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The Wisconsin Light

Medical College's Dr. Jeffrey Kelly Gets \$2.6 Million Grant for AIDS Prevention

Milwaukee—Jeffrey Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and director of the Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin has been awarded a four-year, \$2,609,318 grant by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIH). The grant will be used to study ways to transfer successful AIDS prevention approaches from the research arena to field staff of community-based AIDS prevention organizations in 75 cities nationwide.

The intent of the project is to assist these organizations in adopting more effective HIV prevention approaches, and therefore benefiting more directly from findings of CAIR's HIV prevention research.

CAIR is the only center of its kind between New York and California and one of only three federally-designated centers in the U.S. for AIDS prevention research.

CAIR's research programs have shown that it is possible to assist individuals, groups and communities reduce HIV/AIDS risk behavior and thereby reduce HIV/AIDS-vulnerable populations, including inner city men, women, the chronically mentally ill, Lesbians, Gay men and homeless women and children.

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JEFFREY A. KELLY, Ph.D.

effectiveness and cost-utility of HIV/AIDS prevention interventions.

A nationally recognized expert in cost-effectiveness, Dr. Holtgrave's objective will be to identify how many HIV infections are averted by AIDS prevention interventions and what types of AIDS prevention approaches provide the greatest benefit in relation to their cost.

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Racine Becomes Second Wisconsin City to Have Needle Exchange Program

Milwaukee—Racine has become the second city in the state of Wisconsin where a clean needle exchange program is operating to help stop the spread of AIDS.

The program, called Lifepoint Racine, is operated by the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP). It offers to exchange clean needles for used needles at two locations within the Racine city limits. The two exchange sites are staffed on Wednesdays and Fridays for a total of eight hours each week.

"Our sole purpose is to save lives," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), the statewide AIDS agency with which SEWAP and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) are affiliated. "This is an aggressive strategy that can and will control the spread of AIDS cases among drug users, their sexual partners and infant children. We expect Lifepoint Racine will save hundreds of lives of men, women and children over the next several years."

MAP has operated a highly successful needle exchange program within the city of Milwaukee for more than 18 months—the first and only other needle exchange program in Wisconsin. Since its inception, nearly 2,000 of the estimated 5,000 active drug users in Milwau-

Victory In Maine



Wickedly Funny—Director Daisy von Scherler Mayer has spun the coming-of-age tale of a sexy, ultra-hip young New York woman, Mary (Parker Posey-center), who is destined to take the city by storm if she can just get her life together. Leo (Guillermo Diaz)(l) and Derrick (Anthony DeSando)-r-help Mary celebrate her 24th birthday in the comedy *Party Girl*. The film opens November 10th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

The 'Ex-Gay' Ministries and Lesbians and Gay Men Who Have Survived Them

Part One of a
Three Part Series

By Darren J. Roberts

With bigotry the nails in political platforms, Republican presidential candidates from Bob Dornan to Phil Gramm to Bob Dole, try to out-God each other in today's hostile political climate, playing the theocratic game of who is more conservative and who is holier than thou in an attempt to woo the much sought after support of conservative religious organization such as Focus on the Family, the Traditional Values Coalition, and the Christian Coalition.

Calling the separation of church and state in the U.S. Constitution a "myth of the left," these organizations seek to reinvent "The Land of the Free" in their own image of "God's Country"—a decidedly unAmerican theocracy where religion becomes a litmus test for patriotism, just as the McCarthy era infused "The Pledge of Allegiance" with the term "one nation under God" to weed out perceived Communists. The Religious Right would like to see Gays, Democrats, Buddhists, the poor, African-Americans, the working class, and everyone else not like them to please close the door on your way out of America.

With this sweeping political and religious Fundamentalism comes a new wave of anti-Gay rhetoric which threatens to become law, espoused from the Floor of Congress, the pul-

pit, and radio and TV. Anti-Gay initiatives, military policies, rising hate crimes statistics, anti-AIDS policies, and proudly declared disgust are symptoms of the greater hatred and misunderstanding of homosexuals—as child molesters, perverts and predators—that anti-Gay zealots relish and spread feverishly.

The ex-Gay ministry is one such symptom, little talked about in the past few years, but sure to rear its controversial head as Ultra-Conservatives in Congress and elsewhere attempt to change how Gays and Lesbians are presented and treated by society at large, deciding which of America's freedoms certain Americans (read Gay) will be allowed to enjoy.

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Following Gay Community Forums, MAP Takes Immediate Action

Client Advocate Position Created and Filled

Milwaukee—In a surprise announcement following the Gay and Lesbian community Forums hosted by the Milwaukee AIDS Project on November 1st and 2nd, the AIDS service agency announced on November 8th that it has created a full-time Client Advocate position to help resolve client problems and assure quick access to MAP services.

Having created the Client Advocate position, MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson immediately appointed Jerry Lishawa to fill it while a formal search is undertaken.

Lishawa is an openly Gay man living with HIV and a client with MAP for over four years. Hence he is very familiar with the workings of the agency.

Nelson said that Lishawa will have complete and total access to and be accountable to the executive staff at MAP. This will give him the power to find solutions to problems with dispatch.

"We have taken immediate action to solve client problems and concerns," Nelson said. "MAP provides a huge array of client services and it's clear from the Gay and Lesbian forums are having difficulty accessing them."

"That's unacceptable," Nelson said firmly. "The Client Advocate will break down the

"I am on your side and I believe in MAP. I am determined to help clients get the services they deserve."

Jerry Lishawa, MAP Client Advocate.

barriers, cut through the red tape, and get quick action on client complaints."

Nelson was asked what he meant by "quick action?"

He answered, saying, "We will take action and get resolution within 24 hours."

Beginning November 9th, the Client Advo-

Maine Voters Reject Far Right's Anti-Gay Measure 1 Amendment as Discriminatory

Portland, Maine—Voters in Maine on Tuesday, November 7th, rejected a discriminatory ballot measure, known as Measure 1, by a 52% to 48.8% vote. The defeated measure would have "forever" denied basic human rights to Gay and Lesbian citizens of the state.

Measure 1, the only anti-Gay measure on a state ballot this year, was the first such initiative to appear on a state ballot east of the Rocky Mountains. Last year, voters in Idaho and Oregon rejected anti-Gay measures pushed, as in Maine, but the forces of the Religious Right.

As reported earlier in *Light*, tens of thousands of dollars had been poured into Maine by various Right Wing and Religious groups from around the country.

According to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Measure 1 reflected a new strategy in terms of its wording. Taking a cue from the legal problems encountered by Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, the Maine measure did not specify "homosexuals" and was not a constitutional amendment.

Instead, it was designed to create a short list of who is included in civil rights laws and who is not, who is protected against discrimination and, by omission, who is vulnerable.

Those left off the list included Gays and Lesbians, low income people, whistle blowers, workmen's compensation claimants, hunters, veterans, those seeking public assistance and many others.

As *Light* learned from Winnie Weir, Publishing Editor of the *Community Pride Reporter*, the statewide Lesbian and Gay newspaper, election day itself was "terrible."

Despite laws against such tactics, Right Wing zealots, Weir said, were taking pictures with a video cam at the polling places, presumably to frighten pro-civil rights voters

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cate can be reached by calling (414) 225-1595. Lishawa will answer all calls.

Nelson emphasized that case managers will remain as the clients' primary point of access to MAP.

"They are the professionals who know the systems and can get things done," he said.



"But if there's a problem getting through to case management, or housing, or legal services, or health services, or any other program, the Client Advocate is the person to call who will assure that action is taken."

Lishawa has been Special Events Manager with MAP for two years and is a former Brewers Hill resident, hence familiar with the city.

"As an AIDS caretaker and a person with HIV," Lishawa said, "I understand the frustrations and fears of the disease. I look forward to doing whatever I can to help people get the services that they need."

Lishawa added that his message for clients is that "I am on your side and I believe in MAP. I am determined to help clients get the services they deserve."

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Interview With Rosemary Potter, Candidate for State Senate in 7th District

State Assemblywoman Rosemary Potter is running for the 7th District State Senate seat vacated by the death of John Plewa.

Potter is Milwaukee born and bred. She is a graduate of Bay View High and UW-Milwaukee. She has taught at Alverno College and Milwaukee Technical College. She has served as a Congressional Aide, and was district coordinator of Combined Health Appeal of Wisconsin.

The race in the 7th District is crucial because it will determine whether there is a pro or anti-Choice majority in the Senate.

Potter, a tremendously vibrant person, came recently to the offices of Wisconsin Light to be interviewed.



ROSEMARY POTTER

Wisconsin Light: Would you as a State Senator support State Representative Tammy Baldwin if she introduces a bill to provide for domestic partnership?

Rosemary Potter: Yes. I would certainly support Rep. Baldwin's bill and I've told her that. I would certainly be a leader on it in the Senate. In my own experience family is defined as the individual wants to define it; that I want to promote a broad definition of family. I think that the domestic partnership bill does that.

WL: What is your position on Choice?

RP: I'm pro-Choice. That's one of the key differences between me and my opponent in this election. That's a significant difference right now because the Senate right now is split, 16 pro-Choice and 16 anti-Choice. So, whoever wins this Senate race will turn the tide and create a pro-Choice majority or an anti-Choice majority.

I also want to say that this is an important Senate race not only because of the 16-16 split, but because the Assembly just overwhelmingly passed a horrible bill—the 24 hour waiting period bill—and if it gets over to the Senate and I'm there, I can help kill that bill.

You know, this is just the tip of the iceberg for those kinds of bills and that way of thinking. So, this is just one of many abortion bills that will be leaving the Assembly and we can stop them in the Senate.

I believe that the majority of people in the 7th Senate District, even though they wouldn't call themselves pro-Choice, they want abortion to remain a legal option. Therefore, I think that I

reflect the majority's views.

WL: What is your position on school choice?

RP: I have consistently voted against private school choice, tax money going to religious schools. I am for public school choice.

Right now, money taken away from the public schools and given to private schools, I don't think that'll solve the problems of the Milwaukee Public Schools. If they go down, I think it will have a devastating impact on Milwaukee.

I understand the concerns of parents who want to send their kids to private schools. I understand that people want to stay in the city and send their kids to private schools.

But I think we can improve public schools. I think there are four areas we can improve them:

1. We must increase security in the schools. We can hire more security guards.
2. We can give teachers more flexibility so that they can handle the discipline problems that they cannot handle now.
3. We can work with teachers to try and get flexible hours for parent-teacher conferences and so get the parents more involved in their children's education.
4. We, on the state level, must be more responsive to teacher's needs, ease some of their burdens, so that they can teach reading, writing and arithmetic.

WL: What do you believe about sex education and Gay/Lesbian issues in the schools?

RP: I support a broad sex education courses. I've always supported that. We need comprehensive health and sexuality education in our schools. Ideally, schools would pull parents in to teach them how to talk to their children about sex issues. That way it doesn't have to come only from the schools. The parents and the schools should be partners in this.

Education for the Whole Person

As has been done around the country, I put together a Common Ground Group of pro-Choice and Pro-Life community leaders to see, with the help of a professional mediator, if we could find some common ground.

After a year of meetings, one thing that we could agree on was the idea of sexuality in education that talked about the whole person, not just one aspect of health over another, but the whole person.

That included someone's spirituality, their way of looking at the world. I think that's the way to go. Let's talk about education for the whole person.

WL: How to you stand on gun control?

RP: I'm for reasonable gun control. I use the word "reasonable" because I do not want to take guns away from hunters and people like that. What I mean is that the city of Milwaukee and other cities should be able to enact and enforce stricter gun laws than what the state requires.

From all the polls, we know that people don't want it easy for people to buy handguns and the like.

WL: Is there anything else you would like to say to our readership?

RP: Just that I am and always have been a supporter of Gay and Lesbian issues. I have worked with the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. I have always co-sponsored bills that increase AIDS funding and I certainly support the AIDS community in their agenda. We must make sure that the budget repair bill increases the allocation for AIDS.

You can count on me.

ARCW to Celebrate 10th Anniversary With a Luncheon on World AIDS Day

Milwaukee—The eighth annual observance of World AIDS Day will be recognized on December 1, 1995. Locally, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) will commemorate its 10th year of delivering comprehensive AIDS services by holding a luncheon at the Milwaukee Hilton (formerly the Marc Plaza) featuring two nationally respected speakers.

Richard Trauger, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Investigator for the HIV Program at Immune Response Corporation, San Diego, California, will be the featured speaker. Dr. Trauger worked closely with Dr. Jonas Salk to develop the Salk vaccine and the resulting HIV specific immune-based therapy trials.

Mark Barnes, Executive Director of the Tammy Baldwin Endorses Rosemary Potter for State Senate in 7th District

Madison—Rosemary Potter deserves your vote, according to State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), during the special election on November 14th to fill the State Senate seat that was vacated by the death of John Plewa. She has been unequivocal in her support of Lesbian and Gay civil rights, according to Baldwin.

The traditionally low turnout in a special election gives your vote added importance. Do not hesitate to vote for Potter. She is the best candidate for the Lesbian and Gay community in its drive for equal rights.

also attend and will address current AIDS political and advocacy issues. AIDS Action is the only national advocacy organization dedicated solely to shaping fair and effective AIDS policy.

The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. with a reception and viewing of the multi-year photography exhibit of the history of AIDS and ARCW.

The ticket price is \$35 per person and reservations are required. If you'd like to attend, please call Patrick at ARCW at (414) 225-1510.

Vote! November 14th Election

Milwaukee—All elections are important and no election should be overlooked, but in some there is a greater stake than in others.

Such is the case with the election primary for the State Senate in the 7th District on November 14th.

The 7th District encompasses most of the East Side of Milwaukee, south of Kenwood Boulevard.

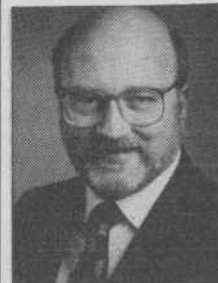
The general election is December 12.

We urge all our readers to vote.

It only takes a little bit of time, a small effort to do it.

If you live in the 7th District, mark November 14th on your calendar and vote. The rights you save will indeed be your own.

Ask the Expert about Mortgages



Rolland Nielson

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A: Unless properly managed, your home mortgage can be a financial disaster!

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Local Woman Launches Two New Business Opportunities to Benefit AIDS

Milwaukee—A local poet and craftswoman is putting her creative talents to work to benefit the clients of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). Patricia J. (Trish) Gillespie has written a book of poetry entitled heart strings and is crafting pillows for a fund raising effort called "Pillow Fight." All proceeds from the book and a portion of the proceeds from the pillows will benefit the AIDS care, prevention, research and advocacy programs of ARCW.

"I just want to do what I can to fight AIDS," said Gillespie, of Whitefish Bay. "AIDS is everyone's concern. As a mother, I am deeply aware of the threat it poses to our society and I am committed to doing my part to fight it."

Described as "a small collection of reflections," heart strings includes 24 heartfelt poems written by Gillespie over the past four years.

"This is a project that I started quite some time ago," she said. "I kept the poems under my bed and I'd pull them out every so often and show them to friends and family. Finally, after getting a lot of positive feedback, I decided that others might be interested in reading my work."

The book, which sells for \$10, is available at

all four Milwaukee area Harry W. Schwartz locations and at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue. Because Gillespie was able to secure donated materials and printing, there were no production costs associated with the book—the entire \$10 cover price will be donated to ARCW.

Donors include, Lynne M. Keckeisen at Insty-Prints, Whitefish Bay; Jeff Prochnow at Graphic Solutions, Milwaukee; and Robert and Dennis Kiley at Plastikoil, Milwaukee.

Gillespie sent copies of the book to U.S. Senator Herb Kohl and to President Clinton. Both have sent letters of appreciation in return.

Pillows

The pillows Gillespie is creating for Pillow Fight are large, colorful throw pillows made in a variety of interesting fabrics. The mother of five, Gillespie creates her pillows after her children are in bed at night.

Pillows are on display and for sale at Edens, 789 N. Jefferson in Milwaukee and at Peabody's Interiors, 200 W. Silver Spring Drive, Whitefish Bay. The furniture store will help people custom-design pillows to match their decor. Pillows are also available through ARCW. Call (414) 225-1549 for more information.

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Editorial

'Light' Endorses Rosemary Potter for the State Senate in the 7th District

Wisconsin Light proudly endorses Rosemary Potter in her run for the Wisconsin State Senate in the 7th District. We recommend her to our readers in that District without hesitation and without qualification as the candidate most qualified to take the late John Plewa's seat.

Potter is pro-Choice. Her opponent is not—even in cases of rape or incest.

Potter fought against the Rawhide Amendment which eviscerated Wisconsin's anti-discrimination statute. Her opponent was one of its sponsors.

Potter has worked with and will continue to work with State Rep. Tammy Baldwin in her fight for equal rights. Her opponent, most certainly, will not.

Potter has been a leader in the legislature to increase funding for AIDS. Her opponent has not.

In addition, Potter worked with representatives of our community to materially assist them in lobbying against the ban on Gays in the military. She has been in the progressive corner in many, many other ways as well.

Her opponent has received the blessing of the Far Right Wing. Potter has not.

For all these reasons, Light believes that Rosemary Potter is the one to vote for on November 14. We give her our highest recommendation, endorsing her without qualification.

Editorial

Applause for MAP

It took guts for the Milwaukee AIDS Project to open itself up to critique—and sit there and listen—when it hosted the two Lesbian and Gay Community Forums. It's not fun.

As you read the account of the Forums in this edition of the paper, you will see that the forums generated major expression of concern and highly charged emotional feelings. The issues raised were both big and small. It was clear that the MAP staff wanted to hear the critiques as they listened intently and charted the suggestions for all to see.

We think that MAP has made a strong beginning in addressing them by naming a Client Advocate. We think this is a good step, something that has needed to be done.

We applaud MAP for its determination to meet the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community as we struggle with this terrible disease. It is clear that MAP really does care and that the people who work there, volunteers and staffers as well are hard-working, dedicated people who will make the improvements that all of us want.

Note From the Editor

Reflections On Sex and On Volunteers

By Terry Boughner

"If you want to reach me as a young Gay man, especially a young Gay man of color, then you need to give me information in a vocabulary I can understand and relate to. I will be much more likely to hear the message if it comes from someone I can relate to."

Pedro Zamora

Being out and about on occasion, has its advantages. The scenery can be pleasant, there can be good conversation around "the flowing bowl"—and you see things, get a sense of what's going on.

For example, the other evening Jerry and I were out and who should we see but Erv from the BestD Clinic. He was going around, along with other Brady Street Clinic volunteers, making sure the bars had ample supplies of those new booklets they've got, the ones called Eros, that eroticize safer Gay male sex.

You may have seen them. They're in full color showing some of the hottest Gay male adult video stars in the industry having sex, safer sex, using condoms.

And, to my way of thinking, just as importantly, there good stories to go with the photos, smoldering stories in heated words.

These little booklets were snatched up as if each one were the only one ever to be produced—and looked at, then stuffed in pockets to be taken home.

Which is just my point.

Sex is a fact of life, a non-rational fact of life. It's all very well and good to give reasons why women and men should use devices meant to prevent the spread of disease—and we do give those reasons—over and over again. But those reasons, as valid as they are, operate on only one level.

If you've ever been a teacher, you learn quickly, real quick, that knowledge doesn't necessarily change behavior—or even thought, sometimes. But if you can attach a fact to an emotion, it can make all the difference in the world.

I am persuaded that sex proceeds, not out of reason, but out of emotion, and if you are going to change behavior surrounding it, you have to eroticize that behavior. That's what BestD has been wise enough to do.

The Clinic is attacking the disease on two fronts: the rational and the non-rational which, in my opinion, is the right thing to do.

The puritans among us may wince and say "What if the Bible-bangers should find out?" Let them find out. Since they're no more immune from AIDS than we are, perhaps what should be done is have booklets like Eros targeted at straights.

And there should be ones for women too. I understand BestD has that in the works.

Safer sex must be made attractive, seductive and sensual. A condom or a dental dam must be among the hottest items in the sexual repertoire.

In fact, I don't think it's incorrect to say that until we do eroticize safer sex, we are not go-

ing to fully accomplish the task of AIDS prevention that is crucially necessary.

The Brady Street Clinic is trying to do that. Applause, applause.

Condoms on Hallowe'en

Even if condoms become the hottest item around, they have to be available. There was Andy Bagnall, MAP's new Lesbian/Gay Outreach guy handing them out to Hallowe'en revelers in the bars around our town.

Into the bar he came like Don Quixote with Sancho Panza in tow, bright as a new penny, handing out condoms in bright orange wrappers.

I watched as people took them, some a little sheepishly, but all willingly—and more than one person went to him to ask for more.

For a long time, I've maintained that MAP needed to have this kind of high profile in the bars, the kind Andy and his volunteers are providing. When "Mr. Right" or "Ms. Right" has just been "found" (Where have you been all my life?), and the emotions are hot, prevention devices should be close at hand.

Andy needs women volunteers. How about giving him a call at MAP? (414-273-1991). The help you give could save a life.

Applause, applause.

The Thursday Night Group

There's a group of people I see every Thursday night when Jerry and I are out and about. They're volunteers at MAP, who get together to stuff envelopes, do whatever. We see them afterwards, when they stop in at a local watering hole to have a drink.

They're great people. They're friends, obviously. They have a lot of fun helping out and just being together. Why not? There's nothing like a common task to bring people together.

Most people never see them or if they do, don't realize the good they accomplish, which is my point.

The "Thursday Night Group," as I call them, from all I've seen, are typical of the hundreds and hundreds of volunteers that work at MAP.

MAP has its paid staff and they do good work. But the women and men who volunteer there, women and men who give up their time and spend their energy, all for free, all in the hope that somehow, somebody's life might be a little better because of the work they do.

When the final chapter on AIDS is written—and it will be one day—the history books, as histories do, will devote chapters to doctors and researchers, legislators and all the rest.

But histories often miss the "rest of the story." Believe me, they do. And in this case, "the rest of the story" will be in the often unseen and mostly unsung work of people like the Thursday Night Group of MAP volunteers.

These people, and all volunteers like them, are good people, incredibly decent people, hard-working against great odds. All I can do is say "Thank you." And I do.

Applause, applause.

Letters

The United and Jane Vanderbosch

TO THE EDITOR:

It has been about six months since The United Board of Directors fired, then Director, Jane Vanderbosch. Jane had been doing an exemplary job in her tenure with The United. She was intelligent, articulate and personable. A few weeks prior to her firing, she received a unanimous vote of confidence from The United's Board of Directors for her superior service. Upon the return from a short vacation, Jane was summoned into The United office, and for no stated reason, was asked to resign or be fired.

While the current United Board of Directors has done everything to "hush up" and hope their action will go unnoticed in the community, there has been some fallout.

There is a definite disunity and coldness in the air. Board members, when asked, decline to discuss the grounds for terminating Ms. Vanderbosch's contract. Some past supporters of The United have even gone on record declining to support the organization for its mistreatment of Jane. Such an atmosphere of silence is not good for Jane, for The United, or the community.

To date, I am aware that no legal action has occurred. So, I have two questions. First, why does The United's Board of Directors continue to be silent about this issue?

And secondly, why has the press not investigated this issue?

If The United is going to continue to provide leadership for the community, it can not proceed as it has, in a conspiracy of silence. The United must be up front with its constituents and the community if it is to maintain its integrity.

I am saddened how lives, health and reputations are being destroyed, not by some enemy from the outside, but from members within our own community. I am personally baffled why The United Board of Directors continues to act as if nothing has happened. I am disheartened that the press is unaware or not interested in investigating this issue.

Ed Check

Madison

Letter on a Car Window

Editor's Note: Recently, Scott Gunkel returned to his car to find the following missive on his windshield. I thought it worthy of being printed as a Letter to the Editor simply to show another point of view.

I know that since we have banned drug use, all the people have stopped using them, and that you would have everyone victimized by criminals without defending themselves legally with a handgun.

But it is liberal cum drinkers like you who don't crucify those m—f—and then pay for their \$25,000 a year stay in the state prisons that propagate the deficit beyond control. (along with welfare)

So, get an education and take some math courses to gain some simple problem solving skills so that you don't continue to make a fool out of yourself with those emotionally motivated bumper stickers. Who knows, many you'll be able to afford a better car as a result.

Signed, A Peace Loving Gun Totter.

Gunkel writes: Is it any wonder why there are so many gun-related deaths in this nation with people like this one running around armed with firearms. If he gets this upset over my bumper stickers, I hope never to have a conversation with him.

Scott D. Gunkel
Milwaukee

The Freedom to Speak

TO THE EDITOR:

In June, 1995, I had to give up ALL RIGHTS to my child in order for my spouse to adopt her. This was a result of four years of fighting the legal system for a same-gender joint adoption.

Why weren't things left as they were in regards to Angel? Threats were made to me by my ex-husband about taking back visitation if an adoption did not go through.

(He chose not to keep up his visits and only wished the adoption to go through so he would no longer be responsible for child support payments.)

Also, I believe that I am in poor health. (I have no health insurance and can not get on my spouse's health insurance because we are not legally married.) I was left with no other choice.

My spouse would have faced court battles in order to keep Angel from going to my ex-husband in the event of my death.

The day I gave up all my rights, I felt as if the unfeeling judges had pushed our family into doing something they had no right to do. A big part of me died that day.

The adoption process cost us approximately \$28,000 with us still owing approximately \$11,000. This is after two benefits held for us.

Many people have helped us or have been following the story. Many of these people do not know the end result of the adoption due to the gag order.

The legal system is still trying to push us (Gays and Lesbians) under the carpet! Well, I was quiet for months and months. It hurt me deeply to be told that I had had my freedom of speech taken away. It also hurts me deeply to be congratulated on the adoption, because people just don't realize what I had to do in court. To know that the state was getting away with pulling our wonderful family apart.

I went to the Press Gazette and told my story to reporter Kim Estep. The story was printed, Sunday,

November 5th, in the lifestyles section.

Because of the chance I am taking to make the Gay/Lesbian community more visible and fight for our rights, I would hope the community would stand behind me.

If need be, would you be able to contact other groups that would help out?

Waiting out the storm in Suamico.

For questions and/or concerns, call 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: (414) 822-1004.

Georgie Grynkey

Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Major Research Project

TO THE EDITOR:

A major research project is being undertaken at the University of Technology, Sydney, into the lives of Gay and Lesbian Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen during World War II. I am hoping that through your readership, I might be able to establish contact with American veterans who knew, or knew of, Australians during the war. Over one million American GI's passed through Australia and hundreds of thousands of Australians served with Americans in Europe, all in the service of his Majesty the King.

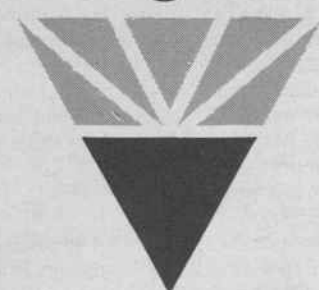
The aim would be to conduct interviews by correspondence. Issues of confidentiality and privacy would be at the discretion of the interviewee.

For the record, I am a 34-year-old "out" Gay male.

I might note here in passing that while I have written to many Gay publications in the States and elsewhere, your paper, Wisconsin Light, does find TURN TO LETTERS, PAGE 12

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Speaking From the Right There Are Some Sick People Out There

By Jim McFarland

It appears that a nasty rumor is circulating in the Lesbian and Gay community regarding the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin.

According to this rumor, which was heard by one of our members and which greatly upset him, the Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin sent a disgusting attack letter to Deb Price, the syndicated *Detroit News* columnist who first discovered and revealed the \$1000 Log Cabin Republicans contribution to Senator Dole's campaign for President.

I will not describe the full details of this letter since this newspaper can be obtained by children, but suffice it to say that it was graphic and disgusting in its use of filthy language and a sexually oriented enclosure.

The letter attacked her for "hurting" Log Cabin and hurting the Dole campaign by printing the news of the contribution and thus "causing" Senator Dole's campaign to return the check. It referred to the enclosure and stated that the enclosure was "laced with AIDS".

The letter did not appear on our letterhead, but was signed "Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin", contained our P.O. Box number, and was postmarked in Milwaukee. It did not include the name of the individual who wrote it (surprise!).

This letter was not sent by Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin. It was not sent by me nor with my authorization or knowledge. Personally, I doubt very much that anyone affiliated with Log Cabin wrote it, as such a person would have kept it completely anonymous so as to prevent it from being linked to Log Cabin.

I still do not know who wrote it, but I believe that it was written by someone who was attempting to discredit us, either from the Fundamental Christian movement or from the left of the Lesbian and Gay community. I continue to be amazed at the shameful lengths people will go to hamper our efforts.

Immediately upon hearing about this letter from our national office, which had been contacted by Ms. Price, I sent Ms. Price the following letter:

September 18, 1995

Dear Ms. Price:

I spoke with Kevin Ivers [of the national office of Log Cabin Republicans] on Friday regarding the obscene letter you received from an anonymous person claiming to represent Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin, and I wanted to

let you know how sorry I am that you were subjected to this abuse.

That letter was not written by anyone authorized to represent Log Cabin, and I seriously doubt that it was written by anyone who is actually affiliated with Log Cabin.

When I served on the Madison City Council, I received a great deal of hate mail myself, but nothing so sick and disgusting as what you have received (I once received a cowpie in the mail, but that is not even in the same class as the letter you received).

The sick individual who wrote you that letter must be either extremely self-loathing and self-hating, as well as extremely ignorant (using a phrase like "laced with AIDS"?), or must be someone who is willing to do anything in order to discredit Log Cabin.

The fact that the letter was not on our letterhead leads me to believe that it was not even anyone on our mailing list who wrote it, let alone a member or officer, because only those people would have access to our letterhead (and then only by altering one of our newsletters), whereas our P.O. Box is readily available through the brochures we have distributed at pride events and the Gay Yellow Pages, among other things.

Of course, if I do learn that it was someone associated with our organization, that person will be removed from our mailing list and denied membership in the club (and I will have some choice words for him, although he really does not deserve the dignity of a response).

While it is really irrelevant to the issue, I should add that the author's viewpoint that you are responsible for the Dole campaign's returning of our check is nonsense and is not shared by our organization.

Senator Dole alone is responsible for his campaign's ridiculous, self-defeating efforts to placate the Fundamental Christians.

While I am convinced that no one connected to Log Cabin wrote that letter, the fact remains that it was sent and it must have been very disturbing for you to receive.

It is an unfortunate fact that there are many sick individuals in our society, and it is not always possible to do anything about them.

Again, we are sorry that you were subjected to this, and if there is anything you feel we can or should do to determine who sent you that letter, feel free to call me at (414)299-2720.

Signed: Jim McFarland.

'BestD Clinic Live!' Receives Two Philo Awards at MATA's 10th Anniversary Bash

Milwaukee—As part of Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority (MATA's) 10th Anniversary celebration, "BestD Clinic Live!" was presented with two Philo T. Farnsworth Awards on October 27th. The live, half-hour show is a service of the BestD Clinic and is in its third season on Cable Channel 47.

One Philo was presented for Best Single Informational Show and the second one for Best Series Informational Shows.

"BestD Clinic Live!" is produced, hosted and staffed by Brady Clinic volunteers, Jeff Buckles, Erv Uecker, Ralph Resenhoeft and Bruce Daly.

The show is aired each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. as a half-hour to stretch the mind. Topics related to physical, mental, relational, societal, political and spiritual health are featured with an invited "expert" guest discussing the issue.

Call-ins during the live broadcast are welcomed. The show is rebroadcast on Saturdays at Noon and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., heading the line-up of Tuesday night Gay programming.

BestD volunteer and retiring MATA board member, Mark Behar, was also awarded a Philo. Behar produced a one hour show called "Gay Pride—Gay Future," featuring 40 interviews and clips of the '94 Pride Parade. His show was aired for the first time in November, 1994.

Ross Walker, President of BestD Clinic, commended both the "BestD Clinic Live!" crew and Behar for their dedication and ongoing efforts to produce quality shows of current interest to the Gay community.

Walker said that the philos are on display at the BestD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street in Milwaukee.

Imagenes Contra El Sida II

The second half of an inspiring art exhibit on HIV/AIDS themes by Hispanic artists is now on display at BestD Clinic. The 18-piece show, *Imagenes Contra El Sida II* (Images Against AIDS II) will run through the end of the year.

Part one of this unique show was displayed earlier this year and was recently shown at the United Community Center. The entire exhibit has been made possible by the collaborative initiative and funding of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS ministry, the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition and BestD Clinic.

The artists in this series are from Spain, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Information, prevention and building a sense of community around people living with

HIV/AIDS are the three major goals of this exhibit.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

BestD Receives Gift

BestD Clinic was recently the recipient of a generous gift from the Xerox Corporation. Through the Xerox Equipment Donations Program, a 5322 copier, valued at over \$11,000, was donated to the Clinic.

The gift was arranged by Ellen Rogowski of Xerox with the help of Bob Savrnoch of Marquette University.

Walker accepted the gift on behalf of the Clinic. He noted that the Clinic has used a second hand copier which was purchased from a church four years ago. The copier was quite old and the service contract was far more costly than the value of the machine.

Walker said that he had been "holding his breath," fearing that the old copier might give out at any moment and was even more fearful because the service contract had not been renewed.

Walker express his deep thanks to Xerox Corporation for their generous donation.

State Nurse Gets National Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice

Milwaukee—Connie Highsmith, RN, NCM, received the Joanne Ruiz Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice in HIV Care, at the Annual Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Conference that was held this past September. The Award is given to one nurse nationally in memory of Joanne Ruiz, the first nurse in the U.S. to become infected with HIV through occupational exposure. It is given to the nurse you would most want to care for your loved ones.

Highsmith is Nurse Case Manager to 90+ HIV infected people here in Milwaukee. She works at the Isaac Coggs Health Connections on Milwaukee's North Side. She is also Chapter President of the Southeastern Chapter of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, as well as being an active volunteer in the community.

Judge Sets January Hearing Date in Bottoms' Case, Orders Visitation Continued

Richmond, VA—A judge has set a January 12, 1996, hearing in a child custody dispute between a Lesbian and her mother and admonished both parties to strictly adhere to a court-ordered visitation schedule.

Sharon Bottoms is seeking to regain custody of her 4-year-old son from her mother, Kay Bottoms. The child's mother appealed the case all the way to the Virginia Supreme Court after losing custody 2 1/2 years ago.

Now the case is back in Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, where it originated. Sharon Bottoms claims she should get custody of Tyler Doustou because her living conditions have improved since 1993 while her mother's have deteriorated.

Sharon and Kay Bottoms also are feuding over visitation. The younger Bottoms, who is supposed to see her son from 10 a.m. Mondays until 6 p.m. Tuesdays, alleged in court papers that her mother has not allowed her to see Tyler since late August.

Kay Bottoms countered with a petition alleging that her daughter violated a court order by allowing Tyler to stay overnight at an apartment she shares with her partner, April Wade. The elder Bottoms wants her daughter's visitation rights revoked.

"We think the order is being violated every time there is a visit," Kay Bottoms' lawyer, Richard Ryder, told Judge William G. Boice. "The child is being subjected to unwholesome and unwarranted influences."

But the judge declined to hear evidence on the visitation matters.

"I'm going to leave the visitation like it is and require you to abide by that order strictly"

until the January 12 hearing, Boice said.

Sharon Bottoms' lawyers had hoped Boice would hear their evidence about denied visitation, but they were satisfied with his warning.

"At least it stops the bleeding for now," said Donald Butler, a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, which is handling Sharon Bottoms' case.

He said if any more visits are denied, he will ask Boice for an emergency hearing.

"I don't think Judge Boice intends for us to wait another 11 weeks while Kay enforces her own brand of justice," Butler said after the hearing.

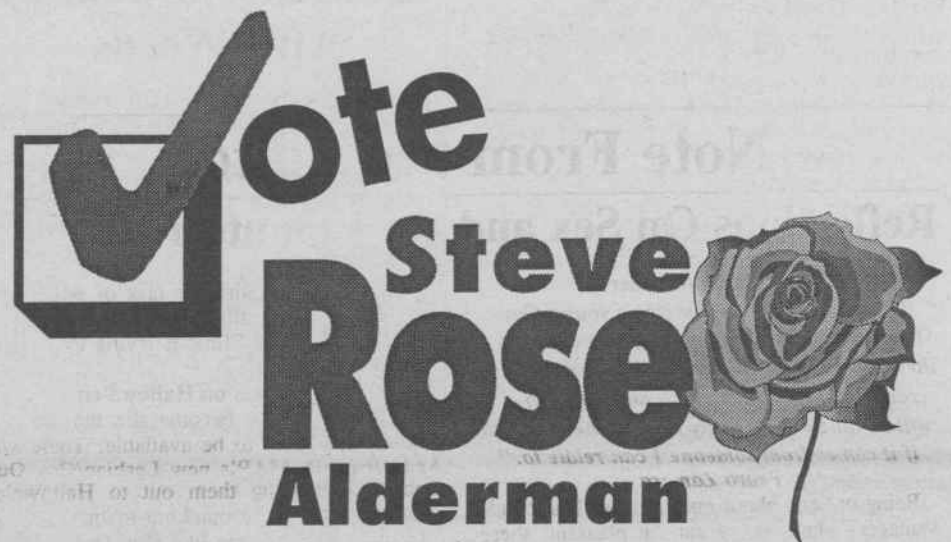
Boice also said he will order social workers to study the Sharon Bottoms and Kay Bottoms homes. Kay Bottoms, 44, lives in a mobile home in Spotsylvania County. Her daughter, 25, lives in Henrico County.

Each side has accused the other of lying about living conditions and visitation. In court papers seeking to regain custody, Sharon Bottoms' lawyers say Kay Bottoms is not steadily employed and that her trailer is cramped and at times has been without running water.

"She's been employed the whole time as a nanny, and Tyler is with her 24 hours a day," Ryder said. "They have water and electricity, and Tyler has his own room."

Sharon Bottoms denied that Tyler has been in her apartment. "There's nothing true in what they're saying," she said.

Wade said she has not seen the boy since April 5, 1993, when custody was transferred to Kay Bottoms.



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AfterWords Bookstore Hosts Author Kurt Chandler in a Gay/Lesbian Teen Program

Milwaukee—AfterWords is pleased to announce an extra special event: a Gay teen program featuring journalist Kurt Chandler, author of the new book, *Passages of Pride: Lesbian and Gay Youth Come of Age*.

Chandler will be at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00pm. AfterWords is proud to offer this event in association with PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). This reading and discussion is free and open to the public.

In his thoughtful and moving book, Chandler lets us see and hear for ourselves what it is like to grow up Gay or Lesbian.

Adolescence can be a difficult period but particularly for Gay and Lesbian teenagers, where normal problems of growing up are compounded by increased rates of physical and sexual abuse, HIV, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide.

Through the voices of six brave Minneapolis teens -- Derek, Amy, Dan, Troy, Michele and Tara -- Chandler chronicles how Gay teens deal with issues of sexuality and coming out.

In addition to the personal accounts, Chan-

dlar provides commentary from parents, teachers and friends.

Critical response to the book has been very positive, including this quote from former-Olympic star Greg Louganis, "Kurt Chandler deserves a gold medal for *Passages of Pride*. If he had written it twenty years ago, it could have changed my life."

Chandler, an award-winning journalist, has worked on various newspapers, including most recently, the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. *Passages of Pride* is based on a special report in the *Star Tribune* that was selected as a finalist for the 1993 Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award.

As a journalist for almost 14 years, Chandler has covered some of the most provocative social issues of the day--Gay rights, domestic violence, abortion, AIDS. For the past five years he has developed an expertise on "family issues," writing about trends and challenges of the American family.

For further information concerning Kurt Chandler's appearance or any AfterWords event, please contact Carl M. Szatmary at (414) 963-9089.

Robert Rodi Will Appear at AfterWords To Read From His Book, 'Drag Queen'

Milwaukee—Move over Closet Case. Watch out Fag Hag. Here comes *Drag Queen*, the newest novel by Gay writer Robert Rodi.

AfterWords takes great pleasure in bringing Rodi to Milwaukee to read from *Drag Queen* on Saturday, December 2nd at 1:00p.m. at AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar. This event is free and everyone is welcome.

Perhaps the most entertaining, comic gay novelist today, Robert Rodi brings a unique perspective to the novels he writes. Most recently, *What They Did to Princess Paragon* was scathing send-up to the wild and wacky world of comic books.

In *Closet Case*, Rodi took aim on the cut-throat world of advertising. The world of drag is sure to be as vividly portrayed in *Drag Queen*.

Following the success of the *Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and more recently *Wong Foo*, drag is "IN".

Creating spectacles everywhere -- waitressing in restaurants, striding down high fashion's runways, endorsing cosmetics lines, and now taking the literary world by storm -- these lovely ladies are putting the pop back into popular culture.

Drag Queen has everything a reader could ask for in a novel: twins separated at birth, cases of mistaken identity, a mother's guilt, a son's quest for truth, and lots and lots of big, brassy musical numbers (performed by men in drag, naturally) thrown in for good measure. Who could ask for anything more?

Mitchell Sayer's well-ordered life is thrown into absolute shambles when his beloved mother reveals that not only is he adopted but that he has a twin brother. Nothing can prepare Mitchell for his meeting with flamboyant drag performer (and twin brother) Kitten Kaboodle.

When the two find themselves caught up in a

game of switched identity, nothing will again be the same for Mitchell, Kitten or us, the reader!

For further information concerning Robert Rodi's appearance at AfterWords, please contact Carl M. Szatmary at (414) 963-9089.

Autumn Calendar at AfterWords

Saturday, November 11th 1:00pm

Author Appearance: Jackie Calhoun
Changes

Monday, November 13th 7:30pm

AfterWords Book Club Discussion
Entries from a Hot Pink Notebook by Todd Brown

Free and new members always welcome!

Thursday, November 16th 7:30pm

Poetry Reading: Carmen Alicia Murguía
Local poet with a new collection: *The Voices Inside: Mi Alma, Mi Cuerpo Y Mi Espiritu*

Sunday, November 19th 2:00pm

Gay Teen Program with Kurt Chandler
Author of *Passages of Pride*
This event is being done in association with PFLAG

Thursday, November 23

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Friday, November 24

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Friday, December 1

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Saturday, December 2nd 1:00pm

Author Appearance: Robert Rodi
Drag Queen.

Overlooked Opinions To Conduct Census of Lesbians and Gay Men in U.S. and Canada

Chicago—Overlooked Opinions, the Chicago-based Gay market research firm has announced the launching of Gay Census '96—the single largest assessment of the Lesbian and

Gay population of the United States and Canada ever undertaken.

"We anticipate reaching an excess of 1 million Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual adults across the U.S. and Canada in the next three months alone," said Jeffrey J. Vitale, Overlooked's CEO.

Vitale explained that when 1-800-Gay-Voice is dialed, the caller will hear a brief description and will be asked to respond to questions by pressing buttons on their touch-tone phone. Callers without a touch-tone phone will be sent a survey by mail. A TTY can also be reached by non-hearing persons at 1-800-555-0900.

The ten minute survey covers basic demographics as well as a wide variety of questions including discrimination, political beliefs, consumer behavior and general opinions. There is also an optional section for individuals who happen to be HIV+ or who have AIDS.

Long distance charges have been donated in part by Lyrihn Communications, the home of Community Spirit Long Distance.

Gay Census '96 will be heavily promoted all across North America with media buys, direct mail and through the use of local and regional coordinators. Overlooked has prepared information kits to help mobilize local communities.

The kits include promotional posters, post cards and notecards, as well as an education guide to help local coordinations promote the project, Vitale said.

Anyone interested in helping the project is encouraged to call the national office at 1-800-Gay-Census (1-800-429-2347).

Vitale said that it will take nearly a year to complete all three phases of the Census. "It all begins with a phone call," he said.

Youth Column

Enough is Enough, Already!

By Jason Jellison

Another month, another column. Occasionally, as I pound one of these columns out at 3:00 in the morning or at 3:00 in the afternoon (Study Hall), and rush them to the Light just prior to my deadline, I self-admittedly seem to have the habit of thinking that way.

However, all of my peers out there who read my column, have shattered that notion. I am pleased to state that I have received an all-time record number of responses for the month of October. Not one, but two of you readers were brave enough to send in letters.

I have no choice whatsoever, but to say that this is very commendable. It takes true bravery to write in to someone that you do not know and start talking about an aspect of your life that, for you, is perhaps one of the most personal.

Of course, this makes me feel somewhat guilty and so I feel a need to apologize if my response has been unusually slow. This month, with moving out of my house and having a real mess on my hands with my high school, I have not had a lot of spare time to simply truck off to Brookfield and retrieve my mail from my P.O. box.

So, if there was a two or three week delay, I apologize. Starting this issue, there will be a new address to mail to which will decrease my response time to a few days.

In this somewhat on-the-fly column, there is one more issue that I would like to address. I apologize to my long distance readers because it is very local, however I feel that it is important to mention it because it has a definite impact on young people in the area.

I would like to comment on what I have seen in Milwaukee's Third District Aldermanic race in regards to the Gay community.

As many of us are aware, there are two candidates running, one Lesbian, the other a Gay man: Steven Rose, whose campaign I work for, and Karen Gotzler.

I am not going to take political sides with the following issue, nor am I going to name names. However, even though this is a major political race, I feel it important to mention that, being involved with the campaign, I have seen a great many things happening behind the scenes that, in my opinion, are highly unfair and unethical.

Without going into unnecessary detail, many of the backstabbing attempts that I have witnessed are simply childish and wrong.

It does not surprise me that I see these things happening. However, it is with a great burden of shame that I see them happening within our own community.

I think it's wonderful that we are fortunate enough to have two openly Gay candidates running, and I also think that it is wonderful that we have a community of people that is large enough to support two candidates.

What I do think is wrong and what I do believe should be known is the way in which the so-called "powers that be" in the community are dealing with this election.

Stabbing someone in the back who is as good of a candidate as another is wrong. Furthermore, it is intolerable.

I as a young person look to the so-called pillars of our community for leadership and this is what you want me to find? How very sad indeed.

Let me share a little something with those of you out there who are responsible for these actions. The truth always gets out. You will be held accountable for the type of decisions that are being made now.

However, more importantly, I think that all the parties directly involved with this private mudslinging that voters aren't expected to know about, should be made aware that everyone knows what is going on here besides you.

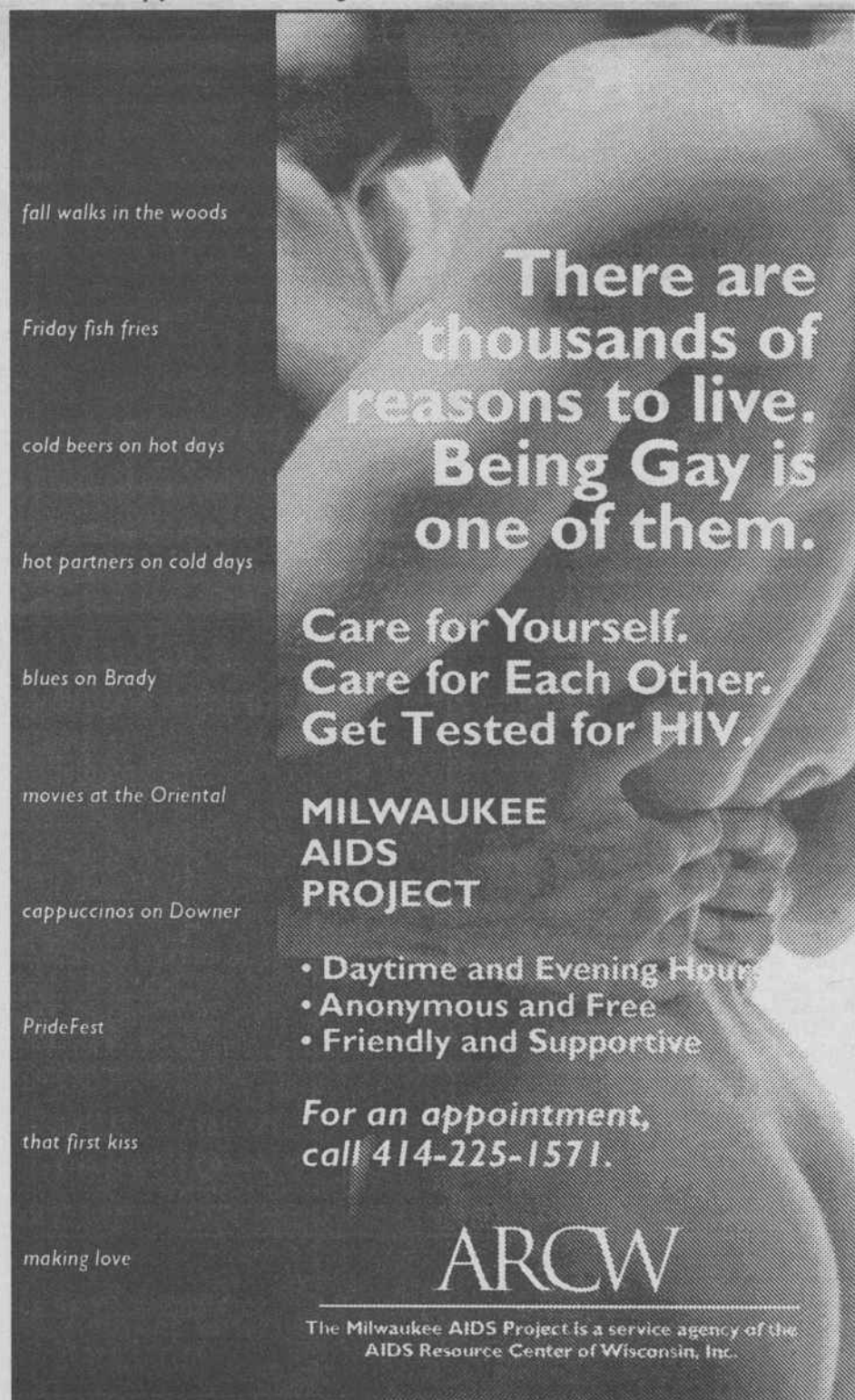
This is very disheartening for a young person to see.

Many of us are still in tune with the reality of potentially losing our homes, our families, loved ones and many other important things in our lives. I demand of you, in a time of AIDS and a time of intolerance that seemingly knows no bounds, how can you justify acting this way?

There are far more important ideals to be achieved here than we may be able to reach for. Yet, you would handle the election this way? You honestly ought to be ashamed! I sincerely hope that you realize that there are a great many young people riding on this vote.

All of our futures are threatened. I can only hope that those involved can somehow find it possible to pull themselves up by their britches for once in life and perhaps, in the process of which, make something happen for the benefit of our community.

Your comments are always welcome. Write: Jason A. Jellison, 2585 N. Cramer St., Apt. 301, Milwaukee, WI 53211.



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November-December

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Nov. 17—Discussion group—Can Gay Sexuality co-exist with Religious Fundamentalism??? Rev. Elwood Carey and Jonathan Garver lead this discussion which should be lively. 8:00 p.m. Call (608) 831-4711 for more information.

Nov. 23—Thanksgiving dinner and potluck. Our congenial host is Dave Runyon who invites all who are interested to share this holiday meal. Turkey and all the trimmings will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. 4701 Judy Lane. 4:00 p.m. social hour. Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Call (608) 241-2500 for more information.

Dec. 6—Showing of *The Sum of Us*. Our Film Circle will be viewing this movie and then hold a discussion afterwards on the movie as well as relationships and family values. For more information, call (608) 274-5959.

Dec. 9—Christmas dinner and potluck. Annual social event. Turkey, ham and trimmings will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (608) 244-8675.

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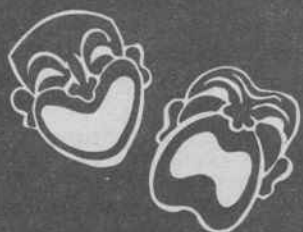
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LIVELY ARTS



Holiday Joy—Claudia's (Holly Hunter) Gay brother (Robert Downey Jr.) tries to keep his sister's spirits up during a chaotic Thanksgiving gathering in the human comedy *Home for the Holidays*.

'Home for the Holidays' is a Pleasant Little Film That Will Bring on Many Memories

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

For many, many years... far too many years to comprehend really, Glenn was responsible for preparing Thanksgiving Dinner (and Christmas Dinner come to think about it) for the Bishop clan.

And what a clan!! Turkey and stuffing. Turkey and stuffing. Can anyone say, cholesterol? Glenn often found himself at wits end. And, these people could not even tell time. When dinner is 5:30/ 6:00, it is rude to show up at noon!

Regardless, it was with widely mixed emotions that Glenn found himself at Jodie Foster's latest directorial effort: *Home for the Holidays*.

Promotion materials suggest that *Home for the Holidays* is a human comedy that honors the timeless tradition of family gatherings. Okay, but perhaps "honors" is quite the right word.

Claudia Larson's life is falling apart. She's just been fired. Her rodent-like ex-boss takes advantage of the situation to make a pass at Claudia (Holly Hunter). Her precocious 15 year-old daughter is about to embark on her maiden (no pun intended) sexual experience. Throw in the annual Thanksgiving with the family and you've got a woman on the verge of a nervous break down.

Still traditions are, after all, traditions, even if Claudia cannot convince daughter Kitt to come along.

From the plane Claudia makes a desperate pitch to favorite (and Gay) brother Tommy (Robert Downey, Jr.) to join in the festivities and offer big sis his own unique brand of sibling support. She gets his machine.

The Larson clan isn't actually all that strange or unusual. Not really. Okay, maybe it is a bit strange that Adele (Anne Bancroft) and Henry (Charles Durning) seem genuinely, joyfully in love with each other. Nevertheless both possess prerequisite levels of neurotic, obsessive, passage/aggressive behavior sure to drive any son or daughter to a lifetime of pro-social use and abuse.

Loony Aunt Gladys (Geraldine Chaplin) is everybody's eccentric old aunt or uncle, the kind that you can dress up but whom you can't take out. Anywhere. Even Joanne Cynthia Stevenson, the emotionally distant, ever-so-bitter sister probably has counterparts in most people's families. There certainly is one in the Bishop clan.

Family fights and foibles during the holidays have often been a topic explored by TV sitcoms. The annual Thanksgiving special at the Roseanne household, for example, is a never ending source of absolute delight. Yet despite its familiar familial territory director Foster and her impressive cast gives Thanksgiving a unique and perceptive spin.

Home for the Holidays is a gentle, poignant little film that audiences across the land are sure to find easy if uncomfortable identification. Alternating dramatic moments with farcical interludes, Foster keeps the pace brisk and the tone light.

Especially effective in *Home for the Holidays* is crazy but lovable brother Tommy's "outing" by his resentfully repressed sister Joanne. Director Foster does a particularly nice

job in representing parental reactions to this perhaps not altogether surprising revelation. Robert Downey, Jr.'s portrayal of Tommy is fun and funny and blessedly free from the typical Hollywood stereotypes. Tommy first surprises the family by turning up for this boisterous revelry. But who Leo Fish, this dark and mysterious man who accompanies Tommy?

The entire ensemble cast is uniformly fine. Holly Hunter's Claudia is believably, appealingly kooky, somehow maintaining composure whatever crisis might arise. Charles Durning could play lovable, if slightly befuddled old dad Henry with one hand tied behind his back. Cynthia Stevenson skillfully makes Joanne sympathetic if not actually likable.

Holiday affairs, such as Thanksgiving Dinner should really be outlawed as cruel and inhumane treatment, to coin a phrase. In *Home for the Holidays*, Foster and the whole Larson gang are a perfect antidote for holiday blues. This can't be on video soon enough!!

Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

'Grease' Wows Green Bay While Jerry Lewis Plays the Riverside

Milwaukee—The national touring company of *Grease* played Green Bay the week of October 9 to a sensational gross of \$550,440, according to *Variety*.

Meanwhile, during the same week in Milwaukee, *Variety* reports that Jerry Lewis in the national Broadway tour of *Damn Yankees* grossed \$462,320 at Milwaukee's Riverside theatre. That gross would have been higher had Lewis not missed his final two performances due to a sore throat. Refunds were offered.

Can 'Victor, Victoria' Make it on Broadway Despite the Divided Critics?

New York, NY—*Victor, Victoria* provided the most suspenseful Broadway opening in decades when it opened in late October, according to *Variety*, as the Julie Andrews vehicle bowed at the Marquis Theater after five months of tryout time which included a run in Minneapolis. The show was revamped from stem to stern.

Critics went and critics watched. When their reviews came out, it was found that the show hadn't so much divided them as to leave them painfully divided.

In the *New York Times*, critic Vincent Canby, set the tone, announcing in a review on page 1 that "Andrews looks terrific and sings with a sweet purity not heard on Broadway since she last played the street in *Camelot*."

"Le Jazz Hot" is the number with which Victor, nee Victoria Grant, brings Paris to its knees," Canby continued. "If local audiences aren't brain dead, New York will follow suit."

Just before the jump, however, Canby made it clear that not all was well: "*Victor, Victoria* remains in desperate need of a play doctor. Everything is uninflected, without a sense of

pace. Julie Andrews' entrance is a feebly written, drearily lighted scene. The show's second act doesn't soar, but it has enough delights to send you out of the theatre in a benign mood."

Among most critics, *Variety* says, there is little disagreement over the value of Andrews' presence in the \$8.5 million show, whose opening was the most significant of the Fall. She is undoubtedly responsible for its whopping advance—either side of \$15 million—depending on whom you talk to.

"The show will run as long as she stays with it and make money," said one otherwise disappointed Broadway producer, and the scribes concurred, while rolling out enough quotes to fill many an ad.

Another local pan came from the *Wall Street Journal*'s Donald Lyons, who, in a snit, sniffed that "the songs debase and vulgarize formulas" and the plot offers "an oafish Broadway homosexuality out of *Charlie's Aunt* by way of *La Cage aux Folles*, and that "Julie Andrews never makes the show's central conceit remotely plausible"—a point made by others, though in a more accommodating tone.

That Andrews makes it all, was echoed by *USA Today*'s David Patrick Stearns, who gave the show three out of four stars despite his conviction that Andrews "makes everything around her seem better than it is. At times, it's a feat akin to swimming with cement shoes."

How *Victor, Victoria* will play out, only the next six months will reveal.

John Catania, 'In The Life' Producer, Receives National Journalism Award

New York, NY—John Catania, a staff producer for *In The Life* TV, has been honored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA) for "outstanding commitment to the fair and accurate coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues."

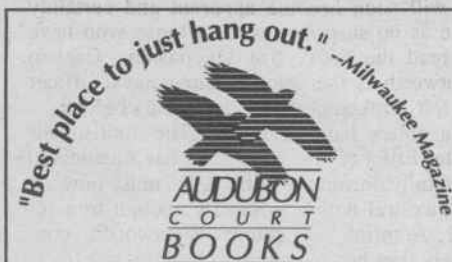
Catania, a Wisconsin native, received the award on October 20th at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. This is the first year that the NLGJA, a five-year old organization, has given awards in the area of electronic media. Entries were accepted from Canada as well as the United States.

The segment for which Catania was honored, called "Diversity at the Public," was aired nationwide on *In The Life* last April. The segment looked at "A Language of Their Own," a play performed at the Public Theatre in New York, about the relationship of two Gay Asian men.

The Public's Artistic Director, George C. Wolfe, was interviewed, as well as actors B.D. Wong and Francis Jue, and playwright Chay Yew. The correspondent for the segment was Cathay Che.

In The Life, the critically acclaimed, one-hour Lesbian and Gay newsmagazine, airs bi-monthly on over seventy PBS stations nationwide.

NLGJA was founded in 1990 to improve media coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues and to fight discrimination in the workplace. In the course of five years, NLGJA has grown into a highly reputable organization with over 1100 members, 18 regional chapters and an annual conference.



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Wicked Irony—Henrietta Musgrove (Victoria Hamilton)(l) and sister, Louisa Musgrove (Emma Roberts), share a moment with Mary Elliot Musgrove (Sophie Thompson) in Roger Mitchell's film adaptation of Jane Austen's novel *Persuasion* which is now showing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

'Persuasion' is One of the Most Charming Love Stories You are Liable to Find

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn Bishop has secretly read all of Jane Austen's marvelous romantic novels. The secret is out!

Persuasion was her last novel, written and completed not long before she died at the age of 41. While still cast with Austen's usual collection of delightfully vain and ridiculous characters and biting social commentary, *Persuasion* possesses a far more poignant, bitter-sweet tone than other Austen classics such as *Emma* or *Pride and Prejudice*.

A novel about lost love, *Persuasion* features in Jane Elliot, the Austen heroine most like the author herself. Jane Elliot (Amanda Root) is at the start of the novel at the ripe old age of 27, a time signaling the onset of spinsterhood. Eight years before Jane was in love with a dashing but penniless naval officer.

She was, however, persuaded by her good friend Lady Russell that this match was beneath the daughter of a Baronet. Unmarried and an outsider even to her father and sisters, Jane remains constant, perhaps resigned, yet never betraying even a hint bitterness to her fate.

Enter one Captain Wentworth (Ciaran Hinds), a dashing naval officer and the object of many a proposed match with most, if not all of the eligible young ladies. All except plain, sensible Jane.

It will soon become apparent and certainly come as no surprise, even to those who have not read the book, that the dashing Captain Wentworth is the same dashing naval officer that left, broken hearted, eight years before.

But times have changed. The foolish Sir Walter Elliot (Corin Redgrave) has squandered the family fortune and finds he must now let the ancestral home, ironically enough to a retired Admiral. Captain Wentworth, conversely, has become quite rich in the war.

Has Jane Elliot remained in love with the man she turned down so many years before? Despite appearances, can Captain Wentworth have really forgotten his youthful love of Jane Elliot?

In filming supposed classics, from Austen and Dickens to Shakespeare, Hollywood has in the past invariably fallen victim to a severe case of reverence. The norm: big name casts, meticulously recreated settings and enough fabulous costumes to cause even the most jaded drag queen to swoon masked whatever heart and soul that had made the work a classic in the first place.

MGM's 1940 blockbuster *Pride and Prejudice* starring Lawrence Olivier and Greer Garson is a perfect example.

Whoopi Goldberg Chosen to Host 1996 Academy Awards Program

Beverly Hills, CA—Whoopi is back on tap for the Oscars.

The actress was selected by Quincy Jones, who is replacing Gil Cates, the producer of the past six Oscar shows.

"I'm back and I'm thrilled, honey," Goldberg said in a statement. "Thank you, Quincy."

Goldberg, whose film credits include *Ghost* and *Sister Act*, presided over the 1994 Academy Awards ceremony.

Last year, the honor went to David Letterman, who received mixed reviews and was not asked to return.

Jeff Margolis will direct the ABC show for the eighth consecutive year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Tuesday, October 31st.

Jones, a seven-time Oscar nominee, was awarded the 1994 Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award by the Academy's Board of Governors.

The awards are set for March 25th, with nominations announced February 13th.

Here director Roger Mitchell and writer Nick Dear have sought to recreate the essence of Austen's genius and the resulting film is an absolutely enchanting. *Persuasion* is as enthralling and entertaining a love story as audiences are likely to have found in some time.

Despite a cast filled with names unfamiliar to even the loyalist of viewers of Masterpiece Theatre, *PERSUASION* has marvelously brought to life Austen's engaging cast of characters. As Jane Elliot, Amanda Root is pale yet eyes opened wide, filled with soft resignation. She is a delightful and endearing Jane Elliot. Ciaran Hinds is ever so dashing and romantic as Captain Wentworth. Corin Redgrave is all frivolous arrogance as the vain, rather heartless Sir Walter.

Mitchell and Dear have been particularly effective in recreating the world as Jane Austen saw it. The settings, especially scenes set in Bath are spectacularly authentic. Using a palate of rustic, delicately faded colours, Mitchell skillfully suggests the melancholy so apart of Austen's novel.

Nature's light is the order of the day with scenes dramatically lit with candle light alternating with exterior scenes filled with sunlight. The actors wear little or no make-up and costumes far less elaborate than audiences might expect.

Persuasion a marvelous, must-see movie and a perfect introduction into the world of Jane Austen.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

In 'Zombies From Beyond,' She Comes From Outer Space to--Milwaukee

By Michael Kuchwara

New York, NY—"They came, they conquered, they had their hair done!"

So trumpets *Zombies From the Beyond*, a campy outer-space musical set in Milwaukee, in which coiffeurs are as important as the conquest of Earth. Well, almost as important.

The show, a genial spoof of those dreadful sci-fi flicks of the 1950s, sets itself an impossible task. How can you make fun of something that already is howlingly funny? What could top Zsa Zsa Gabor in *Queen of Outer Space* or the classic *Invaders From Mars*?

The musical, now on view at off-Broadway's Players Theater, is appealingly tacky. Cardboard seems to be the dominant production value in the show, which has book, music and lyrics by James Valcq.

Let's see if we can keep the plot—no pun intended—straight.

Zombina, a full-figured alien with a large voice, arrives in Milwaukee from outer space in search of a few good men. She needs to propagate her race, doomed by atomic explosions.

The creature, who actually looks more like Joan Blondell than Zsa Zsa Gabor, has a piercing soprano that literally drives men wild. And turns them into zombies.

Will handsome hunk of masculinity, Trenton Corbett, earnest inventor, become one of her slaves? Or will sweet yet determined Mary Malone, daughter of the commanding officer at the Milwaukee Space Center, find a way to save him? Can there be any doubt?

Valcq has written an easy-listening score, circa 1955. It's innocuous pre-rock 'n' roll, more Patti Page and Perry Como than Bill Haley and the Comets.

The cast could not be more delightful or dead-on target. Particularly effective are Susan Gottschalk as the outer-space lady with the awesome set of pipes, Claire Morkin as the unnervingly competent Mary Malone and Matt McClanahan as Mary's square-jawed suitor.

Director and choreographer Pam Kriger has a tough time sustaining the silliness for a full two acts. Yet whenever things threaten to run out of steam, designer James Schuette, who did both sets and costumes, offers up blissful bits of foolishness. For example, he spins a toy space craft across the stage. Or he puts Zombina in a gaudy pink outfit that would do an extraterrestrial Barbie proud.

Zombies From the Beyond—where no musical has ventured before. Or more apt, is likely to go again.



Central Park Romance—Woody Allen's (l) latest film, *Mighty Aphrodite*, is a contemporary romantic comedy that takes place in New York City. The film revolves around the problems that occur within a specific marriage, while it takes a broader, fanciful look at the subject of love between men and women. Helen Bonham Carter stars in the film along with F. Murray Abraham, Claire Bloom and Olympia Dukakis. The film opens November 10th at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

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Neuroses and Obsessions—A wise, rich romantic comedy, Noah Baumbach's *Kicking and Screaming* is about four young men who are going through mid-life crises at the age of 22. Baumbach captures these characters at critical crossroads and sheds humorous light on the small issues faced and not faced in everyday life. Pictured above are (l-r) Chris Eigeman (Max), Josh Hamilton (Grover), and Carlos Jacott (Otis) with director Baumbach. The film opens November 10th at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre.

'The Doom Generation' is a Movie for the Stupid, Directed by the Still Immature

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Glenn Bishop vividly remembers Gregg Araki's very first cinematic effort: *Three Bewildered People in the Night*.

Later Araki dropped the "in the night" yet this nevertheless remained an absolutely wretched affair exploring the boring lives of, you guessed it, three bewildered people.

Long tedious scenes of adolescent whining were followed by even longer scenes of adolescent whining. That one of these dreary creatures was a Gay man ensured the film's inclusion in every noted Gay film festival across the land.

And yes, most of the scenes did in fact kiss but sounding more like Roseanne on smack (See Roseanne: This is your brain on drugs! Kids: Don't try this at home!!) With the word F*** in virtually every phrase Ms. Blue utters, she emerges as quite the endearing, enchanting soul.

Foolishly in love (how can drugged, f***ed up teenagers know anything about love Glenn cynically asks) with Amy Blue is the woefully zoned out, low-rent Keanu-wannabe Jordan White (played with delicious simplicity by James Duval).

While making out in Amy's classic auto, a wounded and bleeding Xavier Red descends upon our heroically fornicating couple. Just like the proverbial bad penny, Amy and Jordan just can't seem to lose the charismatic, violent, presumably bisexual Xavier. Jordan and Xavier share an embarrassingly intimate moment as Xavier bleeds into and then returns Jordan's shirt.

The cast is now set: Xavier Red, Jordan

Gay Director Greg Araki Sees Life on the Dark Side, More Bleak Than Anyone Else

By Joe McDonald

New York, NY—Pushing aside his shaggy black hair, Gregg Araki glances out the window of his Times Square hotel and spots a billboard with a 30-foot-high picture of talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael.

She's smiling reassuringly, but Araki asks, "Doesn't she look like a weird, scary drag queen?"

Araki, who gained art-house fame in 1992 with the downbeat Gay road movie *The Living End*, sees things a little differently from anyone else.

His latest vision of life on the fringes is *The Doom Generation*, his first non-Gay movie. It is a raunchy, violent comedy with eight sex scenes, a severed head and cameos by Christopher Knight of *The Brady Bunch* and Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss.

"It's a love story," says Araki, who has a rifle target the size of an English muffin tattooed on his right arm. "Despite its explosive surface, it's about love, purity. ... It's love in the face of chaos."

Rose McGowan and James Duval star as the teen-age Amy and her sensitive, dim-bulb boyfriend Jordan. They go on the lam with a seductive drifter named Xavier, played by Johnathan Schaech, after he kills a convenience store clerk who threatened Amy with a shotgun for defying a No Smoking sign.

Subsisting on cigarettes and fast food, the trio crisscrosses a desert wasteland of motels and convenience stores in Amy's car, a gas-guzzling shrine to American kitsch. They flee neo-Nazi thugs and wrestle with their own three-way sexual tensions.

"You've murdered two people tonight! Doesn't that faze you at all?" Amy shouts at Xavier. He sneers back, "Yeah, I'm bummed, totally."

Despite the film's nihilistic trappings, Amy and Jordan share oddly tender scenes. They're genuinely in love—even though Amy flips a coin in front of Jordan at one point to decide

White, and Amy Blue. Red, white and blue -- get it!

From mini-mart to sleazy motel, our intrepid protagonists cross the panoramic American landscape binge eating junk food, smoking endless cigarettes, screwing their brains and butts off and endlessly slaughtering various members of Araki's supporting cast of assorted losers.

Despite lacking anything resembling a plot or even a direction, *The Doom Generation* vividly refreshes the audience with some amazingly effective, excessively graphic scenes of violence.

When they're not blowing the head off of a Asian-American mini-mart or battling an evil group of naked rampaging neoNazis, Amy finds time to feast sexually upon the boyfriend she says she loves and the hitchhiker whose tattooed dick she clearly craves. Their sex is meaningless. In truth, this whole film is meaningless.

In this so-called heterosexual film, Araki resists any and all temptations to mature as a filmmaker. While there are always some intangible elements making any of his films watchable, in *The Doom Generation*, Araki seems to care little for telling a story. His characters are flesh-covered cut outs that it is impossible to care about.

Araki here seeks not to enlighten, but to shock, yet *The Doom Generation* emerges just achingly sad.

As any veteran Gay film fest junkie will tell you, only the truly brave or the truly stupid survive until the end.

Rating: \$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

whether to have sex with him, or with Xavier.

Araki, whose *The Living End* followed two HIV-positive Gay men on a similar flight to nowhere, insists his movies aren't pessimistic or bleak.

"I think they're much more kind of pop romantic. They, in their own dark and twisted way, are very innocent and naive, because they do very much cling to this notion of finding love in this cruel and hostile world."

For a man who spends so much time exploring the surreal, Araki says he had a surprisingly typical middle-class childhood in Santa Barbara, Calif. His father worked in a plant nursery and his mother in a doctor's office.

"My theory is that people who come from a broken home are searching for some kind of security and stability, whereas in my case, when you have that secure background, you can just take the plunge and make something like *The Doom Generation*," Araki says.

His parents didn't understand *The Living End*, and Araki doesn't know what they'll make of his latest effort.

"My parents are very understanding and supportive," he says. "My mom always says, 'Why can't you make nice movies?'"

Trimark Pictures has released *The Doom Generation* unrated, but Araki says "only half jokingly—that it should be PG-13, so that teen-agers won't have any trouble getting in to see themselves on screen."

"At the screenings we had so far, I've had these kids, like these 13-year-old girls, come up to me—and they're the exact people that the Bob Doles of the world are trying to protect—and they want to take their picture with me."

"They're all excited, because the movie speaks to them in a way that most other movies don't," he says.

"*The Doom Generation* is for those kids. ... They're so much smarter and so much more sophisticated and so much more able to handle stuff like that than their parents are."

Reeling: Chicago 15th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Leaves One Reeling

By Glenn Bishop

For ten days the newest and sometimes even the best Gay and Lesbian films are screened at the Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival.

And where the Gay films are, that's where you'll be sure to find Glenn Bishop.

The first weekend at this year's festival, titled aptly enough, *Reeling*, was filled with surprises.

The festival's gala opening night reception Friday, November 3 featured Lesbian director Patricia Rozema. Rozema is known for the delightful *I've Heard the Mermaids Singing*.

In her new film, *When Night is Falling*, Rozema again portrays a tale of love between two vastly different women. Romantic and filled with steamy sex scenes, *When Night is Falling* is sure to be eagerly awaited in general release.

Saturday and Sunday's programs at the Music Box were dominated by Gay themed programs.

The weekend's Gay highlight was a sneak peak of a film titled *The Toilers and the Wayfarers* by Keith Froelich. Froelich's grainy black & white film revolves around two teenage boys coming out and coming of age in a small Minnesota town.

Alienated from friends and family, the two set off, along with a handsome, mysterious immigrant for the big city seeking to find the freedoms it holds.

Dieter and Phillip, the two teenage boys, soon find that their love is not enough as money is not easily earned by runaway 16 year-olds. Phillip first and Dieter more reluctantly, falls into a life of prostitution.

The results are not unexpected.

Beautifully filmed and equally beautifully cast, Froelich's film is sure to raise controversy over its realistic portrayal of teenage Gay sexuality.

Froelich and young star Matt Klept were in attendance at the screening and answered questions.

Film festivals such as this are marvelous opportunities to see Gay classics that have never made it to video and which have rarely been screened. *Reeling* this year featured two such, yet vastly different films.

Saturday's offering included a screening of Christopher Larkin's 1973 film, *A Very Natural Thing*. The first Gay-themed feature film by a Gay director to receive commercial (if limited) distribution, *A Very Natural Thing* is something of a revelation. Emerging from the priesthood, David comes to New York and falls in love with Mark (Curt

Cream City Chorus

Seeks Business

Manager For Long-Term Growth

Milwaukee—Now in its ninth year, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus (WCCC) has plans to stretch itself beyond the grass-roots level it has previously enjoyed, taking a well-earned place amidst the Greater Milwaukee Fine Arts community.

Consisting of Lesbians, Gay and straight men and straight women representing an inter-generational, interracial blend of musicians, the Chorus already has a well-established place in the LesBiGay and political advocacy community.

During the next year, WCCC is committed to developing deeper organization and financial stability, increased visibility in the Metro Milwaukee area, and long-term planning for growth.

A five point plan has been implemented to help the Chorus move forward, including expansion of the Chorus' Board of Directors to include both member and corporate representation.

Another point is the addition of a business manager to help oversee many areas of the upcoming development.

The business manager, initially a volunteer position, is expected to work with the Finance Committee Chair in developing policy and procedure relating to fundraising, financial management and cash management.

"We see this as a great opportunity for both the Chorus and the business manager," said Jeanne Solik, Financial Committee Chair. "Association with WCCC could enable a volunteer or volunteer organization to establish a presence in Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community, show support and participation in the continuing development of Milwaukee's cultural and musical resources, and partner with a grass roots organization committed to political and social change for all citizens of Milwaukee."

Anyone interested in this position or in sharing other talents with the WCCC, is encouraged to contact the Chorus office at (414) 344-WCCC, or by writing to: P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1488.

The Chorus rehearses at the First Unitarian Society on N. Astor every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the Chorus is invited to attend.

Gareth). Mark eventually feels trapped by the monogamous demands made by David and they break up.

At the 1973 Christopher Street Pride March, David meets Jason and they too fall in love, only this time it is David that seeks to avoid a monogamous relationship.

At times unabashedly romantic, *A Very Natural Thing* remains a surprisingly effective film.

The 1970's saw the birth of the modern era of Gay porn and the wonderful folks at the Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival have uncovered and dusted off quite a classic: *Heavy Equipment*—in 3-D.

Featuring a legendary cast including Jack Wrangler, Al Parker and Roger, this has all the makings of a cult classic. With 3-D glasses in hand, a nearly sold-out house at the Music Box viewed this adult entertainment on the big screen. The result was an absolute hoot, to say the least.

The weekend's biggest surprise might have been Dirk Schafer's delightful *Man of the Year*. Dirk is best known as Playgirl's Man of the Year for 1992. For one whole year the Gay Schafer played straight for countless publicity and media appearances. In *Man of the Year*, Schafer relives this wild and wacky year.

With tongue firmly in cheek, Schafer mixes real people, like Dirk's mom and his larger than life best buddy Vivian Paxton with hilarious fictional characters like small-town stripper (and Dirk's number one fan) Lady La Flame to recreate the outrageous events of his year-long reign.

The evening's only disappointment was Dirk's absence from his scheduled appearance due to a car accident while enroute to the airport. Dirk was reported to be only shaken up in the accident.

Reeling: The Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival will continue through Sunday, November 10th. Festival Hotline number is (312) 384-0772.

October TOP 10 Gay & Lesbian Videos



1. The Sum of Us

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2. Farinelli

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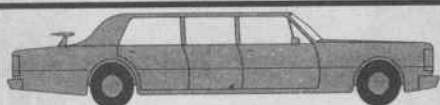


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Clarenbach Addresses West Hollywood Fundraiser on Gay Role in Politics

By Petr Pronsati

West Hollywood, CA—"The Gay and Lesbian community has to grow up."

Somebody needed to say it. David Clarenbach, the straight-talking executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, decided that it might as well be him. "This is not a time to mince words," he said, speaking to a crowd at a fundraiser in West Hollywood in October.

Clarenbach, late of Wisconsin, is the antithesis of everything stereotypically Los Angeles or political. He is straightforward and forthright with his thoughts and ideas.

"I can only compare our battery of political and financial support with that of the real enemy," he said. "The Radical Right. The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has 4,000 members; the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has close to 100,000 members---If you just compare that with the Christian Coalition which has 1.2 million members---It's a different place of political existence.

"They are fighting with nuclear armaments and we've got sticks and stones. We can not compete against the Radical Right unless we are much better organized, much better funded and much better focused on what we need to



DAVID CLARENBACH

do."

In his opinion, part of what we need to do is to push out of our typical comfort zones and do things we haven't done before.

We need to support openly Gay and Lesbian political candidates, not just with our words, but with our wallets.

Be Done With In-Fighting

"We do not have the luxury of in-fighting," he said. "We don't have the luxury of sitting around in our nice comfortable safe enclaves, going up to Fire Island for the Summer, or sitting around in our self-contained ghettos known as Gay bars.

"There is nothing wrong with any of that stuff as a release or as a place to refuel one's batteries. But if you went into the average Gay bar in any community in this country and took an honest poll of the number of people in that establishment who have ever written a \$5 check to a Gay political organization, you would find a disturbing minority," he said.

How do you convince someone to contribute money to someone's campaign simply because they are Gay or Lesbian?

According to Clarenbach, you don't. "That ought not to be the standard by which we judge candidates that we support," he said. "It is not enough to be Gay or Lesbian and run for office. That does not warrant the support of the Gay and Lesbian community in and of itself."

That's why the Victory Fund has a strict list of criteria by which they judge candidates before endorsing them, he said.

Victory Fund Criteria

"They must be qualified; they must be capable of putting together a political organization that can win; they must be viable; they have to have demonstrated a base of support beyond the Gay and Lesbian community and once they are elected, they need to be prepared to serve."

Viable doesn't mean cautious though. "In my opinion," he said, "the worst mistake anyone can make in politics is to compromise with yourself. I know full well that compromise is a central part of the political process. Nine times out of ten, you will have to make some sort of compromise in order to make any progress. But the last thing we can afford to do is to compromise with ourselves."

Why is it, however, that someone in California, for example, should give money to support a candidate in Des Moines?

"What is in it for you to get a member of the Arizona state legislature elected? What's in it for you, someone who lives in San Diego? Why do you give a shit?"

"Well, I'll tell you. Laws are not ends unto themselves, they are means toward an end. No one presumes that because Wisconsin has a Gay rights law that that ends homophobia within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin anymore than laws ended racism or sexism.

"But it is a necessary prerequisite. It is in your direct self-interest, it is an investment in your future to see to it that we elect a member of the Dallas city council," not only because of what he or she will do for the city of Dallas, but because of a much more important reason.

"In the bigger picture," he said, "it has been demonstrated that people are 80% less likely to condone discrimination against Gays if they know someone personally who is Gay or Lesbian.

"That is why the elected officials are such important role models." Not just because of what they do in office, he concluded, but because they make being Gay or Lesbian in mainstream society a commonplace occurrence.

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The AAC, a coalition of performing arts groups throughout the Milwaukee area dedicated to raising awareness of HIV disease, raised more than \$12,300 selling holiday cards last season. Susie Bauer of the Bauer Contemporary Ballet and an AAC volunteer, is chair of the card committee.

The boxed sets of 12 cards sell for \$12 each and feature three cards each of four designs: a snowflake card by Kevin Callahan of Milwaukee; a quilt card by Janis Bauer of Milwaukee; and poinsettia and bell cards by Jack Baldus Designs of Chicago.

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condoms and bleach.

Those drug users who agree to be tested for HIV, and who are found to be positive, will

have access to extensive support services through SEWAP. Those services include case management, legal assistance, housing and food assistance, among other things.

In addition to curbing or eliminating the spread of HIV, a goal of Lifepoint Racine is to get injection drug users off drugs and into culturally appropriate drug treatment.

In Milwaukee, 78 people were referred to inpatient drug treatment programs and at least 100 more accessed drug counseling services in Lifepoint's first year of operation.

In order to determine the potential effectiveness of a needle exchange program in Racine, ARCW has researched the impact and success of needle exchange programs in at least 46 cities nationwide.

This evaluation revealed that such programs:

1. Reduce HIV transmission by as much as one third;
2. Do not encourage drug use by youth or by people who previously were not users;
3. Do not lead to increased drug usage or more frequent injection by users;
4. Are successful in getting more users into treatment;
5. And, are successful in reducing the number of contaminated, potentially hazardous needles discarded in neighborhoods.

Lifepoint Racine is funded entirely by private donations.

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away.

The Far Right had an observer at each polling place and would challenge voters on the spot as to whether they were registered or not. This took time and the lines were long.

The reason for these tactics was that polls

taken just before the election were showing the pro-Gay and Progressive forces to be in the lead.

On election day itself, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) David Smith, reported that exit polls were showing that pro-Gay forces were in the lead by a 41%-48% margin.

Exit polls do not always really indicate how a vote will go. Progressive forces in Maine were crossing their fingers.

On election night, some 1,200 Lesbians, Gay men and their allies gathered in the Holiday Inn ballroom to await the results.

Several times during the evening, Weir said, the anti-Gay vote pulled ahead. "There was dead silence," he said.

But then, the tide turned and local TV stations began calling the vote as a victory for Gay forces. In the ball room, Weir said, people cried and people cheered all at the same time.

And, at the same time, the DJ put on the "Hallelujah Chorus" to thunder its majestic tones of triumph across the room.

Weir, obvious exhausted, said that as the election neared, "over 1,000 Gay and Lesbian volunteer fanned throughout the state. There were chapters supporting us and working in every county," he said.

To add their considerable weight to the fight for justice, HRC sent eight staff members to Maine and provided major technical and financial assistance to Maine Won't Discriminate, the broad-based local coalition of religious, business and community organizations that working to defeat the anti-Gay measure.

Asked why he thought the Far Right lost, Weir said he thought that voters saw through Right Wing rhetoric about "special rights."

"They saw it wasn't special rights, but clearly about discrimination," he said.

NGLTF observers in the state added their belief that in this fiercely independent state, outside support of Measure 1 by extremist groups nationwide was resented.

In particular, NGLTF said, Bruce Fein, a Right Wing lawyer in Virginia who wrote Measure 1 and has worked closely with Radical Right groups in other states.

One of the things that surprised Weir was that many of the small, normally conservative towns throughout the state had voted against Measure 1. Asked why he thought that was, he chuckled and said he didn't know.

"That's what I'll be having my reporters look into in the next few days," he said.

Susan Hibbard, NGLTF's campaign consultant noted that the small town support had "changed the fear of being Gay or Lesbian" in

Please Note

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, "Light" will be published on November 20.

Therefore, the copy deadline for that issue is November 15th.

The copy deadline for the issue coming out on December 7th, is December 1st.

"Light," as always, will take a holiday break. Hence, the December 7th issue will be the Christmas-New Year's issue. It will be in circulation four weeks.

The copy deadline for the January 4, 1996 issue is December 29th.

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rural areas. She added that the issue "may have backfired" on the Radical Right.

"Intended to push Gays and Lesbians back into the closet," she said, "it instead galvanized us and our supporters."

Weir said that a victory rally is to be held in Maine's capitol, Augusta, on November 8th.

Weir said the next step is to work for the passage of a law "like Wisconsin's," a law that protects Gay people from discrimination.

In a statement issued election night, Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director said, "Common sense and decency triumphed over extremism. Today's vote here in Maine is in keeping with the national trend. Americans are rejecting extremism."

However, Birch warned that "We must put this campaign in perspective. While this is a wonderful victory, Gay and Lesbian citizens of Maine have not moved one step closer to having basic equal rights."

Weir and his jubilant Maine co-workers in the field realize this, but for tonight, they savor their victory and are glad.

"Maine is safe to come to," he said. "Maine is the way life should be."

LETTERS

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its way here. I am not sure how that is, but I do see it in various of our places and pick it up when I can get it. You've got a good read there. Keep it up.

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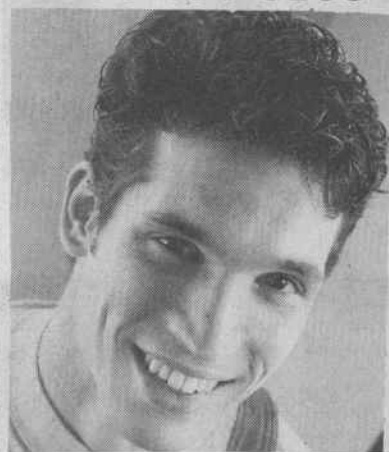
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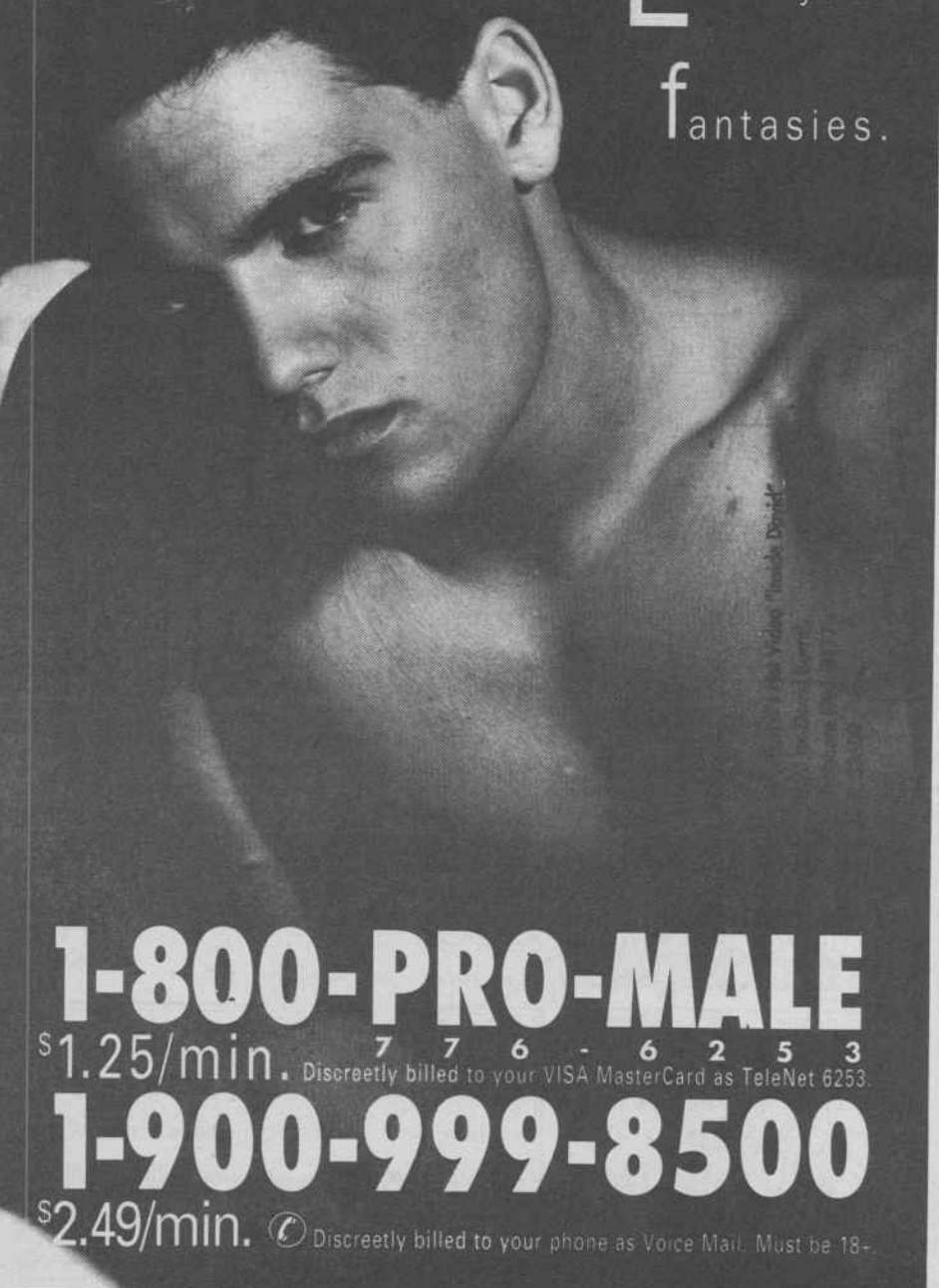
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Madison **BOTTOM TO TOP:** GWM, 5'9", 165, 30 something, brown hair, very good looking, aggressively dominant seeks submissive's only for mutual pleasure and excitement. Discretion a must. Call me now! ☎14481

Madison **DEADHEADS:** GWM, deadhead, long haired couple seeks same. Let's meet and go Phishing! ☎14493

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Madison **WILLING TO NEGOTIATE:** GWM, 20, student, good shape, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'7", 140, seeks in shape and dominant men, 23-35, professional, open for new ideas. Leave me a message. ☎15019

Milwaukee **GAM,** 22, 5'5", 120, brown eyes, black hair, very gorgeous, seeks others, 30-35, masculine and well built, for pleasure and relationship. Please leave me a message. ☎15149

Milwaukee **LEATHER & LEXOL:** GWM, biker, seeks submissive for leather cleaning. Will Train! Leave me a message. ☎15223

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Oshkosh **ANY PORT IN A STORM:** GWM, 39, seeks friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎15327

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Wisconsin **LEATHER NOVICE:** GWM, 5'8", 150, brown hair, hazel eyes, smooth, well built, very muscular, seeks very dominant men, smooth, slender and muscular preferred, for friendship and much more. ☎13692

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Madison **MASCULINE ONLY:** GWM, 29, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6', 185, nice body, masculine and straight appearing seeks same, 21-39, for fun and more. Please leave a message. ☎17406

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Wisconsin **RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED:** GWM, 24, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests, seeks others, 20-27, for friendship and long term relationship. Please leave a message. ☎17624

Milwaukee **LET'S PLAY DOCTOR:** GBM, 24, 5'11", 140, brown hair and eyes, nurse, variety of interests, seeks others for friendship and more. Please leave a message. ☎17820

Wisconsin **ALL AMERICAN CREAM:** GWM, 30, 6'2", 200, brown hair, blue eyes, boy next door, seeks same, 25-45, for

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Wisconsin **COCKED AND LOADED:** GWM, 6'2", 170, attractive, seeks GWM's, under 35, for friendship and relationship. Please leave a message. ☎12577

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Milwaukee **LET'S TALK:** GWM, 22, 125, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, musician and artist, seeks other GWM's with similar qualities and interests for fun. Please leave me a message. ☎13411

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Madison **BI THE WAY, R U?:** BiWM, 25, 6'1", 230, seeks other BiWM's under 30 in the local area for a good friendship with more possible. Please leave a message. ☎12072

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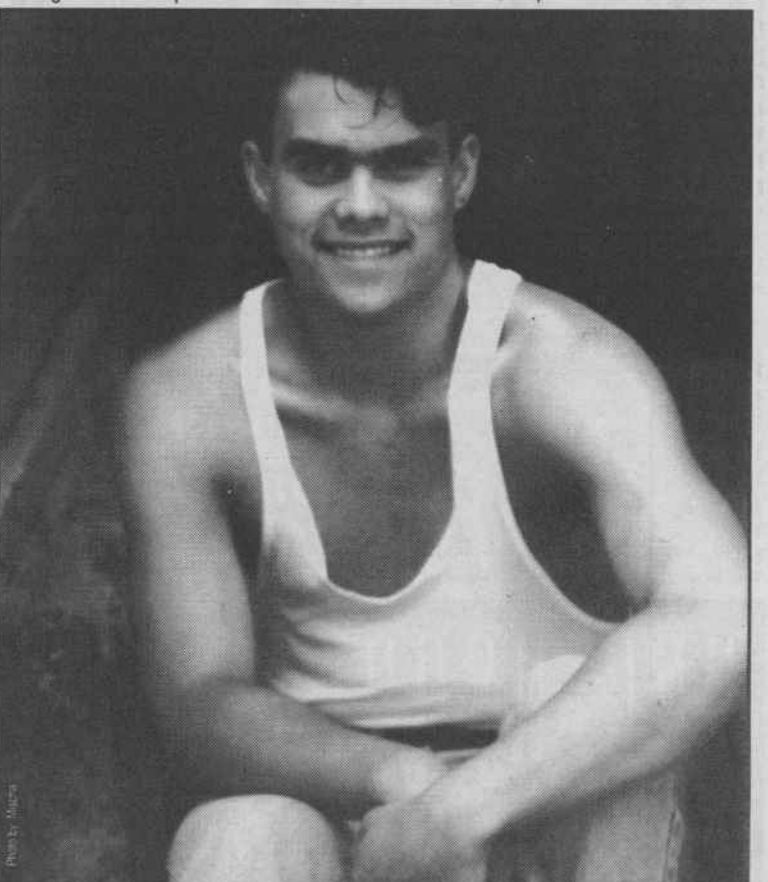
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M, nice body, clean cut, clean shaven, nice butt. ISO M, so give a call. (Call Thru) Box# 0335

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Robert, GWM, 24, straight-acting, looking for muscular, straight-acting GBM, 25-35, to hang out, take long walks, listen to the radio, and quiet evenings at home, for friendship and possible relationship. Box# 3065

Henry, GBM, 32, 5'4, 145lbs., bottom, into fitness, looking for top, in-shape M, 20-40, 5'2-5'6, for blow out. (Call Thru) Box# 4178

Dave, 40, 5'10, 175lbs., hot and well built. I'd love to meet you. (Call Thru) Box# 4075

Oliver, GBM, 19, 5'10, 160lbs., medium build, looking for M, 18-33. Box# 9954

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Bi/W, 23, 130lbs., seeking older, adult M, 27-35, big, rugged, about 175-195lbs., for an encounter. Beard/mustache preferred. Box# 9717

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James, GWM, 20, 5'7, 175lbs., into just about anything fun, likes having good times. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 2546

Ben, 27, 5'11, 160lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, new to area, professional, looking for GWM, 24-30, hairy chest, relationship-oriented, who knows what they want. (Call Thru) Box# 2424

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Thomas, 18, just out of the closet, looking for someone to give me some fun, and a little show around. Box# 0623

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John, 27, 5'11, has own business, looking for F interested in boating, outdoor activities, movies, and going out. If interested, give me a call. Box# 8161

BM, 28, 6', 180lbs. If you're a BM, at least 200lbs., I'm the one for you. No fats, feds, or positives. (Call Thru) Box# 5973

Dave, 31, 6'1, 180lbs., light brown hair, brown eyes, good looking, good body, masculine, looking for another hot M. Box# 5943

Jeff, 28, 170lbs., brown hair, brown eyes, smooth, 7cut, clean shaven, looking to hook up. Box# 5672

John, looking for gorgeous BM in good condition. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 5751

Joe, smoker, social drinker, enjoys partying. ISO honest, true M, to show me around the world. Box# 5545

Al, 29, light brown hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, muscular, looking for WM, 25-35. Call me if interested in friendship or possible relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 5135

SWF, 35, attractive, NS Pf, intelligent, independent, w/ sense of humor, enjoys fine dining, travel, quiet evenings, skiing. ISO S/DWM, secure, honest, intelligent w/similar interests. Box# 2539

SBF, 44, seeks S/DWM, 35 to 50, 5'9" plus, non-smoker. Must be emotionally and physically strong. For companionship, movies, dinner, possible romance and long term commitment. (Call Thru) Box# 2518

Ron, 6'2, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a lady who wants all the TLC she can handle. Box# 4946

M, 19, 6', 185lbs., well tanned, dirty blonde hair, green eyes, altitud hair, looking for a hot M who would love to get together. Box# 4826

Al, 29, looking for guys, 25-35. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 4365

Steve, 35, blue eyes, brownish-blond hair, 135lbs., bottom, looking for someone for good times. (Call Thru) Box# 3144

Mike, 5'9, 145lbs., dark hair, green eyes, smooth, tan, bottom, likes going to the beach, looking for top for different things. Box# 3474

Attractive GWM, 5'10, 170lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, very good looking, versatile, discrete, looking for attractive M, under 40, to get into some really hot times. (Call Thru) Box# 2726

Nathan, 26, tall, good looking, and very attractive guy, looking for someone nice. Give me a call. (Call Thru) Box# 2700

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Lou, DWM, 31, 5'7, athletic, good sense of humor, fun loving, enjoys the outdoors, and everything about woman, and all types. ISO F for friendship and good times. Box# 1498

Carlos, 6'2, energetic, fit, green eyes, open-minded, speaks 3 languages, enjoys reading, outdoors, sports. ISO F interested in friendship, relationship, or just making new friends. (Call Thru) Box# 1875

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Tony, body builder, very masculine, 5'8, muscular, brown hair, brown eyes, athletic, bottom, looking for aggressive M who is comfortable being a top. Box# 1377

Mike, 23, 5'8, 185lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a cowboy who wants to have fun and maybe have their bull rode. (Call Thru) Box# 2313

Travis, GBM, caribbean, 26, recent grad, looking for nice caring individual to share life with me. Any race. (Call Thru) Box# 2241

Randy, 30, 5'9, 148lbs., 28waist, looking for someone, 30 or younger, to get together. (Call Thru) Box# 1474

Mark, 38, 6', brown hair, brown eyes, top, HIV+, seeking someone special. Box# 2049

Terry, African American M, 28, 5'7, 150lbs., brown eyes, grad student, looking for dominant, masculine African American M, 25-35, 5'9+, independent, honest, to experience friendship and more. (Call Thru) Box# 0052

Steve, BM, 35, 5'8, 180lbs., straight, curious, looking for very feminine M, any race, beautiful to look at and wonderful to hold. Drag queens welcome. Box# 0196

Michael, 21, 5'8, 200lbs., dark brown hair, brown eyes, into all kinds of different things. ISO M, 18-30, who's an aggressive top. (Call Thru) Box# 1280

Steven, GWM, 32, 5'8, good looking, brown hair, brown eyes, mustache, Italian, great body, into safe sex. ISO attractive GWM, similar interests, for friendship/possible relationship. Belives in honesty and lifetime commitments. (Call Thru) Box# 1726

Dave, GWM, 23, 6'1, 189lbs., clean cut, military type, looking for hairy chested M, 6'2+. Honesty is important. Box# 3231

Sam, 5'4, 160lbs., cuddly little teddy bear, looking for something casual, not to intense. Let's cuddle tonight. Box# 3728

Charles, GWM, 35, 5'10, 185lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, moderately hairy chest. ISO GWM, 25-45, for caring, romantic, monogamous relationship. Mustache/hairy chest a plus. Box# 3920

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

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

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

Jeff, 29, 5'8, 130lbs., BiCurious, brown hair, brown eyes. Would like to have some fun. Box# 6542

GWM, Jay, 25, ISO another M, 25-35, for fun. Box# 9973

Tim, SWM, 35, 6'1, nice guy, respects woman, has good sense of humor, just give me a chance. You won't be sorry, I'll try to make you happy. Box# 8674

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

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. Box# 8684

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Steve, 44, bottom ISO tops. Box# 7381

New guy in town, 5'6, 151lbs., likes bottoms. Would like to hear from some of you. Box# 6113

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

Michael, GWM, tall, attractive, 6'1, 175lbs., slim, looking for B/HIS M, slim, 5'8+, for good times. Box# 8866

Todd, 25, 6', 180, ready to have good times. Mark and his partner. Please call me. Box# 6649

Robert, 5'10, 145, brn hr/eyes, excellent shapete, American/Indian, Black, Italian, ISO G/Bi/W, who enjoys good company. Box# 8839

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Dave, 39, 6', 200lbs., good shape, fun guy, likes skiing, scuba diving, swimming, cars, mexican restaurants, movies, dining out. Sexually I like alot of things. ISO M. (Call Thru) Box# 0179

Chuck, WM, 24, dark hair, blue eyes, tan, GQ type, good looking. ISO BM, good-looking, good-shape, well-dressed, straight-acting. Maybe we can hook-up, get together, and get to know each other. (Call Thru) Box# 8009

Bob, 43, trying to get in shape, wants to get back that lean muscle shape. Looking for M to train with, lift weights, go walking with. (Call Thru) Box# 1432

Kevin, 24, 6'1, 170lbs., into hip-hop, R&B, dancing, doesn't like anybody knowing his business. ISO attractive Puerto Rican/BM, no feds, no fats. Box# 2465

John, GWM, 44, 5'7, 200lbs., big chest, big arms, brown-hair, green-eyes, trim mustache, HIV-. ISO GM, any race, likes outdoors, quiet times, body massages, cuddling, to settle down, serious relationship. Box# 4271

Italian BM, 32, looking for M, well built, well hung. Box# 2532

GWM, 29, 6'1, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, looking to meet M, attractive, fit, secure with themselves. (Call Thru) Box# 4682

Allen, WM, mid-30's, 5'11, 140lbs., good looking, slender, dark-brown hair, blue/eyes, mustache, bottom, somewhat hairy. ISO M, hot top, hairy daddy, who knows what he wants and how to get it. (Call Thru) Box# 4724

Tony, 29, dirty-blond hair, blue-green/eyes, 6', 185lbs., affectionate, likes the outdoors, running, having good times, movies, and holding and cuddling. ISO M, 27 or younger, descent shape, with similar interests. Box# 9046

Mike, 41, 6', 200lbs., body builder, open, willing to do almost anything. ISO M, for friendship, developing into long term/sexual relationship. (Call Thru) Box# 8725

M, 38, good looking, in-shape, financially secure, stable. Looking for versatile M, 18-25. Apply for position. (Call Thru) Box# 4105

Dark haired, dark eyed M, 31, 6'1, 150lbs., smooth, mustache, looking for hot times with M, 30-45, who likes to have good times. Box# 7424

Dean, GWM, brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, hairy body, well endowed. ISO a great bottom to have a great time with. (Call Thru) Box# 9022

Nick, 22, 5'10, 189lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, likes hanging out, sports, being with friends. Looking to meet some people. (Call Thru) Box# 0861

Dave, 35, 5'7, 160lbs., top, dark

MINISTRIES

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The "cured" or "reformed" Gays of ex-Gay ministries are the poster children for the anti-Gay movement, championed proof, they say, that being Gay is an illness that can be cured, a wound as yet untreated, a perversion of God's natural order to be condemned and then set right.

These cultish organizations—most notably Exodus, founded in 1976, and its plentiful offshoots in over two thirds of the nation's states (including Wisconsin), as well as England, Australia, the Philippines, and Singapore—profess to be able to change a person's sexual orientation through religious faith.

Failure and facade are also part of the ex-Gay ministry, because sexual orientation—as race, gender, and left-handedness—cannot be changed.

They see Lesbians and Gay men as wounded beings, "fallen," who sexualize same-sex relationships in a misguided attempt to fill the void left by a poor relationship with their same-sex parent. While it publishes no success rate, Exodus claims to be helping over 5,000 Gays at any one time.

Finding these elusive ex-Gays, the ones truly and completely "cured" and rid of all homosexuality, though, can be difficult, a Herculean task.

Most ex-Gay ministries appear far more tempered and compassionate in their practices than the fiery hatred spewed forth by public figures such as Lou Sheldon, Dornan, Jesse Helms, and Fred Phelps, but that veneer only hides a basic belief in complete harmony with the most violent Gay-basher.

Many progressive, but ultimately pro-heterosexual theologians, for example, make it a point to draw the biblical distinction between "invert" (homosexual by nature) and the

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"pervert" (heterosexual by nature, but practicing lustful homosexuality) as well as concede the possible misinterpretations of biblical passages by anti-Gay Fundamentalists that appear to condemn homosexuality, but, in fact, only condemn lust, prostitution, and rape—but these theologians stop short of announcing the validity of Gay life and Gay love.

The ex-Gay ministries of today work out of the idea that with the "grace of God," one can lead a heterosexual lifestyle—and, if that's not possible, to at least lead one of abstinence.

"However strongly we may disapprove of homosexual acts, we have no liberty to dehumanize those who engage in them," states proponent of ex-Gay ministries and renowned theologian John R.W. Stott, in his 1995 book, **Involvement: Social and Sexual Relationships in the Modern World.**

Then, within pages, he falls into line with the most radical of anti-Gay institutions: "The reason for the biblical prohibitions is the same reason why modern loving homosexual partnerships must also be condemned—namely that they are incompatible with God's created order. And since that order (heterosexual monogamy) was established by Creation (Adam and Eve), not culture, its validity is both permanent and universal." He contends that the "Only alternative to heterosexual marriage is sexual abstinence."

With sweeping religious fundamentalism comes a wave of anti-Gay rhetoric that anti-Gay zealots relish and spread feverishly.

This double blade of surface compassion and outright, basic condemnation, is what swaths the path down which the ex-Gay ministry and reparative therapy run, and is what makes the ex-Gay ministries often difficult to hate even by those who have undergone their methods with ill effect.

But good intentions are no excuse for the damage these ministries often cause.

Despite the contentions of many Gays and Lesbians; the opinion of the American Psychiatric Association, which removed homosexuality from its list of mental disorders in 1973; organizations such as Evangelicals Concerned, Christian Gays and Lesbians in Justice, and the Metropolitan Community Church; and the recanting of Exodus founders Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, who fell in love with each

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other, denounced the ill-conceived goals of the organization they helped create, and married each other in 1979, the ex-Gay ministries push on in growing numbers.

Their motivation lies within biblical passages that they take as literal condemnations of homosexuality, ignoring context, culture, linguistic mistranslations, and the Bible's insultingly liberal views on slavery (Leviticus 25:45), incest (Genesis 19:32), murder (I Samuel 15:23) child abuse (Deuteronomy 23:2), sexism (I Timothy 2:12) and outdated dietary, dress, and hygiene codes (The Book of Leviticus).

The largest ex-Gay ministries, Exodus, held its North American Conference, "The Journey Out," this Summer in San Diego, celebrating its 20 years of "success." For upwards of \$860, attendees could partake in classes, seminars and workshops whose titles only illustrate the relative ineffectiveness, insurmountable realities and failures of the ex-Gay ministries:

"My Husband Is No Longer Homosexual. So Why Am I so Miserable.?" "Relapse Prevention." "The Essence of Change: Obedience," Marriage and the Homosexual Struggle," Ministering to Sexually Addicted Clergy," and "Greater Love: A Wife's Response to Unfaithfulness."

Led by those who claim to be cured, the Conference featured one workshop leader, Dennis Jernigan, who was, according to the Conference literature, "caught up in the sin of homosexuality until God broke Dennis' heart to the reality of His love . . . Dennis and his wife Melinda live in Oklahoma with their nine children."

Nine!? Even Douglas Houck of Seattle's Metanoia Ministry, an ex-Gay program under Exodus' umbrella, concedes that "dating, marriage, and child-bearing are not proof of transformation, nor are they the cure for homosexuality . . . Failure, slipping back into overt homosexual behavior or even a relationship,

may occur. This too is part of the ex-Gay reality."

Unfortunately, what Houck and his compatriots fail to see is that failure and facade are also part of the ex-Gay ministry, because sexual orientation—as race, gender, and left-handedness—can not be changed.

Editor's Note: The author is the Editor of Edge Magazine in San Diego, California.

Part II: Continued Next Issue. Catherine Wulfensmith and J.D. Schramm, both, a Lesbian and Gay man, tell of their experiences with ex-Gay ministries.

LAMM /LAMMEF To Hold Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Milwaukee—The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) and the LAMM Education Fund (LAMMEF) cordially invite all Lesbians to attend the annual volunteer recognition dinner on Thursday, November 16th at the Manchester East Hotel, 7065 N. Port Washington Road.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$10. Call the LAMM office to make reservations. (414) 264-2600. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. and there is no charge for those who want to attend only the program.

Volunteers are vital to LAMM and LAMMEF and this month's program is dedicated to them.

In addition to the volunteer awards, the Karen Gotzler Leadership Award will be presented to this year's recipient and elections for the Board of Managers will be held.

Join the women of LAMM/LAMMEF in celebrating this year's accomplishments. All Lesbians are welcome.

Announcements

Angel of Hope AIDS Vigil for World AIDS Day

Green Bay—Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church is making preparations for their 24-hour 9th Annual AIDS Vigil, which will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. on World AIDS Day, December 1st. The vigil will be held at the Downtowner Best Western, 321 S. Washington Street, Green Bay. There will be an opening and a closing service with dedications of individual names throughout the day and night. Anyone wanting information on making a dedication or leaving a name to be listed, can call (414) 432-0830 or write: P.O. Box 672, Green Bay, WI 54305-0672.

An Evening of Dancing in Madison

Madison—An evening of dancing for LesBiGay people and their allies is available on Friday, November 24th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison. The evening will be an introduction to the Dances of Universal Peace, taught by Jim Meyers, a certified teacher of the Dances, from South Bend, Indiana.

The Dances of Universal Peace are circle dances and walks which are moving meditations honoring spiritual traditions around the world. They help one to find inner peace and develop unity within a group. They are a form of body prayer meant to deepen one's commitment to the ideals of peace, justice and equality for all beings.

The Dances will be taught at this gathering and musicians are welcome to bring instruments to support these simple chants. Those attending are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and heavy socks. There is no admission fee, but a donation basket will be available for those who wish to contribute to the costs of the evening.

Third Annual Women's Pancake Breakfast

Madison—The Third Annual Women's Pancake Breakfast will be held on November 19th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Avenue in Madison. Breakfast items will include pancakes, fruit salad, sausage, yogurt, coffee and juice. The cost for all you can eat is a sliding fee of \$5 to \$3, and the proceeds will go to help cover the costs of women's programs at the Center. Volunteers are needed to help out. Please contact Patti Thompson at (608) 241-1574 to sign up for a pancake flipping shift.

AIDS Ministry Names New Deputy Director

Milwaukee—Brother Stephen E. Braddock, executive director of St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, has announced his appointment of Jeffrey G. Miller, RN, MSN, to the position of Deputy Director. Miller's responsibilities will include assisting Braddock with the development, organization, implementation, delivery and evaluation of services to meet the needs of persons infected and/or affected by HIV disease.

St. Camillus provides physical, spiritual and emotional support services, including an In-Patient Sensitive Care Unit and a residence for people with AIDS.

Madison Survey of Gay Community under way

Madison—Madison's first major survey of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities is now under way. The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, with financial assistance from The New Harvest Foundation, will distribute the survey in Madison throughout the month of November. Members of those communities may pick up their surveys at The United, the LGB Campus Center, Four Star Video Heaven, the Atwood Community Center, Geraldine's, or Border's Bookstore.

LAMMEF Selling Entertainment Books

Milwaukee—The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMMEF) is selling 1996 Entertainment Books, a book of coupons and savings for restaurants, theatres, sports and services throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Each book is \$35 and can provide thousands in savings. Buy one for yourself or give one as a holiday gift. The books are available at the LAMM member meetings and programs or by sending your name, address, phone number and payment to: LAMMEF, Attn.: Entertainment Book, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Checks, VISA and MC accepted.

Madison Radio Show for LGB Community

Madison—WORT 89.9 FM, Madison's listener sponsored community radio station, is pleased to announce a news and views show for the Madison area Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay and Transgender communities. "Queery" offers exactly what the name suggests. Finally, a radio program that questions and challenges norms. "Queery" is looking for volunteers interested in sharing Madison area LesBiGay news and information that interests you. Come to an organizational meeting at the station, 118 S. Bedford Street, on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

WTSO's "Sunday Night Out"

Madison—Coming up on WTSO's LesBiGay radio show on Saturday, November 11th; Lesbian author Yvonne Zipter shares passages from her book: **Ransacking the Closet**. Former Madison activist Dan Savage talks about his new syndicated advice column for the Gay community. **Torch Song's** Harvey Fierstein will be interviewed. And drag performers Cee Cee Rae and the newly crowned "Miss Wisconsin" will discuss the new mainstream fascination with men posing as women.

We're still looking for a new name for Sunday Night Out since we air from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays now—over \$200 in prizes for the clever person who provides us with a new label.

Dykes To Watch Out For



Karen Gotzler Announces Her Candidacy for Alderwoman in Milwaukee's 3rd District

Milwaukee—Karen Gotzler has announced that she is running for City of Milwaukee 3rd District Alderwoman with elections to be held in February 6th for the primary and March 19th for the general election. The seat currently is held by Lorraine McNamara-McGraw who announced that she will not be running again for that position.

If Gotzler is elected, she will be the first openly Gay or Lesbian elected official in the Milwaukee area. While this is a non-partisan election, Gotzler has received significant support for her race from both Democrats and Republicans. Her experience and leadership on city issues and the campaign's organizing ability add to the credibility of the race and the likelihood of her election.

Gotzler is well-known in the Milwaukee Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community as a leader and organizer.

She came out at age 23 and has been active with Gay groups ever since. In 1979, she and her partner at that time, established Midwest Women's Music Distributors, Inc., a wholesaler of music by and about women, most of it Lesbian-identified. Midwest Music, as the company was later known, sold records, tapes and compact discs in a 13 state area and was part of the Women's Independent Label Distributors (WILD) network. In its biggest year, Meridian employed eight full-time staff.

In 1983, Iceberg Records was formed as a means of recording and getting music out, especially by Lesbians of color and other artists who didn't fit the traditional women's music mold. Gotzler and her partners recorded Casselberry-DuPress, Jasmine, The Washington Sisters, and Judy Gorman-Jacobs among others.

Iceberg also distributed recordings for several Gay men, including Charlie Murphy and Elliot Pilshaw. Iceberg won several national awards for production. During this time, Gotzler was a founding member of the Association of Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC).



KAREN GOTZLER

Gotzler was involved for several years with the Cream City Business Association, a Gay and Gay-friendly business owners and professionals group in Milwaukee. She served on the Board of Directors and was its President in 1987, its highest membership year.

After 12 years in business, Gotzler took a position with the Wisconsin Department of Development as an economic development consultant. Initially, she handles minority



Ghosts and Goblins—Hallowe'en was celebrated in a big way in bars throughout the state including at This Is It in Milwaukee. The top winners of the bar's annual costume contest are shown above at the October 28th event.

business certifications, including legal and financial document reviews and on-site visits.

In 1991, she became the financial consultant, assisting existing and start-up companies in obtaining bank loans, public financing and other funding.

Gotzler currently administers the Early Planning Grant program as well as providing technical assistance for Department of Development financing programs.

She serves on the loan committees of the Women's Business Initiative and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Economic Development Corporation.

Gotzler is a founding member of the Urban Economic Development Association and currently serves on the steering committee. For the last three years, she has been appointed by the Mayor's office to serve on the Milwaukee Overall Economic Development Program Committee.

In 1989, Gotzler recruited her partner, Kitty Barber, and several friends to create a network for Lesbians in Milwaukee. Those organizing efforts resulted in the birth of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). With Gotzler's leadership, LAMM grew to be the largest Gay and/or Lesbian membership organization in Wisconsin.

During her presidency, she also co-chaired the Lavender Network, a coalition of 27 diverse community groups to plan and coordinate responses and actions following the Dahmer murders.

Gotzler chaired the Police Proposal Task Group which submitted a 600 page proposal to Mayor John Norquist's Commission on Police-Community Relations, addressing policing issues and the Gay community.

In 1992, Gotzler led the effort to create the LAMM Education Fund to support community education efforts.

Also, with several key Gay men and Lesbians, Gotzler created the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays. She is currently its co-chair.

Gotzler has been active with a variety of other community groups, including the Milwaukee AIDS Project, No Retreat on Civil Rights Network, American Civil Liberties Union and the Milwaukee Clinic Defense Coalition.

Gotzler's campaign will focus on 3rd District and city-wide issues. For example, her work as a trainer at the Milwaukee Police Academy has helped her develop a deep commitment to community-oriented policing as a total philosophy and not just a project in a specific neighborhood.

With her economic development background, Gotzler is uniquely positioned to emphasize job retention and creation as a means

to a healthy local economy and a pro-active way of reducing crime and deteriorating housing.

Gotzler's work through professional and community circles with elected city officials and various city departments has given her the contacts to "hit the ground running" as an alderwoman. Gotzler will take her coalition-building and leadership skills to the Common Council.

Gotzler's campaign slogan, **OUT FRONT** is an apt description of Gotzler herself. She is "out." She is "out front" on experience by comparison to the other candidates in the 3rd District race and she has always been "out front" and willing to confront tough issues.

Gotzler's campaign manager is Chris Kormo, a long-time pro-Choice advocate and political activist. Bill Dempsey, a long-time activist on union and labor issues and guitarist with MOOK, is serving on the campaign committee as key strategist and organizer. Attorney Steve Brondino is chairing the finance committee for the campaign.

The campaign has recruited over 100 volunteers to date, but more are needed.

To help with the campaign, call (414) 264-4354. To send a contribution, mail your check to: Friends of Karen Gotzler, P.O. Box 92392, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

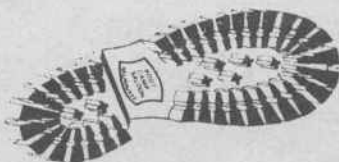
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