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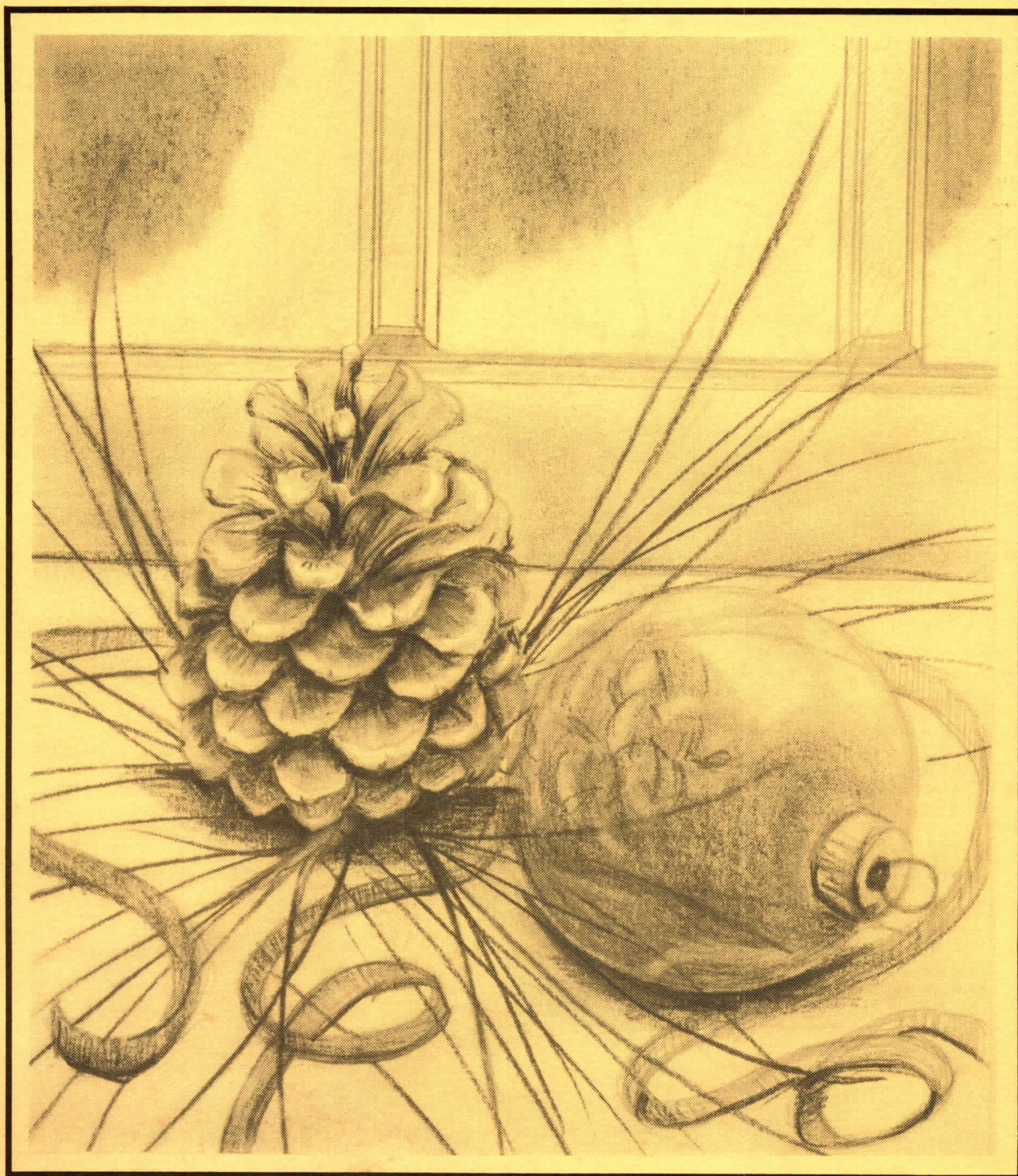


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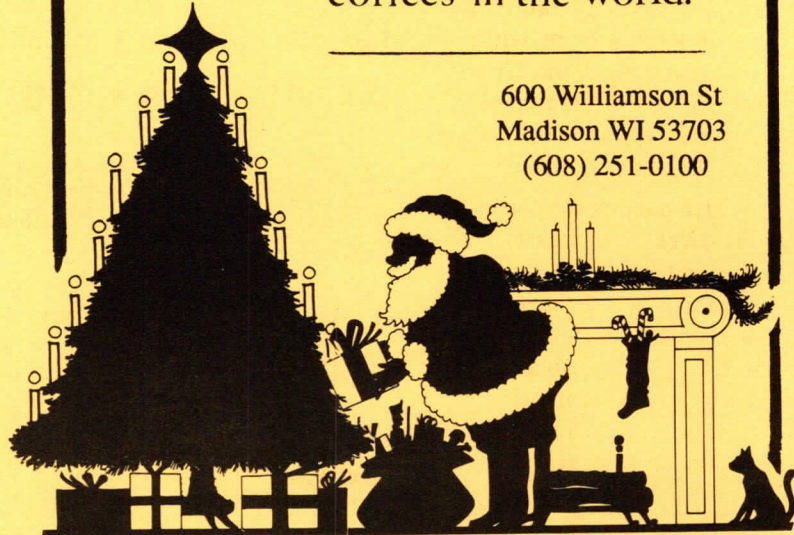
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# News Briefs

## The Lesbian/Gay Rights State Is Having A Lesbian/Gay Pride And Civil Rights March

WHERE: MADISON, WISCONSIN

WHEN: May 6, 1989

WHO: We are a diverse group of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, families, friends and supporters from within Wisconsin and throughout the Upper Midwest and beyond who are coming together and organizing under the name of The Madison March Committee.

WHY: A massive and visible coming-out in the Midwest is necessary to affirm the gay and lesbian culture, to celebrate differences and to prevent the erosion of our hard won rights. Violence in the US against lesbians and gay men is increasing dramatically. There were 8,000 attacks in the first half of 1988 alone, with many more unreported. This violence must stop for this to be a better world for all of us. We need to move toward freely using the rights we have won without fear for our lives, our jobs, and the safety and happiness of ourselves and the people we love.

PURPOSE: This gathering of gays, lesbians and supporters will reflect the strength of our community, act as a tool for ongoing personal and political empowerment and highlight the inter-connections of all civil rights issues. Through our actions, we DEMAND full civil rights and an end to discrimination against lesbian and gay people, bisexuals, HIV infected, people of color, women, people of all ages and sizes, alternative families, people with disabilities and those who suffer from cultural, sexual, religious or other types of persecution.

NEEDS: Your participation is critical to realize our freedom. Please support us by doing any or all of the following:

- Volunteer your time and expertise.
- Post this event in your calendars and newsletters now.
- Pass this information along to your friends and other contacts.

- Start organizing people in your area to come to Madison in May.
- Donate money.

CONTACTS: For more information and input, you can write us at The Madison March, c/o The United, PO Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, or call (608) 255-8061.

## Quatrefoil Library Artists Exhibition

ST. PAUL, MN – The Quatrefoil Library is pleased to announce its second artist exhibition. Carol Tombers, a Twin Cities painter, will be exhibiting her latest work at the Library from December 1, 1988 through January 6, 1989.

This latest show, entitled "CAROL TOMBERS: The Landscape And The Soul Longing For Itself" will be open to the public during regular Library hours: Monday-Thursday 7:00-9:30pm and Saturday 12:00 to 4:00pm.

The Quatrefoil Library, located at 1619 Dayton Ave in St. Paul, was established in 1986 as a place where publications of interest to the gay and lesbian communities are available to the public. To increase the visibility of the Library and to provide support to gay and lesbian artists, the board of Quatrefoil has set aside areas in the library for the exhibition of current works of art.

The Quatrefoil Library Artists Exhibition Committee is made up of volunteer local artists who are responsible for producing the shows and planning upcoming exhibitions. Each show is scheduled to run 6-8 weeks. The focus of the Exhibition Committee is to provide space for interested artists, and to provide guidance concerning the practical details of publicity and presentation.

For further information on exhibition opportunities, call Bonnie Fournier at (612) 644-0331 weekdays during business hours or Quatrefoil Library at (612) 641-0969 during Library hours.

## Governor's HIV Infection Advisory Council November Meeting Report

MADISON, WI — November 19, 1988 the Governor's HIV Infection Advisory Council met in Madison at the Inn on the Park. Sensitive to remarks that the Council has not accomplished anything tangible after one year, Chair Jerome Gunderson set March 1, 1989 as a target date for the compiling of recommendations for Governor Thompson.

To facilitate this task, the Council will meet December 14 and again on January 14 to review, debate, and discuss the recommendations of the Report of the Presidential Commission on AIDS, a copy of which each Wisconsin Council member received.

The Wisconsin HIV advisory body is broken into three subcouncils: Health, Education, and Law & Discrimination. Council members are charged with compiling and prioritizing 15 recommendations from the Presidential report which are relevant to their subcommittee topics for Wisconsin. These in turn will be submitted to Governor Thompson sometime after March, 1989, and will serve as recommended courses of action for the Legislature, the Governor, and the Division of Health.

## No Testing for Wisconsin Paramedics

The Wisconsin Attorney General has issued an opinion barring a plan by the City of South Milwaukee to require HIV testing of its paramedic employees. AG Donald Hanaway held the state's HIV testing law binding on public employers, and found no factual basis for needing to know the antibody status of persons employed in that capacity.

*Lesbian and Gay Law Notes*

## L.A. City Council Approves Limited Domestic Partner Benefits

LOS ANGELES, CA - The first positive result of last spring's Los Angeles Family Diversity Task Force Report was an October 4 vote by Los Angeles City Council to approve the concept of inclusion of domestic partners in the definition of "immediate family" for family sick leave and bereavement leave allowances.

The 10-2 vote approved "in principle" Task Force Recommendation No. 104, which suggested amending the Administrative Code to allow city employees to use paid leave to care for ailing domestic partners or to attend the funeral of a domestic partner.

Domestic partners would have to register their status by filing an affidavit with the Personnel Department, alleging that they have resided together in the same household for 12 months, share the common necessities of life, have a mutual obligation of support and are each other's sole domestic partner, are both over 18 years of age, and are competent to contract, are not married or related by blood to each other, and will notify the appropriate agency within 30 days of any change with regard to their status.

The Council voted to refer plans for implementation to the Executive Employee Relations Committee, preliminary to presenting proposals to the city's municipal employee unions to add collective bargaining contract language to effect the change. Proponents of the domestic partner concept will then ask the Council to extend the policy to non-union city employees and eventually to the private sector.

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## Wisconsin Litigation News from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

### Hatheway v. Gannett Satellite Information Network

This case arose when the Green Bay Press Gazette refused to accept a paid commercial advertisement from *Among Friends*. The complaint was later amended to include two additional plaintiffs, Peggy and Tracy Vandever, whose advertisements to sell T-shirts with a lesbian motto was also denied. The Wisconsin Equal Rights Division has already determined that there is probable cause that discrimination occurred, and the law suit presents an opportunity to establish strong judicial precedent in the only state law in the

country with an omnibus gay rights statute. As of December, 1988, Wisconsin attorney Mark Borns and LLDEF attorney Paula Ettlbrick were preparing to take depositions from personnel of the Green Bay Press Gazette.

In another Wisconsin case, Lambda is representing a man who was transferred from Chicago to Milwaukee with a promotion and a raise, but was then ordered to return to Chicago six weeks later because his new co-workers objected to the fact that he is gay. The complaint was filed with the Equal Rights Division, and a favorable probable cause ruling is expected shortly. Lambda attorney Paula Ettlbrick represents the plaintiff along with cooperating attorney Diane Houk of Jacobson, Sados, & King of Milwaukee.

For more information about Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Please contact LLDEF, 666 Broadway, New York, NY 10012; (212) 995-8585.

## MCI Charged with Sexual Orientation Discrimination

NEW YORK, NY — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a complaint with the New York City Human Rights Commission accusing MCI Communications, the national long-distance telephone company, of illegally firing a gay man because of his sexual orientation.

David Gatten, an openly gay man, worked for MCI for three years. Over this time, he received consistently excellent evaluations and three promotions with raises. Suddenly, on January 18, 1988, he was fired without any warning by the new branch manager who told Gatten that he was being discharged because his sexual orientation offended other co-workers.

"The arrogance of MCI's act is outrageous," said Paula Ettlbrick, the Lambda staff attorney representing Gatten. "MCI failed to follow its own personnel guidelines, which require both verbal and written warnings before discharge, and it discharged Gatten not because of his own deficiencies, but because of the homophobia

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A New York City ordinance, passed in March, 1986, prohibits discrimination against lesbians and gay men in housing, employment, and public accommodation. Gatten's case will test the legality of discharging an employee simply because other employees are put off or offended by his sexual orientation.

"The law in other areas very clearly prohibits an employer from discharging someone simply because co-workers dislike that person's race, sex, or national origin," Ettlbrick explained. "Lesbians and gay men must also be protected from the irrational biases of fellow employees."

The complaint seeks reinstatement with back pay. Lambda is also considering a civil action against MCI based on the violation of its own discharge policies.

Former Lambda Legal Director, Abby Rubinfeld, commented: "Our community has worked hard to enact ordinances in cities across the country that would protect lesbian and gay men from discrimination. This instance of discrimination reminds us that mere passage of these laws is not enough. We must be constantly vigilant in protecting our right to be treated equally."

*Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund*

## New Name for The United?

MADISON, WI - Madison Community United, known as The United for short, is contemplating a name change. Basically, the current name is thought to be too nondescript. It doesn't convey the fact that this is an organization

geared to serving the needs of the gay and lesbian community of Madison.

Back in 1978, when The United was founded, a nondescript name was more helpful than it is now. In 1988, some think it's time for The United to come out of the closet. One idea is to come up with a new name that will allow us to keep "The United" as our nickname--such as Madison Gays & Lesbians United.

What do you think? Any suggestions, observations, objections, or inclinations on this matter? We'll be waiting to hear from you. Drop us a postcard or make a call at (608) 255-8582.

### "Nothing To Hide" Program for January 1989

Jan. 4 - Black and White Men Together National Conference, Milwaukee, July 1987: "Poet Joe Beam and short essays by the co-chairs."

Jan. 11 - Labor in the mainstream of good business: "Nicaraguan Alba, Marvin, Juan, Host; Professor Steve Stern, Dept. of History, UW-Madison. From May 8, 1988.

Jan. 18 - Undergraduate Teaching Improvement Council, UW System Conference, Spring 1988, UW River Falls: "Internationalizing the Curriculum; Simulation Approaches.

Jan. 25 - Women's Show: Judy Grahn at Northwestern University: Fall, 1985 Chicago's Gay Horizons, "Transformations — that's what it's all about."

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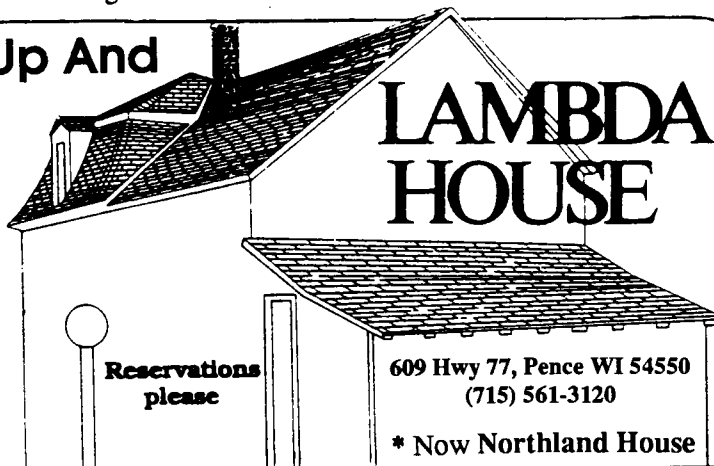


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## Hate Crimes Bill not brought to Senate Floor; Helms attempts anti-gay amendment

WASHINGTON, DC - The first positive federal legislation to address violence against lesbians, gay men, racial, ethnic and religious minorities, stalled in the US Senate because of threats by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) to introduce sweeping anti-gay amendments. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act which would require federal data collection on crimes motivated by prejudice against gay people and other minorities, was never brought to the Senate floor despite vigorous lobbying by a coalition of over 50 groups led by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

Introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), the Hate Crimes Statistics Act made legislative history when it passed the US House of Representatives in May of 1988. The bill marked the first time federal legislation specifically addressing sexual orientation was passed by either house of Congress. Attempts to delete the sexual orientation clause were repeatedly defeated while the bill was in committee and were also defeated on the House floor.

The Senate version of the bill was introduced by Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL). The Senate bill achieved unanimous approval from the Senate Judiciary Committee in August. But efforts to bring the bill to the Senate floor crumbled as Helms told Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd (D-WV) that he would fight the bill unless anti-gay measures were attached. Helms planned to introduce a four-part amendment which stated the following:

- 1) "The homosexual movement threatens the strength and the survival of the American family as the basic unit of society.
- 2) State laws prohibiting sodomy should be enforced.
- 3) The federal government should not provide discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation.
- 4) School curriculums should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American Society."

NGLTF lobbyist Jude Radecic termed the amendment "totally offensive and unacceptable. We will never tolerate codification of this kind of bigotry." Radecic noted that because of Helms' delaying tactics, the Hate Crimes measure must be re-introduced during the next congressional session and will have to again pass through committees and the full floor of both Houses.

### Mixed election results for gay/lesbian community; post-Reagan era begins

WASHINGTON, DC— This year's election brought mixed results for the gay/lesbian community, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The most significant victory was the defeat of Proposition 102 in California, the Dannemeyer AIDS initiative that would have eliminated anonymous HIV testing and imposed mandatory reporting of HIV positive individuals. The greatest disappointments were in Oregon, where a state executive order banning sexual orientation discrimination was overturned in a referendum, and in Connecticut, where AIDS and gay civil rights supporter Lowell Weicker was defeated in

his bid for re-election to the Senate.

NGLTF noted with regret passage of the other California AIDS initiative, Proposition 96, which, among other things, allows court-ordered testing of persons accused of certain crimes.

Urvashi Vaid, the public information director, commented, "While not as far-reaching as 102, it attacks the basic civil liberties of those most vulnerable in our society — those accused of crimes. Had this required testing of those convicted of sexual assault, etc, this might have been an understandable — though not necessarily appropriate — approach. However, in permitting testing of those merely accused of certain crimes, the measure undermines the fundamental American principle of innocent until proven guilty — and provides a motivation for false accusations of crimes. It poses a substantial threat to the accused's opportunity to receive a fair, impartial trial, particularly in jury cases."

The vote to repeal the Oregon executive order on sexual orientation discrimination was the source of great disappointment — "to gays and lesbians and all those concerned with civil liberties," said Jeffrey Levi, NGLTF executive director. "On the anniversary of Kristallnacht, it is particularly sad that the people of Oregon would turn their backs on any minority group that has suffered discrimination."

The returning 101st Congress will look quite similar to the 100th, with the exception of Lowell Weicker, who lost his Connecticut Senatorial re-election.

### NGLTF issues report cards on 100th Congress

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force distributed Report Cards evaluating the records of all 535 members of the 100th Congress to activists around the country. Each Congressman's voting record was tracked on a variety of issues important to the lesbian and gay community such as: civil rights legislation, anti-lesbian and gay violence; federally funded programs and educational materials regarding the AIDS epidemic; and anti-discrimination provisions for handicapped people including PWAs, PWARCs, and those who are HIV positive.

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The Report Cards reveal that while many members of Congress support lesbian and gay issues, a great deal of educational work remains to be done. NGLTF found that over half the Members of the House of Representatives (56%) earned a grade of 'A' or 'B', and almost three-quarters (72%) earned a passing grade by voting with the NGLTF position at least 60% of the time. By contrast, only one-third of the Senators (34%) earned a passing grade of any kind, and 66 Senators received an 'F'.

The Congressional delegation from Massachusetts scored the only cumulative 'A' with a combined score of 90%. Other states whose representatives scored well included Connecticut-88%, Vermont-86%, Rhode Island-85%, Washington-84%, Hawaii-79%, and Michigan-67%. Among those states whose representatives did the worst were New Hampshire whose delegation received a score of 35%, Idaho-27%, and Wyoming-25%.

### Smithsonian to acquire panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt

WASHINGTON, DC - The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will acquire several commemorative panels collected by the NAMES Project for its AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The acquisition will take place over a period of time in an effort to document the diversity of those who have died from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. The quilt panels will be added to the collections of the Division of Medical Sciences, which has an ongoing interest in issues related to the history of public health in the United States.

Museum Director Roger G. Kennedy, in speaking about this acquisition, said, "The AIDS Memorial Quilt is significant not only as a symbol of those who have died, but also as one aspect of the country's response to that loss."

The quilt currently consists of nearly 9,000 panels, each commemorating a person who died from the AIDS virus. Each of the 3 foot by 6 foot panels is distinctive in its design, reflecting the personality and interests of the AIDS victim memorialized in the panel.

# AIDS Amendment Act of 1988: Summary of Provisions

## Research

- 1) Annual report to Congress on AIDS research expenditures
- 2) Requirements to expedite research grants and contracts and agency personnel and administrative support requests
- 3) Establishment of National Institute of Health AIDS Clinical Research Review Committee to determine research needs, work on consensus treatment decisions with clinicians, and make recommendations of promising drugs for treatment
- 4) Authorization for and expansion of the existing AIDS clinical evaluation units at the National Institutes of Health
- 5) Establishment of community-based clinical research opportunities; an evaluation program for alternative non-FDA approved therapies; and a grant program to develop clinical protocols
- 6) Support for international efforts
- 7) Funding for basic and clinical research centers
- 8) Information and communication improvements including toll-free hot line for health professionals; data bank of clinical trials and treatments; expansion of CDC epidemiological data basis; and educational programs regarding the blood donor system

- 9) Establishment of an Office of AIDS Research at the level of the Director of the NIH with broad authorities
- 10) 780 new employees for the Public Health Service
- 11) A study regarding mortality rates related to AIDS in different population groups.

## Health Services

- 1) \$100 million for each of fiscal years 1989 and 1990 for home care block grants. Covered services include durable medical equipment, home-maker/health aid; day treatment; home intravenous drug therapy; in-home routine diagnostic tests.
- 2) \$10 million for FY1989 and such sums through 1990 for three sub-acute care demonstration programs to determine their effectiveness and cost of such services. Covered services include emergency medical care and specialized diagnostic and therapeutic services; case management; technical assistance; hospice; outpatient services; and outreach.

## Anonymous Testing

- 1) \$100 million to the states for each of fiscal years 1989 and 1990 for anonymous testing and counseling services.
- 2) An authorization of "such sums" for FY 1980 through 1991 for not less than six demonstration projects regarding counseling and mental health services for HIV infected individuals

## Education

- 1) Three year authorization
- 2) \$165 million for FY 1989 and such sums thereafter for state and community-based AIDS education programs, with 50% of the funds targeted for community-based organizations.

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- 3) \$105 million for national AIDS information efforts including paid advertising, clearinghouse and hotline programs.
- 4) \$45 million for paid advertising program.

### AIDS Commission

- 1) Establishes National Commission on AIDS
- 2) Requires consensus policy development activities
- 3) Will monitor implementation of Presidential Commission's Report

### Minority Issues

- 1) Targets \$30 million for minority education efforts
- 2) Requires study regarding minority health and AIDS
- 3) Establishes office regarding minority health and AIDS through CDC

## Introducing MHAC: Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition

The Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition (MHAC) is a non-profit membership organization of Hispanic and non-Hispanic membership providers and consumers addressing prevention and education issues in the areas of HIV infection and AIDS among Hispanics in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio.

The Hispanic population is growing rapidly in this region, but AIDS prevention and education efforts for the Hispanics have been minimal.

### MHAC Mission

The purpose of the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition is to prevent HIV infection and AIDS among Hispanics living in the Midwest by:

- Providing a forum for communication, coordination, and networking among health and human services providers and consumers.
- Engaging in health advocacy and community empowerment activities.
- Providing technical assistance to health and human service providers, community organizations and other interested parties.

- Engaging in research activities.
- Engaging in health education activities.
- Facilitating the development of resources for local organizations addressing AIDS issues.

### MHAC History

The Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition developed out of a meeting of representatives from midwestern states, hosted by the Hispanic Health Alliance (HHA) of Chicago, to explore the possibility of forming a coalition addressing AIDS-related issues.

The HHA, on behalf of the regional representatives, submitted an application for funding to the Centers for Disease Control under the National AIDS Minority Information and Education Program. In August of 1988, Hispanic Health Alliance was awarded a five-year grant to establish the coalition, headquartered in Chicago.

### MHAC Activities/Services

The Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition is currently:

- 1) Assessing the magnitude of AIDS problems among midwestern Hispanic communities and developing a data bank.
- 2) Identifying the local efforts, resources and gaps in services.
- 3) Engaging in regional group discussions.
- 4) Coordinating local, state, and regional efforts in the areas of AIDS education and prevention based on the concept of self-help and community empowerment.
- 5) Engaging in policy formulation and implementation at the local, state, and regional levels.



- 6) Developing centralized communication systems for the region.
- 7) Promoting cooperation and collaboration among community, city, county, state and national organizations.

The four main components of the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition are:

- 1) Planning, research and evaluation.
- 2) Technical assistance and training.
- 3) A centralized Information System
- 4) Community Education and Outreach.

For more information, contact Aida L. Giachello, acting regional Coordinator, c/o Hispanic Health Alliance, 1608 N, Milwaukee Ave, Suite 912, Chicago, IL 60647 or call (312) 252-6888.



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<i>Community</i>	<i>Population</i>
1. Milwaukee	26,111
2. Racine	5,501
3. Kenosha	3,110
4. Waukesha	2,583
5. Madison	2,242



# Womonsong

## Inside and Out

by Karen Lucas for Speak Its Name

Phenomenal, spectacular, political, visually stunning, and entertaining— these are a few of the adjectives which have been used to describe Womonsong, Madison's all-woman choir.

How is it that this choir inspires such description? Perhaps it is the vibrantly colorful array of clothing the members wear in a performance or their dance-like movements on stage. Maybe it's the personal introductions given before each song, or the song choices, which range from political songs which inform, educate and move the audience, to love songs, and non-western styles of music. Or perhaps it is the obvious pleasure that they take in making music together.

Womonsong has performed in a variety of aesthetic and political settings which range from West Towne Mall to the National Women's Choir Festival in Minneapolis. The group sings at festivals, benefits, conferences, and special events, and has given as many as twenty performances in a year.

Although Womonsong has not received much critical attention, *Hot Wire*, a magazine which focuses on women's music, gave a rave review of the choir's performance in Minneapolis.

After the 1978 dissolution of Anacrusis, a predecessor women's choir, fifteen women coalesced to form Womonsong. Over the years the size of the group has varied. Membership presently stands at about sixty.

The group includes singers, arrangers, composers and accompanists. Although some women teach, conduct, arrange, or compose songs as well as sing, no auditions are required to join, and many women in the choir do not read music. "A unique aspect of Womonsong," Kate Lyn Hibbard points out, "is that women who don't read or write music are able to bring music into the group and teach it in an oral, folk style."

Because such a wide range of skill levels exists within the group, Womonsong provides an opportunity for learning and developing musical skills. Lynn Fendler had conducted other people's arrangements, but had never arranged a song before joining Womonsong.

"Now I feel like I have a lot of (arranging) skills. I've recognized that as a bridge to composition and I've never been able to write my own songs from there," says Fendler.

Womonsong is a good place for members to develop non-musical skills as well. "Choir is a safe place to experiment with talents you think might have or talents you want to develop," according to Hibbard. "Choir is an organizational outlet and a creative outlet for me. There is a lot of potential for creativity because of the flexibility of the group."

Decisions are made during the hour-long business meetings that take place after every rehearsal and, ideally, include every

member of the choir. Mary Sykes says, "Choir helps me keep all those skills honed that center on being part of a collective endeavor, such as listening and facilitating. It's that fine balance between having a place to voice my opinion and also being respectful of others' opinions."

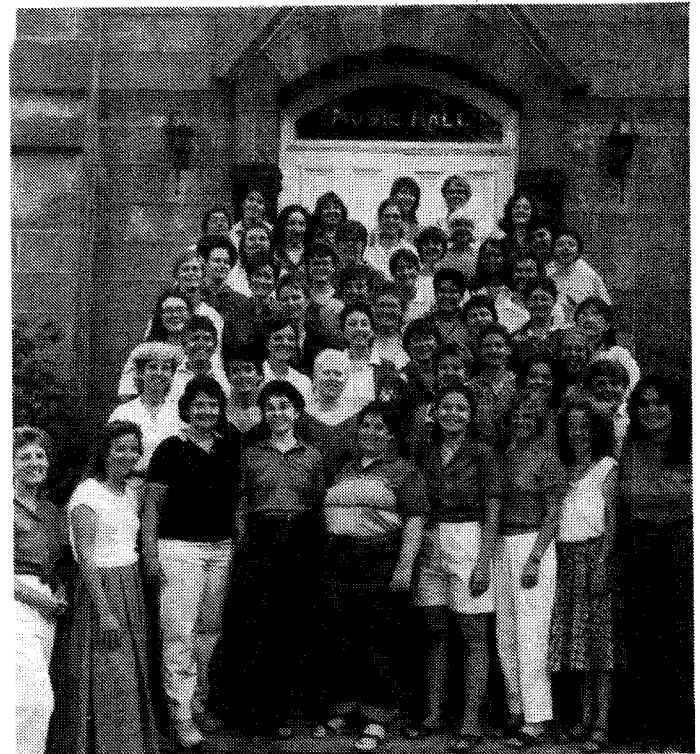
"Methods of interaction and decision-making used in choir are different from undercutting, competitive methods of mainstream society," agrees Cindy Baurle. "Womonsong is a supportive environment in which women are concerned for each other and enjoy each other's company. Choir is the way things ought to be."

Choir, ideally, is a safe way for women to express diversity. Because Womonsong is an almost entirely white group, in which about half the members are lesbians, it follows that women

express dissatisfaction and concerns around issues such as separatism, homophobia and racism. "If we had dealt successfully with racial issues, we wouldn't be such a white group," Hibbard observes. These concerns and others present an ongoing struggle which affects many dynamics, including where the choir performs and what it sings.

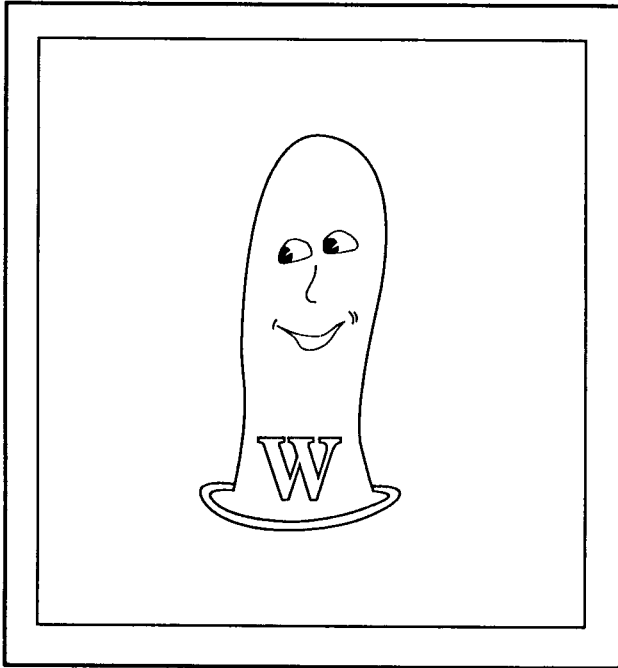
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Womonsong's musically unique repertoire includes political songs such as "Bread and Roses," a historical piece about a woman textile workers' strike and "Bike," a Sweet Honey in the Rock song about anti-apartheid activist Steven Biko. It also sings playful songs such as the Four Seasons classic "Sherry (Baby)," as well as songs in other languages, such as "Mwo Li Hwa" in Japanese.

"Singing in other languages is a way of expanding minds," says Fendler. "Pronouncing the sounds works like mouth yoga. The vibrational result is liberating; it activates different neural patterning. One becomes more sensitized to different ways of living, thinking and perceiving by singing in different languages."

Sykes, a member who has sung in school and church choirs, says, "When I became a feminist in my politics and stopped going to church, I wanted some other singing outlet, so when I heard about Womonsong, it seemed perfect. It's an opportunity to sing on a regular basis and I really like what I'm singing. It's a neat way to sing and feel good about the content of the songs."

Fender also comments on the political aspect. "The kind of association we have — personal, spiritual and musical — and the fact that we manifest it in sound is probably the most politically powerful thing that can be done."

Fendler's conducting style is another unique aspect of the choir. She draws an analogy between the conducting property of metal and what she does: "A conductor (metal) has no resistance and is grounded. I come into the (conductor/choir) relationship that way."

"In the mainstream culture, if people are singing, the assumption is that you are very polished and that you are a performer," says Sykes. "We pick out people who are performers and we put them up on a stage and we listen to them and watch them and we don't engage in it ourselves, together. What I think Womonsong brings to a performance is the idea that singing should be part of all of our lives. It's an example or a challenge to people to do that (make music) for themselves as well. We are not a stereotypical choir. We don't dress uniformly. We move on stage, We make music informal and down-to-earth, and the music is good."

Womonsong has recently made a commitment to create and perform in a multi-media event now known as "The Celebration" for International Women's Day in March, 1989. The idea originated with one member who, after seeing "My Name Is Alice" and "Women Behind Bras," thought that this would be a new area for Womonsong to branch out into.

The Celebration will include music, drama, poetry and dance and will be structured around various themes: women in history, women and work, international women, and women and play, among others.

Says Hibbard, "It's an exciting concept and I think it's going to be a lot of fun and a powerful and good show."

Women who are interested in joining Womonsong may call (608) 246-2681.

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# Three Scenes in Orton Park

by Henry X Dudek

**F**undraising, providing support services to a gay man with AIDS, counseling a lesbian teenager, editing a newsletter, serving on a planning committee, or just paying membership dues. A lot of folks in the gay/lesbian community contribute time, talent, and money to the needs they see around them.

I try to do my little part. For the last five years I have volunteered with the New Harvest Foundation, which raises funds for gay/lesbian projects in Dane County. I've found that fundraising isn't easy. It takes time and perseverance. But the hard part is taking advantage of my personal relationships with people to ask them for money. It takes some getting used to.

And the Foundation offers plenty of other opportunities for volunteers: creating policies and forms, soliciting grant applications, evaluating them, trying to get the most impact for our donors' money, requesting and reviewing project reports, writing promotional materials and reports to donors, planning fundraising events.

A lot of women and men have to donate some of their time to make the Foundation work. And though we're all willing, our time and energy is limited. Kicking myself—and others—into action can be difficult. It's easier—and more fun—to go out and kick some autumn leaves instead.



The author and friends in Orton Park

Photo credit: Jay R Huemmer

Sometimes, when I'm feeling put upon by the whole bit, I ask myself: is it worth it? And I'm sure most volunteers find themselves asking that question from time to time.

**L**uckily, I live near Orton Park. It's the site of George Segal's sculpture "Gay Liberation," placed there with funds raised by the New Harvest Foundation. It's composed of two sets of figures and two park benches. Two men stand next to each other, one just touching the other's shoulder. Two women sit, one's hand gently laid upon the other's. The stark black-and-white of the sculpture is nestled among the natural greens and browns of the park. The sculpture invites participation, and park-goers often spend time with it.

While sitting on the park lawn one day, I see three boys playing around and tugging at the two men statues, who stand imperturbable in their moment of discovering each other. I think: When they grow up, these kids will be able to accept two guys walking in the park holding hands.

Another day, walking by the park, I see a woman sitting on the bench next to the two sculptured women. She is reverently rubbing her hugely pregnant belly up and down and smiling at her intimate connection with the new life she senses there. I think: The day the child now growing in her womb says, "Mother, I'm a lesbian," she'll hug that child to her heart.

Yet another day, I walk towards the sculpture and see a boy sitting on the lap of one of the women statues and stroking the hair of the other. A man sitting on the bench is intently explaining something to the boy. As I pass by, I hear a fragment of his speech and reconstruct the tenor of their little talk: "Daddy, why are they touching like this?" "Joey, sometimes two women fall in love with each other, or two men, just like your mother and I did." I think: This kid won't freak out when he meets his first gay couple. Or when he finds himself falling in love someday with another guy.

I think: These silent statues are talking directly to people's hearts and transforming the world in their little corner.

I suddenly find myself wanting the Foundation to put one of these statues in every park in the country!

**O**ther volunteers no doubt have their own stories to tell. Of the teenager who stopped trying to commit suicide over being lesbian. Of the man with AIDS and his volunteer buddy who develop a mutually empowering and lifegiving relationship. Of the unexpectedly large contribution offered by a grateful donor whose life had been set on a new track a few years ago by a volunteer group. Each a small but cherishable moment of transformation.

So have no doubts about doing your bit of community service.

It it worth it? You bet!

*Henry X Dudek is co-chair of the New Harvest Foundation. Anyone interested in more information on NHF can write to PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701*

# So you want to be in pictures...

by Jim Przeslawski of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association

Getting television coverage for lesbian and gay events can be an exercise in frustration. While you can't make a station manager cover your event, you can increase your chances of gaining a spot on the nightly news by understanding the newscaster's criteria.

## KNOW THE STATION

Give some thought to which station will give you the best coverage. Take time to study the individual news programs in your area and know the station's philosophy. Is it one that strives for fair and balanced reporting, or is it one whose coverage is biased? Are they concerned with the people within your community, or are they merely interested in ratings? Your call to a station affects more than just coverage or no coverage. It's often the difference between a positive story and sensationalism.

Take time to learn who the anchors, reporters, and writers are at each station. The quickest way to lose credibility is to contact the "Action News Team" and to call them "Eyewitness News." It seems silly to stress, but know who works at which station. Not knowing or caring enough to know the identity of the station or its staff is really nothing but dumping. Station managers gripe about this a lot, so take time and don't inadvertently insult them.

Know the flow that the different news programs follow in their story line-up. Most stations follow the basic formula set by their particular network news. That formula is usually the BIG headline, softer news, a human interest story, updates on older pieces, and lastly a kicker (a light piece of fluff) to end the show. Figure where your story will fit within their particular formula. Also learn the differences between the various newscasts. In the Detroit market the five pm show covers both world and local events, the six offers local only, and the eleven pm is the world news with local updates only. Each show is different and most stations will try not to repeat stories covered in earlier broadcasts.

## WHO DO YOU CALL

The assignment editor decides what stories are worthy following. This is the person who plans what is to be covered and who sends the reporters and crew to the stories. Contact your local stations to learn, in advance, who the assignment editors are. When you do have a fast breaking story on your hands, you'll be glad you spent the time. Early calls (9:30-10:00am) are best for true news same-day coverage. Most assignments are made for the evening news by 10:30 am. For scheduled or timely events, allow several days notice. Feature stories can be whenever. The stations will cover these in their slack periods and show them on a slow news day. Mondays and Tuesdays seem to be traditional slow news days and are the best days to call with story suggestions.

## GIVE IT IN A NUTSHELL

Always remember the "Five W's": Who, What, When, Where, and Why. If you can't give answers to these, then don't bother to call. You don't have a story. When you do call, be brief. Good communication is essential. Assignment editors are often swamped. Give as much information as possible in your first two or three sentences. This will help sell your story to a busy person. Go ahead and suggest a story angle and a reporter. Most news stations are willing to consider your suggestions. Keep in mind your visuals. Television is a people-oriented medium. Releasing thousands of balloons is nice for a three-second cutaway, but then what? Where are the people? And talking heads don't count. TV demands action: people doing things. The average news spot, when edited for local news, is usually two minutes long and will contain ten different shots.

A camera person for one of the broadcast stations likes to shoot ten different angles per thirty seconds of finished story because she knows the editor will only use the best of her shots for cutaway footage. Don't be afraid to stage things for the TV crew. If you don't have anything occurring they're

unlikely to oblige you. ABC has such stringent rules prohibiting their affiliates from staging events that they are unable to even make suggestions. Remember the scene in *Broadcast News* where the producer refused to give directions to the contra who was tying his boot? That's real life. If you don't have something happening for the camera, you, yourself, will have killed your story at the onset.

If you are holding a news conference, let them know in advance how many will be speaking so that everyone can be miked. If not, pick one person to be the spokesperson. Otherwise the event will look chaotic on TV and will give the public the idea that your group is disorganized. If you have people to spare, assign one person to assist the crew in selecting camera angles and to grab the people you want interviewed. Stay away from offices—they always look cold and sterile. The same holds true for charts and graphs on camera. The news stations have excellent computer graphics that can depict needed material much better than you could.

Be aware of union rules. Camera operators don't interview people. Audio people aren't allowed to run camera. Sometimes a station will send out just the camera and sound crew, knowing that union rules will guarantee visuals and ambient sound only. If you haven't done your pre-planning for visuals and action, this is one way an unfriendly news director can kill your story without having to openly refuse coverage.

Always maintain your cool around TV crews. If you seem genuinely interested in helping them cover the event rather than yelling at them or using them for propaganda, they'll be more responsive to your needs.

Cultivate a relationship with your local stations. At the very least, be familiar with the names of the personnel in the news department. When you do have a story, know how to present it succinctly. Remember to think of your visuals. At every step of the way, be professional, persistent, prompt, and polite. The last is sometimes the hardest.

# "Torch Song Trilogy" Now A Movie

"Torch Song Trilogy" the award winning Broadway Play is now a movie.

Harvey Fierstein's dream, the long-awaited film adaptation of "Torch Song Trilogy" has finally been realized in classic "labor of love" tradition. "Torch Song Trilogy" is the funny and poignant story of a gay New Yorker's search for love and respect in a heterosexual world which focuses on the lovers in his life, as well as his strong-willed mother. From its birth off-Broadway to its more than two year successful run on Broadway and two coveted Tony Awards — Best Play and Best Actor — Fierstein was finally able to bring all of the right elements together to produce the screen version. This combination included the assembly of a dynamo cast — Harvey Fierstein, Anne Bancroft, Matthew Broderick and Brian Kerwin, the producing talents of Howard Gottfried, responsible for such award-winning, thought-provoking films as "The Hospital," "Network," and "Altered States," and finally, a studio that was committed to bankrolling the project, New Line Cinema.

Although New Line fell right in stride with the major creative decision and the casting for the film, the diversified company who have been responsible recently for "A Handful of Dust," John Water's "Hairspray" and the highly successful "Nightmare on Elm Street" series, generally focus their funding on \$4-\$7 million dollar productions. Originally, stars of this calibre would not have fit into New Line Cinema's budget range. The entire venture was a labor of love, involving risk-taking and players coming on board for less than normal fees to see the project through to fruition in the \$6 - \$7 million dollar range.

Anne Bancroft, whose impressive body of work in both stage and film include her Tony-Award winning roles in "Two For The Seesaw," and "The Miracle Worker," for which she also earned an Oscar, and four Academy Award nominations, most recently for "Agnes of God," quickly accepted the offer to play the mother in "Torch Song Trilogy." "Harvey opened up the mother's role in the screenplay, bringing in scenes from her earlier life and, remembering the richness of the stage production, I felt drawn into this enormous magnetic force."

Matthew Broderick received his breakthrough role as David, Arnold Beckoff's teenage, adopted son, in the off-Broadway New York stage production of "Torch Song Trilogy," which earned him an Outer Critics Circle Award and the Villager Award. Neil Simon discovered Broderick in "Torch Song," which led to his Tony Award performance as Eugene in "Brighton Beach Memoirs," followed by "Biloxi Blues." Broderick went on to star in the smash screen hits "War Games" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," among others. Broderick was cast in the film version of "Torch Song Trilogy" as Arnold's lover Alan — a role that serves as another turning point for the actor, being his first portrayal of a grown man. Broderick enjoyed the challenge of rejoining Fierstein in the film version of "Torch Song" as the older character, Alan. "It's so nice to get a phone call after five

years to say, "We're going to do it again, to work with people you've worked with before, people you like and you know are good," remarked Broderick. "It's nice to have another chance at it."


Harvey Fierstein describes "Torch Song Trilogy" as "a story of a man trying to find his place in the world, a world that isn't necessarily built for him, and he continues because he is brave of spirit and true of heart. He builds a world within the world for himself to exist." Fierstein has moved on from the initial success of "Torch Song" on Broadway to a variety of projects including writing the book for the smash Broadway musical, "La Cage Aux Folles." Recently, his HBO special "Tidy Endings" earned him five ACE nominations, including Best Actor and Best Script, and he has written the Broadway stage play "Legs Diamond," starring Peter Allen which is slated for a late December premiere.

"Torch Song Trilogy," a New Line Cinema film directed by Paul Bogart opens in New York and Los Angeles on December 14, 1988.



*Torch Song Trilogy*, the movie directed by Paul Bogart which is due for release in December, features a cast of Matthew Broderick, Brian Kerwin, Anne Bancroft, and Harvey Fierstein.

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With the trial of Oliver North scheduled for the not-too distant future, *Among Friends* thought it would be useful to introduce our readers to the Christic Institute and the work they are doing to expose the excesses of the Reagan fiasco known as Iran-Contra Affair. The following column was written by the Christic Institute Contragate Project.

## The Iran/Contra Affair: An Unfinished Story

While government officials are closing the books on the Iran-Contra affair, a major federal lawsuit against the private network behind the scandal is digging deeper into questions left unexamined by government investigators.

The Christic Institute, an interfaith Washington based law firm and policy center, filed a \$17 million civil lawsuit in May 1986 against Richard Secord, Albert Hakim, Robert Owen, John Singlaub, and 25 other private individuals for their roles in waging the contra war against Nicaragua.

That was a full six months before the Iran-contra scandal surfaced in the press following the Hasenfus plane crash in Nicaragua and Edwin Meese's admission to the Iran arms sale diversion. The case is scheduled to go before a trial jury late in a Miami Federal District Court in 1989.

The Institute is using a tough federal anticrime statute to charge the 29 defendants with constituting a "criminal racketeering enterprise." General Secord's self proclaimed "enterprise," according to Institute investigators, has engaged in drug smuggling, gun running, political assassinations, money laundering, and other criminal acts in support of the contras and earlier covert wars around the globe.

Institute investigators believe that the three Government probes into the Iran-contra affair — the Tower Commission, the joint Congressional hearings, and the investigation of the Independent Counsel — have thus far overlooked or ignored major issues linked to the scandal. Supported by a team of more than 60 lawyers and investigators, the Institute has revealed:

- A large scale operation involving contras, their private supporters, and certain US government officials to smuggle drugs - mostly cocaine - into the United States to help finance the contra war. This guns-for-drugs operation has been largely based out of major southern cities such as Miami and New Orleans.
- The involvement by some of the defendants in illegal covert warfare activity, stretching back 25 years to secret wars in Cuba, Laos, Vietnam, Iran, and Nicaragua.
- An attempt to assassinate former contra commander Eden Pastora planned by CIA operative John Hull and other defendants.
- Attempts within Ed Meese's Justice Department and the intelligence community to obstruct law enforcement investigations into contra drug and gun running.

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## Origins of the Lawsuit

The lawsuit originates from paralleled investigations into the private contra aid network by Christic Institute General Counsel Daniel Sheehan; by journalists Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey, the two plaintiffs represented by the Institute; and by a small group of investigative reporters in the United States.

On May 30, 1984, a terrorist bomb exploded during a press conference held by dissident contra leader Eden Pastora in La Penca, Nicaragua. Eight people—including reporter Linda Frazier, a United States citizen—were killed. Two dozen were seriously wounded.

Tony Avirgan who covered the press conference for ABC television, was among the badly injured. After recovering from his wounds months later, he joined his wife and colleague, Martha Honey, to investigate the forces behind the La Penca bombing.

Together, the two journalists discovered a shadowy network of CIA agents, contra leaders, and mercenaries based on Costa Rican farm property owned by John Hull, a North American rancher and CIA operative. This group, according to contra sources, planned the La Penca bombing.

Christic Institute General Counsel Daniel Sheehan was also investigating the activities of these men on the "southern front" of the war against Nicaragua. In early 1986, he was told by a former US military intelligence officer that secret contra support operations were managed by retired CIA and military officers such as Richard Secord, John Singlaub, Theodore Shackley, and Thomas Clines.

Sheehan learned that these men—years before the Reagan Administration came to power—had created their own private enterprise, "off-the-books" weapons companies and secret bank accounts to conduct covert operations abroad. Ironically, many

of these men were forced out of government by the Carter Administration. after being linked to Edwin Wilson, the renegade ex-CIA officer who sold weapons and terrorist training to Muammar el-Qaddafi. President Carter and his CIA Director Stansfield Turner "cleaned house" at the agency's Operations Directorate in the late 1970s.

The parallel investigations by the Christic Institute and Avirgan and Honey were joined in May 1986 when the Institute filed its civil lawsuit on behalf of the two journalists.

## The Contra-Drug Link

The most startling revelation of the Institute's lawsuit is that the contras and their supporters have fueled this nation's drug epidemic by financing their secret war in part through narcotics smuggling into the United States. Planeloads of cocaine were flown from the Medellin cartel in Colombia, which is responsible for 80% of the cocaine smuggled into this country. The drugs were taken to airstrips on John Hull's property in Costa Rica, then shipped to the US. Profits from the drug sales were used to buy weapons for the contras.

Former contra drug pilot Michael Tolliver testified to Institute attorneys that he flew contra weapons to Honduras and Costa Rica under the direction of veteran CIA operatives Felix Rodriguez and Rafael "Chi Chi" Quintero, and returned to the United States with shipments of cocaine and marijuana. He said he once returned with over 25,000 pounds of marijuana, which he flew directly into Florida's Homestead Air Force Base, where the drugs were unloaded.

Two congressional investigations lent support to the lawsuit's allegations of contra drug trafficking. The Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics, and International Operations chaired by Senator John Kerry (D-MA) and the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, chaired by Rep. William Hughes (D-NJ) investigated the

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contra-drug links. Last year, a former money launderer for Colombia's Medellin drug cartel testified before the Senate Subcommittee that he arranged the transfer of \$10 million in cocaine profits to the contras between 1982 and 1985. He said the transfers were made with the help of veteran CIA agent Felix Rodriguez.

That testimony adds further questions about President-elect Bush's role in the Iran Contra affair. Bush met personally with Rodriguez three times, and according to the Vice-President's own office notes, discussed "resupply of the contras" with Rodriguez in the spring of 1986. These meetings took place while Bush chaired the Reagan Administration's national anti-drug task-force.

#### A New Watergate?

During the Iran-Contra hearings last year, Richard Secord dismissed the Christic Institute's lawsuit as "the most outrageous fairytale anyone's ever read." However, shortly thereafter, the congressional committee learned that Secord and Lt Col Oliver North diverted \$130,000 of the Iranian arms profits from a Swiss bank account to discredit the Institute and its investigation. The lawsuit, Secord told the *Washington Post*, threatened to "knock out" the illegal military aid network to support the contras.

The Institute's lawsuit and investigation confirm that many questions about the Iran-contra scandal remain unanswered. In the name of "national security", our government has conducted secret wars, traded with terrorists, broken laws, obstructed justice, tolerated drug trafficking, and deceived Congress and the public. The public now has the right—indeed, the duty—to demand complete answers to this unresolved scandal.

For more information on the Christic Institute lawsuit and how you can help, contact: The Christic Institute, 1324 North Capitol St, NW, Washington, DC 20002 (202) 797-8106.

*Ed. note: It now appears as though the case will come up in spring or early summer 1989, after having been rejected by the courts in Fall of 1988 due to "lack of sufficient evidence" Could the election have played a part? And, by the way, didn't cocaine begin to be a real big problem about the time Reagan-Bush got settled in the White House?*

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# MASN Surveys "Safer Sex" Awareness

by Jeff Kirsch for Speak Its Name

MADISON, WI — A Madison AIDS Support Network survey conducted of 210 sexually active gay/bisexual men has revealed that 82% find themselves at least "moderately comfortable" with their knowledge of HIV infection, AIDS and methods of risk reduction.

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MASN Public Health Educator Sue Krause, who carried out the survey, says, "It is not clear whether these men (the 31%) are not engaging in anal intercourse or if they are in a relationship in which both parties are (HIV) antibody negative/mutually monogamous and considered that the question of safety did not apply to them."

Krause says that the safest kind of condoms are made of latex (rubber), not animal skin. Recently, condoms have been manufactured with nonoxynol-9, a spermicide that kills the HIV virus in a test tube and may provide extra protection if a condom breaks during intercourse. Nonoxynol-9 is also included in some lubricants or jellies. Lubricants with oil or grease, such as Crisco or Vaseline are not recommended, since they can weaken latex to the point of breakage. Water-based lubricants, such as KY or H-R jelly are preferred. (Locally, a wide variety of condoms and lubricants are available at WSA Pharmacy).

In questions dealing with degree of risk, a clear pattern emerged. Anal receptive intercourse without a condom was considered by more than 80% of the respondents as a high-risk activity.

Most respondents also indicated that they believed that insertive anal intercourse (top) presents less risk than receptive (bottom). Eighty-six percent nonetheless said they considered insertive anal intercourse "somewhat risky."

"Whether or not this belief translates into behavior," says Krause, "this finding raises a concern about the receptive partner. 'Bottoms' need to be protected."

Tim Tillotson, coordinator of the Blue Bus Clinic in Madison, says that although "single-time, unprotected sex presents more risk to the receptive partner," there is no data on the breakdown of people who have contracted the HIV virus through receptive vs. insertive anal sex. While affirming that anal sex is the most frequent mode of transmission among gay men, Tillotson notes that other factors are involved, such as recent findings that an infected person's ability to transmit the virus increases with the length of infection.

Responses about oral sex showed a mixed opinion. Thirty-four percent considered this "somewhat risky," while 40% believed it to be "higher risk." Most safer-sex guidelines consider that oral sex without ejaculation into the mouth is "possibly safe." (Ejaculation into the mouth is considered unsafe.) Tillotson says that "while probably not zero, the magnitude of risk associated with oral sex is much much less than that associated with anal intercourse." Again, he adds that long-term studies intended to identify frequency of modes of transmission have yet to be completed and that "new information is going to come."

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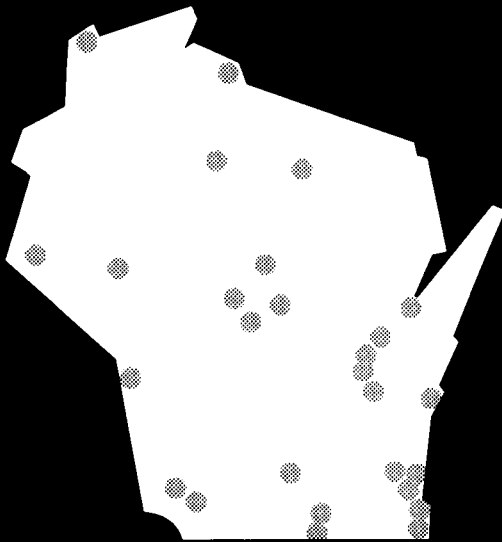
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Almost 20% of the men surveyed reported participating in an activity in the past month that would put them at risk for HIV infection. Seventy-two percent said they had engaged in no risk during the same period of time; nine percent were uncertain if their sexual activity had put them in danger of contracting the infection.

When asked to answer the question, "Do you feel you need to change your behavior in some way to reduce your chances of being exposed to HIV infection?," 52% believed they did not have to, while 44% responded that some behavior change was necessary for them.

Sixty-nine percent of those surveyed said they believe that it is becoming easier to find partners who practice safer sex. Eight percent disagreed.

Forty-eight percent of the men use alcohol or drugs before sex at least half the time and 20% of the total reported usage almost always. Seventeen percent indicated that they never use drugs or alcohol before sex.

Two-thirds of the men surveyed said that they have known someone with AIDS.

All men surveyed are local residents. Eighty-six percent indicated some college education or technical training. Fifteen percent reported an annual income over \$30,000; 56%, between \$10,000 and \$30,000; and 29%, under \$10,000. Ninety percent of the respondents were white, 3.4% black, 3.4% native American and 2.4% hispanic.

Sixty-five percent of the men indicated that they are single. Twenty-nine percent are in a monogamous relationship and 6% in a non-monogamous relationship.

The survey was conducted during July and August. Respondents were chosen at random at Rod's Bar, the New Bar, the Magic Picnic and UW-Madison 10% Society Dance.

Krause said that this was the first such survey done by MASN and that "people were very open to it." She expects to conduct a similar survey in the summer of 1989 for purposes of comparison.

She adds, though, "that I hope to see changes in the results. I was really concerned that 20% had put themselves at risk during the previous month and I was discouraged by the amount of alcohol use indicated in the survey. Alcohol impairs judgment."

Tillotson adds that preliminary findings of a laboratory study that appeared in the *Washington Blade* show that the HIV virus may well grow faster in blood that contains alcohol.

According to Tillotson, all potential sex partners should share information about their antibody status and sexual history, as well as consider safer sex guidelines." But the most important thing is to stop all unprotected anal intercourse. This, I'm sure, would cut new cases of HIV infection by a factor of ten."

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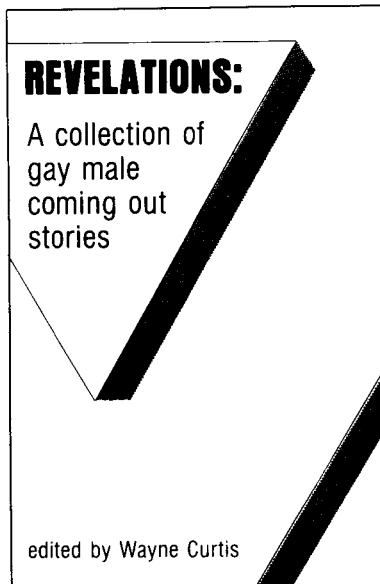
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## TESTIMONIES AND REVELATIONS

Excerpted from *Testimonies: A collection of lesbian coming out stories*, edited by Sarah Holmes, and *Revelations: A collection of gay male coming out stories*, edited by Wayne Curtis  
Alyson Publications, Boston MA,  
\$7.95 per volume.

### A Leopard and a Madman by Saavan

I flinched when his hand touched mine. He looked me in the eye, standing only inches away. My white pullover shirt lay on the bench behind me, his scuffed jersey was draped atop the half-wall of the metal lockers. My eyes searched the length of the locker room, though I was certain we were alone. At that moment my entire P.E. class was puffing and panting on the football field. I had been excused early for an appointment. I was not aware that he had also requested an early leave and followed not far behind me. When he entered the room, I was standing behind a section of lockers, fully naked. Quickly I struggled into my jeans,  
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banging my knee painfully on the metal bench. The hardness between my legs had been instantaneous and I feared he might catch a glimpse of it. When he walked past his own locker, sliding the blue jersey over his head, I shuttered involuntarily. Now he reached out for me and I stood mutely, unable to return his touch, unwilling to pull away.

### Is It Ever Too Late? by Laurence Wolf

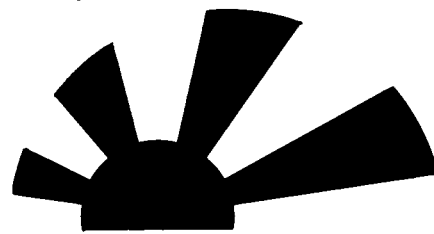
I owe my coming out to my closest friend. I'd known Bob for decades, as friends and professional colleagues. I had never had the slightest clue that he was gay. Then one day he dropped by my house and started to tell me that he was a queer, that psychiatric counseling had been no help, that he could no longer tolerate his internal conflicts, and that his wife and some of his children could not accept his gayness. I found myself interrupting him. I admitted, in almost a whisper, that I too was "sexually ambiguous."

When he left, I was in a daze. Honesty with my closest pal had made me voice, for the first time in my life, my most deeply hidden secret. From then on, I had not just a friend and colleague, but an elder brother. With his encouragement I went to the local gay bars with him and his lover. And although it was several years before I could go alone, I found I could dance there. I could never dance with a woman; there was always too much uncontrollable tension. Bob got me to join several gay organizations and, since functioning on committees comes naturally to me, this was a good way to become active in the gay scene.

### English Lessons by Pamela Gordon

That summer of 1971 when I was seventeen, I had my first love affair with a woman. I adored Marlene. She had come into my life as a golfing friend. We got friendlier and friendlier until it seemed all our thoughts and

desires were the same. I had very strong feelings for her, but I didn't know what they were. My mom knew what was going on, though, and asked if Marlene was seducing me. The idea had never occurred to me, but when she brought it up, it sounded like a great idea. I realized then what my attraction was, but Marlene was much older than I was, and married. I didn't believe she could feel anything for me - certainly a married woman couldn't want another woman sexually. But obviously she did desire me, as she wove her web very deftly until I became more and more obsessed with her, I ended up making sexual advances towards her, and kissed her for the first time on the fourteenth fairway.



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### Summer Camp by Lisa Gravesen

Donna was my best friend, and just like me. Our parents tried so desperately to keep us apart, but Donna and I were two of a kind. No Barbie dolls for us, thank you! If there was trouble to be found, Donna and I always managed to find it. We couldn't even sit through a Girl Scout meeting without being separated for misbehaving. We always had to laugh and joke around. We were quite the clowns.

In 1973 we went to Camp Sycamore together. It's what every Girl Scout waited for. We paid our ten-cent dues every week for a whole year for this. There were four units at our camp. Each unit had eight tents, and each wooden-floored tent had four cots. Naturally, Donna and I were in the same tent, along with two other girls — Tina and Rose. The first two days were fun, when Donna and I weren't being punished for running away from the other happy campers, or scaring the sissies in the tent next to ours. The third day brought rain. We all sat in the big, two-storied cabin singing songs and working on one of the many projects we were required to do. By night, we were all back in our tents telling ghost stories in the storm. We were so frightened we decided to pair up in our cots: Tina and I, Donna and Rose. One thing led to another, and soon we were kissing and exploring each others' young bodies. We fell innocently asleep in each others' arms, safe and secure. To Tina and Rose, it may have

been just playing house, but to Donna and I it was so much more; it was the start of a whole new way of life. It was a whole new challenge to conquer.

## The Amazon Trail

by Lee Lynch. The Naiad Press, Inc.  
200 pages, \$8.95.

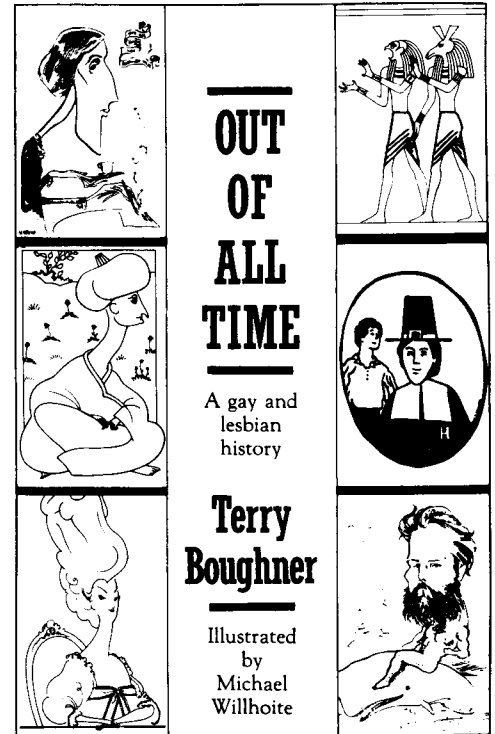
Reviewed by Francine D'Azzio

*The Amazon Trail* represents a culmination of some of the syndicated columns that Lee Lynch has been writing for gay and lesbian publications for the past four years. Somewhat of an oral history, Lynch weaves tales of geography, literature, politics, humor and evolving sexuality into her collection of writings.

Lee Lynch is a familiar name to many. Her novels include *Toothpick House*, *Old Dyke Tales* and *The Swashbuckler*. *The Amazon Trail* is a departure from those earlier works. This work provides her (and the reader) with a launching pad for discovery and introspection into the life and lifestyles that characterize the choice(s) that we've all made: The history of our gayness, the history of our secret signals and codes; the history of that special electricity that follows the "look":

"...if it should outlive its purpose, if life gets happier and easier in the open, I'd certainly miss the blend of fear and boldness that goes into our signaling, the sense of flapping wings, of charged air as we circle one another yearning to give greetings...I treasure the look, the signal dances, the dyke dimples. If the generation coming out now won't need all the difficult trappings of my era, how will I know them? What will guppies look like at sixty?"

Growing up lesbian and being out for 30 years gives Lynch the necessary perspective to explore gays coast to coast and be an observer of our lives and times. *The Amazon Trail* is an important work for the community and apparently for Lynch herself. "What I'd learn was terribly simple. I wanted to spend my life doing what (Jane) Rule does so well: to write from my heart in a way that will enhance the lives of my readers. It was worth the trip."



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### Suleiman the Magnificent

Suleiman the Magnificent, ruler of the Ottoman Empire from 1520 to 1566, was born around 1495. He was quiet and sensitive, and loved poetry and music. He had a long thin body which he carried gracefully, a delicate complexion, and long, thin hands.

In his adolescence, Suleiman's father gave him a Greek slave named Ibrahim as a companion. Ibrahim was two years older than Suleiman, and was tall, with dark, curly hair and a solid muscular body. The two men shared many interests, often discussing religion and philosophy. Ibrahim never left the prince's side, and it was common knowledge that Ibrahim shared the prince's bed.

When Suleiman became the tenth Sultan of the House of Osman, he made Ibrahim his Grand Vizir, or head of the Imperial Council. Later Ibrahim was also named head of the army, making him second only to Suleiman who had no real desire to rule. Ibrahim's new-



founded power corrupted his values and he soon rejected some of Suleiman's most cherished ideas.

In 1534, hearing a rumor that Ibrahim was plotting to take over the empire, Suleiman summoned Ibrahim to dinner. After eating, the two went to the sultan's bedroom. The next morning, slaves found the walls streaked with blood and Ibrahim's naked body, which had been strangled with a bowstring, lying face down on the bed. Suleiman refused to allow the walls to be cleaned, and the stains remained until his death.

### Willa Cather

Willa Cather was born in Virginia in 1873 and grew up in Red Cloud, Nebraska. She rebelled at an early age against her surroundings. Her family was tolerant of her behavior, thinking that it was only a phase. Their tolerance was strained, however, when she asked to be called William.

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Just after her arrival in New York, Cather met Edith Lewis, also a Nebraska native, who lived in the same building as Cather on Washington Square. Cather and Lewis did not experience love at first sight, but rather grew gradually to care for each other. Eventually, they chose to live together and did so for thirty-nine years until in 1947 Cather died peacefully one afternoon while Lewis was away.



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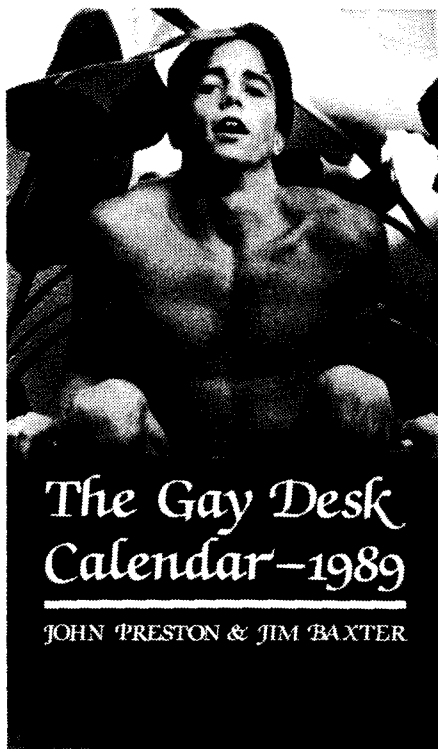
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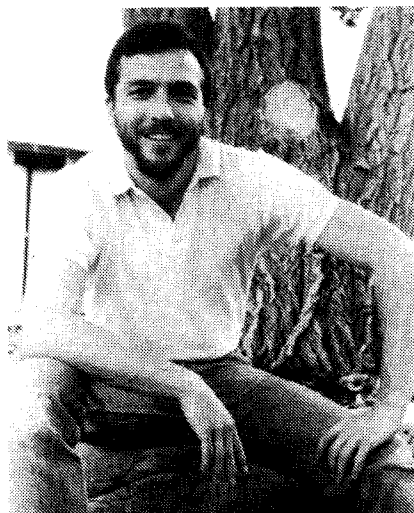
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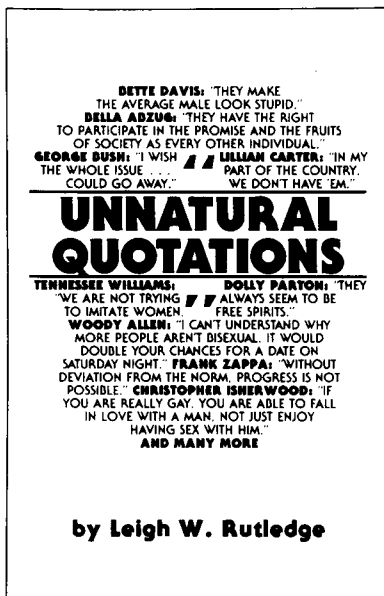
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720 Bodart; (414) 435-5476  
Clubs Argonauts of Wisconsin, (leather/levi)  
PO Box 1285, WI 54305  
Religious Angel of Hope MCC Church,  
PO Box 672, WI 54305; (414) 437-3816  
Dignity, PO Box 2283,  
WI 54306; (414) 739-8030  
Support Center Project (testing)  
824 S Broadway, WI 54303;  
(414) 437-7400  
Concerned, (referrals) PO Box 1087,  
WI 54305
- Hurley**  
Lodging Lambda (Northland) House,  
(bed & breakfast) 609 Hwy 77,  
Pence WI 54550; (715) 561-3120
- Kenosha**  
Club 94, (M/W, dancing)  
9001 120th Ave; (414) 694-1597
- La Crosse**  
Bars Loveboat, (M/W)  
411 S Third Street; (608) 784-4420  
Memories, (M/W)  
314 S Fourth Street  
Tattoos II, (M/W, dancing)  
1552 Rose; (608) 784-5833  
Support La Crosse Area Gay Association  
(LAGA), PO Box 2561, WI 54602-2561  
Publication: *CrossCurrents*  
Publications *Leaping La Crosse News*,  
PO Box 932, WI 54602-0932  
*New Beginnings*  
PO Box 25, Westby WI 54667-0025
- Lake Geneva**  
Lodging Eleven Gables Inn on the Lake,  
(resort) 493 Wrigley Dr, WI 53147;  
(414) 248-8393
- Madison** (608)  
Bars and Restaurants Back East, (M/W, rear door)  
508 E Wilson; 256-7104  
Cafe Palms, (restaurant)  
636 W Washington; 256-0166  
The New Bar, (Video, dancing, upstairs)  
636 W Washington; 256-8765  
Rod's, (M, rear basement)  
636 W Washington; 255-0609

Shamrock, (Mixed, restaurant)  
117 W Main; 255-5029

Bookstores **A Room of One's Own (Fem/L/G)**  
317 W Johnson; 257-7888

**Four Star Fiction and Video (G/L)**  
315 N Henry; 255-1994

**Pic-A-Book (Mixed, alternative)**  
506 State St; 256-1125

Culture and Media **Gay Men's Chorale;**  
251-1509, ask for Reynold

**Gay Theatre Project,**  
PO Box 726, WI 53701; 251-6489

**Nothing to Hide, Weekly TV Program,**  
Cable 4, (Wed, 9:30pm); 241-2500

Hotlines **All Gays Crisis Line; (608) 255-4297**  
**Legislative Hotline; (608) 266-9960**

Religious **Integrity/Dignity at St Francis House,**  
1001 University Ave. PO Box 730,  
WI 53701; 836-8886

Support and Social **Adolescent Group for Children of**  
**Gay Parents, Donald Cooper at**  
**Madison Psychotherapy Associates;**  
251-0839

**AIDS Info (Division of Health),**  
Holly Dowling; 267-3583

**Bette Davis Bowling League;**  
Bob at 831-4038

**Blue Bus STD Clinic,**  
1552 University Ave; 263-7330

**Crossdressing Support Group**  
(at The United); 255-8582

**Democratic Party Lesbian/Gay**  
**Caucus, 255-5172 or 273-4483**

**Equal Opportunities Commission,**  
City County Bldg #500; 266-4910

**Gay Alcoholics Anonymous,**  
1021 University Ave; 257-7575

**Gay Fathers Support Network;**  
257-7575

**Gay Issues Audio Tape;**  
263-3100, tape #3333

**Gay/Lesbian Teens;**  
Dan at 241-4399 or Jane at 271-0270

**Gay Men Over Thirty Support Group;**  
Larry at 244-8690

**Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous &**  
**Lesbian Al-Anon,**  
406 N Pinckney on Fridays at 6:30pm

**Lesbian Informal Drop-In Support**  
**Group; 255-8582, (12 - 4pm)**

**Lesbian Mothers Support Group;**  
249-0434

**Lesbians of Color; 255-8582, (12 - 4pm)**

**Lizards, Support Group for Lesbians**  
**Over 30; Jane at (608) 592-4534**

**Madison AIDS Support Network,**  
PO Box 731, WI 53701; 255-1711

**Madison Gay/Lesbian Center,**  
PO Box 1722, WI 53701  
Office: 1127 University Ave, B104;  
257-7575

**Madison Institute for Social**  
**Legislation, 935 Jennifer St,**  
WI 53703; 256-6475

**Madison NOW Lesbian Rights**  
**Task Force; 255-3911**

**Madison Wrestling Club,**  
PO Box 8234, WI 53708

**Mixed Lesbian/Gay Alcoholics**  
**Anonymous; 255-8582**

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and**  
**Gays (PFLAG), PO Box 1722,**  
WI 53701; 271-0270 or 257-7575

**Police Liaisons to Lesbians and**  
**Gays; Alix Olson, Doma Winter,**  
or Jim Witalison at 266-4248

**Straight Partners of Gays, Lesbians,**  
**and Bisexuals Support Group;**  
Marsha at 255-0914

**Ten Percent Society, Gay and Lesbian**  
**Students, Box 614, Memorial Union,**  
UW-Madison, WI 53706; 262-7365

**The United, for Gay/Lesbian Social**  
**Change, PO Box 310, WI 53701;**  
255-8582

**UW Gay Assistance, Dean of Students**  
**Office; 263-5700**

**Volleyball, Team and Social;**  
Jeff at 251-8716

### Marshfield

Social **Lesbian/Feminist Book Club (LFBC)**  
PO Box 821, WI 54449

### Menomonie

Support **Gay Community, UW-Stout, WI 54751**

### Milwaukee (414)

Bars and Restaurants **Angelo's Mint Bar II,**  
819 S 2nd Street; 645-8330

**Ballgame, (M, w)**  
196 2nd Street; 273-7474

**Beer Garden, (W, m, food)**  
3743 W Vliet Street; 344-5760

**Boot Camp, (M, leather/levi)**  
209 E National Ave; 643-6900

**C'est La Vie, (M, w)**  
231 S 2nd Street; 291-9600

**Club 219, (M, w, dancing, leather/levi)**  
219 S 2nd Street; 271-3732

**Dance, Dance, Dance, (M, w, dancing)**  
801 S 2nd Street; 383-8330

**Fannie's, (W, m, dancing, food)**  
200 E Washington Ave; 643-9633

**Grand Ave, (G/L Sun nights only)**  
716 W Wisconsin Ave; 271-9525

**Hot Legs, (W, m, video, dancing)**  
814 S 2nd Street; 645-8572

**Jet's Place, (M/W)**  
1753 Kinnickinnic Ave; 672-5580

**La Cage, (M, w, video, dancing)**  
801 S 2nd Street; 383-8330

**Loose Ends, (Mixed, food)**  
4322 Fond du Lac Ave; 442-8469

**M&M Club, (M, w, food)**  
124 N Water Street; 347-1962

**Phoenix, (M, w, dance)**  
235 S 2nd Street; 278-9727

**This Is It, (M)**  
418 E Wells Street; 278-9192

**Wreck Room, (M, leather/levi)**  
266 E Erie Street; 273-6900

**Your Place, (M, w, dancing)**  
813 S First Street; 6747-0130

Baths **Club Milwaukee, (M, rear)**  
704-A W Wisconsin Ave; 276-0246

Clinic **Brady East STD Clinic, (Best)**  
1240 E Brady Street; 272-2144

Culture and Media **Cream City Chorus,**  
c/o 124 N Water Street, WI 53202;  
277-0434

**Fest City Singers,**  
PO Box 11428, WI 53211; 476-SING

**Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable,**  
PO Box 239, WI 53201; 277-7671

Medical **Milwaukee AIDS Project,**  
PO Box 92505, WI 53202; 273-AIDS

Info **National Coalition STD Services,**  
PO Box 239, WI 53201; 277-7671

**Professionals for Alternative**  
**Lifestyles, PO Box 239, WI 53201;**  
277-7671

Publications **InStep, (local news, bar events)**  
225 S 2nd Street, Milwaukee WI 53204;

**Wisconsin Light, (G/L newspaper)**  
1843 N Palmer, Milwaukee WI 53212;  
(414) 372-2773

Religious **Christian Gay OK,**  
PO Box 93433, WI 53202; 933-3662

**Dignity, PO Box 597, WI 53201; 444-7177**

**Integrity, PO Box 10109, WI 53210;**  
871-7417

**Lutherans Concerned,**  
2511 N Farwell, Unit L, WI 53211;  
963-9833

**New Hope MCC Church,**  
PO Box 93913, WI 53202; 442-7300

Support and Social **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
(request gay meeting); 272-3081

**Beer Town Badgers, (Ithr/levi cycle club)**  
PO Box 166, WI 53212

**Black and White Men Together,**  
PO Box 12292, WI 53212; 265-8500

**Castaways M C, (cycle club)**  
PO Box 15152, WI 53215

**Cream City Business Association,**  
PO Box 92614, WI 53202; 372-2773

**Cream City Foundation,**  
PO Box 204, WI 53201-0204

**Galano Club, Alcohol Free Recovery Club,**  
1428 N Farwell Ave; 276-6936

**GAMMA, (sport/social events)**  
PO Box 1900, WI 53201

**Gay Community at UW-Milwaukee,**  
Student Union, Rm E364; 963-6555

**Gay Hotline, (referral, events); 562-7010**

**Gay People's Union,**  
PO Box 208, WI 53201; 562-7010

**Gay Youth,**  
PO Box 09441, WI 53209; 265-8500

**Grapevine, (women's group)**  
2211 E Kenwood; 964-6117

**Holiday Invitational Tournament,**  
(G/L bowling) c/o 144 N Water St,  
WI 53202; 278-8686

**Metro Milwaukee Friendship Group,**  
PO Box 71012,  
Shorewood WI 53211-7112

**Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers,**  
PO Box 08236, WI 53208; 871-2362

**Saturday Softball Beer League,**  
PO Box 92605, WI 53202

**Silver Star, (cycle club)**  
266 E Erie, WI 53202

### Mineral Point

Lodging **Chesterfield Inn,**  
(bed and breakfast, restaurant)  
20 Commerce Street, WI 53565;  
(608) 987-3682

### Norwalk

Social **Wisconsin Womyn's Land Co-op**  
(WWLC), Route 2, Box 42, WI 54648;  
(608) 269-5301

### Oshkosh

Support **Lambda Connection; (414) 424-1491,**  
ask for TLC representative

### Platteville

Support **Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA),**  
PO Box 249, WI 53818

### Racine

Bars **Jo Dee's, (M/W)**  
2139 Racine Street (Hwy 32);  
(414) 634-9804

**Our Place, (M/W)**  
1216 Douglas Ave

Support **Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine,**  
625 College Ave, WI 53404;  
(414) 634-0659

### Steven's Point

Support and Social **First Call for Help,**  
PO Box 457, WI 54481; (715) 345-5380

**Monday Night Dance Club Plus,**  
PO Box 1016, WI 54481

**UW-Steven's Point People's Union,**  
Slap Box 30, WI 54481; (715) 346-3698

### Superior

Bars **Main Club, (M/W, dancing)**  
1813 North 3rd Street, WI 54880;  
(715) 392-1756

**Trio Bar, (W) 820 Tower Ave, WI 54880**

### Wascott

Camping **Wilderness Way, (women only camping),**  
PO Box 176, WI 54890; (715) 466-2635

### Waukesha

Support **Window to the World Services,**  
PO Box 632, WI 53187

### Winter

Lodging **Flambeau Forest Resort,**  
Star Route, WI 54896; (715) 332-5236

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- \* Wisconsin has strict laws which protect patient confidentiality.
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- \* By identifying HIV infection before she becomes pregnant, an infected woman can prevent transmitting HIV infection to an unborn child.
- \* If you are not infected (test negative) you will be provided with information about how to stay uninfected.

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### Division of Health Designated Anonymous Counseling and Testing Sites

#### Southeastern Wisconsin

Kenosha City Health Department	414/656-8170
Kenosha County Health Department	414/656-6434
Brady East STD Clinic-Milwaukee	414/272-2144 or 414/273-2437
*Marquette University-Milwaukee	414/224-7184
Milwaukee Health Department	414/278-3621
Sixteenth Street Community Clinic-Milwaukee	414/672-1353
STD Specialties-Milwaukee	414/937-2808
De Paul Rehabilitation Hospital	414/937-2808
Milwaukee County Methadone Program	414/937-2808
Residential Treatment Center	414/937-2808
Planned Parenthood State Street-Milwaukee	414/271-8181
*UW-Milw. Student Health Services	414/229-4716
Racine Health Department	414/636-9498
Sheboygan Health Department	414/459-3485
Waukesha County Health Department	414/549-3012
*West Allis Health Department	414/256-8380

#### South Central and Southwestern Wisconsin

Beloit College Student Health Services	608/365-3391 ext. 331
Beloit Stateline Clinic	608/364-6630 or 815/389-3583
Rock County Health Department-Janesville	608/755-2640
Grant County Public Health Nursing Service-Lancaster	608/723-6416
Blue Bus Clinic-Madison	608/262-7330
Madison Department of Public Health	608/246-4516 or 608/246-4858
Northeast Family Medical Center-Madison	608/241-9020
Planned Parenthood East-Madison	608/244-5519
Verona Family Practice Clinic	608/845-9531
Wingra Family Practice-Madison	608/263-3111
UW-Platteville Student Health Services	608/342-1891

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Planned Parenthood-Appleton	414/731-6304
Fond du Lac County Public Health Nursing Service Center Project, Inc. (CPI)-Green Bay	414/929-3085 414/437-7400
Fox Cities Extension-Appleton	414/733-2067 or 414/733-2068
*UW-Oshkosh Student Health Services	414/424-2424
Winnebago County Health Department	414/235-5100 or 414/725-2653

#### Northern and North Central Wisconsin

Douglas County Health Department-Superior	715/394-0404
Iron County Public Health Nursing Service-Hurley	715/561-2191
Wood County Health Department-Marshfield	715/387-8646
Wood County Health Department-Wisconsin Rapids	715/421-8525
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*UW-Stevens Point Student Health Services	715/346-4646
Marathon County Health Department-Wausau	715/847-5888
Oneida County Nursing Service-Rhineland	715/369-6111

#### Northwestern Wisconsin

Eau Claire City-County Health Department	715/839-4718
La Crosse Health Department	608/785-9723
*UW-La Crosse Student Health Services	608/785-8559
UW-River Falls Student Health Services	715/425-3292

#### Statewide Information

Wisconsin AIDS Hotline	1-800/334-AIDS
Wisconsin Division of Health AIDS/HIV Program	608/267-5287

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