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Catholic Bishops Asked For Issues Dialogue

[Washington, D.C.]- Dignity/USA, an organization of Gay and Lesbian Catholics with 4200 members in 90 chapters nationwide, has called on the American Catholic Bishops to dialogue on issues of grave concern such as AIDS ministry, Civil Rights, Anti-Gay Violence, Sexism, Prejudice and Homophobia.

The invitation comes in the wake of yet another eviction of a Dignity chapter-this time by Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk, President, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. (Over the past several years, almost 90 percent of Dignity chapters have been banned from worshiping on church property.)

Dignity/USA President, Pat Roche, Seattle, noted that "at a time when many of our members are dying of AIDS, others are being victimized by anti-Gay violence and still others are being denied their basic civil rights, Church leaders continue to focus on the issue of sexual acts rather than on the dignity of human persons." He said that the bishops are "seemingly unable or unwilling to recognize the incredible pain and suffering this narrow vision is causing."

AIDS Bill of Rights Awaits Thompson Signature

[Madison]- Governor Tommy Thompson is solely responsible for denying medical rights to people with HIV infection, according to State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison).

"Two months after the legislature passed the AIDS Bill of Rights, Governor Thompson has still not signed the bill into law," Clarenbach said.

Thompson's delay in signing Assembly Bill 400 is an effective denial of human rights "

AB 400, which received final legislative approval on February 8, guarantees health care services to people with AIDS and HIV infection. Until Governor Thompson signs AB 400, people can be legally denied medical care and treatment by doctors, hospitals and nursing homes based on their HIV status.

Clarenbach is the author of the bill, and had predicted that Thompson would approve AB 400.

"With lopsided votes in the Assembly and Senate and widespread support from AIDS advocates, I would have expected the Governor to have acted by now," Clarenbach said.

"Especially in an election year, Thompson must be sensitive to the rights of all people," said Clarenbach.

Four AIDS Related Bills Stalled On Governor's Desk



Pictured, is the 1990 Milwaukee Pride Logo. See story on page 3.

President Bush Needs Action Plan For Nation's Health Crisis

[Washington, D.C.]- President George Bush's first major address on the AIDS health crisis made on March 29, 1990, was interrupted by Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), who stood up during the presentation and urged the President to do more for people with AIDS.

Bush spoke to a gathering of about 400 business and labor leaders at a conference sponsored by the National Leadership Coalition of AIDS held at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel just outside Washington. The speech was extensively covered by major national and international media.

During the speech, Vaid, who sat in front of the President, stood and held up a sign that read, "Talk Is Cheap — AIDS Funding Is Not" and "Remember Gay People With AIDS."

She then challenged Bush directly, saying, "Mr. President, you don't understand. We need your leadership. We need more than one speech every 14 months. We need more funding for AIDS education, research and prevention. We need you to end the discriminatory immigration policy."

Bush paused during his speech to address Vaid, saying, "Let me say something about this. I can understand the concern that these people feel. And I hope if we do nothing else by coming here, I can help them understand that not only you care, but we care too."

During his speech, Bush urged

compassion for people with AIDS. He mentioned education, "AIDS babies," confidentiality, the "war on drugs," and praised Allstate Company, Fortune Magazine and General Motors for fighting the disease. Among other things, Bush touted the Administration's response to

"The epidemic is having a major impact on our health care system," said Bush. "The Federal response is unprecedented."

Bush renewed his support for the Americans With Disabilities Act, which he said must be immediately passed to ban discrimination against people with AIDS and HIV.

"What is missing from the President's picture of AIDS?," asked Vaid. "An end to punitive and harmful immigration, visitation and permanent residency laws that discriminate against foreigners with AIDS and HIV. Increased funding of AIDS research, prevention and care programs. Affordable health care for all Americans. Access to promising drug therapies. Acknowledgement that the Gay community, which comprises more than 65 percent of total AIDS cases, continues to suffer discrimination, stigmatization and government negligence. And a real action plan for fighting the nation's health crisis."

Bush Challenged On AIDS Budget

[Washington, D.C.]- The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay and AIDS political organization, has called for over \$3 billion in federal AIDS spending for fiscal 1991.

HRCF's executive director, Tim McFeeley, was sharply critical of President Bush's budget proposal, which included only \$1.7 billion for AIDS programs. "Unfortunately, the Administration is running away from the facts on AIDS. Wishful thinking and nickels and dimes are not going to address the real needs of people with AIDS," McFeeley stated.

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mcreeley said, "The number of AIDS cases in the U.S. will double in the next 15 months, yet the Administration offers a mere 7 percent increase in overall funding. Even more shocking is their proposal to cut \$40 million from the funds used to provide services to individuals with AIDS."

The most recent report to Bush from the National AIDS Commission indicated that the U.S. would need to allocate between \$2.5 billion and \$15 billion to AIDS programs within the next two years.

[Madison]- State Representative Timothy Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) has issued a call for action on AIDS bills passed by the past session of the legislature. Currently, these bills are before Governor Tommy Thompson for his consideration. Please contact the Governor's office to express your strong support for these initiatives. Direct your letters to: Office of the Governor, 155 E. State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702; or call (608) 266-1212 (Madison Office) or (414) 227-4344 (Milwaukee Office). Those with facsimile machines can Fax the Governor at (608) 267-8983. The bills are:

Wisconsin AIDS Initiative-AB 400. (See article, this issue)

AIDS Education-AB 461. This requires all Wisconsin public school districts to provide AIDS instruction at least once to students in grades 6-8 and once again to students 9-12. The instruction must include all methods and behaviors, including abstinence, that prevent transmission of the disease.

Health Insurance Premium Subsidies. Budget Modification Bill-S 542. This provides \$200,000 in 1990-1991 and establishes a biennial appropriation for the purpose of funding state subsidies of health insurance premiums for persons who have an HIV infection and who are unable to continue working or who must reduce their hours of employment as a result of a medical condition or illness related to HIV infection.

Clinical Trials Program. Budget Modification Bill-S 542 This provides \$150,000 in 1990-1991 for the purpose of establishing a statewide program of community- based clinical trials of investigational new drugs for management of HIV infections and related conditions in Wisconsin. Private agencies would be required to provide at least a 100% match on the amount of funds received under this program. This program would be coordinated statewide and administered centrally to ensure that HIV-infected persons in Wisconsin have increased accessibility to investigational new drugs. The proposed communitybased clinical trail program, the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, would be located in Milwaukee.

Editor's Note: It is very important that the Civil Rights community, including the Lesbian/Gay community respond to issues of legislative concern. Our rightwing enemies do — and on a moment's notice. Please write or phone the Governor.

Iowa Governor Signs Hate Crimes Bill

As we go to press, word has reached us that Iowa has just enacted a hate crimes bill that includes crimes against Lesbians and Gays.

We heartily congratulate the lowa Lesbian/Gay activists on their success in this struggle.

A press release was not available at this time, but watch the upcoming issues of **In Step** and **Light** for more information.

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California's Rep. Dannemeyer Says He Chose Heterosexuality

By Daniel Wilson and Michele De Ranleau

[San Francisco, CA]- "We (Republicans) as a party welcome everyone. We do not endorse special recognition for Gays or cannibals, transvestites, or people who practice bestiality. Any acts of human indecency, we'll leave that element to the Democrats."

So said Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) speaking in an exclusive interview published in the March 22, 1990 issue of the San Francisco Sentinel. Dannemeyer who is generally recognized as one of the leading anti-Gay legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives, was responding to the question "Do you think that Gays are welcome in the Republican Party?"

Dannemeyer was asked how he would define "special privilege" when it comes to Lesbians and Gays

to Lesbians and Gays.

He responded, "Well, there was this situation in Madison, Wisconsin where

one Lesbian was asked to move out by her non-Gay female roommates. The Lesbian sued, and eventually they had to have their living accommodations monitored for two years... That's special privilege."

Dannemeyer who has often stated that he believes homosexuality is a choice, was asked if he chose to be a heterosexual? "I believe that I did," Dannemeyer replied saying he had made the choice when he was "so high."

The Congressman was asked if he had considered both homosexuality and heterosexuality?

Dannemeyer answered, "I, ah... It is something that I think is innately placed in the minds of any of us. God created man in his own image with a free will, with certain basic instincts. One of them is sexuality, the human sex drive. I think the basic nature of creation, by His word is that sexual activity between two women and two men is an abomination. I believe that."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lesbian Appeals Visitation Ruling

[Poughkeepsie, NY]- The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) has filed an appeal on behalf of a Lesbian. Alison D., who has been denied visitation rights to the child of her former lover. The child was conceived by her partner through artificial insemination and was born in 1981.

The women's relationship ended in late 1983, but Alison was able to visit the child until 1987 when his mother cut off all contact. In 1988, the court denied Alison's petition for visitation maintaining that in the eyes of the law a parent "is a biological parent and not otherwise." LLDEF hopes to challenge this narrow definition.

Attorney Paula Ettelbrick said: "In New York, as in many other states, courts have already found that other non-biological adults, like step-parents, have rights to visitation when they have functioned as a parent in the child's life. We are simply urging the court to extend the law to non-biological Lesbian mothers. It's time for the court to recognize that Lesbians are having children and that these relationships must be legally protected."

Prisoner Wins Visitation Rights

[Johnstown, PA]- The American Civil Liberties Union won a ruling in federal court March 14 which will enable the partner of a Lesbian inmate to visit her in the Blair County Jail, according to **Philadelphia Gay News.** The inmate's request to see her lover had been denied by the warden who declared that his prison "can't condone such relationships."

Federal Judge D. Brooks Smith declared the action arbitrary and unconstitutional, as the County Jail routinely allowed visits to inmates by immediate family members, spouses, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Nan Hunter of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project said: "This decision means an end to a policy under which Lesbian and Gay prisoners were second class persons within the prison. It represents another court's recognition that the Constitution's protection of equal rights must prevail over irrational prejudice."

Killer of Child Gets Life Sentence

[Chicago, IL]- Circuit Court Judge Michael Getty has sentenced John Campbell to life in prison without possibility of parole for the brutal torture and murder of a five year-old child Campbell believed was "Gay."

Campbell pleaded guilty to first degree murder in the death of his girlfriend's son, Lattie McGee. In the two months prior to Lattie's death, Campbell had repeatedly burned and beat the child, deprived him of food and water, attempted to drown him, bound his genitals with rubber bands and suspended him upside down in a dark closet. Campbell complained that the child 'walked and talked like a girl.'

Lattie's mother. Alicia Abraham, was also given a life sentence. Her public defender told the **Washington Blade** of plans to appeal the conviction, claiming that Abraham's "mere presence" did not constitute aiding and abetting in the murder.

Seattle Approves Partners' Benefits

[Seattle, WA]- On March 1, Seattle became the largest city in the US to provide health insurance and sick and bereavement leave to city employees and their domestic partners. The law includes both heterosexual and homosexual unmarried couples who have registered with the city as domestic partners.

The process began a year ago when Seattle's Department of Human Rights determined that the absence of these benefits for unmarried couples violated the city's Fair Employment ordinance.

Concerned Citizens for the Family, fundamentalist Christians, have gathered signatures in a petition drive which could place the new domestic partners provision on a referendum ballot in November. A previous attempt by Christians to repeal Seattle's Gay rights ordinance, one of the oldest in the country, ended in failure.

TWA Recognizes Gay Partners

[San Francisco, CA]- On the eve of filing a lawsuit against Trans World Airlines over Gay partnership rights. National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) and cooperating attorneys have reached a settlement of the dispute.

TWA initially denied a refund to a Gay man, Tony Hurd, after he cancelled a flight to Washington, D.C. when his partner of 11 years, Joel Gerughty, had a heart attack. TWA said its policy of refunds for family emergencies applied only to "immediate family members" and that a "live-in lover is not considered immediate family."

After pressure from NGRA, TWA gave Hurd a full refund and a letter of apology for delaying the request. Attorney Raymond Wheeler said: "NGRA intends to contact all major airlines to invite them to adopt the kind of enlightened policy now followed by TWA as a result of Mr. Hurd's persistence."

Iowa AIDS Hospice Torched

[Evansdale, IA]- An AIDS hospice in the small town of Evansdale, near Waterloo, was intentionally set ablaze on the evening of March 17, only four days after it opened its doors. The garage, where the fire originated, was destroyed and severe smoke damage rendered the house uninhabitable. Two residents fled without injury.

A bitter public dispute preceded the opening of the hospice. Last year, at hearings before the Black Hawk County Board, angry citizens openly threatened to burn the building down. Board members who voted in favor of the hospice received threatening mail and were defeated in last November's elections. One Gay activist told the San Francisco Sentinel that Evansdale is a "blue collar, redneck area."

Police are investigating the arson and have pledged to increase their patrols of the area once the building is repaired and reopened.

Record Turnout For Gay Games

[Vancouver, B.C.]- Organizers of Gay Games III and Cultural Festival say that with two months to go before the official deadline (May 31), over 4,600 athletes from around the world have already registered as competitors. They anticipate that up to 7,000 athletes will ultimately participate in the Games which are scheduled for August 4-11, 1990.

Director Mark Mees declared that these numbers will make the Gay Games the largest sports event in the world in 1990. It will be surpassed only by the 1994 Olympics. Athletes will compete in 29 events and hale from the US, Canada and at least 20 other countries.

The celebration also encompasses a Cultural Festival including theatre, music, literature and dance presented by local, national and international artists. With spectators included, Vancouver can expect 20,000 visitors for the Gay Games and Festival. For more information, call (604) 684-3303 or 684-0444.

AIDS Plaque Causes Controversy

[Dallas, TX]- According to The Advocate, a plaque to memorialize Dallas residents who have died of AIDS complications is meeting opposition from city officials and people who live near the park where the plaque is to be displayed.

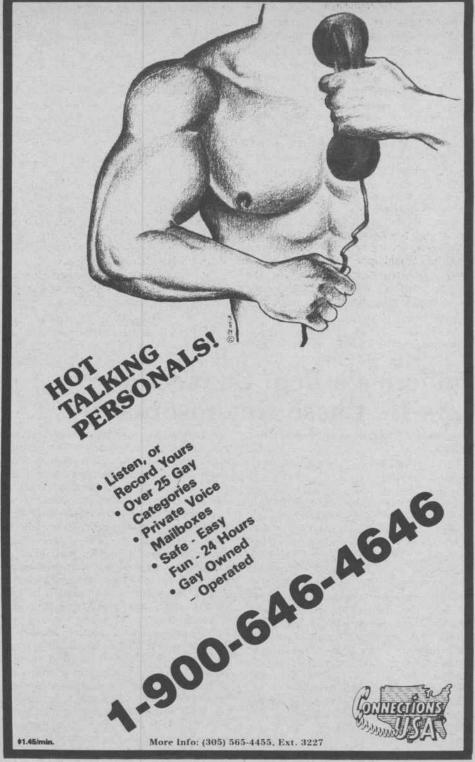
Officials and area residents won't agree to placement of the plaque in the park unless the words "Gays," "Lesbians" and "AIDS" are removed from the inscription. The city's Park Board will make a final decision this month.

News Briefs are compiled by Jamakaya from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.



Members of MAP's "Make a Promise" dinner committee posed for a group photo during the April 1, 1990 event. The first sell-out crowd of 400 persons enjoyed a steak dinner surrounded by Victoria splendor of the lavish Wisconsin Club in downtown Milwaukee. The dinner and silent auction raised \$13,000 beyond expenses.





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Milwaukee's Pride Committee **Unveils 1990 Logo**

[Milwaukee]-Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is proud to unveil its long-awaited Logo to announce its Pride Week theme, "Look To The Future: The Gay '90's''
Designed by C.H. Burnett, a local

free-lance illustrator whose primary work is in science fiction, fantasy and horror, the Pride Week '90 Logo was inspired by Ms. Burnett's "love" of Oscar Wilde. Her theme of the Gay '90's transports us back to the 1890's when the oppression of Victorian society was challenged by courageous heroes and heroines like Oscar Wilde and later, Gertrude Stein, both of whom were visionaries, looking to the future.

Oscar Wilde, playwright, poet and wit, was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1854. He was a highly mannered aesthetic who was regularly the subject of society gossip and the object of barbs from other writers and artists, including Gilbert and Sullivan.

Capitalizing on his notoriety, in 1882, Wilde made a successful lecture tour of the United States. In 1891, he wrote his first novel, "The Picture of Dorian Gray", a dark tale of a social dandy who grows more jaded and cruel as the decades roll by. He never ages, but a painting of him done in his 20's, ages with his every evil act.

Wilde's theatrical masterpiece, "The Importance of Being Earnest," premiered in 1895, the same year that he began a two-year sentence in Reading Gaol (jail) for breaking Britain's law against homosexuality. This, following a sensational trial that rocked the foundations of Victorian society. While incarcerated, he wrote "De Profundis", an account of his spiritual broadening by this painful experience. Upon release, bankrupt, he moved to France and there composed his best poem "The Ballad of Reading Gaol." He died in Paris in 1905.

Wilde will always be remembered for his wry and witty remarks. For example,

he told U.S. customs officials that "I have nothing to declare but my genius.'

Gertrude Stein was born in 1874 in Pennsylvania, in the city of Allegheny, now Pittsburgh's North Side. She attended Radcliffe where she studied psychology under William James, the Father of American Psychology. In 1903, she left her medical studies at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore to live in

Four years later, in Paris, she met Alice B. Toklas. It was, at least according to Alice, love at first sight and Toklas, as she said, made it her mission in life to care for the genius of Gertrude Stein. Toklas was "Pussy" and Stein was "Lovey." Their relationship lasted nearly 40 years.

During the 1920's, Paris became a mecca for a host of expatriot artists such as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Pablo Picasso and others for whom Stein coined the term "Lost Generation." Stein's and Toklas's apartment became a salon where the leading item on the menu was ideas.

Though Stein is perhaps best known for such things as "a rose is a rose is a rose", her "stream of consciousness" style of writing influenced countless writers. (Her actual handwriting was so bad that even she couldn't read it and had to rely on Alice to translate it to

Stein died of cancer in 1946. Toklas lived on to 1967 and is buried underneath Gertrude in Pere Lachaise cemetary in

MLGPC will be releasing the Logo as Tshirt art for fundraising purposes. There is also the possibility that a limited edition of lithographic prints will be sold at the Rally on June 16. For more information or to volunteer for Pride Week '90, please call the Pride Line at 32- PRIDE.

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ROTC Military Decisions Bring Renewed Criticism in Congress

By Jamakaya

Congressional outrage over the Pentagon's efforts to recover educational and training expenses from Gay personnel dismissed from the armed services is adding fuel to the ongoing controversy over Gays in the military.

In early March, 24 House members sent a letter of protest to a commanding general of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in the matter of cadet James Holobaugh, Holobaugh, a highly recommended and honored recruit, was "disenrolled" by ROTC officials just one semester short of graduation, after he admitted that he is Gay.

The Army is demanding that Holobaugh pay back the nearly \$25,000 in scholarship money he received during his time at Washington University in St. Louis. Holobaugh will not return the money and is suing ROTC for his commission. He wants to serve his

Holobaugh, 24, says that he did not realize or fully accept his homosexuality until the past year, therefore he cannot be accused of lying or misleading ROTC. In his first years at college, he dated women. When his orientation became more clear. he immediately consulted his superiors who promptly dismissed him.

"Looking back, I would have been better off if I hadn't told them I was Holobaugh told the New York Times. "But I'm also glad I'm not trying to hide anything."

The members of Congress wrote to Holobaugh's commanding officer: "We believe that to compel him to pay would be not only fundamentally unfair, it would also reflect an appalling mean-spiritedness which has no place in the ROTC."

"The ROTC's position is akin to that of an arsonist demanding that the man whose home he just burned down be made to pay for the gasoline," said Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Holobaugh is being asked to pay for the bigotry being used against him."

In late March, two similar cases involving Naval cadets drew the attention of Congress and the media.

Cadet Robert Bettiker, 23, one

semester away from graduation from MIT and a commission in the Navy's prestigious Nuclear Propulsion Program, was dismissed after revealing his homosexuality to senior officers. The same is true for Cadet David Carney, 22, who is completing his Navy- financed studies at Harvard.

Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett has ruled that the men must repay their scholarships. Bettiker has been ordered to pay back \$38,612. Carney, more than \$50,000.

Both men refuse to pay the money back and insist that they are not trying to avoid their obligation to military service. They each want to complete their education and become commissioned officers. Says Carney: "In my view, the US Navy broke its contract with me, not vice versa.

As more and more Gays and Lesbians emerge within the military and assert their rights, more discussion and litigation will pressure the Pentagon to reassess its discriminatory policy. An increasing number of advocacy groups like the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and National Gay Rights Advocates, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, are willing to represent these plaintiffs.

Recent Congressional exposure of two studies which concluded that homosexuals are equally and sometimes better qualified for military service, have buoyed the movement for acceptance of Gays and Lesbians in the military. That these studies were commissioned by the Department of Defense itself, which then tried to suppress the findings, reveals the extent of duplicity and hypocrisy the Pentagon resorts to in enforcing its exclusionary policy. Such corrosive values are unlikely to survive close scrutiny for

Gay Rights and civil liberties advocates recognize that a combination of increased litigation, Congressional pressure and intensified public debate will eventually force the Pentagon to retreat on this issue. Like any good fight, exposing and exploiting the enemy's vulnerabilities while constantly advancing toward the objective, is a strategy for victory.

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doses with less risk of side effects. freatment such as aerosolized pentamidine to prevent some AIDS-related illnesses. Help is also available for:

Financial assistance to pay for medication (AZT and aerosolized pentamidine). Life care services to coordinate the medical and emotional support you may need.

For more information about free and anonymous testing, counseling, and other support services call the AIDSline:

1-800-334-AIDS

In Milwaukee call 273-AIDS

This message is supported by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health, AIDS/HIV Program and the Wisconsin AIDS Service Organizations: Milwaukee AIDS Project, Madison AIDS Support Network, Center Project, Inc., La Crosse County Health Department, Central Wisconsin AIDS Network, and Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project.

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Royko Is Still Shuffling Around Trying to Find the Lake

Just when you think there's hope; that progress is being made, along comes something like an article in the March, 19 issue UWM Times by Diane Dew or Mike Royko's column in the April 3 issue of the Journal and you want to tear out what hair you have left, strand

Dew's article is little more than the god-will- get-you-for-that religious cant and so badly written you wonder how, in the name of sense, she ever got to be a senior at UWM. No thinking person would pay any attention to it.

But Royko does know how to write - and, on ocassion he's got something to say. But this time, he's lowered his bucket into the well of knowledge and the rope broke.

He writes, "I've never really understood the definition of the 'Gay community';" how an "unemployed Gay drug addict" and a "wealthy Gay polo-playing socialite" could be a part of the same community? "How close- knit a community can it be?", he asks.

Ah, c'mon Mike, you're talking like your thinking processes have adjourned for lunch and never gotten back into session. For the word "Gay", substitute "Jewish" or "Black" and see what you come up with.

But, not content, he bumbles on into the subject of AIDS. "It has slowly sunk into the consciousness of most Americans that far more people die of cancer...and other afflictions. And that few non-homosexuals or drug-needle users are in danger," he says.

By this "logic" the money and effort spent to cure a disease should be proportionate to the numbers who die from it. As to the last statement about straights and drug-needle users not being in danger, that ignores the facts - but in Royko's article it's seemingly a case of I've got my ideas, heaven help the facts.

In matters of sex, he advises "consenting males" (women not included??) to be "discreet and respect the sensibilities of those who are indifferent to their leering, panting and moaning."

From that, are we to assume that straight males never, ever, leer, pant and moan? They do in Milwaukee. They even gasp a little in Pittsburgh. But not in Chicago? How dull.

Mike says not to call him "insensitive" when he calls us "fruits" - as he does. No, he's not insensitive, just a little cockboat twirling around in unfamiliar water.

The subject he attempts to address: whether a closet case should be dragged out, is a matter of growing debate in Gay/Lesbian America. It merits very serious consideration. It does not deserve someone like Royko who, not only doesn't have his oars in the water on this one, but is still shuffling around trying to find the lake.

LETTERS

Underage Need Juice Bar

I've heard from some reliable source that Milwaukee's La Cage/Dance Dance Dance, and Jazz has now started to card for underage people. I feel that it was a good move and a step in the right direction to keep law and order intact, but where will the under 21 crowd go? (I don't

I feel very strong that Milwaukee needs a Gay/Lesbian juice bar like Medusa's in Chicago that would cater to the non-alcholic crowd and the under 21. The organizations like Ten Percent at UWM, Gay Youth at MPL (Public Library), or others aren't enough. These 18-21 year-olds should have more places to go in order to meet other people of their own age. Do you want to see these future ambassadors of yours and my City of Milwaukee be beaten up by fag bashers or eventually getting AIDS from some male or female prostitutes with God who knows what other form of STD's they might be carrying, IV drugs users or sex hustlers?

I can remember back to late 1988, when La Cage had '70's disco night on Sundays. I feel that was a good idea and could draw in a new crowd, but it was dropped after a few weeks. Something like this needs more than one month for it

I would also like to suggest that our bars try to mix more older music in with today's hits. Artists like: Human League, Duran Duran, Cyndi Lauper, The Beatles, Devo and many others of the period before 1983. Often I've gone to La Cage and Club 219 and have heard the same boring music and the thing that gets my goat is that the same songs might be played again about ten times during the course of the evening which is enough to make you want to feel - you know what.

Other bars in other cities do play variety and people have a good time. Why don't we do it here in Milwaukee? Are we going to always be one step behind the other cities of Milwaukee's size? I hope

It's the Gay 90's and it's time for all of us to look ahead into the 21st Century, now less than 10 years away. I'm hoping that all of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community will attend and be a part of our Parade and Rally scheduled for June 16, which is almost two and a half months away from right now. MLGPC is working very hard to plan this event which last year drew 1200 people to Cathedral Square. I hope for double the total this year.

In closing, remember that in spite of us being Gay or Lesbian, we are a vital part of the growing population of the City of Milwaukee and the suburbs. We are human and we do make errors, but we shouldn't be left out when the TV camera

gets turned on at the parade and rally this Summer.

I don't know all of you, but I do love some parts of you and together we can look ahead to the year 2000 and beyond. As William Shatner says at the beginning of Star Trek, "To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before" is my message to the future, but I can't do it alone. I need support from you and being hidden in the closet or being cliquey isn't going to help. Remember, FIRE UP AND BE COUNTED. Take care.

> -Tim Hansen Milwaukee

Ben-Shalom Rally

TO THE EDITOR:

How often do newspapers receive letters of encouragement from their readers? Not very often, I'm positive. (I work on a small Lesbian one.) I write to you dear people at Wisconsin Light to let you know how much you are appreciated by those of us who are Gay Rights

I could go on all day about how well WL is put together - but maybe next time, if you allow me. The topic on my mind right now is former SSGT. Miriam Ben-Shalom. How proud I am of our Gay communities - to see the outpouring of support and encouragement toward Miriam. I read a lot of articles from all over the U.S. - Gay press as well as Straight.

I wish I could have joined you in Milwaukee for the support rally on the 6th of this month (March). I applaud the GALS (Gay and Lesbian Support Coalition) for putting the rally together and the individuals who spoke or wrote letters on Miriam's behalf. A standing ovation is in order for Miriam who has fought for our rights for the past 16 years. She has not only served her country with truth, honor and wisdom, she has also served the Gay community with pride and

I cheer for many people who have seen an injustice done and spoken out Miriam's attorney, Patrick Berrigan, who seemed to always see light at the end of the tunnel...Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, whom I have had the pleasure of listening to and meeting when she has shown support for the Milwaukee Gav Community...publisher Jerry Johnson of Wisconsin Light who has always found the space to include articles about Miriam's fight.

Some of you will read my name at the end of this letter and recognize it as my being Miriam's friend from Michigan and her business manager. I write this letter not for the reasons of being her friend or manager. I write this because of the strength she has given us...for the pride

she has instilled in us and the knowledge we have gained from reading about her and seeing her on national talk shows. I write to thank each of you who have given of yourselves to the empowerment of the Lesbian/Gay community.

P.S. I'm looking forward to attending the fundraiser for Miriam.

In Pride and Strength

—Carolyn Jordan Kalamazoo, Michigan

Publisher's Note: While the publisher deeply appreciates the generous kindness expressed towards himself in the above letter, it is the publisher's spouse and the Light's editor, Terry Boughner, who deserves top-billing in this case. Without the editor, the Ben-Shalom article would

Rep. Tony Roth

TO THE EDITOR:

Congressman Toby Roth,

I am sure you are aware of the recent decision by the Federal Supreme Court not to hear the case of Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom vs. the United States Army.

am writing as one outraged U.S. citizen and taxpayer to say that, in this day and age, I simply cannot fathom the depth of ignorance, apathy and blatant discrimination that is tolerated at nearly every level of our government.

I followed the aforementioned case closely and with a deep level of personal interest. I am nothing short of incredulous at the fact that Sgt. Ben-Shalom was discharged, not because of any failure to faithfully and competently discharge her military duties — in fact, she was nominated by her own division as "Soldier of the Year," and it is no secret that her military record is flawless, and nothing short of admirable--but was, in fact, discharged due to her public acknowledgement of the fact that her emotional and sexual attraction happens to be geared toward women and not men.

Now, I ask you... what on God's green earth does one's sexual orientation have to do with one's ability to perform their job? I happen to know Miriam Ben-Shalom personally, and I will staunchly proclaim that she is one of the most honest and dedicated human beings I have ever met, and though not without flaw (as any of us are), she has a level of personal integrity that any of us should hold in extreme respect.

Was John F. Kennedy removed from office because he fooled around with every skirt he had the whim to chase? Absolutely not. He was a competent and effective president, and what he chose to do while out of the Oval Office remained not only his business, but a federally guarded secret that, to this day, is still not fully known. You and I both know that, although that is a rather famous example, it is only one out of millions of others where certain wealthy, white heterosexual men have been shielded from the negative effects of their personal proclivities by the

system who endorses them. What really bothers me about this is the fact that those people do those things behind the backs of their wives, lie to their families and friends, and put forth a false face to their constituents. Ms. Ben-Shalom is guilty of none of these deceits. She fully and publicly acknowledges who and what she is, and proceeds with her life in truth. I think it is a sick thing when someone is persecuted for speaking and living the truth, while others who labor under the guise of 'normality'' continue to lie, cheat and deceive, all with the seal of approval of the American public.

As my congressional representative, Mr. Roth, you are charged with the task of representing the interests of all your constituents. I beseech you to speak out against this stupid, ignorant and dangerous kind of behavior by introducing legislation that forces the military to either provide proof beyond reasonable doubt that Gay men and Lesbians are a threat to the security and morale of the military, as has been charged, or to allow them to serve as equal citizens.

I don't believe this is asking too much. It is only asking the same behavior of the military that ALL citizens of this country are expected to display. It is only asking them to abide by the same code of justice that we ALL are expected to abide by; innocence until proven guilty for the accused party; acceptable evidence by a disinterested party; proof beyond reasonable doubt of the offender's guilt.

I love this country. I am proud to be an American. But I am morally disgusted to

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Spring Social Season Beginning

By Jamakaya

The month of April is crowded with a myriad of events, both social and political, guaranteed to arouse and amuse the most jaded among us.

Spring will be ushered in most appropriately with the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Earth Day. Think Green. Think Earth. Think of Mother. As a Lesbian, I can really relate to this issue!

In Milwaukee, a series of environmental awareness events will culminate in a mammoth Green Earth Parade and Festival on Sunday, April 22, 1990. The parade assembles at noon at 25th and Wisconsin Ave. One of the broadest coalitions in Milwaukee's political history is expected to participate in the parade and the day-long entertainment and educational workshops which follow: nature centers, children's groups, block clubs, labor unions, peace activists, Native Americans, politicians, feminists, educators, scientists, animal rights advocates, health workers, churches and schools are all involved.

Entertainer's include Mrs. Fun, Leroy Airmaster, Dancecircus, Judy Gorman, the Hansberry-Sands Theatre Company, Paul Cebar and the Milwaukeeans, Black Star Reggae, and more. Poets Antler, Daisy Cubias, MacCannon Brown, Louisa Loveridge- Gallas, Jeff Poniewaz and many others will perform. It should be one heck of a party!

For more details, pick up on of the fliers currently blanketing our fair city, or call (414) 963-0843. Organizers are encouraging the participation of Gay and Lesbian groups, and it will be a great opportunity for Gays to build bridges with other progressive elements in our community.

community. To pay for the Festival, Holly Near and Claudia Schmidt will perform in a benefit concert at the Pabst Theatre on Monday, April 23 at 8p.m. Tickets are available at the Pabst and at People's Bookstore, 1808 N. Farwell Ave. Holly is also performing at an environmental fundraiser in Madison at the Barrymore Theatre on Saturday, April 21 at 8p.m.

Speaking of Madtown, every woman's favorite bookstore, A Room of One's Own, is celebrating its 15th Anniversary this month. What a wonderful resource this store has been for us! Its quality of service, its selection of books, periodicals and music, its commitment to community activism, its dedicated personnel, its longevity make it one of our most valued institutions. It is unquestionably one of the finest women's bookstores in the entire country.

Congratulations to Sandy, Karen, Michele and other staff members for their dedication and hard work. Everyone should make a point to stop in this month and thank them personally (especially the lazybones lezzies in Milwaukee). Also, join with them on Saturday evening, April 28 at the Barrymore Theatre for a reading by poet June Jordan and a performance by the percussion and dance ensemble Edwina Lee Tyler and A Piece of the World. Tickets are on sale at the store.



Jamakaya

long-time institution, Chicago's Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, which is 20 years old, has a great line-up in April. On April 7, Jamie Anderson will perform songs from her new album Closer to Home. Jamie has been enchanting audiences with such ditties as "Why Do Straight Women Look So Butch?" On April 14, Hunter Davis is scheduled to sing her country songs. Songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Karen Beth appears on April 21, and Chicago's own singer, astrologer and wild woman, Paula Walowitz, performs on April 28.

Mountain Moving Coffeehouse is located in a church at 1655 West School St. in Chicago. Shows are at 8:30 and 9:45 and the only charge is a suggested donation. The Coffeehouse will be moving to a new location soon. Send in your name to get on the mailing list so you can be

informed of updates and future acts.

The Second Annual Women's Sharing Spirit/Sharing Skills Conference will be held April 20-22 in central Wisconsin. It promises a "hands on" weekend of women's spirituality. Write to SS/SSC, P.O. Box 6021, Madison, WI 53716 for more information.

Back in Milwaukee, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, pioneer thanatologist and author of the classic On Death and Dying, will participate in a conference on AIDS at the Pfister Hotel, Saturday, April 7. Call (414) 289-9242 for info.

Ourspace will present another forum on legal issues for Lesbians at its regular meeting, 6p.m., April 8 at the Counseling Center. It will feature local attorneys and plenty of practical information. Grapevine holds its next potluck Thursday, April 26 at 7p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, 3224 N. Gordon Place.

On Friday, April 27, Carole Etzler and Brenda Chambers will combine their guitar, cello and voices for a concert at 8p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor St. Come and celebrate the launching of their new album Thirteen Ships. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Well goodness me, I'm already exhausted just reporting on this flurry of activity! Now get out there and Spring into action! Heal the earth, bond with your sisters, support your culture and thou shall be fulfilled.

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Christian Reparative Program For Gays Denounced by Founders

By Andrew Kastins

[Santa Ana, CA]- Two founders of a major Christian counseling program purporting to "heal" homosexuals denounced the program at a mainstream news conference in February as a dangerous failure that has caused severe psychological damage to participants.

Michael Bussee, 36, and Gary Cooper, told reporters in Santa Ana, California, that Exodus International, which they were instrumental in founding, did not "heal" a single Gay man while they were connected with the organization from 1976 to 1979.

Not only did the program fail to eradicate same-gender sexual desire, but it also drove many participants to suicidal despair, they said.

Participants generally were evangelical and fundamentalist Christians already tormented by guilt, they said.

When fervent prayer and frequent intensive counseling sessions failed to their sexuality, participants viewed it as yet another personal failure, explained Bussee.

One man, said Bussee, suffered such severe psychological damage that he mutilated his own genitals with a razor blade in a desperate attempt to rid himself of his sexual desires. Another impulsively underwent an incomplete sex change operation because he believed his sexual desires might receive divine approval were he biologically a woman, they said.

Also included in the news conference was clinical psychologist Richard Ammon, who denounced programs that purport to "repair" or "heal" Gays and

"I think people like (Lou) Sheldon are inflicting an awful lot of damage on people," he said.

Cooper and Bussee also described counselors who believed that homosexuals are possessed by demons and that merely being in the proximity of Gays and Lesbians puts one at risk of demon possession.

Lovers now for 13 years, both Cooper and Bussee said they experienced such inner conflict that they decided to leave Exodus International in 1979. Shortly before a general synod of the United Church of Christ, where the two were scheduled to appear, they decided to dramatically alter the talk they were expected to deliver.

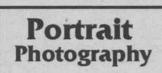
To the utter shock of the audience, they called for acceptance of Lesbians and Gavs as they are

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Until recent publicity surrounding Sheldon and his followers, Cooper and Bussee tried to overcome their involvement in born-again Christianity. they said, preferring instead to build a contented and quiet life together.

Recent publicity surrounding Sheldon and the idea of "reparative therapy" prompted them to speak out, they said.

Editor's Note: The writer is the Los Angeles Metro Editor for the San Francisco Sentinel

Madison to Host MILMAIDS V Tournament

[Madison]- Madison, Wisconsin will be the site of MILMAIDS V (Milwaukee-Madison Against AIDS), a Nine Pin tap bowling tournament. On Saturday, April 21, 1990, bowlers will converge on the Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, 2909 E. Washington Ave. to raise money for the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

This year's tournament will feature split shifts to accommodate up to 240 bowlers. Cost is \$20 which includes bowling, buffet, prizes and a donation to MASN. Cash and prizes are currently being solicited from the business community. The Awards Ceremony will take place at the New Bar in the Hotel Washington Complex, 636 Washington. Guests and significant others may attend the awards banquet for a \$5 donation.

This is a singles handicap tournament. Six bowlers will be assigned to each lane. Bowlers must specify which shift they

1st Shift Registration — 9:00 a.m. 1st Shift Bowling — 10:00 a.m.

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Holly Near to Perform In Milwaukee and Madison

[Milwaukee]- Native American prophecy says that when the earth is sick and dying, people from all over the world will rise up to help.

On Monday, April 23, 1990, at 8:00 p.m., Holly Near and Claudia Schmidt will join together in concert for the earth. This special event, to be held at the Pabst Theatre, is sponsored by Earth Day 1990-Milwaukee in conjunction with Hurricane Productions, Meridian Distributors/Midwest Music, and the Peace Education Project of the Mobilization for Survival. It will raise funds for Earth Day 1990-Milwaukee Coalition which is comprised of over 30 Milwaukee organizations and thousands of individuals, united in organizing to protect our environment.

Tickets are available at the Pabst Theatre Box Office and Peoples Books, 1808 N. Farwell. Price is \$12 in advance. \$14 at the door and \$25 for Earth Day Contributors (includes ticket and Earth Day T-shirt.) All tickets are general admission.

Holly Near is also appearing at Madison's Barrymore Theatre (2090 Atwood) on Saturday, April 21 at 8pm. It will be a fundraiser for the Environmental Decade Institute. Tickets are \$13.50 in advance through Ticketron or at the Barrymore Theatre. Tickets on the night of the performance will cost \$15.

"Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt" Wins Oscar

[Los Angeles, CA]- On March 26, producers Robert Epstein and Bill Courturie accepted the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature of 1989 for their film "Common Threads: Stories From the Quilt," a movie about the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project.

It was the second Oscar for Epstein, who won for his documentary "The Times of Harvey Milk" in 1985.

To a worldwide audience estimated at nearly one billion people. Epstein thanked "the brave storytellers who appeared in the film" and "all those fighting AIDS, especially the Gay and Lesbian community. Thank you for leading the nation with courage and dignity and urgency. May our government soon follow."

President Bush Opposes Restrictions On Federal Arts Grants

[Washington, D.C.]- At a Congressional hearing extending the life of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), NEA Chair John Frohmeyer spoke forcefully against any content restrictions being placed on the awarding of NEA grants. He spoke on behalf of the Bush Administration against the Helms Amendment which denies federal funding to artists and writers who depict "homoerotic" or "obscene" images in their work.

At a press conference March 23, President Bush stated his personal opposition to "censorship or getting the federal government involved in telling every artist what he or she can paint... or how he or she might express themselves." Bush's opinion came as a welcome surprise to Gay activists and the artistic community. But only time will tell whether Bush's clout will change the votes of those representatives who have supported

Meanwhile, Sen. Jesse Helms intends to re-introduce his funding restriction into the new NEA budget. He has also asked for an investigation into the NEA grants bestowed on Audre Lorde, Chrystos and Minnie Bruce Pratt, all distinguished Lesbian writers.

Fest City Singers Announce 1990-91 Season Ticket Sales

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) in celebration of their fifth anniversary, have announced their 1990 season subscription series of three major productions, two of which will presented in the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. (See accompanying subscription

The 1990 Fest City Singers' season opens during the Mother's Day weekend with "Let's Go To The Movies," tribute to six decades of movie music. Three performances are offered on Friday through Sunday, May 11-13 in the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. Friday and Saturday performances are scheduled for 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday performance will be at 7:00 p.m. From the thirties with Fred and Ginger to the eighties with "Annie" and "Ghost Busters" it is an evening of sophisticated music and dance.

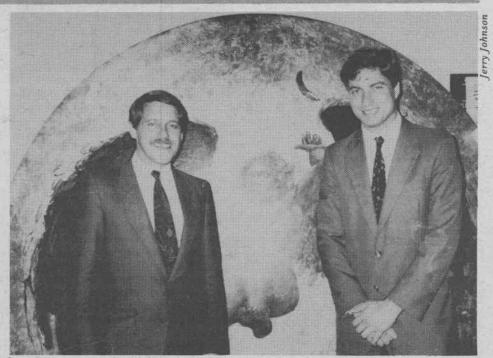
In what has become a Fest City Singers tradition, its cabaret show called "Gay presented Nineties", will be appropriately enough in the Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, September 7-9. Due to demand for tickets last year, a second performance has been added at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday evening; the three other performances are scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Like its predecessors, this cabaret review is a not-for-children evening of irreverent and satiric humor.

To close their fifth anniversary season, the Fest City Singers will present their

holiday show "Christmas Makes Me Feel...", a family entertainment. Children, parents and friends are especially welcome to share and enjoy the Christmas spirit as well as the refreshments which are an impo feature of this annual occasion. "Christmas Makes Me Feel..." will be presented for a single performance, Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the homelike setting of the South Shore Pavilion.

Subscribers to the three show package are offered a 10% price reduction on season tickets and preferred seating at performances. In addition, FCS has established four heavenly categories for patrons who wish to support the Fest City Singers in a special way. Such perks as invitations to cast parties, attendance at staging rehearsals as well as a thank-you in programs are offered. All VIP donations are tax deductible.

The Fest City Singers will travel to Denver in July 1992 to participate in the GALA Chorus Convention. Special events are now being planned for the upcoming season to help the Singers to reach their goal of \$15,000 needed to transport and house the chorus at this international event. "The continued support of our audiences and 'angels' insure the high level of quality and the unique style of production which are trademarks for the Fest City Singers," according to Tom Welcenbach, Season Ticket Co-ordinator.

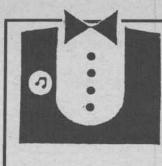


State Representative David Clarenbach (left) and Tim Carpenter posed in front of the painting, "Fallen Angel" by the late Robert Uyvari at MAP's "Make a Promise" dinner on APril 1, 1990. The painting, which once hung on the ceiling of Milwaukee's Your Place bar (now Partners) for many years was sold to the winning bidder for \$3,855.

Gays Included In Utah Nazi Holocaust Exhibit

[Salt Lake City, UT]- According to the Associated Press, Gay rights advocates claimed victory after an international exhibit about the Nazi Holocaust opened on March 25 with references to Gay victims of Nazi persecution that some Utah education officials had wanted removed.

Officials of the Utah Office of Education had told corporate sponsors of the exhibit, "The World of Anne Frank: 1929-1945, that including Gays among the Holocaust victims might violate a state law prohibiting promotion of homosexuality in



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When the Parrot Boy Sings by John Champagne, a Meadowlands Book, 205

In his first novel, The Blue Lady's Hands, John Champagne depicted a Gay young man learning to open his heart to love, to fight his possessiveness while insisting on the value of monogamy in a relationship. The growth and development of the unnamed narrator of this novel was absorbing to watch.

"When the Parrot Boy Sings," Champagne's second novel, again presents his story as the thoughts of a Gay young man named Will who also professes a monogamous lifestyle. But this time, the young Gay man falls in love with two men who are lovers and with whom he envisages an all-male menage a



John Champagne

This is an intriguing premise which offers many possibilities for the endless permutations such a relationship might take. Will unrealistically imagines this polyandrous arrangement as one in which the two older men take him in, cuddle and coddle him and remain forever true. He refuses to see that the cards are stacked against realizing this dream even though Scott and Dennis have told him from the very beginning that they were committed to each other though each was free to trick on his own or to share tricks for

It is not easy to identify with Will and his yearnings for a totally committed relationship. In the first third of the novel, he has sex with men he has met on the subway, the Staten Island ferry and a bus. And, at one point, he goes home with a distasteful friend of Scott and Dennis to show his independence and to make them jealous. Yet, later, when Dennis picks up a blond teen-ager, Will rages like a fishwife.

Will is candid, but unreflective and rationalizes constantly inconsistencies. He describes his daily task of cleaning apartments for mostly Gay couples - he watches soap operas as he works, snoops in drawers, and his thoughts are largely concerned with strategies for pursuing a lover (or lovers in the case of Dennis and Scott). He assembles collages in his time away from cleaning apartments and fantasizes hitting the jackpot with a totally faithful lover: "I'd live happily ever after with a real home and dinner parties around a beautiful maple table, and my collages all over the city, and my face on the cover of all those big picture magazines, and then the fish baby and the parrot boy would go away, and I would be finally happy.

The Parrot Boy of the title is part of Will's fantasy life when he is depressed and feeling sorry for himself. Then he sees himself as a tongueless parrot boy who rages and screams at the world. At other times, he is the armless, legless Fish Baby who dreams "of the days when she used to swim with the dolphins.' Both images exemplify Will's insecurity and his neurotic self-absorption, his soap opera heroine's mind set.

It is almost a truism in publishing circles that second novels rarely come up to the promise of a first work. This is true of "The Parrot Boy." John Champagne has given his readers a cutting portrait of a shallow young queen living a soap opera heroine's life. The novel ends inconclusively when Dennis and Scott move to Wisconsin, but Will doesn't seem to have learned anything from his experience. Is the reader intended to empathize with such a vapid person? And is the message of the book that Will's romantic aspirations are really unattainable? Tune in tomorrow and you might be hooked on "When The Parrot

"People In Trouble" Shows Humor & Hope In Today's Troubled World

By Liz Miller

People in Trouble by Sarah Schulman, \$17.95, 1990, Dutton, 228pp.

People In Trouble is about many things: dishonesty in relationships, the AIDS crisis, homelessness, how seemingly well-intentioned "intellectuals" can miss the mark politically, the current state of affairs in New York City.

It is about Kate, a financially successful artist whose husband, Peter, is trying to be tolerant about her affair with another woman. Molly, Kate's lover, is becoming more and more involved with Justice, an AIDS action group similar to ACT-UP, and less and less patient with Kate's insistence on protecting her husband from their affair.

People In Trouble starts out as a novel about love trouble and grows into one about much deeper societal woes. It's a logical step from the personal to the political, especially given the crisis atmosphere of Schulman's New York. The story spins out around and gets caught up in encounters with homeless drug addicts, Justice meetings, funerals for AIDS victims, and political actions. The surreal climax of the book involves an angry, grieving crowd, a trendy art installation and a Donald Trump-like estate mogul.

Schulman's details are carefully chosen and true - they give the book its texture and political dimension. (A small event that is repeated throughout the book is dealing with people on the street and asking for money. The cumulative effect is powerful: here is a problem that does not go away.]

The characters ring true as well. Schulman has an uncanny knack for getting inside their convoluted thought processes, and she doesn't hesitate to make fun of them. For example, after a chance encounter with Molly: "Peter was

elated. He had made friends with his wife's affair. Who could be more flexible and easygoing than that?'

Humor, and a sense of hope in the face of tragedy, are what keep People In Trouble from being oppressive and heavy-handed. It is a skillful book that may move you to tears or laughter, and just might move you to action.

Baldwin Retrospective On **Cable Television**

[Milwaukee]- "James Baldwin in Retrospect," a ten-minute program can be viewed in April on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and in May on Tuesdays at 10:00 p.m. on public access Warner Cable Channel 14 (Milwaukee Telecommunications Authority, MATA).

The program is devoted to the life and books of the late author. Images from Baldwin's television biography, "The Price of the Ticket," originally shown on PBS, are combined with personal reflections of viewers at a recent program at the University of Wisconsin- Madison eulogizing the brilliant Gay novelist and essayist. The program was produced by Lula Robinson and production crew of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network.

The Network is constantly looking for interested and motivated people to receive video production training and to work as crew members. If you are interested, or have ideas for programs or just wish to express your comments, write P.O. Box 239 Milwaukee 53201 or call 278- 0880. The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian charitable organization.

April 5, 1990-April 18, 1990-WISCONSIN LIGHT-7 "Room of One's Own" Celebrates 15 Years With Variety of Events

[Madison]- A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore, at 317 W. Johnson St. in Madison, is celebrating its 15th Anniversary this month. A variety of events are planned, including a big celebration the evening of April 28 at the Barrymore Theatre (2090 Atwood Ave.). It will feature a reading by distinguished poet June Jordan and a performance by Edwina Lee Tyler and A Piece of the World, an African-American drumming and dance ensemble.

A Room of One's Own started in 1975 on a budget of just \$5,000. This worker-owned and operated bookstore has grown into a successful business with a national reputation of being among the best feminist bookstores in the country.

Special events throughout April will celebrate women's writing and history and culture.

On Thursday, April 12 at 7p.m., Chicago writer Yvonne Zipter, author of the softball classic Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend, will read from her new book of poetry, The Patience of Metal.

On Wednesday, April 18 at 7p.m., a reading will include Rockford poet Christine Swanberg and Madison storyteller Lois Nowicki.

Historian Joan Scott, author of Gender and the Politics of History, and popular Lesbian novelist Katherine Forrest, whose latest book is The Beverly Malibu, will appear and sign their books on Thursday, April 26. Scott is scheduled from 4:30 to 6p.m. and Forrest will appear from 6:30 to 8p.m.

On Saturday, April 28, Le Ly Hayslip, author of When Heaven and Earth Changed Places, an autobiographical account of growing up in Vietnam during the war, will meet customers and sign books from 2 to 3p.m.

All these readings and appearances at Room of One's Own are free.

Tickets for the 8p.m. performance by June Jordan and Edwina Lee Tyler and A Piece of the World on April 28 at the Barrymore are available at Room of One's

For further information on any of these events, call (608) 257-7888.

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Sources: People's Books and Schwartz Bookstores in Milwaukee; A Room of One's Own and Four Star Fiction and Video in Madison.

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OF WISCONSIN

The PLWA Coalition is an organization of people living with AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy on AIDS related issues. We are attempting to contact people living with AIDS or who are HIV positive to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include: Political Action, Medical Concerns, Social Issues, and Legal

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Wisconsin's Beau **Beaumont Makes It** Big In Hollywood

By Terry Boughner

Beau Beaumont is a 6'1", 26 year-old young man who is as down-home as sweet country cream and just as pleasing to the eye with thick, honey-blond hair and, deep green- brown eyes hooded by long silken lashes that give him the open, friendly, sensuosity of a denim-clad country boy spending a Summer's afternoon watching life from atop a split-rail fence.

Beau is Wisconsin born and bred. And he still lives here on the family farm outside Milwaukee - when he isn't in L.A. being one of the hottest young male porn stars in Gay video.

He speaks easily, naturally about his life in films where he has worked with guys such as Jeff Stryker who, Beaumont says, is one of his favorite personalities.

Stryker, Beaumont says, is a great, down- to-earth guy "real easy for me to work with." (Asked if he "took all of him?", Beaumont replied with an engaging smile, "Almost.")

Making porn flicks is, he says, safe work, "much safer than casual sex" and, he adds, "I'm more cautious than any other person I know." Lub and condoms are used liberally. Even when you cum, he says, you cum on a guy's stomach and there's lub there beforehand in case of a break in the skin.

Beau got into porn movies in 1988 when he was "discovered" while dancing with the Chicago Meat Packers. A guy gave him a plane ticket to L.A. and he's been at

The work, though enviable to some, is not easy. Sometimes, he says, they can take three days for one scene. There is a script, but there's a lot of ad-libbing.

Does he have trouble "functioning" in front of the cameras? "No," he replies - there is again that open smile never have a problem getting hard lights or no lights." For guys who do, there are "fluffers" or they "take their favorite magazine and go to a back room." The actors, he says, are not shaved except sometimes around the butt and sometimes the pubic hair a little.

He has completed more than a dozen movies including "The Adventures of Batdude and Throbbin'' — the first time he topped anyone; "Pledgemasters" where he was fucked for the first time ever; "Powerfull II" with Jeff Stryker; and "From Maui With Love." He has just completed three more which will soon be released.

In all this, he has his parent's complete support. His father handles his bookings while his mother, who is blind, uses a Braille typewriter to take orders.

Besides movies, he has been front-covered in national magazines such as "Stars", "Blueboy" and others and modeled for "International Male" and for "Malibu Men."

He does not have a lover now, but has had lovers in the past; "They were older," he says, 'I like older men, someone with wisdom."

In addition to making movies, he travels around the U.S. and Canada appearing in bookstores and doing shows in bars and nightclubs. As part of his act, he comes out riding on a Bicentennial Harley Davidson, "wearing leather with detonators attached to the handlebars and to my crotch. Then I lean back, like in an orgasm, and just at that point, confetti and streamers burst out."

He sings, dances and during intermission, he signs autographs, donating half or all of the proceeds to Direct Aid, a national organization helping people living with AIDS.

Beside everything else, Beau has his own business, "Grin And Bare It." He provides either "hot studs" or luscious ladies" for private nude photo sessions, full body messages with warm, scented oils, done nude or in denim or costume; dancing (right down to the buff) at private parties and modeling. Any one interested in booking Beau should contact his manager at (414) 679-2249.

Please Note: Many of Beau's videos can be bought or rented at Video Adventures, 1418 E. Brady in Milwaukee.

Editor's Note: A hearty thanks to Ron Geiman of In Step for providing the lead to this article and to David Rogers of M&M for his help in making the interview go smoothly.

D.A.M.E.S. **Leather Group Forming**

[Milwaukee]- Are you a differently pleasured womon? A leather dyke? A radical, non- vanilla Lesbian? Part of a roled relationship? Do you see yourself as part of an erotic minority? Or are you simply curious about alternative sex, bondage, fetishes, leather, etc ...?

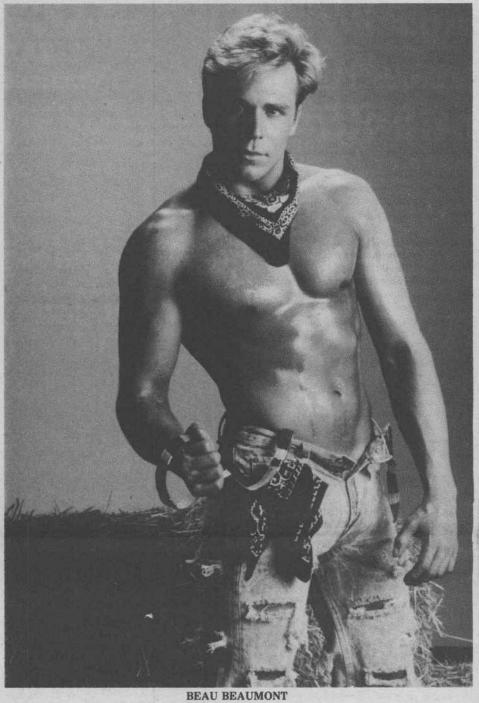
So are we! We're D.A.M.E.S. (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression).

In response to those in the Lesbian community who have condemned leatherwomyn and S/M dykes, we are looking for other womyn who, like us, are tired of being oppressed because of appearance or pleasures. Our goal is to gather together other womyn who share our interest in alternative sex, leather,

On the agenda is the creation of a network to meet and share information locally as well as to socialize with levi/leather/S&M clubs nationwide.

Milwaukee boasts three male oriented leather clubs, but until now, no womyn have attempted to form one. D.A.M.E.S. hopes to participate in the Milwaukee Pride Parade on June 16, 1990 and other Lesbian/Gay community events. Those interested please contact D.A.M.E.S., P.O. Box 1272, Milwaukee, WI 53201.





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Dairy Queens Soccer Team Sets Fundraiser

[Madison]- The Dairy Queens, a Lesbian soccer team bound for the 1990 Gay Games in August in Vancouver, British Columbia, need to raise almost \$10,000 in the next 6 months. So far, about \$1,400 has been raised. To help raise the rest, the Dairy Queens are holding the following events in April and

April 12, Happy Hour at The Cardinal Bar, 5:00-8:00 p.m.; May 23, New Bar Benefit, 8:00-12:00 p.m.

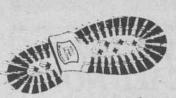
Benefits in the works are for more New Bar Nights, a softball tournament, a Bowl-a-thon, a drag show (featuring Miss Gay Madison, 1989), and a night of BINGO, among other events.

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everyone else does...
But the money I make from working hard won't always allow me to live in any place I might choose as long as there are laws that can exclude someone from housing based on their sexual preference; the taxes I pay go for the wages of people who work to insure that I can't work at any job I choose (like anyone else can); and the laws I abide by won't always protect me. AS a matter of fact, sometimes they hurt me... all because I, too, acknowledge that I am a Lesbian! Because I don't happen to have sexual relations with the type of people that "society" thinks I should. THIS IS DEMOCRACY? THIS IS FAIR? THIS IS JUSTICE? PLEASE!

Mr. Roth, I stay informed of the issues of the day. I am an intelligent, articulate person. I write well. I speak well. I have a LOT of friends and acquaintances, both Gay and straight. I can have a big mouth when I need to. And, I vote.

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I ask you Mr. Roth — What are you going to do for me?

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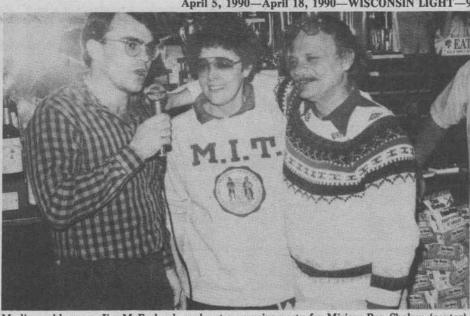
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Madison alderman, Jim McFarland, spoke at a surprise party for Miriam Ben-Shalom (center), as Terry Boughner looked on. The event was held March 25, 1990 at Milwaukee's Triangle

Ben-Shalom Honored

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Gay Peoples Union sponsored a fundraiser and thank-you party for Miriam Ben-Shalom. The party was held March 25 at the Triangle bar.

It was intended to be a surprise party and, unusually enough for those things, it really was a surprise - at least Miriam said so, and from her reaction when she walked in, she was telling the truth.

Through the generosity of Al Thomas, owner of the Triangle, there was free beer along with the Triangle's usual Sunday evening buffet. Entertainment was provided by Miss. Chastity Belt, aka Chad Bowman, a Triangle bartender and an up and coming young showperson; someone to watch in the future.

Among the many present were Ron Geiman of In Step, Jim McFarland, from Madison, Sue Burke, Mike Lisowski, Tim Grair and Doug Radtke of ACT-UP Milwaukee, Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light and a representative of DAMES, the new Lesbian leather club, who presented Miriam with a commemorative handcuff shaped pin.

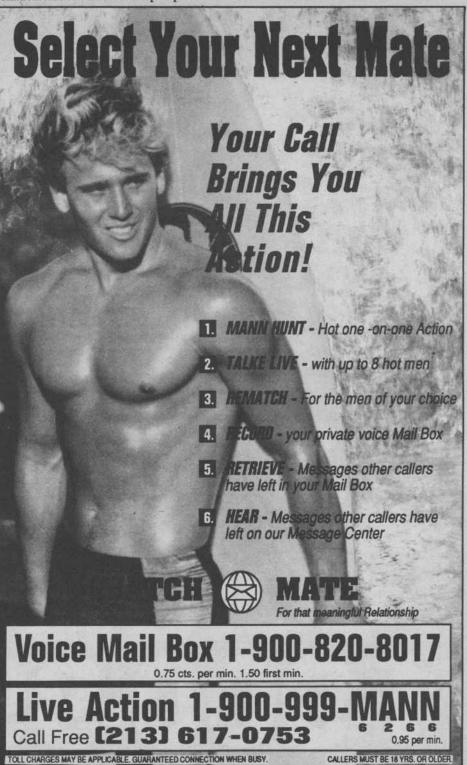
A box was provided for contributions to help defray Miriam's legal expenses. \$147 dollars was collected.

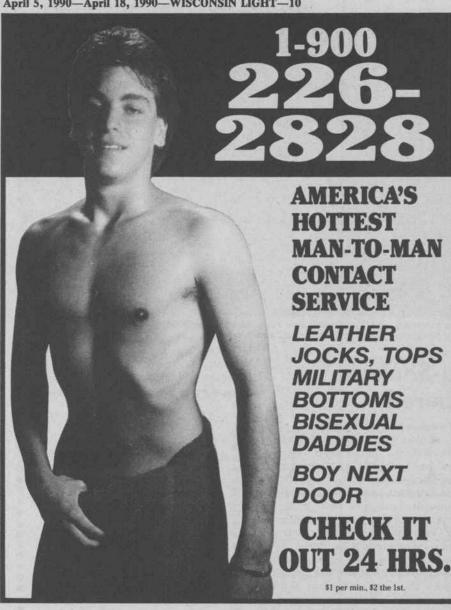
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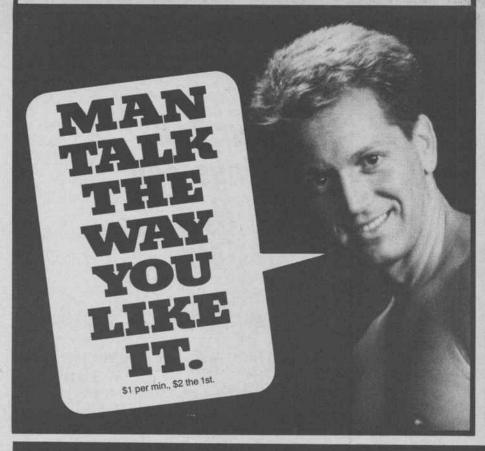
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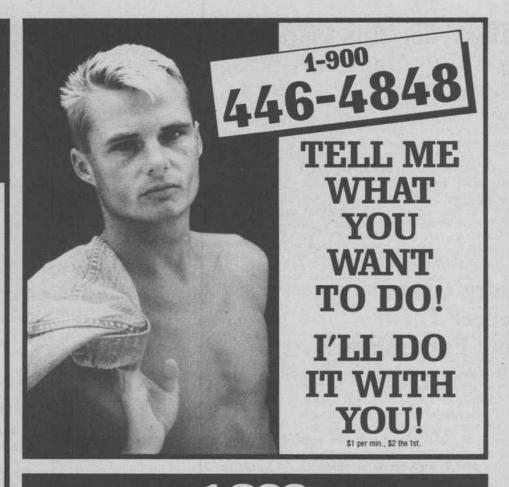
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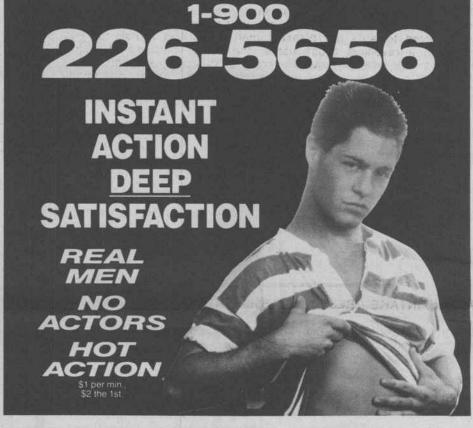




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The Lavender Coffee Klatsch sponsored a "Partnership Agreements for Non-Traditional Families; The Prospect for Domestic Partnership Laws" forum on March 20 at the M&M Club banquet room in Milwaukee. The panel included: Attorneys Deb Procknow and Thomas Martin, Chris Ahmutz of the ACLU and Lorri Tommerup and Jerri Linn Phillips of Madison who are challenging Wisconsin's denial of partnership benefits to State employees. A complete story on this event, which was attended by about 70 people, will appear in the next issue

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Requirements: Knowledge of HIV infection and supervisory experience. Sufficient education and experience to coordinate and develop education programs with well stated objectives and protocols.

Contact: Earl Bricker, Executive Director, Madison AIDS Support Network, P.O. Box 731, Madison, Wisconsin 53701, (608) 257-7880.

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Contact: Gretchen Roark, Life Care Services Director, Madison AIDS Support Network, P.O. Box 731, Madison, Wisconsin 53701 (608) 255-

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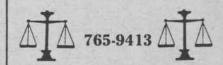
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