

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

The Wisconsin Light

Gay Youth Milwaukee to Advertise in High School Newspapers

(Milwaukee)- Gay Youth Milwaukee (GYM) has sent out full-page ads to 23 Milwaukee and suburban public high schools for publication in their school newspapers. The ads are entitled "Resources for Milwaukee Area Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Teens."

The ads were made possible by a grant from the Cream City Foundation.

When printed, they will provide an estimated 1,000 to 3,000 Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual students in area high schools with information on support groups, medical resources, churches, publications and social opportunities for such students in the Milwaukee area.

Michael Lisowski, a spokesman for GYM, said that this promotional manner was chosen to make the information easily available to anyone reading the paper.

"Teens won't have to ask for them and possibly risk their guarded sexual orientation," he said.

Accompanying the ad is a letter to the editor of the paper, dated May 4, informing that person that there are "approximately 100-300 Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual students who attend your high school and every other Milwaukee public high school."

The letter goes on to state that "State law prohibits discrimination to students based on sexual orientation. The Milwaukee Public Schools' Board of Directors passed a policy on Gay and Lesbian teens in November, 1991.

"However, since that time, nothing has been done for Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual students in Milwaukee's public schools."

"Not only do these students have no resources available to them in their schools, the schools do not provide students information about support and social opportunities that are available to them in the Milwaukee area."

The letter asks that the ad be printed at no charge. However, if this is not possible, the paper will be paid for running the ad.

Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean to Run for Lieutenant Governor



Red Ribbon Special- Louise Searing, Director of Special Events at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, accepted a metal sculptured red ribbon from Jim Bartelt, owner of Eclectic. The piece will be sold at the Art for AIDS auction on May 22, 1994 at Milwaukee's Italian Community Center, a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. The art work was created by Wisconsin artist, George Gaspar.

President Clinton Agrees that Cobb County, Georgia Spreads Hatred

(Atlanta, GA)- President Clinton agrees that the Cobb County, Georgia commissioners are "spreading hatred" with their 1993 resolution that condemned Lesbians and Gays.

The President's remarks come at a time when the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) is embroiled in an appraisal of where to hold the Olympic volleyball competition. The earlier choice of the Galleria Centre in suburban Cobb County has drawn a hail of protest from Gays, dozens of members of Congress and Civil Rights groups worldwide.

The President was in Atlanta to attend a conference on world affairs held at the CNN Center in the city.

Anthony Vicari, 24, brought President Clinton into the battle between Cobb County commissioners, Gay activists and their supporters.

An active duty member of the Air Force on leave, Vicari was among the 25 reservists, active-duty personnel and their families assembled on the tarmac at Dobbins Air Reserve Base when Clinton was boarding Air Force One at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3.

When the President stopped to greet the crowd, Vicari talked to Clinton for about five minutes.

Vicari said that the President told him that he had been briefed on the furor in Cobb county and the anti-Gay resolution shortly before arriving in Georgia.

"It's a shame," Vicari reported Clinton as saying. Vicari said he told the President "It's just spreading hatred." Clinton is reported to have responded, "Yes, yes, I know."

Vicari, a member of the Olympics Out of Cobb Coalition (OOCC), a Gay activist group, told reporters later that he had gone to the air

The next issue will be the annual PrideFest issue!

base specifically to question the President on the issue.

Vicari told reporters that he "suggested" to the President that such things like the anti-Gay Cobb County resolution would continue unless Gays were guaranteed the same rights as other citizens.

According to Vicari, the President responded that he supported legislation now pending in Congress that would do that.

The reference is apparently to House Bill 423 now pending, that would extend civil rights protections to Lesbians and Gays.

An obviously surprised Vicari told reporters that he had expected "only a few moments" of the President's time, not the approximately five minutes that he got.

"The plane's engines were revving. His aides were urging him to hurry, but still he stayed and talked," Vicari said.

More Pressure on Cobb

While the President was speaking out against anti-Gay actions in Cobb County, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) president was in Georgia trying to settle several issues, one of which was the furor in Cobb County.

Samaranch's visit had been announced during the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer.

Samaranch said that he hoped that the "problem" could be solved on the local level. He did not think the IOC would need to get involved.

Samaranch is also confronting the issue of the Georgia State flag which has on it the Confederate battle flag. Civil rights groups have joined Gays and others to demand that the flag not be flown at the games.

The ACOG has said that the flag is a state matter and they have no say on whether it is flown or not.

Boycott of Coca-Cola

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), has announced a campaign to pressure Coca-Cola, a major Olympic sponsor, "for its refusal to denounce or disavow" the Cobb County anti-Gay resolution.

GLAAD is calling for consumers of Coca-Cola products to demand that the company end its silence. The campaign involves a boycott of Coca-Cola products.

GLAAD said it would initially concentrate its campaign in New York City, where a million Gays, Lesbians, their allies and supporters, will be gathered for the Stonewall 25 celebrations next month:

(Milwaukee)- Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy K. Dean, a long-time civil rights activist, has announced that she has decided to run for Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket.

Dean brings a vast experience to the race. She has spent 14 years in county government representing the 13th District, an area whose population is of divergent racial and ethnic backgrounds. On the County Board, she has negotiated and set policy for the second largest governmental unit in the state.

Milwaukee County has an annual budge of \$1 billion and over 9,000 employees.

Dean said that her decision to run was based on her belief that "counties need to be heard in Madison." State officials need to hear and attend to the problems involved in county government and to see that those problems receive attention from the state.

She said that the state legislators talk a great deal about the property tax, "but we (county officials) are the ones who must levy it, often to pay for unfunded state mandates. She noted that she and her husband, Donald Senzig, Jr are property owners in Milwaukee and that they, like every other property own, feel the pinch.

Another reason that prompted her to run is her deep concern for children and the problem of juvenile crime. This is a problem, she said, which cannot be solved by increasing the numbers of residential treatment centers, but only through prevention services.

In her race, she has the support of many state, county and City of Milwaukee leaders including Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist.

She noted that as a County Supervisor, she has built a coalition of government and community organizations to fight the problems of crime among the young. The methods that work, she said, are early intervention and/or making children accountable for their actions.

Dean is one of the leaders of the progressive community. She is a person in whom we can put our trust. If you can volunteer your time in any way, please call her at (414) 961-7315.

Gibbsville Church Outraged Over Idea of Gay Pride Festival in Sheboygan

(Sheboygan, WI)- The Sheboygan Press of April 27, 1994, reports that a Letter to the Editor has outraged a local church. The letter proposed a Gay Pride festival in Sheboygan.

While the proposed festival was to be held in Sheboygan, the members of the church, the Reformed Church of Gibbsville, were so upset by it all that they sent a petition with more than 200 signatures to the Sheboygan Common Council demanding that the Council refuse permits for the parade. This, even though no such request had been received.

The church's petition termed and such doings "despicable, distasteful, perverted, immoral, depraved and ungodly."

The church's minister, Gerald Dykstra, is

reported to have said that the petition was approved by his church's Social Action Committee and made available at services for signing.

gregants, is quoted as saying that "I don't believe in homosexuality. I don't think it should be exploited or encouraged." The letter writer, Brian Schreiber, when

Jane De Blaey, one of the church's con-

asked to comment, said that the parade was only "an idea" that some in Sheboygan have talked about.

Christine Menard, Chair of the Council's Judiciary and Legislative Commission, said, "This is goofy. Why should Gibbsville care unless they're going to march in Gibbsville?"

AIDS Resource Center Leads National Fight For Increased AIDS Funding

(Milwaukee)- The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), has emerged as a national leader in an intensified struggle for fairness in federal AIDS funding. The growing national debate surrounds the re-authorization of the Ryan White Care Act by Congress which ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson calls "grossly unfair in its distribution of federal funds" to meet the demands of the AIDS epidemic throughout the country.

"It is a clear issue of equity in per capita federal AIDS funding. Wisconsin and at least 32 other states are being seriously underfunded by old formulas of the CARE Act that fail to recognize that AIDS is a national epidemic," Nelson stressed.

"The inequity is dramatized by a comparison of San Francisco and Milwaukee," Nelson continued. "San Francisco receives six times the amount of funding per AIDS case at \$6,271 than Milwaukee which receives \$963 per AIDS case. Equity in per capita funding is a fundamental premise of fairness which is totally absent from the allocations of AIDS funding from the CARE Act."

"Per capita equity will recognize that San Francisco has a much higher incidence of AIDS than Milwaukee, but it will also recognize that a person with AIDS in Milwaukee has equal value and the same need for services as the person with AIDS in San Francisco," Nelson emphasized.

Campaign for Fairness

ARCW and Nelson have launched a national campaign for fairness in federal AIDS funding. Already, over 100 AIDS service agencies from the 33 states which have been

Turn to AIDS Funding, Page 12