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LESBIANS DO GET AIDS

According to two lesbians from Minneapolis, (as reported by Susan Galeota in *Equal Times*, November 23, 1988) there are about 400 lesbians across the country who are HIV-positive. The Center for Disease Control says there are only nine. The article says the discrepancy in numbers comes from the way women are categorized. "Statistically, women are known solely by their relationships with men--married or single. The nine identified lesbians are only known as such because the sexual preference information was somehow relayed to the CDC--it is never asked of women."

This concerns Carol La Favor and Cindy Zegers, two members of Spirits Alive, a Twin Cities network of people involved with AIDS prevention and helping those with AIDS. La Favor has AIDS. La Favor and Zegers have traveled extensively, and it was during these travels that they picked up the anecdotal information that led them to the conclusion that there are 400 lesbians with AIDS.

The article goes on to say: "The CDC's denial of lesbian and bisexual women muddies the statistical waters of woman-to-woman transmission. The CDC lists only one documented case of woman-to-woman transmission of the virus; it involved traumatic S/M sexual practices where blood was exchanged. Zegers and La Favor have heard of eight cases of woman-to-woman transmission in their travels--and these did not involve traumatic sexual practices."

A copy of *Equal Times* with the full article will be available at the January potluck, or I am sure it would be possible to get a copy of the article by writing to: *Equal Times*, 711 West Lake Street, Suite 505, Minneapolis, MN 55408.



**ANNOUNCING
PUBLICATION
OF
GAY/LESBIAN
EVENTS 1989**

Gay/Lesbian Events 1989 is a book that makes available to the gay/lesbian community a listing of more than 400 events taking place across the United States in 1989, plus an almanac section to inform readers and preserve our growing gay/lesbian heritage. Publishers say the impetus for the publication came from the 1987 March on Washington. "After the way the straight press blatantly ignored our communities historic March on Washington D.C. in October 1987, it became obvious that the only way to ensure that our history is recorded and preserved is to do it ourselves," says Editorial Director Danni Munson. "And so we have begun with this edition to assemble an annual almanac of current gay/lesbian history.

The Almanac Section commemorates the 20th anniversary of the birth of the modern gay/lesbian rights movement with a look at 1969 and the conditions that gave rise to the Christopher Street riots. Other articles include a discussion of books with a chart of the year's best sellers, a section of laws and legislation with tables of the status of state, county, and municipal laws affecting gays and lesbians, as well as articles summing up the year's major activities in politics and religion.

The section listing events has more than 400 upcoming activities ranging from

conventions to concerts to religious functions. The book also lists major organizations that sponsor gay/lesbian pride parades and celebrations.

Gay/Lesbian Events of 1989 sells for \$7.95. Red Oak Books, 610 Main Street, could order it for you. To see a copy of the book, come to the January potluck.

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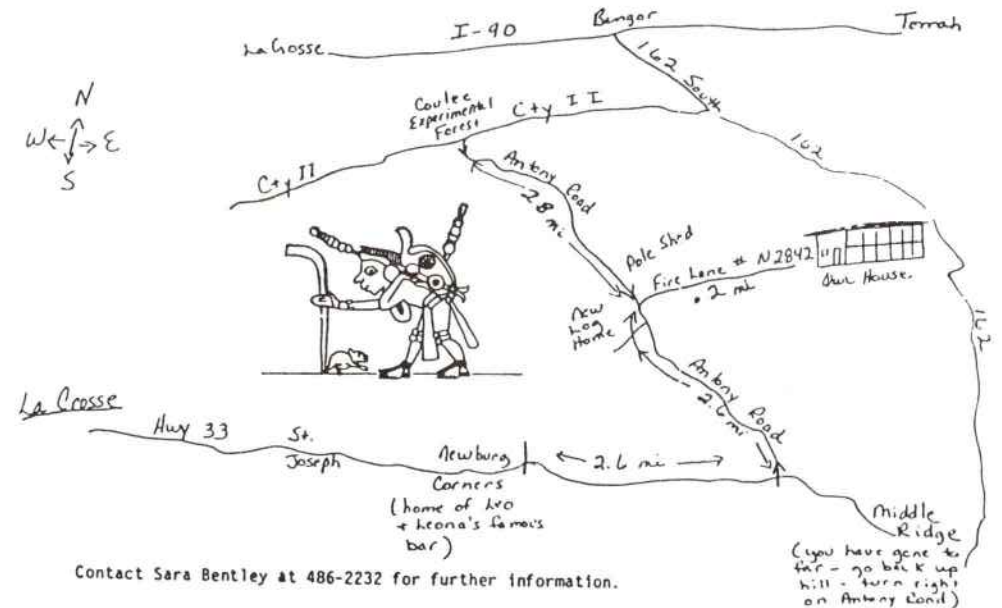
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NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINE OF INTEREST

Recently, the *LLN* has received information on a number of newsletters and magazines of interest to women. The following is a quick overview of some new publications that might concern topics you would like to read more about.

Sagewoman, PO Box 5130, Santa Cruz, CA 95063 (\$13/year, sample \$4.50). "Feminist quarterly of women's spirituality and women's wisdom, dedicated to strengthening our inner visions and using them to transform the world."

Center For Christian Feminist Ministries Newsletter, 4135 Bagley Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103. This is a monthly newsletter of the CCFM which facilitates support groups for people struggling with Christian-Feminist dialogue. It has inclusive (nonsexist) rituals. Write them for subscription information.

Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy, Indiana University Press, Bloomington, IN 47405 (\$20/year, 3 issues). "Dedicated to the publication of articles at the intersection of women's studies and philosophy and to transforming the gender system."

Sistership, PO Box 1027, Crows Nest, NSW 2065, Australia (\$35 Australian dollars/year, American dollars are worth more, 6 issues). "A magazine for women concerned with maritime issues...a celebration of seafaring and shoreside women...People, events, anecdotes, experience, technical advice, scientific data, herstory, news, legal and professional notes, health and safety issues, anchorages, advertising, poetry, fiction and graphics are all part of *Sistership*."

Daughters of Sarah, PO Box 416790, Chicago, IL 60641 (\$14.75/year). This is a bi-monthly magazine which provides "a forum for varying viewpoints within Christian feminism. Contains biblical, historical, sociopolitical, and practical articles, addressing such issues as aging, work, marriage, peace, abortion, the church."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13: Trek with the women who spent last year hiking through Nepal, India and assorted other countries. They will be showing their slides at Mill Road Cafe in Galesville, on this Friday night. For this special evening, Mill Road will be serving dinner until 7:30 (though you don't have to eat dinner at the cafe to attend the slide showing) and the slides will start about 8:00.

January 20: *LLN* Deadline for ads and articles. Contribute your thoughts and announcements to your newsletter!

January 28: This month's potluck will be at Kim, Linda, Treader, and Trooper's house at 1822 Wood, beginning at 6:30. (Please enter the house through the porch, which is on the right side of the house as you approach the front door.) This potluck is "to celebrate the child within," according to Kim, so the women of the house are asking you to bring a favorite childhood food as your potluck contribution this time. (Let's hope we all ate something besides peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Editor's note.) So, as always, all women are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend or someone new, and bring a dish to pass and your own beverage.

February 17-20: Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, an organization of Quakers in Canada and the USA, will hold its 1989 Mid-Winter Gathering, this weekend. For more information, see article in *Et Cetera*.

ET CETERA

KOWALSKI UPDATE: Doctors have found that Sharon Kowalski can clearly and consistently communicate her needs and wishes, and that she understands the communications of others. Kowalski, who was severely injured in an automobile accident in 1983, has been kept in a nursing home since 1985, with no rehabilitation opportunities,

by her father. Karen Thompson, her partner, has been fighting a long legal battle to get Kowalski proper medical care and for the right to visit her. The competency tests were ordered as a result of this legal fight. For more information on this story, read Thompson's book, *Why Can't Sharon Kowalski Come Home?*, available at Red Oak Books, 610 Main Street, La Crosse.

PWA MEMORIAL BRACELET: The PWA Memorial Bracelet honors the thousands of men, women, and children who have fallen to the disease called AIDS. The bracelet bears the name, age and date of passing of people who suffered from AIDS. Proceeds from the program benefit Mothers of AIDS Patients, a nonprofit support organization, and the PWA Bracelet Endowment Fund, to provide direct support to people with AIDS and their families. For more information, call them toll free at: 1-800-248-0465. More information will also be available at the regular monthly potluck.

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MADISON MARCH COMMITTEE HAS A NEW NAME: The Madison group that is trying to organize a Lesbian and Gay Pride and Civil Rights March for May 6, 1989, has renamed itself, The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, or GALVANize. According to organizers, they chose the name because galvanize means to cause action and awareness with a bolt of energy. The group is looking for artists to design a logo, t-shirts, buttons, and posters. Contact them if you have ideas, at: Galvanize: PO Box 310, Madison, WI 53701, or (608) 255-8061. (They hope to show these designs at a January 20 meeting in Madison, so artists should make haste.)

NEWS FROM WOMEN MAKE MOVIES: Women Make Movies has acquired two new lesbian documentaries. Kiki Zeldes' tape, *Lifetime Commitment: A Portrait of Karen Thompson*, is a chronicle of Thompson's struggle to maintain contact with her lover who has been declared legally incompetent after a car accident injury. Thompson's transformation from a non-political, closeted lesbian to an outspoken activist is a moving testament to the need for lesbian rights legislation. *Just Because of Who We Are*, documents violence targeted at Lesbians. Su Frederich's *Damned If You Don't* is a controversial film, which is an evocative portrait of a nun fighting a losing battle with her sexuality (Editor's note: or perhaps it is a winning battle). All of these, and all the other videotapes and movies WMM carries, are available for rental as well as pur-

chase. For more information, come to the potluck and look at the brochure that will be available there, or contact them at: Women Make Movies, INC., 225 Lafayette Street, #212, New York, NY 10012, or (212) 925-0606.

AIDS BOOKS: People With AIDS Coalition New York has released two books: *Surviving And Thriving With AIDS Volume Two--Collected Wisdom*, and *Surviving And Thriving With AIDS: Hints For The Newly Diagnosed*. For more information, contact: PWA, 31 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10010, or (212) 532-0290.

QUAKER GATHERING: Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, an organization of Quakers, will hold its 1989 Mid-Winter Gathering at Wesley United Methodist Church in Minneapolis, MN from Friday evening, February 17 to Monday, February 20. The conference will include keynote speakers, workshops, special interest groups, recreation, and worship based upon traditional Quaker practice. Local, informal housing and vegetarian meals are provided. For more information or to register, call Robert Winter at (612) 455-5181.

FREE CLASSES AT WWTC: The Opportunity Center at Western Wisconsin Technical College offers a number of free courses of interest to women. They have a course called New Beginnings that focuses on increasing self-worth by learning to deal with those changes that make life difficult. There is a 20 hour Career Planning course, a 66 hour course entitled Turnaround, that is geared toward giv-

ing women information on legal issues, career options, training options, educational financing, and job hunting. The focus for this class is on helping separated, divorced, and widowed people. There are also weekend workshops dealing with an easy introduction to computers, one on high-tech opportunities, and one for achieving success in midlife changes. In addition, WWTC Opportunity Center sponsors an ongoing weekly support group for job hunters. Contact WWTC Opportunity Center by calling (608) 785-9144, or stop by West Hall (7th and Main Street), Room 323.

GODDESS REPLICATIONS: Star River Productions offers "museum quality ancient goddess replications; each one representing powerful, poetic symbolism of wholeness and creativity." Send an SASE for their brochure: Star River, PO Box 6254, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

TORCH SONG TRILOGY IS A MOVIE: Harvey Fierstein's play, *Torch Song Trilogy*, has been turned into a movie starring Harvey (of course), Anne Bancroft, Matthew Broderick, and Brian Kerwin. It is the 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."



SPEAK OUT

You may have noticed that the last couple of issues of the *LLN* have been both short in length and short on local news items; this is because those of us who work on the *LLN* generally only have enough time to type up the information that shows up in the post office box, get the newsletter laid out and to the printer, and get it mailed to you. That means that if there is information concerning local events that should reach other newsletter reader, it has to come from you.

If there is a women out there right now, reading this, who has just been waiting for an invitation to write: This is it! The *LLN* could use a reporter (or two or three) who would write up announcements of, or summaries of events she has been involved in. We have lots of sub-communities within our community and the readers of the *LLN* would love to read about yours. Anyone who would like to write about activities she is involved in, like women's health, or spirituality, or weight lifting/sports, or women's studies, or women's literature or the arts, or any other area that other women would be interested in, please contact the *LLN*. The *LLN* will print anything you write and send to it. If you don't want to write an entire article, at least send something containing the basic information (a brochure, flyer, or even just a listing of time, place etc. concerning an event).

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