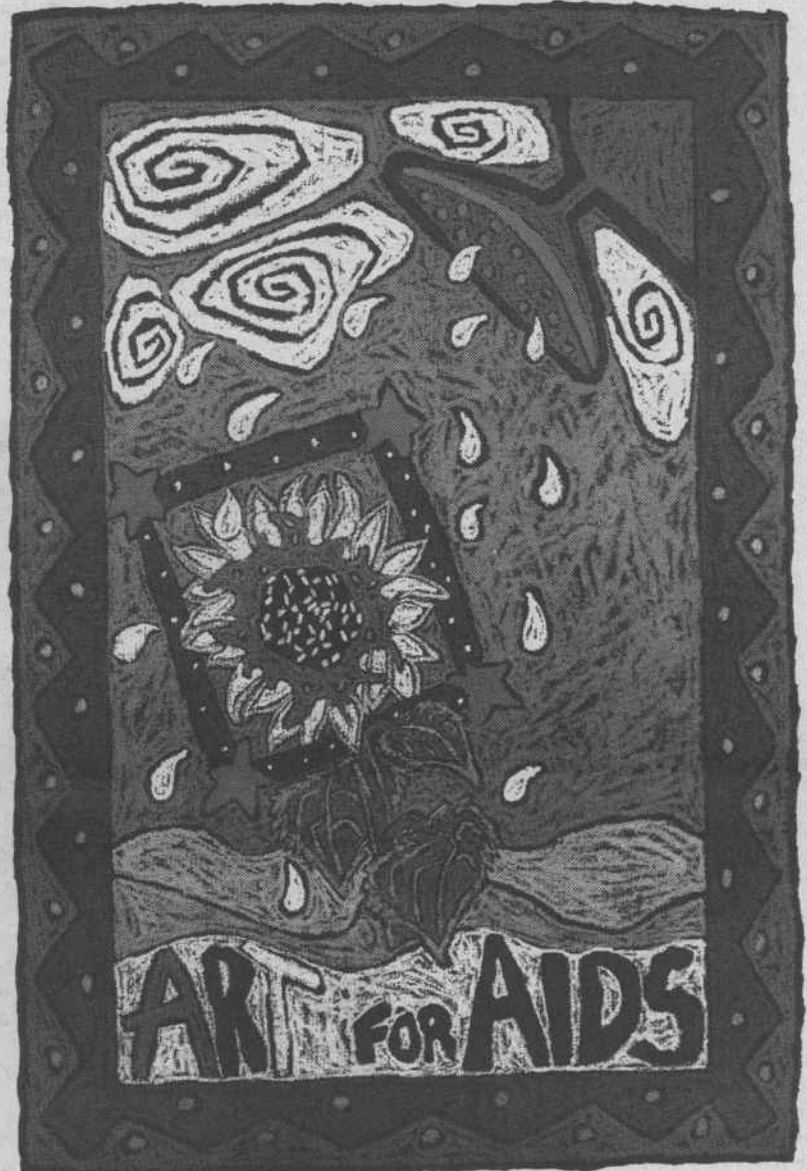
Initial volunteer orientation sessions will take place on Tuesday, April 26 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; on Wednesday, May 11, and also from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MAP, 315 W. Court Street in Milwaukee.

Volunteers, who outnumber employees 100 to 1, are an integral component of MAP. Volunteers hold important roles, ensuring that consumers and the general public have access to high quality, comprehensive AIDS care, prevention and research.

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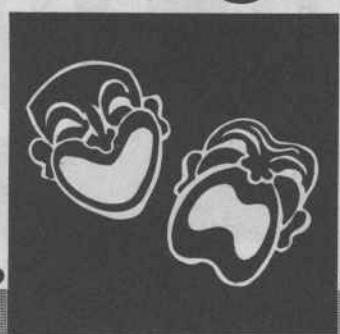
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Fun and Facile, Film 'Backbeat' Offers Compelling Picture of the Beatles

By Patricia Bibby

Oh, rejoice! It's Spring, when the fluff of life happily can be the stuff of life, a time when a film like *Backbeat* fits in perfectly with its fun and facile story.

To be fair, there is tragedy in this film about the genesis of the Beatles and the fifth member of the group, Stuart Sutcliffe, but it comes at the end and only lightly punctuates what is essentially a romping paean to youth and unbridled, raw artistic genius.

At its best, *Backbeat* offers a compelling picture of Sutcliffe (Stephen Dorff) and John Lennon (Ian Hart), the pair who, along with three others, started the Beatles in Liverpool, England, in 1960.

It's hard to imagine that there's anything fresh to mine from the story of the Beatles' rise as the century's biggest rock icons, but writer and director, Iain Softley, manages to find something new.

Sutcliffe's life and love form the film's centerpiece. He was an art school student when he was recruited by classmate Lennon to play in his band. Also in the group were Paul McCartney (Gary Bakewell), George Harrison (Chris O'Neill) and drummer Pete Best (Scot Williams).

The film begins with the fab five traveling to Hamburg, Germany, to revel in the thriving rock scene there. It's never clear, however, just why the band sets its sights on Germany; the viewer is just tossed in as the band races off.

In Hamburg, Sutcliffe's interest in his music is ambivalent at best. He seems to be blithely going along for the ride when he spots an enchanting woman in the crowd, photographer Astrid Kirchherr (Sheryl Lee). Suddenly, the painter in Sutcliffe has found his muse and he all but abandons the Beatles.

Kirchherr has been credited with giving the band its singular style and look. In the film, she cuts Sutcliffe's hair in a long, floppy mop top. And as a member of the city's avant-garde, she was a natural magnet for Sutcliffe's artistic exploring.

Simultaneously, Lennon emerges as a man who has the rare talent of making anger and hostility somehow funny and amusing, instead of caustic and harsh. Ian Hart gives this man real depth—a vulnerability and a sweetness—to make Lennon's vitriol more palatable.

And just what is Lennon mad about? For one thing, he's seething with the prospect of losing his best friend to a woman. This

triangle becomes the most beguiling part of the film: John loves Stu, Stu loves John—but Astrid too, and Astrid loves Stu and maybe John.

In the end, what seems to motivate Lennon more than anything is a pure, driving ambition to become the legendary pop icon that he indeed became. For this, he leaves Stu to Astrid and goes into history.

Where the film falters is in the weak portrayal of the rest of the band, who appear as little more than stick figures with a few speaking parts and a lot of time clowning around. There was more than one triangle of various kinds going on there. But perhaps, one is enough in this film.

This film will delight you with its sheer boisterousness and love of rock 'n' roll. It's charming and it's bittersweet, and, like a Spring day, you'll leave feeling invigorated and refreshed.

Editor's Note: *Backbeat* opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on May 6.

Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer to Perform in Madison on May 13

(Milwaukee)—Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer will be performing in Madison on May 13, an event that should not be missed. According to the *San Francisco Sentinel*, she is "no fat, no filler, just laughs. The *Dallas Morning News* calls her "a one-woman show, disarmingly funny in all the unpolitically correct ways." *The New York Times* says she is "perhaps one of the most confident comedians, men or women, to step on the Improv stage."

Since her debut in Kelly's Piano Bar in New York City, Westenhoefer has had her share, not only of rave reviews, but of TV time as well.

She has appeared on "The Joan Rivers Show," "Geraldo," and ABC's "Day One" to mention only a few.

She has won New York City's prestigious Outstanding Achievement Award for Comedy and her new show, "Nothing In My Closet But My Clothes" has been applauded around the country.

As Michael Musto of the *New York Daily*

News said her openly Lesbian comedy and heady rush of sheer gutsiness could "make Bette Midler blush"

Westenhoefer plays not only comedy gigs on stage, but takes her show to high schools as well. "I'm here to show you Gay people are not going to kill you or harm you," she told teen-agers in Montvale, New Jersey. For this reason, she has been called "The human visual aid for teaching teens about Lesbians and Gays."

"That's what I try and do in my act," she says. "I try and convince the straight people in the audience that they're missing out on something. We Queers are special."

Opening for Westenhoefer in Madison will be Mary Waitrovich with Dana Beilke. State Rep. Tammy Baldwin will be doing the honors as MC.

Suzanne Westenhoefer will be appearing in Madison on Friday, May 13 at the Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Avenue at 8:00 p.m. See the ad this issue for ticket and other information.

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Fest City Singers to Perform in New Third Ward Home

(Milwaukee)—There is excitement and expectation in the air (as well as a lot of hard work) as the Fest City Singers gear up for week-long participation in PrideFest '94. A good part of the excitement revolves around the Singers' new home, The Studio Theatre at the Broadway Centre, 158 N. Broadway.

The Singers will present five performances of *History*, *Herstory*, *Ourstory*, a *Musical Review of Gay Life* at the Studio Theatre.

Two performances will be benefits—the first is a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) on Friday, June 3 at 8:00 p.m.; the second is a benefit for PrideFest, Friday, June 10, also at 8:00 p.m. Three other performances are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5 and Sunday, June 12.

In addition to the five performances at the Studio Theatre, the Fest City Singers, on Saturday, June 11, will be featured performers on the main stage at PrideFest (about 9:00 p.m.). They will present the Stonewall scene from *History*, *Herstory*, *Ourstory* as a tribute to the 25th anniversary of Stonewall.

Reservations for the five Studio Theatre performances may be made by calling the Fest City Singers' hotline at (414) 263-SING (7464). Tickets are \$10 and group rates are available.

Tickets Available At: The Barrymore Box Office, The Exclusive Co. (State St. & High Point Center), Magic Mill, Star Liquor, Green Earth and Room of One's Own, or charge by phone (608) 241-8633



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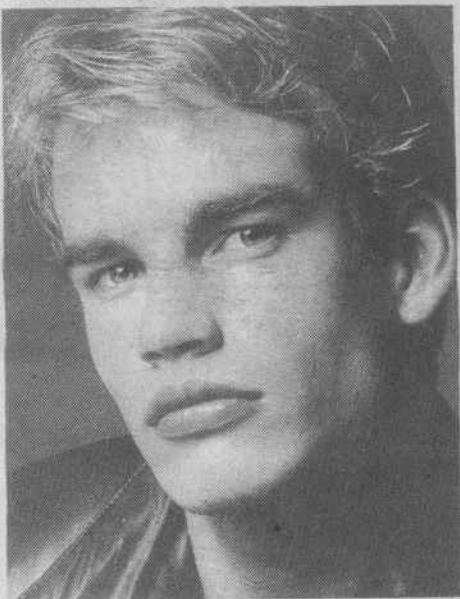
Russian Wedding Bells—Russian journalist Yaroslav Mogutin, 20, right, and Robert Filippini, a 41-year-old artist from New York, kiss each other at the entrance of Moscow's Wedding Palace Tuesday April 12, 1994. The two Gay men had a frustrating afternoon as they applied to have their relationship formally registered as marriage, but were refused. Russian law forbids marriage between two persons of the same sex, but the couple says the final result is immaterial and their action is more of a statement about the problems of Gays in Russia. They have already exchanged rings in a private ceremony, but plan a big wedding anyway and a honeymoon in Europe.

New Magazine, 'POZ', Shows Positive Side of Persons Affected by HIV/ AIDS

By Geno

Just the other day, I received a complimentary copy of **POZ**, a new magazine for Gays. The cryptic name indicates its stated purpose directed toward persons affected by HIV/AIDS. I'd also like to think that it refers to the positive attitude that characterizes much of the magazine's approach to this first issue.

Two in-depth interviews highlight this premier issue. First, "Ty Ross, Naked," is with the grandson of former Senator and Republican presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater. The Senator, who was known as "Mr.



Ty Ross

In this interview, conducted by Kevin Sessums, editor at *Vanity Fair*, Ross reveals that he is HIV+. He comes across as an articulate, thoughtful young man of 31, who is uninhibited about an interview and photo session conducted in the nude. He is candid, almost brash, an interior designer whose mother, Joanne, the Senator's daughter, he describes

Conservative" earlier, acknowledged that he has a Gay grandson and surprised many when he recommended lifting the military ban on Gays.

Sessums conducts the interview on a personal level, and after the two attend a performance of "Sunrise Boulevard," he concludes: "We hold one another tightly before we begin to remove each other's clothes. Naked, our bodies find the ways that fit. I kiss his neck, his chest, that scar that surrounds our heart." Now that's really a unique way to end an interview!

In the second interview conducted by Donna Minkowitz, who writes for the *Village Voice*, Bob Hattoy, who spoke to the 1992 Democratic Convention as an openly Gay man with HIV, discusses at length his differences with the Clinton Administration. Although he was appointed Assistant Personnel Director at the White House, he resigned in response to Clinton's waffling on the anti-Gay military ban.

He is also out-spoken in his disapproval of the appointment of AIDS czar, Kris Gebbie, whom he calls an "Irrelevancy."

Both interviews alone are worth the price of \$3.50.

POZ also offers the usual departments—reviews of the arts, film, books and television, photo essays, updates on health news, medicine and international Gay happenings. The bi-monthly subscription price is \$19.95 and **POZ** will be free to those who identify themselves as HIV positive and unable to afford the cost. For subscription information, call 1-800-2163.

Novelist Robert Rodi to Read from His Latest Book on May 21 at AfterWords

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Author Appearance: Robert Rodi

Robert Rodi's appearance is timed with the release of his newest book, *What They Did to Princess Paragon* (Dutton, \$19.95). In this uproariously funny new novel by the author of *Fag Hag* and *Closet Case*, Rodi asks the burning question: Is the world ready for the first Lesbian superhero?

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Tuesday, May 24—7:30 p.m.

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AfterWords book store is located at 2710 N. Murray Avenue in Milwaukee. For more information call: (414) 963-9089.

Continuing 'Tales of the City' Saga Reveals Much About New PBS Head

(New York) (AP)— The continuing saga of Amrinstead Maupin's *Tales of the City* and an up-date from the last issue of *Light*, reveals more about PBS where the hit show was broadcast, than it does about anything else—including the tastes of the majority of Americans who watched it.

PBS, if you remember, said that it had canceled the hit because unlike vulgar commercial stations, it doesn't sink to sequels.

PBS also let it be known that the show cost too much. A strange reason since Britain's Channel 4, which originated the project, picked up almost all of the \$8 million tab.

Both reasons are as phony as they can possibly be. Lindsay Law, the producer of *American Playhouse*, who brought the series to public TV, had been pursuing corporate and private sponsors. And PBS does indeed air sequels. Witness the popular Sunday show *Are You Being Served—Again* for one.

So what happened? Two events seem significant. One is the arrival of a new PBS president, Ervin Duggan.

The second is a new, all-out campaign against *Tales* by Donald Wildmon's American Family Association: Very quietly, in late March, members of Congress were sent a 12-minute bootleg videotape darkly highlighting the series' four-letter words, fleeting nudity (a sprinkling of breasts), pot smoking and one prolonged Gay kiss.

Duggan's pre-PBS job was as a Bush Administration appointee, backed by the National Association of Evangelicals, to the Federal Communications Commission where he fell to his knees and pledged his fealty to "decent family values."

Repeated efforts to get Duggan to stop hiding behind flacks and explain himself have been to no avail. Meanwhile, the millions of

viewers who delight in that kind of adult drama that they can't get on commercial TV, have a good right to feel betrayed.

At a time when public television's overall viewership is declining sharply and even its preschool monopoly is facing stiff competition, PBS can hardly afford a president who recklessly tells both gifted creators and discerning audiences to get lost.

Chorus Donates Concert Time to Camp Heartland

(Milwaukee)— On Sunday, April 17, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus joined other area choruses and soloists in performing at the Cross of Life Lutheran Church in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The event, a fund-raiser for Camp Heartland, a traditional Summer camp for children whose lives have been impacted by AIDS/HIV, was a feast of vocal and instrumental performances. The Chorus welcomed a chance to donate their time, performing before their peers and an appreciative audience, offering a sneak preview of select numbers from their upcoming Spring Concert.

Those who missed the Camp Heartland fund-raiser, can hear the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus both days of the Milwaukee PrideFest, and the following Saturday, June 18, at their Spring Concert, *No More Walls*.

The concert will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the PAC's Vogel Hall. Tickets which are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Are available through the PAC box office, Chorus members, or by calling the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC.

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Book Club to Discuss 'Tim and Pete' on May 9 at AfterWords

(Milwaukee)— The April meeting of the AfterWords Book Club on April 11 resulted in a very lively discussion of Paul Monette's highly acclaimed memoir, *Becoming A Man*. Monette's book, winner of the prestigious National Book Award was thought to be sincere and deeply personal, but many in the group found Monette to be a difficult, not particularly likable person.

In addition to the already announced *A Place at the Table* by Bruce Bawer for the discussion in May, the group decided to add a second, more light-hearted work to balance the serious tone of recent book choices. James Robert Baker's engaging romantic romp, *Tim and Pete* was added to May's discussion on Monday, May 9. Readers who have either *A Place at the Table* or *Tim and Pete* or both books are encouraged to join in on the discussion.

In honor of the Stonewall 25 celebrations this year, the book chosen for discussion in June is Martin Duberman's *Stonewall*. The June meeting of the AfterWords Book Club will meet on Monday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. For further details, call AfterWords at (412) 963-9089.

Madison's United Hosts Second Annual Community Awards Dinner on June 3

(Madison)- Following in the wake of an extremely successful first year, The United will be sponsoring its second annual community banquet on Friday, June 3 at Madison's Inn on the Park. Cocktails will begin at 7:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:30.

The dinner, which will cost \$25-\$35 on a self-selective sliding scale, is crucial to the fund-raising efforts of The United, a social action agency providing a wide array of services to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community. The United is expected to serve more than 18,000 people in 1994.

While those numbers reflect the tradition of leadership and visibility The United has provided in its 16 years in Madison, they represent a more than doubling of the number of people requesting services at a time when resources have remained constant.

The United's Director, Jane Vanderbosch, has fond memories of last year's dinner. "Just seeing everybody celebrating together was so wonderful. We worked so hard all year--it was really fun to play together."

"Just seeing the size of our community as we filled that big room was powerful," she added. "It was a refresher course on where we've been as a community and where we're going."

"In the space of a couple of short hours, we found ourselves going from laughter to tears and back again. There was such a sense of community, of enjoying each other's company," said Dale Johnson, The United's President, who served as MC at the dinner.

He recalls how a memorable running gag was created when people at one of the tables responded to the hotel's mediocre meal with an act of "banquet civil disobedience"--they had a pizza delivered to their table. Hotel staff were not amused but the audience was in stitches throughout the evening. (Johnson offers assurances that with the change of venue, this year's dinner, by contrast, will feature "really good food.")

Among those honored at last year's dinner were Lois Stauber and John Quinlin, who received the first annual Susan Green Awards as Woman and Man of the Year. (Green, a nationally known civil rights activist, served as Director of The United from 1985-'86 before her death of cancer at the age of 33.)

Stauber is the driving force behind Apple Island, a women's community space which sponsors a wide variety of social and cultural events.

Quinlin was honored for his contributions in the realms of politics, community activism and journalism.

Many in the audience were moved to tears as each spoke movingly of the support of the people who have been important to them, including the unconditional love of the parents who were there for them that night, and who received an emotional standing ovation from the crowd.

Honored as Volunteers of the Year were

John Nees and Sharon Hayes. Nees, a newly retired UW professor and former Shorewood Hills village board member, spoke eloquently of his journey in coming out as a Gay man relatively late in life. He brought an insightful depth of understanding and sense of history to the evening as he spoke of how far we still must go, while instilling a very tangible sense of how very far our movement--and each of us as individuals--has come.

Hayes, a longtime community activist and co-founder of the Lesbian Parents Network, spoke with great emotion about her experiences as a Lesbian parent. She movingly communicated the hopes and fears of the parents of LesBiGay families who face the severest consequences of any of us from being visible, but whose courage and love for their children compels them to be courageous advocates of the rights of all of us.

David Clarenbach received a long and sustained ovation in accepting his award as Ally of the Year. It was a much overdue recognition of the contributions he made as the principal author of Wisconsin's first in the nation Gay and Lesbian Rights law, and his subsequent work for LesBiGay rights and the rights of people with HIV and AIDS.

Mary Alice Mowry, the Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN),

Victory Fund Expected to Support a Record 20 Lesbian/Gay Candidates

(Washington, D.C.)- Members of the Victory Fund have contributed more than \$200,000 directly to the campaigns of openly Lesbian and Gay candidates in 1994 races, according to Executive Director William Waybourn. Only four months into the new year, the Victory Fund is only \$2,000 away from surpassing its 1993 record of \$202,883.

"This is a great tribute to both the dedication of our members and the quality of our candidates," Waybourn said. "We are proud of our ability to raise money for our own."

In order for candidates to receive the Victory Fund recommendation, a candidate must be openly Gay or Lesbian; support federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights legislation and similar state and local anti-discrimination laws; advocate aggressive public policies and campaign positions relevant to Gay and Lesbian health and wellness, AIDS research, education and treatment, and women's reproductive freedom; and demonstrate electoral viability.

The last criteria is the most difficult, as candidates must document all aspects of their campaign strategy, including qualifications and personal history, budgeting, fund-raising, targeting, direct mail, staffing, volunteer recruitment and deployment, endorsement,

proudly accepted the Organization of the Year Award, much-deserved recognition of the important work that MASN does in providing a better understanding of the lives of LesBiGay people in its daily work.

Other highlights of the evening included some somewhat whimsical slide show histories of our community provided by openly Gay County Supervisor Dick Wagner and a collective of Lesbian activists.

The dinner's organizers are pulling out all of the stops to make this year's dinner an even bigger success. A special outreach effort is being made to encourage the attendance of leaders from the community-at-large and other allies. At press time, special donations were being sought to make the dinner affordable for people who might otherwise not be able to attend.

Table captains are also needed. (Their role is to encourage others to attend the dinner, distribute and collect money for tickets, and report back to The United.)

The awards nominations committee has received numerous names from the community and will be announcing its decisions shortly. (See next edition of **Light** for details.)

A sequel to the marvelous, community-building event of last year is being eagerly anticipated. A special invitation is extended to LesBiGay people and our allies throughout Wisconsin who would like to attend. For more information, write to: The United, P.O.

Box 310, Madison, WI 53701 or call, (608) 258-8582.

previous voting patterns, demographics and opposition research.

"Viability helps determine winnability," Waybourn said. "And we're looking for qualified openly Lesbian and Gay candidates who, but for their lack of money, could win their races."

1994 is proving to be a banner year for the Victory Fund. Besides surpassing its 1993 record of contributing \$200,000 directly to recommended candidates, Waybourn predicts that the national donor network will support at least 20 candidates this year, a 60% increase over the 1993 total.

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Milwaukee's Historic Brewers' Hill Area Property Values Increase 40%

(Milwaukee)- While some large cities in other parts of the country are floundering, in the last two years, residential property values in inner city Milwaukee, led by Brewers' Hill, rose an average of 7.6% according to city figures released Friday, April 22.

These same figures show that values in Brewers' Hill rose by 39.6% from 1992 to 1994.

Brewers' Hill is located just north of downtown and takes its name from the fact at one time there were three breweries at the bottom of the hill. It is a national and local historic district roughly bounded by Walnut Street on the south, roughly North Avenue on the north, King Drive on the west and Holton Street on the east.

It is an area in which there are homes of various architectural styles ranging from the predominate Italianate of the 1870's to Federal style, Stick style, Gothic influence and Queen Anne, among others. Several buildings still stand that were built in the 1850's.

To give you an idea of how far things have come on "The Hill," in 1981 the area could have been most properly called "a slum." The old homes were in bad need of repair. Many of them were in a state of collapse and condemned by the city and slated for demolition. The largest house in the area, a Cream City Brick building, sold for \$750.

Today, all that has changed.

Over the past decade and more, Brewers' Hill has become one of the most vital and growing areas in the entire city. New businesses are occupying the old buildings along N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. (Once known as North Third Street, this was at one time the second busiest shopping district in Milwaukee.)

Area homeowners have restored (and are restoring) their homes to their original

Victorian elegance. As a consequence, Brewers' Hill has become a city show place. Last year's afternoon neighborhood open house tour attracted 1,200 people.

There is also new home construction. All new houses must conform to 19th Century architecture. One such new house was completed last year. Two more are slated to go up this year.

One of the many factors making the area attractive is its proximity to downtown. It is also on several major bus lines.

Residents agree, however, that one of the qualities that makes the area attractive is the heterogeneous nature of its people. Far from being an inner-city copy of a suburban

enclave, Brewers' Hill is home to African Americans, Hispanic and Asian people and people of other ethnic cultures and backgrounds.

There are people with traditional families and non-traditional families as well. Many Lesbians and Gays own homes and live in Brewers' Hill.

People say they pride themselves in being accepting and indeed, they do. The major interest is in home renovation, not in who you are. For Gay people seeking to settle down and work at building a home, Brewers' Hill should not be ignored.

While some houses are going for "Palm Court" rates, if you're interested in home remodeling, there are still bargains to be had as long as you like to work.

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Dairyland Cowboys to Hold Dance

(Madison)- Madison's Dairyland Cowboys will be holding another of its country dances for Gay men and their friends. The dance will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. at 849 E. Washington Avenue in Madison. There will be two-step and line dancing. Instruction and open dance time will be provided. The admission is \$4. For more information, call Steve at (608) 251-6723 or Gary at (608) 255-1523.

Jerry Grillo Trio Performs at Cafe Phyllis

(Milwaukee)- The Jerry Grillo Jazz Trio will be performing at Cafe Phyllis every Saturday evening this Spring and Summer from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cafe Phyllis is located at 734 S. 5th Street in Milwaukee. There is no cover, but reservations are suggested. Call (414) 647-2255.

Discussion Group to Discuss Legal Issues

(Milwaukee)- On Sunday, April 24, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Gay Men's Discussion Group will discuss legal issues of interest to Gay men. Do I need a will? What is a living will? How do I buy a house with my partner?, are examples of the topics to be discussed. A local Milwaukee attorney will be facilitating the evening. The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Preregistration is not required. There is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Frontiers Presents Video Sing-Along

(Madison)- Frontiers will sponsor a video sing-along, **LaserKaraoke**, on Friday, May 20 at Apple Island from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. You sing the hits! You be the star! **LaserKaraoke** is presented by GB Productions. A \$3 donation is requested. Apple Island is located at 849 E. Washington Ave., in Madison.

Minnesota Rainbow Weekend

(Minneapolis, MN)- Minnesota's newest holiday debuts this Memorial Day Weekend when Philanthrofund unveils its first-ever Minnesota Rainbow Weekend, five days of events for every facet of the Lesbian, Gay and allied community. Philanthrofund is Minnesota's only charitable foundation dedicated exclusively to the Lesbian and Gay community. Funds raised go to help Lesbian/Gay causes in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest. For ticket and other information, call (612) 645-2287.

Gay Men's Support Group Forming

(Milwaukee)- A new Gay men's discussion/support group is forming And will be meeting on Tuesday evenings beginning in May. Meetings will held at the Village Church on JunEAU Avenue in Milwaukee.

The entire Summer session is slated to run approximately 16 weeks, according to co-facilitator Tim Clausen. This group will explore such topics as coming out, relationships, authenticity, growth, community, spirituality, and friendship.

Although space will be limited, all ages are encouraged to inquire. Interested individuals should send a note of inquiry to: Tuesday Support Group, P.O.Box 546, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

Chris Sandoval to Speak at War Memorial

(Milwaukee)- The Milwaukee Indian Health Board announces the publication of the first assessment of HIV prevention needs in Milwaukee County. The report will be presented at a luncheon on Thursday, April 28, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. The luncheon will be held at the War Memorial/Milwaukee Art Museum, Memorial Hall, third floor.

In addition, Chris Sandoval, a nationally recognized speaker on HIV, will present a keynote address, entitled, "Preventing the Spread of AIDS, Working Together and Strategies That Work." Presently, Mr. Sandoval is the Director of the Multicultural AIDS Resource Center at Polaris Research and Development in San Francisco.

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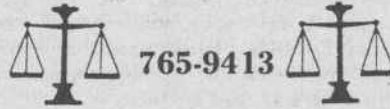
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Discrimination

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HRCF's Policy Director Daniel Zingale, said that the bill is being introduced now for several reasons. One is to forestall the anti-Gay initiatives threatening in the states. Should these initiatives pass, he said, as unfriendly as Congress is now to Gays, the climate will get even worse. "The chilling effect on the Hill will be enormous," he said. Few people in Congress will want to buck the home vote.

The second reason is that with a certain irony, the timing of the bill couldn't be better.

HRCF's Executive Director, Tim McFeeley, said that "several recent national polls make it clear that Americans by 'large margins' oppose work-place discrimination against Gays.

By HRCF's most recent poll, 76% of Americans do not believe employers should be able to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, up from 49% in 1980. HRCF's findings are substantiated by other, similar polls.

The favorable atmosphere is enhanced by the fact that the Clinton Administration has

opposed discrimination in the federal bureaucracy. Also, in a recent survey, 225 of the 435 members of the House of Representatives have stated that they do not discriminate against Gays in their offices.

Part of the strategy for this bill includes Congressional hearings on job discrimination against people based on sexual orientation that could take place within the next two months.

In line with this, HRCF has announced a plan to document cases of discrimination based on sexual orientation. The organization will ask Gay and Lesbian people to participate in a program called "Documenting Discrimination," an attempt to collect information on anti-Gay discrimination nationally. HRCF will present the individual stories to Congress when it considers the anti-discrimination bill.

"We will be distributing documentation forms for people to fill out at Lesbian and Gay Pride events this Summer, and will be mailing them to organizations throughout the country," McFeeley said.

Documentation forms may also be procured by calling HRCF's Public Policy Department at (202) 628-4160.

Unfortunately for the bill's chances, there

is only six months to go before the end of the 103rd Congress.

Paula Ettelbrick, Director of Public Policy for the National Center for Lesbian Rights said that it indeed mattered whether the bill got passed or not. However, she said that "Whether it fits within the technical time frame in terms of how the bill gets through is, in some ways less important" than the hearings on the bill.

Ettelbrick placed great emphasis on the hearings because they will go a long way toward educating the public about the discrimination Gays and Lesbians face in employment.

The information that comes out in the hearings should, she said, help persuade voters to oppose the anti-Gay initiatives in the states.

Observers agree that getting the bill through will not be easy. The lobbyists are preparing for the massive attack by the hate groups of the Religious Right, a pressure tactic that has been credited with forcing Clinton to back off from ending the ban against Gays in the military.

Pro-Gay lobbyists note that no similar Gay effort ever materialized to counter the Religious Right. It is in the hope that a similar situation can be avoided that HRCF is seeking out stories to document discrimination.

In addition, according to NGLTF's David Smith, NGLTF will be taking advantage of computer networks to get the word out and "mobilize constituency support."

Included in the bill is an exemption for religious groups. Ettelbrick said she was "uncomfortable" with including a religious exemption because it supports the notion that equal rights for Lesbians and Gays is a moral issue.

"However," she said, "there is a political reality facing us in Congress that none of us like." That reality is that a religious exemption would be included anyhow, so it might as well be included from the start.

Ben-Shalom

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first reaction was "Why did you pick me? There are so many others more deserving."

Schuh told her that "you don't want to know how many people submitted your name."

"I tell you that I feel so honored," she said. "There are so many people who have done so much. I feel so damned honored. I really don't know what to say."

Ben-Shalom admitted that the award came at a good time. Twenty-five years and more of activism had begun to take its toll. She was tired, dispirited, and had begun to wonder what she was accomplishing.

"I guess in a very real and important way," she said, "I've been reminded." The battle has been long and hard-fought, but now and again there is applause.

As she reflected on her life, she thought of the young people coming up. "Maybe," she said, "it was time to step aside." But now, with spirits raised, in the spirit of the award, she will continue. "I guess I'm back on the road again," she said.

How did it all begin, she is asked.

"It began very simply," she replied, "in 1973, with a kiss on the cheek." She goes on to explain.

A good friend of her's, a woman named Jeanine, and she went out one night to a "notorious heterosexual bar." There was a man there, an obnoxious sort, who started coming on to them. They put him in his place and then proceeded to "have a few brews."

Later, they "staggered home like two fiddler crabs." In her bedroom, she turned to Jeanine and said, "I know that I love you. Does that mean that I'm Gay?"

Jeanine replied, telling her that she loved her too. Then Miriam leaned over and kissed her on the cheek.

"I tell you," Ben-Shalom said, "it was like darkness had been lifted from me, like a pure white light had come. All the puzzle pieces fit. I knew I was Gay. It was that clear to me."

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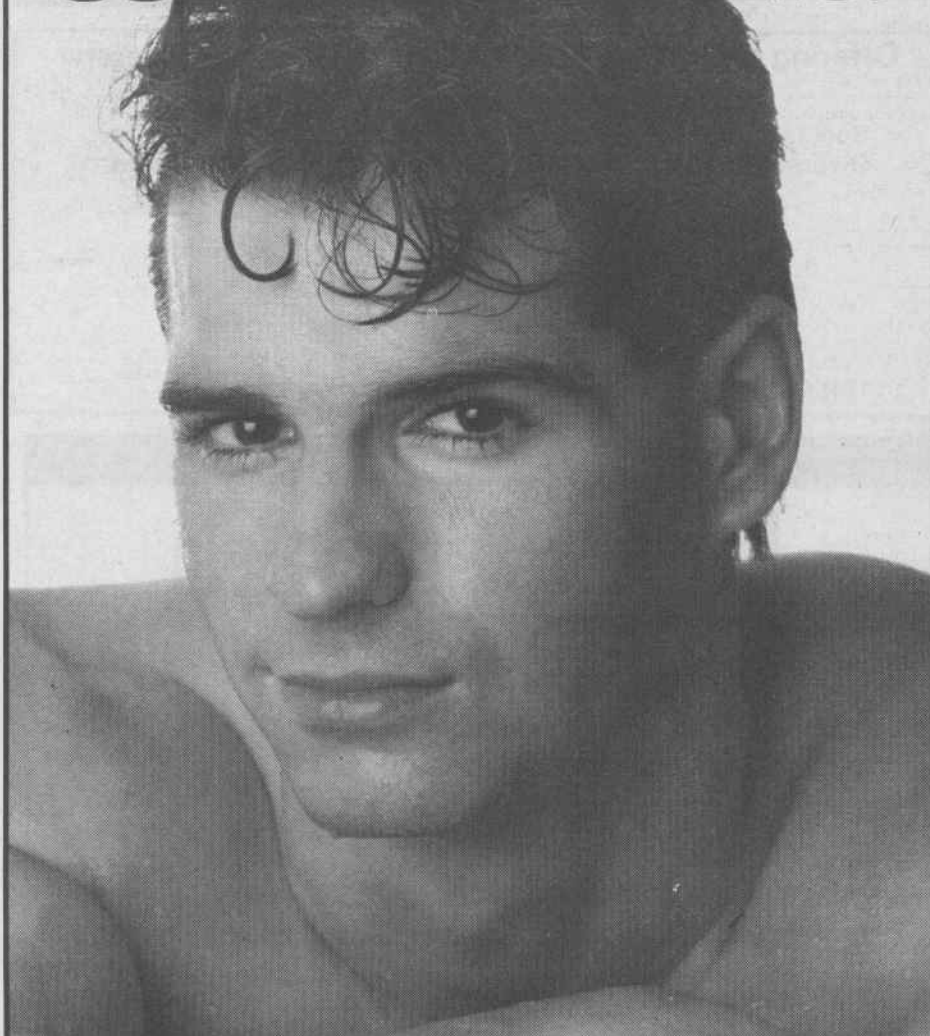


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Milwaukee COLLEGE STUDENT: Into bike riding, rollerblading and hot fun times. Seeking a guy 18-25. #23893

La Crosse CAT-O-2 TAILS: GWM professional couple, 40 & 27. We are attractive, into music, theater and light lthr. Seeking couples or singles. #25506

WI CLUB SCENE: 23 yr old Hispanic male, 160. Into swimming, music and the clubs. #25601

WI NATIVE AMERICAN: 30 yr old, 6'4", 220, blk hair, American Indian. Into outdoors, reading art and music. Please be affectionate, honest and clean. Call for home phone. #25608

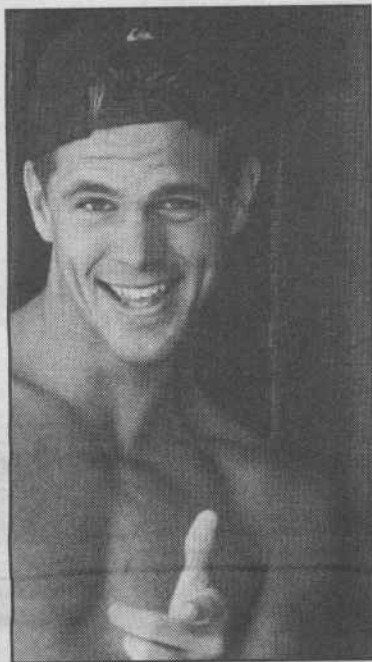
WI WHAT'S UNDER THE DRESS, FELLA?: Seeking attractive guys into crossdressing. I love the mystery and being with a guy who is dressed fem. #11250

Milwaukee YOU TELL ME: 29 yr old blk male seeks a friend who is kind and knows what he wants. Please be a blk male, 21-40. Call me at home. #23108

414 Area Code HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?: Pent-up college guy seeks a cute campus dude. Call me at home. #23893

Kenosha BLACK SABBATH, A FEW BREWS, WHO KNOWS?: Bi-couple seeks more for fun. We are 40 and 21, into heavy metal, videos and social drinking at my home. #24064

Milwaukee O SOLE MIO: 19 yr old college student, 5'11", blonde and blue seeks guys 18-25. I am into opera and dancing. #24164



Racine SMOKIN' GOOD TIME: Handsome bi-WM seeks discreet guy for hot action. #24242

Milwaukee UP AND WAITING: 32 yr old, trimmed stache and beard. Let's have some quality times and build a good relationship. Call me at home anytime. #24326

Milwaukee Sissy TV: I am passable, need to be trained by a stern person into an adult baby girl. I wear it all, need a diaper or baby's dress now. #24366

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: Seeking Native American or Hispanic guys. I am 6'4", 190 and very athletic and masculine. Call me at home. #21606

Milwaukee HERE COMES SUMMER: WM, 23, 6', 180. Seeking a guy around my age to date. I like movies and summer sports. Just getting involved in the scene. #24503

WI IT'S YOUR SERVE: 20 yr old, 6'2", 190, blk/brn. I like biking, swimming and ping-pong. Kissing, snuggling big pluses. Honest guy seeks a guy of any age/race. #22880

WI VERY ROMANTIC: 43 yr old GWM seeks a guy 21-50 of any race for friendship. Into gardening, camping and fishing. Let's settle down and make a commitment. #24663

Milwaukee SOUTH SIDE: looking for GBMs. I am 32, 220. Into the movies and dining out. Tps pls call. #24718

WI GREAT OUTDOORS: 19 yr old seeks a guy, 18-24. Into hiking, biking and horses. Any race. #24818

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: 29 yr old, short hair, stache. Into the outdoors, movies, concerts and dining out. #18745

WI GWM: 6', 165, 27 yrs old, blonde and green eyes. Into quiet times and cooking. Friends first, possible relationship. #19990

Appleton VERY SINCERE: 28 yr old, 6', 220. Into working out, skiing and reading. I am always willing to try new things. #22089

WI JOHN OR JOAN?: Fem guy into hiking, biking and trail walks. Dark brn eyes, 5'7", 135, slim. Seeking masculine blk males. #24818

Milwaukee TEACH ME TO TANGO: Fem TV seeks a blk or Hispanic male. Call me Michelle. #22207

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. #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 isn't into the bars, but is seeking more than a one nighter. 5'9", 175 mid 30's. #19239

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

414 Area Code DOWN TO EARTH: Blonde and blue, 5'7", 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 non-smoker. #20777

Milwaukee ALL POINTS BULLETIN: Seeking hunky 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 CLEAV-AGE!!!!: 5'8", 165 builder. Interested in masc guys. I am a strict tp with a beard. #17812

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 builder is into the tp scene. I am a great daddy. #15839

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee WORLDLY: 40 YO gentleman is very athletic and 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 not that into the bars, but do go out on occasion. #12730

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

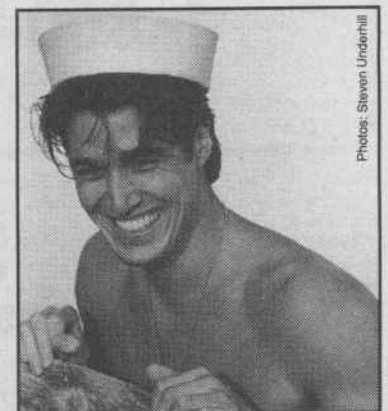


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Milwaukee ON THE SIDELINES OR IN THE GAME: 29 YO WM prof. Blk hair and brn eyes. I love sports. Participating and watching. #10071

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

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

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

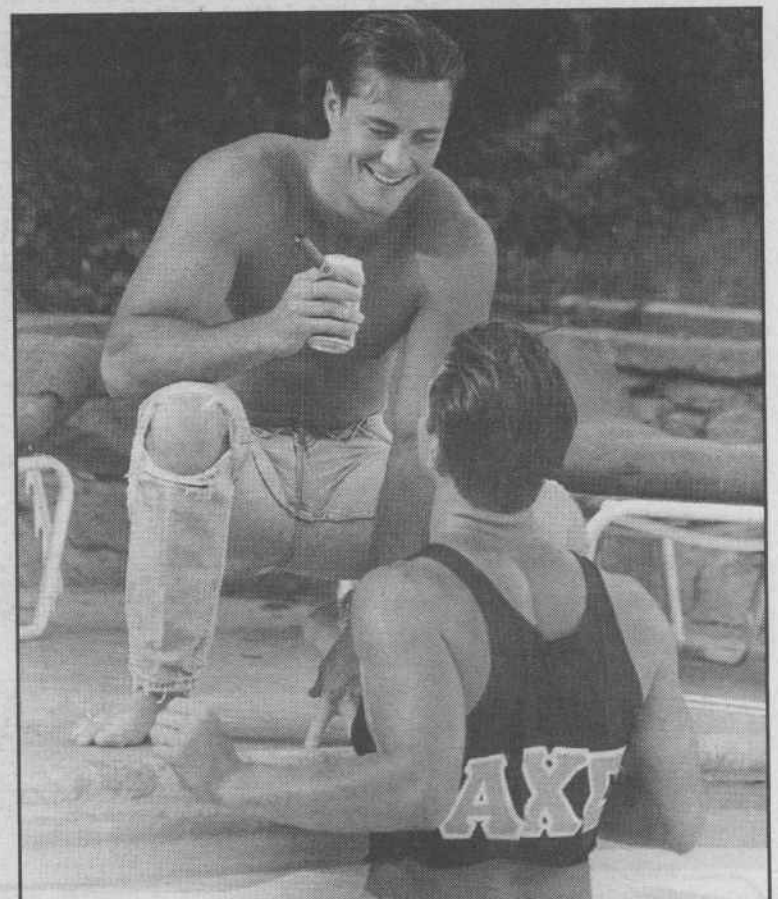
WI INFINITY: BM, 24 serious minded homebody. Possibilities are endless. #1001

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

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

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

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



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Don, BiWM, 33, 5'8, 165, brown hair, hazel eyes, mustache, ISO guy, 18-35 who likes conversation and making love. (Call Thru) Box# 4501

Juston, BM, 25, ISO other males 25 or younger. (Call Thru) Box# 4147

Chip, like long walks, volleyball, ISO someone to build a relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 9352

Male, young, hot and ready to go. Box# 2545

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

David, nice, very hairy, 5'9, I am looking for a honest, loyal, respectable relationship with the right man. Box# 2700

Hot Italian, Jack, 35, dark hair/eyes, 5'4, 170. (Call Thru) Box# 8674

GM, Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO partner for fun and good times. Box# 8397

Dave, 6', dark hair, 32 inch waist, clean shaven, ISO honest, sincere partner for fun and pos. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 5049

Randy, 30, brn. hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 140, 28-inch waist, ISO guy my age or younger. Box# 1474

Jason, 21, photographer, 5'9", 135, blonde hair, green eyes, ISO muscular, dominate, macho guys around my age. (Call Thru) Box# 8130

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

GWM, Kurt, 36, bottom, ISO super-hairy top, who is fun-loving and adventurous. (Call Thru) Box# 7370

Hot, young, Army dude, 25, college jock, ISO guys my age or younger, who are jocks, military, students. Call if you can handle it. (Call Thru) Box# 6970

Jim, hot, bottom, 32, 5'9", 150, short beard, dark hair, good-looking, trim, hairy, open-minded. Willing to get into anything that makes you feel good. Box# 2957

GWM, Cory, 18, romantic, looking for fun. (Call Thru) Box# 2313

Shaun, 27, GWM, 5'9, 160, very muscular, 43" chest, 31" waist, attractive, short dark hair, clean shaven, ISO WM 28 or younger. (Call Thru) Box# 5435

Lee, extremely fun and exactly what you want. Box# 1752

Brad, ISO top M. (Call Thru) Box# 9818

Gene, 5'11, 210, chubby teddy bear, smooth legs, love lace, ISO mature top man, 50 or over, for long-term relationship. Box# 7877

GWM, 41, (look younger), ISO guy, 19-30 for good hot times. (Call Thru) Box# 8955

Michael, GWM, ISO another GM. Box# 6562

Michael, GM, HIV -, like to be very oral, I love sucking dick. (Call Thru) Box# 5600

Scott, 30, 6', 200, brn hr, hzl eyes, mustache, ISO guys 25-30's. Box# 2556

Alex, 28, ISO BM, 20-35, for working out, skiing and good times. Box# 7971

John, ISO a fine, sexy Italian guy. (Call Thru) Box# 9138

Paul, professional, fun, ISO professional, well-groomed, hairy, aggressive male. (Call Thru) Box# 3752

Bill, 5'5, 150, leave message or call thru. (Call Thru) Box# 3027

JT, 28, law student, ISO my first bi-experience with someone who is. (Call Thru) Box# 5899

GWM, 5'10, 170, good-looking, well-built, versatile, ISO other hot guys for good times. You won't be disappointed. (Call Thru) Box# 3502

Duane, GWM, poet, likes theatre, movies, art, working out, ISO intelligent men who live to enjoy life. Box# 4145

GM, student, trim, blond hair, bottom, nice body, ISO hairy hot top who's into sex. Box# 5640

BiM, 26, 5'10, 190, athletic, bodybuilder, ISO other bodybuilders, any race, discretion assured. Box# 3474

Attractive, quiet GWM, 58, 5'8, brn hair/eyes, HIV-, NS, like golf, country life, travel, dining, theatre, ISO a compatible GM with same interest for friendship. (Call Thru) Box# 7686

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

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

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

Mike, good-looking, GWM, 35, 220, 6', HIV -, physically fit, NS, ISO M 25 and under, long-term friendship, casual sex. (Call Thru) Box# 1817

Bill, GWM, ISO BM, well-endowed, your satisfaction is my only concern. No reciprocation necessary. (Call Thru) Box# 3231

Alex, 25, 5'11, 175, ISO relationship. Box# 2885

Mike, 32, versatile, 5'6, 165, brn hr, grn eyes, ISO compatible M's to share my house I just purchased. (Call Thru) Box# 9644

Tyrone, GM, 23, call. Box# 6310

Terry, 35, WM, brn hair/eyes, thin build, ISO M 18-35, any race for good times, movies, concerts, clubs, ferns okay. (Call Thru) Box# 7583

DJ, 37, bi-WM, very oral, ISO afternoon or evening encounters. Box# 8718

GWM, 22, 6'5, 180, sandy blonde, mustache, thin beard, hairy chest, ISO guys 22-35, friends, poss. rel. (Call Thru) Box# 9782

Daddy Tony, top, GWM, ISO GWM bottoms who can service. I aim to please. (Call Thru) Box# 2967

Bill, 32, 5'5, 150, ISO slim, smooth, GWM's for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 1713

John, young, very handsome, runway model, likes art, music, dancing, skiing, ISO special man to show me good times. Box# 1719

GM, John, 21, long blk hr, love dining, dancing and movies, call. Box# 2110

Craig, 5'9, 150, smooth, in shape, well trained bottom, ISO aggressive in shape top men for hot action. (Call Thru) Box# 3503

M, 24, looking for a good time. (Call Thru) Box# 2104

Peter, looking for a friend for hot times, someone who is fit, likes to workout, bottom, hairy, loves to be licked. (Call Thru) Box# 5782

Richard, 25, WM, I like dancing, sports, ISO someone who's comfortable with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 9370

GWM, 39, 5'7, 175, top, jock type, ISO fun, affable, younger guy for fun, etc. Madison. (Call Thru) Box# 2777

Matt, WM, 22, 6', 180, ISO buddy, 25-40, very hairy, hung, top. (Call Thru) Box# 8933

WM, Shawn, escort, 26, 6'1, 150, strawberry blonde, blue eyes, cute, clean shaven, smooth. Box# 2400

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Jim, 29, ISO BM, 18-35. (Call Thru) Box# 9922

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Looking for a SWM, bi or straight. I like to have a lot of intense fun. Leave a message, and I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Box# 2887

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GWM, 33 yrs old. I'm into waterskiing, swimming, fishing,... anything to do with the outdoors. These days I have a lot of time to play in the sun and water & would love to have some company. Give me a call. Box# 4108

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Stop the Bickering

To The Editor:

With nearly one month to go before I feel is going to be the biggest and best Gay pride celebration the City of Milwaukee, the County of Milwaukee and the first Gay rights state in the union has seen ever. I feel that I must voice some pluses and negatives about mainly Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community.

First the pluses. I feel that we as a community have been to the many people (Gay or heterosexual) that have put a lot of hard hours and even dollars down to help with not only Gay pride, but AIDS research money, safe sex campaigns, and many activities for all ages 15-85 and up.

But as far as the negatives go, there are still many out there, most especially drag queens and community members that have been here awhile in the olden days, are still in there stuck up, selfish, plastic-minded attitudes.

I've seen it here over the last five years, and it's now time to *get with the time*. People like myself that didn't go out to bars to get drunk and pick up a trick for a night want to get noticed and make new friends or acquaintances. Club or bar scenes to me are to be a social place where everybody can have fun and mingle with new people, not the biggest little whorehouse in Milwaukee.

This community has been hurt by people like Jeffrey Dahmer or been given homophobic talk from the police department or straight community. Incidents have happened to me, since my work has 95 percent straight in them, but we should all pitch in and clean up the mess of homophobia even amongst fellow Gays or Lesbians by the same people we see, and you'll notice changes that have never happened before.

In closing, I'm going to be at both Gay celebrations in Milwaukee and Chicago. Our 25th Silver Anniversary of pride is here. Let's be *one* big happy family instead of a feud between the Hatfields and the McCoy's of the olden days. See you June 5 at Veterans' Park!!!

Tim Hanson
Milwaukee

Ethridge Concert

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a note to clarify Full Moon

Productions' involvement in the recent Melissa Ethridge Concert at the Eagle's Club.

For the last six years, Full Moon Productions has worked hard to provide quality music and comedy events for the community. From time to time, we work with other groups or artists in helping to promote their events. Such was the case with the Ethridge show.

Because Melissa Ethridge performs as an "out" Lesbian who has a devoted following in the Gay/Lesbian community, we felt that helping to get the word out about this show was a worthy thing to do.

As has been our policy in the past, our mailing list is not given out to any person or organization, nor will it ever be in the future. However, we will continue to work with other organizations in promoting and publicizing events that we feel the Gay and Lesbian community would like to know about. I hope this clears up any confusion about the recent Ethridge show.

Full Moon Productions looks forward to continuing to bring you quality events. Our Fall is again shaping up to be a busy one with Cris Williamson and Tret Fure on November 12; The Topp Twins in September, and of course the Hallowe'en Dance in October.

Thanks for your support the last six years. We're looking forward to many more years of production.

For more information about Full Moon Productions, please write:

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Brenda DeYoung
Campbellsport, WI

From South Africa

To My Brothers and Sisters in the USA:

Greetings from Afrika!

I write to you from the city of Durban on the East Coast of Africa. I am a 24 year-old student at the University of Natal. I am studying for a post-graduate diploma in legal practice at University. I am involved with the Gay and Lesbian Student Network and stand up for Gay rights on campus.

In December last year, I wrote to a friend in Los Angeles, asking him to send me a copy of a Gay-activist newspaper. To my delight, I received a copy of *Wisconsin Light* in the mail. Most foreign Gay material is banned in South Africa and your newspaper is my first contact with the overseas Gay and Lesbian media. *I was amazed!!*

In South Africa, the local Gay newspapers and magazines don't address the concerns facing the Gay community adequately. In

UW-La Crosse Students Embrace Stonewall 25 Celebration Dance

By Darren J. Foster

(LaCrosse, WI) In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Revolution, over ninety revelers descended on the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse's Whitney Center to dance the night away on April 22. From 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Gays, Lesbians, Bi's and friends from as far away as UW-Madison and even Seattle, Washington, joined the UW-L's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Student Organization at Whitney's "The Alternative" to celebrate the pride of Stonewall.

Referring to the turnout at "The Alternative" for this, the UW-L's first major collective effort, LaCrosse activist, Jim Brown, remarked, "This is great! I think that it's been 15 years since there was a (Gay pride) dance in LaCrosse."

According to Andrea "AJ" Lucas, an elementary education major at UW-L who originated the idea of a Stonewall Pride dance, the dance was both "a success" and the support group's "first real collective effort in awhile."

Although Lucas was born after the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, she says that she "read about it" and then went on to ask herself, "What can I contribute? How can I feel what they felt?"

fact, Black Gay people are largely ignored by the Gay press. For many years I have been networking with other Black Gay students at local universities. We have felt very isolated by the lack of information in our country. Therefore, I would be very pleased if you could sponsor copies of *Wisconsin Light* for us, here in Durban.

Unfortunately, we cannot afford the subscription rate. Therefore, I would be grateful if some kind person/organization could (please) sponsor the cost and postage for us. Your newspaper will certainly be a valuable resource to Gay and Lesbian students at our university.

Many thanks!

Also, could you ask organizations there in Wisconsin or interested people to write to us. We need all the support we can get!!!

Christopher David
Durban, South Africa

Editor's Note: I wrote back to Christopher telling him that we would run his letter in the next issue. I told him as well that I would try and get someone(s) to sponsor a subscription for him.

The cost of a one-year subscription is \$60. That's sending it first class air. Surface mail is cheaper, but they said it would take from 10 to 12 weeks to get there.

If anyone is willing to help out, please let us know. Any moneys over and above the \$60 will be applied to continuing the subscription beyond the year.

The product of Lucas' introspection was a poem that she penned especially for the April 22 dance, "Stonewall Reflection of a New Generation":

Stand and be counted/Dance and be free/I cried out to the world/I wanted to be me/Stand and be counted/They beat me down/Stand and be counted/No longer do I touch the ground/On this beautiful Earth Day/I stand, I count, I touch, I dance.

"There's a widespread fear of silence on this campus, and our focus in breaking the silence is to implement laws to change policies," declared the support group's Secretary-Treasurer Cherie Braasch, a freshman social work major at UW-L.

Braasch also related to *Light* that at UW-L, a "football campus," her group did not advertise the dance heavily out of concern for "the safety issue." However, next year, the group will consider a fuller advertising campaign.

On of those attending the dance was Terry Tafoya of the Taos Pueblo nation, who had spoken earlier in the day to a UW-L Philosophy Department symposium on the topic, "AIDS and Sexual Identity."

Tafoya explained that as a "two-spirited" person, he is "supportive of Gay identity issues."

A berdache was a man who, by his own choice, married another man.

However, Tafoya objected to term "berdache" saying that Native Americans do not acknowledge this term.

Instead, Native Americans refer to "those who are two-spirited—having two spirits, male and female."

Tafoya added that in Native American cultures they use the terms "winkte" and "bote," depending on the language, to describe what early fur traders termed the "berdache."

It was apparent that the pride of Stonewall was in the air and that "two spirits" dwelled among, what Tafoya termed "special people."

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Depression and Bi-Polar Illnesses Focus of New United Support Groups

(Madison)- The United hopes to form a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual-sensitive group for people who experience depression or bi-polar illness. People who would be interested in such a group are asked to leave a message for Jane at (608) 258-8582 or John at (608) 242-9694.

"While there are other resources in the community available to people, such as the Dean Foundation's bi-polar support group, we wanted to try something different," says John, a project organizer. "We want a support group where other group members' homophobia isn't another issue that people have to confront in addition to everything else. Also, unlike the Dean group which can consist of upwards of 30 people on a given night, we want to organize groups that are small enough for people to be heard—more like a half dozen or so people in each group."

"If there's enough interest, we hope that we can form a variety of groups, with a number of different focuses," he adds. "My own specific interest is in forming a group for people who've been dealing with bi-polar illness (also known as manic-depression) over the longer term. While there's lots of clinical information out there, I hope that we can go to a deeper, more personal, level in sharing information about how we integrate our experiences with this illness into our daily lives."

"We want to rise above having the illness define us as individuals, but we also want to be able to confront directly the complicated challenges this illness presents to us in every-

thing from the expression of our creativity to our relationships with those close to us," he says.

"As Gay men, Lesbians and Bisexuals, we see everyday the power of sharing our stories with each other as we create a sense of community in the face of homophobia. The creation of these support groups would add a new dimension to the power that our love and support for each other can bring to our lives," he said.

For many years, the United has been a catalyst for the creation of safe, sensitive support groups for LesBiGay people dealing with a whole range of life challenges from alcoholism to experiences with sexual abuse.

"While these support groups shouldn't be confused with therapy, they represent one of the great strengths of our community—our ability to reach out to each other, to find strength in both the commonality and diversity of our life's experiences," says the United's Director, Jane Vanderbosch.

The United is making a special effort this year to identify the need for new support groups and to nurture their development. A support group facilitator's training is tentatively scheduled for late Summer or early Fall. The United also maintains a list of counselors who are LesBiGay sensitive.

If you're interested in organizing or being a part of a support group, write to: The United, P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, or call (608) 258-8582.

Ben-Shalom

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Following that, she called the Gay Peoples Union Hotline. The first person she talked to was Alyn Hess. He invited her to the next GPU meeting. It was at this meeting that she was first among Gay people.

Ben-Shalom joined the military in 1974, "to see if I'd like it." She found she liked the military life "very much."

This was the exact time when Leonard Matlovich appeared on the cover of *Time* and everyone in the army was talking about Gays.

Because Ben-Shalom defended Matlovich out loud, she was called in and asked if she was a Lesbian?

She told the truth.

That was a tremendous decision then, as it is now. But now, Senator Russ Feingold has read into the *Congressional Record* public praise for her honesty. She is moved by that.

She remembers her past, a time when Gay life was "rough," a time when the Milwaukee cops arrested you for holding your lover's hand. Things have changed, "but those were dangerous days," she said. When you went to a bar, like the Ball Game, "you never knew when it was going to get raided."

After the GPU meeting, she decided to go to a Gay bar. "So, I walked into the River Queen, where Sharon Dixon, now owner of Fannies, was working as a bouncer.

Ben-Shalom at once spotted a woman, a most ravishing woman and was instantly attracted. When she went up to introduce herself, the woman told her "she" was a man.

But "she" handled it so well, Ben-Shalom recalls, that they became good friends.

Ben-Shalom has many memories of the River Queen. For example, there was the time when she and Dixon had to take an obnoxious patron out and teach him some manners—which they did. "I've never forgotten that," Ben-Shalom said.

She cites the people in her past who have been role models to her: Sharon Dixon, Alyn Hess and many, many others. "I hope I have honored them well," she said.

Where now?, she is asked.

Besides her many other activities, she will continue to teach. "Students need to see a Gay person doing normal every-day things," she said. She has gotten her share of cat-calls from bigoted students, but she will go on, just as she always has.

She is optimistic about Gays eventually serving openly in the military. "It will be solved in the courts," she said. "And it will be won in the next two years."

She speaks lovingly of Milwaukee, and lovingly of teaching, and wishes that she could simply settle back and be a classroom teacher, but that's not in the cards. She is an activist, she said, because "it is the right thing to do."

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

We Must All Do Something to Fight the Forces of Hate and Bigotry

By Bill Meunier

So here we are in the Gay 90's. We are convinced of the rightness of our cause. We expect an enlightened society to just give us equality. Yet our hate-filled opponents are still around. We don't know what to respond. Many of us say, "I am not a leader or an activist."

A new Wisconsin group, modeled on Colorado's infamous "Coloradoans for Family Values" called "Project Resist and Restore" has recently announced its existence with chapters in 12 Wisconsin cities. PRR wants to put hate-filled videos in every church. They want to repeal AB70 and work to spread their version of the "Truth about Gays."

And that's just the beginning of their agenda. Not many of us had heard much about them. On the other hand, not many Gays and Lesbians in Colorado heard much about CFV either until it was too late.

It's time to take the initiative away from the forces of bigotry. Not next year, or in six months, but now. Many of us realize that, but how many of us also realize how easy it will be to do that?

Little things add up to big things and big things add up to bigger things. Here is a list of small things you easily can do without expending a lot of time and effort. If enough of us do them, they will add up.

1) Come to PrideFest. It is Wisconsin's Stonewall 25/Pride celebration. With all the great entertainment, activities and exhibits, you can't help but have a good time.

The beauty of it is that you will also be a statement. Your presence helps to add to those all important attendance figures. A large crowd of 20,000 or more will make every newspaper in the state take notice.

Get your friends together. Come for the weekend, come for an afternoon, but be there. Have a great time and get counted.

2) Let those who vote against us know of your displeasure. Senator Kohl along with Congressmen Barca, Kleczka, Klug, Roth, Sensenbrenner, Obey and Petri voted to put the ban on Gays in the military on the statute books. Let them know what your think of that.

If you don't know how to do that, just grab your phone book and look up their numbers in the Federal Government section. Give them a call, or better yet, send them a letter.

3) Boycott Zima and other Coors products. As shown in the last issue of *Wisconsin Light* any LesBiGay who purchases Coors is funding our enemies.

Just this afternoon, I was in a store that had a big Zima sign in its window. I politely told the owner that, like other Gays and Lesbians in the area, I was offended by that sign.

I explained to him that Zima is brewed by Coors and Coors profits are used to help groups that attack us. He took it down.

I didn't give him my name. I didn't tell him where I work. I simply asked him to do the right thing and he did. You don't have to come roaring out of the closet to ask for support.

4) March in the Wisconsin Pride Parade. On June 12, PrideFest will put on its annual

Wisconsin Pride Parade. We need a big turnout to send a message to the Right Wing. If you are afraid of being on TV, simply hold a sign in front of your face.

If you really can't march, at least stand on the curb in support of those who can. Join in at the end of the March and follow the parade to the PrideFest grounds at the War Memorial Center. A Pride Parade with 3,000 to 4,000 people in it isn't much by some big city standards, but that would constitute a major demonstration here. It would be noticed.

5) Read *Light* and *In Step* and then pass them on to friends who may not have access to them. An uninformed community is no community at all.

6) Demand accurate and fair treatment by the media. It doesn't take much to make a call to object to an unfair story or editorial.

Believe it or not, most of the news media does try to be sensitive. It's extremely important that we insist that they be fair, honest and accurate about us.

A few years back, the *Milwaukee Sentinel* publicly apologized after LesBiGays complained about a slanted story that implied Gays in Milwaukee's Water Street area were there to pick up male prostitutes.

The point is that if you look over this list, you can see that none of these actions take a lot of time or effort. They are just common sense things that we need to do in order to change people's attitudes.

We have to get out of the mode of thinking "It would be nice if..." We have to start making those "ifs" into reality. And we need to do that now.

Milwaukee County Sup. Dorothy Dean Needs Your Help

By Terry Boughner

When we have needed her, Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean has been there for us. She has worked at our celebrations, helping out where and when she was needed. She has spoken out constantly for our civil rights and the rights of all people.

Now she needs our help.

Supervisor Dean is presently exploring the possibility of running for Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin and needs every person who can offer their time on a committed and consistent basis to help her.

She needs people who are willing to make calls and answer phones, people who can write, people with computer skills and people who can stuff envelopes.

She needs a scheduler. She needs drivers who can drive her locally and about the state. In fact, she needs people of all skills to do the thousand other things that need to be done in researching out a campaign.

Dorothy Dean is one of the leaders of the progressive community. She is a person in whom we can put our trust. If you can help and want to get in on the ground floor, please call (414) 961-7315.






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