



The Wisconsin Light

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

HIV Testing Urged For Risk Groups

[Milwaukee]- The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) acknowledges the value of HIV antibody testing in providing individuals concerned about HIV infection an opportunity for early identification and intervention. Scientifically based research now demonstrates that regimens with certain antiviral agents can slow HIV disease progression without significant side effects. In addition, treatments are available which can prevent some opportunistic infection conditions.

Because of this supportive evidence and the existence of strong and enforceable Wisconsin law that guarantees confidentiality and allows for anonymity in HIV testing, ARCW strongly encourages individuals who have been or are at risk for HIV infection to be tested for the HIV antibody. It is imperative that such testing be offered in an environment that provides counseling support, and appropriate referral. This can be accomplished through community-based clinics providing anonymous testing or confidentially through an individual's established health care provider. Early knowledge of HIV infection through antibody testing offers individuals the opportunity to obtain medical intervention and employ health promotion measures that can extend life.

Madison AIDS Network Needs Volunteers

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

- 1) Daytime practical and office support;
- 2) Outreach education and;
- 3) Emotional support.

Training is provided. A one year commitment is required.

Contact Tim O'Brien at 238-MASN for training dates and more information. Trainings in mid-July and early August.

Milwaukee's Mayor Norquist, Susan Mudd To Co-Chair AIDS Walk

[Milwaukee]- Lifelines, the newsletter of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) has announced in its July/August issue that Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and Susan Mudd have agreed to be Honorary Co-Chairs of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. "The Walk will bring attention to the problem of AIDS which as a direct impact on our community," Mayor Norquist said. "The Walk will give people a chance to learn about AIDS while raising funds necessary to assist the work of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)."

Lifelines, which replaces MAPrap, is a bi-monthly publication for volunteers and friends of MAP and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project.

"We are very proud to have Mayor Norquist and Susan Mudd serve as honorary co-chairs of the first Wisconsin AIDS Walk," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director. "They truly symbolize the commitment we need from public officials and local communities across the state if we are to successfully meet the difficult challenges of AIDS."

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, 1990 on Milwaukee's lakefront. Produced by MAP, the Walk will promote

400 Picket U.S. Marines For Hate-Motivated Violence In D.C.



Madison was well represented in Chicago's June 24 Pride Parade which drew over 100,000 participants.

Black Community Needs More Education To Prevent AIDS

[San Francisco, CA]- The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention has announced the findings of an historic nationwide survey focusing on the HIV-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of over 900 African American men who have been sexually active with other men.

The survey's findings suggest that the vast majority of men are aware of the nature of the HIV/AIDS virus, how it is transmitted and how its transmission can be prevented. However, almost half the men still engage in unsafe sex. A third of the men have sex with both men and women, but less than 20 percent of those always or almost always use a condom for vaginal sex. More than 20 percent of those surveyed would be likely to engage in unsafe sex even if they were HIV positive or had AIDS. Less than one fourth of the men surveyed were aware that Black men die almost five times faster than white men from AIDS-related causes.

"These statistics are shocking, but come as no surprise," said Reggie Williams, "when you look at some of the other survey data. Williams is the

Executive Director of the Task Force, a national education program for Gay men of color.

"Less than half the men surveyed," Williams said, have attended a safer sex workshop, slightly more than half have attended an AIDS education program. Yet almost 80 percent of the men believe education is key to safer sex practices."

The data, Williams said, is clear. "There is an urgent need for more culturally specific education, risk reduction training and ongoing support, such as the programs the Task Force has pioneered and is continuing to develop.

"Moreover," Williams continued, "the Black community and its institutions must become more involved if we are to reduce the risk to women and children, as well as to Black men, regardless of their sexual orientation. It is time to deal forthrightly with the issues of sexuality that the Black community has denied or ignored for far too long."

Williams said that among the things that were clear from the survey findings was that "the Black community and its institutions must become more supportive of its sons, brothers and fathers, regardless of their sexual preferences."

"Contrary to popular belief," Williams said, "Black Gay and bisexual men do not segregate themselves into Gay ghettos as do whites. They remain an active, involved part of the Black community, participating in every aspect of community life."

For more information on the National HIV Research Study of Black Men or other programs of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, write the Task Force at: 273 Church St., San Francisco, CA 94114 or call (415) 255-8378.

Court Rules Newspapers Can Refuse Gay Orientated Ads

[Madison]- According to the Associated Press, in a ruling handed down on Tuesday, July 10, 1990, the State Court of Appeals has decided that newspapers can refuse ads that are aimed at Gays and Lesbians.

The Court said that a newspaper's classified advertising section was not a place of business under Wisconsin's public accommodations law.

The decision came as the result of a suit brought by Jay Hathaway, dba, "Among Friends" and Peggy and Tracey Vandevor.

By John Zeh

[Washington, D.C.]— Over 400 whistle-blowers picketed the U.S. Marine Barracks southeast of the U.S. Capitol on July 6, 1990 to "take back the night" from hate-motivated violence after Marines assaulted three Gay men outside a Gay bar three weeks earlier.

Shouting "shame, shame," protesters said the Barracks should be shut down if Marines can't behave in the diverse community.

"We will not tolerate activities and the presence of violent, homo-hating skinheads, no matter what kind of uniform they wear," said Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "Nazi brownshirts, skinhead tee shirts, leatherneck fatigues—get them out of the neighborhood. We will not be the Marines' punching bags any longer."

About 3:00 a.m. on June 17, 1990, three Gay men leaving Remingtons on Pennsylvania Avenue S.W. were jumped by about a dozen Marines shouting "kill the fags" and "go Marines." The assailants kicked and pummeled the bar patrons, knocking two unconscious, witnesses reported. It was the latest in many Marine attacks on Gay and Lesbian establishments and customers over the last decade.

D.C. police called it a bar "brawl," rather than a hate-motivated crime given special consideration under D.C.'s new law protecting victims of bias-based attacks. The U.S. Attorney's office decided not to press charges. Marine officials found two Marines guilty of disorderly conduct, "a slap on the wrist," said Donald AuCoin of Oppression Under Target! (OUT), which organized the protest.

Behind Marine enlistees' hatred for homosexuals is broad oppression by the U.S. Defense Department, said Hyde, founder of the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project of NGLTF. "Why should Marines understand we have as much right to walk these streets here as they do," she asked. Marine Corps leadership "routinely persecutes Lesbians and Gay men in their very own ranks, doing their jobs, serving honorably and well. They get thrown out, beat up. What would (soldiers) think civilian Gay people would be any different?"

Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chair of the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America, said, "The violence is shameful and perverse. Once again the U.S. military has shown how deeply rooted institutionalized homophobia is. It is heartbreaking to think that those Marines who engaged in Gay-bashing got merely a slap on the wrist. It would seem that this Administration and its ilk have encouraged us to read their lips in terms of civil liberties. When Gay blood is being spilt in the streets, this Administration becomes mindless, blind, deaf and uncaring to the violation of the civil liberties of Gay American citizens."

Hathaway had submitted an ad to Gannett Satellite Information Network, publisher of the Green Bay Press-Gazette. The ad read in part, "Gay-Lesbian resources, referrals, networks for rural Wisconsin." Hathaway's "Among Friends" was a publication primarily directed at Gays and Lesbians in rural areas.

The Vandevor's tried to place a classified ad with the same company that offered "unique hand-panted sweat shirts for Lesbians."

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community-wide awareness of AIDS and will raise essential funds to address the challenges of the disease.

Banc One, Aurora Health Care System, Time Insurance and Miller Brewing Company have agreed to be sponsors of the Walk. "We have secured major corporate support for the Walk which will help assure its success," Nelson said. "With this kind of support, we have a tremendous opportunity to make the Wisconsin AIDS Walk the largest and most successful AIDS fundraising event ever held in Wisconsin."