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Belling of WISN Radio Meets ACT UP Demands

[Milwaukee]- Members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) have announced a successful end to their campaign against WISN Radio and its afternoon talkshow host, Mark Belling. On December 19, 1990, under pressure from both ACT UP and local sponsors, Belling corrected several of his earlier statements regarding AIDS and the transmission of HIV.

Belling made the following corrections during that broadcast: 1) He admitted he was wrong when he claimed the Centers for Disease Control have estimated the risk of HIV transmission during vaginal sex with an infected partner to be 1/10,000, 2) He made it clear that the terms "AIDS Activists" and "Gay Activists" are not interchangeable, 3) He retracted his use of the word "fault" from his estimate that 95 percent of people with AIDS are at "fault" for their condition.

Dan Fons, a spokesperson for ACT UP, characterized this victory as "very significant."

"Not only was WISN forced to act responsibly for once," Fons said, "but through the use of regular press releases during this campaign, all of the local media have seen that Milwaukee will not tolerate the spreading of misinformation about AIDS."

The ACT UP campaign, dubbed "WISN: Where Ignorance Seems Natural," began in mid-October when the station refused to air a correction of statements made during Belling's September 20, 1990 show. ACT UP told WISN in a letter that "the rights protected under the umbrella of talk radio do not include the right to spread ignorance about a fatal, communicable and epidemic disease."

The group contacted a number of the show's local sponsors and asked them to use their influence to get a correction on the air.

"It was obvious to most of the sponsors immediately that Mr. Belling had made mistakes," said Fons. "WISN management, however, continued to ignore those mistakes."

The campaign hit full stride during the week of December 17 when ACT UP organized a phone zap of Belling's show to coincide with pressure from sponsors.

The phone zap consisted of people calling Belling's show constantly to demand that he correct the statements at issue. The station's response to this was to bring in extra staff on the phones and to call listeners back at home before putting them on the air.

"WISN treated this like a game," said Fons of the station's response. "It was as though they actually wanted to see how long they could hold out before providing their listeners with accurate information about AIDS. It was extremely irresponsible behavior."

The final blow to WISN's resistance came during the third day of the zap, ACT UP sources reported. Dennis Brown, advertising manager at Steinhafel's Furniture, contacted WISN management as a representative of a number of local sponsors. He expressed a strong concern about the station's willingness to allow inaccurate statements about a deadly disease to stand as fact. Belling made the corrections that day.

The people at Steinhafel's were very supportive," said Fons. "Their willingness to get involved made these corrections possible."

Ironically, the corrections came immediately after Belling explained to his audience that he would never give in to the pressure.

"Apparently he hoped his listeners wouldn't notice that he was, in fact, meeting our demands." said Fons

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ACT UP plans to continue to monitor

Lisowski Running For At-Large Milwaukee School Board Seat

An Open Letter To The Wisconsin Community

This month — for the first time in 32 years — Bob Kastenmeier, who set the standard for integrity in the Congress, will not be sworn in to represent the people of the Second Congressional District.

We cannot wait two years to begin to undo this tragedy. We must start to prepare now for the 1992 Congressional elections.

Readers of **The Wisconsin Light** know my record of leadership and accomplishment over the past twenty years. I am proud to have served five terms as Speaker Pro Tem of the State Assembly. I am even more proud of the legislation I have introduced and successfully fought for — laws advancing fairness, justice and equal opportunity for all people.

By way of contrast, Mr. Klug must now make public decisions for the first time in his life and cast votes on such vital issues as war in the Persian Gulf, civil and personal rights, the environment, health care and the economy.

All of us — including Mr. Klug himself — will be interested in discovering just

what kind of Republican he really is.

I pledge to you now my total commitment to challenge the freshman

representative whenever his positions do not represent the best interests of the district. In return, I need your help.

The Republicans see the Second Congressional District as a seat they stole from

the Democrats, and they want to keep it. Already they are pouring money into this district, a targeted seat for the 1992 elections.

We need to raise money now and to organize throughout the state to return a progressive representative, in the tradition of Bob Kastenmeier, to Congress.

I will be asking those who support my work to make a personal and a financial

I will be asking those who support my work to make a personal and a financial commitment to this effort. Together we can start this campaign from strength and end with success.

David Clarenbach

Editor's Note: For further information, to volunteer or to make a contribution to Representative Clarenbach, contact: The Clarenbach Committee, 454 Sidney St., Madison, W1 53703, phone (608) 251-2528. The Second Congressional District covers 11 counties in south central Wisconsin and includes the City of Madison.

Milwaukee Pride Committee To Host Regional Conference March 1-3

[Milwaukee] The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is pleased to announce that it will be co-hosting the upcoming International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators' (IALGPC) Midwest America Regional Conference, March 1-3, 1991, in Milwaukee.

Clarenbach authored the Gay rights law.

The co-sponsor of this event is the Twin Cities Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee from Minneapolis and St. Paul.

An ad hoc committee that has been established to put this conference together will be contacting all Pride Committees throughout the Midwest that are already registered with IALGPC. They are also preparing a list of over 100 cities in this region to which to extend an invitation in hopes of expanding the PRIDE family.

States included in this region according to IALGPC divisions are: Ohio, Indiana, Michigan. Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and North and South Dakota. Based on current

Congratulations To Award Winners

Wisconsin Light would like to offer heartiest congratulations to the following people on the occasion of their receiving the annual Lambda Rights Network's awards on January 8, 1991.

Torchbearer Award — Milwaukee County Supervisors, Elizabeth Coggs-Jonbes and Dorothy Dean.

Group Spirit Award — Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

Focus Award — "Smith and

Company' from TV Channel 10.

Pacesetter Award — Michael S.

Lisowski.
President's Award — Karen Gotzler.

Again, Light would like to offer congratulations and best wishes to all of these people who have served both our community and all Milwaukee so well.

trends in the Gay and Lesbian movement, it is thought that this region has the potential to become one of the strongest grassroots areas to create change in America.

This conference is designed to assist cities of many sizes to develop and continue successful Pride Celebrations.

Several seminars have been planned. Of particular note is one to be given by Leland Wykoff, Director of the Appalachian Community Fund. His subject will be "Fundraising — The Culture of Giving."

Other seminars include "Getting the Word Out", a seminar on news reporting, the writing of press releases and advertising; "How to Produce Large and Small Events," "Coming Out in a Hostile Environment" and "Building Coalitions." Other seminars are in the development stage and suggestions are always welcome.

Scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis. There is one scholarship especially for an individual or a group starting a new Gay/Lesbian newspaper in an area not already serviced.

Groups or individuals interested in more information should contact either MLGPC by calling (414) 32-PRIDE or the Twin Cities Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee at (612) 336-4026. You can also contact IALGPC at (612) 336-4111.

Fight AIDS... NOT War

ACT UP Milwaukee will be hosting a rally and procession on the occasion of the President's State of the Union Address. Join in the call for national leadership in the fight against AIDS.

Join ACT UP at the Reuss Federal Plaza at 11:30 a.m., January 23, 1991. or call (414) 769-8708. [Milwaukee]- Michael S. Lisowski has officially begun his race for at-large member of the Milwaukee School Board.

The top two vote-getters in the Primary elections February 19, 1991, will advance to the general election on April 2, 1991. Lisowski is one of seven at-large candidates.

Lisowski who holds a Masters in Social Work from UWM, did his field work in a Milwaukee elementary as well as in a Milwaukee high school. He is a native of south-side Milwaukee. He is currently a



MICHAEL LISOWSKI

community health educator with the Milwaukee AIDS Project and has been involved with many organizations in the Gay/Lesbian community since 1976.

The race is generally expected to focus on such issues as the effectiveness of the district's current school reform effort, the appointment of a new school superintendent, the 1991-'92 school district budget, student achievement and school safety.

However, Lisowski's work and experience with Lesbian/Gay youth over the last ten years have shown him that the lack of supportive services and administrative policies dealing with Lesbian/Gay youth is a "disgrace."

"One of the main reasons that I decided to run for the at-large seat on the School Board," Lisowski said, "is so that Gay and Lesbian youth can expect to receive fair and equal treatment for their concerns and needs." Lisowski added that "These concerns and needs are not now being addressed by either the School Board or Superintendent" Lisowski said.

Lisowski has already been interviewed by the Political Action Committee of Milwaukee Teachers Education Association (MTEA) in their efforts to endorse a candidate. He is scheduled to appear at an at-large candidates forum at Steuben Middle School on Wednesday, January 23, 1991.

Light has been informed that "Smith and Company, on Channel 10 is contemplating an at-large candidates forum. Other media may follow suit.

Lisowski received what he has called "much support and enthusiasm" when obtaining signatures for his nomination papers to get on the ballot. He received over 1600 signatures from supporters. 1500 were needed to qualify as a candidate.

Lisowski is in the process of forming a Campaign/Election Committee. While many have already volunteered, more are asking to join or contribute in some way on a daily basis. Should you wish to volunteer in any way, you can call Wisconsin Light at 372-2773.

Lisowski emphasized "With this race, Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community will come into its own politically and be a potent force in Milwaukee politics in years

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS Gays Sue Over Marriage License

[Washington, D.C.]- A Gay couple has filed suit against the District of Columbia, claiming the city discriminated against them by refusing to grant them a marriage license. The Clerk of Courts denied them the license, saying the D.C. civil code does "not authorize marriage between persons of the same sex.

'We demand the right to marry, and we demand the same legal rights and protections for our relationship that are freely given to people in heterosexual relationships," said Craig R. Dean, an attorney who filed the suit on behalf of himself and his partner, Patrick G. Gill. "We are outraged by this blatant act of discrimination," said Dean.

Dean and Gill contend that city law prohibits only polygamists and practitioners of incest from obtaining marriage licenses, but does not require couples to be of different sexes. They also note that Gays and Lesbians are protected from discrimination under the city's human rights act.

The lawsuit asks the Superior Court to order the Clerk of Courts to issue the marriage license. Dean and Gill are also seeking \$250,000 in compensatory and \$1 million in

Texas Sodomy Law Overturned

[Austin, TX]- District Judge Paul Davis ruled in December that the Texas statute which outlaws sodomy is unconstitutional. Judge Davis ruled that section 21.06 of the state penal code violates the Texas constitution's guarantees of privacy, equal protection and due process

Davis's ruling came in a test case brought by five Lesbians and Gay men and the Texas Human Rights Foundation, a Gay legal group. The state plans to appeal the case, but Gay activists look forward to such an appeal, noting the liberal make-up of the current Texas Supreme Court. Should the higher court sustain Davis's ruling, the opinion would be perceived as an even stronger legal precedent.

Texas became the third state, along with Michigan and Kentucky, to overturn its sodomy statutes in 1990.

Huges, Finley Win NEA Grants

[Washington, D.C.]- Radical performance artists Holly Hughes and Karen Finley, who became the center of controversy last year when their requests for money were denied by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), have received NEA grants for 1991, surprising both the artistic and Gay communities.

Last year their grant requests were denied (along with those of Gay performers Tim Miller and John Fleck) because of the sexual and political content of their work. Both Hughes and Finley write and perform avant garde stage routines that frankly deal with racism, sexism, homophobia and other social issues. Along with the late Robert Mapplethorpe, they became swept up in the debate over government funding of allegedly

In the new grants for 1991, the NEA awarded \$20,000 to the Kitchen Center in New York City to produce a work by Finley which will focus on mental illness. New York's Downtown Art Company will receive a \$15,000 grant to stage "No Trace of the Blond," a project developed by Hughes.

Dignity Wins Suit Against Church

[Minneapolis, MN]- The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights has found the Catholic Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul in violation of the city's civil rights ordinance for evicting Dignity, a group of Lesbian and Gay Roman Catholics, from the University of Minnesota's Newman Center. Equal Time reports that the archdiocese has been ordered to pay more than \$34,000 in legal fees and damages.

Dignity had been a tenant at the Newman Center for 15 years when the archdiocese, in 1987, refused to renew its lease. The Commission found the archdiocese guilty of discrimination based on affectional preference for excluding the Gay group. (Since the issuance, in 1986, of the Vatican's letter on the "Pastoral Care of Homosexuals," Dignity groups have been kicked out of virtually every Catholic parish in North America.)

The Commission reaffirmed the church's right to deny Dignity access to its chapel and religious services, but declared that the parts of the building used for non-religious purposes were subject to the non-discrimination law.

Lawsuit Against Navy Resumes

[Washington, D.C.]- In December, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reinstated the civil lawsuit brought by Joseph Steffan against the US Naval Academy. Steffan, a former midshipman with honorable academic and military records, was forced to leave the Navy after he admitted that he was Gay.

The three judge panel overruled an earlier dismissal of the case by a lower court judge, noting that Steffan should not have been required to testify about his sexual conduct while at the Academy. Steffan had refused to do so, leading to the dismissal of the case. Since only the verbal admission that he is Gay, not any alleged misconduct, led to Steffan's separation from the Navy, his lawyers argued that forcing Steffan to describe his sexual activity was irrelevant to the case and a violation of his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. They believed that requiring such testimony was a ploy by the Navy to get Steffan to admit that he engaged in misconduct.

The Appeals Court decision will now allow Steffan's case to proceed. Attorneys with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund believe their case against the Navy has

Quakers Fire Lesbian Pastor

[Des Moines, IA]- Under pressure from state Quaker leaders, members of the Friends Meeting at West Branch fired their pastor, Rev. M. Elizabeth Hannon, late last year. Rev. Hannon had responded honestly to a member's question about her sexual orientation, admitting that she was Gav.

Word of Hannon's orientation reached state Quaker authorities. The State Ministry and Counsel revoked Hannon's certification, forcing her congregation to fire her. Rev. Del Coppinger, superintendent of the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, said: "In 1977, the Yearly Meeting representatives took the position that homosexuality is a sin. Therefore, if we have a minister who admits to living what we consider to be a sin, that is something we

Hannon praised the support she received from her own congregation, which was reluctant to follow the policy of the State Meeting. One member of the West Branch Friends, Gwen Senio, described Hannon as "one of the finest pastors I have known. Her Sunday messages are truly inspired. Throughout this whole ordeal she delivered soulsearching messages. She is truly gifted in the role of a shepherd."

Newspaper Announces Gay Unions

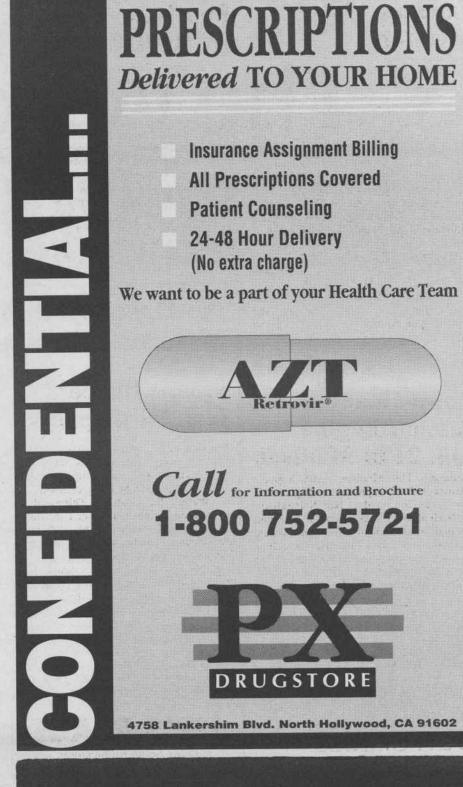
[Everett, WA]- USA Today reports that The Herald, a daily newspaper serving the city of Everett just north of Seattle, has changed the name of its "Wedding Book" page to "Celebrations" in order to include notices of Gay and Lesbian commitment ceremonies.

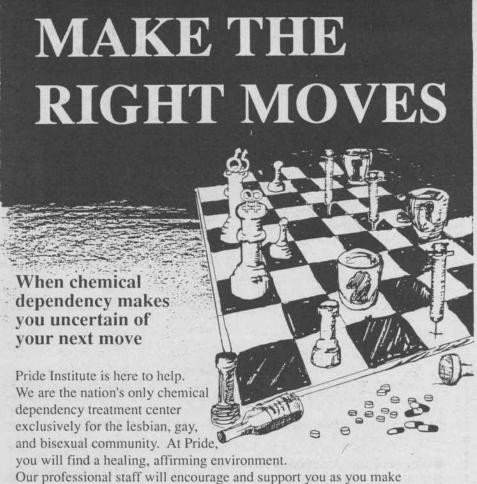
The policy was adopted after a Lesbian couple submitted a notice of their union ceremony which occured last Summer. Stan Strick, editor of The Herald, told the Washington Blade: "We had to grant equal access. It's a lifestyle in our community."

The Herald will now publish announcements of Gay ceremonies next to those of

heterosexual marriages, anniversaries and retirements.

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





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LAMM Plans January 17 Meeting

[Milwaukee]- "What's Happening for Lesbians Everywhere" will be the theme of a panel presentation by members of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) at the LAMM monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17. The presenters attended the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" Conference in Minneapolis in November and will report on their experience there and discuss ways in which insights gained at the Conference can be incorporated into a local Lesbian and Gay agenda.

The meeting is open to all Lesbians. It begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

The February 21 LAMM meeting will feature the topic, "Strengthening the Lesbian Community: Is there Racism Among Lesbians?"

LAMM meetings are now held on the third Thursday of each month. For more information, call 264-2600.

Hot-n-Healthy Session Begins Jan. 21 in Madison

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is pleased to announce a new session of Hot-N-Healthy. Hot-N-Healthy is a program for Gay and bisexual men that affirms their sexual orientation and eroticizes safer sex. It is offered to a small group of men to provide trust and intimacy in the group. The session lasts six weeks, with a two hour meeting every Monday. The session begins January 21, 1991. There is a fifteen dollar program fee that needs to be paid by January 17, 1991.

This program was developed by the Madison AIDS Support Network, through a donation from the New Harvest Foundation. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dave Rompa at (608) 238-6276.

OBITUARIES

Salvadore Ferrari

Salvadore P. Ferrari, 49, died of a heart attack in New York City on December 17, 1990 due to complications of liver cancer. Mass was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral followed by private interment. He is survived by his lover, Richard Rader of Chicago and London, England, a sister, Kass of Wisconsin, two brothers, Antonio and Toffoney Ferrari of Italy.

Mr. Ferrari was known as an industrialist and preen designer. He and his lover provided housing for many PWAs in Southern California as well as working with many charitable organizations regarding AIDS projects. Mr. Ferrari was the first Gay person to win the June, '81 Tokyo Bay Race and was a member of the Yokosuka Yacht Club. He attended Yale University as well as in Rome and published many science articles in journals throughout the world.

Susan Mudd Receives ACHOICE Award

[Milwaukee]- Over 100 volunteers and friends of ACHOICE gathered at Eddie Jackson's restaurant on Wednesday, January 9, to celebrate a record year of fundraising for social change. Community leaders and public officials joined the ACHOICE Board of Directors as they presented Outstanding Achievement Awards to the employees of Milwaukee Area Technical College and the City of Milwaukee. Both workplace giving campaigns exceeded ambitious goals, generating over \$550,000 for the Greater Milwaukee Community.

The Cream City Foundation is among the 15 member organizations of ACHOICE.

At the dinner, Susan Mudd received the ACHOICE Commitment to Justice Award as she ended her four year tenure as President of the ACHOICE Board of Directors. Mudd's spouse is Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist.

Square Dancers Seek Participants

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Square Dancing group will hold its third open "one night stand" on Sunday, January 12, 1991 at the M&M Banquet Room, 124 N. Water St. Buford Thingvold, a subscribing member of Caller Lab, will be the caller and instructor. All skill levels are welcome. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. Admission is only \$3.00.

After the dancing session, those interested will discuss the future of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Square Dancing group. Members of the Chi-Town Squares have been invited to share the excitement of the nation-wide interest in this activity that is exciting, wild, crazy--and a wonderful way to meet new friends. For more information, please call Bob at 963-9833 or Rona at 347-1962.

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The PLWA Coalition is an organization of people living with AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy on AIDS related issues. We are attempting to contact people living with AIDS or who are HIV positive to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include: *Political Action, Medical Concerns, Social Issues, and Legal Concerns*.

Please contact us at (414) 273-2437 and ask to speak to a coalition member.

Positive Health Project Offers Help To HIV Positive Individuals

By Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D

[Milwaukee]- Persons who learn they have tested positive for HIV infection often face some difficult challenges: coping with stress and depression, worries and fears, concerns about who to tell and how others will react, wanting up-to-date information about HIV, and just needing someone to listen.

Positive Health is the name given to a new project being undertaken by the Community Health Behavior Program of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences of the Medical College of Wisconsin. The purpose of the project is to offer and evaluate the benefits of group and individual psychological coping assistance for persons who are HIV positive.

Participants in the project will be offered stress management assistance, health education, assistance in handling fears and depression and other kinds of psychological assistance. Both small groups and individualized services are offered.

Because the project is a study and we'll be evaluating the benefits of several types of services, different psychological programs are offered at different times. All programs are time limited.

For example, small group programs on stress management last for eight weeks and have the same group members for that period of time. Sessions are always led by experienced mental health professionals and are offered in convenient, easy to reach, confidential locations. There is no charge for any Positive Health sessions, although participants are asked to complete confidential questionnaires that will help to evaluate all programs.

Confidentiality of all participants is protected by offering small groups with the same people present each time, offering groups or individualized sessions led by experienced professionals, and asking participants to use a code number rather than their name on evaluation questionnaires they complete.

For more information, please call

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Positive Health is a project funded by the National Institute of Health to evaluate the best ways to help people who are HIV positive to adapt and cope. The project has careful safeguards to protect participant confidentiality, and is offered by faculty in the Medical College of Wisconsin's Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences.

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EDITORIAL

Second Congressional District 1992 Race Important to Entire State

While to many of us in Wisconsin it may seem distant in both time and place and hence, remote from our thinking, the Second District Congressional race is of vital importance to us all - and must be thought of now. State Representative David Clarenbach's call for our help in his contest for the Second District seat must not go unheeded.

Clarenbach's long record on Lesbian/Gay rights and on civil rights for all people is unexampled. Further, he has authored every piece of AIDS legislation that has been enacted into law. He has served in the legislature for nearly two decades, earning the respect of peers and gaining the broad range of experience that the present incumbent does not have and will, in two years, not be able to get.

Given all of this, we must, all of us, everywhere in the state, see it as our vested interest to have Clarenbach in Congress after 1992.

Political races of any kind in this country are expensive - costly in time, effort and in money. We urgently recommend that you do what you can to help him; financially if you can, with your time if you can spare it and with both if possible.

Time on time on time again, David Clarenbach has stood with us, beside us, letting his voice be heard when we needed him. Now is the time for us, everywhere in Wisconsin, to rally to his support. His presence in Congress is crucial to us all.

Strong Support Sought For Electing Lisowski To Milwaukee School Board

Wisconsin Light heartily and without reservation, endorses Michael S. Lisowski in his race for the at-large seat on the Milwaukee School Board.

Lisowski has had long experience in working with Lesbian and Gay youth from all cultural communities within the city. We have had many occasions to witness the good he has done, the sensitivity he has shown and the concern he bears for the well-being and education of all young people. We think that his qualifications are ample and fit him well to take his place on the Board.

Further, we cannot emphasize too strongly how important this School Board election is.

1) Lisowski will represent all people in the city, but he is openly Gay. It is time, we think, that Milwaukee take its place for the first time with Madison and other cities in the U.S. as having "one of our own" in elected office.

2) Lisowski's race will be watched closely by current office holders and potential candidates as an indicator of the political strength of our community. In the past, guesstimates have been made, but Lisowski's race will be seen, rightly or wrongly, as a precedent, as a reliable assessment of the political clout we have.

For these reasons, we believe that it is of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE that every single one of us GET OUT AND VOTE. Our well-being as a community asks nothing more and requires nothing less.

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LETTERS

Gay Military

TO THE EDITOR:

Please allow me to vent a little anger about a topic/idea I initiated: the formation of a segregated battalion/regiment for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual veterans.

Frankly, I am astounded at the ignorance and lack of real understanding as manifested by Thomas J. Rondy and others of his ilk.

Obviously, Mr. Rondy has not even read my proposal for re-activation of the 54th Mass. Volunteer Regiment!

generation wants "no Perhaps "his" part" of a war. Neither does mine. However, there are individuals who would like to re-enter the service and cannot simply because they are Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual. That choice to serve in the military must and should be there.

It is a matter of freedom/ right to choose, much like the abortion issue. It is shameful that in 1990, Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexual people should be denied the right to CHOOSE to serve in the Armed Forces because of baseless regulation and blatantly homophobic

Further, I am angered that Mr. Rondy has not noted that this would be a VOLUNTEER outfit. Mr. Rondy would NOT have to volunteer! Only those interested would be

So far, over 200 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual vets have responded to a call to arms. These people are not fools. They are Americans who would like to serve America again. Perhaps their CHOICE is not Mr. Rondy's choice, but they want an opportunity to serve.

Frankly, I believe Mr. Rondy has confused the issue of being anti-war with a freedom of choice issue. No soldier in her/his right mind really wants to go to war. People get killed. However, there are those who see service in the military as one way of establishing our legitimacy in society in a very strong way.

To be anti-war is proper. I am myself! I don't want to see ONE American woman or man die in the Persian Gulf. However, I and others like me, have military skills and training which we would gladly offer America in her time of need, if only America would have us!

And as far as such a battalion/regiment being segregated - only in so far as those from my community could serve in it. It is most interesting to note that I have received inquiries from non-Gay officers and enlisted people who understand the issue of choice at hand; who support efforts to eliminate discrimination and who would like to serve with us as a gesture of support.

Mr. Rondy further betrays his lack of understanding by stating that he thinks we would be sent "to the worst area of the fight." Since this regiment would NOT be directly combat-related; as it would have male and female military personnel, more than likely we would serve as logistics, intelligence or in another support capacity.

Since ONLY the U.S. and Great Britain have

policies prohibiting homosexuals from service other NATO nations non-discrimination policies), we could, as I wrote in my open letter to President Bush, serve very well indeed in Europe where no one would even care about sexual orientation.

I suggest that Mr. Rondy learn about issues before he goes off half-cocked about that which he knows nothing. Frankly, I doubt that Mr. Rondy could serve in the military. He has no mind for the sensitivity needed to deal with today's educated soldier!

I suggest with anger and gentleness that Mr. Rondy should have the CHOICE to pursue whatever career he wishes and I wish him well. I just wish the courtesy could be extended both ways. But then CHOICE has never been an easy issue, has it?

By the way, Mr. Rondy, my name is BEN-SHALOM, not SHALOM. Can you at least get my name right? It has been out there for 20 years as a challenge to those who would like to take away your choice to be you!

-Miriam Ben-Shalom Milwaukee

D.C. March

TO THE EDITOR:

The time has come for Lesbians and Gays to march on Washington for a third time to celebrate our community's growth and press for our civil rights. The Marches organized in 1979 and 1987 were by all accounts remarkably successful. Yet the goals we espoused in the 70's and 80's are largely unrealized and must be fought for in the 90's if we are ever to achieve them. Let's march again in Washington for the passage of federal legislation protecting us from discrimination, a true commitment to AIDS research, treatment and caregiving within the context of universal health care and the right to marry, raise families and serve in the armed forces.

Let's dedicate ourselves to the goal of attracting one million marchers to the Capitol in the Spring of 1992. A March in May would allow us to lobby effectively in Congress on legislation being heard in committees and such a date would fall advantageously between most presidential primaries and the November election. Groups such as GLAAD, ACT UP, and Queer Nation could assure us the comprehensive media coverage that was denied us in 1979 and 1987.

Most importantly, a March in 1992 would provide our community with an opportunity to network, increase membership of our advocacy organizations, build alliances with groups representing women and people of color and establish a national agenda for the Lesbian and Gay movement that will serve us well for the 1990's. The momentum created by a successful March could be harnessed to create Lesbian/Gay lobbies in every state. Perhaps 1992's National Coming Out Day (October 11) could be celebrated by staging Gay rights rallies in every state capital.

I urge all those interested in organizing a

1992 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights to contact me at the following address:

Drew Siegel, 1420 Clayton St., No. 203, San Francisco, CA or phone (415) 552-8382.

Let's meet in the Spring of 1991 in a convenient Midwestern or Southern city that serves as an airline "hub" (Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, etc.). A group located in such a city could act as host and would provide a meeting venue and perhaps arrange for inexpensive accomodations. I would finally urge that this initial meeting be as broad-based and inclusive of our community's diversity as possible.

To my sisters and brothers across America, I say. "Come out, Come out, wherever you are and come join the March!" I look forward to your response.

> -Drew Siegel San Francisco, CA

Cookie Jar Fund

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cookie Jar Committee would like to express its heartfelt appreciation for a recent benefit in honor of Dusty Storm. Special thanks to J.J. O'Connell, Dusty Storm, John Koskie, Christopher Rush Broehl, the performers and the staff of the Shamrock Bar of Madison whose efforts resulted in a contribution of almost \$1,000 to the Cookie Jar Fund.

The Shamrock Bar has been a continuing supporter of the Fund, making monthly contributions.

Working with the Madison AIDS Support Network, the Cookie Jar is a fund that assists people effected by HIV who are in emergency situations or in situations that are not covered by conventional financial resources (as the many health and social service providers, local, state, federal and private) or when sources have been suspended or exhausted.

We greatly value your support and I am sure that those who benefit from the Fund also

> -Ken Chraca Madison

Jefferson Group

TO THE EDITOR:

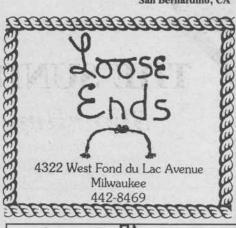
My wife and I have begun a new organization called "The Jefferson Movement." It has three goals. 1) To reverse the armed forces policy which prohibits homosexual citizens from serving their country; 2) To change the state statute on marriage to include Gay and Lesbian couples; 3) To educate our fellow heterosexuals on the many fallacies about homosexuals that abound in our society.

The Jefferson Movement is not a Gay organization, but seeks to help Gay and Lesbian citizens to attain full equality. As such, we believe:

1) Homosexuality, like heterosexuality, is a natural orientation one is born with; 2) Gay and Lesbian couples have a right to marriage with dependent benefits; 3) Homosexual citizens have a right to serve their country in the military services; 4) Gay and Lesbian couples have a right to adopt children; 5) Gay men and Lesbians have a right to work where they are qualified.

For further information, call (714) 246-7550, Rm. 104

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Atlanta To Host Lesbian Conference April 24-28

[Atlanta, GA]- The planning process for the National Lesbian Conference to be held April 24-28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia is successfully continued.

At a November meeting 20 women gathered and dealt with the issues at hand and developed an implementation strategy to breathe new life into the various component structures of the National Lesbian Conference, Inc.

A comprehensive child care proposal was accepted. Missouri State childcare licensing laws, among the strictest in the country, were used as guidelines. Childcare will be provided from the age of 6 months to 10 years.

Native American Lesbians requested and received a centrally located gathering room for a culturally safe place.

The most significant decision concerned payment of speakers, performers and presenters at the Conference.

There will be none. All Lesbians are equal. The contributions we have for each other's lives are not measured by the standards of a hierarchical, classist society. Performers and presenters are eligible for financial assistance through the same avenues as the dyke on the street.

The purpose of the National Lesbian Conference is to seed a national Lesbian organization that will not only advocate for Lesbians, but will provide a model for others on how we can live and work together with mutual respect and power.

A phone-tree was designed and implemented to facilitate communication. Janet Spotted Eagle of Independence, Missouri is coordinator, (816) 252- 9343.

The time to get serious is here. The structure is deliberately designed to require individual participation of hundreds of Lesbians. Find your place, get busy and meet us in Atlanta!

50,000 Gay Troops In The Persian Gulf Need Our Support

By Miriam Ben-Shalom

Regardless of your stance on the Persian Gulf Crisis, 1 URGE all caring people to support the troops stationed at the Gulf. They are not necessarily there by choice. They are there because they are in a job-class which places them there.

They are human beings like us; perhaps homesick, missing loved ones, wanting to be anyplace else but not in the

They need to know you care. There are, by the way, at least 50,000 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual military people "over there" right now.

If you know of any such people — or significant others left behind, have them contact me. The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans Association (GLBVA) will be attempting to institute a support system similar to the systems in place on military bases for heterosexuals and their

partners.

Please don't let them think you've forgotten them. They are there because they in some measure, haven't forgotten YOU. They need discreet letters, cards, etc.

Won't you have a heart in this season of peace and love?

GLBVA can be contacted by calling (412) 933-6233.

Correction

Due to an error on the part of the organizers, the name of the Cream City Foundation, Inc. was omitted from the announcement of "Flaunting It!"--The Lesbian and Gay Graduate Student Conference.

The Conference will be made possible through the generosity of the Cream City Foundation and we apologize for the oversight

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Vocalist Joan La Barbara To Perform in Milwaukee Jan. 20

[Milwaukee]- Joan La Barbara, "The Reigning Vocal Wizard of the Avant-Garde" (Village Voice), will perform in concert with Kevin Stalheim and Present Music on January 20, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. at the UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. This performance, supported by the National Performance Network (NPN), will mark Ms. La Barbara's first performance in Wisconsin in over ten years. Featured on the program will be works of Joan La Barbara, John Cage, Erik Satie and Mel Powell. Joining Present Music for a five day NPN residency, Ms. La Barbara will explore her work as a contemporary vocalist and video artist.

Joan La Barbara is a composer, performer and media artist whose exceptional voice and commanding stage presence have established her as one of the most sought-after vocalists in the new music scene. An acknowledged pioneer in the field of experimental music and extended vocal techniques, she explores the vast spectral possibilities of the human voice, creating work that explores a new vocabulary of sounds.

The concert on January 20 will be the third concert in a series of five concerts that feature new music by American composers as performed by Present Music. Present Music regularly breaks traditional music boundaries with imaginative programming and by collaborating with artists of various disciplines. Present Music was recently awarded a prestigious grant from Reader's Digest/Meet the Composer to commission two new works to be premiered by Present Music in its 1991-1992 season.

Ms. La Barbara's NPN Residency with Present Music will also include a collaboration with Media Jar. This live interactive video program will be broadcast live from the studios of Warner Cable on channels 14 and 47 on Friday, January 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices for the January 20th concert are \$10 for individual, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students (with I.D.) Tickets can be obtained from the UWM Fine Arts Box Office (229-4308); Milwaukee TIX (271-3335) or Present Music Office (271-0711)

Capacity Crowds Enjoy Cream City Chorus Christmas Fantasy

By Jamakaya

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus presented its fourth annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Fantasy," to a sold out crowd at Centennial Hall the afternoon of December 16th. The Cream City Chorus, about 50 voices strong, is under the musical direction of Scott Stephen Stewart.

Jay Reinke, president of the Chorus, opened the afternoon with an amusing version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" reworded for the local crowd. It set a pleasant and festive tone for the concert.

The musical performance began with "Fanfare for Christmas." The first half of the concert included a mixture of more reverent Christmas carols like "Gloria of the Angels" ("Angels We Have Heard on High") and "Adoremus Te." along with lighter Christmas fare such as "Here We come A Caroling," "Masters in This Hall" and "Deck the Halls." The entire first half highlighted for me the broader range and harmonic sophistication the chorus has achieved in the past year.

After intermission, which featured champagne and good, holiday-spirited company, the audience returned for the "Fantasy" portion of the program. The second half included more upbeat and sometimes irreverent Christmas songs, for instance, the "Reindeer Rap" in which Santa's reindeer opine that "Without us, Santa's nothing..." or the spoof "Santa Claus is Just a Good Ol' Boy."

Audience members were each handed glitter-sprinkled, star topped wands on their arrival and, despite instructions in the program, the largely Gay and Gaysupportive audience needed little prompting about when and how to use their wands. The audience waved their wands and swayed rhythmically to "Slow Rockin" Christmas" and spontaneously snapped their fingers throughout "Jingle Bell Rock." Nothing can compare to a Gay crowd for truly unabashed audience participation!

The performance closed with a beautiful rendition of "Silent Night" and an encore performance of the Chorus's signature song, "I Am What I Am" from La Cage aux Folles. The audience then bustled out with renewed Christmas spirit to complete their holiday shopping and decorating.

My only quibble was with the black covers on the program books. They seemed more appropriate for a requiem than for a joyful holiday concert. But that is indeed quibbling. More remarkable is that the concert was held in a wheelchair accessible setting and was signed for the hearing impaired. Hooray, Cream City Chorus! The art of the signers brought added depth to the afternoon of music.

Two Beckett Plays Open Feb. 1 By Boulevard Ensemble

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble will showcase one of theatre's most revered playwrights in February when it presents two productions by Samuel Beckett — "Act Without Words" and "Endgame."

The productions' director, Nancy Aldrich, has toured nationally and internationally as a puppeteer.

"Act Without Words" and "Endgame" will run Feb. 1-24 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$8 and performances begin at 8:00 p.m.

The Boulevard Ensemble is midway through its fifth season of bringing entertaining, challenging theatre to Milwaukee area audiences. The Ensemble will round out its 1990-91 season in April by presenting William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" to be directed by Amy Zeh.

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Bertolucci's "The Sheltering Sky" Is A Stunning Accomplishment

Ry Cono

It has taken forty years to bring "The Sheltering Sky" by Paul Bowles to the screen. My first reaction to the announcement that Bernardo Bertolucci would direct this film was one of delight. If anyone could translate Bowles' cult classic cinematically Bertolucci would, witness his award winning "Last Tango in Paris" and "The Last Emperor" among other successful movies. And Bertolucci has. "The Sheltering Sky" is a stunning accomplishment.

Bertolucci and his co-writer Mark Peploe have been painstakingly, even lovingly faithful to the novel down to the detail of the fly crawling on the dying man's lower lip. But wisely, Bertolucci also realized that this story of the darker side of the human condition has to be told visually. The result is that the moviegoer's eyes and mind are flooded with unforgettable images.

The story introduces Port and Kit Moresby who seek to escape the emptiness of their socialite lives in New York by traveling to exotic places, much as Bowles himself has done throughout his lifetime. The realization that their marriage is failing results in an inability to communicate despite their attempts to rekindle their love for one another. They travel aimlessly trying to lose themselves and their pain in the vastness of the North African desert.

Port sees the human condition as one of pain and doom — the sheltering sky protects us from seeing the horror lowering behind it. The events that befall these two lost souls amply bear out his view of reality as they encounter the overwhelming forces of nature and a primitive culture where life is constantly threatened with extinction.

Bertolucci's shift to the visual medium results in a shift from philosophic expression to the erotic. In one scene in the book Port tries to have Kit understand his dismal view of life by taking her to a high cliff overlooking a stupendous panorama of the desert below. Bertolucci interprets this scene relying not on words, but by showing Kit and Port having frenzied sex at the edge of the precipice. It is another powerful image that sticks in the mind's eye.

The violence and eroticism of North Africa provide further perfect illustrations of Port's existential melancholy. His sexual encounter with an Arab girl (played by Amina Annabi, an international singing star) whose magnificent breasts mesmerize Port and the audience results in his being robbed and beaten; Kit's hysterical wandering in

the desert after Port's harrowing death ends in rape, imprisonment and madness.

John Malkovich as Port for once is not miscast as he was so egregiously out of place in "Dangerous Liaisons." His weird looks, his soft insinuating tenor voice are perfectly suited to portraying the anxiety-ridden Port. Debra Winger as Kit takes on a role that demands great extremes of behavior and she more than meets the challenge. She dominates the entire second half of the film and this twice-nominated Best Actress surely may make it this time around. She is stupendous. The supporting actors are all ideal realizations of Bowles' characters. They come to life before our eyes. But the most awesome character in "Sheltering Sky" is the desert itself.

Paul Bowles appears as narrator, a presence really, who comments on the story and life sitting in a cafe in Tangiers. This handsome eighty- year-old has the last word, and his participation in this way is a wonderful tribute from Bertolucci, from one master to another.

Editor's Note: "The Sheltering Sky" opens January 11 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.



New members with both are especially welcome.

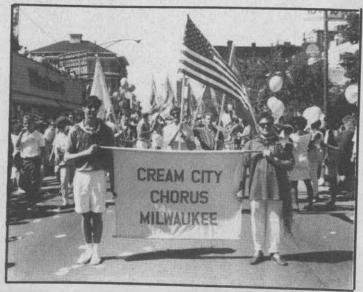
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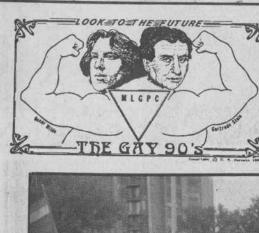














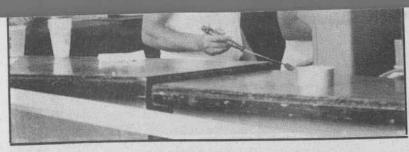
















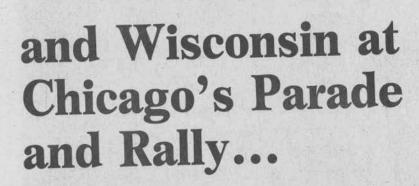




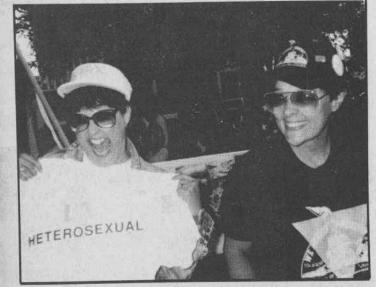






















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Recording Our History Important For Study Finds High Depression **Collective and Personal Reasons**

By Maytee Aspuro

The concept of memory had not been an issue I dwelled upon until four years ago. It was then that my mother was diagnosed as suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Loss of memory was no longer equated with my pension for absent minded behavior where I tolerated the inconvenience of searching for my keys or

My mother's capacity to remember slowly, mercilessly eroded. There was little to do. I found no greater cruelty than the fact that my mother, a very intelligent lady, knew she was losing her life; her capacity to think and function independently. My mother knew she was losing her very identity. The intangible concept of memory became everything to her and to me, as I stood and witnessed the erasure of the womyn I loved.

The memory loss began at age 59. At the age of 62 the deterioration was so great that my mother could not remember where she lived. Now, at the age of 65, my mother is non-verbal and recently had to be re- taught how to walk.

I have a great respect for herstory; for the documentation of the womyn's and specifically the Lesbian community. It was through books, journals, magazines and newspapers that I developed the foundation of my self-esteem as a Lesbian. It was through the expression of the memories of others; the knowledge that the path I traveled had been walked by many before me was, at times, my only

As a commentator/reporter for Wisconsin Light I believe that my efforts, as well as the efforts of all those involved in this publication, are a necessary contribution to the documenting and sharing of memory.

When I think of my mother's progressive illness. I see the future of the Lesbian and Gay community. If we do not value our herstory/history, we will begin to forget the little things. Soon, we will forget where we are and how we came to being. Finally, we will lose all capacity to express ourselves and to carry ourselves into an independent future.

Where my mother has fallen victim to a disease which she cannot control or fight, the Lesbian and Gay community have first and foremost their own apathy, indifference and fear to conquer. No matter how imposing our obstacles may be, they are not insurmountable.

When I think of my mother, I bring her back into my heart with all the richness she once embodied. It is painful to bring her so close that I feel not only her successes, but her failures; her joy as

well as her sorrow. I cannot selectively remember her and be true to her. I must remember everything. Just as we in the Lesbian and Gay community cannot shy away from our most difficult issues; just as we should not cast aside our identities.

The concept of the Lesbian and Gay collective memory should not be limited. In the United States culture our elders are not valued. We believe their lessons need not relate to our current struggles. The past loses its value, depreciated by youths' inflated ego.

There is no excuse for this no room for tolerance. I regret that I did not listen to more of my mother's stories. Now I wonder all the more about her childhood, about her dreams, about her interpretation of the events of her life. Though she still breathes, I cannot reach inside her and touch her memories. I cannot ask all the questions left unspoken. We should turn to our elders and learn from them. We would surely lessen any probable arrogance. We would surely be humbled to learn how they survived in a culture that allowed so little room for pride and dignity. So much less so than we now demand.

Memories do not only belong to the elders. They also belong to the children. One child's experience may easily overwhelm a more seasoned adult. One child's memory may carry a depth of perception and emotion that will teach all of us of our capacity to love as well as to hurt. One child's memory may carry a lesson an adult could never imagine knowing, but once made aware of, would fight never to forget.

There are children struggling with their Lesbian and Gay identities. There are children who have been abused. There are too many children who forget who they are because no one values their memories, their life experiences. By innocence, by virtue, the value of a child's memory should be recorded and honored. It isn't only for parents to honor a child's vision of life. As a sibling, an aunt or uncle, a friend, we can validate and support those who cannot defend themselves.

My wish for tomorrow is that I don't forget this day and that I honor my yesterdays. I believe my mother would applaud my efforts. That is if she could remember who it is that I am.

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Rates Among HIV Gay Men

[Milwaukee]- A recently completed study of nonhospitalized HIV infected Gay men has confirmed that HIV positive subjects with and without AIDS display significantly elevated scores on depression measures and that HIV status alone accounts for more than 37% of the variance in depression scores among

The study was done by Gary Hollander, Ph.D. in connection with work on his

According to the study, the length of time since diagnosis or HIV-testing did not contribute significantly to the variance, but the number of general health problems experienced by subjects accounted for an additional 20% of the variance.

Among both AIDS diagnosed and without AIDS, depression was 65 percent in the former and 32 percent in the latter. These rates of depression exceed those experienced by, among others, those people with cancer or suffering from a

HIV negative men did not experience depression at rates exceeding that of the general population.

The study concludes that medical professionals recognize that their HIV patients are more likely to experience depression and take steps to assess the mood early in treatment. Social service and mental health professionals as well

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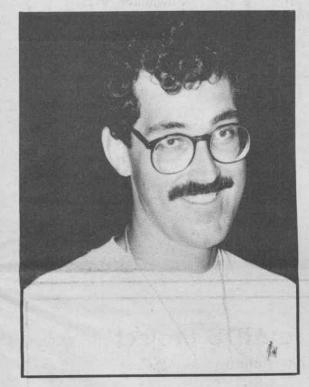
Women's 800 meter run; congratulations after Men's 800 meter run; swimming the 100 meter butterfly at the Vancouver acquatics center.









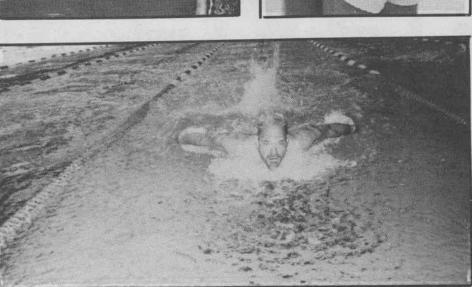












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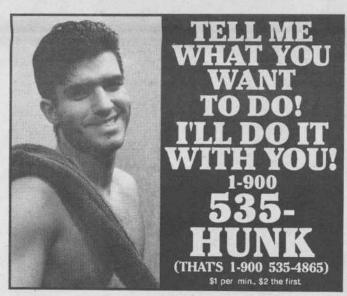
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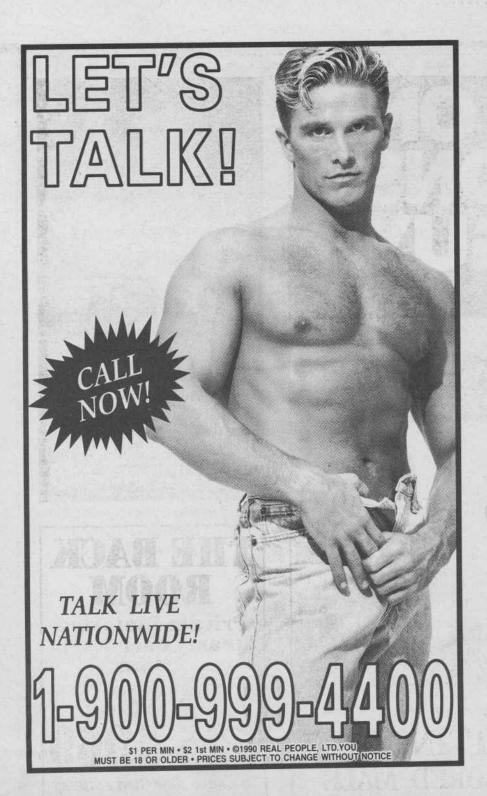
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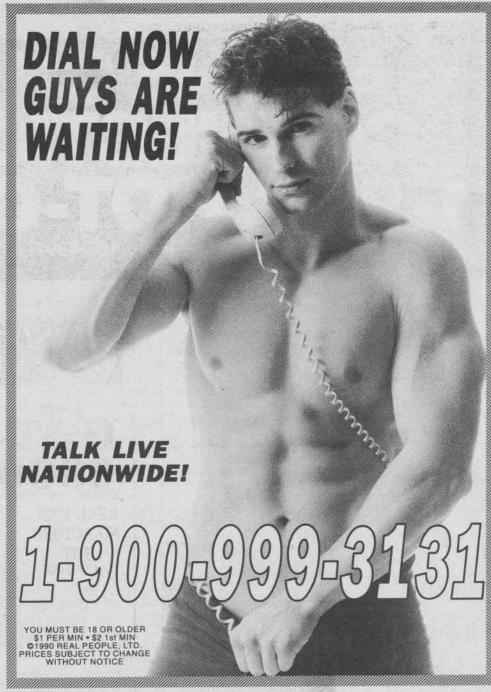
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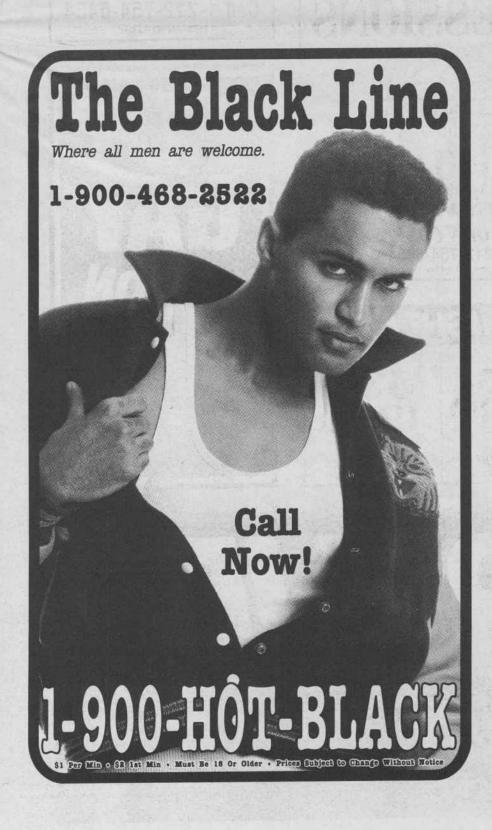
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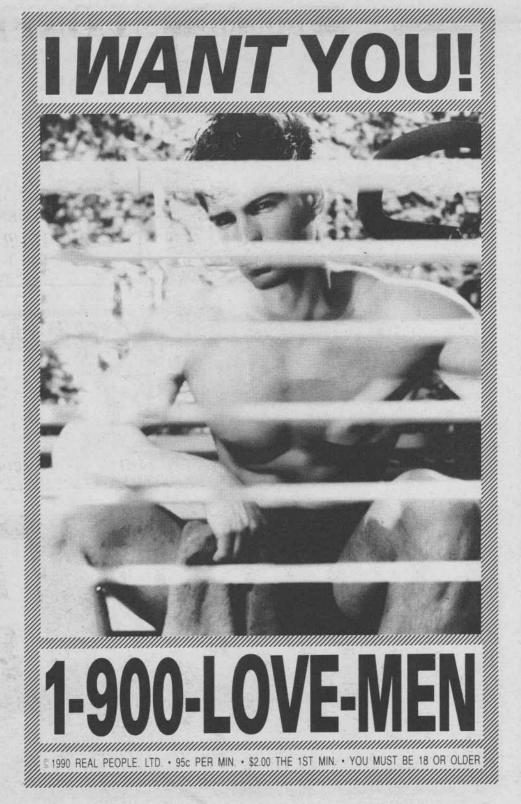
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Drug and Alcohol Programs Are Sensitive To Specialized Needs

[Milwaukee]- Over the past several years, there has been an ever increasing number of drug and alcohol programs that reach out with sensitivity to specialized needs. Examples of this can be seen in programs for women, minor populations and juveniles. The question was raised as to treatment programs that were sensitive to the needs of the Lesbian and Gay community, especially in the greater Milwaukee area. With that question in mind, the Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism (MCA) has compiled a list of agencies that are sensitive to these needs.

It is very important to understand several items about the list of providers. First, this is only the beginning of the list. Toward the end of the search, it became apparent that a number of other sources are also available. This will be published at a later date.

Second, it should be understood that each of these providers has varied approaches to treatment, including services to the Lesbian and Gay community. Because of this, it would be helpful to contact either the individual facility or Don Buzanowski at MCA to

Third, hearing from anyone who has been in treatment in the Greater Milwaukee Area would provide a chance to list other facilities and counselors who are working with us.

discuss the programs and make a choice

that best fits your individual needs.

Fourth, it would be helpful to receive feedback on your treatment so that we can identify the truly sensitive providers and also help providers to become more sensitive to the needs of the Lesbian and Gay community.

Please phone me with anything that you might think is of interest to our needs in Drug and Alcohol Treatment. You can reach me at: MCA, 2266 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 or phone 276-8487.

Elmbrook Memorial Hospital, 19333 W. North Ave., Brookfield, 53005; 785-2000. Family Service of Milwaukee, 2819 W. Highland Blvd, 53208; 342-4560.

Genesis, 726 N. 31st St., 53208; 931-3683.

DePaul Hospital, 4143 S. 13th St., 53221; 281-4400.

DePaul-Lincoln, 10701 W. Lincoln Ave, 53227; 281-2323.
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Ave., 53211; 961-1121. Kettle Moraine, 9001 N. 76th St., Suite

206, 53223; 355-0039.

Milwaukee Women's Center, Inc., 611

N. Broadway, Suite 230, 53202; 272-6199. New Beginnings, 1200 W. National Ave., 53204; 643-8540.

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Phoenix Clinic, 2421 N. Mayfair Rd., Suite 200. Wauwatosa, 53226; 475-7898.

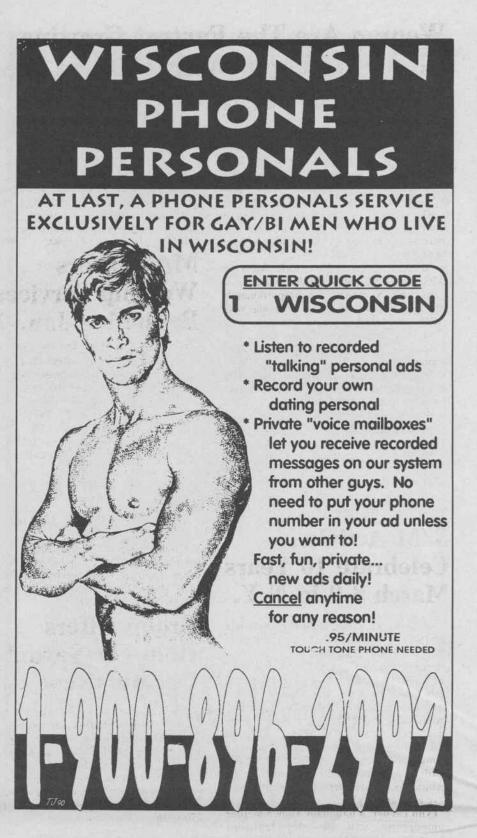
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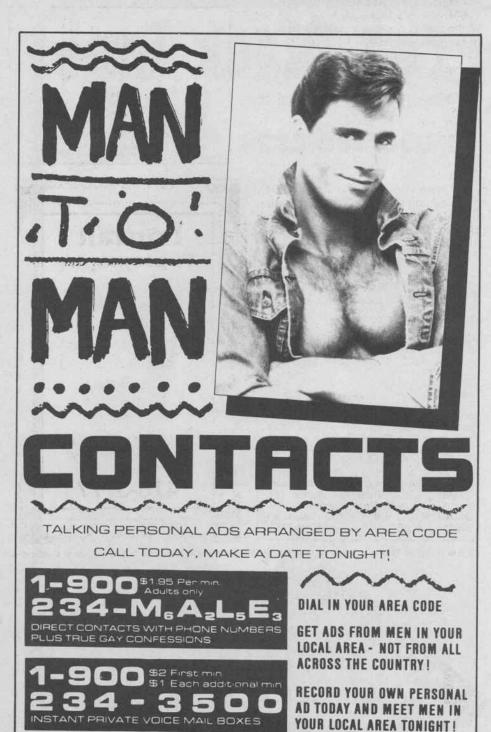
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Women Are The Fastest Growing Group of People With AIDS In U.S.

In New York City, AIDS is the primary cause of death of women 25-29 years of

In the United States, 51% of all women with AIDS are African-American and 21% are Latino. This is in contrast with U.S. population figures where African-Americans made up only 18 percent and Latinos. 11 percent of the total population.

The number of children with AIDS is doubling every 8-9 months. Over 90 percent of affected children under 5 years of age are children of color.

50 percent of people with AIDS in Africa and the Caribbean are women.

In the U.S. women are proportionately the fastest growing group of people with AIDS.

Male to female transmission is 3 to 10 times more likely than female to male transmission. Over 70 percent of women with AIDS

are themselves intravenous drug users or partners of drug users. Women are the fastest growing group

of people with AIDS in the United States. The rate is 4-5 times faster than men. There is a 1 in 3 chance that an HIV

positive woman will pass the virus to their newborn child.

The ratio of men to women: United States 9:1; Zimbabwe 1:1.

S/M Activists Celebrate 10 Years March 8-9 In N.Y.

[New York, NY]- Gay Male S/M Activists (GMSMA), the oldest and largest educational organization for Gay men interested in consensual S/M practices and relationships, will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary on March 8-9, 1991, in New York City. GMSMA members throughout the New York metropolitan area, from across the country, Canada and Europe, will join other men and women to discuss issues that concern the Leather community, learn new S/M techniques, share personal insights and have a great party!

Lynn Lavner, a nationally known leather comedienne will be the featured entertainer at the Anniversary banquet.

GMSMA has helped to bring S/M out of the closet, winning a rightful place for S/M- Leather people in the Gay and Lesbian community. GMSMA has championed the rights of adults to safe, responsible and consensual expression of their sexuality. From their leadership role in the 1987 March on Washington to their recent involvement in opposition to censorship and defense of S/M art in the Mapplethorpe and NEA controversies, GMSMA's efforts have won support and

For more information, contact GMSMA Activists at (212) 727-9878 or write: GMSMA 10th Anniversary, 496A Hudson St., Suite D23, New York, NY 10014.

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After the onset of AIDS, women live an average of nine months as compared to men who live an average of 19 months.

AIDS is the number 5 killer of African-American women of child bearing age. It will become the 5th killer of all women of child bearing age in the United States.

Editor's Note: The above statistics were gathered from the World Health Organization and domestic health agencies and were published on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1990.

MAP Offers Worship Services Beginning Jan. 27

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), in an effort to meet the spiritual needs of its clientele, will again offer monthly interdenominational worship services at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. in Milwaukee.

Services have been scheduled through April, 1991 and are open to MAP's clients and volunteers and their families and friends.

The worship services will be held on the last Sunday of each month. Scheduled dates are as follows:

January 27, February 24, March 24,

Questions regarding interdenominational worship services and other Spiritual Care services offered by MAP should be directed to Beth Hancock, S.S.M., (414) 273-1991.

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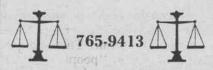
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