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Gay Youth Milwaukee to Advertise in High School Newspapers

(Milwaukee)- Gay Youth Milwaukee (GYM) has sent out full-page ads to 23 Milwaukee and suburban public high schools for publication in their school newspapers. The ads are entitled "Resources for Milwaukee Area Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Teens."

The ads were made possible by a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

When printed, they will provide an estimated 1,000 to 3,000 Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual students in area high schools with information on support groups, medical resources, churches, publications and social opportunities for such students in the Milwaukee area.

Michael Lisowski, a spokesman for GYM, said that this promotional manner was chosen to make the information easily available to anyone reading the paper.

"Teens won't have to ask for them and possibly risk their guarded sexual orientation," he said.

Accompanying the ad is a letter to the editor of the paper, dated May 4, informing that person that there are "approximately 100-300 Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual students who attend your high school and every other Milwaukee public high school."

The letter goes on to state that "State law prohibits discrimination to students based on sexual orientation. The Milwaukee Public Schools' Board of Directors passed a policy on Gay and Lesbian teens in November, 1991."

"However, since that time, nothing has been done for Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual students in Milwaukee's public schools."

"Not only do these students have no resources available to them in their schools, the schools do not provide students information about support and social opportunities that are available to them in the Milwaukee area."

The letter asks that the ad be printed at no charge. However, if this is not possible, the paper will be paid for running the ad.

Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean to Run for Lieutenant Governor



Red Ribbon Special- Louise Searing, Director of Special Events at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, accepted a metal sculptured red ribbon from Jim Bartelt, owner of Eclectic. The piece will be sold at the Art for AIDS auction on May 22, 1994 at Milwaukee's Italian Community Center, a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. The art work was created by Wisconsin artist, George Gaspar.

(Milwaukee)- Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy K. Dean, a long-time civil rights activist, has announced that she has decided to run for Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Dean brings a vast experience to the race. She has spent 14 years in county government representing the 13th District, an area whose population is of divergent racial and ethnic backgrounds. On the County Board, she has negotiated and set policy for the second largest governmental unit in the state.

Milwaukee County has an annual budget of \$1 billion and over 9,000 employees.

Dean said that her decision to run was based on her belief that "counties need to be heard in Madison." State officials need to hear and attend to the problems involved in county government and to see that those problems receive attention from the state.

She said that the state legislators talk a great deal about the property tax, "but we (county officials) are the ones who must levy it, often to pay for unfunded state mandates. She noted that she and her husband, Donald Senzig, Jr are property owners in Milwaukee and that they, like every other property owner, feel the pinch.

Another reason that prompted her to run is her deep concern for children and the problem of juvenile crime. This is a problem, she said, which cannot be solved by increasing the numbers of residential treatment centers, but only through prevention services.

In her race, she has the support of many state, county and City of Milwaukee leaders including Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist.

She noted that as a County Supervisor, she has built a coalition of government and community organizations to fight the problems of crime among the young. The methods that work, she said, are early intervention and/or making children accountable for their actions.

Dean is one of the leaders of the progressive community. She is a person in whom we can put our trust. If you can volunteer your time in any way, please call her at (414) 961-7315.

its silence. The campaign involves a boycott of Coca-Cola products.

GLAAD said it would initially concentrate its campaign in New York City, where a million Gays, Lesbians, their allies and supporters, will be gathered for the Stonewall 25 celebrations next month.

Gibbsville Church Outraged Over Idea of Gay Pride Festival in Sheboygan

(Sheboygan, WI)- The Sheboygan Press of April 27, 1994, reports that a Letter to the Editor has outraged a local church. The letter proposed a Gay Pride festival in Sheboygan.

While the proposed festival was to be held in Sheboygan, the members of the church, the Reformed Church of Gibbsville, were so upset by it all that they sent a petition with more than 200 signatures to the Sheboygan Common Council demanding that the Council refuse permits for the parade. This, even though no such request had been received.

The church's petition termed and such doings "despicable, distasteful, perverted, immoral, depraved and ungodly."

The church's minister, Gerald Dykstra, is

reported to have said that the petition was approved by his church's Social Action Committee and made available at services for signing.

Jane De Blaey, one of the church's congregants, is quoted as saying that "I don't believe in homosexuality. I don't think it should be exploited or encouraged."

The letter writer, Brian Schreiber, when asked to comment, said that the parade was only "an idea" that some in Sheboygan have talked about.

Christine Menard, Chair of the Council's Judiciary and Legislative Commission, said, "This is goofy. Why should Gibbsville care unless they're going to march in Gibbsville?"

AIDS Resource Center Leads National Fight For Increased AIDS Funding

(Milwaukee)- The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), has emerged as a national leader in an intensified struggle for fairness in federal AIDS funding. The growing national debate surrounds the re-authorization of the Ryan White Care Act by Congress which ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson calls "grossly unfair in its distribution of federal funds" to meet the demands of the AIDS epidemic throughout the country.

"It is a clear issue of equity in per capita federal AIDS funding. Wisconsin and at least 32 other states are being seriously underfunded by old formulas of the CARE Act that fail to recognize that AIDS is a national epidemic," Nelson stressed.

"The inequity is dramatized by a comparison of San Francisco and Milwaukee," Nelson continued. "San Francisco receives six times

the amount of funding per AIDS case at \$6,271 than Milwaukee which receives \$963 per AIDS case. Equity in per capita funding is a fundamental premise of fairness which is totally absent from the allocations of AIDS funding from the CARE Act."

"Per capita equity will recognize that San Francisco has a much higher incidence of AIDS than Milwaukee, but it will also recognize that a person with AIDS in Milwaukee has equal value and the same need for services as the person with AIDS in San Francisco," Nelson emphasized.

Campaign for Fairness

ARCW and Nelson have launched a national campaign for fairness in federal AIDS funding. Already, over 100 AIDS service agencies from the 33 states which have been

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President Clinton Agrees that Cobb County, Georgia Spreads Hatred

(Atlanta, GA)- President Clinton agrees that the Cobb County, Georgia commissioners are "spreading hatred" with their 1993 resolution that condemned Lesbians and Gays.

The President's remarks come at a time when the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) is embroiled in an appraisal of where to hold the Olympic volleyball competition. The earlier choice of the Galleria Centre in suburban Cobb County has drawn a hail of protest from Gays, dozens of members of Congress and Civil Rights groups worldwide.

The President was in Atlanta to attend a conference on world affairs held at the CNN Center in the city.

Anthony Vicari, 24, brought President Clinton into the battle between Cobb County commissioners, Gay activists and their supporters.

An active duty member of the Air Force on leave, Vicari was among the 25 reservists, active-duty personnel and their families assembled on the tarmac at Dobbins Air Reserve Base when Clinton was boarding Air Force One at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

When the President stopped to greet the crowd, Vicari talked to Clinton for about five minutes.

Vicari said that the President told him that he had been briefed on the furor in Cobb county and the anti-Gay resolution shortly before arriving in Georgia.

"It's a shame," Vicari reported Clinton as saying. Vicari said he told the President "It's just spreading hatred." Clinton is reported to have responded, "Yes, yes, I know."

Vicari, a member of the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition (OCCC), a Gay activist group, told reporters later that he had gone to the air

base specifically to question the President on the issue.

Vicari told reporters that he "suggested" to the President that such things like the anti-Gay Cobb County resolution would continue unless Gays were guaranteed the same rights as other citizens.

According to Vicari, the President responded that he supported legislation now pending in Congress that would do that.

The reference is apparently to House Bill 423 now pending, that would extend civil rights protections to Lesbians and Gays.

An obviously surprised Vicari told reporters that he had expected "only a few moments" of the President's time, not the approximately five minutes that he got.

"The plane's engines were revving. His aides were urging him to hurry, but still he stayed and talked," Vicari said.

More Pressure on Cobb

While the President was speaking out against anti-Gay actions in Cobb County, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president was in Georgia trying to settle several issues, one of which was the furor in Cobb County.

Samaranch's visit had been announced during the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer.

Samaranch said that he hoped that the "problem" could be solved on the local level. He did not think the IOC would need to get involved.

Samaranch is also confronting the issue of the Georgia State flag which has on it the Confederate battle flag. Civil rights groups have joined Gays and others to demand that the flag not be flown at the games.

The ACOG has said that the flag is a state matter and they have no say on whether it is flown or not.

Boycott of Coca-Cola

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), has announced a campaign to pressure Coca-Cola, a major Olympic sponsor, "for its refusal to denounce or disavow" the Cobb County anti-Gay resolution.

GLAAD is calling for consumers of Coca-Cola products to demand that the company end

The next issue will be the annual PrideFest issue!

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gay Decoy Plan a Farce

(New York, NY) (AP) Police officials responding to complaints by Gay activists, denied May 10 that they planned to use undercover cops posing as Gay couples at the upcoming Gay Games IV. The strategy reportedly called for about 100 officers to decoy Gay-bashers during the June event by pairing off and acting like Gay and Lesbian couples. But Chief of Police John Timoney said that the report in the *Daily News* was false. Scores of plainclothes police will mingle with Games-goers, but will not "be out there portraying Gays," he said. "You'll have two men walking along together. If you decide they look Gay, that's up to you."

"Their idea of 'acting Gay' is to link arms and start skipping," said Matt Foreman, spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. "Not only is it insulting, it doesn't fool anyone. Gay bashers are thugs, but they're not idiots."

Sen. Chuck Robb Stands Up For Gays

(Washington, D.C.) (AP)- U.S. Senator Charles Robb (D-VA) told the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) that he will speak out for civil rights for Gays "even if it jeopardizes my political career." Robb went on to condemn the "fundamental unfairness" of anti-Gay discrimination and called for efforts to end it, "the last front of the true civil rights struggle."

Robb's leading opponent in the race for the Senate, Oliver North, said, "You'll never see me carrying water for liberal special interest groups."

Law Proposed to Curb Gay Suicides

(Washington, D.C.) (AP)- U.S. Rep Martin Meehan (D-Mass), has introduced a bill drafted by the Massachusetts Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights to create a commission modeled after Massachusetts Republican Gov. William Weld's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. Among other things, the commission would develop programs in schools to support young Gay people, including better training of teachers and counselors. A key aim is to reduce the number of suicides among young Gays, whom reports say account for up to a third of all youth who take their own lives.

Colorado Asks State Supreme Court to Restore Amendment 2

(Denver, CO)(AP)- The state attorney general's office has asked the Colorado Supreme Court to reinstate the anti-Gay Amendment 2. A brief filed on May 9, challenges previous rulings that Amendment 2 is unconstitutional. State attorneys expect to argue the appeal before the state Supreme Court later this year. Supporters and opponents expect the case to ultimately reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

The brief argues that Amendment 2 would have protected the rights of landlords and employers who have "deep-seated and profound religious objections to homosexuality."

Barney and Fiends

(Los Angeles, CA)- The *Advocate* reports that a North Carolina minister, one Joseph Chambers, who runs a four-state radio ministry, doesn't like Barney, the purple dinosaur, any more than Bert and Ernie. Chambers charges that the popular PBS children's show character is "straight out of the world of demons and devils" because he is "teaching kids that we must accept everyone just as they are--whether they're homosexuals or not." Chambers intends to expose Barney "for just what he is, a wussy purple demon using his show to steer children to homosexuality and Hell."

"Besides," Chambers adds, "Barney's identity as a dinosaur buys into the blasphemous idea that the world existed millions of years ago. If you believe the bible, you believe that the world was created 6,000 years ago on September 21."

Fox Debating Gay Kiss on TV

(Los Angeles, CA) (AP)- The brashest network on TV is blanching at the prospect of showing two men kissing. If Fox Broadcasting cuts the kiss from the season finale of *Melrose Place*, one of the sexiest TV seasons ever could end with a whimper. The scene, which has already been filmed, shows an openly Gay character, Matt Fielding, kissing another man. Fox will review the episode before deciding whether the kiss will remain when the finale airs May 18.

Bad News From Washington State

(Seattle) (AP)- An initiative aimed at barring Washington State from granting civil rights to Gays and Lesbians has strong support among voters, a poll has found. The poll found that 47% of voters supported the initiative (I-608) while 36% opposed it and 18% were undecided.

However, a second proposed initiative didn't fare so well. Initiative 610 is more sweeping and would prohibit the state from awarding children to Gays and Lesbians in child-custody proceedings. The poll found 38% of the voters supported I-610, while 43% opposed it and 19% were undecided.

There is no guarantee, however, that either initiative will make the November ballot. Reports indicate that supporters of the two initiatives have nowhere near the required number of signatures.

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

Scientists Appear to Have Found the Causes of Dementia in AIDS Patients

(San Francisco)- A research team working at the University of California at San Francisco may have uncovered one part of the complicated puzzle of how HIV poisons the brain.

Their findings could be the first step toward treating the dementia that immobilizes up to 20% of people with AIDS in the final, ravaging stages of the disease.

Those findings were presented on May 3 at a meeting of the Society for Pediatric Research in Seattle by the head of the research team, Dr. Allan Lau.

Lau's researchers found that when they exposed certain fetal cells of the brain to the outer coating of the AIDS virus, the cells began to release toxic quantities of proteins that steadily degraded the brain's crucial nerve cells until they gave out.

The discovery would not have been possible had not President Clinton lifted the ban last year on federal funding for human fetus research. The prohibition was imposed and enforced by Presidents Reagan and Bush.

In people living with AIDS, the virus cannot directly infect the brain. But it indirectly leads to the death of the brain's nerve cells, known as neurons.

The resulting dementia can cause memory loss, confusion, uncontrollably jerky movements and staggering gait in its late stages. Children infected with HIV may suffer severe learning defects.

That part of the AIDS virus that Lau's team believes causes the death of neurons, a protein called GP-120, is the same portion

other researchers have been testing as a potential vaccine against the virus. It is a major component of the HIV surface.

Saliva Blocks AIDS

A report published on May 5 by researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, says that inhibitors that can block transmission of the AIDS virus are contained in human saliva.

The report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* may help to explain why so few reported cases of the deadly disease have been linked to trips to the dentist's office.

In July, 1990, the issue of AIDS in the dentist's office took on new urgency when the Centers for Disease Control reported that a Florida dentist with HIV infected six of his patients.

A subsequent study of HIV-infected dentists found that none of 20,000 dental patients tested positive for the disease.

The report gives more credence to studies showing it's unlikely that a healthy person can contract HIV through dental work, even if heavy bleeding occurs.

Researchers now plan to turn their attention to the components of saliva that apparently block infection.

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11th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial To Be Observed May 22

(Milwaukee)- The 11th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will be observed worldwide on Sunday, May 22. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the world's largest annual community-based AIDS event. 243 cities and 45 nations will participate this year, and for the first time, the event will be observed in all 50 states in the U.S.

Milwaukee will join the other cities in the Candlelight Memorial. Milwaukee's observance will be held at O'Donnell Park's Miller Pavilion, 910 E. Michigan Avenue, at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22. The observance is being sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

Representatives from MAP and other agencies will read the names of more than 150 men, women and children who have died within the last year. Candles will ceremoniously be lit in remembrance of them.

The St. Elizabeth's Gospel Choir and the Cream City Chorus will participate in the

ceremony. The event will also serve as a mobilization opportunity for people to learn about AIDS, the services provided by MAP and how they take part in the fight against the disease.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is coordinated under the auspices of Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA), a San Francisco-based, non-profit AIDS advocacy organization. MAA supplies event coordination kits to local groups. Local observances range in character from small gatherings in churches to huge marches through city centers.

In Milwaukee, the event is being coordinated by MAP's Tim Kennedy. Call him for more information at (414) 273-1991 Ext. 220.

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Milwaukee Health Department Will Issue 'Water Quality Alerts' for Persons with AIDS and Compromised Immune Systems

(Milwaukee)- Milwaukee's AIDS community has won an important debate with the City of Milwaukee with the announcement on May 11, 1994, that the city Health Department will issue "Water Quality Alerts" when there is a deterioration in water quality that may be a health risk for people with AIDS and others with compromised immune systems.

In a highly unusual move, the city Health Department and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) issued a joint statement that described the plan for public notification and explained the progress made by the city to assure safe water.

One year ago MAP and the Health Department were publicly at odds over the city's handling of the cryptosporidium outbreak during which 122 of MAP's clients with AIDS became diagnosed with cryptosporidiosis. 88 of the clients died due to complications from cryptosporidiosis and AIDS.

The joint statement by MAP and the Health Department represents an unexpected collaboration that clearly benefits the AIDS community.

"I am pleased that the city has agreed to give distinct consideration to immune-compromised and immune-healthy people when it evaluates the safety of Milwaukee's water," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director. "The city recognizes that water quality is a health issue of enormous significance for people with AIDS. It's agreement to issue water quality alerts is a progressive strategy that will be highly protective of the AIDS community," he said.

Nelson praised the leadership of Health Commissioner Paul Nannis and his staff for their work since the 1993 water crisis.

"I am convinced Milwaukee now has the toughest water quality standards of any city in the country," Nelson added. "The city has invested in the best water monitoring technology, it has established highly effective response protocols to be used in the event of water quality problems, and its public notification procedures truly address the needs of the AIDS community as well as the entire population."

Nelson said that, "We have established a Milwaukee model for water quality that should be replicated in every community in the country. Our standards for water quality are at least ten times more stringent than those of the federal Environmental Protection Agency and following several in-depth discussion with the Health Department, I believe that the constant evaluation of Milwaukee water will be done with the AIDS community in mind. will want to completely reduce their risk of serious illness," Nelson said.

When asked whether Milwaukee water is safe for people with AIDS to drink, Nelson replied that he had been convinced by the Health Department that absent any water quality alerts, Milwaukee water is safe for consumption by people with weakened immune systems.

"The combination of the best technology, immediate response protocols, and a sensitivity to the impact of water quality on people with compromised immune systems assures me that Milwaukee water is cleaner and safer than any other city in the country," Nelson explained.

"Should the Health Department issue a water quality alert in the future, I assure you that the advice of MAP to our clients will be to refrain from tap water consumption until the alert has passed," Nelson said.

Nelson also said he was pleased that in the joint statement that the city has acknowledged the harmful effect of the 1993 water crisis to the AIDS community.

"That formal acknowledgment and the concentration in the new procedures on people with weakened immune systems, says a lot and enables us to move forward in addressing water quality issues," Nelson said.

Another agreement coming from the joint statement is that all cryptosporidium tests on Milwaukee water will be made available to the public and will be given to MAP for consideration by the AIDS community.

The statement also recounted several studies are underway to help gain more information about cryptosporidium.

"I am grateful for the support of ACT UP Milwaukee over the past year as we have worked to secure these policy changes," Nelson said. "Especially, ACT UP's support of the water quality alerts was very helpful in demonstrating the solidarity of the AIDS community on this important issue."

"What we have accomplished in Milwaukee on water quality and the protection of the AIDS community is a model that needs to be addressed by other communities in Wisconsin and throughout the country," Nelson added.

"I have asked the State Department of Health and Social Services Secretary Gerald Whitburn to establish a statewide advisory committee on water quality and this Milwaukee model should be the first item on its agenda," Nelson said.

Nelson reported that MAP has received

many telephone calls from AIDS agencies throughout the country about Milwaukee's approach and that he will encourage them and the National AIDS Action Council to replicate the Milwaukee model to assure the AIDS community of protection from contaminated water.

HIV Positive Athletes Warned Not to Drink Tap Water at New York Gay Games

(San Francisco)- If you're an HIV-Positive athlete headed for Gay Games IV in New York, don't drink the water.

That's the alarming message from Dr. Jon Kaiser, a San Francisco immunologist and author whose practice treats AIDS patients.

Kaiser's warning comes in a health advisory to be distributed to 10,000 Gay Games participants this week. The advisory was commissioned by American Preferred Plan, a national prescription service for people living with AIDS, in April after U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno authorized the admission of HIV+ people to the U.S. for up to 10 days to attend the Games, June 18-25.

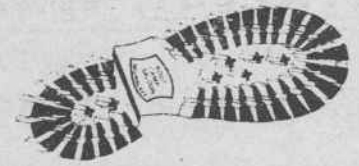
"Individuals interested in optimal health cannot count on tap water," warned Kaiser, author of *Immune Power*. A microorganism in Milwaukee's public water supply was linked

to the deaths of AIDS patients there, he explained.

"I strongly recommend that all immunosuppressed individuals keep a supply of bottled water around and use it all the time if economically feasible," he said.

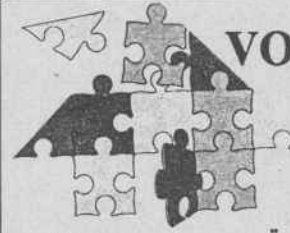
Kaiser has other tips to help people living with AIDS and HIV to stay healthy while traveling to and competing in the Games. Among them are:

- 1.) Take extra doses of vitamins, especially during periods of increased physical activity, stress, and late-night partying.
- 2.) Take regular breaks. Even while competing, 15 or 20 minutes of quiet time each day can help reestablish your balance.
- 3.) Be sure and always carry condoms and practice safe sex.
- 4.) Have fun.



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EDITORIAL

Gabrish and Balcerzak Must Not Be Allowed Back On Milwaukee Police Force

We heartily applaud the decision of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission to appeal the recent court decision ordering the reinstatement of Joe Gabrish and John Balcerzak. These two men are symbols of an anguish in our city and should not be permitted reinstatement. It is extremely doubtful that they could function in their former positions and should not be allowed to in any case.

For those of you in other parts of the country, Gabrish and Balcerzak are the two former Milwaukee police officers who were fired by Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola on September 6, 1991. He charged that they had failed to properly investigate a May 27, 1991, complaint by an African American woman about Jeffrey Dahmer and a Asian American boy.

The officers left the boy with Dahmer who killed him later that night. Recorded transcripts of a conversation later between the two officers shows them chuckling about the whole affair.

The officers pleaded guilty to mishandling the encounter, but argued that dismissal was too harsh.

It was difficult then, it is hard now, to believe that Gabrish and Balcerzak would have acted as they did if the women had been white. It is equally difficult to think that things would not have been different if they'd thought Dahmer was straight.

But the women were Black and Dahmer said he was Gay and that the Asian boy was his lover. Hence, it appears, they could all be treated with a frivolous disregard.

Gabrish and Balcerzak should stay fired, but we should not lose sight of the fact of a greater issue here. That is that these two men, for whatever else they are, represent a terrible legacy left over from the days of Police Chief Harold Brier when police attitudes toward African Americans, Gays and other minorities was oppressive in the extreme; when the law was enforced with an uneven hand.

Brier, thankfully, is gone now, but the atmosphere he embodied and enforced, the mentality that he encouraged, lives on. It would seem that Gabrish and Balcerzak imbibed these attitudes, most probably without even thinking about them. How could it be otherwise?

Instead of ignoring or disregarding the protests over Gabrish and Balcerzak, city authorities (and all of us) should try and understand the awful depths of frustration that these protests represent; the frustration that this city is still one of the most segregated cities in the nation; the perception is that the "Brier Mentality" is unfortunately alive and well. To reinstate Gabrish and Balcerzak would only be further evidence that this is so.

There is tremendous anger out there at those like conservative radio talk-show hosts who confuse respect for authority with respect for values; who seem to think the police are above the community, not part of it.

There is great anger at leaders who aren't perceived as bringing the barriers down that separate Milwaukee's people by race and class.

Gabrish and Balcerzak symbolize all those things.

By their cursory investigation of the Dahmer situation, they became in themselves the flashpoints of all the justifiable anger and frustration that minorities in this city feel. By their reinstatement, they symbolize that the system hasn't a clue to what the people feel; it just doesn't get it.

There were many, many people who did not show up to protest, but their frustration is no less great. We were there at the meeting. We heard them.

This frustration, this anger must be defused. Gabrish and Balcerzak, symbols though they are, should go. The healing, the beginning of growing together, should begin.

LETTERS

No Need for Bigotry

TO THE EDITOR:

Right wing Fundamentalist hate groups have been vehemently opposing the extension of civil rights protection to the category of sexual orientation. Part of their campaign has involved trying to convince African Americans that the sexual orientation is not a valid criterion for the protection of civil rights, and that including it is an insult to the Black civil rights movement.

Unfortunately the bigots are having considerable success with those who do not look at their stands on other issues such as genuine racial integration.

Now, a new voice is heard on the issue of sexual orientation and civil rights: not an African American voice, but an African one. Here is Chapter 3, Article 8, section (2) of the new South African Constitution:

"No person shall be unfairly discriminated against, directly or indirectly, and, without derogation from the generality of this provision, on one or more of the following grounds in particular: race, gender, sex, ethnic or social origin, color, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture or language."

Of course, people like Jesse Jackson and Coretta Scott King do not need guidance from South Africa, since they have always supported outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation. Some others, however, might have a lesson to learn from President Mandela.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Challenges of Aging

TO THE EDITOR:

I was pleased to see Ann Hardie's article in the April 28-May 11 *Light*, expressing so well some of the challenges facing older Lesbians and Gay men. Identifying the problems and barriers we face is the first step toward making changes to support us as we age.

I would like to point out two local strategies to address these difficult challenges, since action to bring change and improvement needs to follow identification of problems:

Since last Fall, a group of women and men has been meeting to develop an organizational structure to provide a range of activities to involve, support and assist aging Gay men and Lesbian women. SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), modeled after the successful SAGE in New York, and modified to meet our Milwaukee needs, offers educational and social activities monthly and has, as our (slightly) longer range goal, the establishment of a multi-activity, multiservice center. For information about events and meetings, SAGE can be contacted at: PO Box 92482, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Also underway is planning for the second Lesbian Aging Issues Forum, scheduled for Spring,

1995, to be held in Milwaukee. This forum will focus on topics of interest and importance to Lesbians beginning to plan for retirement and our later years.

The first, very successful, forum was held in Madison in 1993 and a report summarizing the forum should be available in mid-Summer, 1994. If you would like to be on the mailing list for the upcoming forum, and/or if you would like to receive a copy of the report, send your name and address to: LAI Forum, PO Box 843, Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 244-3154.

SAGE Board Member
(Name Withheld on Request)

No to Channel 10/36

TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: The following letter was also sent to Channel 10/36 Friends, Inc.

I am writing to inform you that I will no longer donate to Channel 10/36 fund drives after many years as a member. I am so incensed at the news that PBS has decided not to produce or air the sequel to *Tales of the City*. This was one of the finest productions I have ever seen on TV and now to learn that we will not see the sequel is a big disappointment.

I am sorry also to learn that those who hold high positions in the PBS hierarchy are homophobic and this is the only reason they decided not to do the sequel.

Since I believe in treating everyone fairly and honestly, I cannot in conscience, any longer support public television. When my current pledge is completed, and I will complete it, I will no longer donate to your fund drives. Please ensure this rejection letter reaches those who are responsible for this blunder.

Larry J. Giantomas
Milwaukee

Library of Congress

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to point out a problem in the organization of the Library of Congress' classification system. I was recently researching the topic of homosexuality in the library at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. According to the Library of Congress Classifications System that my university uses, the predominant locations for this topic are HQ 76 and RC 558. When I looked in the stacks in these areas, I was surprised at the larger categories in which homosexuality was grouped. I feel that it is important that I point out the impression one gets from seeing homosexuality classified under and lumped together with these other topics.

HQ 76 is the call number for the "Gay Liberation Movement." The Library of Congress has this listed as a subtopic of "Homosexuality" which is a subtopic of "Sexual Life." Contrary to what this

suggests, the Gay Liberation Movement is a political force comprised of a group of people who share the common goals of societal awareness, acceptance and equality of homosexuality.

Being homosexual is not simply a "sexual" thing, but a powerful force of beliefs and mores that affect every aspect of Gays' and Lesbians' lives. Lumping the Gay Liberation Movement under the topic of "Sexual Life" seriously belittles, over simplifies and misclassifies the diverse homosexual life.

RC 558 is the call number for counseling homosexuals. I was shocked to see that this subject falls under the topic of "Personality Disorders." Furthermore, the subject accompanying homosexuality is "Other Sexual Problems" and includes child molestation, incest, rape and necrophilia. Based on this classification, an un-informed reader seeking more knowledge about homosexuality would become extremely biased about homosexuality simply by the context it is placed in. All of this may happen before he or she would open a book.

I understand how small of a concern this issue may seem. Correction of this problem would require libraries across the country to reconfigure card catalogs and computer systems and completely relabel millions of books. However, the library is a place to educate and increase people's awareness of the world. Ignoring these issues will perpetuate anyone's misconceptions and biases of homosexuality. The associations that can be made by the current classification only undermine the intent of the Gay Liberation Movement.

Todd Severson
Green Bay, WI

Inclusiveness

TO THE EDITOR:

I think rightly, by such stances as advocating an even-Stephen for Gays in the military and partner rights, the *Light* is seeking inclusion of Gays in the larger society. However, I wonder have you considered if some of the "meat market ads" in the last pages may be counter-productive, providing artillery for the belligerent Christian right?

Douglas H. Schewe
Madison

Women and AIDS

TO THE EDITOR

On Sunday evening, April 10, 1994, I attended the Lesbian Health Forum sponsored by Our Space as part of the Women's Sunday Series. It was a short program which included four guest presenters. The topics covered were artificial insemination for Lesbians; menopause; alcohol and other drug uses; and Lesbians and AIDS. Since I have taken an active interest in Lesbian safe sex and HIV education for many years, I went to the program primarily to hear what the female representative from MAP had to say and to see how the audience responded.

I was disappointed that she did not highlight some of the news about Lesbians and HIV infection which has been released within the last 18 months. There were no statistics presented about Lesbians (women who have sex with other women) and their rate of HIV infection and their demonstrated proclivity for high risk behaviors.

There wasn't the emphasis on safer sex techniques which I have seen in similar presentations for Gay men.

There was, however, much faith in "testing." . . . "testing and waiting and testing, then no holds barred sex."

This leads me to believe that the presenter's underlying assumption was that the "test results" would always come back non-reactive (and the test was 98% accurate) and that this was an assurance that unprotected sex was safe.

Unfortunately, not all tests will come back non-reactive. (In 1987 I had sex with a Lesbian—a small town Wisconsin native—who turned up a positive ELISA that same year.) A working knowledge of safe sex techniques is essential.

The presenter's faith in "monogamy" and "honesty" between sexual partners is honorable, but not very realistic. Members of the audience asked questions which expressed concern about HIV transmission via the saliva that lands on your face during a conversation with a PWA. To me, this indicated that the audience was in need of basic HIV education, and yet they were playing the numbers game already.

The numbers game can ease the fears surrounding Lesbians and HIV infection, but it denies the real danger in our sexual practices. Gay men have not been taught to play with the numbers, they have been educated in a way which emphasizes 100% safe sex regardless of HIV status (and how to make it hot) and these techniques have been successful in decreasing their rates of new HIV infection.

The rates of HIV infection and AIDS in women in the United States is growing at a staggering rate. Women are dying of AIDS. Lesbians are dying of AIDS. And yet the methods which have been shown to be so effective in reducing new HIV infection in Gay men are not being applied in the Lesbian community. Why? Maybe enough of us haven't died yet.

If we don't start now, it's going to be too late. AIDS educators must stop believing in the myth of the "low risk" Lesbian population and begin educating Lesbians as sexual equals.

Lesbians must learn, as I have learned, that safe sex is hot sex. This it is not who we are, nor who we have sex with that counts, but rather what we do and how safe it is.

Statistics can be great educational tools, but only avoiding HIV infection can keep us alive.

Sharon Devitt
Milwaukee

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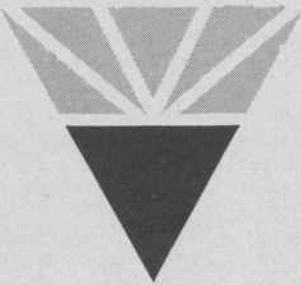
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Classic Cars- Among the dozens of classic and antique cars that will be on display at the June 11-12 PrideFest at Milwaukee's lakefront will be this 1962 Metropolitan.

Classic Cars, Poetry Readings, Films, Lectures, Dance Lessons, History Displays Featured at the June 11-12 PrideFest

(Milwaukee)- Autos from throughout the country will be competing in the first annual Milwaukee Invitational Classic Car show at PrideFest on June 11 and 12. Sponsored by the Lake Michigan Region of the Lambda Car Club, the show will put the spotlight on those great cars of yesteryear.

The Lambda Car Club is a national organization of LesBiGay classic car enthusiasts. The Lake Michigan Region is the club's Chicago Chapter.

Several dozen classic cars are expected to be on hand for the show. The cars will be displayed at the northern end of the PrideFest grounds located just north of Milwaukee's War Memorial Art Center.

PrideFest visitors will have a chance to get involved in the judging for the show. Ballots for "Favorite Hard Top" and "Favorite Convertible" will be available at the Lambda Car Club booth. Balloting will take place on Saturday only.

Don Dunfee, President of the Lake Michigan Region, is excited about their participation in PrideFest. "Our whole club is looking forward to Milwaukee. We're going to have a great show," he said.

Participating cars will be driven in the Wisconsin Pride Parade on Sunday, June 11. Because some cars will be leaving shortly after the parade, car buffs should make a point of being on hand Saturday so they can view the full display.

Anyone interested in participating in the show is welcome to do so. For registration information, call Don Dunfee at (312) 465-5307.

Sing, Dance and Learn

While there will be plenty of great entertainment at PrideFest 94, the celebration is more than just a music festival. It also offers a chance to learn.

Nationally known speakers, dance lessons, panel discussions and more are in store for visitors to the Light Stonewall Tent sponsored by Wisconsin Light.

Just ask PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier about the Stonewall Tent and he breaks into a smile. "No question about it. This is the strongest lineup we have ever had on the Stonewall Tent stage."

That lineup includes Arlene Kochman, arguably the nation's leading expert on aging in the LesBiGay community. Kochman is the Executive Director of New York's SAGE, Senior Action in a Gay Environment. She will speak at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.

Marjorie Hill, a nationally known African American Lesbian, will give a lecture at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 12. Hill, who served as New York Mayor David Dinkins' LesBiGay liaison, is considered to be the foremost "out"

African American Lesbian in the country. She has traveled throughout America to deliver hard-hitting, inspirational talks.

Visitors will get a chance to kick up their heels and learn some new dance steps. The Cream City Squares, the Shoreline Line Dance troupe and Foreplay, a hip-hop dance group, will all be giving dance lessons.

As she did last year, Smart Answer's Susan Urban will present a song writing workshop.

Debra Reed, a widely renowned and popular health issues speaker will lead a discussion on Women's health issues.

State Representative Tammy Baldwin and special guests will lead a discussion on "Gays, Lesbians and the Electoral Process" on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Some of Wisconsin's most popular female impersonators will be on hand to discuss "The Art of Impersonation" on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

The one hour "Poetry Corner" which gives local LesBiGay poets an opportunity to recite their latest works will close the tent on Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

History: Our Peoples' Life

Many LesBiGays say that one of the biggest problems faced our community is the lack of knowledge about our past. As someone once said, "You don't know where you're going until you know where you've been."

With that in mind, PrideFest 94 has added a history tent to its list of attractions. The History Tent, sponsored by the law firm of Brondino and Iverson, will provide a unique opportunity to learn about a history that is seldom, if ever, included in the history books.

Included in our story, told over two days time, will be the largest display of LesBiGay history anywhere in the country. This display, put together by the International Gay and Lesbian Archives (IGLA), chronicles LesBiGay history from the 1880's to the mid-1980s.

IGLA founder James Kepner and his staff will be in the tent throughout the festival to answer questions and to explain the significance of the events, organizations and people included in the exhibit.

In addition to the exhibit, the History Tent will include a video viewing area. Visitors will

be able to watch videos on LesBiGay history such as **Before Stonewall** and **On Common Ground**.

The videos and viewing equipment have been provided by Milwaukee's Video Adventures store. The videos will come from the store's large collection of LesBiGay videos.

Don Bohatka, owner of Video Adventures, is pleased to participate. "We are always pleased to be able to help the community in any way that we can. I believe that it's important for people to have a sense of their own history and culture. That's one of the prime reasons why we have such a large stock of Gay and Lesbian videos. We're happy to help others get a better understanding of how we

May 12, 1994-May 25, 1994-WISCONSIN LIGHT-5 got where we are," Bohatka said.

The tent will also have a lecture area. Brief lectures on important events and historical issues will be given every hour on the hour. These will be given by Kepner, Miriam Ben-Shalom and others.

The history tent is dedicated to the memory of "The Thousand," the thousand young Gay men and boys who died together at Auschwitz in 1944. It is in their memory as well as for countless other Gays killed by the Nazis, that we wear the Pink Triangle.

The PrideFest History Tent will be open from Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 and from Noon to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12.

This Is It, 3B's and the Boot Camp Hold PrideFest Fundraisers

(Milwaukee)- As the days wind down to PrideFest 94, three bars are holding fundraisers to help with the event. Here they are in order of date.

At the Boot Camp

The Boot Camp will throw its annual "Leather Pride Night" on Saturday, May 21. The festivities will include door prizes, raffles, the sale of PrideFest merchandise and more. Anyone wearing leather will receive three free raffle tickets when they enter the bar.

The fun begins at 10:00 p.m. and continues until closing.

The Leather Pride Night gives Wisconsin's Leather Community a chance to show their pride and their support for PrideFest. Last year's event raised several hundred badly needed dollars for PrideFest.

The Boot Camp is located at 209 E. National in Milwaukee.

At 3B's

3B's and the Shoreline Dance Troupe will hold their annual "Kick Up Your Heels for Pride" on Sunday, May 29. This popular event

will include door prizes, raffles, line dancing, line dance lessons and a \$3 beer bust.

The party starts at 10:30 p.m. and lasts until 12:30.

This country-western themed party is one of PrideFest's most popular events. "Everyone seems to get into it," said PrideFest Co-Chair, Bill Meunier. "The crowd is very friendly and the staff at 3B's is great!"

3B's is located at 1753 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue in Milwaukee.

At This Is It

This Is It will hold its annual PrideFest Button Sale fundraiser from May 25 through June 10. Buy a PrideFest button at the regular price of \$2 and get a free drink.

This is the longest running annual fundraiser for PrideFest in Milwaukee. Over the years, by this event, This Is It has raised thousands of dollars to help ensure that every June, Wisconsin has a pride celebration.

This Is It is located at 418 E. Wells in Milwaukee.

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Dykes To Watch Out For



Teens in Perpetual Crisis: Mainstream Media Images of Queer Youth

Commentary By Bill Duane

We're all suicidal. We're all depressed. We're all dysfunctional and come from dysfunctional families. We'll never find a good strong love. We're all lost. We're all running away.

These are some of the myths about Queer youth that America's mainstream media pushes on us daily, myths that can come to seem like dire, self-fulfilling prophecies, in a way, if we leave them be.

Of course, there are Queer teenagers out there who are depressed, who may be suicidal, who come from broken homes, or have abusive parents and who bear the scars. There are also heterosexual teens who face severe pain and anxiety. This article is not about denying you. May you seek out the help you need.

But sometimes, because we do care, and because when we tune in our TVs, switch on our car radios, or pick up a magazine, we forget what we're seeing and hearing about Queer teens isn't the truth, isn't even an approximation of reality, we buy the myths wholesale.

The images of Queer teens have an eerie and convincing quality. It is a sort of romanticized image of grief and solitude; a portrait of a sad young man or woman, torn in two by shame and lust, exiled to sorrow. These images of Queer youth are at the same state of absolute negativism today that all mainstream images of Queers were at forty or fifty years ago.

There is an almost entirely heterosexual appeal of products being sold in the media. The same holds true for the stories. A story, whether a love story or any other type, is worth telling only if it involves heterosexual characters. If there are Queers, they're depressed. The next best thing to having no Queers on the TV is having only depressed Queers, or at least distressed ones.

We'd like to think that the news is different. We have, in fact, been taught to regard the news as reality, as truth itself. But the news is no different from soap. It's a product.

The news is also subject to the demand of greed and the narrowness of prejudice. When a TV executive refuses to air a show or episode involving a Queer character because "It wouldn't do well in the ratings," she is giving in to the former.

When she also takes self-satisfaction in axing a script because she dislikes Queers, the latter is rearing its bigoted head.

The same identical process occurs at editorial meetings of newspapers and conferences of advertising reps.

The nightly news guides us down very narrow, dimly lit corridors towards mostly preconceived conclusions, with no happy young Queers in sight.

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Queer adults have been faced with the absolute negativism of popular culture's images of Queers before and risen, despite the censorship of the mainstream media to create an alternative, Queer press and literature.

Adult Queer artists also have had to overcome their own self-censorship, that knee-jerk insistence that they should express only positive images and "good role models."

This limited freeing of our community from the mainstream's monopoly, however, hasn't occurred for all Queers in the same place at the same speed. The least amount of progress has been made in creating alternatives to negative stereotypes of Queer youth.

This unequal advancement shows not only the inequality of younger and older in America, but also the greater pressure the mainstream media puts on the young to conform to standard sexual mores.

Perhaps the mainstream media has such a dismal outlook on Queer youth because nowadays it offers little other than exploitation of all youth. Certainly, there has been a recent backlash in America against the radical youth culture's attempts to form a sense of community among all young people since the late 1950's.

The Far Right is the loudest, most organized part of this backlash, wielding its agenda to "protect America's youth," evidently from political awareness and social conscience. Virtually unchallenged the Far Right has made its most immediate inroads on the civil rights of minors.

The Lesbian and Gay civil rights movement, with our roots in the Free Speech Movement, has become the Far Right's naturalized enemy. In a way, we are the last visible remnant of the Movement that the Far Right is able to demonize now that America seems convinced that Communism is dead and racism is gauche.

The recent success the Far Right has had in scaring so many Lesbian and Gay defenders away from demanding more from the mainstream media's images of Queer youth, has had brutal consequences for Queer teens.

If this cycle of absolute negativism and utopian self-censorship in mainstream images of Queer youth were to be broken, I think that we would see a huge exodus of Queer teens from therapy and into a Queer youth community, something that doesn't exist in any articulate form. The illusion of the universal, mandatory sickness of Queer youth would end.

What is needed for this to happen is that adult Lesbians and Gay men must begin to listen closely to the voices of Queer teens and amplify them.

There is an annoying, insipid sort of

rhetoric among some adult Lesbians and Gay men that makes Queer teens out to be "our children." I hope I'm able to grind it into their tiny little heads that the last thing anyone needs is an exclusive sense of the term "us," a "we" where the strength and protection of "our community" only extends to those under 18 because "we" in our beneficent wisdom have decided that it does.

These are not our children! That has become a denigrating, oppressive term. These are our brothers and sisters who are not wait-

ing to graduate to "our" status and who are not waiting on adult Queers' approval.

Because to wait for the approval of our society to be Queer is an endless condemnation to perpetual crisis. We, regardless of our age, must try to be a little beyond what others think of us. And we must encourage each other to do the same.

Editor's Note: The writer has been working with the students and staff at UW-Milwaukee on the Gay and Lesbian Studies Certificate Program.

First Annual Lite Beer Volleyball Tournament to be Held at PrideFest

(Milwaukee)- The First Annual PrideFest Lite Beer Volleyball Tournament will be held all day Saturday, June 11, 1994, in Milwaukee's Veterans' Park. Over one hundred Gay and Lesbian players from social and competitive teams throughout the Midwest will meet for grass play beginning at 8:00 a.m. The tournament will close about 6:30 p.m. with an award ceremony and banquet.

Designed both as a warm-up for Gay Games IV in New York and as a way to have fun in the sun, PrideFest's tournament is expected to draw many spectators to the six grass courts located on the PrideFest grounds. The hot action will provide excitement for PrideFest patrons.

Bob Moore, tournament manager, is enthusiastic about the prospects for signing up at least 16 six-person teams. Cash, trophies, and game ball prizes will be awarded to winning teams. Miller Lite is sponsoring this event and has provided equipment and funding.

"We have commitments from groups in Cincinnati, Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Toronto--and replies are continuing to come in," Moore said. "Readers of Wisconsin Light who are interested in forming a volleyball team are urged to contact us and obtain registration material," he suggested.

This tournament, presented by Milwaukee GAMMA, will feature morning pool play in four divisions. Each team will play six games before noon.

After lunch, the top eight teams will compete in a single-elimination championship division. The other teams will compete in a social division. Certified referees will officiate during the afternoon competition.

Team registration is \$90--which includes dinner on Saturday night and a PrideFest/Lite

Beer T-shirt for each player. Special housing for out of town teams will be available at private homes or arranged through Bottom Line Travel.

Volunteer homes are needed--as well as people to help manage the tournament. For more information or to obtain a registration packet, please write or phone GAMMA at P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201; (414) 963-9833.

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 (LAMB), the LAMB 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.

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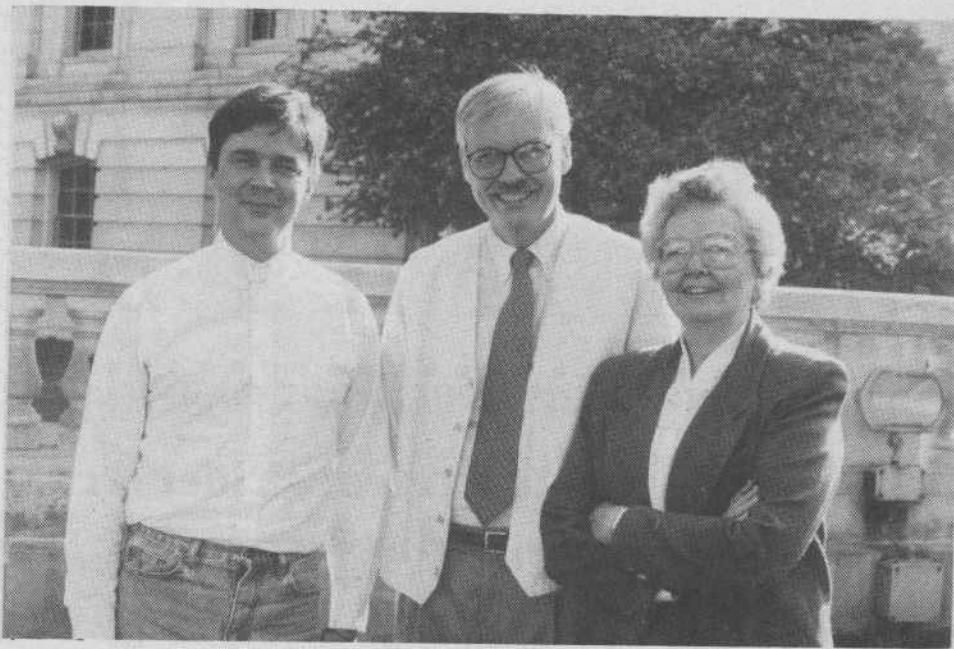


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Madison Community Leaders to Receive Awards at The United's June 3rd Dinner

(Madison)- Seven extraordinary community leaders and a pioneering organization will be recognized by The United for their valuable contributions at an awards dinner and community banquet on Friday, June 3rd. Following in the tradition of an extremely successful first dinner last year, this year's "Under the Rainbow" dinner is expected to draw hundreds of Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals, and allies for an evening of celebration and remembrance.

Award recipients will be Dick Wagner, Sunshine Jones, Jack Siebert, Sue Goldwomon, Tom Neal, Joann Elder, Jane LaFlash, and the Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. The dinner will be held at the Inn on the Park on Madison's Capitol Square with cocktails beginning at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25-\$35, based on a self-selecting sliding scale. Donations are also

major strides in articulating to the individuals and the institutions of our community the truth about our families. Her love and devotion and defense of the integrity of her own family are a powerful symbol for all who come to know her.

"In addition to being a co-founder of the Lesbian Parents Network, she has done extensive pioneering academic work in the area of L/G/B family studies. Her activism and idealism are threads woven throughout a life devoted to important work for social justice."

Jack Siebert is a co-founder of GLEE, an association of G/L/B education professionals that makes a powerful difference both here in Madison and statewide. He is our community's main point person within the Madison school system on these issues. Through his union and community connections, he has worked tirelessly to elect progressive school board members who embrace a multi-cultural, L/G/B-affirming curriculum. He is a loving father, an activist, a coalition builder, a policy expert, and a leader of Madison's Gay Father's group.

One of Jack's nominators wrote, "He's not just a talker about GLB rights; he's a doer. He doesn't shirk the onerous task in favor of the glamorous ones; he does the phone calling, the letter writing, the meeting. He's responsible an indefatigable. He's not a beacon of light for our community—he's a whole lighthouse."

Longtime women's community leader Sue Goldwomon will receive the Volunteer Woman of the Year Award. A veteran of the early days of Madison's Lesbian, Gay and Feminist movements, she's been a leader in numerous community organizations including WORT community radio, Community Shares of Wisconsin, and Apple Island Productions. She is in her tenth year as host of WORT's "Her Infinite Variety," a weekly show that showcases both old and new music alike, and keeps women in Madison informed about upcoming live performances.

"For decades, Sue has been a generous and tireless political activist and musical archivist," wrote one nominator. "She organized the first women's music distribution business in Madison years ago. She was an original member of the Madison National Lesbian Feminist Organization Chapter, Jewish Lesbians, and more organizations than I know . . . She's the conscience of Lesbian Madison and a true character in her own right."

Community activist Tom Neal's important work often goes unnoticed because it's usually behind the scenes. He currently serves as president of the board of the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center, the agency which is responsible for the state's largest GLB resource library (located at The United) and a variety of other support groups and services. "Tom's activism is the hands-on kind," writes one nominator. "Not only does he oversee fundraising and other traditional board president's duties, but he and his partner Pat also build many of the bookshelves for the library."

"Tom participates in a broad spectrum of activities that benefit our community," he continues. "He's also been a founder and co-facilitator of the 18-21 year-olds group, which provides an important social outlet for the pre-bar age group . . . There's so many reasons, so many things that Tom has done for our community that it's hard to think of them all."

Like Tom Neal, the people behind Madison's Gay and Lesbian Resource Center (MGLRC) do important work that often goes unrecognized. With this in mind, MGLRC was named Organization of the Year.

Founded in 1974, it is one of the oldest continuing LGB organizations in the state. Its extensive library is housed in the offices of The United, and many people attribute this and other important MGLRC functions to The United—functions which are, in fact, performed by MGLRC's hard-working volunteers.

MGLRC also publishes Madison's Gay,

Lesbian and Bisexual Resource Directory, which has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. Hard work has meant numerous new organizational listings and a broad base of advertisers. Numerous community organizations, such as Frontiers, the Blue Bus Clinic, P-FLAG, and the Gay Fathers group, began under the wing of what is now called MGLRC. The organization's newest project is a GLB resources computer bulletin board service.

The compassion, perseverance and hard work of two exceptional women is being recognized with two "Ally of the Year" awards. As leaders in the Madison chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), Jane LaFlash and Joann Elder are well-known and loved by many in our community, however, too often, their important work has gone unrecognized.

Jane LaFlash is a founder of the local P-FLAG chapter and her persistence and leadership in the organization's early years were the main reason that the group began to grow and flourish. This year, she organized P-FLAG's statewide conference. She has served in board and committee positions at The United and MGLRC. As a member of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, she participated in the production of a powerful video on Gays and Lesbians in the church.

Joann Elder, working in partnership with

Jane, has been a driving force in the success of P-FLAG, both locally and statewide. Additionally, she worked long and hard to successfully persuade Madison's Friends Quaker Meeting to permit and affirm same-sex unions. Working tirelessly, both as an individual and in partnership with her husband Joe, she has been a moving and compassionate advocate for the LGB community at the University of Wisconsin, in the greater Madison community, and beyond.

"Jane and Joann continue to provide a safe space for parents to deal with their own coming out issues and a forum for those who are 'straight but not narrow,'" wrote one admirer in nominating both women for the valuable work they have done both in partnership and individually. "Both Jane and Joann have received little public recognition of the enormous time, energy and direction they have provided on behalf of our community. They are 'unsung heroines' whose accomplishments deserve to be acknowledged and affirmed."

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being sought so that those who could not otherwise afford the dinner or childcare might also be able to attend. (For more information, call The United at (608) 255-8582.

Special recognition is being given to Dick Wagner, who recently retired from the Dane County Board after more than a decade of distinguished service as an openly Gay supervisor, including several years as board chair. Wagner's many contributions as a community leader, including his ongoing work with the New Harvest Foundation and the Madison AIDS Support Network, have brought him accolades from community leaders of all backgrounds and from all parts of the political spectrum. He has been both a nationally-recognized leader in his support of openly Lesbian and Gay candidates for office and an important spokesperson for the LGB community locally.

On the occasion of The United's award, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin said, "I consider it an honor to (join in) tribute to Dick Wagner. I first met Dick in 1970. Since then, I have treasured his wisdom and counsel. The city and county have benefited greatly from his intelligence, commitment and passion. His ability to balance community and individual needs in a variety of areas such as historic preservation, land use planning, and tax policy reflects his openness and broad interest in public policy. I can't imagine a finer leader. He is one of the few whose reentry into public office I would welcome."

Two prominent advocates for children and an educational environment which respects and affirms Lesbian and Gay diversity—Sunshine Jones and Jack Siebert—will be honored as Woman and Man of the Year.

Sunshine Jones is a longtime community activist and advocate, and the co-founder of Madison's Lesbian Parents Network. More recently, she has been a leader in GLADE (Gays and Lesbians for Diversity in Education), an organization which advocates for Madison school district policies that address the special issues facing Gay and Lesbian children, families and educational professionals. Her more than twenty-five years of activism have also included leadership as a feminist, environmentalist, family life educator, and spiritual leader.

As one of the people who nominated her wrote, "She has an incredible vision for the world and a remarkable ability to share that vision with others and inspire us. She has been counselor, friend and teacher to countless members of our community. She has made

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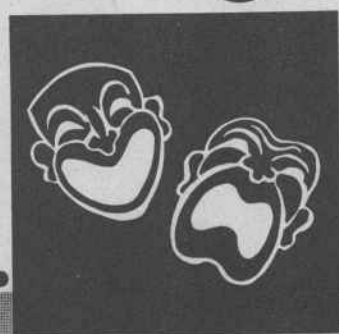
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Home on the Range- Sissy Hankshaw (Uma Thurman) and Delores Del Ruby (Lorraine Bracco) enjoy the outdoors in Gus Van Sant's film *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*. The film opens May 20 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

'Cowgirls' Doesn't Gallop from the Book to the Silver Screen

By Steve Warren

In *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* Gus Van Sant, Jr. Boldly goes where only one man has gone before--and falls on his ass.

The first man to visit the Rubber Rose Ranch was its creator, novelist Tom Robbins. He made *Cowgirls* a literary delight, but the aspects of the book that translate easily to the screen were very much of the time it was published (1976). His wild, often timeless digressions must be read to be appreciated.

Van Sant continues to explore the road, the sky, drugs and societal misfits, and to use nonprofessional actors where possible. Some of his "real cowgirls" have great faces, but shouldn't be allowed to speak. There are so many non-actors in *Cowgirls*, the prevailing style is non-acting--even from the pros. Aside from Uma Thurman in the lead, it seems the bigger the role, the worse the performance.

The film's release was delayed to let Van Sant recut it after disastrous premieres at the Toronto and Venice film festivals. He couldn't have done worse if he'd handed the scissors to Lorena Bobbitt. The story moves in fits and starts, connected by Robbins' narration. The author writes better than he reads, but he's no worse than most of the performers.

Thurman plays Sissy Hankshaw, who was born with unusually large thumbs and put them to use by becoming the world's greatest hitchhiker. She stays on the move with no place to call home; and Candide-like, she has sex with anyone who wants it, supposedly without losing her virginity.

Sissy models for "the Countess," who makes feminine hygiene products and is "perverse as a pink pickle." With lipstick, nail polish and ruffled cuffs, John Hurt makes his Quentin Crisp of *The Naked Civil Servant* look butch. Equally offensive is Noriyuki "Pat" Morita's giggly portrayal of the guru known as "the Chink" (It's okay: he's Japanese--not Chinese-American).

The Countess sends Sissy to the Rubber Rose, which he owns. It's a women's health and beauty spa, with "a few head of cattle for atmosphere and tax purposes." There Sissy falls in love with a cowgirl ten years her junior--Bonanza Jellybean (played by Rain Phoenix, the younger, less pretty and talented sister of the late River Phoenix, to whom the film is dedicated). They do it everywhere, despite the edict, "Crimes against nature are to be confined to the hayloft."

Led by Bonanza and Debbie (singer-songwriter Victoria Williams, who creates a more welcome presence than fellow cowgirls Angie Dickinson and bullwhip artist Lorraine Bracco), the cowgirls revolt--against what I'm not entirely sure, except that the U.S. government sends troops after Bracco's peyote alters the migratory pattern of endangered whooping cranes.

Huh? None of the characters or plot elements is sufficiently developed. Even readers of the book may be as confused as they are disappointed. Name actors like Keanu Reeves (with hair borrowed from a Ken doll--Richard Carpenter), Sean Young (who jumps Sissy to warm up for her husband), Crispin Glover, Carol Kane, Ed Begley, Jr and Roseanne Ar-

nold (as a fortune teller who tells young Sissy, "I see men in your life. Also I see women--lots and lots of women") have less than five minutes of screen time apiece.

We should be grateful for the Lesbian love story, but in this context it barely registers. We get a sense that the cowgirls are some kind of feminist outlaws, but the details are fuzzy at best.

It can't all be awful. I liked the erotic sign at the border of an Oregon town, "Entering Sisters"; and the scene where the cowgirls launch a full frontal assault on the Countess, who hates the smell of women: "Not one of these pussies been washed in a week!"

The musical score by k d lang and Ben Mink is the most consistently successful thing about the film, and you can get that on an album without having to endure the incoherent mess of a movie that goes with it.

Weird from the get-go, *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* will have some critics covering their asses by calling it a cult film, in case someone likes it. I don't mind showing my ass to this movie. I only wish I could have done it a 100 minutes sooner.

As Bracco says, "Playfulness ceases to have a serious purpose when it takes itself too seriously." I don't know what that means, but I think it applies here.

Cowgirls opens Friday, May 20 at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

TV and Film Memorabilia Show to be Held May 22

(Milwaukee)- Dale E. Kuntz, President of Milwaukee Film Classics, is happy to announce the Spring Edition of his Semi-Annual *Movie Collectibles Show* sponsored by him and Milwaukee Film Classics. The show will take place on Sunday, May 22.

Over 30 tables--with dealers from across the state, as well as from Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and other states--will offer collectors movie posters, new and used videos, 16mm films, movie magazines, 8x10 stills, video posters, souvenir books and many, many other items.

Represented will be classic titles such as *Gone With the Wind*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Casablanca*, along with such favorite stars of bygone years as Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Vivien Leigh and Jeanette MacDonald.

Also included will be popular films and the stars of today such as *Jurassic Park*, *Aladdin*, *Indecent Proposal* and stars such as Robert Redford, Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise and Sharon Stone.

Plus TV shows and stars, animated art featuring both Disney and Warner Brothers artists.

The May 22 show will be at Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham Street, West Allis. Admission is \$2. Children under 12 are free with an adult.

For more information or dealers' tables, call Dale Kuntz at (414) 466-1877.

Fest City Singers to Present PrideFest Concert with Guest Artists

(Milwaukee)- Singers James Sampson and Leslie Fitzwater will appear as guest artists with the Fest City Singers (FCS) during Pride Week performances of *History, Herstory, Ourstory*, a musical review by Peter Mortensen, the Singers' artistic director.

Leslie Fitzwater, best known for her one-woman show, *Piaf*, and numerous performances with the Florentine Opera and Skylight Opera Theatre, will join the women of the FCS in a memorable rendition of "Sister."

James Sampson of the Chicago Light Opera and the Skylight Opera Theatre, will sing "The Altar Boy and the Thief" by Joan Baez, the song she wrote in memory of Harvey Milk. Both professional singers will be reprising roles they played in the 1991 version of *History, Herstory, Ourstory*.

The updated version of this musical review of Gay life from Beehives and Bigotry to Fanny Packs and Pride, is daring, serious at times, clever and satirical at others. Peggy

Lozier, FCS Music Director, has honed performances of music by such artists as Meg Christian, Chris Williamson and Kristen Lems as well as songs with original lyrics by Peter Mortensen.

The Fest City Singers will present five performances of *History, Herstory, Ourstory* during Pride Week in the Studio Theatre at the Broadway Centre, 158 N. Broadway.

Friday, June 3 at 8:00 p.m. (Benefit for MAP)

Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 10 at 8:00 p.m. (PrideFest benefit)

Sunday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Robert Rodi Will Read from 'Princess Paragon' on May 21st at AfterWords

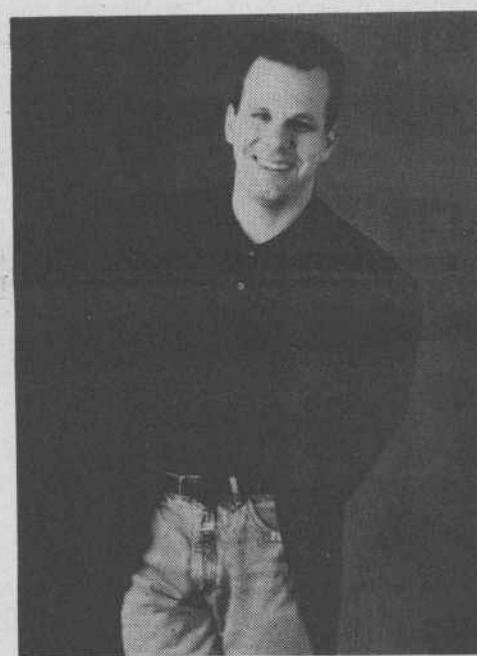
(Milwaukee)-- Following his rather explosive debut on the Gay literary scene with the controversial novel *Fag Hag*, Robert Rodi has become one of the most popular and best-selling Gay authors in America. Rodi will be appearing at AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar on Saturday, May 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Rodi's appearance at AfterWords is timed to coincide with the release of his newest novel, *What They Did to Princess Paragon* (Dutton, \$19.95) as well as the release in paperback of his hilarious second novel, *Closet Case* (Plume, \$10.95). At his AfterWords appearance, Rodi will read from *Princess Paragon*, talk about Gay writing and publishing and, of course, sign copies of his books.

With his debut novel, *Fag Hag*, Rodi exploded on the Gay writing scene with a disarmingly outrageous portrayal of Natalie Stathis, a woman who loves a man who loves men. The object of Natalie's affection is Peter Leland, a breathtakingly handsome commercial artist. Yet, Natalie meets her match for Peter's affections in the form of Lloyd Hood, a gun-toting Gay survivalist.

The difficult process of coming out is the basis for Rodi's follow-up novel, *Closet Case*. Lionel, Rodi's unlikely hero, tries to hide his being Gay from one and all, but when a deaf Lesbian from his office spots him ogling a male stripper at a Gay dance club, Lionel proves that he will go to any extremes to remain in the closet.

With *Princess Paragon*, Rodi takes on the world of comic books with his story of Brian Parrish, once the hotshot in the comic book industry, who decides to stir things up by turning a dud, goody-two-shoes, Princess Paragon character into the world's first Les-



Robert Rodi

bian superhero. And when the Princess's most devoted fan, one Jerome T. Kornacker, finds out . . . ?

Princess Paragon is a joyride of laughs far from the pastures of political correctness.

Rodi will appear at AfterWords, Saturday, May 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. AfterWords is located at 2710 N. Murray Avenue, on the corner of Murray and Park Place. The event is free and everyone is welcome. For further information, call AfterWords at (414) 963-9089.

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A Long Day's Night- The original Beatles are brought back in the film **Backbeat**. Pictured are (L to R): Paul McCartney (Gary Bakewell), George Harrison (Chris O'Neill), Pete Best (Scot Williams), John Lennon (Jan Hart), and Stuart Sutcliffe (Steven Dorff) performing in Hamburg. **Backbeat** is currently at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

'Sex Is . . .' Is Rare and Exciting, An Honest and Important Film

By Carl M. Szatmary

Marc Heustis' new film, **Sex Is . . .** is that rarest of cinematic creatures, a film about sex, specifically Gay male sex, which with a graphic, no-holds barred approach depicts the most widely imaginable range of Gay male sex and yet, surprisingly is never simply a sex film.

If the early Gay rights movement celebrated the liberation of Gay male sex, the 1980's and the AIDS epidemic changed all that. The bathhouses were closed, promiscuous sex was out and safe sex was the thing to do,



Director Marc Heustis

or at least that became the politically correct stance. In a very real sense, any and all dis-

cussion of Gay sex once again became closeted. For many men, sex became equated with AIDS, HIV and death. In **Sex Is . . .**, Marc Heustis attempts to re-legitimize Gay sexuality.

To accomplish this goal, Heustis has gathered an extremely diverse group of Gay men, including three African Americans, an Asian, one Latino, two cross-dressers, a clergyman in his seventies, and himself. Working with two women editors, Lara Mac and Hrafnhildur Gunnarsdottir, Heustis seamlessly interweaves and combines interviews into several defined thematic sections: definitions of sexuality, masturbation fantasies, initial sexual encounters, love vs. Sex, the onslaught of AIDS, eroticizing safe sex and grieving.

What is so remarkable about Heustis' film is the frankness of the discussion, the honesty, sincerity and vulnerability that Heustis is able to elicit from his subjects. Heustis' subjects reveal intimate stories, reflecting on the joys and also the pain of their lives, early happy sexual encounters, losses of lovers from AIDS, innermost sexual fantasies and all without any hint of embarrassment or self-consciousness. Unapologetically aimed at Gay, not straight, audiences, **Sex Is . . .** contains some very explicit dialogue and scenes of sexual behavior and in doing so, will undoubtedly shock and alarm many who view it.

Interspersed throughout the film are scenes of oral and anal sex, S&M, bondage and discipline, nipple stimulation, etc. Yet for those looking for a sex film to get off on, **Sex Is . . .** is going to be a disappointment. At turns funny, sexy, and brutally shocking, **Sex Is . . .** is an honest, extremely important film creating a frank dialogue about Gay male sexuality.

May 26 Premiere of Movie 'Sex Is . . .' to benefit Brady East STD Clinic

(Milwaukee)- Through the years, the Brady Street East BESTD Clinic has served hundreds of people, both inside and out of our community; women and men of all colors, all ages, people rich and poor. The Clinic serves without financial recompense, each volunteer offering of themselves for the good of all.

We see the Clinic volunteers in the bars offering HIV testing. We go to them for counseling and for countless other medical needs. The Clinic gives without stint.

On Thursday, May 26, AfterWords Bookstore, **Wisconsin Light** and **Wisconsin In Step** will be hosting a benefit for the BESTD Clinic.

This benefit will feature the acclaimed

Virtual Reality Creates Incredible 3-D Images for New Adult Videos

(Milwaukee)- First there were grainy films. Then came the videos. But now there's something new, something very new and wildly exciting say those who have "seen" it.

After sweeping Australia, Virtual Reality in Gay adult flicks has arrived in America. "It's a step towards the ultimate future of video," said Mark Franks, co-producer of the

first virtual reality Gay adult video.

The video is called **Slave Auction** and is being produced by Palomino Video. It is the first of a new video line using a Virtual Reality camera that creates 3-D images. Palomino is the only company in the world that has a license to do this stereoscopic virtual reality image, Franks says.

For those of you old enough to remember, this is not **Bwana Devil** (1952). The action doesn't come out to you. You are made to feel that you are part of the action, right there,

"In five minutes you forgot you were watching a movie," said Chuck Edwards, editor of **Obsessions** magazine. "You felt as though you were there. I tell you it worked. The barriers were gone. They had to drag me away from the thing."

A viewer can look around the bodies, explore the action and, Palomino producers say, become one with it.

The possibilities are endless. For example, a soon-to-be-used with a procedure like a mouse will allow the viewer to make a favorite pornstar strip and do whatever else by clicking on the TV screen.

Eventually, Franks said, viewers will be able to design their own fantasy bodies on screen and pick how many bodies they want to have sex with. It is, producers say, the ultimate in safe sex.

"Looking around" is not the end. "We're going to make it so that you'll eventually be able to enter the video yourself," said Franks.

While this is projected to be coming in six months time, it's pretty close to that now.

"Once the glasses were on," said Edwards, "the double image (seen without the special glasses) disappeared. I was in the middle of the action. The screen was as though it disappeared."

It should all be in distribution by the end of this Summer. You will buy a videotape with **VIRTUALMAXSYSTEMS** that is filmed in Stereoscopic 3-D. You attach a little box to your VCR, plug in the glasses and there you are—almost literally.

The tape, the glasses and the interface box will be packaged together and will sell over \$200. Thing is, you buy the glasses and the box only once. After that, you just rent (or buy) movies.

The price, however, should come quickly down. In Australia, the present going rate for the package is \$100.

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Street Art- Artist Kitty Dyble-Thompson recreated the Art for AIDS poster on May 2, 1994 at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Water Street in downtown Milwaukee to help promote the May 22 art auction and brunch benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

With Its Passion intact, the British Production of 'Carousel' Storms Broadway

(New York)- A British staging of *Carousel* has stormed Broadway, but at least part of the production's acclaim is due to its American leading man, Michael Hayden.

The Broadway premiere of Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II's 1945 musical made a star of the first Billy Bigelow, John Raitt. Director Nicholas Hytner's passionate, dark interpretation may do the same for Hayden.

Not that the 30-year-old Connecticut native follows in the square-jawed Raitt mold any more than Hytner's unconventional production adheres to the inoffensive *Carousel* favored by philistines and conservative high school drama coaches.

With its Andrew Wyeth-style landscapes and vast, metaphysical reaches of blue, this *Carousel* lays bare a troubling portrait of , as the song lyric goes, "two little people who don't count at all."--Billy Bigelow, the abusive carnival barker, and his mysterious "queer one" of a wife, Julie Jordan.

Adapted from *Lilom*, a play by Hungarian dramatist Ferenc Molnar, *Carousel* emerges on this occasion as a searing dissection of the sometimes destructive lengths to which passion can lead as set to one of the most beautiful scores the musical theater knows.

The show opened recently at New York's Lincoln Center's Vivian Beaumont Theater. In addition to Hayden, the lone holdover from the London company, the New York staging features Sally Murphy as Julie and opera singer Shirley Verrett, making her musical theater debut, as the matronly Nettie.

The production arrives from London wreathed in acclaim and awards. Hayden is hopeful its appeal will mean as much on home turf as it did overseas.

"I hope this knocks Americans for a loop even more so than the British because it's ours, and we think we know it so well," Hayden said.

Rent Assistance: Meeting Emergency Housing Needs of People With AIDS

By Brandee Parge

HIV and AIDS affects each person uniquely. According to Don, a person living with HIV, it affects his life in ways he never thought it would--physically, mentally and socially. For many consumers like Don at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), this means accessing the agency's extensive social and support systems.

The Rent Assistance Program is one of those that helps people with HIV and AIDS maintain a safe and affordable place to live.

"With all the other stresses going on in my life, one stress I don't need is worrying about something as basic as housing," Don said. "Thanks to MAP's help, I had the money to pay rent while waiting for my public assistance to begin. I could then concentrate on my doctor appointments and physical therapy."

Don added that soon he will begin volunteering for MAP's AIDS training and education programs. "This is my way of giving back to the community what MAP has given me."

Many people with HIV disease and AIDS are unable to work for an extended length of time. The significant need for emergency help and financial resources prompted the development of MAP's rent assistance program.

The Rent Assistance Program has been so successful that nearly 1,000 individuals and families received help in 1993. The program ensures that consumers with HIV and AIDS can maintain their residencies during times of emergency by providing help with rent, security deposits and utility bills for up to three months.

According to Steve Steinhauer, Housing

"The good thing about being in New York is people will have heard this production is a rethinking--whatever that means to them and not just a revival, not a postcard version of what's been done before," Hayden said.

Hayden was preparing to play the title role in Shakespeare's *Henry V* off-Broadway when Hytner--and Englishman best known for staging the musical *Miss Saigon*--plucked him to lead the *Carousel* company at the Royal National Theater.

The actor was thrilled, and a touch dubious. "The first thing I said was, 'Of course, I'm ecstatic, but why do the British think they can do *Carousel* when Americans haven't been able to do a vitally successful production for years?'"

But with Hytner's guidance, Hayden devised his view of Billy as "a person who lashed out because he couldn't articulate himself emotionally"--a young man "dangerous and vulnerable at the same time," closer to James Dean than John Raitt.

"Much of *Carousel* is about huge passion, unspoken passion, unexpressed passion realized too late."

It was important, Hayden said, "never to condescend to the book, which it seems everyone always does. People think it's a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, so they can sell it short and just get to the next song."

"We had to find ways to make it work," he said. "So far, so good."

The poster for the New York engagement that's all over Manhattan, shows Hayden astride a pair of carousel horses. "On a purely egotistical level, I quite like that. It's me," he said of the design. "It's quite heady."

Hayden has played Billy Bigelow before--in high school, age 17.

"I'm sure I was very sweet," smiled the actor, "and very bad."

and Financial Assistance Manager, said that nearly \$98,000 has been expended on the program in 1993.

Candidates must qualify for rent assistance and contribute at least 30% of their income toward rent. They must also provide proof of a positive HIV status and income and rental verification documents to be considered for the program.

The program began in July, 1991 with a two-year grant from the State of Wisconsin Division of Housing. In the first year, MAP aided 302 clients.

The Division of Housing allocated another \$220,000 in July of last year to continue the program, and another \$55,000 in December, 1993.

Housing Assistance

In addition to rent assistance, the Housing Assistance Program assists MAP clients with temporary and long-term housing.

Temporary housing is provided at the Milwaukee House. Longer term residence is at the Wisconsin House. MAP also provides housing and roommate referrals.

Through its Roommate Referral Program, MAP helps match people interested in companionship as well as sharing of living expenses. Information about roommates and available housing is anonymously posted and can be found in *Client News*, a monthly publication of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

For more information on housing assistance or any other program, call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

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Show Pride in your talents by sharing them with the community. Plans are underway for the Multiculture Tent, so don't let this opportunity for exposure and profits pass you by. The cost to sell hand-made crafts, etc., is \$75. There is no cost to exhibit. Contact PrideFest at (414) 272-3378 or call (414) 873-4942 and leave a message.

News From AfterWords

(Milwaukee)- AfterWords Bookstore will be hosting Bill Duane who will be reading his sexy, experimental poetry and short stories on May 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Gay and Lesbian writers group will be meeting at AfterWords on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you are writing or are interested in writing, join the group to hear some "works in progress" as well as participate in lively discussions.

The AfterWords Book Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. June's title is appropriately *Stonewall* by Martin Duberman.

SAGE to Hold Safe Sex Program

(Milwaukee)- SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) in co-operation with the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Brady East STD Clinic, will hold an anonymous AIDS and safer sex program at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22 at MAP, 315 W. Court St. (Just across from the Schlitz Brewery). After presentations by professional AIDS educators directed to both Gay men and Lesbians, a short film titled *Safer Sex Shorts* will be shown. Trained people from the Brady Clinic will offer free, anonymous HIV testing for those wanting it beginning at 1:00 p.m. and throughout the program. Light refreshments will be served.

MAP Seeks Community Input

(Milwaukee)- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will hold an HIV prevention planning meeting as a first step in designing an effective, comprehensive HIV prevention strategy for the Gay and Lesbian Community. The meeting will be held on June 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at MAP, 315 W. Court St. Business owners, members of social groups and other organizations, as well as anyone else interested in providing input and assistance are encouraged to attend.

According to MAP prevention specialist, Rod Johnson, the meeting will provide a forum for expressing concerns about HIV prevention in the Gay and Lesbian community. But more importantly, he said, goals of the meeting include creating a Gay and Lesbian Advisory Council that will reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity within the community and developing a core group of volunteers to support on-going prevention activities.

For more information, call Rod Johnson at MAP: (414) 273-1991-Ext. 263. Preregistration is appreciated.

AIDS Memorial Weekend Services

(Milwaukee)- The AIDS Task Force of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 802 N. Jackson St., will commemorate AIDS Memorial Weekend, May 21 and 22, through the Roman Catholic tradition. At all Masses that weekend, prayers will be said to commemorate those who have died of AIDS and those living with AIDS. The Icon, "Mother of God, Light in All Darkness," will be installed in the church for the weekend. For a schedule of Masses for that weekend, call the rectory at (414) 276-9814. For further information on the Cathedral AIDS Task Force, call Anne Rice at (414) 962-2248.

Group to Discuss Gay Bar Culture

(Milwaukee)- On Sunday, May 22, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Gay Men's Discussion Group will discuss bar culture and alternative meeting places. What role have Gay bars played in our development as Gay men and what are the alternatives? The group meets in 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.

Battered Women's Group Seeks Volunteers

(Madison)- DCABW (Dane County Advocates for Battered Women) is currently recruiting volunteers for its 24-hour crisis line and to participate in our new Hospital Advocacy Program. DCABW is a private, non-profit agency committed to ending violence in the lives of battered women and their children. Training begins June 2, 1994. For more information, call (608) 251-1237.

Wheaton College Reunion Planned

(Wheaton, IL)- A reunion is planned for Gay and Lesbian alumni of Wheaton College (in Wheaton, IL) during Unity '94/Gay Pride Weekend in New York. The meeting is intended to create a friendly, pro-Gay environment and a network of support for Gay and Lesbian alumni and students of Wheaton College. The event's planners (including the group's founder, Paul Phillips of Romanovsky and Phillips) expect the meeting to attract hundreds of Gay and Lesbian alumni of this ultra-conservative Christian school.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 423 W. 46th Street (Between 9th and 10th Avenues) in New York City. For more information, call (212) 807-5577.

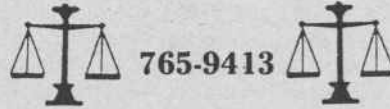
HIV and African Americans

(Madison)- On Tuesday, May 17 there will be a forum to non-judgementally explore the challenges and difficulties encountered as the African American community faces HIV/AIDS. The forum will be held at the Madison Chapter of the American Red Cross, 4860 Sheboygan Ave., in Madison from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program will include a taped telecast of *HIV/AIDS and the African American Church* produced by the Red Cross. This will be followed by a panel discussion. Included on the panel are: Karen Catron, Terry Fox, Bruce Hendricks, Jonathan Stallins and Julie Thompson.

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Depression and Bi-Polar Illness is the Focus of United's New Support Group

(Madison)- The United hopes to form a G/L/B-sensitive support 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 Vanderbosch at The United at (608) 255-8582 or John Quinlan at (608) 242-9694. (An incorrect number was inadvertently published in the last issue of the Light.)

For many years, The United has been a catalyst for the creation of safe, sensitive support groups for L/G/B people dealing with a whole range of life challenges from alcoholism to experiences with sexual abuse. The United is making a special effort this year to identify the need for new support groups and to nurture their development. The United also maintains a list of counselors who are L/G/B sensitive.

A support group facilitator's training is

tentatively scheduled for late Summer or early Fall. 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) 255-8582.

AIDS Funding

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short-changed by the inequitable funding formulas have signed on to the campaign. Nelson has made several trips to Washington, D.C. delivering the stern message that the CARE Act must be re-authorized with equity in per capita funding as its bottom line premise.

"Our campaign for fairness will change the landscape of national AIDS politics which has always been dominated by East and West coast AIDS activists," Nelson explained.

"This is not an easy battle because federal AIDS funding is critical for the success of AIDS agencies throughout the country and any time major changes in funding formulas are promoted, people get nervous and defensive," Nelson said.

"But the principle of per capita equity is one of fundamental justice that Congressional leaders will understand," Nelson said. "We will aggressively make our case in Congress."

The root of the problem with the CARE Act lies in its structure of Title I funding for high incidence cities and Title II funding for the states. Those states that include cities receiving Title I funds actually double count

their AIDS cases which substantially increases total CARE Act funding for these states.

According to Nelson, those states receiving both Title I and Title II funding receive on average \$3,756 per AIDS case.

Those states, like Wisconsin, which receive only Title II funding, receive on average \$1,183 per AIDS case.

The ARCW-led campaign calls for combining these two titles and disbursing national AIDS funding on an equitable per case basis that accounts for each state's AIDS case load.

"As I have raised this issue at national meetings, I've been criticized for trying to put a dollar value on a person with AIDS," Nelson said. "But dollars mean services and access to services and we in Wisconsin are entitled to build our service delivery capacity for our AIDS community like the high-incidence cities on the coasts have done."

"There is an arrogance in the opposition to this equity principle that is coming from the coasts that is based, I believe, in a stereotypical view of the Midwest that the AIDS epidemic is just not as complicated here as it is on the coasts and therefore, our funding needs are less," Nelson explained.

"So, not only must our campaign advance the cause of equitable funding, but it also must successfully convey the reality that AIDS in the heartland is multicultural, complicated, and desperately in need of greater federal funding," Nelson said.

Nelson was quick to add that the ARCW campaign would not be harmful to any region, state or city in the country. "We must construct a win-win situation," he said. "The national AIDS community must benefit by the changes we propose and no part of our community will be short-changed or left behind as we struggle against the AIDS epidemic," Nelson said.

Nelson will be returning to Washington at

the end of May to participate in the national AIDS Watch lobby effort in Congress and to chair a meeting of the National AIDS Action Council Public Policy Committee. He will use these opportunities to advance the campaign for fairness and rally other AIDS organizations behind it. The Ryan White Care Act is likely to be re-authorized by the end of the year.

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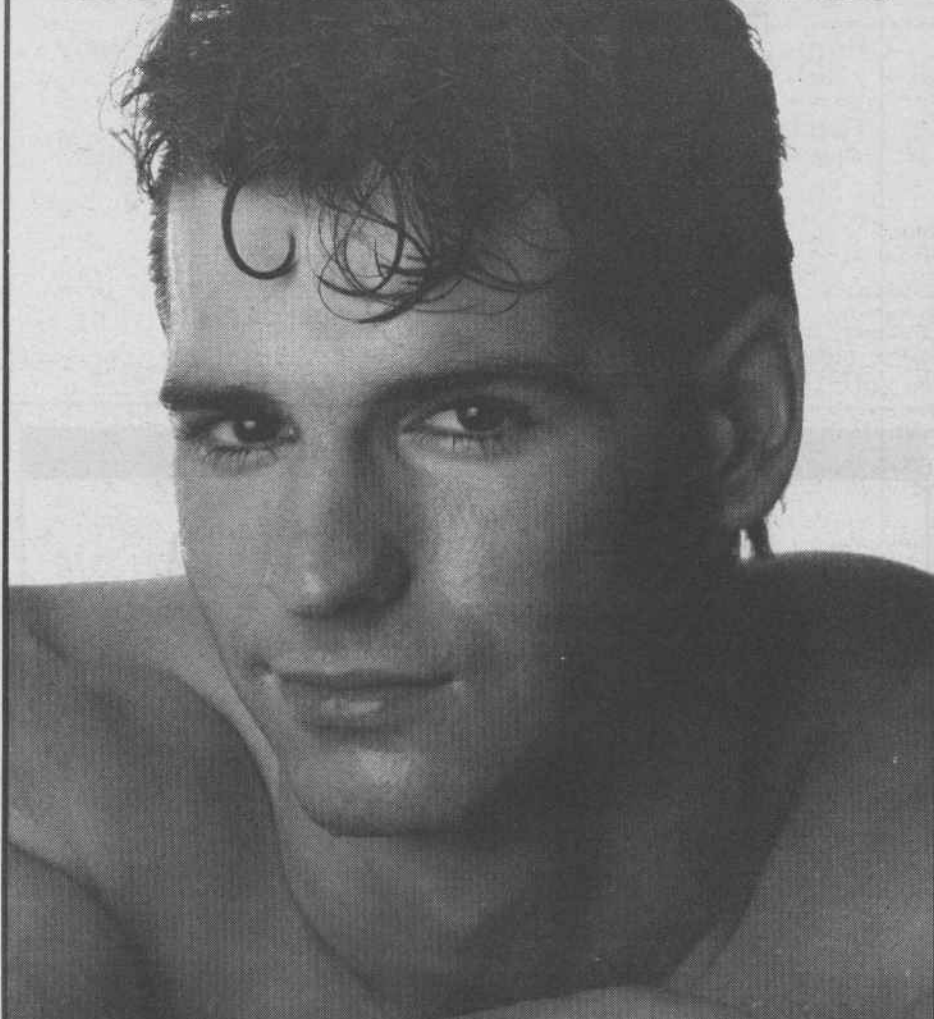
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Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** Gwm seeks GWMs for movies and quiet times at home. #26291

Milwaukee **TREAT HIM RIGHT:** 40 yr old GWM is new to town, friendly and vers. #26943

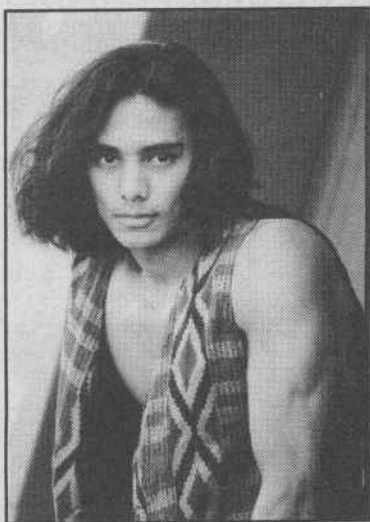
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Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** Bi-WM, 5'5", 135. I am attractive and a workout buff. Let's show off. I have a washboard tummy. #27237

Milwaukee **BIRDS OF A FEATHER:** 27 yr old good looking guy seeks a man, 25-33 for a little travel/fun. #27340

Milwaukee **HANKERIN' FOR A HUNK:** WM, 35, 5'6", 160. I am healthy and hunky. Passionate guy needs some playful fun. I am worth the call. #27381

Milwaukee **MILLER TIME:** Seeking a lthr biker top who is endowed. I love watersports and want to drink some beers, kick back and enjoy a good time. #27472



WI **WIDE RANGER:** 24 yr old GWM, 5'10", 160, blonde and blue. I am seeking guys, 24-40. Dark hair and great personalities are A+. #27486

WI **NO LIMIT:** Seeking a lthr man. Test me all the way. I never fail. #27665

La Crosse **NO FUN ALONE:** 5'2", 125, brn/blu. Seeking a guy around my age (26). Please enjoy hiking, biking and a good workout. #27707

WI **HOT TALK:** 23 yr old seeks some guys for fun and talks on the phone. Call me and we'll take it from there. #27951

Milwaukee **TV SEARCH:** Handsome 37 yr old, 6'2". I am into all kinds of things. Seeking a fem TV for a sincere relationship. Don't be afraid to call. #27989

Milwaukee **FEMME FATALE:** Fem GWM, 36 yrs old, seeks slim male s who believe in love, passion and romance. I love nice clothes, dining out and travel. #28000

Milwaukee **MONDO BONDAGE:** Sub TV seeks guy for wild times and B&D. I am very clean and discreet. #28100

Milwaukee **DOWNTOWN:** Seeking yng guys who are smooth. B&D, shaving, restraints used here. Safe only. #27712

Oshkosh **VERY RECEPTIVE:** 23 yr old Bi-WM seeks some guys for a good time. I am open to anything. #28279

Madison **SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO:** 26 brn/blu, 140. Seeking good times and a possible relationship with older men. Call me anytime. #28366

Milwaukee **WHERE'S THE WELCOME WAGON:** 23 yr old, new to the area. Seeking good looking guys under 25 who like to work out. #28539

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, stche. 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 hinky 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

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

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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

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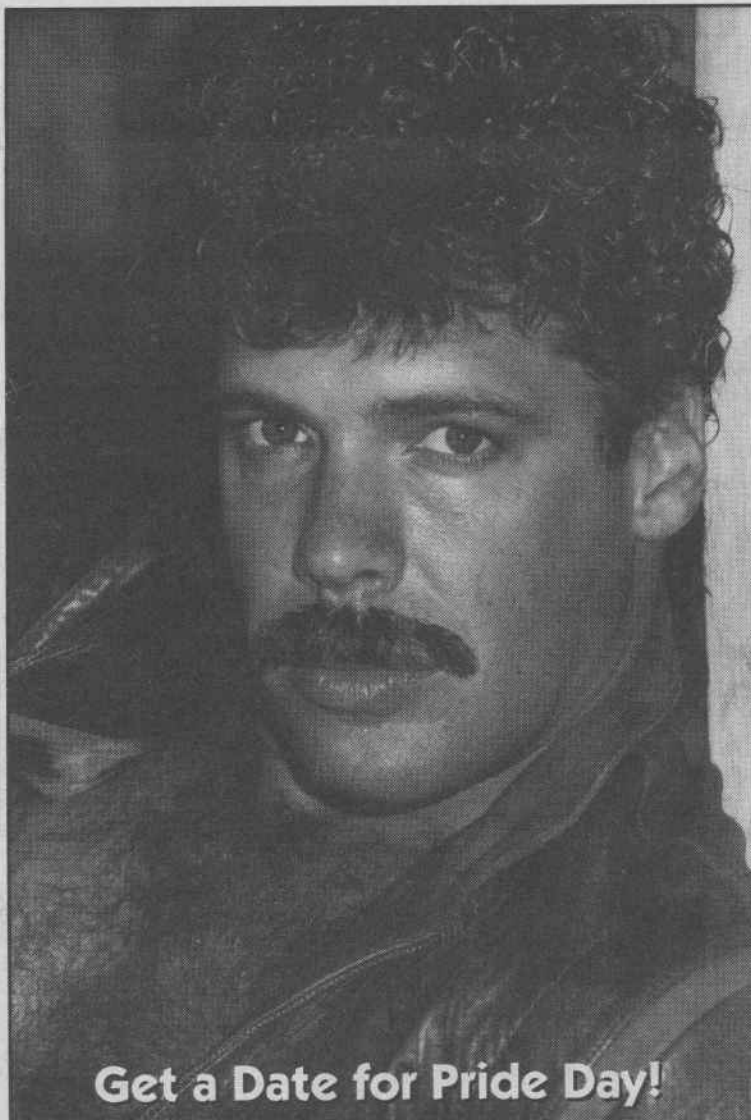
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Dave, 26, bottom, long blond hair, 5'8, 160, great job, ISO a top to live with. (Call Thru) **Box# 5547**

M, 5'6, 150, 18, muscular, blond, blue eyes, 9's, ISO an experienced top to show me everything. (Call Thru) **Box# 8427**

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

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

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

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

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

GM, Chip, 5'10, 160, athletic, 28, light brown hair, blue eyes, ex-military man, business student, like weightlifting, outdoors, ISO a muscular M, 22-35. (Call Thru) **Box# 5135**

GM, Gordon, ISO guys for hot fun. (Call Thru) **Box# 8176**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timmy, 5'10, 195, long blond hair, hairy chest, ISO WM, 25 and over. **Box# 2742**

GBM, Andre, 20, college student, ISO GWM, for dancing, movies, etc. **Box# 6542**

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

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

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

GWM, Jay, 25, ISO another M, 25-35, for fun. (Call Thru) **Box# 9973**

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**

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

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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, fems 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. ISO dominant big brother daddy type, black or white, to take charge. (Call Thru) **Box# 8556**

Steve, 6'2, 220, GBM, likes sports, long walks, quiet times, getting wild sometimes, ISO DWM with similar interests, sense of humor, financially and emotionally stable, for rel. (Call Thru) **Box# 2644**

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GM, 23, extremely cute, like to have fun, ISO a normal guy. **Box# 8604**

Doug, GWM, smoker, a true metal head, Libra, 30, have tatoos, long hair, tone body, smooth, 145, 6'2, touchie-feelie type, wild sense of humor, ISO other guys 25-35, dark haired, hairy body, no sissies, sensuality is top priority. **Box# 8205**

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Peter, athletic, 6'1, 165, brn. hr., glasses, fit, five-day growth, ISO friends to hang out, go to movies, play tennis, dining, laughing, and walks. (Call Thru) **Box# 3811**

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

Bob, 47, WM, ISO BM, well-endowed for fun. **Box# 8710**

Saral, 34, 5'10, somewhat stocky build, beard, mustache, like classical theater, cooking, travel, walks, ISO GM for friendship and love. (Call Thru) **Box# 5751**

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Pete, bi-WM, 40's, 5'11, 210, smooth, chubby bottom, ISO mature male, 50+, for long-term relationship. **Box# 3610**

Terry, ISO a guy for fun, getting to know each other and exploring. **Box# 8634**

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AIDS and Aging: The Deadly Disease is Spreading Rapidly Among Seniors

(Tampa, FL)- The first time Marianne Waller ever really thought about AIDS was when the doctors told her she had it—at age 56.

"I always thought it would happen to somebody else," said the divorced convenience store worker with three grown children. "All they were talking about there for a long time was drug users and homosexuals," she said. "That's why I was so shocked. I lived a straight life. I wasn't out on the streets. I didn't use drugs . . . It's like if you don't think you're affected by it, you don't pay no attention."

With more graying Americans falling prey to the deadly disease, AIDS activists in retiree-rich Florida are beginning to spread the word that the disease and the risks that can cause it respect no age barrier.

"People seem to think that sex stops when you reach a certain age," said Geneva Miller, an 83-year-old North Miami Beach widow who has launched an awareness campaign as part of a task force on AIDS and aging. "What people need to realize is that it's going on and older people run the same risk as anyone else."

People 50 and over account for 10% of the 361,509 total AIDS cases nationwide, according to the National Centers for Disease Control.

While the number of new AIDS cases among younger people has dropped steadily, new cases among older people are on the upswing. In the most recent study, new AIDS cases for those under 25 increased 7% between 1990 and 1992, while the number of cases in the over-50 group increased 17%, according to Dr. William Adler of the National Institutes of Health.

Part of the reason, Adler said, is that older Gays particularly have not changed their behavior patterns.

Adler estimated that the median AIDS age has shifted from the 20s to the 30s over the last few years. The trend is likely to continue with most educational efforts still aimed at younger people, he said.

Florida ranks only behind California and New York in the number of older people with AIDS.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) reports that from 1989 to the present, the percentage of their over-50 clients has remained constant at 4%.

However, there has been a 31% increase in the numbers of over-50 clients in 1991-92.

As Our House Is About to Burn Down, We Must Throw the Notion of Consensus Out the Window Now

By Thomas P. Heyl

When are we going to wake up?!

Recently, I attended a meeting here of Lesbians and Gays getting together to fight the flaming hatred and bigotry of the religious right. It's about time.

In Austin, the religious Nazis have marshaled their forces to repeal the anti-discrimination law. In Dallas, Houston and elsewhere here and in the rest of the country, their words incite their minions to bash us with impunity. If that isn't enough, their publications call for our death and cite biblical references to justify it.

Meanwhile, in Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Nevada and other states, the religious right is pushing anti-Gay initiatives. They've got the money (millions and millions of dollars), they've got the organization, and if things stand as they are now, if things keep on the way they are, we are going to lose.

The meeting I referred to, had perhaps 30 people attending all told. The idea was to formulate some strategy, some plan, to counter the right wing assault. That is not what happened, not at all.

To begin with, the women demanded that decisions be reached only by consensus. The result was that it took hours (literally) to reach any agreement on anything at all. In the end, nothing much was done.

I sat there thinking, doesn't anyone here understand the urgency of what we must do?

Consensus may be a great method in some cases, but not when the house is on fire. Maybe that's not politically correct, but I'm past the point of caring. There's a difference between being politically correct and being politically astute.

The former is nicely idealistic. The latter wins victories.

By our lack of organization, by our lack of knowledge of how politics works (and always has worked), by our lack of preparedness, we have let our enemies define us. We have let them choose the battle ground.

While we continue to be "sensitive," and carry on debate, the house is going up in smoke.

As the meeting dragged on with incessant haggling over words, there was endless talk

There is a projected 30% increase in 1994.

Experts say that most of the cases among older people result from high-risk behavior earlier in life. Since a decade or longer can pass between infection and actual AIDS. Nearly half of the Florida's nearly 3,000 cases

of AIDS among seniors stem from being Gay or Bisexual and 20% come from heterosexual contact.

"The biggest obstacle is just getting people to talk about AIDS. Most of my friends won't even consider talking about it," said Miller, the octogenarian activist who speaks at South Florida retirement centers and has compiled a multilingual fact sheet as part of her campaign.

She focuses her efforts heavily on women, many of whom outlive or divorce their husbands late in life and start dating with no knowledge of AIDS.

Even some general practitioners—the doctor of choice for seniors—have been hesitant to raise the subject because of the notion older people are somehow immune, Miller said.

She went on to recall a recently widowed friend who asked her doctor about AIDS.

"He told her, 'Don't worry, you'll die of old age before you die of AIDS,'" Miller said.

Ann Prochilo, Director of educational services for the Health Crisis Network in Miami, blames that lack of understanding on the exclusion of older people from AIDS education efforts.

"They are a segment of the population that hasn't identified with the crisis," Prochilo said. "Just like it took a time for straights to realize it's not just Gays and drug users who can get it, it will take time for older people to realize they can get it too."

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has begun its own campaign, compiling AIDS information for its members and readying an educational video.

"There seems to be an otherness factor to this disease across the board," said AARP's Judy Fink. "We need to realize this is an intergenerational crisis."

The crisis is all too real for Marianne Waller, who never thought about AIDS until she got it. And now she's doing her best to try and forget.

"I can't worry about it. If I don't wake up tomorrow I don't," she said. "I have to live my life. Every once in a while I think about it. But there isn't anything I can change now."

about being "inclusive." We can't alienate other liberal groups, it was said.

I know there are problems in this world. Nuclear waste is proliferating. Racism is rampant. We must save the rain forest and the whales. I sympathize with those problems. Believe me, I do. But unfortunately, in my opinion, Gays and Lesbians don't have the luxury of worrying about them.

We cannot save the world. We cannot hope to remedy all its ills. The only thing we have a prayer of doing is trying to help ourselves.

To do this, we have got to focus and focus sharply, on the central crisis facing our community; the assault on our civil rights and our dignity as human beings. Let other groups expend their time, energy and treasure to support their causes. Let them join us if they will. We have enough on our hands defending ourselves.

In Arizona, a group formed to counter the right wing assault there. I was visiting at the time and attended the meeting. They spent a great deal of time debating over what they

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would call themselves.

At the end, the word "Gay" was dropped. It wasn't inclusive, they said, and it was too controversial. The major media would hesitate to print releases from an "openly Gay and Lesbian group."

I wanted to cry.

For heavens sake, this is who we are! We are Gay people. The hell with the major media. If we won't use that term to designate ourselves, and use it proudly, openly and be unafraid, then who will? If we don't assert ourselves, who then, will do it for us?

What in the name of sense, are all these Pride celebrations for?

In Washington, DC, Barney Frank and the national Gay organizations are moving to get a bill passed to forbid discrimination in employment. This is commendable, but pathetic in its way.

What it looks like is a rear-guard action, a sorry attempt to build a dam to prevent a

deluge of anti-Gay laws in the states. The problem is that we have got to hope it works. If it doesn't, there may not be another chance.

If the religious right wins its victories, (due to our own political incompetence) there will be few people in Congress who will be willing to buck that tide.

I believe that what we Gay people must realize is that we carry in our knapsacks the highest and most noble ideals, the chief of which it seems to me, is equality before the law. If we falter through our own ineptitude, then we betray not only ourselves, not only other people living now in hope, we run the risk of descending into a dark, theocratic abyss of censorship, prejudice, bigotry and hate.

It's time, I think, to wake up and realize what we face.

Editor's Note: The writer is a syndicated columnist resident in Dallas, Texas.

Homophobia in the Madison Schools Project Needs Your Help

A diverse coalition of community activists concerned about Madison's schools has come together in recent months. GLADE (Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity in Education) has reached a crucial point in its efforts to educate the Madison school board and administration about the special challenges facing children, Gay and Lesbian families, and Gay and Lesbian educators in our schools. **GLADE needs you** to tell your own stories about encounters with homophobia in the Madison schools, and encourages you to network with friends and other groups to encourage them to come forward as well. If possible, it's **extremely important** that people contact GLADE leaders before the end of the current school term.

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 as soon as possible. This is a project of enormous importance; please do whatever you can to help.**

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