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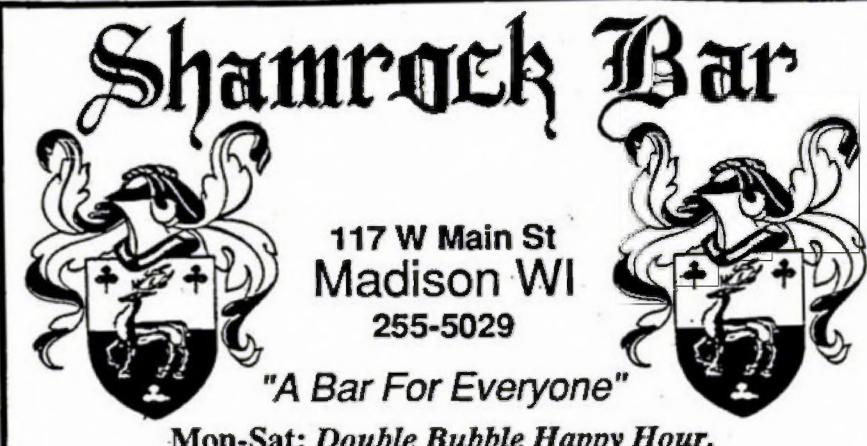
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Gov Tommy Thompson Proclaims March AIDS Awareness Month

MADISON, WI: In February, Governor Tommy Thompson announced that the month of March 1988 would be AIDS Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

"While dealing with AIDS-related public policy and legislation during 1987, I became concerned about the amount of misinformation about AIDS among Wisconsin citizens," Thompson said.

As part of AIDS Awareness Month, Wisconsin will introduce its Statewide AIDS Media Campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to reduce and prevent the spread of AIDS and the virus, HIV, by providing Wisconsin residents with accurate information about the disease, how it is transmitted, and what they can do to prevent exposure to HIV.

"I have requested that this campaign have a hard-hitting message stressing that it is a person's behaviors which put them at risk for AIDS, not where they live," Thompson said. "Education is the cornerstone of prevention and is especially critical in a state such as ours in which the relatively low number of AIDS cases in some areas tends to lull people into a

false security about their susceptibility to AIDS."

According to Thompson, the campaign will use television and radio public service announcements, posters, bill-boards, and brochures. He said that to assure maximum broadcast of the public service announcements during AIDS Awareness Month, a contract has been signed with the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association to negotiate broadcast time commitments with its members for March.

Thompson said that in addition to the Media Campaign, a variety of events and activities are being planned throughout the state during March to promote AIDS awareness. In addition, he said, "To demonstrate my personal concern and commitment to increasing AIDS awareness in Wisconsin, I will be making personal appearances during March to talk with citizens about their need for accurate AIDS information." A vigil commemorating those who have died of AIDS will be held at the state capitol on Saturday, March 26.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PUBLISHER

March has been declared by Congress to be National Woman's History Week, and by Governor Thompson as AIDS Awareness Month. Both of these events and information regarding them have received a considerable amount of attention in this issue of Among Friends.

We hope that our readers will find the story about women's history week interesting and informative. For those who may not be familiar with the origins of this event, our background piece should fill in the gaps.

As a council member of Governor Thompson's HIV Advisory Council, I felt it appropriate to delve a bit more into this epidemic than is usually the case for Among Friends. My philosophy has been one of putting this disease into perspective, and not therefore, turning Among Friends into an AIDS update. Nevertheless, in this issue we decided to spend more time with various aspects of the disease and share with you some of the more important recent developments.

For better or worse, AIDS has become a factor in all our lives, and to deny this may lead to tragedy. With good and





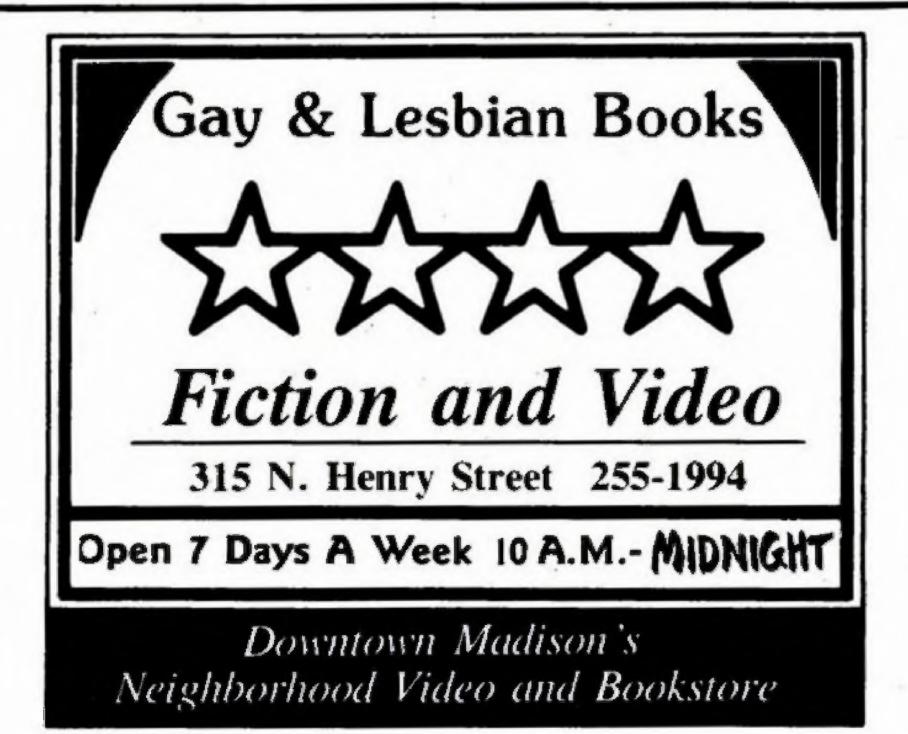
NAMES Quilt Project Sewing Session

Our thanks to Rod Scheel for his sponsorship of Madison's contribution to the NAMES Project. Special acknowledgements to Ken Maly, Mark Landis, and Kraig Miller for their time, material, and stitches!

Kraig Miller was a stitch at the machine Photo: Ken Maly



Jay Hatheway helps display panel of NAMES Quilt dedicated to Larry Baumann Photo: Ken Maly



Questions About AIDS? Let your fingers do the walking... AIDSLine

John Luedtke

AIDS is a subject that remains in the forefront of all our minds. You can't go a day without some sort of reminder, whether it be a newspaper or magazine article, a television report, or just casual conversation at the bars. That conversation may also include questions. When those questions need answers, you can depend on the AIDSLine, an anonymous information and referral hotline.

AIDSLine, a service of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, has been in operation since March 1986. The service is available Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 9:00pm and from 11:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers staffing AIDSLine attend a series of four training sessions focusing on medical and legal aspects of the disease, counseling and testing sites, and telephone skills. Currently, more than 75 volunteers work on the AIDSLine.

Beginning in August, Wednesday evening will be specially designated as "Gay Night" on the line. Gay callers will be able to speak with a gay man regarding "safer sex" and risk reduction. AIDSLine staff promise that eroticizing safer sex is not as difficult (or boring) as it sounds, and they have suggestions for making future sexual encounters exciting and enjoyable as well as safe.

The AIDSLine may be reached in the Milwaukee area by dialing 273-2437; callers from outside the metropolitan area should call the Toll-Free Wisconsin AIDSLine: 1-800-334-2437.

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HIV Partner Referral Program in Wisconsin

Purpose of Case Investigation and Partner Referral Risk reduction and disease prevention education is the primary tool currently available to control the transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The educational programs and prevention messages designed and implemented by public health organizations have been directed primarily at groups and individuals at highest risk for infection with HIV. These programs are important and must continue; however there are definite limitations to this broad, nonpersonal approach. Some people who are ignorant of their risk will be missed and others will choose to ignore the health risk reduction messages.

HIV antibody testing, with informed consent and in conjunction with pre-and post-test counseling has been widely available to individuals at increased risk for HIV infection since mid 1985 through the AIDS/HIV Program counseling and testing sites. In addition to providing an HIV antibody test result, the counseling sessions provide a person at risk an opportunity to obtain an individualized risk reduction plan tailored to his or her special needs.

The ultimate goal of partner referral is to decrease HIV transmission by identifying, counseling and offering testing to sexual and needle-sharing partners of HIV-infected persons who may otherwise be unaware of either their personal infection status or their risk of HIV infection. A comprehensive partner referral program also enables public health officials to identify and refer HIV-infected people to knowledgeable health care providers for additional medical evaluation.

Confidential partner referral services as proposed by the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program will be available to all HIV infected persons and their sexual or needle-sharing partners on an absolutely voluntary basis. HIV-infected persons may request or refuse program services and perform their partner referral without assistance. Named partners will also have the option to refuse counseling and referral offered as part of the program services.

All HIV-infected persons who request program services will at a minimum be offered written and verbal information regarding: the importance of medical follow-up; the existence of HIV positive support groups and other related supportive services; the safeguards established to protect the confidentiality of all persons with HIV infection; an individualized risk reduction plan to prevent the transmission of infection to

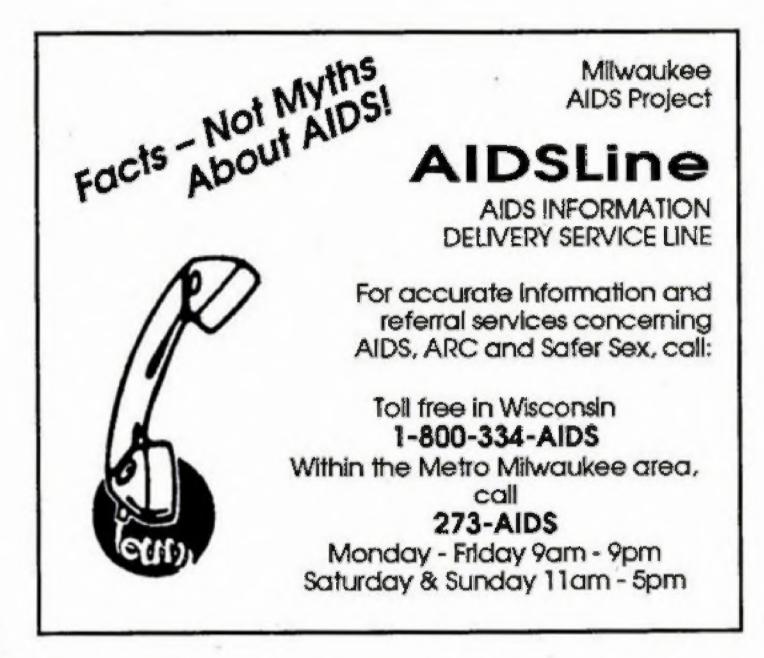
others; and communication skills essential for self-referral of partners for additional information, counseling, and testing.

HIV infected persons who use program services will be provided absolute confidentiality and anonymity in the notification and referral of sexual and/or needle-sharing partners. The source patient's name or other identifying information (dates of exposure, city or state of origin) will never be revealed to a partner.

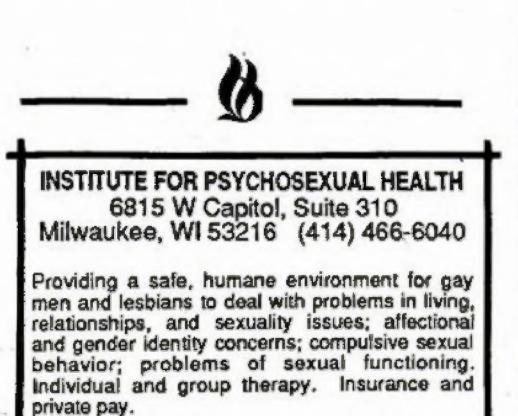
No name-identifying partner information will be maintained beyond the completion of the investigation (limited to 60 days). All identifying partner information will be destroyed upon completion of the investigation and only statistical summaries will be used to evaluate program utilization and efficacy.

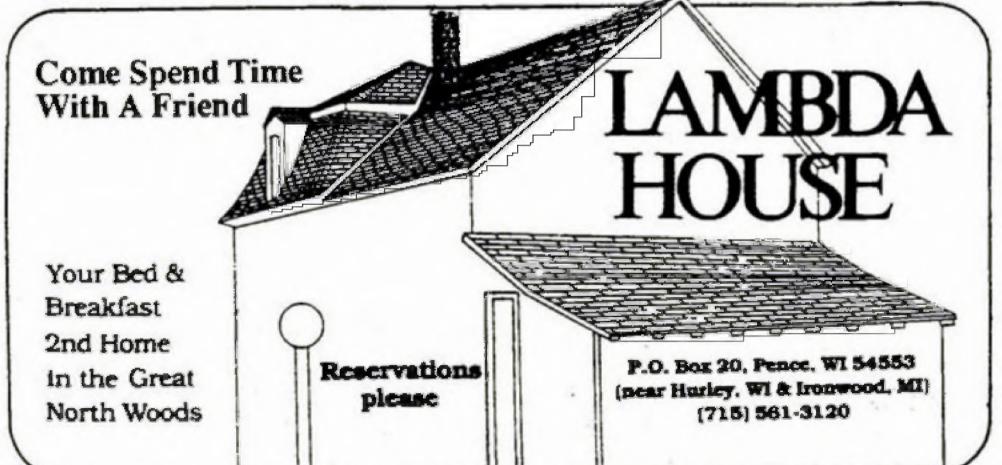
Whenever possible, the named partners of an HIV-infected person will be notified in person by one of the AIDS/HIV Intervention Counselors. Personal contact with the named partner enables the couselor to better assess how the individual is managing the information, provide support, and furnish the partner with a referral for counseling and testing, or assist in scheduling an appointment.

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MASN EXPANDS

By Jeff Kirsch for SPEAK ITS NAME

MADISON - The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) moved into new offices on July 1 at 23 N Pinckney St to accommodate its growing needs. Staff has also increased with

the hiring of five new members since January.

"We're constantly growing," says Marge Sutinen, acting Executive Director/Office Manager. "As soon as things stabilize, there is always new news, such as from the Stockholm International Conference on AIDS or from (Surgeon General) Koop. Whenever this happens, we're swamped with phone calls from the public, who have new questions or need basic information. We manage to maintain our ongoing efforts and keep the public informed, but the pulse here always beats very fast."

Sue Krause, Public Health Educator, who came to MASN last September, confirms that the agency receives at least 500 calls in an "average" month.

Sutinen coordinates efforts within the agency, oversees funding proposals and grants and helps develop staff programs. She performed similar duties in Michigan, where she cofounded a crisis intervention center for battered women and sexual assault victims.

Will Handy began duties this spring as MASN's Case Manager. Handy co-founded MASN in November, 1984 and has been involved with the Network as supervisor of its emotional support volunteers. He has a Master's Degree in Social Work and spent eleven years as a psychotherapist in Madison. In addition he has been a member of the Wisconsin Public Health Task Force on AIDS and served as co-chair of the Governor's Council on Lesbian/Gay Issues, both under former Governor Tony Earl.

As Case Manager, Handy connects clients with MASN's various services, such as support groups and emotional support volunteers and continues to supervise the latter. He is also available to talk to anyone working in the social services

regarding any AIDS-related issue.

Tim O'Brien recently became MASN's volunteer coordinator. He began as an MASN volunteer in 1987, doing office work

and later becoming an emotional support manager.

O'Brien coordinates one of MASN's two groups of emotional support managers, who now number 18, but says he would prefer to have "twice as many." The current number is the result of four separate training sessions, the last of which was completed in June.



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"We've received very minimal response (for emotional support managers) in the past, especially from the gay community. We'll start new ESM training in August or early September," says O'Brien.

Each of the current ESMs has been assigned to a client with AIDS or ARC (AIDS-Related Complex). Although, as of August I, State Division of Health Statistics indicate 44 reported cases of AIDS in Dane County and 26 deaths, MASN serves 10 other counties and has additional clients whose permanent residence is elsewhere.

Volunteer work at MASN is also being restructured. After undergoing an eight-hour training session, volunteers will now do separate trainings in one of five areas: bar outreach; public education and speaking; practical support for persons with AIDS; emotional support; and University of Wisconsin outreach. Scott Johnson and Jill Holder head MASN's University Outreach.

Although response in the past for "general" volunteers to answer phones and staff the reception desk has been very good, O'Brien emphasizes that MASN still has an urgent need for even more.

O'Brien also co-leads MASN's weekly support group for persons with HIV-positivity, ARC or AIDS. The group, which meets Thursdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, has gotten so large that it will soon split into two.

MASN also has begun a limited-term support group for friends, families and lovers of persons with AIDS or ARC. Those interested may call Joe Creitz at (608) 255-5260.

AIDS Education has also been on the upswing. Krause cites 54 public speaking presentations by MASN staff or volunteers for the first half of 1988. In addition, Krause has given 11 inservice trainings to specialized groups during the same period.

Other recent involvements of MASN's have been with IV-drug users as well as minority outreach, according to Krause. AIDS Information Centers have recently been set up in four different locations in Madison for minority communities. Contact with IV-drug users has been made largely through probation and parole officers.

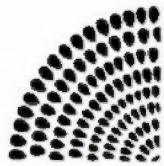
A new focus for Krause will be education for teens. "What they need to know and hear is not being taught," Krause affirms. "There is no open forum where these issues are being discussed. When talking to teens, we'll be looking for peer educators among them who can talk about alcohol, drugs and sexuality to others." Krause adds that efforts will take place at adolescent treatment centers as well as at high schools.

Another new activity to be organized by Krause consists of small home parties called "Talking Sex/Rubber Wear," as part of a continuing effort to educate more gay men regarding safer-sex practices. Krause says the effort will begin through already-existing gay organizations in the city. MASN is conducting a membership drive in August and has scheduled its annual membership meeting on September 22 at 5:30pm. At that meeting, new members of the board of directors will be elected and board vice-president Marjorie Hurie will replace the current president, Bob Enghagen.

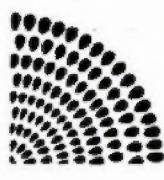
To volunteer in any capacity for MASN or to request AIDSrelated information or support services, call (608) 255-1711. Office hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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CHANCES ON A DIME





Ben Doran

The coin glints silver and spark as it spins up, spins away from his flipped thumb and forefinger...

"It's hot," he said.

I am doing my stint for coat check for a charity at a local bar, one night a week. My one night out. It gets me out of the house. Between work and sleep - up at 5:00 a.m. and asleep by 9:00 p.m. - all I can hope for, at this time of my life, is to paint the town rose.

The first snow had dusted the ground below the second floor fire escape, but inside, the dancing is constant, lively and as the man said standing outside the half-door that separated the hangers from the dancers, and me from the clients, "It's hot."

I had hung up his coat an hour or so before. He returned later with a question.

But I asked first, "How are you doing?"

"I'm hot," he said and paused.

"It's hot," he added and asked, "Can I trade this sweatshirt for the t-shirt in my jacket?"

"Sure," I smiled.

While I turned and reached for his jacket, I think...

"Do you always look like that?" I ask.

"Like what?"

"Do you always look at people like you do to me?"

"Elaborate."

... and he smiled when I handed him his coat. And such live, alive eyes. And a nice smile, smooth and slightly bent lips. A dimple or two accented the smile, as if putting it in quotes.

Then he reached for the bottom cuff of his sweatshirt at his waist, spotted with sweat, and he lifted it, with his arms crossed, up across his stomach and smooth chest. As he raised his arms high above his head, I tried not to watch as his torso seemed to stretch, seemed to rise a quarter inch or so from the waist of his pants; fine black hairs accentuated his waist in front, leading...

The coin rises and seems to hang still in mid-air for a brief suspended instant and begins to descend...

He held his sweatshirt out to me. Standing so close.

I reached out of take it. Gingerly. With a slight exertion of my forearm, I could have touched his smooth and lightly glistening stomach. But I thought, even with his sweat, that sparks would fly, would perhaps sting, would shatter the moment into embarrassing shrugs and maybe violence.

He reached into the sleeve of his jacket for his t-shirt and he smiled again as he pulled it over his head.

The coin falls, tumbling and sparkling to the carpet below where it bounces and...

"Thanks," he nodded and stepped lightly away into the dark, slightly smoky room.

I hung the sweatshirt he took off on a separate hanger to help it dry, to smell the sweat and cologne and wonder...

I would settle for a slow dance. Or a fast dance with him. Just one dance.

I am glad for the half-door between us.

I don't even know his name and I don't even care to. I am really pleased to share his company, what with the social and physical situation - AIDS - being what it is.

I'd play it safe.

And yet...

...and yet, if the door should open between us. If we could achieve some mutual ground - a place and time, some mutually reasonable parameters - I'd do it safely with him. I'd touch his hair lightly, watching the light play off of his eyes. Our clothes on. Just one dance.

A last chance, I thought somewhat maudlinly as the bartender called, "Last drink," over the p.a. system. Some of the patrons began to ask for their coats; some of them walking as if to take up as little room as possible, others walking like thunder, heels of steel, and looking-glass glances.

Someone walked out with a beer can and raised it to his lips, making smacking sounds as he emptied it. He truned around, looking for a place to put it.

"I've got a basket," I said.

"That makes two, honey," the man said wisely as he tossed the empty can into the basket I was holding for him.

Then the man with the sweatshirt and coat came up to the half-door. I handed him his jacket. He stripped off, peeled himself away from the t-shirt and stuffed it into the sleeve of his jacket. He put on the sweatshirt, now nearly dry, and nodded a smiling, "Thanks," for hanging it up to dry.

"My pleasure," I said.

Then he left.

"Call it," someone says and the coin bounces again and lays still. And I turn without looking. "Not now," I say. "Maybe later. Sometime. Maybe later."

It was nearly 1:30 a.m. when I biked home from the bar. I tried to remember the man's hair color, his eye color. But I only remember his sweatshirt and sweat-soaked t-shirt. Half way home I lifted my fingertips to my nose and tried to recall the smell while waiting at a lighted intersection - blinking red and amber on the snow, in the quiet.

I slid down beneath the three or four blankets in the bedroom and my lover awoke just enough to hug me deeply and said, "You smell like smoke."

"You feel like fire," I replied and we made love with long lingering strokes and deep pleasurable sighs.

Success of First AIDS Home Hinges on Public Acceptance

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Wisconsin's first home for AIDS patients will open this week in Milwaukee's Sherman Park Neighborhood, the Milwaukee AIDS Project said.

The home will provide care for AIDS patients who don't have family support, don't need hospitalization, and can't afford other options, said Lynn Syverson, acting director of the project.

But the success of the home will hinge on public acceptance, something that concerns sponsors. After all, AIDS experts said, the intense public fear of the illness has caused other long-term care options, such as nursing homes, to mostly slam doors in the faces of AIDS patients.

Results of a state survey of nursing homes, released last month, show only a tiny fraction ever have admitted an AIDS patient, despite federal and state laws that ban discrimination. No state figures were available for the number of AIDS patients who had sought nursing home care and been turned away.

Those who work on placement of AIDS patients said fewer than 10 nursing homes in the state, none in Milwaukee, were willing to accept AIDS patients.

Two hospices in Milwaukee accept AIDS patients, but the closest nursing homes that do are in Sheboygan and Kenosha. These often are unacceptably far away for family and friends of the patient, said Cheryl Vaughn, a social worker with the project.

Sherman Park neighbors invited to a reception in May to talk about the project's "Shelter Initiative" were supportive of the new home, Syverson said.

Sherman Park, on Milwaukee's west side, was "ideal because of its progressive neighborhood spirit and strong community conscience," according to a fact sheet.

Catherine Doyle, chairwoman of the Sherman Park Community Association's housing committee, said that she had not heard any opposition to the home, a duplex, and that planners had been open and cooperative with the association.

"We think they have handled it

extremely well," Doyle said. "Sherman Park is a very open type community... It always has been."

Pat Fuchs, who lives near the home said, "We welcome them. We really do. We feel it will be a stablizing influence in the neighborhood. We feel it is a good thing, and we will welcome them with open arms."

Helen Hintz, who also lives near the home, said last week she had not been aware of plans for the home. But, she added, "I don't see any problem with that. They probably need some place where they can get help."

Hostility from outsiders could spoil the AIDS shelter project, Syverson said. "We are not naive enough to think there are not people in other parts of the city who might react negatively," she said.

The home was financed through a \$40,000 grant from WHEDA and about \$15,000 in private donations. Another \$50,000 is being sought.

Rent will be based on ability to pay; no more than 25% of a patient's income will go to rent. The home was not set up as a group home, so a state license was not needed.

The duplex can house as many as six AIDS patients or people who have HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, parent organization of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, is the landlord.

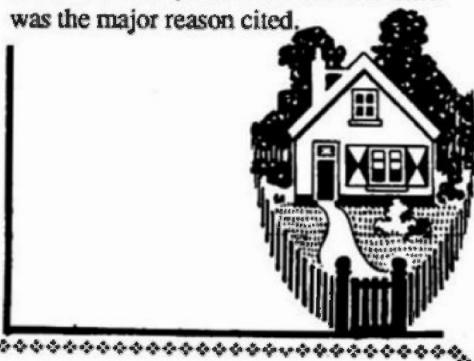
Although the house will be a first for Wisconsin, similar ventures have been undertaken in large cities in other states, Vaughn said.

The need for nursing home space for AIDS patients, meanwhile, is growing but not yet desperate, hospital social workers and state officials said.

Wisconsin has had 329 AIDS cases. Roughly half that number, 185, have died from the disease, according to July figures provided by the State Division of Health. Milwankee County accounted for nearly half the total number of cases, with 157, of whom 81 have died.

Although all of the state's 472 nursing homes were mailed survey forms, only 59% responded, officials said. The state survey found that only 2 of the 277 Wisconsin nursing homes responding had admitted any AIDS patients. Only 42 had policies that would permit admission of an AIDS patient and about half flatly stated they would not accept a patient who had AIDS.

Fear of negative reaction from nursing home residents, their families and staff



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On the way:

Biography of Leonard Matlovich -

The Making Of A Conservative Gay Activist

In September 1986, Leonard Matlovich, the controversial gay rights activist, learned he had AIDS. Despite his natural optimism, Matlovich sensed it was time to tell his story, and began collaborating with the writer Michael Hippler on his biography. The book was finished shortly before Leonard's death, and will be published in the spring pf 1989 by Alyson Publications.

While Matlovich's image as a politically conservative gay man broke many preconceptions about gays and lesbians, Matlovich wanted to leave behind a deeper, lasting portrayal of both his life and beliefs. The resulting book is filled with Leonard's thoughtful reflections on his childhood, his break with the military, his role as a gay rights activist, and his battle against AIDS.

In the book, Hippler details Matlovich's five-year court case against the US Air Force which began in 1975 when he was discharged for acknowledging his homosexuality. Matlovich's coming out was part of a plan to force the Air Force to change their policy of discharging gays and lesbians.

The book also records Matlovich's instantaneous gay celebrity that resulted from his appearance in a soldierly pose on the cover of TIME, and how it changed his life. While Leonard relished his leadership role, he was surprised by resentment among long-time activists, and by the criticism he received for accepting a financial settlement from the Air Force in 1980.

"Some people accused me of selling out when I took the money," Matlovich counters in his biography, "but I didn't see it that way. No, from my point of view it was a victory, for I showed that you can take on the military and win." In an especially poignant part of the book, Leonard speaks movingly about his fight against AIDS and how it changed him. The political conservative became "radicalized in a conservative kind of way" by the Reagan administration's mishandling of the AIDS crisis. Matlovich was arrested at the June 1987 civil disobedience protest in front of the White House.

"For a conservative Republican who has always believed in law and order," confesses Matlovich, "it was an incredible experience to break the law deliberately. But I would do it again and again, for I was always too much of a

goody two-shoes before."

Sasha Alyson, publisher of the Matlovich biography remembers, "Several years ago, Leonard told me he was sorry that Harvey Milk had been cremated, because he thought it was important for future generations to have a physical grave site at which to remember Milk. By the time he died, Leonard had not only created a memorial for Harvey Milk, but he had also created one for himself with his tombstone and a biography through which people could remember what he stood for."

Exerpted from the biography of Leonard Matlovich

For most of the half-million people who attended the weeklong schedule of events surrounding the October 1987 March on Washington, the highlight was the march itself. For Leonard Matlovich, however, the highlight was a project which he initiated and organized, the Never Forget Project, a memorial for gay people. This time the focus was his former political antagonist, Harvey Milk.

"I was talking to Harvey's lover, Scott Smith, one day and found out that there isn't any memorial to Milk outside of San Francisco. In San Francisco, a library, a community center, and a public plaza are all named for him. But even here, there is no one particular spot that people go to pay their respects to Harvey Milk. I thought that was a shame, for people need to have a place to pay homage to a person they feel has made their lives better.

"... a friend suggested that I might do the same thing for Harvey that I did for gay Vietnam vets like myself - create a permanent memorial in a public cemetery. The idea for Never Forget evolved from that. But what really gave me the commitment to go through with it was remembering my visit to the cemetery where Alice B Toklas and Gertrude Stein are buried in France. I was incredibly moved that Toklas and Stein, who were lovers, put their names on the same tombstone. I realized again that in this country we have nothing similar, and I was determined to do something about it.

"I established Never Forget in order to create a kind of gay Arlington Cemetery, a place to bury and honor our heroes. And I chose Harvey Milk as the first of our leaders to honor because he did so much to inspire and motivate others. ... Even though Harvey never lived in Washington, Congressional Cemetery seemed like a logical place for the memorial because he was one of the first openly gay officials in the nation, and Congressional Cemetery is a place for national leaders. ... In any case, when people visit San Francisco, they don't do so with the idea of honoring the dead. Yet in Washington, it's part of the psyche to visit national cemeteries.

"Because Harvey's ashes were scattered on the Pacific Ocean outside the Golden Gate Bridge, there was no permanent grave site anyewhere, so we felt free to buy a plot for him in Washington. His lover, Scott Smith, had saved some of the ashes, so we placed those in an urn for Harvey, along with part of his pony tail, a love letter from him to Scott, a piece of his official stationery from City Hall, a copy of one of his speeches, and a photographic negative of him. On Saturday morning, the day before the march, we held a ceremony which was incredibly moving for me. Hundreds of people gathered to honor Harvey... Many people cried openly.

"I suppose it is somewhat ironic that I was the one who organized the ceremopny for Harvey, since we had our very major differences. However, like I said before, had Harvey Milk lived, I think he and I would have become friends. Besides, perhaps it was fitting for him to be honored by somone he once regarded as a rival. ... Maybe having a conservative person see the importance of what Harvey represented makes the memorial more significant.

"Now I hope other gay leaders will choose to be buried in Congresional Cemetery as well. I'm excited about it becoming our Arlington. Think what it will be like a hundred years from now for the young kid from Altoona, Pennsylvania, who Harvey always liked to talk about, to visit the graves of his gay role models."

Unbroken Ties: Lesbian Ex-Lovers

Carol S Becker Boston: Alyson Publications Inc, 1988

Reviewed by Marcy Adelman, PhD

A book has finally been written to help us understand what happens when lesbian lovers break up, how we recover from the wounds, and what we learn from these experiences. Unbroken Ties is Dr Carol Becker's summary and analysis of her interviews with forty lesbians of different racial and socioeconomic backgrounds about the breakup of their partnerships. The book explores the diverse ways that women coped with the end of these relationships and the creative ways in which they rebuilt their lives.

Throughout Unbroken Ties, the women speak in their own voices. In the first part of the book, the women tell us about their losses and disillusionments. I found myself reliving my own losses and was reminded of how hard we try to make our relationships succeed.

From the patterns that emerged in these interviews, Dr Becker discerns five situations that lead to breakups: polarized differences, traumatizing affairs, passive withdrawal by one partner, dissatisfaction with a chaotic



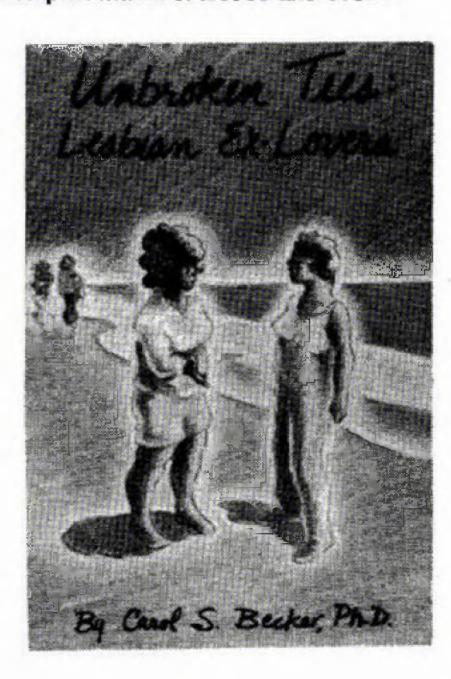
Carol Becker, author of Unbroken Ties
Photo: Irene Young

relationship, and simply growing apart.

Becker's comments on the issue of monogamy are refreshing and insightful.

She writes:

Affairs don't always destroy lover relationships; sometimes they are used to enhance them. The effect of affairs depends on many factors: the resiliency of the relationship; the intentions of each of the women; how traumatic the actual affair is to the couple's relationship; the extent to which the affair evokes old wounds. Affairs then, are not automatically good or bad for relationships. They can be used to renew or sever the primary relationship. Irreparable trauma to a relationship is just one possible outcome within this complex matrix of issues and events





Her description of dysfnctional, crisisoriented relationships is clearsighted and compassionate. Becker states,

By engaging in these dysfunctional relationships, women make unconscious attempts to fix wounded aspects of themselves by fixing their lovers. Roles and problems polarize, and crises provide the illusion of movement and change. Current relationship dramas repeat the unseen and unhealed wounds of each partner's past life.

The second half of the book brings us to the healing process. The women begin the task of rebuilding their lives by refocusing on their needs and priorities. They discover a new appreciation of themselves and describe the rebuilding of their social relationships - with friends, children, family members, new lovers, ex-lovers. These chapters will be welcome and helpful reading for any women in the process of recovering from a breakup.

The strength of Unbroken Ties is its focus on how we acquire greater empathy for our own needs and strengthen our self-esteem by grieving our losses. Dr Becker has written an empowering book about a painful topic. This ground-breaking work will be immensely helpful to therapists with lesbian and gay clients and will be a comfort to women experiencing the breakup of a lover relationship.

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Forman Brown, author of Better Angel Photo: Patrick Blickenstaff

Better Angel

Richard Meeker Alyson Publications, 1987 \$5.95

Fifty-five years after publishing Better Angel, an honest, tender novel about homosexuality, the author, at 87 a prominent figure in Los Angeles theater circles, has shed his pseudonym.

Forman Brown, 1988 recipient of the Los Angeles Drama Critic's Circle Lifetime Achievement Award, came forward after Alyson Publications of Boston reprinted Better Angel under his pen name, Richard Meeker, in 1987.

Better Angel is the highly autobiographical story of a young man growing up "different" in the years between the two world wars. The book, remarkable for its positive portrayal of homosexuality, became an underground classic with gay men of the 1930s.

The story involves Kurt Gray, a boy who grows up in a small town, the lonely son of fundamentalist parents. Kurt struggles with his sense of self and his coming out in a time when there were no role models, no support groups, and very little literature on the subject of homosexuality.

Somewhat romantic in nature, the book nevertheless has a realistic sense drawn from Kurt's many small successes and failures on his path to finding his ideal companion. He grows and changes, develops relationships and eventually emerges as a strong and fulfilled man - historically one of the

first homosexual characters not to be "converted" or to suffer a tragic end.

After completing Better Angel in 1933, Forman Brown turned his creative energy toward theater. From 1941 through 1956, Brown performed in puppet and cabaret shows at the legendary Turnabout Theater in Hollywood.

Brown is perhaps best known for his work with actress Elsa Lanchester who sang Brown's lyrics at over 2,000 performances at the Turnabout Theater. Later this year, Capra Press will publish a collection of Brown's lyrics.

In the spring of 1988, Brown heard from a friend that Better Angel was on the shelf of a local Hollywood bookstore, A Different Light. The bookstore's manager, Richard Labonte, was in the store when an elderly gentleman asked for Better Angel.

Laborate gave him a copy of the book and mentioned that it was a wonderful novel. "I'm so glad to hear that," the man said. "You see, I'm Richard Meeker. Actually I'm not. My name is Forman Brown, and I'm the author."

The response to Better Angel is as genuinely warm today as it was fifty-five years ago. Labonte considers the book a classic.

"As a 'coming out' novel," Labonte said, "it's tops in the genre; and as a well-crafted work, it ranks with the stories of David Leavitt, John Fox, or Christopher Davis, to name a few of the good gay voices of the 1980s.

The renewed interest in Better Angel has moved and surprised Brown. "When I was young, there were no gay bookstores," Brown notes. Better Angel is a touching letter from an earlier generation to young gays and lesbians of today, and tomorrow.

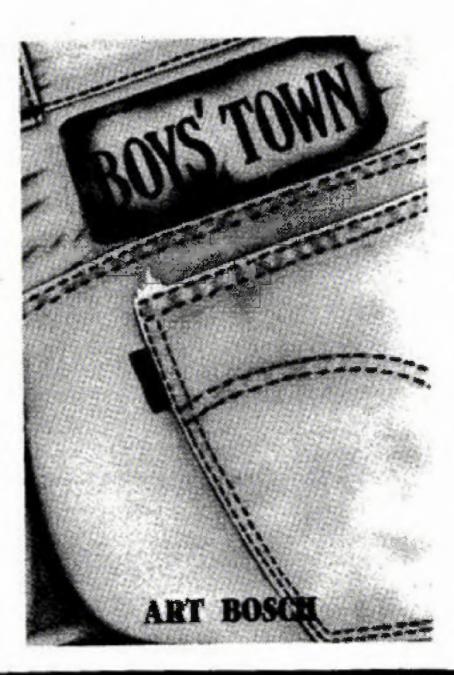
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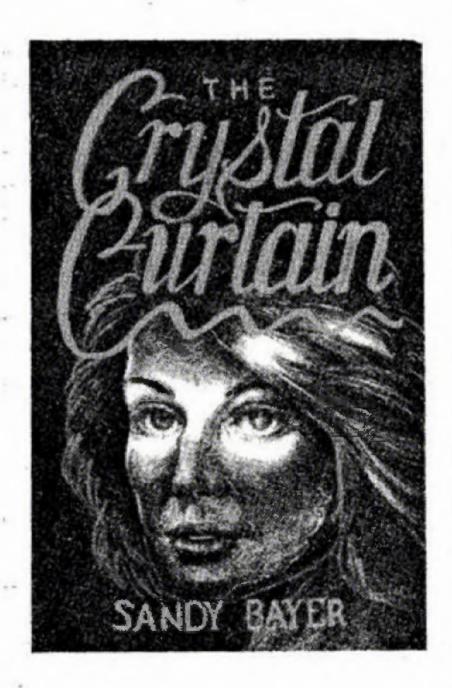
Boys' Town

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- Publishers Weekly





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- Publishers Weekly

Governor's HIV Infection Advisory Council: Little Progress

by Jeff Kirsch for SPEAK ITS NAME

MADISON - Almost a year after its formation, Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson's HIV Infection Advisory Council has yet to accomplish anything substantial, according to Jay Hatheway, publisher of Among Friends and openly gay council member.

Hatheway remarks he and other council members remain uncertain about the council's exact purpose. "What are we to do? Galvanize the public? Educate constituents? Do we have a function other than to give the impression that the governor is taking hold of the epidemic and acting?"

When appointed last fall, the 30 member council included no minorities. In response to protests from the gay community, Thompson then appointed Hatheway and a second openly gay man, Grid Hall, a lawyer, of Madison.

After the council first met in February, three other appointments were made, in response to complaints that the council included no Blacks, Hispanics or Native Americans.

Hatheway's main concern is that "the council does not have enough gays or those who work with AIDS and ARC victims. It is generally composed of people with little background on AIDS."

Of the six AIDS projects in Wisconsin, only the Madison AIDS Support Network has a representative -Hall - on the council. Hall says that he was appointed as a person who is HIVpositive and not as an MASN representative. A member of MASN's Board of Directors, Hall suspects that he was named so that the council could have several "slots" filled by one person: a gay man, HIV-positive, who happens to be on the MASN board.

Currently the council has more representatives of prison gaurds and their labor unions than it does from the gay/lesbian community. After a first meeting devoted largely to introductions, council members spent most of their second session listening to speakers from different professions. Among those were Tim Tillotson, coordinator of Blue Bus Clinic in Madison, two representatives from the Milwaukee AIDS Project and a representative from the Concerned Women of America, who distributed literature advocating

mandatory testing of the entire population and development of a high school curriculum for "promotion of sexual abstinence until long-term monogamy is established."

Since most speakers distributed handouts, Hatheway maintains that the time could have been better spent by having council members study the material on their own.

The council's membership includes many professionals, whose emphasis, according to Hatheway, has been on "protecting their professional constituencies from the [HIV] virus. Doctors have talked a lot, for example, about the proper cleaning of surgical tools. It's very technical and most of the council doesn't understand what they're saying.

"Most of these professionals' constituents aren't gay and most don't really say much about gays. I don't know if the council is homophobic, largely because gays have hardly been mentioned. The council has focused on addressing people in the mainstream, not those at high risk." Hatheway adds that there has been very little talk about IV-drug users. Wisconsin Division of Health statistics as of July 1st point to this category as the second largest group of persons with AIDS in the state. Of Wisconsin's caseload, 83% are gay or bisexual males, 4% of whom are also IV-drug users. An additional 6% is comprised of non-gay IV-drug users.

A separate group, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Task Force, exists, "but does not feed directly into the [HIV Infection Advisory) Council, as it should," according to MASN board

president, Bob Enghagen.

Nancy Kaufman, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, acts as facilitator to the council. She also served in the same capacity to Governor Tony Earl's Wisconsin Public Task Force on AIDS.

The latter's purpose, according to Kaufman, was "to develop medical guidelines for how persons with AIDS or HIV infection should be handled in various situations. The Task Force had more of a medical orientation towards infection control and policies related to it." The Task Force produced approximately 20 booklets of guidelines for different institutional settings.

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MAPFEST '88

Labor Day, September 5, Milwaukee AIDS Project will be celebrating MAPFEST at Walker's Point (East National Ave at South Second St) from 2:00 til 10:00pm. Carnival, food, games, dog show, bachelor/bachelorette auction, NAMES project panels displayed. Gate donation of \$2; all proceeds to benefit MAP. For more info, call Patrick at (414) 273-2437.

New Harvest Foundation Grants Awarded

\$7,576 in grants to local nonprofit organizations to provide services benefitting the gay and lesbian community. Madison Community United received \$4,800 to produce Glad City, a history of Madison's gay/lesbian activism in the past twenty years. Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center was given \$1,020 to produce "coming out" resources and the television program Nothing to Hide will receive \$210 to produce archival tapes. Madison AIDS Support Network has been awarded \$1,000 to expand its volunteer training programs.

National Day of Protest to Free Sharon Kowalski

Sharon Kowalski is a 31-year-old lesbian disabled in an accident in 1979. When she awoke from a coma in 1983, the prognosis was bleak. Her lover, Karen Thompson cared for Sharon, who improved and was able to eat and drink, and communicate through use of a typewriter.

When Sharon's father learned the nature of the women's relationship, he had the courts overturn a ruling permitting Karen a say in medical decisions regarding Sharon's future. Since 1985, Sharon has been held against her will in a Minnesota nursing home and deprived by her father from any association with her lesbian lover or friends.

On August 7, protests were staged across the country demanding recognition of Sharon's rights, the rights of disabled people, and an end to oppression of based on sex, race, age, religion, disablity and sexual orientation.

Two More Senators For Gay/Lesbian Rights

Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-RI) and John Chafee (R-RI) have become the ninth and tenth senators to cosponsor the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the Senate which would add "affectional or sexual orientation" to the protected categories of race, color and religion, making it illegal to treat lesbians, gays and bisexuals differently from non-gay people in employment, housing, public accommodations or federally assisted programs.

Gay Immigration, AIDS Counseling and Research Move to House Floor

Three bills affecting gays and lesbians have made it out of committee and to the floor of the US House of Representatives.

HR4427 repeals provisions for barring immigration to the US by "sexual deviants" - which in the eyes of the immigration law includes gays and lesbians.

HR4757 authorizes \$400 million per year for three years to provide confidential, voluntary counseling and testing.

HR4850 reduces bureaucratic delays and authorizes spending for AIDS research, education, and care.

Bentsen's Record on Gay Issues Unfavorable

Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 has expressed concern that Democratic Vice Presidential candidate Senator Lloyd Bentsen's record does not reflect the same level of commitment to AIDS and gay/lesbian civil rights as does that of Governor Dukakis.

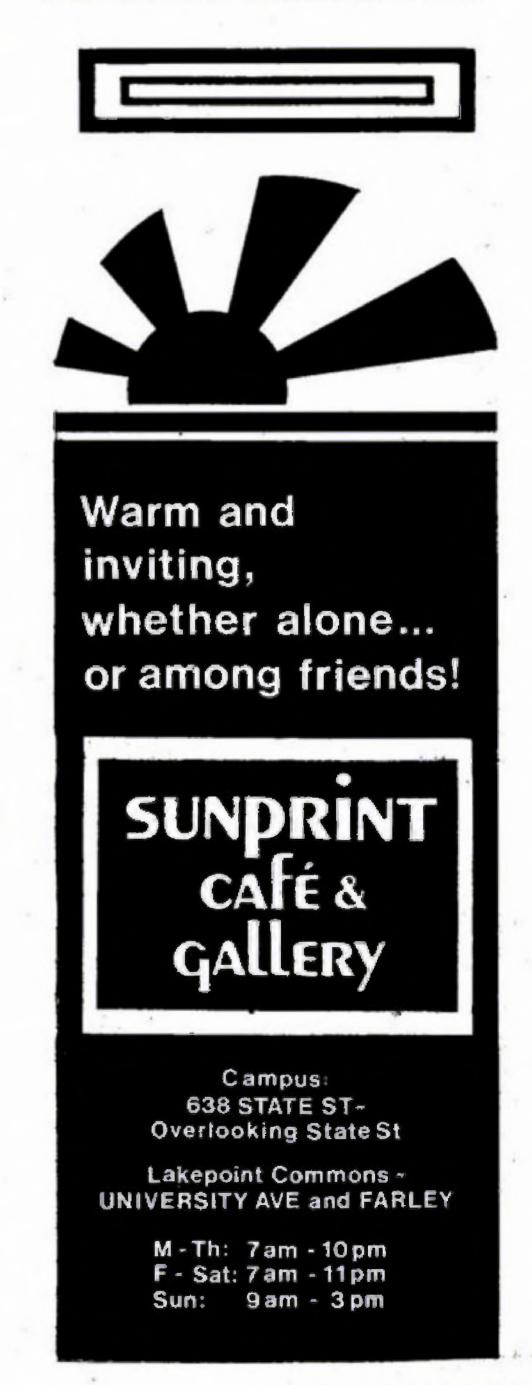
Bentsen's record includes voting for:

- restricting AIDS educational materials targeted to the gay community
- imposing premarital AIDS tests
- mandatory AIDS testing of VA hospital patients, immigrants, sex offenders

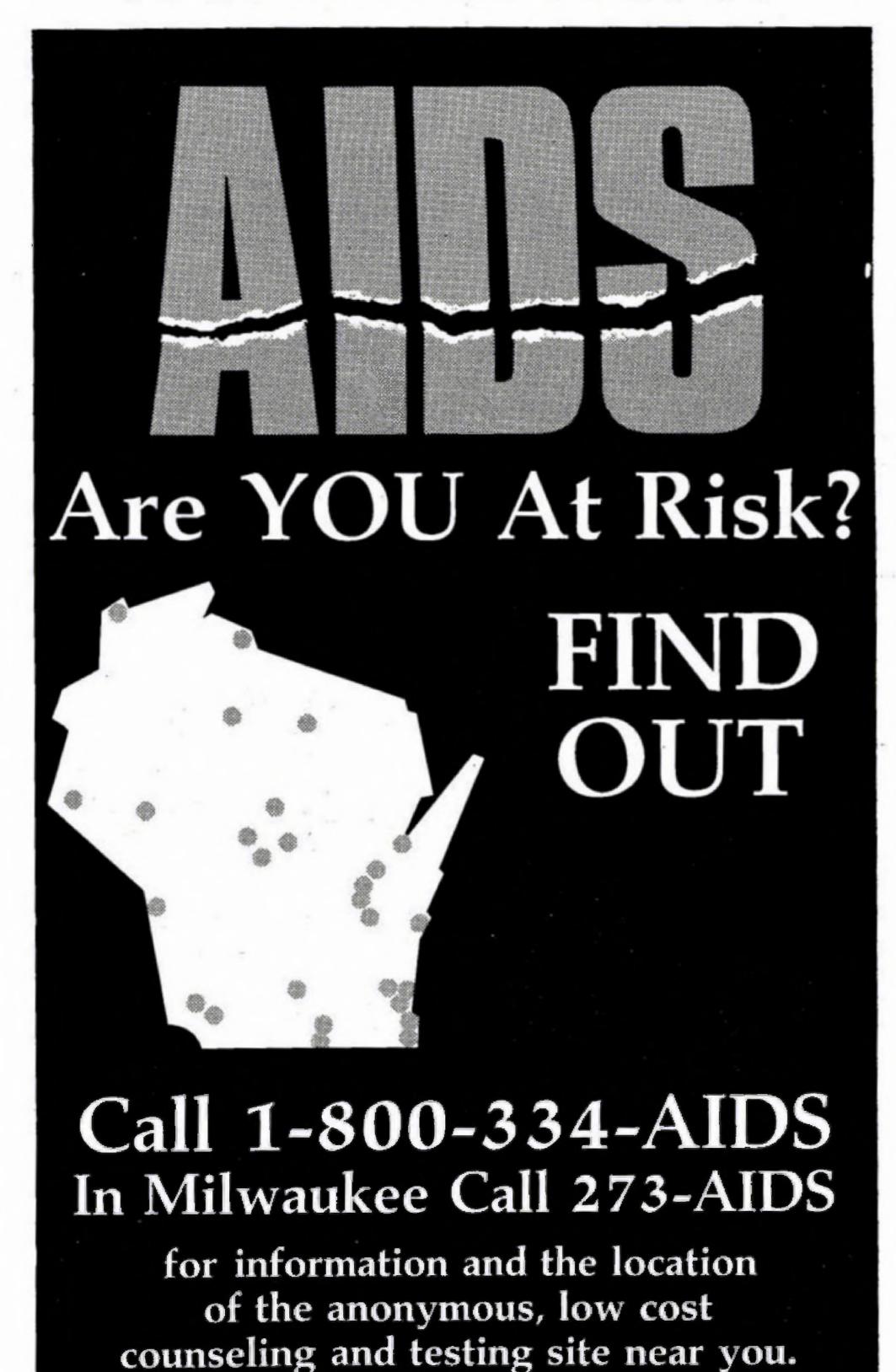
It is hoped Governor Dukakis will encourage his running mate to become better informed and take a more progressive stance on issues of concern to gays and lesbians, to assure an administration responsive to the full spectrum of gay public health and civil rights concerns.

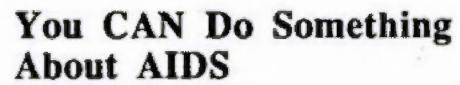
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Sasha Alyson (editor) distributed free

As announced earlier, the publishing community has produced and is currently distributing for free a 128-page paperback published by the Stop AIDS Project, a nonprofit corporation established last year to organize the effort.

AIDS is a collection of essays and articles by a variety of writers, AIDS experts, celebrities, politicians, and people actively working with AIDS patients. According to the book's editor Sasha Alyson, owner of Alyson Publications and chief coordinator for the Stop AIDS Project, You CAN Do Something "suggests specific ways that average individuals can help make a difference in stopping AIDS."

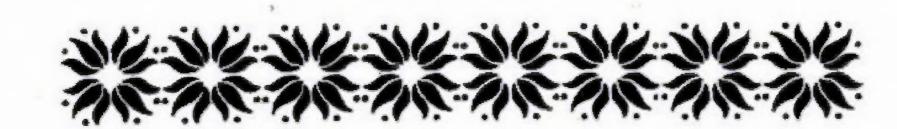
The project was begun a year ago when Alyson realized "it was time we, the people of the publishing industry, pulled our resources together in a unified effort to help fight the spread of AIDS.

... Instead of organizing a fundraising event as the music, art and fashion industries have done, I thought an educational book would be something that the publishing community would be uniquely qualified to contribute."

Though initially slow, response from the publishing community has grown and rallied around the effort. Book of the Month Club will be distributing You CAN Do Something About AIDS to its members, has pledged \$10,000 to the project and has also agreed to finance 40% of the first printing costs to cover the purchase of 100,000 copies.

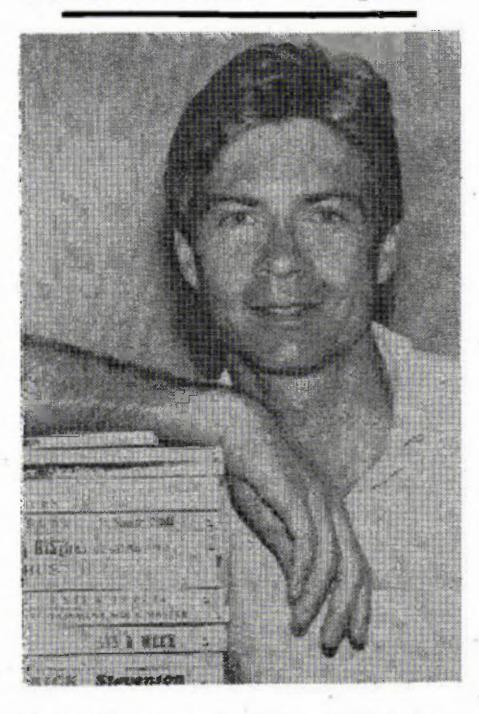
"Substantial" contributions have come from Harper & Row, Viking/Penguin, McGraw-Hill, Morrow and John Wiley. Bantam/Doubleday/Dell, in association with Offset Paperback Manufacturers, will assume the balance of the printing costs not covered by Book of the Month.

Donations and volunteer administrative and production services have come from editors, writers, booksellers, and people at every level of publishing. Both Waldenbooks and B Dalton have agreed to promote distribution of the books in their stores.



Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health

Among the people whose articles are featured in You CAN Do Something About AIDS are C Everett Koop, Abigail Van Buren (talking to your teens about AIDS), Beth Winship (talking to your parents about AIDS!), Whoopi Goldberg, and Greg Louganis. Senator Lowell Weicker explains the importance of contacting legislators, writer James Carroll emphasizes changing personal attitudes, and journalist Dell Richards discusses dealing with AIDS in the workplace.



Sasha Alyson, owner of Alyson Publications, chief coordinator of the Stop AIDS Project and editor of the free publication, You Can Do Something About AIDS

Several advertising agencies have proposed developing a campaign to promote the book. Alyson has hopes that the advertising will be beneficial in two ways. "It will generate a basic awareness of the issue, and motivate thousands of people to go to their bookstores for a free copy of the book, which I believe will also help stimulate sales of other AIDS-related titles."

Inquiries and contributions for You CAN Do Something About AIDS should be forwarded to The Stop AIDS Project, c/o Sasha Alyson, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118; (617) 542-5679.



HIV Council lacks sense of urgency

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The current council, according to Kaufman, "is much broader based and is to advise the governor and the Department of Health and Social Services on prevention, education and services."

Hatheway says that if the council has done advising of any sort, it was brief reviews of three pieces of legislation, none of which has yet been enacted.

A proposed bill on insurance and confidentiality received little debate, says Hatheway, "since Wisconsin has strong confidentiality protections." A second proposed bill to criminalize the willful spread of AIDS was "torn apart." A third one, for mandatory testing of selected prisoners convicted of violent crimes, produced no consensus among council members because it "created a division between public health professionals and those representing prison guards."

Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison) expects the bills to be resurrected next year. He cites support for the criminalization of the willful spreading of AIDS, saying that "most lawmakers are chomping at the bit to do something in response to AIDS hysteria" and that such a bill "could stand a good chance of being enacted." Clarenbach calls such a bill a "knee-jerk" reaction similar to proposed quarantines in other states and Illinois' required premarital AIDS testing law. (The official position of Wisconsin's Department of Health and Social Services is against premarital testing, citing high cost and little yield.)

Clarenbach says that to criminalize the spread of AIDS in Wisconsin would be technically "superfluous," since provisions already exist under state law to confine someone who endangers the public health to a medical facility. As to transmission of AIDS in institutional settings such as prisons, the incidence of AIDS transmission there is lower than that among the general public, according to Clarenbach.

He calls the insurance question a "major issue" for the next legislative session. Insurers are currently prohibited from requiring HIV tests for workers with group policies, a prohibition insurers are eager to eliminate. Clarenbach says that "passage would create a group of uninsurable citizens."

Required by law to meet four times a year, the council had 20 present at its second meeting and twelve at its third, on July 22. According to Hatheway - one of those present - low attendance forced the

disbandment of the July council meeting after just two hours. Sessions are usually day-long.

The council is now divided into three sub-councils, which plan to be in contact before the next full meeting, on October 19. Each sub-council is to develop a list of priorities, which will be submitted to the Division of Health for feasibility studies.

While on one hand Hatheway remains hopeful about what the council can accomplish, he also voices skepticism: "Poor attendance apart, we meet so infrequently that it seems improbable that much activity can be done. And since all meetings are scheduled in Madison, it makes it difficult for council interaction."

Council members come from around the state. Dr. Jerome Gunderson of La Crosse is Council Chair.

Hall says that the council "is much too big, doesn't seem to work effectively and lacks inspired leadership."

I'm not terribly optimistic about the council and have never been," Hall adds. When council members were asked on which sub-council they would prefer to serve, Hall, a former president of Madison's Equal Opportunities Commission, chose the committee on Legal, Confidentiality, Ethical and Discriminatory Issues. "But they put me on the Delivery of Health Care Services sub-council]. It makes no sense."

Both Hall and Clarenbach believe that the administrative side of forming policies on AIDS is in good hands and cite Kaufman as well as state epidemiologist Dr. Jeffrey Davis and Dr. James Vergeront, of the Division of Health and director of its AIDS/HIV Program. "If the council can serve any useful purpose, it's to support these people," says Hall.

"The council seems to think we have a handle on the disease," observes Hatheway. "There's no sense of urgency, probably because many people on the council come from areas where there is a low rate of HIV infection."

Clarenbach, however, states that "the council has deflected some of the political heat from the legislature. Although it has not been aggressive on forming a legislative policy - not necessarily a criticism - the council has served as a buffer zone between the governor and some legislators who are under public pressure to enact AIDS-related legislation."

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It's another day down here in the hills We have no sun, we have no light We have no memory of the past and no desire for the future.

My life is your life, but together we are noone.

Moments without meaning slither around a warm, dark sky as i sit upon this mass of stone my thoughts scattered about upon the sad, lifeless ground. The only question of a different color is Why.

My hell is this hell,
Snakes wrapped around my skinny bones
and i shall have no more, no less than before
A shiver, a twinge of life
Lost in the eyes of others
i feel constantly sinking
my head turned down to the blackness
instead of looking upward to the hands
reaching for my own.

Troy D

The Golden Tongue

He spoke
Out loud
To his wife and kids
As if
Literacy was a
Gift from the gods
Given to men only.

And he read to them That way.

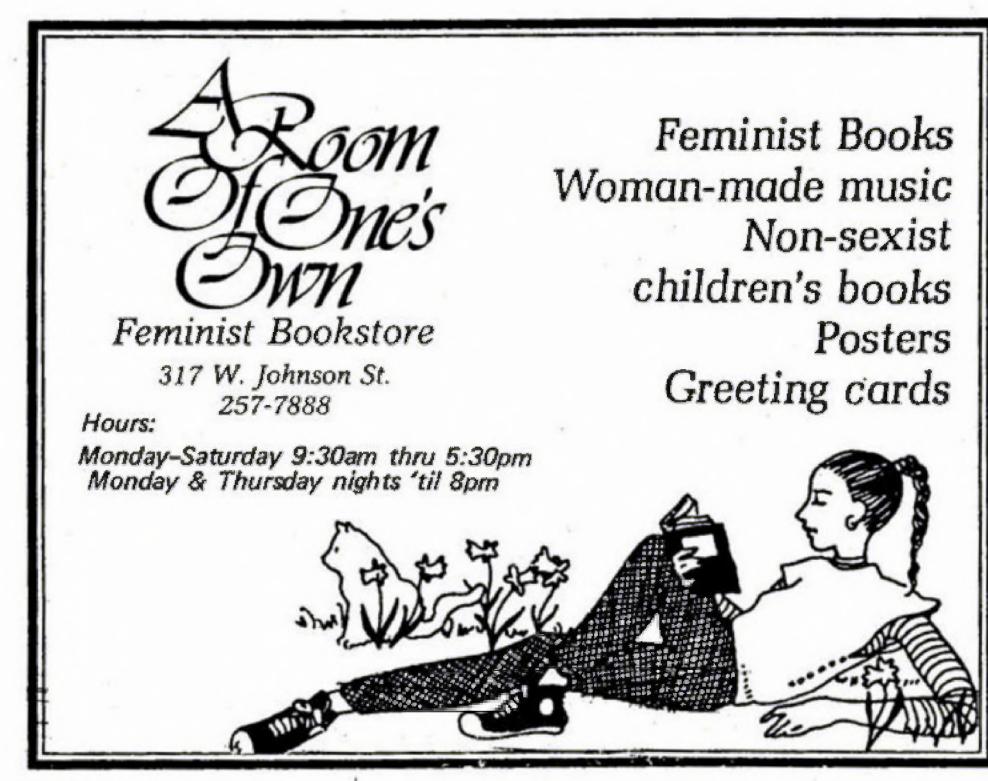
It was as if
He wasn't sure
If they could entirely
Understand him,
His wife and kids.

So he read with such Emphasis as to Imagine Himself Surrounded with A golden aura.

He felt as if his
Family honored him
For such ability to read,
To read aloud to his
Family

The words written on the Backs of the sugar packages And all his Family Wanted to do was Eat.

Ben Doran





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In Illinois
And have an engagement ring
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An hour for him to buy the ring
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I said
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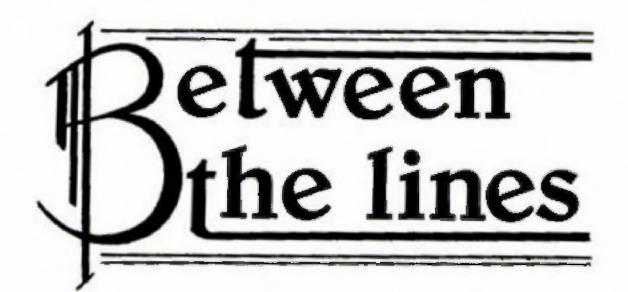
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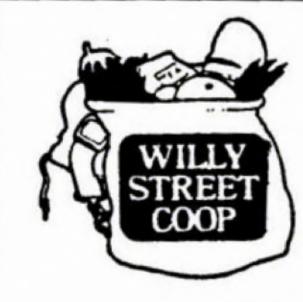
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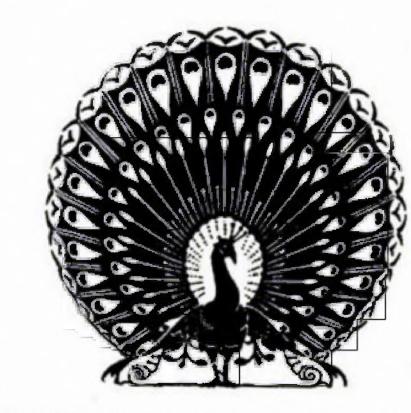
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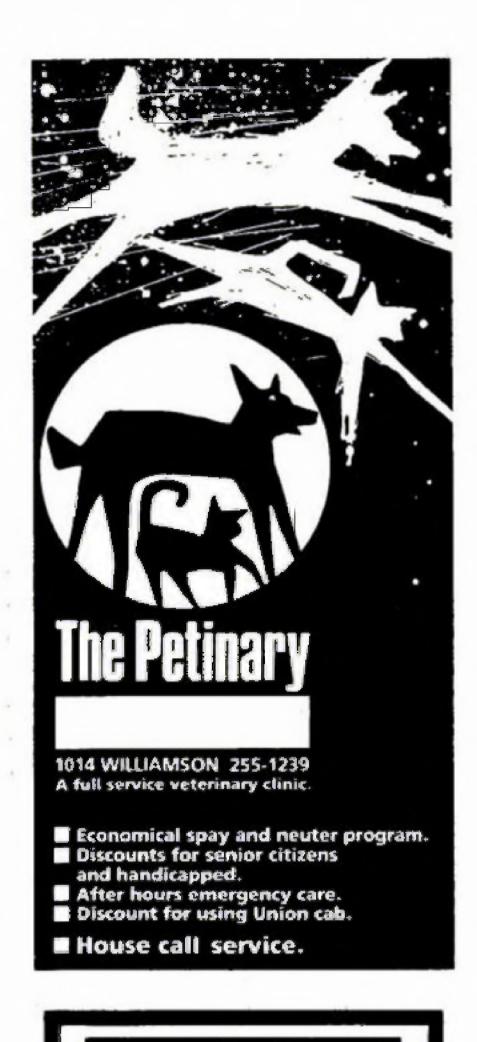
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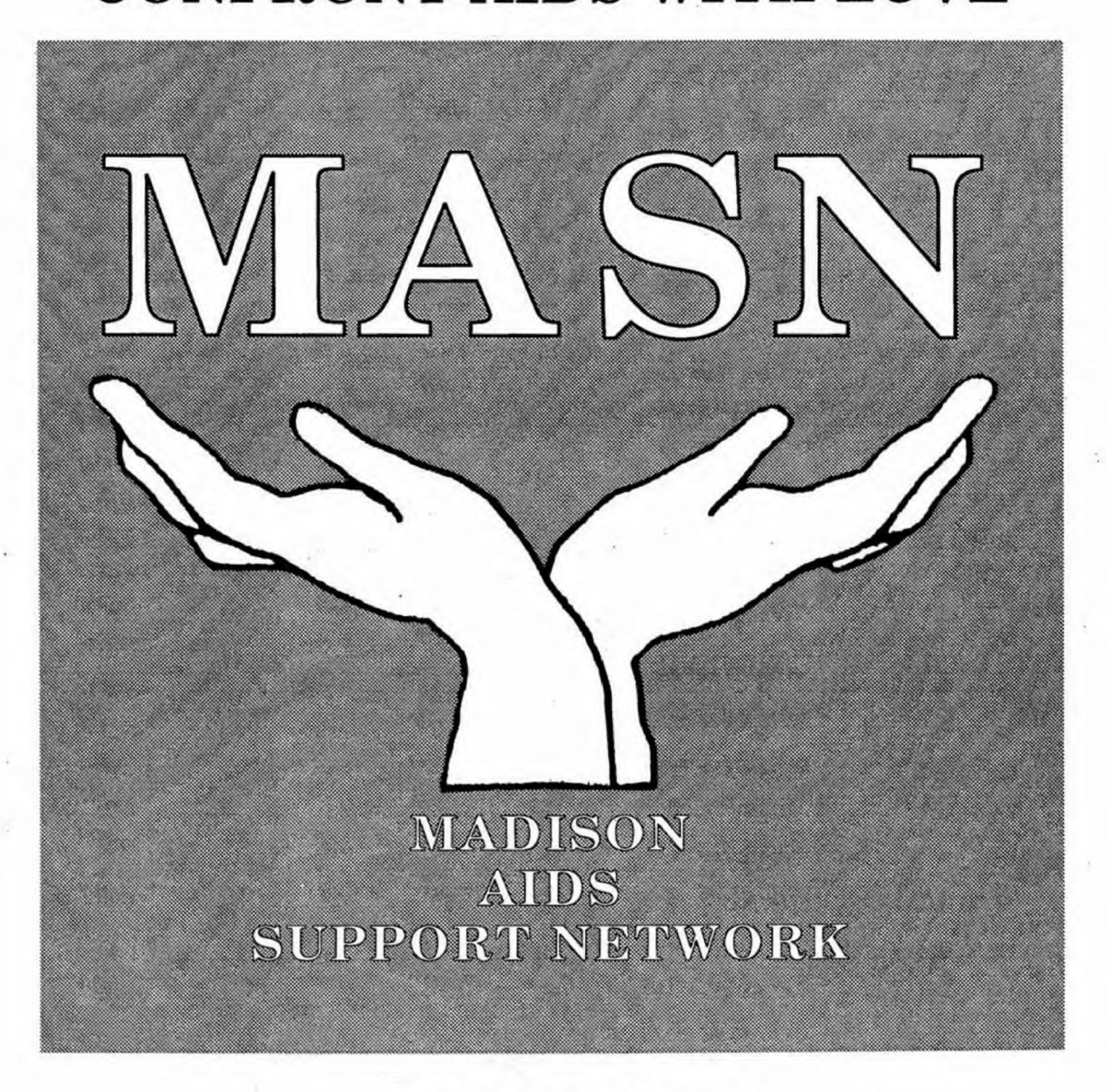
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