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Primary Election Gains Put Radical Right in Good Position for November Victories

Nationwide Gay Ad Campaign Begins in Topeka, Kansas

(Dallas, TX)- The nation's first Gay and Lesbian civil rights TV commercial has aired in Topeka, Kansas on the 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. newscasts of NBC affiliate KSNT. A dozen LesBiGay-related groups rallied at the Kansas Capitol to launch the nationwide advertising campaign of Alliance For Progress (AFP), a Dallas-based human rights organization. One hundred persons gathered on the Capitol's south steps to hear AFP co-founder Christopher Parman respond to the Radical Right's campaign of hate, deception and discrimination waged against the LesBiGay community.

"With this first TV commercial calling for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians, Alliance For Progress is signaling that Gays and Lesbians in mainstream America share similar values and lead similar lives, the difference being that we love same-gender partners," Parman said.

The commercial aired in Topeka depicts various Gay and Lesbian couples with family and friends engaged in typical Sunday activities common to most Americans.

A second AFP ad now ready for airing, focuses on the horrific results of a recent U.S. government study which shows that close to 30% of teen suicides involve Gay and Lesbian youth.

The initial spots and additional commercials will be shown throughout the country to counter Gay teen suicide trends and the Religious Right's on-going campaign of hate.

The next scheduled broadcast will run one week beginning September 16 during prime time on a major network affiliate in Mississippi.

"Our commercials are available free of charge to any LesBiGay group that raises money to air them," said AFP co-founder Jon Etienne Mourot.

AFP can be reached by calling (214) 520-2205

Study Finds One In Five Americans Have Been Attracted To Members of the Same Sex

(Washington, D.C.)- A recent survey indicating that nearly one in five Americans have been attracted to someone of the same sex at some time since the age of 15, illustrates that sexual orientation isn't a simple question of being Gay or straight, one of its authors says.

"I think in most individuals there is some sort of range," said David Wypij, a Harvard University statistician and co-author of the study. "You may be more heterosexual, you may be more homosexual."

The research, conducted at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Center for Health Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., found that between 6.2% and 20.8% of American men and 3.3% and 17.8% of American women could be considered "incidentally homosexual."

The lower estimates are based on reported same-sex sexual activity during the previous five years. The higher numbers are based on reported same-sex sexual activity or attractions since the age of 15.

"Our perspective is that sexual orientation isn't just a yes-no, heterosexual-homosexual [question]," Wypij said.

Research that might help define the size of the Lesbian and Gay male population plays directly into the debate over extending civil rights protections to Lesbians and Gay men. Congress is currently considering legislation that would outlaw job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Opponents, chiefly the Religious Right, cite research that they say shows only 1% of the population is Gay, suggesting that Gay people have little political clout. Such a position also indicates, say some, that civil rights in this country are determined by numbers instead of principle.



Legendary Musicals--Lena Horne (far left) is shown in a scene from the film "That's Entertainment III" which plays for one week opening Sept. 30 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater. Scenes from dozens of MGM musicals are revived in this musical walk through history.

sexual activity and 1% identified themselves as exclusively Gay. Researchers of that study have pointed out that their research and conclusions have been misused.

The Harvard study, which was presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Toronto in August and is being published in the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, is the first national survey to look at the question of same-sex attraction.

Interviewers spoke with 1,288 American men and 674 women, ages 16 to 50, and asked them each to complete questionnaires. The study said 1,200 men completed face-to-face interviews, which included 100 questions, and 1,130 answered 68 questions in the written survey. A total of 634 women completed the interviews and 588 finished the written portion.

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Action is Needed As Federal Education Bill Moves to House-Senate Conference

(Washington, D.C.)- A federal education bill tainted by anti-Gay provisions moves in the third week in September to a House-Senate conference committee, where Congressional moderates are poised to remove discriminatory language from the final version of the bill. The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is urging people concerned with the anti-Gay provisions to call Congress immediately and ask that the discriminatory language be removed from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The anti-Gay provisions were sponsored by Sens. Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Robert Smith (R-NC), and in the House by Rep. Mel Hancock (R-MO).

The provisions would encourage discrimination against Lesbian and Gay youth and cut off federal funds to schools that in any way provide student with neutral information about

Gay people.

The two provisions threaten HIV/AIDS and suicide prevention projects, and strip local schools of the ability to determine the content of curricula.

Numerous sources and authorities have said that if the amendments are retained, they will materially increase the threat of suicide among Gay teens. The suicide rate of these young people is already among the highest among all teens.

Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) voted with Helms in supporting the amendments.

HRCF is urging that interested people, those concerned for young people at risk for HIV and suicide, to call their Congressional representatives. The number is (202) 224-3124.

The member on the Conference Committee from Wisconsin is Rep. Steve Gunderson.

(Milwaukee)-Taking advantage of a low voter turnout, Right Wing Republicans were crowing about the results of Wisconsin's September 13th primary. The primary election may serve as a warning shot to more moderate political elements in Wisconsin.

In the most closely watched race, the Republican nomination for the US Senate seat now held by Senator Herb Kohl, State Representative Robert Welch easily trounced the field. Welch's victory had been expected but his lopsided margin was not.

In the closing days of the campaign, an effort was made to rally Gay and Lesbian support for Osseo Sports Marketing Executive Matt Gunderson. Gunderson finished a distant second in the race.

Third place finisher, Kate Zueske, blamed two organizations, Wisconsin Right to Life and the National Rifle Association for Welch's victory. Both groups heavily backed Welch.

Gunderson agreed with Zueske. In his concession speech he said, "Wisconsin Right to Life showed its muscle tonight. Our people, the moderates, the independents, need to get off their duffs."

A major casualty of Wisconsin Right to Life's (WRL) effort was State Senator Barbara Lorman. Lorman, a senator since 1980, went into the primary as the legislature's most senior woman member. She finished third to two conservatives. Scott Fitzgerald won WRL's endorsement. The group even sent out letters urging its supporters not to support Fitzgerald's opponent, Herbert Fell despite Fell's anti-abortion stance.

Lorman's pro-choice positions were the central issue of the campaign. Her opponents mobilized right wing Christians from throughout the district.

Senator Jo Anne Huelsman (R-Waukesha) beat back a right wing challenge mounted over her pro-choice stance. Her opponent David Marlowe attacked Huelsman for being pro-choice and accused her of supporting homosexuality in the schools.

Marlowe was angry because Huelsman co-sponsored a bill introduced by State Representative Barb Notestein. The legislation mandates that sex education classes in Wisconsin schools tell the truth. Notestein introduced the legislation to ensure that homosexuality was accurately depicted in class room discussions and text books.

The Republican primary in the Eighth Congressional District was perhaps the only race where a moderate Republican tried to unseat a conservative incumbent. Arch conservative Congressman Toby Roth trounced De Pere Mayor Nancy Nausbaum winning over 60% of the vote.

In Western Wisconsin, incumbent congressman Steve Gunderson survived a primary fight against a conservative Republican challenger. Brill was heavily backed by Religious Right Wingers who have seized control of the GOP in Gunderson's third Congressional District.

In one of the few bright spots for liberals in legislative races, State Rep Frank Boyle (D-Superior) beat back a vigorous conservative challenge from Ronald Thoreson, President of the Superior City Council. Boyle is one of Wisconsin's most liberal legislators and has been a consistent supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights.

While some might say that the Radical Right broke even in the State Senate races it most wanted to win, political analysts see the results as a clear victory for the Radical Right.

Incumbents, especially the Republican incumbents, have been sent a clear message, "Vote our way or we will organize and throw you out in the next party primary." It is a message that has had a chilling effect in other states and is being heard for the first time in Wisconsin.

While few if any analysts think that Welch has a chance to beat Kohl, the fact is that if you can't get your party's nomination you can't get elected to office. A well organized grass roots based campaign of hard core conservative activists can effectively block moderates from getting on the general election ballot.

As Matt Gunderson said in his concession speech, "Unfortunately I don't think the people who believe in the true fundamentals of Republicanism went to the polls today."

In the general election, the Democrats and the Republicans each are fielding overwhelming favorites. In Senator Herb Kohl the Democrats have a candidate with a high approval rating and a huge campaign war

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Gay Activists in Oregon and Idaho Gear Up to Fight Anti-Gay Ballot Measures

(Portland, OR)- A little over one week after an Oregon appeals court decided to allow an anti-Gay measure to appear on the November ballot, the activists fighting for civil rights for Gays have announced that their campaign is up and running with a broad-based coalition of support.

The "No On 13 Committee" has launched a statewide campaign with press conferences in Portland, Eugene and Bend. The group also has offices in Corvallis and Salem.

Measure 13 is a revised version of Measure 9, a statewide anti-Gay measure that was defeated in 1992. As with Measure 9, Measure 13 is sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a narrowly based, far right Religious group.

The No On 13 Committee is made up of business, political, religious and community leaders.

Measure 13 would forbid government from creating classifications based on homosexuality and prohibit spending public funds in a way that promotes or expresses approval of Lesbians and Gays.

It would also outlaw teaching children that homosexuality is a classification similar to race, religion, gender, age or national origin, and it would allow adults-only access to library books on Lesbians and Gays.

The Oregon Court of Appeals decided that the measure could appear on the November ballot under the heading "Child Protection."

At the opening of the No On 13 office in Eugene, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), questioned the packaging of the measure.

"If it's about children, what is their solution to the school funding problem?" he asked. "What is their solution to helping at-risk kids and their families get their lives straightened out? What is their solution to abused kids?"

OCA chairman, Lon Mabon, said the measure would protect children by teaching them standards and values.

"Homosexuality is an action," he said. "We don't want children taught homosexuality is okay. The homosexual community wants to force me to accept them. I will not. Homosexuality is a behavior. We believe all people are created equal, but all behavior is not. To be a homosexual is not a basic human right."

"This is not just a Gay and Lesbian issue," said Michael Simon, a Portland attorney. "Our basic rights cannot be put to a vote of the people."

Kathleen Saadat of African Americans for Human Rights agreed, saying, "If rights for African Americans were put to a vote in the 1950's or 1960's, we probably would have lost."

In Idaho

More than 300 people rallied at the state Capitol in Boise, Idaho, on September 8, to kick off the campaign to defeat the Idaho Citizens Alliance's (ICA) anti-Gay initiative.

"We reject hatred whenever and wherever it appears, and it appears in this proposition," Democratic Governor Cecil Andrus told the crowd, speaking from the statehouse steps.

Citing action the state took several years ago to undermine a white supremacist movement in the Idaho Panhandle, Andrus said, "those voices of hatred and intolerance are at work here again. This type of issue has been before us before. We have handled it. I ask you to handle it again."

The anti-Gay initiative, opposed by nearly every civic and political leader in the state, would prohibit state laws or local ordinances protecting Lesbians and Gay men from discrimination. It also would ban same-sex marriages, preclude the use of public money to portray homosexuality as acceptable, and require libraries to segregate books on Lesbians and Gay men from minors.

Known as Proposition One on the November 8 ballot, it has been described by supporters as a "law that would assure that homosexuals would have no civil rights."

ICA was incited and is supported by Mabon's Oregon group and receives "extensive support," activists say, from national Right Wing Christian organizations.

Brian Bergquist, chairman of the No On One Coalition, said Idahoans must reject "the radical right coming to our state and using us for their experiments."

National Pro-Gay Effort

Six national organizations have joined in an unprecedented joint effort to raise funds for the groups fighting the anti-Gay measures in Oregon and Idaho.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has organized a mass mailing to more than 63,000 people nationwide and paid for the \$20,000 project, which combined mailing lists from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. All contributions from the mailing will go to the state campaign organizations in Oregon and Idaho.

Funds will be used to educate voters, conduct polling and research, and turn out voters who are against discrimination.

No money will go to any of the national groups, but only to Oregon and Idaho.

Should anyone wish to contribute to either campaign, make out a check to: "No On 1" or "No On 13," and send it to:

HRCF's Americans Against Discrimination, P.O. Box 96446, Washington, D.C. 20077-4462.

Possible Idaho Boycott

Should Measure One pass in Idaho, there are many who fear that the state's world-class resorts and famous potatoes would face a boycott.

ICA chairman, Kelly Walton, said that Idahoans have nothing to fear. Christian companies, he said, would "more than make up the loss by bringing their business to Idaho."

Maybe. But groups against Proposition One remember 1990.

As the Idaho Legislature considered what would have become the nation's most restrictive anti-abortion law then, pro-choice forces nationwide warned they would boycott Idaho potatoes. The threat only passed when Governor Andrus vetoed the bill.

Bergquist is convinced that national boycotts could hamstring vital industries in such a sparsely populated state.

"If I were designing a state to boycott, it would be Idaho," Bergquist said. "We have the disadvantage of being a very small state where we feel any losses."

Doubters need only look to Colorado. According to the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, a boycott in the wake of the passage of Amendment 2 had a drastic effect on conventions there.

"We lost 31 conventions worth \$38 million," Rich Grant said. "And we haven't been able to predict future conventions."

Idaho's valuable ski industry centered in Coeur d'Alene and the Sun Valley would feel the brunt of any boycott.

Wendy Jaquet, executive director of the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce, said the venerable ski resort is fighting Proposition One. "This community would have a hard time accepting it," she said.

Walton discounted the chances of an effective boycott against Idaho potatoes since it would mean opponents would have to stay away from so many products, including McDonald's french fries.

New Support Groups Forming For Men at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- A variety of support groups for Gay men are forming at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. These groups are designed to be a safe place for Gay men to gather and share their problems/challenges in a supportive and affirming atmosphere. Most groups meet for 8-10 weeks and provide a non-bar setting in which to connect with other Gay men who may be experiencing similar circumstances. Fees are negotiable or waivable and there is a suggested fee of \$10 per person. Interested men are encouraged to call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

General Issues Groups

Group to begin soon for men dealing with a variety of issues including sexual identity, coming out, intimacy and relationships, and self-esteem.

Battered Men's Group

If you are presently in a relationship where you are being physically or emotionally abused, or if you ever have been, consider joining this group to talk about your experiences and talk to other Gay men who know what you are going through. The facilitator of this group has first-hand experience in an abusive relationship and offers a sensitive, supportive approach to this complicated issue.

Gay Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse

This group will focus on the challenges Gay men face who are survivors of sexual abuse including difficulties in intimate relationships, guilt, shame, sexually compulsive behaviors, anger, etc.

Gay Men with HIV/AIDS

Offering a focus on holistic health, this group will explore the physical, the emotional and the spiritual parts of who we are. Issues to be discussed include dealing with friends and family, maintaining a positive emotional and psychological outlook, and exploring our deeper needs for inner peace and connection with others.

Family, Friends and Partners of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS

This group will offer support for those who love and care for someone who is fighting HIV disease. Jeff Miller, RN, will facilitate the group. Jeff has extensive experience in working with HIV and its related mental health challenges for family, friends and partners.

'Just Us' Bar to Open on September 28 in Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- In an update to an earlier story, Steve and Janet's Just Us bar will be opening on September 28 at 5:00 p.m. The bar is located at 807 S. 5th Street in Milwaukee.

Lori, the manager, and all the staff, have been working overtime, they say, to make the opening "something pretty special."

There will be Blues music, hot and cold hor d'oeuvres and much else to celebrate this fruition of a dream. The bar, located in a building where Liberate once played, will serve both alcohol and alcohol-free drinks. There will be smoking and non-smoking sections.

The first show will be on Saturday, October 1 when Sandy Beach presents the "Just Us Divas." The show begins at 10:00 p.m. and there will be dancing afterward.

Watch for news of the Grand Opening.

Fundraiser For Dorothy K. Dean

There will be a fundraiser for Milwaukee County Supervisor, Dorothy Dean on Tuesday, September 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dean is a candidate for Lt. Governor and is a recipient of the Allyn Hess Award. She is a long-time advocate for civil rights and has been in the forefront of those battling for the rights of our community.

Dorothy Dean has always been a friend we can count on. Now she is counting on us.

The Fundraiser will be held in the solarium at Diamond Tower Condominiums, 1633 N. Prospect Avenue on the East Side.

All are welcome. All donations will be gratefully accepted. If you are unable to attend, please send a contribution to: Citizens for Dean, c/o Anne W. Reed, P.O. Box 92900, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0900.

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EDITORIAL

While Others Stand and Look Aghast, ACT UP Goes Out and Saves Lives

This paper has praised ACT UP before, and now we can only second what Jamakaya has said in her column in this issue. Her praise for ACT UP is both timely and warranted. We know that one of the best ways to prevent the spread of HIV is by education. ACT UP is striving to provide that. There are those who may not like the information, or the words in which it is conveyed, but it has to be gotten across. Who gives a damn about the words being used? If they're effective, that's all that counts. There are lives at stake.

When are we going to stop fooling ourselves? We may not like it, but teens are having sex. That hasn't changed since humans came down out of the trees, and it's not going to change now. The difference now is that sex, unprotected sex, can kill. Not only can it kill, it has killed, a quarter of a million people so far, and that's just in this country! Mary Bills, the Red Cross, the Milwaukee Public School Board ought to realize that. (We'd add Charlie Sykes and Mark Belling, but we think it may be too late for them to realize anything.)

ACT UP's dissemination of vital (literally "vital") information is not only a community service, it's a courageous act, showing a deep-seated compassion for human lives. If this city had its head about it, it would give ACT UP the "Humanitarian of the Year Award." If this city had its head about it, all the school board members, the members of the Red Cross, the Mayor and Common Council (not to mention Belling and Sykes) should be out there with ACT UP handing out those pamphlets.

But that's too much to hope for.

So, what we'll have is all the rest of these "establishment types" (including some members of the LesBiGay community) sniffing and holding up their skirts--while ACT UP does the work and lives are saved.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We Really Are Everywhere, and Much of the World Doesn't Know It

By Terry Boughner

The other evening, Jerry and I were out and about and chanced upon a visitor to Milwaukee. He was from D.C. and was well-connected there. For some reason, we started talking about who was and who was not Gay in the political and entertainment scenes, a favorite topic to pass the time.

I won't go into any names here. That's not the point. But I will say, for those of you who are reading this and who are not part of the community, there is little about someone's private life that can be kept private for long. The community knows its own, and while I'm sure we misjudge sometimes, I'm also sure that we're right more often than not. I don't know why I believe that, but I do.

As we stood there talking about this one and that, I couldn't help thinking about the folks on the Religious Right and other homophobes. I wonder if they ever realize just how many Lesbians and Gay men they meet in the course of their day? Maybe they hang on to that illusion that we're only 1%. We're rare, not enough to be concerned about. Hummm?

There's this one Southern Senator I've been told about. He's a real homophobe, a bitter, bigoted man. He lives in a very nice section of a D.C. suburb, on the same street with ten Gay couples, and the report is that he hasn't a clue.

Some time ago, some of his neighbors put rainbow flag stickers on the bumpers of all of his cars. They're still there. He drives around D.C. that way.

He has a black cat he's named Harvey Gant. When the cat showed up at a house one day, the owner pinned a pink triangle to its collar. That's still there too, I'm told.

What's with this guy? But then, I guess, he's like a lot of people. The only Gays who exist are the ones who fit a preconceived image in his mind--or who are out and in his face.

Like this Senator, the homophobes, the bigots, just don't know. They never seem to think.

For example, over Labor Day, Jerry, Don and I went to the Walworth County Fair. We arrived early and went to get something to eat.

Sitting across from us was an older man, a seemingly genial sort, who was having coffee before opening up his pizza stand.

He started to talk--and talk.

Somewhere in the course of a torrent of words, he looked at the three of us sitting there together and said, "I hope nobody's Gay around here." It was said in all innocence.

Immediately, Jerry--or maybe it was Don--or maybe both, replied, "How about the three of us."

The guy didn't bat an eye. He didn't hear. He honestly didn't hear, and went rattling on to tell his "joke," a rather musty thing of little humor at all (although he thought it was uproarious).

Several times, he was told we were Gay, but each time, he paid no attention at all. By the time we left (to get away from all that yaking), he still had no idea he'd been talking to three Gay guys. He hadn't expected to see Gay people--not at the Walworth County Fair!--and so, to him, we were silent and invisible.

The same is true, I think, with lots of other homophobes. We're in the Congress, in the state legislatures, in mayors offices, in the city councils. We are in a thousand places that "they" never know.

Movies and TV shows are full of little things that are so very, very "Gay." Yet the homophobes don't know this and laugh along

with the rest.

If, perhaps, they took the time to learn about us, they might begin to "see" us, which, now that I think about it, wouldn't be bad at all. Learning tends to abolish bigotry, and that would make this world a far better place.

But for learning to take place, there's got to be some kind of teacher, which is a pretty good argument, I think, for coming out.

If you want to increase decency and honesty in this world of ours, it's got to start with you.

LETTERS

Academic Fascism Alive at UW-Whitewater

TO THE EDITOR:

Is the purpose of education supposed to teach a student what to think or how to think?

It would appear that the administration of the University of Wisconsin System believes that education, at least when certain subjects are pursued, is to teach students what to think. This is a betrayal of the proud "fearless sifting and winnowing" tradition of academic freedom so eloquently proclaimed by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents a century ago in the "trial" of Professor Richard T. Ely.

The UW-Whitewater Student Senate and the UW-Whitewater Student Association are going to be punished during the 1994-1995 academic year for failure to vote funds to a homosexual organization. The punishment consists of four sanctions imposed by the UW-Whitewater Student Organization Judicial Board that involve attending "re-education camps," euphemistically called "sensitivity training" respecting decorum, homosexuality, multiculturalism and permanent training in being a student senator.

I personally believe that homosexuals are entitled to equality under the law as individuals, i.e. they should not be discriminated against because of the sexual orientation.

There are those, however, who are opposed to homosexuality on religious grounds. Are those people to be denied the right to express their opposition to homosexuality--in spite of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution--which protects religious belief? Are they to be sentenced to "re-education camps" ordered by the University of Wisconsin System?

Should the radical religious right ever gain control of the universities of this state, they could send people who hold a pro-choice perspective on the issue of abortion to "re-education camps" in order to "sensitize" them to the "plight" of blastocysts, embryos et al. The present administration of the UW System has given the radical religious right ample precedent by its complicity in the exercise of academic fascism occurring at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

People who care about civil liberties and academic freedom should let UW System President Katharine C. Lyall, UW Regents President Michael W. Grebe, and UW-Whitewater Chancellor H. Gaylon Greenhill know that the celebration of the University of Wisconsin's tradition of encouraging "that continual and fearless sifting and winnowing by which alone the truth will be found," scheduled to take place in September, will be a joke if the punishment of the UW-Whitewater student senators and the UW-Whitewater Student Association takes place as scheduled.

Robert E. Nordlander

Executive Director, Robert E. Nordlander & Associates
Menasha, WI

Human Rights League Endorses Re-Election of Rep. Barbara Notestein

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing to express our support for State Representative Barbara Notestein in her race for re-election in the 19th District.

Representative Notestein has strongly supported the interests of our State's Gay and Lesbian community in the State Assembly.

- She wrote Wisconsin's law requiring AIDS/HIV education in public schools.
- She authored a law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the University of Wisconsin system.
- She is fighting the "Radical Right" to pass a bill to stop the growing use of medically inaccurate and anti-Gay materials in sex education courses.

On issue after issue, Barb has proven herself as a leader who we can count on in the battle to extend equal rights to all Wisconsinites.

Barb's record of support for the Lesbian and Gay community is one facet of her long-standing personal and political commitment to fighting for people whose interests are too often ignored. Before her election to the State Assembly, she worked as the Executive Director of the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee and for Project Involve for the Elderly.

As a legislator, she has worked aggressively to advance women's rights, to protect reproductive freedom, to combat teen pregnancy through education, clinical services, and social supports to put an end to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Barb has consistently supported targeted programs for women and minority-owned businesses.

On September 7th, the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays endorsed Barbara Notestein for the 19th Wisconsin Assembly District. Barb has spent her entire career fighting for progressive causes. We need and want her to continue her work in the State Assembly.

Both of us are former constituents of Barb's and we know her responsiveness to her district. As Co-chairs of the Human Rights League and as individual voters, we hope that you will join us in supporting the re-election of Barbara Notestein.

Karen Gotzler

Gary Hollander

Milwaukee

Channel 10 Doesn't Serve the Community

TO THE EDITOR:

Last Fall, when the PBS-produced *Tales of the City* was aired nationally, Channel 10 chose to broadcast the mini-series at 10:30 p.m. making it virtually inaccessible to the general public. Most of us need to get up in the morning to go to work! In addition, the local PBS affiliate chose to periodically "bleep" phrases and block out body parts (this, in spite of the fact that the show was created by PBS!).

Channel 10 chose to air the PBS-produced *In the Life: Stonewall 25* from 12:30 to 1:30 a.m.! Since this was a weeknight, I am sure that the station succeeded in minimizing the size of its audience.

Yes, most of us have VCR's, and we can record the shows and watch them at our convenience. But the vast majority of Channel 10's audience probably does not have an invested interest in doing so.

Milwaukee's Channel 10 has quite masterfully succeeded in "protecting" it heterosexual contingency from learning more about the Gay and Lesbian struggle for justice and equality in our society, thus continuing the effort to keep the Community invisible. Is it any wonder that we no longer refer to PBS as "educational TV?"

Please express yourself: write to Channel 10 and let them know that they are not serving the community by these programming decisions. If you are a contributor, you might want to mention that as well!

TL Michael Auman

Milwaukee

To Sybaris Pool Suites: 'No Thanks'

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Ken Knudson, owner of Sybaris Pool Suites.

I must, in conscience, return the gift certificate good for an overnight stay at Sybaris Pool Suites that you donated to Playwrights Studio Theater for our silent auction.

While your "private club" exclusionary policy toward Gay and Lesbian couples may be legal in Wisconsin at the present time, it is certainly not moral. It was a bigoted dodge when the Eagle's Club used to exclude people of color a quarter century ago, and it remains so today.

It is my sincere hope that you will reconsider this policy. The egregious loophole in Wisconsin's discrimination laws that allows it will be closed on day soon anyway, and you will have missed an opportunity to do the right thing voluntarily.

Michael Neville

Artistic Director, Playwrights Studio Theater
Milwaukee

Debate

There will be a debate between State Rep. Barbara Notestein and Scott Evertz.

Both are running for the State Assembly Seat in the 19th District.

Notestein is the incumbent.

The Debate will be held on September 15, at 5:00 p.m. on the TV program "Gay By God's Will."

The program is a live, screened, call-in show and is broadcast on cable Channel 47

The Program is an outreach of the Metropolitan Community Church.

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Political Season--Attorney Deb Procknow (left), State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Legislative Assistant Mike Verveer and State Rep. Antonio Riley chat at a fundraiser for Baldwin at the Cafe Melange in Milwaukee on Sept. 11.

A Gay Man Visits the Dachau Holocaust Camp and Finds No Record of Us There

Commentary By Michael C. Seward

"Just don't talk about it!"

That seems to be the overwhelming attitude of so many people when it comes to LesBiGay issues. "I just don't want to know!"

The danger with this attitude, as history has taught us, is that we then become invisible; we cease to be living, breathing human beings. As long as we continue to remain silent about our presence and who and what we are, the oppressive culture of the majority can cast us in any light it sees fit.

And usually, the images they create of us are stereotypical and prejudiced at best, hate-mongering and insidious at worst. The next logical steps then become too easy to take--aggressive hate crimes, violent attacks, and--finally--murder.

Because we are seen as less than equal, less than *human*, the homophobes can justify their violent oppression of us. The willful, carefully plotted murders of the Gay and Lesbian victims of National Socialism demonstrate that this scenario is NOT far-fetched.

Recently, I accompanied a group of high school students to the memorial at the concentration camp in Dachau, just outside Munich. We had several hours to tour the museum, watch the film and walk the grounds. As this was my third time at the memorial, I chose to focus on reading the placards and looking at the pictures in the museum.

I read silently about the horrors that were inflicted on the victims of the Holocaust--repulsed and yet driven to read on. As I read explanation after explanation of the myriad photographs, one thought haunted my mind: There was virtually no mention of the pain and suffering of the Gay and Lesbian victims of this camp--and this, the first camp of them all, had been built to house us!

The film did not discuss our plight, and despite hours of careful searching, I could find only one reference to us in the entire museum: a poster with a listing of all the symbols that the prisoners of the camps were forced to wear. There were yellow stars and red, black and pink triangles.

The explanation stated simply that prisoners convicted of *asocial* behavior were included in the camps with the political prisoners so that the political prisoners would feel more degraded and so that the political prisoners would be more discounted in the eyes of the general public.

Nothing was said about whether Gays and Lesbians were *justifiably* convicted of some crime. The implication inherent in the lack of any other information was that Gays and Lesbians *deserved* to be there; that they truly were *less than equal*, and that the political prisoners *should have been ashamed* to be forced to associate with them.

And that was it, nothing else in the entire museum!

As I walked back to the bus, I was depressed in a way much different than after my previous visits.

(I don't say *more* depressed, because that would be wrong. The memorial quite effectively demonstrates the terror which resulted from Hitler's and the Nazis' fanatical anti-Semitism. It graphically reveals the logical--and horrifying--results of unchecked hatred and prejudice against a group of people.)

But my reaction this time, with the realization that history has *not* taken up our cause, included a reflective, personal anger and fear.

As an educator, I realize that it is vitally important for students to be confronted with the results of prejudice and hatred so that they might question and change their own deeply held beliefs.

Yet, simply by failing to address the FACT of the presence of Gay and Lesbian victims of the Holocaust at Dachau, the memorial failed to get the students to reflect upon their attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians.

Once again, silence became our worst en-

emy--by "not talking about it," the memorial allows the prejudice to continue. Gays and Lesbians are denied access to the rallying cry, "Never Again!" because the world remains blissfully unaware that we suffered such inhumanity already.

This is why all our voices are necessary. This is why I will not stop talking about it. So that, indeed, it will never happen again!

Editor's Note: The writer is a Milwaukeean, currently living in Germany under a grant from the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program.

Having been to Dachau a number of times and to Auschwitz as well, this editor can only, sadly, agree with Seward's sentiments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK 1994

Monday September 26

SAS Wreath Dedication Ceremony
11:00am Memorial Union - TITU

Student Personnel Association
Brown Bag Discussion
How Sexual Assault
Affects Our Campus
Speakers: Renee A. Botta &
Prof. Suzanne Pingree
12:00pm Memorial Union - TITU

Kathleen Barry
Author of: *Female Sexual Slavery*
Keynote Speaker
Sexual Exploitation as a
Violation of Human Rights
(ASL Interpreted)
7:30pm
Memorial Union
Tripp Commons

Tuesday September 27

Chimera Workshops
Assertiveness and
Self-Defense (women only)
Presented By Rape Crisis Center
Two workshops will be held

In English
6:30 - 8:30pm
Buffet Rooms
Basement Gordon Commons

In Spanish
6:30 - 8:30pm
Memorial Union
IMCC Lounge

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Wednesday September 28

UHS/CSC Brown Bag Discussion
For Health Care Providers

What to do After Sexual Assault
Speakers: Rape Crisis Center &
University Health Services Staff
12:00pm University Health Services
Room 440(Space Limited Call 262-5323)

Movie
What's Love Got To Do With It?
Showings at 5:00pm & 7:00pm
Memorial Union - TITU

Workshops:
Violence Within Lesbian Relationships
(Lesbian & Bisexual Women Only)
7:00 - 9:00pm Call LAVANDAR at 255-7447

Abusive Relationships
Among Gay & Bisexual Men
(Gay and Bisexual Men Only)
7:00 - 9:00pm Call Men Stopping Rape
at 257-4444

Thursday September 29

Movie and Discussion FREE
The Good Woman Of Bangkok
8:00pm Movie 9:30pm Discussion
Memorial Union - Playcircle

Stopping Assaults in Public:
Non-Violent Intervention
Men Stopping Rape
5:00 - 7:00pm Memorial Union - TITU

Friday September 30

Campus Women Center
Brown Bag Discussion
Sexual Harassment in College
Speaker: Jennifer Obinna (WCASA)
12:00pm Memorial Union - TITU

SAAW Volunteer Appreciation
Reception
4:00 - 6:00pm Pres House

Saturday October 1

Take Back The Night
Rally and Speak Out
(ASL Interpreted)
4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Capitol
March Down Langdon
6:00 - 6:30pm
Dance and Information Fair
7:00pm - ?
Memorial Union - TITU

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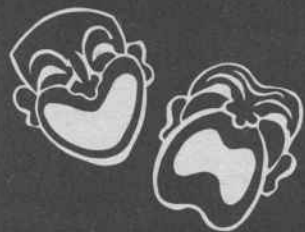
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Make-Over Time-- Adam/Felicia (Guy Pearce) does a little decorating of Priscilla during a travel stop-over in the film "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" which is now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

In 'Priscilla', Boys Are Girls "Down Under" for a Laugh a Minute

By Candy "Boom-Boom" Marchese

Being a man one day and a woman the next isn't easy," says Terence Stamp's character, Bernadette in the hilarious new comedy, *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.

In case you're wondering--or haven't seen the movie yet, Bernadette is a stylish and quite sophisticated transsexual and former member of Les Girls who is enticed out of retirement to join up with two wonderfully campy queens, Tick (Hugo Weaving) and Adam (Guy Pearce) are Mitzi and Felicia who perform down under, in Sydney, Australia.

Tick is Bernadette "sister." Adam isn't so well disposed toward her, but all set out on a road trip through the subcontinent's outback--not the usual place for men in stiletto heels, bangles and beads.

To make matters even more interesting, they travel in a lavender colored bus which they christen "Priscilla" and cram it with all sorts of costumes along with enough makeup to fix Milwaukee's streets for the next one thousand years.

The people of the outback have never seen

such a thing! Well, of course. But the reaction is not what you might expect. As the girls go on their madcap way, the residents of all those dreary little towns and sheep stations, look on, not with hostility, but with wonder.

In one fascinating scene, "Priscilla" breaks down in the middle of absolutely nowhere. The girls have no idea what to do until along comes an Aborigine (Alan Dargin) who takes the trio back to his camp. How else to thank him, but to put on a show for their rescuer and his friends right then and there.

The film's director Stephan Elliott, says he sees drag queens as "like the last of the great Hollywood musicals--style--glamour--glitz." Each one is a "walking Busbee Burkbee show." Well, how can anyone disagree?

The most famous of the cast is British star Terence Stamp. Stamp made his film debut in 1962 as the blonde hunk (ultra-hunk) in *Billy Budd*. For that, he received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

About playing Bernadette, he says, "My responses are completely emotional" instead of approaching a role as he usually does, on the intellectual side.

No matter how he does it, Stamp plays Bernadette to perfection. She is grace, she is wit, she is style--and a little matronly as well. After all, Stamp was born in 1940.

Weaving and Pearce took to their roles with gusto. Weaving said that he practiced walking in high heels "for a couple of weeks" before filming began. "I wandered around the house, cooking, cleaning, doing things like that, just to get used to them." He adds, "I really enjoyed walking down the street in drag."

There really are some of us who know exactly how he feels.

Ultra-hunk Pearce "loved it" He's a native Aussie and has played a lot of heartthrob, very masculine roles, but he says that playing Felicia was a "liberating experience." He added that "it actually released another side of me."

Dare we ask what that side is, hummmm?

So, there you have it; fantastic, often hilarious costumes, brilliantly choreographed disco lip-sync scenes, and funny lines. Add to all that a certain simmering chemistry among the performers and you have a movie that should not be missed.

Theatre X Woman of the Year Award Nominees Sought

(Milwaukee)- Effective leaders are most often identified by their commitment and accomplishments. Yet, effective leaders are not limited to those in positions of authority, nor are they limited to any particular race, culture or special interest group. Rather, effective leaders exist throughout the entire community.

The Theatre X Woman of the Year Award was established to recognize and encourage volunteer leadership and service to the Milwaukee arts community. It will be presented annually to the woman who best exemplifies qualities of effective leadership, with a special focus on emerging or behind-the-scenes individuals.

The Theatre X Woman of the Year will be selected by a committee of Theatre X Board Members based on the following criteria:

- Volunteer service to the arts community
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To nominate someone for the first annual Theatre X Woman of the Year Award, ask for a nomination form by writing: Theatre X, P.O. Box 92206, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or call (414) 278-0555 or Fax (414) 277-4477.

Ani DiFranco



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MAPFest Provides Final Fling of Summer for Milwaukee's LesBiGay Community

By Sue Burke

(Milwaukee)- "Fling a chicken! Only a buck!"

A barker used that harangue to lure passers-by into playing the game she operated at MAPFest. It was one of the 20 games offered in the game arcade at the festival, held September 4, at the Performing Arts Center.

Her game: Smack a lever with a mallet to propel a rubber chicken toward some buckets. Lob the chicken in a bucket and win a plastic inflatable pink flamingo.

If you miss? "Then your dollar goes to a worthy cause," she said with a smile. The money would help provide services to people with AIDS and HIV.

"I was supposed to be working in the food booth, but I was put here, so I'm winging it," said the volunteer, giggling.

For nine years, the annual Gay and Lesbian festival has raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the AIDS Resource Center of Wis-

consin (ARCW). This year, despite rain clouds, hundreds came to enjoy entertainers, music, food, vendors and games.



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Suede performing at MAPFest

The reigning "Miss B" of 3B's Bar, female illusionist, Brittany Morgan, strode through the crowd draped in a striking giant sequined red ribbon. She was selling little red ribbon pins for MAPFest.

She had designed and made her ribbon-dress as her fantasy costume for the recent Miss B contest, but she wouldn't say how. "I can't tell you the secret," she said, laughing mysteriously.

MOOK, to Open for Holly Hughes

(Milwaukee)- Local multi-media performance group MOOK will be opening for nationally recognized performance artist Holly Hughes when she presents her new Obie award-winning play, *Clit Notes* on October 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the UW-Milwaukee Student Union. The event is sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, PrideFest Milwaukee and The United of Madison. It will also be presented on October 7 in Madison at the Mithy Theatre, 3550 Anderson.

Tickets for both Holly Hughes shows are available in Milwaukee at AfterWords, Outpost Natural Foods, People's Books and Station II.

In Madison, tickets are available at The United, A Room of One's Own, the Willy St. Co-op, Green Earth and Orange Tree Imports.

Michael Neville Will be Teaching a Course at UW-Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- Playwright/actor Michael Neville will be teaching an in-depth workshop for playwrights as part of UW-Milwaukee's Arts and Liberal Studies program starting September 20. The seminar is for playwrights who completed Neville's beginning playwrighting class or a playwrighting class at another institution, or have experience writing for the theater.

"Solving the Problems of Playwrighting" is designed for writers who wish to refine the skills they have learned and put them into practice by developing a new or already-in-progress one-act play. The six weekly sessions will be conducted in a supportive, roundtable discussion format, with participants reading and critiquing each other's scenes and plays under the guidance of the instructor.

Neville has been produced on- and off-Broadway and in many regional theaters, and is the Artistic Director of Playwrights Studio Theater. His play *Dracula Vs. The Nazis* was produced at the Broadway Theater Center last June.

The fee for the workshop is \$72. For program information, call (414) 229-4177.

Because of the costume, she was recruited by Ronnie Marks, MAPFest co-chair, to sell the pins. How were sales? "Lovely. Really good. I made lots of money for MAPFest." In fact, she had sold all her pins, and it was time for her to get ready for the Razzle-Dazzle stage show at MAPFest later that afternoon.

The dog show had just ended, and the judges had named Roc the "butchest dog." The brindle pit bull, owned by Mark Behar, suddenly growled at Tahja, a fuzzy red chow-chow owned by Michael McCabe and David Fredrick. Tahja had worn stylish sunglasses to win the title of "hottest hound."

Pugnacity was out of character for Roc, however. He was more willing to be petted and to jump on command to get his dog show prices, a tasty biscuit. The noise and the crowd just confused him for a moment.

Away from the stage, in a cove of trees, vendors in booths courted passers-by. Triangle Tire Group displayed a pyramid of Uniroyal tires with the sign: "When you need a different kind of rubber."

Other vendors offered fine art photography, travel services, hair wraps, T-shirts with slogans like "That's MISTER Faggot to you," and jewelry for every part of the body. Many booths also peddled ideas and activism.

The Milwaukee Chapter of the National Organization for Women used its booth to recruit potential members and sell buttons and bumper stickers. Top sellers: "Flush Rush" and "Hatred is NOT a Family Value."

President-elect Deborah Lukovich said about 50 potential members had signed up at MAPFest. What about media reports that feminism is failing? "Bull! All that stuff is crap," she said.

Men at Work, a safer sex education project, coaxed folks to take a quick quiz. One of the questions: "What's a good thing to do on a



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The Flirtations--Shown above are the Fabulous Flirtation performing at MAPFest on September 4, 1994. The ninth annual MAPFest raised over \$40,000 for AIDS care, education and research programs provide by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire, and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium. Over 2,000 people enjoyed a day fill with great entertainment, games, shopping and food at the Performing Arts Center grounds

first date?" Any answer besides, "have unprotected sex" won a prize. Many winners chose a necklace of plastic rainbow rings and wore it as they wandered the festival grounds.

At the UWM Union Cinema booth, Matt Frost encouraged movie-lovers to attend *Zero Patience*, a musical about AIDS. He also mentioned that he was organizing the Gay and Lesbian Great Lakes Film and Video Festival in January and February, 1995.

"It's going to be a lot more fun," he promised. The upcoming festival will balance serious and lighter fare, he said.

Nearby, the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin, a Gay Republican organization, handed out information on the upcoming election, the candidates and the GOP. People especially wanted to know about Matt Gunderson, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, said Jim McFarland, president of the club.

At the MAP booth, a smiling volunteer encouraged everyone to take free condoms, dental dams and other safer-sex paraphernalia,

along with information. The volunteer, however, had a question of her own: "Do you know the score for the Packer game?"

Over all this, music and applause drifted through the trees from the stage show. "We're glad to be back here again this year," said the Razzle-Dazzle emcee, "but we hope we won't have to be back again next year. We hope we won't be needed."

But the glittering show with its crowd-pleasing choreography was needed this year. So were the efforts of all the other volunteers and the generosity of the festival goers.

The reason, if ever forgotten, became clear once again as the candles gleamed at MAPFest's closing ceremony at 10:00 p.m. The tiny flames honored friends and loved ones who will never again applaud dancers, pet dogs, or chat beneath the trees.

No one can forget, of course, but MAPFest tempered the sorrow with frolicking fun. Who can weep, after all, while flinging a chicken for a worthy cause?

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Ani DiFranco

Ani DiFranco, Nationally Acclaimed Singer and Songwriter Will Appear in Milwaukee

(Milwaukee)- In a series of five albums since 1990, Ani (pronounced AH-nee) DiFranco has emerged as one of the boldest alternative artists of the 90's, challenging the status quo and defining the discontents of her generation. With an explosive guitar style, a dynamic voice and jaw dropping lyrics, she cuts through social conventions and sexual politics with uncompromising rage and humor.

A true independent, Ani not only writes and publishes her own songs, but also produces her own albums, creates the artwork and releases them herself, rejecting offers from major and independent labels alike. In an industry dominated by multinational corporations, Ani chooses to own, and operate her own record company, Righteous Babe Records.

Her Spring 1993 release *Puddle Dive* spent 10 weeks on the college radio charts in the U.S. and hit No. 14 among the alternative rock albums in Canada. Her latest album of new material, *Out of Range* was released in the spring of 1994 and has received sensational reviews around the country.

Ani has been performing in public for more than half of her life, first in her native Buffalo, NY and later in her adopted home of New York City.

Since her first appearance at the Mariposa

Festival in Toronto in 1991, she has become the sensation of the North American summer festival circuit, repeatedly setting on-site album sales records. Touring constantly, she has built a coast-to-coast network of thousands of fans. She has played to packed crowds and rave reviews from Boston to San Francisco's Great American Music Hall and from Toronto to a 1200 seat sell out at Vancouver's Vogue Theatre.

Deneuve Magazine said, "She's got a voice that'll knock your socks off, and she can play a mean guitar too."

Ani brings her unique brand of music to Milwaukee on Sunday, October 2 where she'll play at the UWM Union Ballroom. The event co-sponsored by Full Moon Productions and the UWM Women's Resource Center, will begin at 7:00 PM with doors opening at 6:15 PM. Tickets are \$10 in advance and are available at People's Books, Outpost Natural Foods and AfterWords.

Student tickets are \$5 in advance and are available at the Union bookstore. Tickets are also available the day of the show at the door and are \$7 for students and \$12 for non-students. The show is ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired. Further information is available by calling (414) 229-2852.

'Angels' Take Wing on a Tour and Land First in Chicago for a Six Month Stand

(Chicago)- *Variety* reports that the first national touring company of Tony Kushner's epic, Pulitzer Prize-winning *Angels in America*, has begun previews in Chicago on September 6 and is being well-received.

Angels Windy City debut was to be a telling test case of the city's current appetite for serious drama. The production had left New York with a substantial advance ticket sale of more than \$800,000, by far the largest in the history of Chicago's active off-Loop theater industry.

The record-breaking advance for the production, capitalized at around \$1 million, included \$600,000 in single-ticket and subscription sales and another \$200,000 in group sales. At capacity, *Angels* could gross \$145,000 per week, and will have a weekly overhead of just under \$100,000. Ticket prices range from \$45 weekend top (a new high for off-Loop commercial productions) to \$15 for a limited number of day-of-the-performance seats.

The national tour is being produced by the same team that brought the production to Broadway, with the addition of Chicago-based Robert G. Perkins and Jeffrey McCourt, owner, publisher and editor of the Gay publication, *Windy City Times*, which, according

to *Variety*, is Chicago's "leading Gay newspaper."

If all goes according to plan, *Angels* will open on September 25 and run for six months at the 500-seat Royal George Theater on the city's near North Side.

The tour, which will continue in early March, 1995, will last for about a year and include 16 cities. But that number keeps growing all the time as more and more cities ask to be added.

In the early weeks of the run, the performance schedule will be heavily skewed toward *Millennium Approaches*, the first of the two plays that make up the complete *Angels* opus. But unlike the situation in New York, where *Perestroika*, the second half of *Angels*, opened more than six months after *Millennium Approaches*, both parts of the work will open within days of each other in Chicago.

The idea, Perkins says, is to use *Millennium* to draw audiences in so that they will want to see *Perestroika* as well.

The Chicago premiere of *Angels* comes soon after a successful eight-week run of Kushner's newest, much shorter work, *Slavs*, at the Steppenwolf Theatre Company

Cream City Chorus Applauds Fest City Singers for MAPFest Performance

(Milwaukee)- They may not have been singing, but the Cream City Chorus (CCC) was out in force for MAPFest this past Labor Day weekend, lending their support to a very worthy cause. Aside from working their own informational booth and helping out in a couple of others, they took time to listen to Milwaukee's other great LesBiGay musical tradition, the Fest City Singers.

Among the Fest City Singers' performance numbers was Fred Small's "Everything Possible", which the Cream City Chorus also added to its repertoire this season. Unlike the CCC's arrangement, the Fest City Singers performed a faithful rendition of the arrangement used by the outstanding vocalists, The Flirtations.

But that wasn't the only song performed with great harmonies.

Two heart-felt songs, "Someone's Miss-

ing" and "I Think I Need a Friend" used beautiful harmonies to express sincere and powerful emotions. "Someone's Missing" in particular spoke of those who are no longer with us, and brought to mind for many of us, those Chorus members and friends who have been lost to AIDS.

"Someone's Missing", more than anything else, reminded the audience of the whole purpose behind MAPFest. Our congratulations, Fest City Singers on a song well-chosen and well-sung!

Those who weren't able to stop by the Cream City Chorus informational booth at MAPFest, but are still interested in knowing more about the Chorus, can call the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC, or stop by Wednesday evening rehearsals at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Achy Obejas to Read at Room Of One's Own and at AfterWords in October

(Pittsburgh, PA)- Achy Obejas, author of *We Came All the Way from Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?*, will be at Room Of One's Own in Madison on October 20 and at AfterWords on October 21, as part of her nationwide tour.

Obejas writes stories about uprooted people. Some, like herself, are Latina immigrants and Lesbians. Others are men (Gay and straight), people with AIDS, addicts, activists. Always an intimate (and often first person) narrator to these lives, Obejas mines memories of exile and hope to tell stories about Americans--women and men struggling with the problems and promises of a very New World.

Obejas' first book-length project has already earned the praise of her colleagues. Julia

Alvarez writes, "This is a fine collection of stories, crafted without fussiness and rich in the knowledge of the confused allegiances of the heart...She packs a wallop with this book of stories."

Obejas is a widely published poet, fiction writer and journalist. Her poetry has been published in *Conditions*, *Revista Chicano-Riquena*, and *Beloit Poetry Journal*, among others.

In 1986, she received an NEA fellowship in poetry. She writes a weekly column for the *Chicago Tribune* and is a regular contributor to *Windy City Times*. She has just been given a 1994 Literary Award from the Illinois Arts Council.

Boulevard Ensemble Opens Ninth Season by Staging Annual September Benefit

(Milwaukee)- The Boulevard Ensemble will enter its ninth season of presenting challenging and entertaining theatre by staging its annual September Benefit. The Benefit serves as an open house and also provides an opportunity to showcase the scenework from the Ensembles Summer Acting Workshop.

The Benefit will run from September 16 through September 25, Fridays through Sundays. The theatre will open at 7:30 p.m. for refreshments and a silent auction, with the presentation of scenes from the Acting Workshop beginning at 8:00 p.m. Each weekend will feature a different menu of scenes.

All funds raised will assist in staging the Ensemble's first show of the 1994-'95 season, Shakespeare's *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, which opens in late October.

The Summer Acting Workshop showcases the work of new and emerging actors and di-

rectors in a rehearsal atmosphere that allows and encourages exciting and different approaches to established authors.

The scheduled bill of fare includes scenes from: Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *The Two Gentlemen From Verona*; Moliere's *Othello*, *The Two Husbands*; Tennessee Williams' *Suddenly Last Summer*; David Mamet's *The Duck Variations*, among other scenes.

Benefit directors include: Maureen Kil-murry, Pat Acerra, Debra Babich, Pamela Brown and Tom Schimmels.

Benefit actors include: Bill Clifford, Jennifer LaPorte, Michelle Waide, Amy Hastert and Donna Cunningham.

The Boulevard Ensemble is located at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. The suggested donation is \$10. For reservations and information, call (414) 672-6019.



Musical Manifesto--The movie musical about AIDS, "Zero Patience" is playing Sept. 16, 17, 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the UWM Union Cinema in Milwaukee. A review of the film ran in the last issue of the *Light*.

Jerry Grillo Trio Featured at Cafe Phyllis

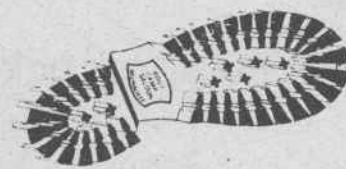
(Milwaukee)- The Jerry Grillo Jazz Trio, one of Milwaukee's most popular musical groups, will be featured at Cafe Phyllis, one of the Cream City's best restaurants.

The Trio includes John Foshager on piano, Jeff Hamann on bass with vocals by Jerry Grillo.

The Trio will perform on Saturdays, September 17 and 24 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the intimate atmosphere that the Cafe Phyllis provides.

Grillo also appears at the Cafe Phyllis on Torch Thursdays, September 15 and 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tim Michaels accompanies Grillo on the piano.

The Cafe Phyllis is located at 734 S. 5th Street. There is never a cover charge.

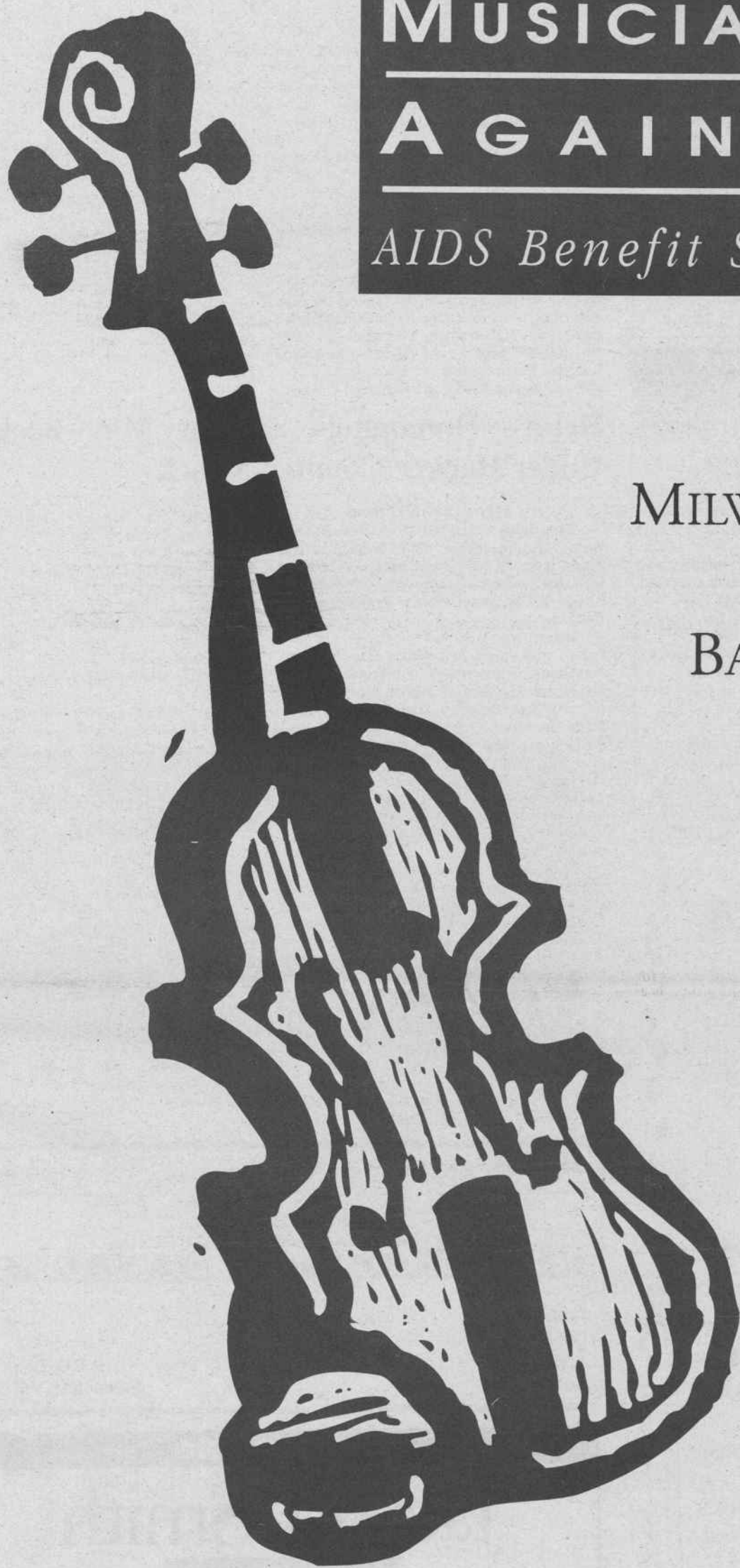


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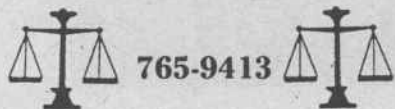
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Minorities Account for a Growing Share of AIDS Cases; Blacks Particularly Hard-Hit

(Atlanta)- Minorities are being hit increasingly harder by AIDS, accounting for more than half of all new cases in the U.S. in 1993.

Of the 106,949 AIDS cases reported last year in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands, 58,538--or 55%--were among minorities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on September 8, 1994.

In 1992, minority cases accounted for 52% of new cases, up from 51% the year before.

As the epidemic develops, its pace has slowed among white Gay men, while quickening among minorities, particularly among African Americans.

The AIDS rate last year among whites was 30 cases per 100,000 people. The rate was more than five times higher among African Americans (162 cases per 100,000 people) and three times higher among Hispanics (90 cases per 100,000 people). Among Native Americans and Eskimos, it was 24 per 100,000 people, and among Asians and Islanders, it was 12

per 100,000 people.

African American women, with an AIDS rate of 73 per 100,000, were about 15 times more likely than white women to get the disease. African American males, with a rate of 266 per 100,000, were nearly five times more likely than white males to get AIDS.

Geography also makes a difference in how the virus spreads, said Dr. Teresa Diaz of the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases.

"Although we aggregate minorities together, there are large geographic differences among minority groups," she said. "For Black and Hispanic men in the Northeast, it's spread by intravenous drug use," while same-sex sex is the greater risk elsewhere for these men.

The Northeast, particularly New York State, has the highest rates of AIDS infection for both African Americans and Hispanics, while the South and Midwest are generally lower.

Helm's Homophobe Hotline May BackFire Under Hacker Counter Attack

By Sheri Cohen Darbonne

(Houston)- The latest characteristically sleazy attempt by anti-Gay crusading Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) could easily backfire; at least that's the fervent hope of recent contributors to a Gay bulletin board network on the Internet.

Helms, who lives in a Virginia, D.C. suburb in what might be called a Gay neighborhood (one of his next door neighbors is Gay and so are 8-9 other couples on his block), apparently sees the Gay demon in everything from education to agriculture--this, while he's walking his little white poodle with the jeweled collar, or maybe feeding his black cat, Harvey Gant.

Once again, Helms has been getting more than his share of media attention for tagging an avalanche of anti-Gay amendments to various bills in congress.

The Senator moved in stealth, however, when he set up an 800 number so that supporters of his anti-Gay legislation could call their legislators free to make their feelings known. The line was also intended to be used by the Ultra-Right in their attempt to block national health care reform.

Here's how it works: when a caller dials a number, an operator will say, "Capital;" the caller then asks for a specific senator or representative. The caller expresses her/his views to the Congress member. Helms pays for the call.

Since August 30, however, the number--800-768-2221--has been burning up the bulletin boards. (The original "Gaynet" contribution was attributed to "Ray R.")

Although the number was set up specifically for the Ultra Right, anyone can call an 800 number for free. The person or organization that set up the line pays the fees for the line. Since the number hit the Internet, it's a safe bet that a good number of callers to the "homophobe hotline" were from those who do not support Helms, his amendments or his views.

"Jerry," an Internet user in Waco, Texas, says he's mounted his own campaign to encourage Gays and Lesbians to call their Congress members and senators to vociferously complain about the Helms amendments and to make known their feelings about any other legislation that might impact their lives.

In addition to the Helms line to the Capital, Jerry has compiled a list of House and Senate fax numbers from C-Span's U.S. Congress Handbook. He's feeding it back in to the board as an "action package" in hopes of mobilizing Gays and Lesbians to use the technology and access information the Right Wing discovered long ago.

Editor's Note: On September 14, just as we go to press, I used Helms' 800 number to call the Wisconsin Congressional delegation.

One: It works.

Two: Helms paid for the call.

Three: Give it a try, but soon. With the word getting out, it probably won't last long.

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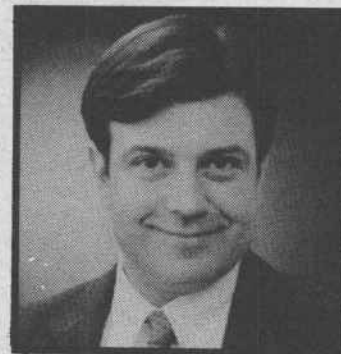
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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Let's Hear It for ACT UP

By Jamakaya

There they go again!

Grabbing headlines and the lead spot on the 6 o'clock TV news. Offending church, state, the school system, mom, dad and apple pie. Corrupting innocent teens with their nefarious use of the "F" word. Mobilizing the police and district attorney to track down on free speech. Telling everyone things they'd just rather not hear.

ACT UP has struck again!

ACT UP Milwaukee garnered a ridiculous amount of publicity in late August when members handed out safer sex pamphlets across the street from high schools on the first day of the Fall semester. The police were called, Milwaukee Public Schools administrators issued condemnations, and the media, on what must have been a slow news day, fanned the flames of outrage.

The hubbub was especially ludicrous because ACT UP has been doing the very same thing for four years, as recently as last Spring, distributing condoms and safe sex info outside high school proms. The students respond enthusiastically, while school leaders and parents respond paternalistically, censoring the message and discrediting the messengers.

School Board President Mary Bills (a past ally to the Gay community on curriculum reform) sniffed: "The materials ACT UP presented are vulgar, offensive and in my opinion, an insult to young people. The sole purpose of this material is to titillate and shock those who see it."

Bills obviously titillates easily. The pamphlet is, in fact, a clearly worded, responsible and accurate primer on safer sex. It describes how HIV is transmitted by blood, semen and vaginal fluids during unprotected sex. It contains simple instructions on what kind of condoms or other barriers to use and exactly how to use them. It suggests a range of safer sex behaviors like fondling, kissing, nibbling, massage, mutual masturbation, showering together, etc.

ACT UP's pamphlet also includes important messages for teens like, "Just as some of you may have decided that you aren't ready for sex, some of you may already be having sex with partners. Both choices are OK! What's important to remember is that if you choose to have sex...you should practice SAFER SEX." And another critical message: "It's not who you are, but what you do that puts you at risk for HIV infection."

The sanctimonious school board Prez further declared: "I ask all people and organizations truly concerned about the threat of AIDS to teenagers to denounce this latest tactic used by ACT UP." The local Red Cross joined her goose step by demanding that its name be removed from a list of community resources on the pamphlet. (Yo, Red Cross! Have you cleaned up your blood supply yet?) Predictably, reactionary talk show jocks Charles Sykes and Mark Belling tried to stir up more controversy by pointing out that ACT UP Milwaukee is on (of many) beneficiaries of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. Goodness sakes.

Unquestionably, ACT UP provokes and threatens the powers that be. But the major media rarely probe beyond the provocative tactics to the substance of the issues ACT UP raises.

Regarding this latest episode, several ACT UP members, including Christopher Fons, told me they themselves contracted HIV while they were teens oblivious to the dangers of unprotected sex. They are motivated therefore by a passionate commitment to see that young people have the right information and don't make the same mistakes. Survey after survey indicates that young people need this kind of forthright information and that they are not getting it from the government, their parents or the schools. ACT UP is performing a community service.

In covering ACT UP as a reporter for five years, I've been impressed with its leadership role and the research and documentation it provides to back up its various campaigns. When ACT UP agitated for reforms in the state prisons, it issued dozens of pages of facts on HIV among prison inmates, on lack of education among prisoners and staff, on lack of guidelines and medical expertise in treating people with HIV/AIDS, and on incidents of blatant abuse and discrimination against people with HIV/AIDS in Wisconsin's prisons.

When ACT UP targeted the City of Milwaukee to increase its measly allocation of about \$69,000 per year for AIDS, it presented statistics on how cities of comparable size funded AIDS programs and how the AIDS caseload in Milwaukee had increased exponentially over the years while city funds remained static.

The Gay and Lesbian community needs to know that beyond the flashy headlines and superficial media coverage, ACT UP does its homework and that its actions are based on solid research and needs that have obviously



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gone unmet. Often cast as the villain in a good cop/bad cop scenario, ACT UP raises issues which more "respectable" leaders of AIDS service organizations then take up and benefit from.

ACT UP Milwaukee has also been incredibly active in coalition-building with other progressive groups. ACT UP members have been a continuing presence at defense lines around local abortion clinics. They led actions protesting police racism and homophobia around the Dahmer case. At an Amnesty International conference at Marquette a few years back, which local groups were the only ones to send representatives to the seminar on human rights abuses against Gays and Lesbians worldwide? ACT UP and Queer Nation, of course.

I first met Chris Fons in 1990 at the trial of the killer of Ricky Roundtree, a Gay man murdered for allegedly making a pass at another man. I was covering the case for the Gay press. Chris didn't have to be there; he just wanted to be. Members of ACT UP have shown this kind of concern for many social justice issues.

And the next time someone is dising ACT UP for being too "militant" or too "impatient," consider these stats: the Centers for Disease Control reports that the number of people with AIDS in the U.S. has surpassed 400,000 and nearly a quarter of a million people have died. Yes, 250,000 people have died.

Here are a couple of opportunities to express your appreciation to ACT UP. You can attend a special awards banquet on Saturday evening, September 24, at the International Building, 611 W. National Avenue where Progressive Milwaukee will honor Chris Fons as one of its Community Activists of the Year. Call (414) 332-7972 for tickets.

Or you can send a donation to ACT UP, P.O. Box 1707, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1707. Encourage them to keep kicking ass!

Lesbian Herstory Group Meets On October 2

(Milwaukee)- The first Fall meeting of the Lesbian Herstory Discussion Group is set for Sunday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. It will be a short planning session.

Please bring ideas for anything you'd like to read or discuss at future meetings, which will be held the First Sunday of each month. All Lesbians are welcome. No "expertise" in the subject is required as the purpose of the group is to learn together and to share knowledge and interests.

The October 2 meeting will be short for those who want to attend the Ani DiFranco concert at UWM that night. For any further information about the Herstory group, call (414) 463-9532.

OBITUARIES

Edna Manilow

(Log Angeles)- Edna Manilow, the mother of singer-songwriter Barry Manilow, died on Thursday, September 8, 1994, of complications caused by cancer in Palm Beach, Florida. She was 70.

Manilow spokeswoman, Susan DeBow, said after hearing of his mother's death, the singer canceled scheduled performances in Cleveland to attend private memorial services.

Barry Manilow appeared in Milwaukee at this year's State Fair where his performance was introduced by the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus.

Mrs. Manilow originally was from Brooklyn, and was a businesswoman most of her life. During the last 10 years, she volunteered at hospitals every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help care for children with AIDS.

"That was her passion," DeBow said. "Rain, sleet, hail, snow, she would be there for those children."

Barry Manilow was her only child. She is also survived by one sister.

Dykes To Watch Out For



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baldwin to Speak on Marriage Law

(Milwaukee)- State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) will speak on the need to legally recognize same-sex marriages at the First Unitarian Church Sunday Morning Forum at 9:00 a.m. on September 18 at 1342 N. Astor Street in Milwaukee.

At the September 25 Forum, journalist Barbara Miner will describe who Milwaukee's Bradley Foundation has bankrolled and defined the conservative movement in the United States.

Coming Out to Mom and Dad

(Milwaukee)- In celebration of National Coming Out Day on October 11, the Gay Men's Discussion Group will hold a dialogue concerning coming out issues, focusing on the challenges around coming out to our families. Whether you have been out for years, or for days, or have not come out to your family of origin at all, please join the group to share experiences and fears, surprises and pain in sharing who we are with family.

The discussion is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Vance Baker, M.D., a psychiatrist in the Milwaukee County Mental Health system, will facilitate the meeting. The cost is a \$2 donation. Call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565 for more information.

GAMMA To Sponsor Volleyball League

(Milwaukee)- GAMMA is sponsoring a Fall/Winter Volleyball League, the John Cowles Volleyball League, which will begin in mid-October. Games will be held Saturday afternoons at the UWM Englemann gym, October through April. Interested persons who would like to play or who would like to form a team and obtain a sponsor, may call Pat Callen at (414) 271-8264 for more information.

The first Saturday of play will be informal with the following Saturday beginning actual league games. The first half of the season, all teams will play each other. The second half of the season, teams will split off into a recreational and competitive division. All level of players are welcome.

P-FLAG Milwaukee Events for Oct. And Nov.

(Milwaukee)- The Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG), will be changing the time of its meeting in October to 6:45 p.m. The meeting will take place on October 16, when a video, *Gays in the Church*, will be shown. Terry Boughner, the editor of *Wisconsin Light*, will be the speaker at the November 20th meeting. He will be speaking on "Gays and Lesbians in the Holocaust" and drawing on interviews with survivors that he has. For more information, call (414) 962-9320.



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Progressive Milwaukee To Honor Chris Fons and Other Community Activists

(Milwaukee)- Christopher Fons will be among six honorees at the First Annual Community Activist Award Banquet given by Progressive Milwaukee. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the historic International Building at 611 W. National Avenue.

Fons, a Wisconsin native, has been a long-time activist in both the Gay and AIDS communities. He is a co-founder of ACT UP and is a member of Queer Nation, fighting for the rights of LesBiGays and all people. He was active in the ACT UP Network mailing for two years and is a volunteer at the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

In addition, Fons has worked with the United Migrants Opportunity Services and participated in clinic protection actions in

1992.

In addition to Fons, the five other honorees are: union leader Laura Drake, UPIU Local 7232 at Briggs & Stratton; Kathleen Hart, volunteer of the year; State Rep. Johnnie Morris-Tatum; education advocate Robert Miranda, UW Student Association president and the Justice for Janitors campaign for labor-community coalition building.

"These awards recognize that the future of Milwaukee is in the diversity and strength of grass roots organizing," said Bruce Colburn of the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO and Progressive Milwaukee Board Member.

Music at the Banquet will be provided by Ebenezer COGIC Gospel Choir. Tickets are available at 1001 E. Keefe Avenue at \$15 or call (414) 332-7972.

Tuesday's Primaries Were a Shot Across the Bow for the LesBiGay Community

Commentary by Bill Meunier

Tuesday's primary election should serve as a clear "shot across the bow" to moderate and progressives in Wisconsin. For the last several years we have heard and read about Right Wing victories in other states. Now we have seen it happen here.

Tuesday's victors have not yet been elected, but the primary results are nonetheless disturbing. The radical right managed to unseat an well established State Senator, Barbara Lorman, in her own party primary.

Lorman not only lost, she finished third.

They helped arch conservative Toby Roth easily beat back a moderate Republican challenger.

They gave State Senator Jo Ann Huelsman a stiff challenge in her race to be re-elected and they came close to upending State Representative Peter Boyle in his Democratic primary race in Superior.

The Huelsman race was one where the conservative challenger, David Marlowe, attempted to make an issue of Lesbian and Gay rights. His claim that mandating that the truth about homosexuality be taught in the school promoted Gay sex in the schools would be laughable if it weren't so outrageous. To attack a politician for wanting to tell the truth is ironic indeed.

Marlowe's claim that telling the truth in sex education classes constitutes support for Gay rights, is clearly the hypocrisy of the Radical Right. His claim is nothing less than a blatant admission that they know what the truth is, but they don't want it taught. If people realized the truth, the leaders of the Religious Right wouldn't be able to use support for Lesbians and Gays as a club in their grab for power.

And that's exactly what is going on here, a grab for power. To a casual observer it would appear that the radical right failed in more races than it won. The fact is that they didn't have to win every race in order to succeed.

The goal in politics is not just to win elections, it is to influence policy. On that level the right wing probably succeeded at least to some extent. There is no doubt that at least some if not nearly all Republican legislators will think twice about voting for gun control, Gay and Lesbian rights and abortion.

The specter of Barbara Lorman will hang over their heads like the sword of Damocles. One wrong move and the generals of the radical right will order their troops to pour out of their churches and take the offender on at the polls.

Furthermore their exercise of raw political power makes them a player in the electoral scene. They were tightly organized and coordinated their efforts. The NRA and Wisconsin Right to Life for example, worked hand in hand to play a major role in Welch's lopsided victory.

In the November election the right wing is going to throw everything it has behind Welch. Conventional wisdom is that Governor Thompson is a shoo in for re-election.

Without having to worry about their grip on the Governor's office, right wing strategists will feel free to take on Herb Kohl.

Meanwhile there is no liberal or progressive organization to combat the right.

The Democratic party is consumed with its fight to keep control of the State Assembly. Moderate and liberal organizations lack the experience, money and perhaps even the will of groups like the National Rifle Association and Wisconsin Right to Life.

Gays and Lesbians looking at this election have reason to feel gloomy. Governor Thompson looks as close to unbeatable as a candidate can get. His approval rating is over 60%. His penchant for appointing campaign contributors has netted him the largest campaign fund in Wisconsin history. His political operatives have crafted good campaign ads and even if they are misleading they still are effective.

In the Senate race we are confronted with a choice of Tweedle Dumb and Tweedle Dumber. Herb Kohl has rightfully earned our scorn. His votes against Gays and Lesbians have been well documented in this column and in this paper. But Bob Welch, his opponent, doesn't look to be any better.

Some Log Cabin Republicans are insisting that privately Welch is sympathetic to our concerns. They maintain that if elected Welch will co-sponsor ENDA, the Lesbian and Gay employment discrimination bill.

But this insistence flies in the face of Welch's public statements and his actions. Short of a public pronouncement from candidate Welch, these claims have a hollow ring.

Steve Gunderson, has a tough race in his bid to be re-elected. Toby Roth's primary fight may have weakened his bid for re-election in the 8th Congressional District, but it is doubtful that Gay rights supporter Stan Grzynski (who recently moved into the district) will be able to take advantage.

One bright spot is Dismas Becker's candidacy for State Treasurer. Becker was the

original sponsor of AB 70, our Gay Rights Law. It would be nice to see him win, but the Treasurer's office doesn't have a big impact on Lesbian and Gay issues.

The hand writing appears to be on the wall. We can either sit back and let the new right do in Wisconsin what it has done in other states or we can as Matt Gunderson said we need to do, "get off our duffs." We need to get to work.

Rod Johnson to be Featured On AIDS Activist TV

(Milwaukee)- Rodney Johnson, Gay and Lesbian prevention services coordinator for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and a leading member of Ujima, an organization of Lesbian and Gay African Americans, will be the featured guest on the next edition of "AIDS Activist TV."

Johnson will outline his involvement in an important planning and needs assessment project that is examining local AIDS prevention efforts. Viewers are invited to join in as Johnson and "AIDS Activist TV" hosts Patrick Flaherty and Brian Komer, discuss effective AIDS prevention strategies.

The call-in program, to be broadcast live at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21 on Milwaukee Channel 47, will also report on ACT UP Milwaukee's efforts to better AIDS education for students in the Milwaukee Public Schools and other recent developments in the world of AIDS.

"AIDS Activist TV" is broadcast live every third Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. on Milwaukee Channel 47. The producers can be reached at (414) 769-8708, or by writing: P.O. Box 1707, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1707.

Election

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chest. The Republicans have a similar situation with Governor Thompson.

Gays and Lesbians have reason to be dissatisfied with both of these candidates. Kohl has been voting for Jesse Helm's homophobic amendments. His office's explanation that the Senator "doesn't really believe in these things but cast a political vote," has not sat well with activists. Welch on the other hand was one of the legislators who attacked UW-Milwaukee's Gay studies program and urged the Board of Regents to cancel it.

Thompson got elected Governor in part by denouncing incumbent Governor Tony Earl's pro-Gay stance. As a legislator Thompson voted against AB 70, Wisconsin's Gay Rights law. As Governor, Thompson abolished Earl's Gay and Lesbian Issues Council, eliminated the position of Gay and Lesbian liaison to the Governor's office and appointed an Insurance Commissioner who vetoed plans to offer spousal health insurance coverage on university campus'.

Thompson is opposed by Madison State Senator Chuck Chvala. Chvala was unopposed in the primary and has a solid record of support on Gay and Lesbian issues. His running mate, Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean was given the Alyn Hess Award at last June's PrideFest.

STUDY

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Other studies have examined sexual attraction--such as those published by Alfred J. Kinsey in 1948 and 1953--were not based on samples that could be extrapolated to the population as a whole. More recent national surveys have focused on behavior, not same-sex attraction.

Recent studies in California and at Northwestern University, the latter using mirror twins, have not focused on the numbers of the Gay population, but on the origin of sexual orientation.

As of now, research indicates that homosexuality has a genetic component.

Dr. John Bailey of Northwestern has said that his research indicates that sexual orientation is determined before birth or immediately afterward. "In either case," he said, "it is set in stone."

Randall Sell, lead author of the study, and a doctoral candidate at Harvard, said he hopes the research will help elucidate the complexity of sexual orientation.

"It's more than just behavior; that's only one measure," he said.

Tom W. Smith, a statistician at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, called the study useful, but warned that the question on attraction was imprecise.

"They basically asked whether you were ever attracted to a member of the same sex at any time since you were age 15--which can mean one, very fleeting, very trivial, sensation or feeling," Smith said.

CLASSIFIEDS

Accommodations

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INN AT PINE RIDGE—B&B esp. for Womyn. Hot tub, sauna, veg. brunch. Hike, Bike. Nr. Eau Claire. By res. only. (715) 984-2272.

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Dates

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Employment

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Milwaukee-- Bayview area, 3 bedrooms, dining room, sitting room, living room, large kitchen, pantry. Restored Victorian, lower duplex, hardwood floors, brass light fixtures, garage. \$675. Tenant screening. Linda at (414) 481-7054.

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Milwaukee **GWM** 30 6' 130 blue eyes, clean shaven, smooth looking for good times- #1775

Eau Claire **SLEEPING BAG FOR TWO:** 21 brn/blu hairy chest, goatee vers looking to meet 21-25 in area into music, outdoors, camping-whatever lkg for fun times, snuggling- #2135

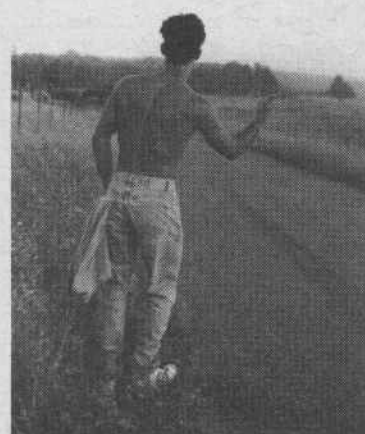
Milwaukee **COME ON IN-THE WATER'S FINE!** Pool parties at out house - looking for young guys to come over and party 18-27 smooth musc leave your name sure you'll have fun! #16120

Whitewater **GWM** 19 lkg for same into reading, music, and outdoors- pls call! #2487

715 Area Code **ZIPS UP THE BACK AND NO BONES:** Calling to see if there are guys out there fem or top would like to meet me-Steve GWM like to meet galking guys into cross dressing- #11250

715 Area Code **WORKING MANS PHD:** 38 male into weightlifting, working man like masc men-fit guys to 45-like traveling to FL in the winter, travelling, tennis, hoping to hear from you- #33814

Racine **WHAT INSTRUMENT DO YOU PLAY?** Gary 6' slim tan long hair, like rock and roll, I'm a musician, outdoors, beach seafood, music, sincere-prefer smaller build guys white hisp or asian- #2680



La Crosse **GOIN' ON A MANHUNT:** Jeff 26 5'2 brn/blu 21-32 biking hiking and hunting if u like the same call me- #27707

Milwaukee **OUTDOORSMAN:** GWM 27 men under 30 hunting, fishing, boating, looking for someone in Milwaukee or N. Wisconsin #3231

Cottage Grove **BRIAN:** GWM 22 brn/green, 5'8, 140, 18-24 race age not imp muscles a + into movies, plays and concerts-non smoker, drinker- #3336

Milwaukee **CYRIL** 35 GWM - like classical music, movies, theatre- dining out- lkg for special someone for rel brn/brn beard must- #3687

715 Area Code **HOLD THE DOOR FOR ME:** Joel gdlkg cross dresser want to be treated like a lady- #3737

Madison **JASON** 23 gdlkg dk features mustache dk/dk eyes fun times, poss something serious- like to cook, travel, racquetball, good husband material, sense of humor- lkg for 21-34 good shape, non smoker w/sim int- #3743

Madison **GBM** 30 lkg for someone comfortable with themselves- not looking for any games quiet eyes at home, movies sports, enjoying life - race not imp- lkg for under 35- #4156

Madison **26 WM** 5'10 175 - lkg to get with asian/hisp under 25 for a great time! #4629

Central WI **OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY:** Bill GWM - lkg for other gay, bi, TV's, cross dressers couples int in having fun- good times, talking- will answer all- #4645

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Milwaukee **HOUSE CALLS:** travel throughout WI and midwest- Int in hooking up with gdlkg guys 20-45 wants to get together + who knows what they want - out of life and the person they're with- looking forward to talking with you and having some fun- #46

Milwaukee **TODD:** Tam Cruise lookalike, brn/blu, 155, lkg for a workout partner 3x a week- #4717

Lacrosse **EXERCISE THIS OPTION:** inexp WM 28 5'11 160 masc seeks 20-28 for friendship and fun times - also looking for a workout partner- #4735

715 Area Code **RICK** 27 male 5'11 lkg to meet 20-30 like outdoors, and having a good time- #4736

Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** int in younger 18-30 int in leather scene, shaving - BD in the afternoon or wknds for long sessions, smooth bld bodies- if int lv a descr of yourself- #27712

715 Area Code **TWO PLUSES, NO MINUSES:** Tall thin GWM vers tp, fun, outdoors, gdlkg + lkg for other + to share int or poss rel- just have some fun together- #4751

Milwaukee **TV IN THE BEDROOM:** Cross dresser looking for others, and older men who are exp and love to cuddle #43091

Waukesha **501 BLUES:** New to area GHM 34 5'10 180 blk/brn mustache beard btm seeking GWM 28-38 tp must jeans and boots kinda guy beard a + #43102

Milwaukee **SLIPPERY WHEN WET:** 27 lkg for young smooth guys 18-25 vgdllk #1570

Appleton **INNER BEAUTY:** Jeff, 24 long bld hair into dancing and what's inside- #1974

Madison **I CAN SEE IT ALL, NOW:** Lou 26 bld/blu look good in biker pants, older or married men for safe times maybe rel- let's have some fuunnnn! #2108

Milwaukee **HEAD OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** Mike, 24 GWM 6'183, lkg for a tp guy in the area brn/grn med bld, fairly active indiv- #2557

414 Area Code **TOM** 18, 5'8 brn/brn 170 college student w/broad shoulders, wide chest musc legs 18-25 only honest sense of humor strong minded- no bi's non drink/smoke U B 2. #4095

Racine **ROCK YOU LIKE A HURRICANE:** Rock musician, slim, 6' long hair tan like music, seafood, boating, outdoors some tv, pref smaller guys- thats it for right now- #1497

Racine **HII LIKE TO MEET YOU:** GWM 36 seeking area men to please and have a good time- #1549

Milwaukee **STEVE** 37 5'10 185 hairy short blu clean shave alot of fun many hats- like to have a good time lkg for masc daddy type teddy bear any race- like to play darts, movies some sports, like romantic times too- candlelight dinners- #4802

715 Area Code **WHAT'S YOURS?** looking for a real nice hard body musc guy to have fun with-my name is Joe- #9284

Madison **GWM** 25 5'11 brn/brn 160 goatee lkg for 18-35 in my area, hairy, masc gdlkg discreet- #12439

Racine **THERE'S A PARTY AT MY PLACE AND I WANT YOU ALL TO COME:** Come party with me GWM 36 seeking area men to invite to my party! #1549

Marshfield **COME TO MY PARTY:** Vic-hot 26 GWM, 6', 168, non-drinker bld/blu seeks slim, avg built guys 21-29 for fun and friendship- interests are: music, walking, dancing, house parties and other fun activities. #27563

Milwaukee **JULIA ROBERTS, MOVE OVER:** VGL 6'2, 195, professional, dk hair/eyes built- looking for gdlkg cross dressers that really want to be treated like a lady - #34483

Warwick County **COMPOUND INTERESTS:** Mark, GWM 34, 5'11, 250, HIV-, looking for GWM any age in my area-like music cooking-walks, talks, waterfalls, gardening, list too numerous to mention #34667

NE WI **COME OVER TO MY HOUSE:** Clean cut, 185, 5'9, enjoy outdoor activities, visiting etc. looking to meet similar in my area. #34688

Fond du Lac **BARSICK:** Scott, 22 y/o, 6'2, 165 blu/blond, sick of bars looking for honest, long lasting relationship-if you're a SWM btwn 18-27 call me. #34713

Kenosha **HEY, WAYNE AND GARTH, LETS PARTY!** Bi-WM 40 and Bi-WM 21 seek other gay or Bi-WM under 25, not into bars- we're into heavy metal music and social drinking at our place. #34737

Lacrosse. **SAIL AWAY WITH ME:** John 25, 190, 6'2, blu/blnd - wide variety of interests - boating, traveling, talking etc. #34748

WI **THATS WHY THE LADY IS A TRAMP:** Cameron 22y/o TV into couples, women and men, vgl and versatile slim attractive and college educated, open minded. #34758

Appleton **BI GEORGE!** Bi WM looking for someone who likes to have fun. Are you the one? #34851

Kenosha **YOUNGER BROTHER WANTED:** gay or bi of any race under 40 by 42y/o hairy beard must, 5'9 230 teddy bear for male bonding tic buddy/buddy good times & pleasure-tired of the bars? me tool romantically inclined -serious only reply. #35053

Appleton **MR. MODEST:** Greg Too good to be true reg guy workout, looking for workout buddy, enjoys sports athletic- looking for 6' or larger who likes to have fun likes to laugh. #36439

Milwaukee **CENSORED BY THE FCC:** 'submissive TV int in guys wild times bd seeking a fem TV or TV for sincere rel. into all kinds of things - anything thats wild - clean and discreet #42713

Milwaukee **HANES YOUR WAY:** Hisp man 30 seeking fem TV or she/male 18-25 slim petite into garters poss long term rel. #39930

Milwaukee **THE BEAR FACTS:** Brian 23 enjoy French A/P int in meeting older men >36 heavy set hairy, the bigger the better. #42632

Madison **DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN:** James bi/wm Madison area looking for older mature indiv 40-60 #42653

Milwaukee **CREATIVE PLAYTHINGS:** Gdlkg 35 6'2 - looking for hot intell hunks who like to be creative. #42850

Milwaukee **INFORMAL ATTIRE:** Don 30 bi/wm open minded, versatile seeking other guys into casual times - #42896

Kenosha **HEY HEY HEY TIRED OF THE BARS?** being alone and all the games and bs? looking for passion? int in a cuddly buddy pal 34 furry gwm teddy bear husky must beard brn/blue romantic, seeks brotherly buddy or pal any race under 35. #42957

Madison **GOLLY GEE, MR. WIZARD!** 26 Marco looking to meet a man around my age to experiment- not into scene for awhile up for anything - call me. #42973

Milwaukee **LOOKING FOR A TV GUIDE:** 27 virgin looking for a cross dresser to show me the ropes and the scene #43003

Milwaukee **GREEN HORN:** Inexperienced college student, 5'9", looking for someone 18-24 yrs. old to have fun with. #33020

Appleton **BI THE WAY:** 25 yr. old, 5'11", Bln/Blu, bi male looking for guys in the area, 20-26 yrs. old, into outdoors and dancing. #33040

Milwaukee **PASSION:** Truthful male, 33, 6', looking for some passionate men to enjoy life with and who want to have good times together. #33083

Milwaukee **SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY:** 5'8", slim, looking for friends in the area to show me around a little. I am new here from Texas. #33118

Madison **PARTY ON DUDE:** Fun guy, college student, 20 yrs. old, into sports, working out, and partying, looking for someone who wants to have nothing but fun. #33703

Eau Claire **PULL OVER:** Police officer, 36, 6', seeking young 18-32 yr. old TP's. You must be very discreet. #33752

Milwaukee **LIMITED PARTNERSHIP:** 32 yr. old, 5'10", 150, Bln/Brn, professional looking seeks others in the area for a relationship. #33794

Appleton **HEY, CLARK KENT:** 26 yr. old, nice build, 5'7" looking for that super hero look alike, 25-35 yrs. old, to sweep me off my feet. #33960

Jefferson **DOUBLE AXEL:** 6'1", Blk/Brn, 200, self employed, into ice skating, taking walks, and being with someone who I really want to be with. You are kind, caring, honest, and sincere. #34044

Racine **GLEN AND GLENDA:** Randy, 5'10", 29 yrs. old, masc, looking for a TV, pre-op who likes to go out and have a good time. #34127

La Crosse **HOLE IN ONE:** GWM 31 non smoker 6' smooth seeking companion of any race for summer fun enjoy golf, bowling, shopping, movies and the quality time two men can share at home. #33942

Madison **SAME TIME NEXT WEEK?:** Rick 38 bi wml gdlk hair trim beard looking for guys to get together on reg or occasional basis looking for gdlkg masc to mid 40's also. #34300

WI **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED:** Uncle Chuck gdlk 6'2 241 brn/blu looking for non white Tps to satisfy well built tall and hairy a +. give me a try! #34315

Kenosha **BEARDED BEAR:** Rob i'm eager versatile Polish- Italian furry husky cuddly teddy bear interested in meeting new friends of any race. 42, HIV- beard, mustache 235lbs hairy brn/blue. #34388

WI **CAN I BORROW YOUR RED DRESS?:** Steve, GWM, discreet, CD into being with CD'ers. You are good looking. #11250

Milwaukee **PICKIN' AND A GRINNIN':** 43 yr. old GM, into sports and bluegrass music, looking for a relationship with someone in the area. #24086

WI **ISN'T IT ROMANTIC:** 30 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Brn, hairy, seeks an honest and sincere good looking guy. I am very romantic and am out of the bar scene. #26321

Madison **LONESOME DOVE:** Lonesome bi white male, 6', stach, into the country, looking for other cowboys for friendship or more. #26830

Oshkosh **AVAILABLE:** Mature, stable, honest GWM, 35 yr. old, seeks guys with similar interests. #29027

La Crosse **LOADED AND READY TO FIRE:** 27 yr. old, 5'11", Brn/Brn, into hunting and fishing looking for masc guys 18-27 yrs. old who enjoy similar hobbies. #26338

Eau Claire **SLIPPERY WHEN WET:** Bob, looking for a guy 40-60 yrs. old who likes to have a good time. #32062

Bayfield **ALL NIGHT DRIVE IN:** 6', 38 yrs. old, into traveling and restaurants and more, relatively new to the scene. #32418

Milwaukee **NOT JUST GOOD LOOKING...:** 27 yr. old male, very good looking, looking for a very handsome man to spend quality time with. #32446

WI **WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT:** 21 yr. old looking for some one who is around my age who is into boating traveling and more. I am 5'11", Brn/Brn, toned. #32501

St. Louis **I LOOK MARVELOUS:** Nick, 50 yr. old who is a fantastic guy looking for a younger guy. I am financially fit. Long hair a big plus. #32550

WI **ZIP ME UP, ZIP ME DOWN:** Steve, GWM, looking for a CD who is handsome and good looking. Come on over for some good times. #11250

Madison **OUT FOR A GOOD TIME:** Tom, 5'10", good looking, athletic, looking for someone to have some fun with. #32656

Milwaukee **ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?:** 27 yr. old, 5'10", clean shaven, into reading and writing and creative, looking for someone to indulge in my interests or who can show me something new. #32690

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Green Bay **PUMPING UP:** 5'10", into working out, looking for someone 28-35 yrs. old. call and leave me a message. #32895

WI **NEW PASSAGES:** Matthew, 18, 6'3", muscular seeks a TP who can show me a good time on this my first experience. #31417

Milwaukee **NEW TO THE AREA:** Single GWM looking for someone to show me good times and my way around the area. I love the outdoors in general. #31497

WI **TALKIN' 'BOUT TALKIN':** 28 yr. old, 6'4", CDer into talking with people who know what they want to talk about. #31559

Marshfield **SLIM INTERESTS:** 26 yr. old GWM, 6', non drinker, seeks slim guys 21-29 yrs. old for friendship. I like walks and movies and you should too. #27563

Green Bay **TAKE IT LIKE A MAN:** Gary, looking for 18-25 yr. olds who are very honest and kind. Bln/Blu guys a big plus. #31662

Milwaukee **A FINE HOW DO YOU DO IT:** Bi white male, 28, 6', Brn/Brn, new to this, looking for a body builder, 25-40 yrs. old. Hope to hear from you. #31620

Green Bay **IN AND OUT...OUT AND IN:** Looking for an athletic guy, 21-30 yrs. old, who is active both indoors and outdoors. I am 6'1", in good shape and healthy. #31777

Green Bay **HEAD HUNTING:** Bi white male, 5'11", 25, Blk/Blu, seeks other males 18-35 yrs. old for fun times. #31747

Eau Claire **HAND ON THE CONTROLS:** Looking for a man 40-60 yrs. old who likes to take control. I like hiking, camping, and the movies. #31856

Green Bay **THIS IS THE HARD PART:** 5'10", work out and enjoy dining out looking for someone who is sincere, honest, 25-35 yrs. old. #31859

Milwaukee **/I\ + (#)= FUN:** 18 yr. old, 6'3", GM looking for someone 18-35 yrs. old, attractive Hispanic or white honest and sincere for a relationship. #31914

WI **STOCKS AND BONDAGE:** 51 yr. old, 5'10", sub, into being stripped naked and strip searched. I've been very bad. #31931

Green Bay **RICK IS READY:** 20, 5'8", looking for any one in the area who is looking for a good time. You are 18-25 yrs. old. #32024

Milwaukee **HANDLE WITH GLEE:** Looking for a single black male 25-32 yrs. old for a friendship and possible relationship. No head games. #32084

Madison **HUNK HUNT:** GWM, 28, 5'10", looking for other men in the area 24-32 yrs. old who are attractive and level headed. #32260

Madison **GOING THE DISTANCE:** College student, 21, 5'6", seeks a well built white runner for companionship. #32308

Milwaukee **JUST THE THREE OF US:** Couple looking for a third person for fun friendship and so forth. You name it, we are probably interested in doing it. #10639

Milwaukee **JUST GETTING STARTED:** 18 yr. old, 6'3", musc, looking for someone in the area. I am new to this. Looking for white or Hispanic males, 18-35 yrs. old. #10763

Wausau **SOCIAL ANIMAL:** 19 yr. old, 5'8", GM into just talking and socializing looking for friendship and possibly more later. #13075

Appleton **CLOTHES ON/CLOTHES OFF:** Dress for you. Bi white male, CD looking for people who enjoy sexy clothes. I am into just about anything. #14774

Milwaukee **SAVE ME:** Throw out the rope and rescue me. I'm looking for an experienced GWM to help this inexperienced man. #29761

Milwaukee **NEW ON THE MARKET:** GWM, 23 yrs. old, recently out, seeking GWM of similar age for friendship and more. #29896

WI **CAN BOBBY SLEEP OVER?:** 18 yr. old GHM. I live at home and am looking for versatile men to share in good times. #30037

Milwaukee **HE'LL UNDERSTAND:** 38 yr. old wants to meet other guys 38 and under. I have a relationship but want to meet friends. #30036

Milwaukee **GRAB IT:** GBM, 25, interested in having a discreet relationship with someone interesting and fun. #30588

Milwaukee **FEED ME:** Student into being fed cheese cake looking for someone honest and sweet natured to spend some quality time with. #30646

Madison **LEATHER CUB:** 6', seeking leather daddy. You are someone I can trust, respect and learn from. Hairy a plus. #30763

Eau Claire **DON'T LET ME BE:** 5'9", GWM seeks someone 21-40 yrs. old with any kind of hair color. I'm kind of lonely. #30862

WI **JUST GOTTA DO IT:** 20 yr. old, bi male, mature for my age, looking for TV's, TS's, CD's to explore my bi-ness. #30873

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

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

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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**

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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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael, 5'7, GBM, top, looking for a goodtime, let's talk. **Box# 6117**

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**

GM, 21, 5'9, 140, grn eyes, brn hair, party size, ISO built, masculine guys around same age. (Call Thru) **Box# 2503**

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**

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

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

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

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

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

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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**

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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, feds 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bill, HIV+, bottom, 5'9, 220, butch bear, ISO a tough man who's interested in falling in love. (Call Thru) **Box# 8774**

John, 5'9, red hair, blue eyes, good shape, bottom, college jock, ISO well-built, top, 30+, well-hung. **Box# 6513**

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

Sebastian, 18, have body piercing, ISO dominate, handsome, intellectual male, 18-21, respectable, having body piercings and tattoos in exotic places is a big plus. (Call Thru) **Box# 1705**

Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. **Box# 7381**

GWM, Garrett, 27, ISO young, GWM. (Call Thru) **Box# 3295**

Chip, 41, 6', 220, blonde hair, brown eyes, clean-shaven, versatile, football player build, likes mild to wild things. (Call Thru) **Box# 1186**

Jack, 36, ISO M, same age, open-minded, friendship, poss. rel. (Call Thru) **Box# 3143**

Shawn, 19, BM, fun-loving, ISO dominant, masculine, muscular, intimate tops. (Call Thru) **Box# 7280**

Peter, ISO bottoms for good times. I'm very sexy and sensual (Call Thru) **Box# 2347**

Mike, 28, 5'11, 200, handsome, ISO handsome man for fun. **Box# 4679**

Spanish guy, 148, ISO males 20 +. **Box# 6226**

Chris, bi-BM, very straight-looking/acting, enjoys skiing, movies, travel. ISO someone with similar interests who is straight-acting and looking as well. **Box# 1778**

GWM, bottom, 53, 250, masculine, clean, discreet, ISO top guy, beard and mustache a plus, attr., 35-50, any race, no bums/feds/alcoholics. Bi's welcome also. (Call Thru) **Box# 6450**

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Scott, 21, 6'3, 165, light brn. hr., longer in the back, blue eyes, ISO SWM, 18-25, for friendship, poss. long-term rel. To me life is too short. (Call Thru) **Box# 3339**

Kevin, 27, 5'9 1/2, 163, well-built, dark brn. hair, green eyes, likes sports, good times. ISO M with same interests. (Call Thru) **Box# 3501**

Joe, 35, GWM, ISO hot action. Guaranteed you will not be disappointed. **Box# 5666**

Tom, 33, GWM, 5'6, versatile bottom, ISO young, hung, versatile tops, especially boyish guys. I have a need I want you to fill. (Call Thru) **Box# 5881**

Jim, 28, WM, 6'2, I'm outgoing, very personable, like music, movies, socializing, ISO BM, for one-on-one relationship, large gatherings possible also. **Box# 3733**

Paul, 27, bottom, very lonely, masculine GWM. ISO masculine GWM, 27-48, 6' +, mustache a plus, top, for friends and a monogamous relationship. **Box# 2867**

WM, 28, enjoys the company of black males. I have great communicating oral skills. Remember, I won't be able to talk with my mouth full. **Box# 6656**

Frank, GWM, ISO romantic fun guy, 18-25, to enjoy dinners, movies, etc. (Call Thru) **Box# 1142**

Mike, 5'7, 135, muscular, well-built, ISO male to have fun with. **Box# 8815**

GWM, 21, 6', 140, good-looking, ISO GBM, 20-30 for friendship and relationship. **Box# 2429**

Interview with Scott O'Hara, Gay Porn Star, Author, Poet, and Publisher of 'Steam'

Scott O'Hara began his sex-career as a towelboy at the CBC in San Francisco in 1981. Two years later, he made his Gay porn debut in *California Blue*. This was shortly after winning the title of "Biggest Dick in San Francisco." Over the next five years, he toured the country, dancing in Gay bars and clubs, and had time to appear in 25 more Gay porn flicks, notably *Below the Belt* and *Oversize Load*. He's also had his poetry published in the *James White Review* and fiction in *Advocate Men*.

In 1988, he retired to a farm in Wisconsin to write and garden full-time.

In 1992, he started *Steam* magazine, with long-time friend Keith Griffith, as a response to a growing sense of sex-negativity in the world at large and the Gay publishing world in particular. *Steam* has been acclaimed as the most innovative periodical since *Playboy*.

Wisconsin Light: What brought you to Wisconsin?

Scott O'Hara: I came to Wisconsin for the very first time five years ago. I grew up in Oregon and happened on Wisconsin quite by chance and fell in love with it here. It has four seasons which is something I love.

WL: What got you into publishing "Steam?"

SO: It was all by accident, really. I came here to write, mostly fiction. That was my intention. Then a friend suggested that since I traveled so much and went to so many different bathhouses and other places like that, I should write about that in journal form, in review form, and that's what it started out as: a review of bathhouses.

It's broadened somewhat since then. It's not just about bathhouses. It's about all sorts of things now. There's quite a number of new bathhouses opening now, in Canada, one new one that's supposed to open this Spring in San Francisco. I've been told there's going to be a new one in Buffalo.

WL: You may as well put one in Pittsburgh. (Said very cynically)

SO: Pittsburgh needs one. They've got one now. It's still there, but it's pretty bad. (Pauses) I shouldn't say that. It's unique, and I did have a very good time there. I wouldn't want to discourage people visiting Pittsburgh from stopping in. They might make it better.

WL: 'Steam' is packed with information from all over the country—and the world. How do you do it?

SO: We have lots of correspondents. I rely entirely on them. I edit them and send the re-

sults to San Francisco where it's printed.

WL: You've done work in films. What was it like working with these men who so many of us see?

SO: I certainly enjoyed all of it because I have a sense of humor. Believe me, it's not the

It is amazing to me how many terrible [stroke] books there are. Just awful. But every now and then I will come across one that is fabulously well-written.

just wish that there was a way to convince more good writers that porn is a legitimate subject for them, an art form. It's no different from any other type of writing, in my opinion. It gives pleasure in a different way, but it has the same value as the "great American novel." At least it should. So, I'm trying to encourage people to respect it.

WL: How would you define good porn—if you can put a definition to it?

SO: It varies so widely, depending on the individual, but the result is what counts; if it turns people on, then it is good porn.

WL: In what way do you see "Steam" as being different from other Gay magazines?

SO: The problem with the other Gay magazines, *Advocate*, 10%, *Genre*, is that they think that they need to sanitize the subject, essentially for their advertisers. We have to be "nice" Gay people, not have sex anymore, if we're going to get Apple and Coke and whoever to advertise in our magazines. Maybe they're right, but Thank you, I'd rather have a sex life than have Apple advertise in *Steam*.

Yes, those magazines have been successful so I can't really knock their decision to do that, but it's not the choice I would make.

WL: When does it start? How is any particular issue put together?

SO: Well, for the last year, I've had a back log of articles in my drawer. For each issue I will pick out things that are topical, that I have space for, whatever. I probably have close to half the magazine already in the file when the previous issue comes out.

I get articles sent into me from writers all over the world. I do all the typing and editing and send the disk to our layout person. She spends a week laying it out and then it goes to the printer. That last month is hellish—as you well know.

WL: Is the magazine international in scope?

SO: Oh yes. We have a regular European columnist as well as a number of regular correspondents from around the world, Hong



Jerry Johnson

Scott O'Hara

Kong, Australia, places like that. In the coming issue, we hope to focus on the United Kingdom.

WL: Is "Steam" going to get bigger?

SO: My partner says no and he handles the money. When it reached 120 pages, as it is now, he laid down the law and said "No more." It will not get any bigger. We can't afford it.

One solution to that is to start another one, which we're going to do. We're not sure what it will be called yet, but it will be full-size, a glossie, full color. It will be a magazine for the complete Gay male. That is, it will feature literature, erotica, photos, journalism. It will talk a lot about sex, but also about cooking, same as watching it. Though watching myself on film is certainly enjoyable.

I have problems with the criteria used to select performers in porn films. I don't think it's appropriate. I think people should perform in films if they enjoy it. That should be the primary criterion and most of the men I worked with were just doing it for the money. I don't think that creates a very good film, a good chemistry.

I'm one of the very few people I know who really did enjoy it and talks so much about how he enjoyed it. I like the process—I like acting. I like being on stage. A porn flick was acting and it gives pleasure to a lot of me and that pleases me.

WL: How did you get in to porn movies?

SO: It was entirely for fun. When I first moved to San Francisco in 1983, I went to a club called Savages. They had live jack-off shows on stage and I was all agog. I thought it was just the best thing since sliced bread. And I got up on stage and did my own show, spontaneously. They hired me.

The manager wanted to do his own porn flick. He'd said, "Oh, look at the product out there. Anyone can do better than that." Which is right. So we did one and had a marvelous time doing it and I went on from there, other companies, other films.

All of it seemed perfectly natural, fun and it never occurred to me that there was anything wrong with it.

WL: Do you have a particular favorite porn star who you worked with?

SO: Well, I had a long-standing love affair with Tony Bravo. He is high on my list of all-time favorites. Unfortunately, he's dead now.

There were several others who I enjoyed quite a bit.

WL: How do you select the various cities that you profile in your magazine?

SO: (Laughter) You give us entirely too much credit for planning. It's almost based entirely based on what we get in correspondence. Normally, I just rely on writers to suggest article based on where they've been, where they lived.

WL: How do you select your writers?

SO: I've always known a lot of writers. I used to be a great letter writer, but I don't do that much any more since starting the magazine. But I had quite a number of casual corre-

spondents who wrote good letters. I asked most of them to start writing for us. Two of them did and they're two of our best writers, I think. Up to that point, they hadn't considered themselves writers.

That was my other criterion. In addition to promoting sex, I wanted to promote literacy. I think the two things go together. Most people don't connect them. Sex and literacy are the two things I admire most in people—sexual freedom and literacy, so I combine the two.

Currently, we're running a contest for written porn because written porn is one of my interests. I wanted to do something that would increase the quality of written porn.

political figures, arts and entertainment and other things of that kind.

We don't see our competition as the *Advocate* and *Genre*, but rather *Vanity Fair* and *Playboy*.

WL: Do you find rural Wisconsin conducive to your "muse?"

SO: Maybe I could have done some of this in San Francisco, but I do think Wisconsin is the ideal environment for being as creative as I can be. All the parts of my life, my garden, the work I do with the magazine, my partner, are vital and wonderful. I would be hard pressed to say which one gives me more pleasure.

WL: You are a happy man, one of the few I've met.

SO: I'm not sure I'm thoroughly happy yet. Everytime I've thought that, I've managed to improve my life somehow. I suspect it will continue to improve.

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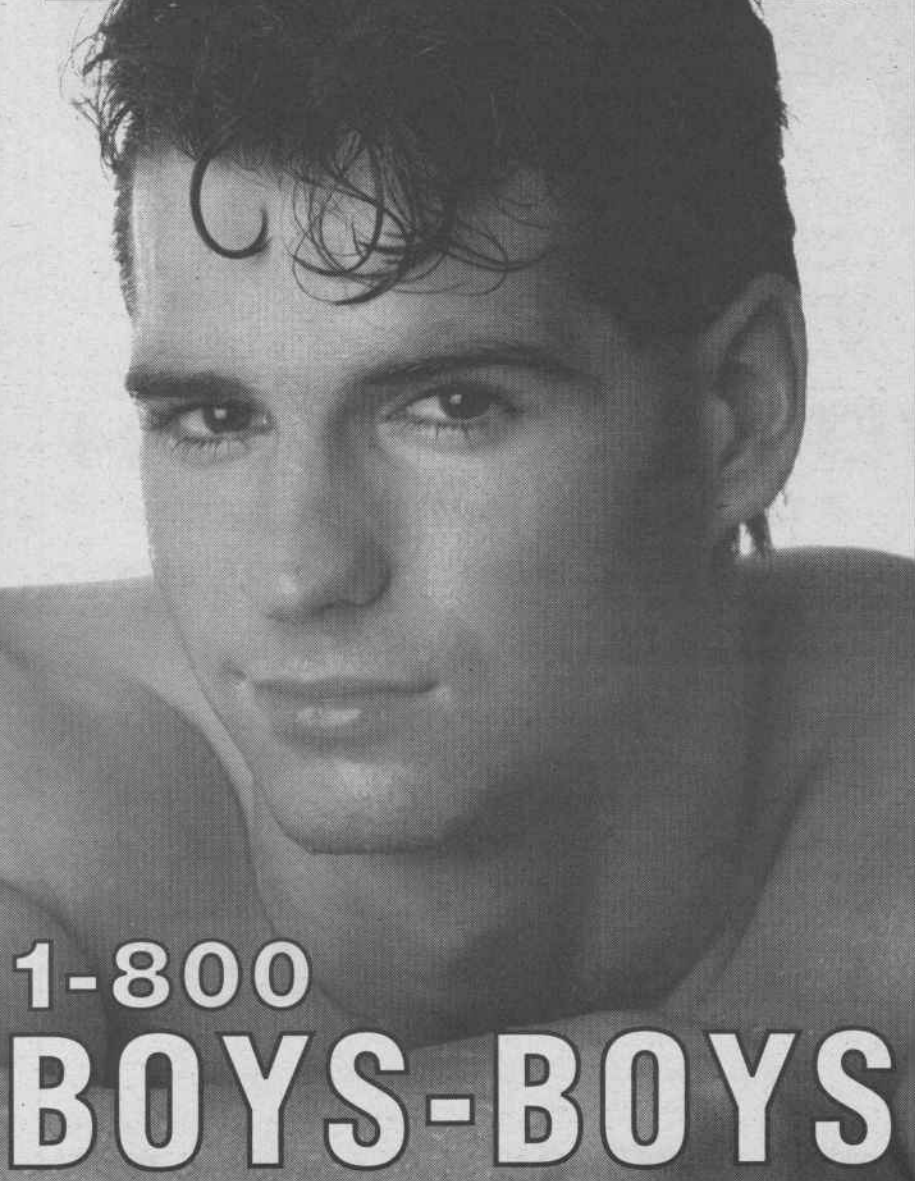
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(Milwaukee)- You've probably been deluged with calls from phone service companies, but there's a new one out there that deserves a close look. It's Triangular Communications of Morganville, New Jersey, a Lesbian-owned telecommunications company offering low-rate phone services that undercut the prices of AT&T, MCI and Sprint (even with all their "Savings Plans combined").

Anyone with a business or personal phone bill of at least \$20 or more, says Mechele Bashover, can reduce their bill anywhere from 15% to 40%. For instance, savings on a typical business phone bill of \$275 per month totals \$1,386 a year.

Triangular Communications provides long distance service at 14.5 cents per minute (the big three average 23 cents per minute). 800 service through Triangular is 14.5 cents per minute, compared with the 25 cents per minute that MCI charges.

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Searching for Benjamin, the Half-Brother I've Never Met

By Andrew C.M. Coile

My family kept many secrets. The first big family secret that I became aware of was that I am Gay. I figured this out when I was 13, and I told no one. I didn't do anything about it until I was 21.

The next big family secret was that my father had been (gasp!) married once before he met my mother. I learned this in high school. To my surprise, I had three adult half-brothers who I had never met.

The last big family secret was that the youngest of my half-brothers disappeared when he was 18, and has never been seen again. For the next 15 years, the mysterious disappearance of Benjamin Paul Coile was never, ever discussed.

We are all adults now, and I have met two of my half-siblings. Periodically, my lover and I get together with my full brother Jonathan and his wife, and my half-brother Chris and his wife.

On a fishing trip on the Chesapeake Bay a couple of years ago, Jonathan shocked me by asking Chris, "What do you think ever happened to Ben?" I just about fell out of my chair when Chris replied, "You know, I always thought that Ben was Gay." It was a chilling thought, but not for the reason you might think.

You see, my father is a retired Air Force colonel. When I was growing up, known Gay people were literally not allowed in the house.

When I came out to my parents in 1984, my father's exact words were, "Well, this is good-bye, forever." I was stunned that having lost one son, he would chose to discard another, simply because I had finally acknowledged who I really am.

It cause me to wonder if, rather than deal with my fathers (probably much more extreme) reaction to being Gay, Ben simply chose to disappear. Around June 18, 1966, Ben told his mother that he was going to catch a bus to Rehoboth or Bethany with some friends for a weekend at the beach. He was never heard from again.

Missing persons reports were filed, and the FBI even searched for Ben because he didn't answer the draft notice that he never received. After 28 years, the trail is a bit cold, but I have been able to ascertain that the Social Security Administration does not have him listed as dead, but the last wage and earnings reported were in 1966.

There are no "John Does" matching his description in Delaware during that period.

There would appear to be three possibilities: One, Ben is dead. If he was young, Gay and naive, who knows what could have happened.

The second possibility is that he left the country. We've been doing our damndest to pursue whatever investigations we can in Canada, but have no leads so far.

Third, he could have planned to disappear. He got a new social security number--a new identity. If so, he did a masterful job.

While it was rocky coming out to my parents, I survived. I got "hate mail from home" for a few years, but eventually my parents calmed down. Now, they have done a complete 180 degree turn from their previous position. They treat my lover exactly the same as the treat the spouses of my brother and sister, and my mother now verbally beats up politicians who go Gay-bashing or Gay-baiting their opponents.

Benjamin Paul Coile, it's safe to come home now. Every member of the family has made some effort to locate you at one time or another. If you're out there, the Gay half-

brother you didn't know you had invites you to make contact. Of if anyone else knows you, or (God forbid) knew you, please drop us a line.

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AIDS Walk Update

(Milwaukee)- In an update to our story on the AIDS Walk Wisconsin, Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has announce that as of press time, more than 7,000 people have pre-registered for the Walk.

The AIDS Walk Wisconsin will be held on Sunday, September 18.

Nelson said that people may still register by calling MAP at (414) 273-1991 or at the Walk Breakfast or at the SummerFest Grounds where the Walk will begin.

The breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the Italian Community Center.

Frontiers Events for October

Oct. 1-- Hike Devil's Lake Bluffs and enjoy the Autumn colors; Potluck picnic followed by pontoon plane ride over Lake Wisconsin, Devil's Lake and Baraboo. Leave Dave's at 11:00 a.m., 4701 Judy Lane. (608) 241-2500

Oct. 7--Friday dining out, 6:30 p.m., Delaney's Charcoal Steaks, 449 Grand Canyon Dr. (608) 241-500.

Oct. 8-- Canoeing on the Kickapoo River; car pool from Dave's at 10:00 a.m., 4701 Judy Lane; will be using Mr. Duck's Rental in Ontario; (608) 241-2500.

Oct. 14--Friday dining out; Little Village, 221 King Street, 6:00 p.m. (608) 241-2500

Oct. 15--Roast "Pig, Corn and Polititians," 5:00 p.m., 4701 Judy Lane, (608) 241-2500.

Oct. 21--Friday dining out; Cambridge Country Inn & Pub, 206 Main Street, Cambridge, 6:30 p.m., (608) 241-2500.

Oct. 22--Potluck and discussion on the Islamic view of Heaven with Cute Boy Angels, 6:30 p.m., 6422 Putnam Rd., (608) 274-8553.

Oct. 23--Biking around Lake Monnona; meet at Michael's at noon, (608) 241-2500.

Oct. 28-- Hallowe'en at the Zoo; meet at the Monkey House-H. Vilas Zoo at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at "I'm Here" on Park Street.

Oct. 29-- Potluck; Ming will prepare a base soup so bring something to add to the soup as well as something to pass; afterwards, a viewing of the full video of the Lesbian Conferences; 6:30 p.m., 725 Gannon, (608) 244-8675.

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