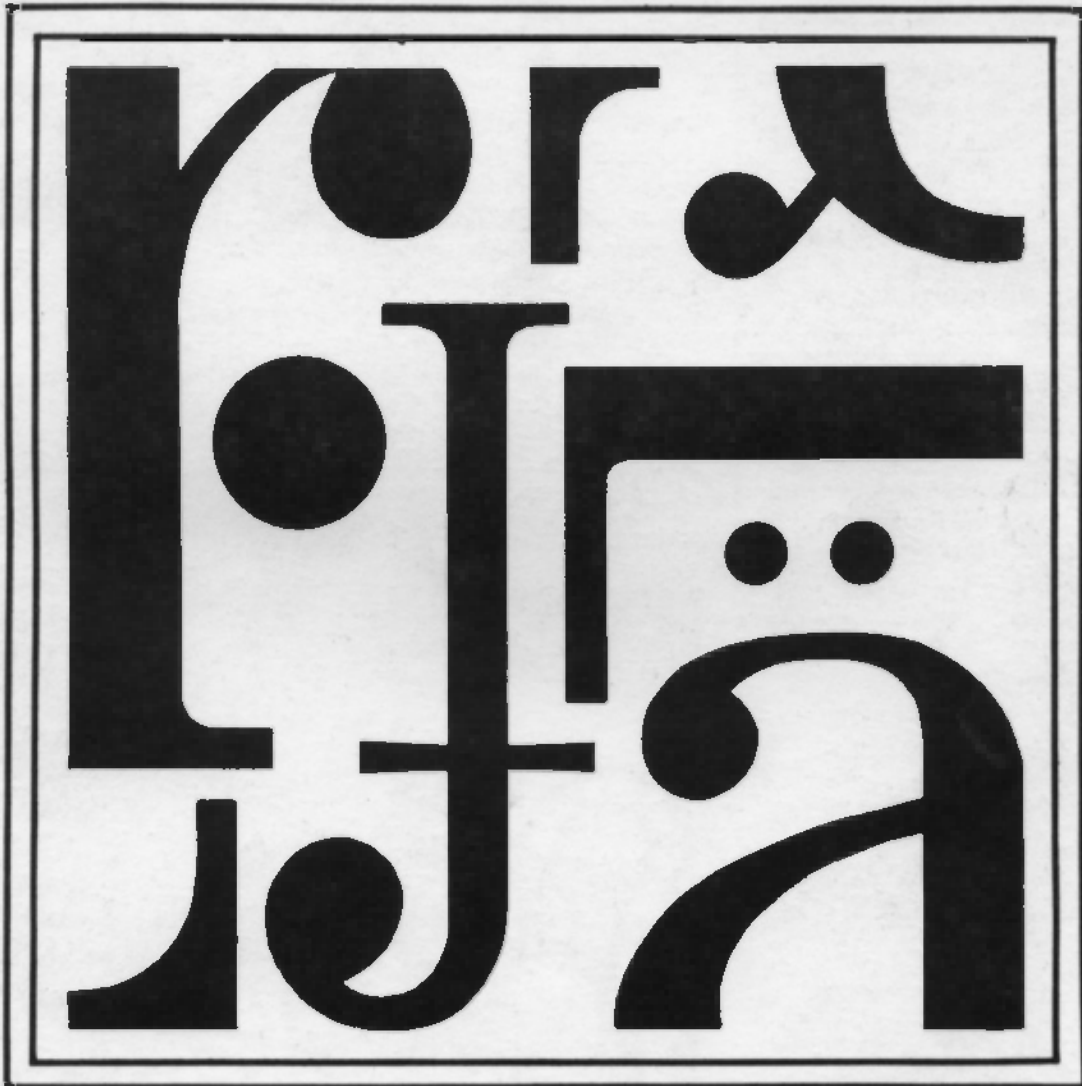


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Gov Tommy Thompson Proclaims March AIDS Awareness Month

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, billboards, 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



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timely information we hope that you will assess your risk factors and thereby place this disease into proper perspective. For those of you who are up to your gills in AIDS information, bear with us as I am aware of how tedious an "over-kill" of AIDS stories can be. We will be returning to our regular coverage next month. In the meantime, I hope you find this an informative issue, and should there be any readers who would like more information about AIDS or Women's History Week", please do not hesitate to write or call (608) 255-3349.

UW May Join Suit Supporting Army Gays

MADISON, WI: Donna Shalala, the new UW - Madison Chancellor, said the University may join a federal lawsuit on behalf of gays who want to enlist in the Army.

"I've asked [UW attorneys] to look at the possibility of filing an Amicus brief," she said. Amicus briefs are filed in cases of public policy when a party wishes to indicate support for a particular issue.

It remains to be seen whether the recent San Francisco ruling on exclusion of gays from military service will apply to ROTC programs as well. The Army is also likely to ask for a rehearing on the case, so that the future of gays in the armed forces will remain uncertain for the near future at least.

Similar rules regarding exclusion of gay and lesbian students from ROTC programs on the UW campus exist for each of the services: Army, Navy, and Air Force. Under the rules, gays may take military science courses, but may not be commissioned as officers.

Christian Gay Retreat

"A Gay Men's Christian Retreat: Journeying with self and with Christ" will be held March 25-27 in Rochester, Minn. The retreat is described as "a relaxed weekend for gay men providing an opportunity for reflection and discussion relative to the challenge faced in being a gay Christian in contemporary society." Contact Sister Colleen Byron, Christian Community Center, Box 4900 Assisi Hts, Rochester MN 55903 or call (507) 289-0821.

Court Overrules Army Ban on Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA: The Army's ban on gays and lesbians was ruled unconstitutional by a Federal appeals court that said homosexuals are entitled to the same protection against discrimination as are members of racial minorities.

"The discrimination faced by homosexuals in our society is plainly no less pernicious or intense than the discrimination faced by other groups" afforded protection, the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said in its 2-1 decision. This marks the first time a Federal court has granted strict constitutional protection to gays and lesbians and has prohibited a branch of the armed services from excluding people on the basis of sexual orientation alone.

This ruling does not prevent the Army from excluding individuals based on their sexual conduct. Bans on behavior such as sodomy - a criminal act in some states - will continue to be upheld in all likelihood.

Court draws a distinction between orientation and conduct

While specific sexual conduct may be forbidden by criminal laws, this cannot be translated into a "state license to pass 'homosexual laws' - laws imposing special restrictions on gays simply because they are gay," Judge William Norris said in a majority opinion joined by Judge William Canby.

Pentagon statistics show that the four services discharged 1,398 men and women on grounds of homosexuality in the past year, about 0.6% of the active-duty force.

In the Court's ruling, Judge Norris said the Army's reliance on moral standards endorsed by much of the public as justification for the ban was rejected by the Supreme Court in 1967, when it struck down Virginia's ban on marriages between blacks and whites.

"Laws that limit the acceptable focus of one's sexual desires to members of the opposite sex, like laws that limits one's choice of spouse (or sexual partner) to members of the same race, cannot withstand constitutional scrutiny absent a compelling governmental justification," Judge Norris wrote.

TIME Magazine Agrees to Coverage of Gay/Lesbian Issues

Editors at *Time* magazine, besieged for months by letters and calls complaining about their failure to cover last October's March on Washington, have met with representatives of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) to discuss ways of improving *Time's* coverage of gay and lesbian issues. After the meeting, *Time* had one of its correspondents write an article on anti-gay and lesbian violence (not yet published) and printed a positive account of the recent Appeals Court decision repealing the Army's blanket exclusion of homosexuals.

Time's failure to cover the October 11 March precipitated a tide of protest from around the country - including cancelled subscriptions and a boycott threat - all of which finally convinced the editors at the nation's largest circulation news magazine to agree to meet with glad, an organization which responds to homophobia in the media. At the January meeting, managing editor Henry Muller admitted that it was "probably a mistake" not to cover the March, which had brought about a half million gay men and lesbians to Washington.

GLAAD's executive director, Craig Davidson, blamed *Time's* coverage problems on the failure to distinguish between gays and AIDS. As noted in the *Bay Area Reporter*, in the 12-month period ending October 19, 1987, *Newsweek* carried six articles about lesbian and gay issues unrelated to AIDS. *Time* carried none. (*Newsweek* also ignored the National March, however.)

Stephen Miller, GLAAD's media committee chair, pointed out that while it is necessary to provide thorough reporting on AIDS, gay and lesbian issues also touch on *all* areas covered by *Time*, including religion, education, the media, law, and politics. In addition to the story on anti-gay violence, he suggested that *Time* cover topics such as lesbian and gay parenting, gays and lesbians in politics and the concerns of gay couples - ranging from the growing number of "ceremonies of commitment" to the lack of spousal benefits.

Gephardt, Dukakis, Bush: Positions on Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights

The following very briefly summarizes the positions of presidential candidates Gephardt, Dukakis, and Bush on Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights as determined by a poll sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"We are a diverse community with varying positions on the economy and foreign policy," states Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the NGLTF, "But lesbian and gay voters are increasingly demanding that any candidate meet a threshold level of support for gay/lesbian civil rights and AIDS issues before they receive serious consideration. The [following] surveys will become the basis for each voter to determine whether that threshold has been met."

GAY/LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS

a) Richard Gephardt

* Gephardt is not a co-sponsor of S464/HR 709 (the federal gay rights bill or the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1987) but states he would sign it into law if it were passed by Congress.

* He would sign a Presidential executive order banning discrimination only if a determination were made that the Constitution and existing laws do not protect federal employees.

b) Michael Dukakis

* Dukakis supports passage of federal lesbian/gay civil rights protections.

* He would not issue an executive order banning discrimination in federal employment.

* Believes that sexual orientation in and of itself should not be cause to deny security clearances or to undergo extraordinary employment review.

c) George Bush

* Did not specifically address questions of civil rights bill in NGLTF survey.

* Believes that "all Americans have fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution - rights such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the right to a trial by jury. No one group should have special privileges granted by government."

AIDS POLICY

a) Gephardt

* Supports "More money" for AIDS research. Supports making AZT available to all who might benefit from it.

* Supports insurance for catastrophic illnesses. Believes insurance companies who deny coverage to high risk groups are "heading in the wrong direction."

* Opposes employment discrimination against PWA's.

* Opposes use of quarantine in management of AIDS patients.

b) Dukakis

* Supports \$900 million to \$1.1 billion in funding for 1988.

* Care of PWA's will ultimately be shared by patients, insurers, health care providers and federal state and local governments. Supports catastrophic health care plan. Supports alternative, cost-effective care for PWA's. Supports AZT reimbursement.

* Opposes HIV testing for health insurance. Would allow it for individual life insurance and non-cancelable disability insurance. Would prohibit insurance discrimination based on sexual orientation.

* Supports Supreme Court decision in Arline which held that Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 protects individuals with contagious diseases including AIDS. Supports Federal AIDS Policy Act. Supports federal legislation banning discrimination against PWA's or those with HIV infection or those perceived to have either.

* Opposes mandatory testing except for blood, sperm and organ banks. Supports current testing policies for military and INS testing or immigrants from high incidence countries.

c) Bush

* No specific response on funding levels.

* Believes FDA process should not inhibit new generation of wonder drugs.

* Opposes federally mandated AIDS education. Supports sex education that is "non-threatening" and teaches traditional values and traditional morality.

* Supports confidentiality protections for those tested, and supports "guarantees that everyone is treated fairly." Would leave details regarding "restrictions on AIDS patients" to states.

* Supports more testing based on balancing equities of "Need for more information and knowledge to benefit the majority versus our basic Constitutional right to privacy". Concludes that "Ultimately we must protect those who do not have the disease."

* Supports testing of prisoners, immigrants, military, foreign service. Supports routine testing of marriage license applicants, patients at STD clinics and drug clinics.

LESBIAN/GAY FAMILY ISSUES

a) Gephardt

* His administration would be committed to providing services in an efficient, effective and non-discriminatory manner. This commitment includes ensuring that those in non-traditional relationships and households are not judged ineligible solely on the basis of such relationships.

b) Dukakis

* Would not recognize domestic partner benefits programs for government employees.

* Opposes changing eligibility requirements for entitlement programs and other federally funded programs to equalize access for those in non-traditional relationships.

* Opposes expansion of the definitions of survivors and dependents under the Social Security program to include domestic or family partners.

* Supports placement of foster children with relatives first, or in families with married couples, preferably where the family has prior parenting experience. Where a traditional family is not available, believes another home may be an appropriate placement.

c) Bush

* Did not provide answers to family questions.

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Lesbian Concerns Not on National Feminist Agenda

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force strongly challenged the failure of a national feminist conference to address lesbian rights issues. The National Women's Agenda Conference held in Des Moines during January, endorsed by most major feminist groups, failed entirely to address lesbian and gay issues.

"It was clear that lesbians were not a welcome agenda issue," said NGLTF lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic. "The word 'lesbian' was never voluntarily spoken or written by workshop moderators, panelists, or conference speakers during the entire weekend."

Radecic noted the irony of the Agenda's failure to raise gay/lesbian issues at a time when all Democratic contenders have stated their support for gay/lesbian civil rights. "Now is not the time for any segment of the civil rights community, especially the feminist movement, to back away from the critical battles our community is fighting. This Conference was indeed a step backward for lesbians."

Jesse Jackson Seen As Responsive to Interests of Lesbians and Gays

Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson has expressed strong support for full civil rights for lesbians and gay men. Some of his responses in three key areas are given below:

1. AIDS Policies

- Supports National Academy of Sciences \$2 billion target, but notes that this may not be an adequate amount
- Supports making catastrophic insurance available as a right, and federally guaranteed access to treatment and care
- Supports broad, frank AIDS education which confronts the "homophobia, the irrational and divisive fear, the racism" affecting efforts to combat the disease
- Opposes mandatory testing

2. Civil Rights

- Supports passage of federal gay/lesbian rights bill; will fight any restrictions based on sexual orientation

- Is committed to banning discrimination in the federal government, including the military, and government contractors

3. Lesbian/Gay Families

- Supports lesbian and gay partners being afforded benefits accorded to heterosexual couples
- Supports full civil rights for gays and lesbians
- Supports right of lesbians and gays to designate survivors and dependents, and rights to child custody

Thompson Wants Tough Laws on Intentional Spread of AIDS

MADISON, WI: Governor Tommy Thompson has said he will seek special legislation providing criminal penalties for persons who "knowingly spread the AIDS virus." He said recent incidents in

which individuals with the virus, HIV, "consciously and deliberately sought to expose others to infection should not and will not be tolerated in our state."

Thompson said he will ask the legislature during its next regular session to approve a law which would punish those who know they are infected with HIV if they sell blood, engage in prostitution, or assault other persons in a way which could transmit the virus. He said, "To knowingly transmit it to others clearly ought to be considered a criminal act."

While Thompson said he will allow the legislature to determine the penalties to be imposed, he added, "There is no doubt in my mind, however, that much harsher penalties should be provided for those who attack prison guards, police, or emergency aid personnel."

Thompson noted that in Wisconsin, an inmate who has tested positive for exposure to AIDS has been charged with battery for allegedly biting and scratching an officer at the Green Bay Correctional Institution on May 30, 1987.

He also noted that a federal prison inmate with the virus has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon - his mouth and teeth - for biting two guards, and an infected male prostitute in California is facing charges of attempted murder for selling his blood to a plasma center.

Since the nation's first AIDS cases were reported in 1981, Wisconsin has recorded 263 diagnosed cases of AIDS and 166 AIDS-related deaths. The Wisconsin Division of Health estimates that by 1991, Wisconsin can expect cumulative totals of 1,790 cases of AIDS and 895 deaths. They also estimate that upwards of 36,000 persons in the state could be infected with HIV.

Monday Night Dance Club Benefit for Center Project

STEVENS POINT, WI: In January, the Monday Night Dance Club held a benefit show for the Center Project, Inc of Green Bay - an AIDS support and services agency. The show included performances by a dozen local singers, impersonators and dancers. Members of the Club wish to thank all those who participated, both in producing the show and in attending. The group raised \$200.00 which will be contributed to the Center Project.

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NGLTF: A National Voice For Us

Roger Doughty

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the movement's pre-eminent national voice, has closed the books on a year of unprecedented activism and growth. In 1987, a year which saw the largest single political gathering of gay men and lesbian women in history, the Task Force continued to advance protections and rights for gay and lesbian Americans. Headquartered in Washington DC, NGLTF's full-time staff of ten won several major victories for gay and lesbian rights, initiated local organizing projects across the country, and positioned itself for an even stronger future.

In 1987, NGLTF worked aggressively at the federal level to influence the government to respond quickly and compassionately to the AIDS crisis. Prominent among the Task Force's legislative achievements was the passage of the "Hate Crimes Statistics Bill" by the House Judiciary Committee (the measure has 91 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives). Having officially documented reports of anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence since 1984, the Task Force pressed hard for this historic measure which marks the first time that the federal government has acknowledged the existence and seriousness of such crimes. [Similar legislation is currently being reviewed at the state level in Wisconsin.] Calling the autumn vote "very gratifying," Anti-Violence Project Coordinator Kevin Berrill stated, "This is a victory for all those concerned with ending crime motivated by bigotry."

The NGLTF also lobbied forcefully against the confirmations of Supreme Court nominees Robert Bork and Anthony Kennedy, underscoring for the Senate the two men's insensitivity to

privacy issues of concern to women, gay men, and lesbians.

AIDS-related issues were also a high priority, with lobbying campaigns aimed at dramatically increasing federal funding for AIDS research and treatment. The

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Task Force advocated the guarantee of access to quality care for all persons with AIDS. Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF's Public Information Director, notes that, "We're absolutely committed to insuring that people with AIDS have equal access to the best health care facilities available, whether they live in Buffalo, San Francisco, Omaha or New York," [or even in Rhinelander, Wisconsin].

Recognizing that AIDS represents a grave threat not only to the health of gay men and lesbians, but also to their civil rights, the Task Force instigated a vigorous nationwide campaign to defeat the Centers for Disease Control's proposed regulations for expanded mandatory HIV antibody testing.

The Task Force also pushed its legislative efforts beyond Washington. Early in the year, NGLTF launched "The Privacy Project" to spearhead the repeal of sodomy laws which remain in the statutes of many states across the country. Most of the effort so far has been concentrated on Maryland, where last year, an attempt to have the law repealed failed. Sue Hyde, the newly appointed head of the project noted that,

"We're going into 1988 with a stronger coalition and new tactics. The strategies we develop in Maryland will be invaluable to activists in other states." [Wisconsin has no sodomy laws].

To offer greater assistance to state and local organizations, the Task Force initiated the National State Action Lobby last summer. This program will provide essential resources and energy to local activists working to repeal sodomy laws, to block repressive AIDS legislation, and to press for recognition of the lesbian/gay family. Peri Jude Radecic, hired as a NGLTF lobbyist, observes that, "This project will enable us to reinforce at a local level the tremendous enthusiasm brought on by the March on Washington, by helping local activists organize for gay rights in their home states."

Kimberly Webster, Director of NGLTF Development, observed that with the retirement of the organization's \$90,000 debt in 1987, "We can concentrate on increasing the vitality of our already strong organizing and lobbying programs." Building on its 1987 fundraising success, the Task Force has recently approved a \$1.5 million budget for 1988. "The challenges we face as gays and lesbians are enormous," says Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF Executive Director, "but we're ready to meet them, and to work toward a time when we can live openly and free from violence and discrimination in all its forms."



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Milwaukee AIDS Project: Educating the Community

Sue Dietz, MAP Director

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has been on the forefront of AIDS education since the epidemic began to affect the Midwest. I am often asked to describe MAP's services and thought you might appreciate an update of our combined efforts.

Under the direction of the Brady East STD Clinic, Inc, MAP began providing prevention education as far back as the fall of 1984. MAP itself was in the formative stages at this time. As it was originally designed, MAP's function (it's *only* function!) was to provide AIDS education to the Milwaukee community. Our statistics beginning in January 1985 show the following progress:

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

MAP has provided over 300 group education presentations to over 16,000 persons. Recipients include a wide variety of professionals, community groups, adults, and young people in Milwaukee and throughout the Midwest. Sessions are conducted by MAP staff and volunteers upon request.

LIBRARY / RESOURCE CENTER

The library has been operating since April 1985, and has served over 1,700 individuals and institutions. Over 100,000 pamphlets, video and audiotapes, and books have been distributed throughout the state.

AIDSLINE

The hotline staff and volunteers have answered over 19,000 telephone requests for information on AIDS and related issues. They have received an average of 1,000 calls per month since January 1987. Approximately half of the calls originate from Milwaukee and half from the rest of the state.

MAP educational services are conducted through several committees. In addition to the library and AIDSLine, the following groups function under the auspices of MAP:

MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Functional for a year and a half, this group began by reviewing MAP materials to assure that they were culturally appropriate. New program strategies have also emerged and grant proposals to support them are pending.

PROGRAM REVIEW PANEL

Originally set up one year ago as part of a federal grant requirement, this group is charged with reviewing all of MAP's educational materials. They must determine that materials are understandable, appropriate to the target audience, and not offensive. This group is responsive and sensitive to issues of those affected by AIDS, and they are very serious in their task. They do not idly "rubber stamp" materials, but carefully and critically review all materials we distribute to the public. Each member is "approved" by the Centers for Disease Control and agrees to work with MAP for one year at a time. The current panel began their work in October 1987. They will also help in designing overall agency education strategies and directions.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

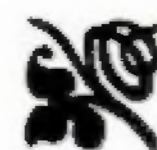
This group of approximately 40 people have been oriented and trained on AIDS and related issues. They have a variety of professional backgrounds and skills, and are available on request to provide group education sessions.

GAY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

This is a new group at MAP, though MAP's education efforts began in the gay community in 1984. Research shows that health education messages must be repeated indefinitely in a number of ways in order to be effective. It is a challenge to maintain a high energy and creativity level over several years. As such, MAP has had a variety of committees and individuals who have addressed this crucial area. The group will be generating new program ideas and implementing them this year.

Two more areas to be addressed by MAP in 1988 are **Children and AIDS** (with the Milwaukee Health Department) and **Women and AIDS** (with both Herpes Health Center and the Milwaukee Health Department).

All of these programs represent the combined talents of about 200 people. Another 200 reasons to be proud of this project. If you are not involved in any of these committees and would like to be, please call the MAP office and join the fight against the spread of AIDS.



'Gays in Madison' Series Wins Lee Editors' Award

The Wisconsin State Journal has won a \$1000 award for enterprise reporting for its "Gays in Madison" series.

The award - the Lee Editors' Award for Enterprise Reporting - was announced in late January at a meeting of editors of Lee Enterprises Inc in Tucson, Arizona. The award was created this year "to encourage and recognize editorial excellence" for journalism that "calls to public attention a situation not widely known."

The 11-article series, which appeared over five days during February 1987, explored Madison's gay community - its size, culture, politics, and religion.

Reporters for the series were Marv Balousek, Joe Beck, and Sunny Schubert. Editor Paul Fanlund oversaw the project.



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First Meeting of HIV Infection Advisory Council Inconclusive

MADISON, WI - On February 5, 1988 the Governor's HIV Infection Advisory Council met in Madison. The council is composed of 31 individuals representing various "constituencies", such as nurses, doctors, concerned parents, educators, jailers, and unions. As was pointed out during the proceedings however, the epidemic now affects a significant number of minorities, yet no blacks, hispanics, or other minorities were present. By a unanimous vote, the council directed Jerome Gunderson (La Crosse) to immediately submit between 3 and 6 names to the governor to rectify this "oversight".

This first meeting of the council lasted roughly six hours, and was broken down into four general areas: 1) introductions 2) overview of the epidemic, both locally and nationally 3) a review of state legislation intended to "curb the epidemic," and 4) presentations by each council member of his or her specific areas of interest regarding council activities.

The introductions and overview took the better part of the morning. It was not until the discussion of legislation and specific areas of interest that the council began to seriously look at its function and the impact it may have in Wisconsin.

For the most part, legislation proposed tended to be punitive, in that it calls for mandatory testing of selected prison inmate populations and the possible detention of those who "knowingly" spread the AIDS virus. When Gov Thompson's legislative advisor was made aware that the terminology was vague, the council was told that the Governor and the Division of Health would look further into the matter. The council was about evenly divided on whether or not any legislation was appropriate. This will be pursued further at the next Council meeting of April 29th.

In the roundtable discussion that followed, regarding specific individual areas of interest, it was soon apparent that the vast majority emphasized education as the most appropriate weapon in the battle against AIDS. This was nevertheless tempered by the Chair's (Dr

Jerome Gunderson) insistence that only through wider routine testing could we get a handle on the disease. Further, one other member was curious about the role of quarantine. A discussion of these topics was tabled for the next meeting. It was evident though, that most participants were leery of mandatory testing; they did not look favorably upon punitive legislation regarding HIV infected individuals, and were willing to look toward education as the primary vehicle for control. Unfortunately, the Chairman was not totally sympathetic, and in the long run, the council may have to contend with the views of this pivotal member.

At the April 29th meeting, many of the issues raised at the first meeting will doubtlessly take center stage. As of yet, no hard and fast "lines" have been drawn and the future course of public and governmental activity may well be influenced by the work of this council.

Bucky Finds Place on Dorm Condoms

These days, the slogan, "Get Lucky, Bucky," means more than a 7-6 victory over Michigan State.

For patrons of University of Wisconsin-Madison's Lakeshore Residence Hall store, those red-letter words - and the image of Bucky Badger - now embolden single-unit packages of condoms sold at the front counter.

The store, in Kronshage-Mack House, has sold condoms in boxes of 12 for about two years, said store manager, James Brittain. But about a week ago, the store began selling the single-packaged condoms, which Brittain said are packaged by John Fruehwirth, administrator of the Lakeshore Residence Halls Association.

"It has gotten a lot of interest," Brittain said. "It's just a novelty item. It's funny."

"We've been selling a lot of them," he noted.

The question of selling condoms in vending machines in the residence halls has yet to be resolved, Brittain said, but the store is open from 1:30pm to 7:30pm.

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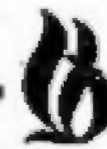
UW Faculty Senate Backs Down on ROTC

The UW-Madison Faculty Senate decided to continue the University's affiliation with ROTC, despite its policy of discrimination based on sexual orientation, which violates both state law and University policy.

The possibility of terminating ROTC if political and legal means failed to change their policy was rejected by the Senate. Instead, they decided to monitor the program, and take up the discrimination issue once more if instances of exclusion based on sexual orientation arise.

"They've turned their backs on state law and I'm ashamed at their insensitivity and bigotry expressed by this decision," said State Rep David Clarenbach.

Rick Villasenor, a member of the ad hoc committee which had made the original recommendation to terminate the ROTC program on campus, was disappointed by the Senate's decision. "The Faculty Senate is concerned about discrimination, but they weren't quite strong enough."



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1988 NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Reclaiming the Past... Rewriting the Future

It took me more than 20 years, nearly 25, I reckon, in the evenings after supper when the children were all put to bed. My whole life is in that quilt. It scares me sometimes when I look at it. All my joys and all my sorrows are stitched into those little pieces. . . . I tremble sometimes when I remember what that quilt knows about me.

Margurite Ickis
- quoting her great grandmother

These words by a woman who recorded, stitch-by-stitch, the joys and sorrows of her life in her quilt, remind us of the influence and the importance of women in our history. Like the quilt, the history of women consists of piece by precious piece - different colors, different textures - stitched together to form a record of our past. Like the quilt, the history of women must not be carelessly discarded or disregarded. It must be used, preserved, appreciated. Like the quilt, the history of women must serve as a reminder to stitch the fabric of the present and the future.

"Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future" is the theme of Women's History Month, March 1988. The theme signifies the presence of women in the past, present, and future - and the commitment to revere and use the past to shape the future.

Why Learn Women's History?

Why learn women's history? And why a whole month? Traditional history has tended to focus on his-story, the account of men's striving for geographical, political, and economic superiority. Considered within this context, much of his-story leaves out her-story, viewing women as passive on the stage of life.

As the late historian Judy Mann DiStefano pointed out, "(W)omen's history means focusing the lenses through which we view the past." It means looking at the whole picture and recognizing its complexity - the diversity of people and their stories: mill girls struggling for living wages and tolerable working conditions, mothers refusing to send their sons to war and organizing to find ways to peace. It also means activists redefining the laws which refused to recognize women as autonomous human beings, slave women fighting for their people's lives and their dignity, Indian women striving to regain their historical roles as leaders and peacemakers within their societies.

Women's history means recognizing the historical restrictions imposed, and cultural expectations. It means honoring what women have done in their homes and communities and in the world despite those restrictions. It means looking at the present and the future with a different perspective.

How Women's History Month Began

Ten years ago, women's history was almost totally absent from school curricula and from our culture's consciousness. Women's History Month began in 1977 as a local celebration of Women's History Week in the schools of Sonoma County, California, to begin bringing women's history into the curriculum. By 1980, the idea had spread across the country and the National Women's History Project was created in Santa Rosa, California, to serve as a national clearinghouse. That same year, President Carter issued a Women's History Week Proclamation. In 1981, Congress passed its first National History Week Resolution, co-sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and then-Representative Barbara Mikulski (D-MD).

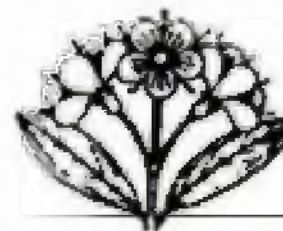
Introducing the Women's History Week Resolution on the Senate floor, Senator Hatch noted:

We are robbing ourselves of a vast wealth of history by letting women in our nation's past remain nameless, their contributions and accomplishments unrecognized....Especially in these changing times, we all can benefit greatly by looking back and realizing the many and varied donations to our society, indeed the foundations of our society, that are attributable to the women throughout our history.

By 1986, so many schools and communities had expanded their Women's History Week celebration to an entire month that Congress proclaimed March 1987 as the first Women's History Month. Public Law 100-9 now designates March of every year as National Women's History Month.

International Women's Day on March 8 provides a focal point for Women's History Month. That date commemorates protest marches by thousands of women textile workers against low wages and intolerable working conditions in 1857. "International Women's Day recognizes women as workers - both inside and outside the home," according to Molly Murphy MacGregor, an organizer of the first Women's History Week and now Executive Director of the National Women's History Project. "International Women's Day establishes what is now Women's History Month in a multicultural and global perspective."

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Preserving Women's History

Exciting things are happening today to preserve and share her-story. The Women's Rights National Historical Park, dedicated in 1982 in Seneca Falls, New York, honors the birthplace of the 19th century women's rights movement. There, Quaker minister Lucretia Mott and homemaker Elizabeth Cady Stanton called together the first women's rights convention to discuss how women could begin to take charge of their own lives. The most radical proposal was Stanton's, that women be granted the right to vote. That basic right was not won until 72 years later.

The Women's Rights National Historical Park includes a visitor center, the recently restored home of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Wesleyan Chapel, where the historic convention was held in 1848.

Also in Seneca Falls is the National Women's Hall of Fame, which features photographs, biographies, and displays honoring outstanding American women. New honorees are inducted yearly into the Hall of Fame.

A number of organizations, from community groups and historical societies to the National Park Service, are identifying and preserving sites commemorating women's history. Many cities and states have established their own "Women's Hall of Fame." These ongoing efforts are increasing the number of publications, monuments, plaques, and recognized historic sites concerning women's history.

Resources from the National Women's History Project

The National Women's History Project, now celebrating its tenth year, is a gold mine for women's history resources. The catalog alone is educational and entertaining, featuring books, curriculum guides, community organizing guides, posters, films, records, buttons, balloons, and more. One publication, *Women's History Resources*, has a state-by-state list of speakers, publishers, organizations, and traveling exhibitions. The Women's History Network, another Project service, provides a newsletter, directories, referrals, and technical assistance.

'Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future'

The 1988 National Women's History Month theme, "Reclaiming the Past, Rewriting the Future" underlines the historical fact that women are recognizing their diverse achievements and contributions to our nation and, in doing so, are inspired to shape the future.

As Hofstra University historian Alice Kessler-Harris told the Seventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "(T)he history of women's actual work force roles demonstrates a . . . complex set of struggles by which different women at different times and places have tried to find their own directions in their own ways."

It is through that quilt-like richness and diversity that we can understand and appreciate the past in order to determine the future.

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Proverbial Wit

*"A Merry Heart doeth good
like a medicine..." (Prov 17:22)*

The following are actual announcements taken from church bulletins:

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday at 4pm, there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, please come early.

Wednesday evening, the Ladies Auxilliary Society will meet. Mrs Johnson will sing, "Put Me In My Little Bed," accompanied by the Pastor.

Thursday at 5pm, there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers' Club. All those wishing to become little mothers, please meet the minister in his study.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

The services will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet, come forward and get a piece of paper.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon.

A bean supper will be held Saturday evening in the church basement. Music will follow.

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belsser, the son of Rev and Mrs Julius Belsser.

- from the St Andrew's Lifeline and Pastor Furney

Women's History Month Quiz

As part of the celebration of Women's History Month, here is a quiz to test your knowledge of women's history and introduce some important facts.

1. At the first US women's rights convention in 1848, the underlying theme of the resolutions was women's desire for some control over their own lives. True or false?
2. The Equal Rights Amendment was proposed by Alice Paul in (a) 1945 (b) 1923 (c) 1967.
3. Alice Paul and members of the National Women's Party who picketed the White House demanding suffrage were (a) publicly scolded by President Wilson (b) arrested and released (c) jailed and force-fed.
4. Women in the United States finally won the right to vote in 1920. Women involved in the struggle called themselves suffragettes. True or false?

5. Some women were called Lucy Stoners because they (a) drank liquor in public (b) threw rocks during protests (c) kept their own names in marriage.

6. Until the late 19th century, under US law, children were under the legal custody of (a) the mother (b) the father (c) both the mother and the father.

7. Maria Agnesi was an 18th century genius who devoted 10 years to writing a treatise which was used in the field for 50 years. The subject was (a) women in the church (b) calculus (c) astrology.

8. The leading Impressionist artist who designed a mural for the Women's Building at the 1892-93 Chicago World's Fair was (a) Berthe Morisot (b) Rosa Bonheur (c) Mary Cassatt.

9. The first woman allowed to practice law before the US Supreme Court, and a nominee for US President was (a) Sandra Day O'Connor (b) Belva Lockwood (c) Susan B Anthony.

10. The military strategist who planned the Tennessee River Strategy, a turning point in the Civil War, was (a) Deborah Sampson (b) Harriet Tubman (c) Anna Ella Carroll.

11. The doctor who won the Lasker Award for co-developing the operation to treat "blue babies" and later alerted the American public to the dangers of thalidomide was (a) Dr Helen Brooke Taussig (b) Dr Florence Sabin (c) Dr Rosalyn S Yalow.

12. *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, published in 1773, was the first book by a black American Woman. The woman was (a) Ida Wells-Barnett (b) Phillis Wheatly (c) Alice Walker.

OOPS!

In last month's issue, we gave you the wrong answers to #4 and #5. They should have been 4 - d) Arkansas and 5 - a) Grinnell Iowa.

Gay/Lesbian Trivia "Wilde About Oscar"

1. Oscar Wilde was born in 1854 in: a) London b) Edinburgh c) Dublin d) Belfast
2. Sebastian Melmoth was Wilde's: a) real name b) first male lover c) lawyer d) alias
3. Lord Alfred Douglas, Wilde's friend and quasi-lover, was nicknamed: a) Bosie b) Rosie c) Nosey d) Posey
4. When under cross-examination during Queensbury's trial, Wilde was asked if he had ever kissed a certain boy. He answered no, then added: a) "He was a very ugly boy." b) "I only buggered him." c) "He was beneath my class." d) "But I wish I had."
5. British society figure Mrs Patrick Campbell, in her famous quote about homosexual behavior, after Wilde's trial said, "I don't care what they do, as long as: a) they don't try it with my husband." b) they dare not speak its name." c) they don't try it with me!" d) they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses."

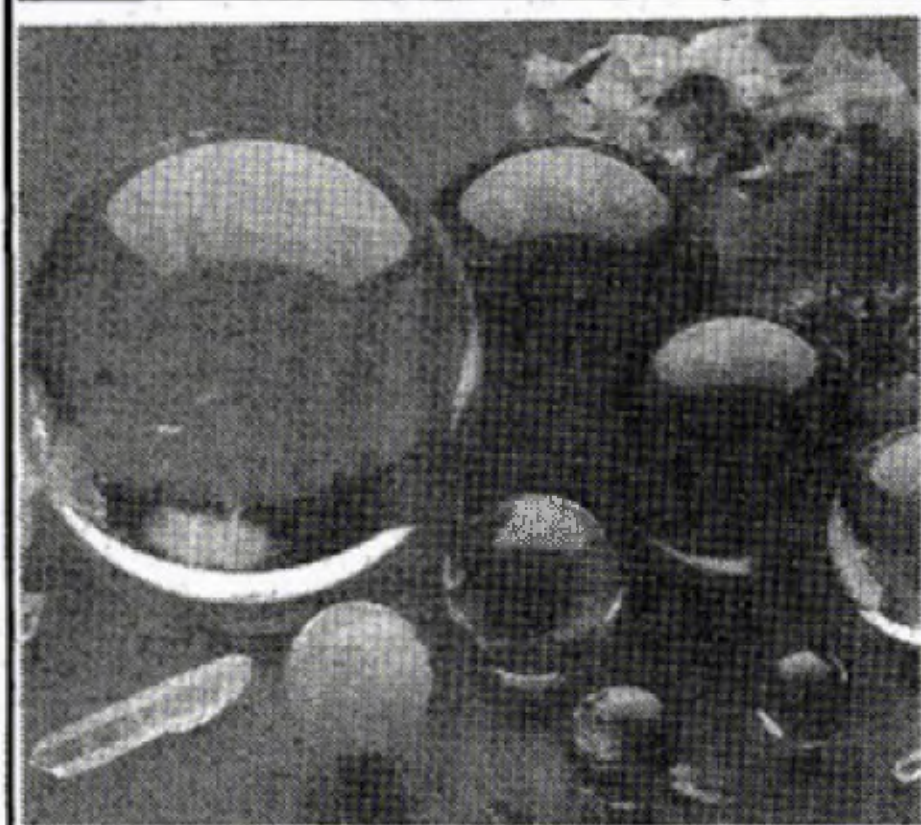
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Answers to Women's Quiz

Answers to Gay/Lesbian Trivia:
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Will an AIDS Vaccine Be Found?

A year ago, it seemed that there was a good possibility that researchers were on their way to developing a vaccine against HIV, the suspected cause of AIDS. A French scientist had injected himself and several volunteers in Africa with an experimental vaccine. In the United States, the first human tests of vaccine candidates were approved after they had shown promise in animal studies.

Now however, disappointing results have begun to be reported in the quest for a vaccine. Indeed, some researchers claim that current lines of vaccine research may be fruitless. At best, developing a vaccine will be far more difficult than originally anticipated.

Two important animal research studies have indicated that the current primary approach to a vaccine might not work. Chimpanzees given doses of a type of antibody that blocks human immunovirus (HIV) in laboratory dishes were not protected against AIDS infections. And monkeys, immunized with an inactivated virus, had an excellent antibody response, but were completely unprotected against the disease.

"Is a vaccine possible?" said Dr Gallo of the National Cancer Institute. "Anyone who gives you an answer to that is talking preposterously. There is still too much uncertainty."

From the beginning, scientists have been unsure whether it would be possible to develop a vaccine against AIDS. The latest results have not caused everyone to abandon hope yet, but "they are real setbacks and they raise serious concerns about the viability of the vaccine program," said Dr Jerome Groopman of New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

Progress in the search for a protective vaccine has moved much more slowly than expected. In 1984, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Margaret Heckler, had declared that the "AIDS virus" had been isolated and that a vaccine would be available within two years.

Dr Malcolm Gelfand, an immunologist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, remains cautiously hopeful. "I wouldn't say the outlook is gloomy. It's just that it hasn't been bright." The recent studies have simply shown that

the "quick and dirty" approach in which scientists "clone a viral protein, inject it, and get protection" will not work, Dr Gelfand said. He added that these attempts were only the beginning. "There are all sorts of things that could be tried and haven't been tried yet."

Human Studies Lack Volunteers

Despite uncertainties, researchers plan to go ahead with preliminary testing of a vaccine made of protein GP-160. This protein was chosen because it has easily provoked the development of neutralizing antibodies in animals. For normal infections, the presence of antibodies helps to fight off infections by viruses. However, antibodies have not yet been found to be effective against HIV.

At the National Institutes of Health, gay men who are not infected with HIV are being recruited to test the GP-160 vaccine. A total of 81 volunteers are needed, but so far, only about 35 have been enrolled. Recruitment has been difficult, in part because the volunteers are afraid of having the "stigma" of antibodies to AIDS, even though they will not have the disease. This study is only to determine whether the vaccine will have any side effects, not to

determine its effectiveness in protecting against AIDS. Therefore, volunteers are counseled to assume that they are not protected against the disease.

So far, volunteers have received only low doses of GP-160, and have not yet produced any antibodies. Higher doses will be tried and the study is being expanded to include heterosexual men and women.

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A murder of crows,
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A restless convocation of eagles:
Black coats, shiny,
Random silver,
The old ones crested,
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Names Project Quilt To Tour Major US Cities

Fred Parris,

from the National AIDS Network *Monitor*

In mid-1988, the human dimensions of the AIDS crisis will be dramatically brought home to cities around the United States when the Names Project Quilt is displayed in the 24 largest US metropolitan areas. The quilt's national tour is scheduled to begin in early April and conclude in late July.

The quilt contains thousands of individual 3-foot by 6-foot panels, each commemorating an individual who died from AIDS, and covers an area larger than three football fields. The panels contain a variety of fabrics and colors and often convey the personality and interests of the memorialized person. Some panels include only the name of the departed individual, but many of the hand-made panels incorporate mementoes of the deceased's life - a favorite garment, a lock of hair, symbols of a promising career or fondly remembered hobby.

Many of the panels were made by friends or relatives of the persons they commemorate. Others were prepared at the San Francisco headquarters of the Names Project by dozens of volunteer workers, who labor at sewing machines. Individual panels are sewn onto 12-foot

blocks of canvas bordered by metal-ringed holes. This permits rows of panels to be laced together for display as a single massive quilt, or taken apart for easy transport and storage.

The Names Project Quilt was conceived by Cleve Jones, a 32-year-old San Franciscan, who is currently the Project's executive director. "This gives people a way to remember that won't break their hearts," Jones told a reporter in 1987. "It turns pain and loss into something beautiful." Volunteers with the Names Project, many of whom have lost friends to AIDS, say the Project has helped them cope with their sense of loss and convert their grief into useful action. "These are my people and I don't want them to be forgotten," a volunteer from Jackson, Michigan said. "For the people who make the panels, it's like a final farewell."

The quilt includes panels for celebrities such as Liberace and Rock Hudson, "Chorus Line" choreographer Michael Bennett, Willi Smith, and Tom Waddell, organizer of the Gay Games. Persons from around the country who ship memorial panels to San Francisco frequently include photographs and letters describing the deceased person. Others

have sent diaries, recordings, and even cremation ashes.

Fabrics used to make panels include corduroy, taffeta, suede, silk, clear vinyl, burlap, shower curtains, and a Buddhist monk's saffron robe. Items incorporated into individual panels include photographs, state flags, stuffed animals, Boy Scout merit badges, seashells, jewelry, and a variety of clothes ranging from a chef's hat to fishnet stockings to a baseball jersey.

Tentative Tour Schedule

Los Angeles	April 7
San Diego	April 12
Phoenix	April 15
Denver	April 20
Kansas City	April 25
St Louis	April 28
Dallas	May 3
Houston	May 6
New Orleans	May 11
Miami	May 18
Atlanta	May 25
Cincinnati	June 3
Cleveland	June 7
Pittsburgh	June 10
Baltimore	June 14
Boston	June 17
New York	June 21
Philadelphia	June 30
Detroit	July 5
Chicago	July 8
Milwaukee	July 11
Minneapolis	July 14
Seattle	July 17

The quilt was first publicly displayed on the Mall in Washington, DC, as part of the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights in October 1987. An estimated 200,000 persons visited the quilt that one day to pay their respects.

Tour organizers currently are establishing contacts in each city on the tour, and encouraging the formation of Names Project host committees. Each host committee will decide what kind of display is appropriate for its community and how the local appearance of the Names Project can best generate support for local AIDS services.

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This benefit sale is being held in conjunction with a memorial service at the state capitol as part of Wisconsin's AIDS Awareness Month.

Artists Acting Against AIDS

MADISON, WI: Local artists have teamed up to raise funds for AIDS organizations by selling selected works at a banquet to be held at the Edgewater Hotel.

Under the direction of Masterpiece Fund, Inc - a company which promotes the work of local artists - a charity drive being billed as "Quadruple A" (Artists Acting Against AIDS), is being organized with the intent of selling the art of recognized and rising artists and then donating 50% of the funds to AIDS support, research and treatment agencies across the country. Though beginning locally, the hope is to eventually extend the concept nationally.

A painting entitled *Over the Rainbow*, was created by artist Larry Elliott in dedication to those who have died of AIDS. It will serve as the theme piece of the Quadruple A drive. Other participating artists currently include Clayton Borman, Tom Jones, Bob Lyn, and Jenni D'Onofrio.

The kick-off banquet will be held at the Edgewater Hotel on April 1, 1988. A cash bar with hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:00pm, followed by dinner, a presentation of the artwork and the drive, and then a dance sponsored by the 10% Society, from 9:30pm to 2:00am. Tickets to the event are \$100 for the head table and \$50 for seating elsewhere.

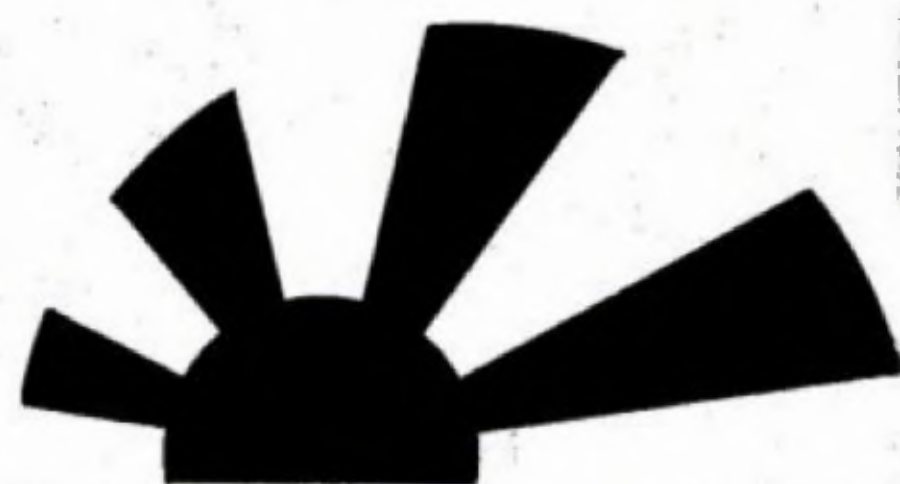
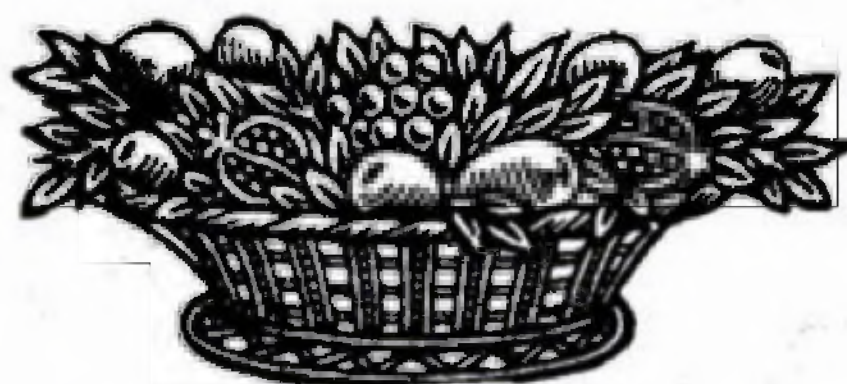
For additional information about either Quadruple A or the banquet, write to Masterpiece Fund Inc, 351 W Doty St, Suite 2, Madison WI 53703, or call (608) 251-7417.

Resource Books on AIDS

The following two books provide good information about the disease and how to protect oneself:

Strategies for Survival: A Gay Men's Health Manual for the Age of AIDS (paper, \$10.95). This book is written with sensitivity and humor by men with experience in AIDS issues. Martin Delaney and Joe Brewer are co-founders of Project Inform, an AIDS treatment information resource. Peter Goldblum is a clinical psychologist who has specialized in issues of concern to the gay community. And Howard Cruse's cartoons add the right, light touch needed in a book that deals with gay men's health today.

Women and AIDS (paper, \$8.95) has been billed as the first feminist response to the AIDS crisis. Diane Richardson, a British social psychologist, offers a wide-ranging look at the epidemic from a woman's point of view, exploring basic issues such as how HIV is transmitted and how women can prevent infection. She also explores how women, as traditional caregivers, will face caring for people with AIDS and the fact that HIV can be transmitted to a fetus during pregnancy.



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Gay Novels Set in the Midwest and South

Seth, by Roy F Wood and *Tweeds*, by Clayton R Graham

Reviews by Jeff Kirsch

Knights Press, a small operation which has published a steady flow of men's titles since 1984, has offered historical, sci-fi, comedy, romance, and general "mainstream gay" fiction. Two of its latest books figure among its best: *Seth* and *Tweeds*.

Roy F Wood, who died of AIDS complications in 1986, is the better known of the two authors, having published the successful *Relentless Rednecks: Gay Tales of A Changing South* (Grey Fox Press) in 1985. Readers who enjoyed his short stories, set usually in rural Georgia, will find not only the same familiar milieu here, but a sustained narrative full of suspense.

Less full of explicit sex than some of the stories in *Restless Rednecks* (Wood first published some of those in gay skin magazines), *Seth* centers on Keith Wilson, wrongly accused of his lover's murder. This saga of survival by wits, until the true murderer is identified, forms the core of the book which bears his dead lover's name. Although Keith's good fortune in the face of overwhelming odds occasionally strains credibility, the suspense factor, combined with an air of authenticity when describing Keith's "underground" gay life in Atlanta, makes this novel eminently readable.

Clayton R Graham is author of two previous novels published by Knights

Press. *Tweeds* begins in Grinnel, Iowa - which, if nothing else, makes it unique among gay fiction - and follows the story of Corey Reese. His boyhood friend and fantasy, Scott Sommerfeld, is uprooted and moves to Chicago, where, years later, Corey encounters him and the bulk of the action takes place.

Tweeds is an unusual novel, in that it is a very serious comedy. Its comedic aspect stems from the super-closeted Corey, an insufferable pedant as well as a walking bundle of nerves who turns off his emotions, turns on his "automatic pilot" and responds to all unexpected statements by saying "thank you." The lies which he tells to keep himself safely cemented into his closet are often incredible and hilarious. Here, Graham treads a very thin line, but no matter how implausible the situation, he pulls out a believable resolution to it.

After Corey and Scott meet in Chicago, Corey thinks his dashing handsome boyhood companion is straight. At this point, Corey, who has never acted on his own urges, seals himself even tighter into his closet. By the time it finally becomes apparent to both that the other is gay, they do fall in love, but there's a catch (given away on the cover of the book): Scott already has AIDS.

The introduction of AIDS is by no means a "cheap shot" or a "clever" plot twist. Corey's reaction to Scott and his

disease manages to transform his entire personality. The treatment of Scott's illness is never heavy-handed, but indeed, the comedy here becomes very serious. Again, Graham shows himself to be an expert at treading fine lines, never allowing the humor to cheapen or trivialize the mortal illness. Of the spate of novels the AIDS epidemic has engendered, this is the only one I can recommend. The others have been simply too opportunistic, too severely analytical, too hastily and wretchedly written, or all of the above.

Tweeds and *Seth* do, however, have their faults in the editorial realm. Both are in severe need of a copy editor, as uncountable misspellings abound. If you're immune to them and they don't jar you out of the flow of the narrative, you'll find both books otherwise competently written.

If Knights Press publications are not available in your area, *Seth* and *Tweeds* may be ordered directly by mail, at \$8.95 each, from Knights Press, PO Box 454, Pound Ridge NY 10576. Add \$1 per book for shipping.

Women's Poetry Reading

Madison poets Bonnie Buhrow, Linda Quinlan, Jane Vaderbosch and Catherine Vitale will be reading from their works at 7:00pm, Wednesday, March 30. The reading will be held at *A Room of One's Own* bookstore. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

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Looking for That Special Someone

Greetings, dear readers! Your Auntie Max hopes that you've all been on your best behavior. If not, I hope you were at least polite while misbehaving!

This issue, I'd like to treat an aspect of life we all deal with at one time or another - looking for a mate. This subject was prompted by an acquaintance seeking advice on finding someone special. Auntie Max has years of experience in this field. Though her track record is hardly laudable, from time to time she's encountered a rare gem among the rubble.

When looking to meet that special someone, *do not appear desperate!* This cannot be emphasized enough. We've all been to those tacky little pick-up bars (yes, even moi!) and seen this desperation before. Nothing turns one off faster. You may meet the man or woman of your dreams here, only to discover that he or she *needs* someone so badly, you want nothing more to do with the person.

But there are ways to counter this type of (often involuntary) behavior. First, smile. This is perhaps the single most important thing that makes you attractive to others. Frowns and bored expressions only serve to make you less than desirable (brute animal attraction aside). Look as though you're enjoying yourself - even if you're not. One way to accomplish this is to go out with friends.

By spending your evening out with friends, you are more likely to enjoy yourself. This sense of pleasure is most becoming to others. Be certain not to spend all your time with your friends, though, as you want to make it evident that you are indeed alone and open to suggestions (not on the prowl, not cruising, just shopping!).

Let your friends know that you are in search of someone. Oftentimes, they can suggest someone with similar tastes and interests. They may even set you up on a date. Some of you may think this is terribly old-fashioned, and perhaps it is. Auntie Max is just an old-fashioned girl at heart and cherishes many old customs (and a few older men). Actually, when you think about it, this idea is not outdated at all. It's called advertising.

Now, where to look. Dances are becoming popular again, and Auntie Max couldn't be happier. These types of fetes offer the greatest number of potential mates in an atmosphere that's far better for introductions than a bar. It's much easier to meet someone when all you have to do is ask if they'd like to dance.

By getting on the dance floor, you let others see you and that you dance - a most romantic way to be noticed. And conversation is easier if you're dancing. If there's a lull, you're already doing something so there's no reason to feel awkward (except when you crush his or her toe).

Dance etiquette is very simple. If someone asks you to dance, ACCEPT! It's rude not to, unless you don't know how to dance to the music being played or you've just danced three mambos in succession and are thoroughly fatigued (or perspiring profusely). If this is the case, politely refuse, but add that you'd appreciate an invitation later. After all, the inviter was courteous enough to pay attention to you, and it's polite to thank her or him for the attention. (If you *really* like the person, you can thank her or him more appropriately, later!)

Look for mates in places other than bars. After all, who in their right minds wants to spend their lives together only in bar situations? Join clubs and organizations to which the type of person you want to meet would belong. Accept offers to dinners and cocktail parties. Keep an eye peeled at the grocery store. (Auntie Max has had *very* good luck squeezing and sniffing samples in fruits and vegetables!) Avoid looking in the baby section, though. Someone buying diapers is usually not in the market for a mate.

Be watchful in churches and libraries - anywhere you encounter others. You never know where the person of your dreams will emerge. These unexpected encounters generally turn out better than the ones that happen too easily and too fast.

Above all, remember your manners. Deal with others as you wish to be dealt with and you'll be surprised how well you are treated. *Abientot, mes enfants!*

Lyle Stuart to Publish Gay/Lesbian Books

Lyle Stuart, Inc, a publisher of general trade fiction and non-fiction will begin a new imprint, Meadowland Books, a line of paperbacks directed to the gay and lesbian audience. Meadowland will include titles ranging from serious non-fiction to contemporary humor.

In its first season, May 1988, reprints of the following titles which have been unavailable for several years will be offered:

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The Lambda Rights Network asks you to *please* take steps to help safeguard your rights. Contact US Senators, Kasten and Proxmire, and your Member of Congress asking them to sign on to and urge hearings on S 464 / HR 709 - the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1987 insuring non-discrimination in the area of sexual orientation. For additional information or assistance, contact the Network at PO Box 93252, Milwaukee WI 53203.

Alyson Book Sales to Benefit AIDS Research

AIDS organizations will receive one-third of all direct-mail income received by Alyson Publications during the month of March, the company announced.

Sasha Alyson, the company president, explained that "We've been looking for more ways to help in the fight against AIDS, and this seemed like a good one." One-third of all the money from book orders received by mail will be divided equally between the Foundation for AIDS Research and the People with AIDS Coalition.

A catalog of books available from Alyson Publications is free on request. Write or phone Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St, Boston MA 02118; (617) 542-5679.

Research to Find Drugs for Treating AIDS Is Intensified After a Slow Start

After a sluggish start that has provoked criticism and bitter disputes, Federal and private efforts to develop new drug treatments for AIDS are accelerating. In recent months, the Federal Government has screened thousands of chemical compounds in the laboratory to determine if they look effective against the virus suspected of causing AIDS. In addition, new drug development and testing units have been established at major medical centers, and several potential AIDS drugs have been pushed into clinical trials in humans.

At Least 9 Drugs Being Tested - More Than 3,000 Patients Involved

At least eight drugs that attack the virus and one that boosts the immune system are now being tested, either alone or in combination with other drugs, in trials involving more than 3,000 patients at the Government's network of testing centers. Three other drugs are expected to enter human trials in the near future, and negotiations are underway for trial studies of another two.

Meanwhile, several major drug companies are sponsoring, on their own, at least 15 controlled trials of experimental AIDS treatments that could enroll more than 2,000 patients.

As drug developers race to find effective treatments to benefit the thousands of people who have already contracted AIDS and the estimated one million who are infected, but not yet sick, the FDA has approved more than 100 Government and industry studies. However, much of the drug testing is at very early stages in a relatively few patients. To date, AZT, azidothymidine (marketed as Retrovir by the Burroughs Wellcome Company), is the only drug that has proven effective in prolonging the lives of patients infected with HIV.

Eight years into the epidemic, this recent expansion and acceleration of drug development and treatment has finally arrived, after a year in which both the Federal Government and private drug and research companies organized themselves and a network of testing centers.

Even President Reagan's Commission on AIDS expressed concern in December that, "there are so few drug therapies available." In its preliminary report, the Commission said it will act immediately to "investigate the lack of new drugs to treat AIDS patients."

Discouraged by Slow Start, Many Patients Look for Self-Treatments

The sluggish start provoked a chorus of criticism from desperate patients and their advocates who sought prompt access to a wide variety of experimental drugs, even though health officials insisted that few showed genuine promise and some were dangerous. The criticism has not yet been quelled.

"Drug research is going at a maddeningly slow pace," said Dr Barry Gingell, director of medical information for the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York. "Right now, at least 10 to 20 drugs show promising results elsewhere in the world or in the laboratory, but many potential therapies aren't being tested."

"Drug development has been very slow," said Dr Mathilde Krim, founding chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research. "We have tens of thousands of people sick with terminal disease in this country, and only 2,900 of them are in Government clinical trials. That's not very many."

Dr Krim said that delays in beginning drug trials have forced many patients to "go around the system" and administer drugs to themselves without any medical guidance or proof of drug safety and effectiveness. "Thousands of people are taking different things, from macrobiotic diets to poisonous drugs, without knowing if it does any good," she said. "It's a very dangerous thing to do."

Some physicians and scientists believe strongly that the Government should move more rapidly to test a wider variety of drugs in as many people infected with HIV as possible. "I think we know enough at this point to try various drugs in a very coordinated manner," said Dr Michael Lange, an AIDS investigator at St Luke's-Roosevelt Medical Center in

New York City.

Others, such as Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, claim it's "not that easy." All too often he says, reports are received of a patient getting better after some form of unconventional treatment, and soon, "Everybody in New York and San Francisco is saying 'Why aren't you studying this? Thousands of people are dying in the streets, and this at least offers some hope.'" When "scientifically qualified" people look closely at such claims, he says, typically "there are no data" to support them. The Government has been reluctant to commit the nation's limited supply of clinical investigators to testing a series of dubious drugs, Dr Fauci said. "Most of the time it is not worth going forward."

Wisconsin AIDS Distribution

It is generally well-known that most of the cases of AIDS appear near large urban centers. But as the years pass, AIDS has gradually spread to all sectors of the country, including the rural areas. The latest Wisconsin statistics on distribution of AIDS cases reflect this spread. As of February 1, 1988, 24% of the reported cases of AIDS came from areas in the northeastern, northern, and western parts of the state. The other 76% of cases were reported in the southern (Madison area) and southeastern (Milwaukee area) regions, with 19% and 57% respectively.

The *Hag Rag*, Wisconsin's lesbian newspaper is a bi-monthly publication which focuses on news, non-fiction, political analysis and commentary of interest to lesbians and feminists. We welcome submissions dealing with racism, lesbophobia, separatism, class and economics, feminist analysis, the worldwide lesbian conspiracy, linguistics. Subscriptions: \$9/year individual (\$15 sustaining), \$20 institutional, \$1.75 sample copy. Free to incarcerated dykes. Write PO Box 93243, Milwaukee WI 53203, USA.

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New Resources

New Directions - UW-Stevens Point Gay Peoples Union Newsletter. SLAP Box 30, Stevens Point WI 54481; (715) 346-3698.

"Over-the-hill in Kiddyville" - A support group for gay men, 28 years and older. Meets Tuesdays at 8pm at The United, basement Rm B104, of 1127 University Ave, Madison. Call Dave, (608) 241-2500 for info.

"The United Fruit Company & The Tossed Salad Singers" - A mixed chorus of lesbians, gay men, and whomever, modeled after Woman's Song. Call Dave, (608) 241-2500 for info.

Gay/Lesbian Union - Support and social group meets at 7:30pm on the first and third Wednesday of every month, 625 College Ave, Racine WI 53404; (414) 634-0659.

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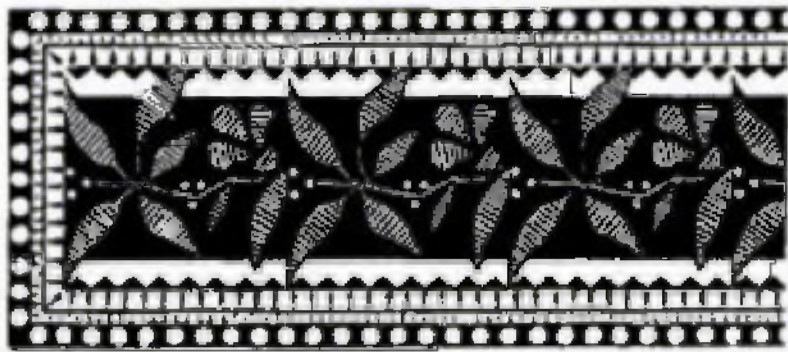
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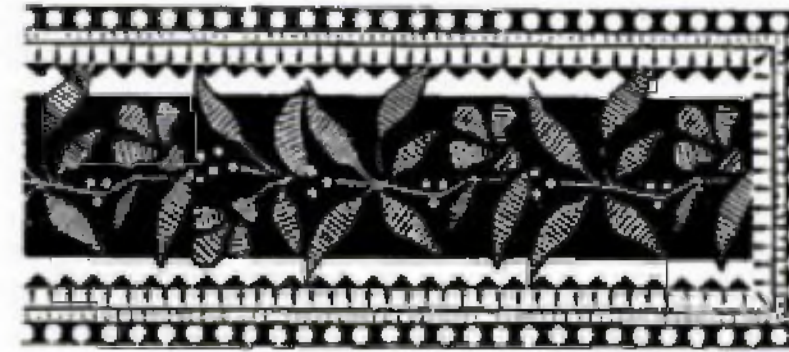
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THOUGHTS On "God's Chosen"

Roger Margason



Has it ever occurred to you - and you'd better sit down and take a deep breath to prepare yourself for this revelation - that life isn't always fair? If it were, I'd be Emperor and in total control of the world, and it's always been a deep source of frustration and bitterness to me that I'm not.

Why me and not you? Well, chances are you've never even thought of it and, while I'm sure you're a perfectly nice person in your own normal, limited way, you just don't have that certain... well, that certain *something*. In short, you're not me.

Now, before you get all huffy, let me point out to you the incontrovertible logic of my position. I *am* human, I'll be the first to admit, and as such I do have my limitations, the most bothersome being my innate modesty (and even *you* have to admit that it takes a pretty special person to own up to his limitations).

I am, all in all (see? there's that modesty), a thoroughly decent sort. I try to be fair and considerate, even to people who don't deserve it, and to live by the Golden Rule. I have a keen insight into human nature, and can see with crystal clarity the solution to other people's problems. I dispense, even when not specifically requested, profound, concise, often-verging-on-brilliant advice which the recipients, as is the perversity of human nature, inevitably ignore.

I therefore consider my qualifications for Emperor to be impeccable, and heaven knows, the world needs *someone* to set it straight (no pun intended). Do you have the slightest idea how much better a place the world would be if everyone shared *my* beliefs, held *my* convictions, lived by *my* code of morals and ethics? No, you probably don't, you poor thing.

But like the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion, I lack one thing without which none of my dreams can be realized; something presidential hopeful Pat Robertson and his fellow televangelists have: an intensely intimate, first-name-basis, direct line to God and the explicit mandate to speak for Him (*not* Her, of course).

The world desperately cries out for their benevolent guidance, but the time is not ripe for such world-scope pastoral leadership. Fortunately however, one of these Chosen Ones, the aforementioned Pat Robertson, is prepared to humble himself and start small, by becoming President of just the United States. And so while I don't often try to influence others in their political selections, I know that Pat Robertson will surely have *my* vote. And, when elected, he may well find space in his administration for Jimmy Swaggert, Jerry Falwell, and Jim and Tammy - oh, but I grow giddy with the thought! I know I'll submit *my* resumé for a post.

I also admit to not knowing nearly as much about Pat Robertson as I should, and I am ashamed. But, I *do* know that

this is the man who intervened with God to prevent a hurricane from striking the east coast (or a part of it anyway). God apparently had some petty, vindictive reason for aiming that particular hurricane where He did, but the cooler head of Pat Robertson convinced Him of the error of His ways.

Oh, but lest I give you the wrong idea - the merest thought that Pat might presume himself to have any sort of power over God - let me share with you a second example of the moral fiber of this man who would be President. During the Vietnam War, Pat relayed to the media, he seriously considered praying for then-President Lyndon Johnson. But, he says, God told him not to! Being God's obedient servant, he didn't. And we all know what happened to Johnson, don't we?

And they say Saints don't walk the earth today!

It all comes down, I suppose, to a matter of independent thinking - a vastly overrated pastime resulting in no end of misery and human suffering. Thinking not only creates evil, but steals valuable time from watching commercial breaks during re-runs of "Leave it to Beaver."

No, what the world needs is a select group of self-appointed (sorry, naturally I meant *God*-appointed) people to do the thinking for everyone else; to establish one rigid, inflexible, set-in-concrete code of ethics and moral behavior for everyone. (I almost used the word "homologous," but that contains the word "homo," and *those* heathens will be the first to go, believe you me!)

What a joyous country ours will be! All 250 million of us united in our sameness! Never again to have to worry about how to act in any given situation, to make any major decisions for ourselves. All those confusing shades of gray washed away, leaving just black and white, Right and Wrong. Oh, rapture!

So, while I continue my personal attempts to join that happy band of Chosen Ones, let us all take that first small step. Come, join your voices with mine and we will start a chant which will be heard throughout the land: "Pat Robertson for President!"

Louder... I can't hear you.

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 the gamy odors steaming from the earth.
 Mother of sorrows, I think.
 Despair fills the paper kite I launch
 for my son, when suddenly he cries, "Look!"
 and lets go the string.
 Armed with denials I see what he sees.
 They return, trumpeting their passage,
 a broken wedge driven north
 like a beryline harp.
 Even when I look away, wondering what I should feel,
 they flow from the seed of their voices,
 astonishing my flesh. There are bees in my head.
 My fingers jerk and thrust at empty kite strings.
 And I hear my own whimper
 drowned in some greater denial.
 The moment just escapes me before I cry
 "I am here," and race to unfold the earth
 diminishing in their eyes,
 reading into that clanging fare
 my own creaturehood laid bare.
 I look back frightened then.
 How far I have traveled from home.
 My son jabs fiercely at the kite
 torn and soiled from its inevitable descent,
 our awkward lives returned to us,
 opaque to the fecund earth.
 But for a moment I let drop my weariness
 and listen to a music that is not there,
 an empty sky lost in my gaze,
 a looking that outstrips the universe.

Greg Zak



AREA RESOURCES

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- Bars Lucullan's Party Bar, (G/L on Mon)
 400 Main St, IL 61104;
 Support Gays and Lesbians of Ames,
 PO Box 2283, IA 50010; (515) 292-7000
 Publication: *Resource Directory*

Cedar Rapids

- Bars Warehouse, (M/W)
 525 H Street SW, IA 52404; (319) 365-9044
 Religious MCC c/o People's Unitarian Church,
 600 3rd Ave SE, IA 52401; (319) 393-7974
 Support Gays of East Iowa;
 (319) 365-5436 or 383-8025

Davenport


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 506 Brady Street, IA 52801; (319) 323-2072
 Religious Dignity/Quad Cities, PO Box 2224, IA 52809
 Metropolitan Community Church (MCC),
 PO Box 4095, IA 52808; (319) 322-5055

Des Moines

- Archives A Mind of Your Own, Nonsexist Library,
 3500 Kingman Blvd, IA 5031; (515) 279-7312
 Bars Brass Garden, (M/W)
 112 4th Street SE, IA 50315; (515) 243-3965
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 Support Gay Coalition of Des Moines,
 PO Box 851, IA 50314; (515) 279-2110
 Publication: *Des Moines GC Newsletter*
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Grinnel
Support **Grinnel College Gay Community,**
PO Box 805, IA 50012; (515) 236-2500
Publication: *Just Shy*

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Traffic Station, Minneapolis MN 55403
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of Minnesota, PO Box 8503,
Minneapolis MN 55408; (612) 874-9192
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MN 55812; (218) 726-7181
Support **Gays and Lesbians of Duluth/Superior,**
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Fergus Falls
Support **Free Spirit, PO Box 39, MN 56537**

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- Counseling** **Gay and Lesbian Counseling Program**
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- Legal** **Minnesota Gay and Lesbian Legal**
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- Publications** **GLC Voice, 1517 La Salle, Unit E,**
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115 S Drew St, WI 54911
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- Bars** **Maggie's, (M/W)**
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UW-Eau Claire, Union Box GLO, WI 54701

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- Clubs** **Argonauts of Wisconsin, (leather/levi)**
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- Religious** **Angel of Hope MCC Church,**
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Dignity, PO Box 2283,
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