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The Wisconsin Light

Sept. 30 AIDS Walk Seeks 2,000 Walkers

[Milwaukee]- The first Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 30, 1990 on Milwaukee's lakefront. Produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the Walk will promote community-wide awareness of AIDS and raise essential funds to address the challenges of the disease.

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be the largest fundraiser and educational event for AIDS ever produced in Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson, MAP's executive director. "Milwaukee has been urged to sponsor a walk by AIDS service agencies in Boston, Minneapolis, Seattle and other major cities where walks have been highly successful fundraisers. We are anticipating more than 2,000 walkers who, through pledges, will help raise our goal of \$175,000."

MAP will receive 75% of the Walk proceeds to support AIDS prevention education programs, volunteer resources and support services provided to people with AIDS. The remainder of the Walk proceeds will be disbursed to other organizations that provide AIDS services in Milwaukee and throughout Wisconsin.

Individuals interested in walking, pledging or volunteering should call Louise Searing, MAP special events coordinator at (414) 273-1991.

Gantt Receives \$5,000 To Fight Helms

[Washington, D.C.]- The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), has contributed \$5,000 to Harvey Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, NC, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to replace Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the U.S. Senate. The amount is the maximum contribution allowed by federal law in a primary.

Tim McFeeley, HRCF's executive director, said that Gantt, an African American, "represents the best of what North Carolina can offer the nation, independence and vision, not the ignorance, bigotry and hate that Jesse Helms embodies."

Calling Helms "a disgrace," McFeeley said, "The more voters of North Carolina learn about him (Helms), the more questions they have about whether he represents their interests." McFeeley noted, "Helms spends his time fighting needed AIDS resources, censoring art and opposing choice. His bigotry against Lesbian and Gay Americans has no place in the U.S. Senate."

Despite a recent string of defeats at the hands of his colleagues in the Senate, Helms is considered the front-runner in the election for a fourth six-year term. If he wins in November, he will serve until January of 1997.

Wisconsin Dentists Urged to Treat HIV and AIDS Patients

[Milwaukee]- Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), has made a special appeal to Wisconsin dentists to provide services to people living with AIDS. Nelson spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Dental Association on Monday, May 7, 1990 and told the membership that MAP has had serious difficulties in securing dental care for its clients.

According to Nelson, "Currently MAP is able to count on only three to five dentists in Milwaukee to provide services for our 300 clients."

Nelson expressed sincere willingness to work towards a solution whereby MAP clients can receive the dental care they need while also being sensitive to the

Milwaukee County Supervisors Will Not Issue Proclamation

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- As we go to press, it has been learned that a proclamation honoring Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in Milwaukee will not be introduced in the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. However, according to Supervisor Dorothy Dean a letter will be sent to Jim English, President of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC).

The letter will be signed, according to Dean, by herself and Supervisors Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, Sheila Aldrich, Anthony Czaja, and Paul Matthews, among others.

The letter, Dean said, will be "a meaningful statement, supportive of the event." (Lesbian/Gay Pride Week) and will "strongly support equal rights for all."

The introduction of the citation was planned for Thursday, May 17 and was to be sponsored by Supervisors Dorothy Dean, Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and Sheila Aldrich.

Late Wednesday, May 16, the sponsors decided not to introduce the measure.

Dean told *Wisconsin Light* that "We didn't have enough votes to get it approved." To have introduced it and then to have had the proclamation defeated, would have been a "propaganda victory to hate-mongers," Dean said.

Ironically, *Light* learned that several of those who would have voted against the citation, would have changed their votes if the hate campaign had developed.

Dean said that by a parliamentary rule of the board, one-third of members or eight Supervisors, would have been sufficient to delay the measure of a month. But, she explained, Board members did not want to be preoccupied for a month with harassment from right-wingers.

The right-wingers referred to were the Fundamentalists followers of Vic Eliason, owner of WVCY radio and WVCY-TV.

On Tuesday, May 15 an article appeared in that morning's *Milwaukee Sentinel*, headlined "Gay Pride Citation Planned." That afternoon, Eliason focused on the article on his radio call-in show, "Crosstalk", gave the names and phone numbers of all the Board members and urged his listeners to call "to make their views known on the subject" although for those tuning in, there was no doubt that he wanted his callers to oppose the adoption of the Pride citation.

That night, Eliason hosted his TV show "In Focus." According to one person who watches the show on a regular basis, "In Focus" is "A program of thinly veiled Fundamentalist propaganda."

Eliason showed film clips of the 1989 Gay Pride March as well as of the Fundamentalist rally held at Milwaukee's MECCA arena in June 1989 for the purpose of denouncing the proclamations

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Pride Week Rally Moved to Juneau Park

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee announced May 15 that the site of the Pride Rally has been changed from Cathedral Square to Juneau Park.

The reason for the change in site is the county's need to reseed Cathedral Square following the damage done to the park by Winterfest.

The change in site of the Rally to Juneau Park will have no effect of the original Parade route except to lengthen it by three blocks.



Sean (Mark Lamos) and David (Bruce Davison) enjoy a weekend at the beach with their friends in the film "Longtime Companion" which will be shown at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre on June 19 as a benefit for the Pride Week Committee. See details on pages 7 and 16.

Massive National Post Card Campaign Supports Civil Rights

[Washington, D.C.]- A massive post card campaign to increase support of the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill in the U.S. Congress has been launched by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The post card campaign, part of NGLTF's commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the introduction of the Gay rights bill, is targeted at virtually every member of the House and Senate. NGLTF urges Gay and Lesbians to send post cards to their Congresspersons and Senators.

NGLTF has printed a first-run of 40,000 post cards, half for the House and half for the Senate. Each participant fills in the name of their Congressperson/Senators, their own name and address, writes a personal message, signs the

card, then mails it to the pre-printed address. Cards require a 15 cent stamp.

The post card campaign, which will run through June, 1990, is part of an overall NGLTF Gay rights lobbying effort, which includes letters, National Lobby Days in June and other events.

The bill, officially known as The Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1990 (S47 in the Senate and HR655 in the House), would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment, credit, public accommodations and federally assisted programs.

To obtain post cards and more information, write NGLTF Post Card Lobbying Campaign, 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009 or call (202) 332-6483.

WISCONSIN LIGHT and IN STEP Receive National Award

On Wednesday, May 16, 1990, *Wisconsin Light* and *Wisconsin In Step* were informed that the two publications had been awarded the President's Award by the Gay/Lesbian Press Association (GLPA). The Award is a national honor, given each year to an individual or publication for community efforts that go beyond the direct issue of the papers.

In Step and *Light* received the award for their jointly held symposium "Getting

The Word Out."

The symposium was held at the M&M Club on February 24, 1990 in celebration of Gay/Lesbian press month.

The symposium was designed by the two publications to inform the community about all that goes into putting out *In Step* and *Light*.

Members of the panel were Ron Geiman, Jerry Johnson, Jamakaya, Annabelle Havlicek of the firm of Havlicek and Associates and Terry Boughner.

The two publications have been asked to reprise "Getting the Word Out" at the regional meeting of GLPA to be held in Chicago this Fall.

Congratulations and thanks to all who made this award possible.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

No Such Thing as "Ex-Gays"

[New Orleans, LA]- According to an article in *The Second Stone*, a newspaper dealing with Gay issues and the church, "Ex-Gay" ministries, which claim to change homosexual orientation, to change homosexual orientation, are not effective and actually do more harm than good.

Rev. Sylvia Pennington, formerly active in "change" ministries and author of *Ex-Gays: There Are None*, said that Gays who think they can change their sexuality are "doomed to disappointment." Change ministries teach Gays and Lesbians that they may remain attracted to their own sex, but should seek marriage and family life with someone of the opposite sex. In most cases, however, the Gay partner eventually flees the marriage, leaving spouse and children confused and angry.

Meanwhile, two founding members of Exodus International, a global coalition of so-called "Ex-Gay" ministries, has admitted in an interview with the Gay Broadcasting System that their efforts to convert homosexuals to heterosexuality almost always failed.

Michael Bussee and Garry X, who are now lovers, said they were "ashamed" of their role in the ministry and worried about the guilt and damage they inflicted on those who came to them for help.

Ohio Okays Adoption By Gays

[Columbus, OH]- The Ohio State Supreme Court has ruled 6-1 in support of a Gay couple's right to adopt an eight-year-old boy with leukemia, saying the decision was in "the best interests of the child."

Lee Balsler, a child psychologist, met the boy, Charlie, in 1986 when he was assigned to counsel him. Charlie has learning disabilities and has been in foster homes since age three. Balsler and his partner, Tom Kuzma, soon applied to adopt Charlie, but their request was denied by the Licking County Department of Human Services because the men are Gay.

The State Supreme Court overturned a lower court's denial of the adoption saying that "the evidence presented showed that Balsler has been the one consistent and caring person in the life of Charlie B." After a six month trial period in the home of Balsler and Kuzma, the men can formally adopt Charlie.

Bomb Blast Rocks Gay Bar

[New York, NY]- *Bay Windows* reports that a bomb exploded in a popular Gay bar in New York City on April 28, injuring three people and prompting Mayor David Dinkins to denounce a wave of anti-Gay violence.

"This is the 26th bias incident against Gay people this year," said the Mayor. "I am disturbed by the news of yet another senseless attack and by the rising frequency of these attacks. Now is the time for us to send a clear message... bias acts will not be tolerated."

The blast occurred just after midnight at Uncle Charlie's Downtown when a pipe packed with M-80s exploded in a garbage can injuring those nearby and causing a small fire.

ACT-UP "Outs" Senator Hatfield

[Portland, OR]- The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) in Portland has publicly accused Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-OR) of being a closeted Gay who has used his position in the U.S. Senate to vote against Gay and Lesbian interests, according to the *San Francisco Sentinel*.

In late April, members of ACT-UP/Portland used paint to alter the message on several billboards touting Hatfield for re-election. Under Hatfield's name, ACT-UP added: "Closeted Gay: Living a Lie — Voting to Oppress" and "Making AIDS Deaths a Reality." ACT-UP cited Hatfield's recent votes in support of anti-Gay and anti-AIDS amendments sponsored by Sen. William Armstrong (R-CO) and Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). Wayne Harris, an attorney for ACT-UP, challenged Hatfield to sue the group.

An aide to Sen. Hatfield called the charge of homosexuality "the oldest rumor in Washington," but denied that the Senator is Gay. Hatfield is generally perceived as a moderate to liberal Republican. He supported the recent Hate Crimes legislation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is one of the only pro-choice Republicans in the Senate. Hatfield also employs an openly Gay staff member.

Gay Big Brothers Approved

[Washington, D.C.]- The Big Brothers organization of the National Capitol Area has agreed to end its policy of prohibiting men who may be Gay from becoming volunteers.

The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) represented Jeffrey Gould, a health educator with a Masters degree in counseling, after he was denied participation as a "Big Brother" role model solely because he is Gay.

Gould filed a complaint with the D.C. Office of Human Rights which determined that Big Brothers was a "place of public accommodation" and, as such, was subject to the anti-discrimination provisions of the D.C. Human Rights Act. Sexual orientation is a protected category under that law.

In addition to changing its policy, Big Brothers has agreed to conduct Gay "sensitivity" training with its staff as well as outreach to the local Gay community to publicize the new volunteer opportunities available to them.

Gays Relapsing Into Unsafe Sex?

[San Francisco, CA]- A survey conducted by the San Francisco Department of Public Health indicates that Gay and bisexual men may be relapsing into unsafe sex practices. Of 517 men surveyed, half said they did not use a condom in anal sex with a primary partner and almost a fourth said they had participated in unprotected anal sex with secondary partners in the past year.

The *San Francisco Sentinel* reports that some men may feel their chances for contracting HIV are decreasing now that AIDS has been around for a decade. Recent studies have suggested a decline in new cases of HIV infection among Gay men.

But another study to be published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA), says that the length of incubation — the period between infection with HIV and the onset of symptoms — needs to be revised upward again. The JAMA report sets the average incubation period at twelve years and projects more than doubling in the number of AIDS cases in San Francisco over the next three years.

Anti-Bashing Patrols Formed

[Dallas, TX]- Activists in Dallas, Texas and Salt Lake City, Utah have initiated crime patrols in Gay neighborhoods to report on suspicious activities and to protect Gays and Lesbians traveling to and from their bars.

In Dallas, the volunteer patrols with two-way radios work closely with off-duty police officers who are called in when arrests are required. A recent spate of violent attacks in the predominantly Gay Oak Lawn area prompted the action. The patrols are organized and funded through the Dallas Gay Alliance.

In Salt Lake City, the Gay-run Anti-Violence Project is restricting itself mainly to distributing literature and raising the awareness of local Gays about homophobic attacks. Police in Salt Lake City have not cooperated and have called the Gay volunteers "vigilantes," a charge the Project denies.

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

"Remembrance and Hope" Theme Of Madison AIDS Memorial Service

[Madison]- "Remembrance and Hope" is the theme of the Fourth Annual Memorial Service to remember loved ones who have died of AIDS and to bring hope to their caregivers and survivors.

For the first time, a church away from the downtown Madison isthmus — Lake Edge Lutheran, 4032 Monona Drive — is hosting the service, scheduled for Saturday, June 2 at 7:30pm. Integrity/Dignity of Madison has sponsored similar memorial services at other Madison churches since 1986.

Lake Edge's pastor, Rev. Bob Voss, said he views the Remembrance and Hope Service as part of his congregation's community ministry. Voss said that the illness of one person affects the entire human community, "the body of Christ", which needs to hear and be healed by the Gospel.

The ecumenical service will involve ministers from several denominations including Rev. Steve Scherer, a Catholic priest who ministers to people with AIDS in the Green Bay diocese, Rev. Judy McCall of St. John's Lutheran, Madison and Voss, himself a survivor grieving the loss of his brother-in-law who died a year and a half ago of an HIV-related infection.

Through his own grief, Rev. Voss said he discovered that the Church's contribution to survivors is in going where Jesus went; going "where a lot of us don't want to go." Christ embraced pain and suffering and death in order to get to life and hope.

The service will begin at 7:30pm Madison Metro users can take the E-Monona bus at 6:50pm from Capitol Square or may call Integrity/Dignity at 836-8886 or 251-2486 to arrange rides.

MAP to Sponsor AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service May 20

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), will be sponsoring the local International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 20, 1990, as part of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. The Service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee at 6:30pm.

The Memorial will be a statement about the impact of AIDS in Milwaukee and as a demonstration of concern with the world-wide AIDS epidemic. More than 220 locations world-wide will be holding similar events.

"This is our seventh year of involvement with the International Memorials. We feel proud to be a part of this world-wide event. The special event is an interdenominational service to honor those who have died of AIDS and to support the many people living with AIDS and HIV infection in our midst," said

Beth Hancock, S.S.M., case management coordinator at MAP and coordinator of the Milwaukee AIDS Memorial Service.

The Service will feature the musical talents of the Cream City Chorus, Fest City Singers, Mari Hang, Michael Spratlin, Jerry Smith and Robert A. Miller.

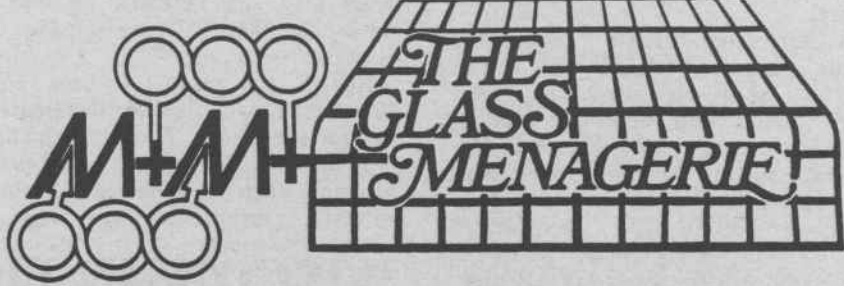
An informal reception will be held at St. James Episcopal Church following the service.

Participants are encouraged to bring along friends, family members and significant others from their churches and synagogues, political, social and work groups.


For more information about the Memorials or to make a donation, contact Beth Hancock, S.S.M. at MAP at (414) 273-1991 or write to MAP, P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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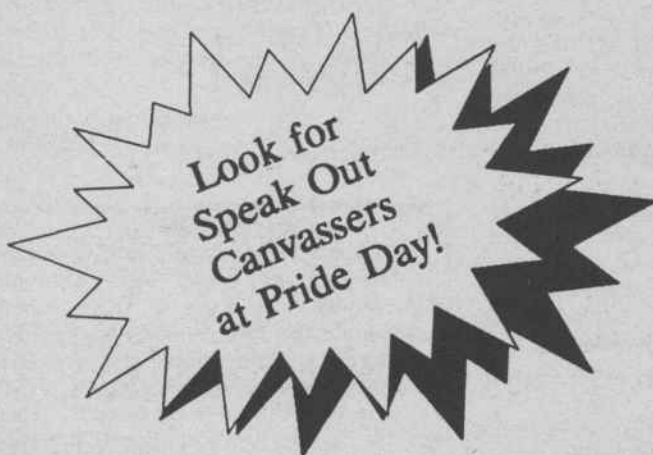
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EDITORIAL

Do Your Part — Urge That Pride Week Proclamation Be Issued

It cannot be emphasized too strongly the vital importance and necessity of contacting the Mayor, the County Executive, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the Governor urging that they issue proclamations for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

The right-wing Fundamentalists are making every effort to deny us these symbols of dignity by flooding offices with phone calls, trying to make political leaders believe that theirs is the only voice. It is not.

We Lesbians and Gays have a right to be heard and we must be heard.

We must let our political leaders know that we count; that we have as much right to dignity and its symbols as anyone else.

Even as this is being written, Eliason is on the radio urging his people to call the County Board of Supervisors.

Do not let these people deny us our dignity and our rightful equality. Please call. The numbers are:

The Mayor — [414] 278-2201

The County Executive — [414] 278-4211

The County Board of Supervisors — [414] 278-4222 and ask to speak to your Supervisor.

If you do not know who your Supervisor is, call the Election Commission at [414] 278-4060

The Governor — [414] 227-4344.

If you want to know what you can personally do to fight for Lesbian/Gay Pride, do this. CALL! If, by the time you read this, the proclamations have been issued, CALL to express your thanks. Otherwise CALL to urge the proclamations be issued. For Life and Love, we cannot go back!

“Outing” Is Ill Advised Except In Extreme Situations

Perhaps the one question that sparks the most heated debate in our community today, is the topic of “Outing.”; whether or not a closeted Lesbian or Gay man — particularly and most especially public officials — should be “brought out” by others.

While we have always advocated as strongly as possible that those Lesbians and Gay men who are closeted should, indeed, come out for the good of themselves and the benefit of us all, we at **Light** can see no use in or benefit to be gained from dragging someone out against their will.

We believe “coming out” is a personal decision and we will respect that in the future as we have in the past.

We also believe that to “out” someone is, by implication, to say that being Gay or Lesbian is in some manner a thing to be ashamed of and fear. It is not. But is that not what is being said by threats to “out” someone? What manner of role model and example would a person be if they have to be dragged out? A very poor one, we think.

Admittedly, we might be tempted to “out” a Jesse Helms, for example. But that’s an extreme case. For the rest, we think “outing” is ill-advised and will thus respect right to privacy as we have always done.

A Note From the Editor’s Desk

There’s a sense of fatigue that comes with this job that is sometimes overwhelming; a sense of bewilderment too, you know, at someone like Vic Eliason and his little band of followers who think they’ve cornered the truth market.

They’re little, alright, small in numbers. His TV station doesn’t even show up on the Arbitron rating scale. I have to keep reminding myself of that — just as I do that Vic is no lens through which to see the vast majority of Christians, non-Lesbians, Gays and all the rest.

I search in vain in my Greek New Testament for the things Vic says are there. They’re not. So he uses an English translation to justify his positions — although where, even in English, I wonder, does the bible allow him to say that it’s “a great Christian victory” to get a woman fired from her job?

Where does it say that if you know someone is HIV+ you don’t shake hands with them? Funny, I thought wisdom and compassion were supposed to be virtues. I guess not.

But that’s what it is that is exhausting. It’s my own anger at someone who does absolutely nothing to lessen human suffering so far as I can see, while others trudge on their way, wiping tears from pain-streaked eyes and hurting cheeks as they go.

There’s a wonderful man in Madison who, as I write on this foggy morning, is dying. He is generous, kind, good and I think of that man — and numberless ones like him and it hurts, it hurts so very much. I cried a lot.

There was a young Gay man in California who had AIDS and wanted people to write to him. I did — for a couple of months; sent him the paper, things like that.

And then, I got a short note in a shaky hand. It said, in part, “If you don’t hear from me in a month, consider me gone.” I didn’t hear from him and I cried then too.

Now, I think, Oh Jesus Christ, Vic, haven’t you ever heard of Jesus Christ!!?

I believe in God, not the little tiny male god that Vic and the Fundamentalists have got locked up in a cage like a tiny bird. Not that god, but an infinite being; neither male nor female; a magnificent, incredibly complex mind; a spirit of unimaginable universality and dimension who, as it spoke to Moses, said that it was

in the process of becoming. Me, understand that being? You might as well ask an ant to comprehend Beethoven. All I can hope for is to see its tantalizing smile as, with a backward glance and the flick of the tassels of its robe, it disappears around the corner once again.

In Hebrew I read that David came in Jonathan’s arms. In Greek I read that Paul condemned whores — male and female — not Lesbians or Gays for whom there was no word, anyway. So do I feel guilty; a sinner? Not a whit.

Well, this Gay/Lesbian community is a great community. In its drive for equality and it will ultimately triumph. If no other reason, the community’s spirit and its sense of right and justice and its willingness to fight, is reason to be proud. Vic can’t effect that.

On a much, much happier note, the Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee held its kick-off fundraiser at This Is It and gained over \$200. Thanks to Joe and all the staff at This Is It for making it a successful affair.

And finally, lest I forget — and oh, dear, how could I? Chad Bowman, aka “Miss Chastity Belt” of the Triangle, will be celebrating his ??? birthday on May 17. Here at **Light**, we wish him the very, very best.

LETTERS

UPI Responds

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor’s Note: The following letter is a reply by Milton F. Capps, Senior Vice President of United Press International (UPI). The letter was written in response to one sent to UPI senior officials by someone prominent in the local mainstream media who was protesting UPI’s firing of Julie Brienza for free-lancing for **The Washington Blade**.

Ms. Brienza was discharged because of her actions: She was working on an outside activity on UPI time and using UPI resources. Even the scrappiest UPI staffers here in the nation’s capital don’t have time for such activity during the workday and it can only detract from our work for clients.

Ms. Brienza further misrepresented her purposes when communicating with our Milwaukee bureau via our internal

message wire — she did not explain that her query was for an outside activity.

Lastly, in leaving the UPI Supreme Court bureau number for Mr. Eliason’s call-back, Ms. Brienza created confusion regarding the identity of our bureau and herself in the mind of her prospective news source.

UPI staffers are entitled to freelance while their work benefits both the staffer and UPI.

The foregoing faithfully represents the criteria of the decision of the committee that made the Brienza discharge decision.

We realize that in our insisting on proper conduct of UPI business and upon the priority of service to UPI clients, we may have alienated those few who condone Ms. Brienza’s behavior or who think that UPI should stay its hand in such decisions for fear that we might provoke the ire of prospective clients. Nonetheless, we could take no other course in light of the evidence.

—Milton F. Capps
Washington, D.C.

Editor’s comment: By this letter, we can then infer that if Brienza had been doing freelance work for a major paper or Christian publication [?], UPI’s attitude and action toward her would have been different.

Neither does Capps address the time lapse [over two weeks] between the time the incident occurred; the time Eliason put on the pressure and the time Brienza was fired.

ROTC Disclaimer

TO THE EDITOR:

Both the advocates of the University Disclaimer and the Administration resisting this disclaimer, have made important errors.

A statement like the disclaimer can only tend to prove that the University (of Wisconsin) is acting in good faith to replace ROTC policy with State and University policy. However, a different sort of statement than the disclaimer should be issued.

The current statement forces the University to say that its actions contradict its policy. This may not be true. If Chancellor Shalala and others are working on plans that will resolve the conflict in favor of local policies at the expense of current policies, there is no contradiction, only a conflict that hasn’t been won yet.

The disclaimer should state that the University is currently forced to accept Federal policies that contradict State and University policies, but that the University is engaged in action aimed at ending this situation. It is no less than what they have claimed.

If it is a mistake to insist that the University admit to a self-contradiction that may not exist, that mistake has its origins in the administration’s vagueness and silence about what they are doing to win this conflict.

We have heard about lobbying Washington. This fails to answer three important questions: What are the specific steps that are being planned or undertaken now; What makes them effective steps; and What effective contribution people outside of the Administration can make?

The University is not contradicting its policy if it has an effective strategy. Yet they force the rest of us to take on faith that they are engaged in conflict rather than contradiction if they do not give us details of that conflict, and as importantly, an active role in that conflict.

The University should issue a statement admitting that it is not able to execute its antidiscrimination policies until it removes Federal interference to those policies, and it should prove to us that it can and will remove Federal interference.

The course of action that I suggest can cost the University Administration nothing, and could gain them the belief and support of this campus — if that’s what they truly want.

—Benjamin N. Pierce
Madison

LETTER POLICY

Wisconsin Light actively solicits Letters to the Editor on any subject. However all such letters must be signed and contain the writer’s address although the address is never printed and the name will be withheld upon request. All unsigned letters, notes and stuff scribbled on the sides of clipped columns will serve as cat box liner.

Milwaukee's Pride Week '90 Is Fast Approaching...

Pride Committee Receives Grant

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) gratefully acknowledges funding in the amount of \$1,500 from the Cream City Foundation for the support of Pride Week '90. This grant will enable MLGPC to continue its efforts in making Pride Week '90 the best ever.

Nominations Sought for Community Award

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is still seeking nominations for its annual Community Service Award. The award will be presented to a person or persons who have dedicated themselves over a period of time to enhance the esteem of Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community. The award will be presented at the Rally following the Parade on Saturday, June 16. Nominations should be submitted in writing by person(s) other than the nominee to:

MLGPC Award, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Volunteers Needed For Pride Week Events

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) still needs many volunteers to make its Second Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Week a success. Volunteers are especially needed for the following tasks:

15 people are needed to help with balloons, signs and park decorations on the morning of June 16, the day of the Parade and Rally;

MLGPC also needs someone to construct an MLGPC banner for use at the entrance to Juneau Park (the site of the Rally) and for use in the Chicago Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade;

finally, several volunteers are needed to construct the MLGPC float for the Parade.

MLGPC is giving any volunteer who works at least 10 hours a FREE T-shirt emblazoned with the official Pride Week '90 logo.

To volunteer, please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE and become a valuable part of making this year's Pride Week '90 a great success!

Outdoor Sports Activities Planned for September

[Milwaukee]- The International Gay and Lesbian Outdoors Organization (IGLOO), recently released plans for its seventh annual Jamboree to be held from Thursday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 16, 1990 at a campground near Philadelphia, PA. The camp contains lawns, woods, basketball and tennis courts, an olympic-size fresh-water pool and three recreational halls.

The Jamboree features canoeing, bicycling, sailing, hiking, volleyball, tennis, rock climbing, spelunking, running — and, of course, disco dancing and a trip to the artists colony in New Hope, PA.

The cost of basic registration is \$135 per person. USAIR, in cooperation with "GO Philadelphia" is offering an airfare

Pride Week Buttons On Sale

[Milwaukee]- Pride Week '90 buttons are finally here and hitting the streets! The rectangular two-inch button features Milwaukee's theme: LOOK TO THE FUTURE: THE GAY '90's in black, lavender and pink on a white background along with the words, "Milwaukee, Wisconsin" and "June 16-24, 1990" in black figures.

The buttons sell for only \$2.00 and can be obtained from your favorite bar and from MLGPC members. Support PRIDE WEEK '90! Be Proud!

12,000 Pride Week Programs Being Printed

[Milwaukee]- The Pride Guide will be available in early June. The Pride Guide is the official 24-page souvenir program that highlights Pride Week '90 events, community activities and other important Pride Week information.

The 12,000-15,000 copies of the Pride Guide will be distributed FREE throughout Wisconsin and northern Illinois and at the Pride Rally on June 16.

The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee thanks the Milwaukee firm of Havlicek and Associates for the beautiful and painstaking work in producing this souvenir masterpiece. Watch for it!

Parade Registration Deadline is June 1

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has recently mailed out applications for entry in the 1990 Pride Parade to be held on June 16. Deadline for return of the forms is June 1.

All interested parties are encouraged to return their applications as soon as possible. If any business, group or organization is interested in participating, but did not receive an application, MLGPC will be glad to mail one out immediately. Please call 32-PRIDE

Informational and sale booths are still available for those individuals, businesses or organizations who wish to reserve space during the Pride Rally. Vendors are also encouraged to call the Pride Line to register. Be a part of one of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community's biggest days of celebration.

discount. For more information, call Bob at (414) 963-9833.

Milwaukee GAMMA is a member of IGLOO, a network of regional clubs.

Belling's Mouth Opens Wider and Wider [Nonsense]

[Milwaukee]- Mark Belling, conservative radio talk-jockey on WISN-Talk Radio on May 14 read on the air his own list of five groups of words which in his mind were contradictions in terms; terms like "jumbo shrimp."

Among the terms on Belling's list were "Black leader." Enough said.



Tony Alioto, Gary Wells, Scott Gunkel, This Is It bar owner Joe Brehm and Jim English were on hand as Joe bought a pride week button at a Pride Committee benefit hosted by the bar.

Jerry Johnson

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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 Concerns.

Please contact us at (414) 273-2437 and ask to speak to a coalition member.

The Light LIVELY ARTS

“Longtime Companion” Premieres To Benefit Pride Committee

[Milwaukee]- “Longtime Companion”, the movie that *The Hollywood Reporter* has called “A song of joy and celebration” will be coming to Milwaukee in June for a run at the Oriental Theatre.

On June 19, *Wisconsin Light* and *Wisconsin In Step* will be co-sponsoring a screening for the benefit of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC).

“Longtime Companion” which *Rolling Stone Magazine* has called “The best American movie this year”, is an uplifting story of courage and personal heroics; a chronicle of people who must face an unknown and frightening opponent and meet it with love and hope and friendship.

The film, directed by Norman Rene, tells of a small circle of friends and the changes in their world beginning with the day in 1981 when the first *New York Times* article noted the outbreak of a “rare cancer” in the Gay community, known today as AIDS.

The film which stars Stephen Caffrey, Patrick Cassidy, Mary-Louise Parker and Bruce Davison, could have been a dire look at the world in and around the epidemic. Instead, critics have described it as “a beautiful human drama”,

redolent of the “pathos and humor” to be found in Gay love and sacrifice; an account of how people reach out to each other. And how they withdraw when, in the midst of the irrational and unknowable, intimacy itself can become a danger.

Written by award-winning playwright, Craig Lucas, “Longtime Companion” has reached into the hearts of moviegoers throughout the U.S. to touch those little frightened and bewildered spots in all of us with soft, gentle laughter and warm tears. It is in this way that the film’s emotion and spirit, focusing on the interrelated struggles of an entire community, becomes a vital and inspirational document of the ’80’s.

The *In Step-Light* special benefit for MLGPC will take place on Tuesday, June 19 with the film beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Oriental Theatre, 2230 N. Farwell Ave. (corner of Farwell and North). Tickets are \$10.00 and will go on sale at area bars and selected businesses on Tuesday, May 22. Tickets may also be purchased from MLGPC members, at the offices of *Light* and *In Step* or by writing to MLGPC at 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee 53204. For further information, call (414) 32-PRIDE.

Penelope Reed Stars With Tesseract Benefit

[Milwaukee]- Sharon McQueen, Producer and Artistic Director of Theatre Tesseract, has announced that actress Penelope Reed will present “Women Of Heart” at a special fundraising performance, to be held at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at Lake Park Pavilion, 3133 E. Newberry St. Tickets are \$50 and include a wine and hors d’oeuvres reception which precedes the 6:00 p.m. performance.

Acting with the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for twelve years, Ms. Reed’s other theatrical contributions to Milwaukee include: serving as chair of the Drama department at Alverno College; teaching master speech in the University of Wisconsin Professional Theater Training Program; and teaching drama at Marquette. Currently Ms. Reed resides in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

“Women of Heart” will include scenes from roles Reed portrayed in Milwaukee and elsewhere. To make a reservation call (414) 273-PLAY; 273-7529.

Miss Gay USA At Large Pageant June 17

[Milwaukee]- King Productions has purchased the Wisconsin franchise to the national “Miss Gay USA At Large” Pageant. This is a special line of pageants for “full figured” female impersonators weighing at least 200 pounds.

The pageant has been scheduled for Sunday, June 17, 1990 at the Pivot Club in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The National Miss Gay USA At Large Pageant will be held in Louisville, KY, July 26-29, 1990.

Contestants will compete in personal interview, talent, and evening gown. Over \$1,200 in cash and prizes will be distributed including entry fee for the winner and first runner-up to compete in the National Pageant.

Although this is a state preliminary, you do not have to be a Wisconsin resident to enter. Entry forms are available from the Pivot Club (414) 730-0440 or from King Productions at (414) 342-1466.

Kissing Girls Announces Grant Recipients

[Milwaukee]- The womyn of Kissing Girls Productions have announced the recipients of the 1990 Kissing Girls Productions Lesbian Arts and Cultural Grants.

“Identical Twins” has been awarded \$250 for the production of promotional materials and a demo tape.

Wisconsin Light columnist and reporter, Jamakaya, has been granted \$150 for her Milwaukee Lesbian Herstory project.

Kathy Younger has been awarded \$100 for computer software to arrange music.

Debbie Davis was granted \$100 for circus supplies.

Karen Lucas and Kate Lyn Hibbard were granted \$100 for printing costs of their original poetry.

The continued support and participation of performers, artists, craftswomyn, volunteers and producers in the Lesbian variety show has made these grants possible. Kissing Girls Productions is proud to be a part of Madison’s Lesbian community.

Triangle Bar To Remodel & Add Patio

[Milwaukee]- Al Thomas, owner of Milwaukee’s Triangle, has announced that the bar will have a fresh, “New Look.”

The old carpet will be replaced by one of rich, royal blue into which will be woven Pink Triangles, symbolizing both the bar and the Gay/Lesbian community it serves.

On the walls will be coverings in a matching shade of darker blue with the whole accented by new lighting all around.

The bathrooms too are to be completely redone and modernized.

However, the “piece de resistance” will be the opening of a new outdoor patio to be located in the parking area immediately adjacent to the bar on the western end.

The new look, Al says, has been a long time in the planning and will begin shortly. The renovation is scheduled to be completed this June, Pride month.



The Fest City Singers performed to large crowds in the Stiemke Theatre with their production of “Let’s Go to the Movies.”

Energy and Enthusiasm Bring Film Music to Life

By J.J. Austin

With the professionalism of seasoned troupers, Milwaukee’s Original Fest City Singers (FCS) presented their production of “Let’s Go to the Movies” for three enchanted evenings, May 11-13, at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. They demonstrated their versatility performing a variety of musical genres — presenting scenes from film musicals like “West Side Story” and “Fame”, singing full-bodied choral numbers from “Annie” and “The Wizard of Oz,” then switching without missing a beat to the comedy of “Ghost Busters” and “The Telephone Hour.”

Musically, the Fest City Singers have made tremendous strides and it shows in tonal variety, clear intonation and dynamic range. Music Director Nancy McKinley Ehlinger has confidence in her singers and conducts with a light hand. The Singers repay this trust with a seemingly effortless, but concentrated blending of voices. The piano wizardry of Clint Peterson and the accompaniment of a bass and drum combo added just the right rhythmic impulse to the evening’s performance.

The Singers complement of women has more than doubled in size, and the addition of their voices strengthens the melodic line adding fresh textures to the choral sound. Theatrically, they can be sophisticated ladies in one sequence, but are not afraid to take pratfalls or sing off key in a following comedy sketch. The women’s voices came into their own in the vendor’s street calls of “Who Will Buy?” from “Oliver,” and the clear soprano of Chris Hawkings provided rich emotional coloring to this number as well as to “I Sing the Body Electric” and “Over the Rainbow.”

Kudos to Bim Florek’s artistic team — they made the “flicks” come alive by providing the audience with imagery that recalled such Hollywood classics as disaster movies neatly satirized, a Western set which ended up with bodies strewn about the stage, and “Pennies from Heaven,” a Busby Berkley routine where the Singers smiled and had one helluva lot of fun.

Special mention needs to be made of Stage Manager Gene Guenther’s direction of the production numbers — “Let’s Go to the Movies!” “Fame” and “The Wizard of Oz” tribute. He brought these and other numbers to life with eye-filling stage pictures, fast action and a feeling for theatre.

Every member of the FCS company had a turn in the spotlight, to sell a song or create a character musically. Although there isn’t room here to single out the many individual contributions, several stood out like Vince Lombardo’s Cowardly Lion, the “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” of Dan Gniotczynski, Brian Dettmering and Charles Golden (Andrew Sisters, eat your hearts out), and Charles in white tie and tails delivering “If My

Friends Could See Me Now.” Even Clint sings “Cheek to Cheek” at the piano to accompany the dancing of Erico Ortiz and Sandy Lewis.

Oh, yes, mustn’t forget John Day as a floundering Shelley Winters (“Poseiden Adventure”) and Michael Westerhausen’s ghastly haunting of “Ghost Busters,” and Jeanette Lowther’s “Sweet Betsy from Pike.”

The Fest City Singers aren’t afraid to try the new and/or the difficult. They reach deep inside and share their energy and enthusiasm from within with their audiences. Good Show!

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Author Gilgun to Appear In Milwaukee May 19

By David R. Clowers

John Gilgun's first novel, *Muscle I Never Dreamed Of* defies easy categorization. Although it shares the themes of Gay sexual awakening found in Edmund White's novels, "A Boy's Own Story" and "The Beautiful Room Is Empty," Gilgun's book, like Salinger's "A Catcher In The Rye" and Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," is also about being part of the human condition and an affirmation of the human spirit.

His protagonist, Steve Riley, has grown up, in the fifties, a blue collar Catholic living in South Boston at a time when Milton Berle's performance of cross-dressing skits and the Army-McCarthy Hearings share the national television spotlight. As Steve becomes painfully aware that he is "different" from other boys his age, he finds the consequences of his difference terrifying. Surrounding him are the signs of a homophobic society; teen-age fag bashers, obscene graffiti and his own mother's contempt for "queers." He even watches in amazed horror as Senator McCarthy's witch hunt for Communists in the army and in the government is brought to heel by a reference to a possible "pixie" on his staff.

Steve's awkward attempts to fit in to such a dangerous world lead him to a sexual experience with a woman — he "performs," but without enjoyment; to an unsympathetic priest; to the psychoanalytic establishment of his time; he is admonished to adapt to the straight world or else. Finally, at the behest of a family member, he volunteers for the army as an officer candidate. But on his induction form, he must state whether or

not he has "homosexual tendencies." His anguished — and ultimately honest answer — wash him out of the service.

His realization is foreshadowed in a poignant vision: in a state between waking and dreaming, Steve is visited by some of his Irish forebearers: men who were frustrated in their inability to express their nature, who existed, suffered, perished — some of whom were even married and procreated — without knowing the joy of being loved and sexually fulfilled by another man.

Like Huckleberry Finn — who didn't care that he would be considered bad because he regarded an escaped slave as a human being when society did not — Steve Riley rejects his ancestor's fate and lights out for the territory ahead. He has realized that whomever he is, is good enough, even if society can force him to live, for a time, beyond the pale. Jesse Helms should be required to read this book.

Editor's Note: Mr. Clowers taught English at Drake University where he got to know John Gilgun. Clowers now practices law in Milwaukee and does freelance writing.

Mr. Gilgun will be appearing at Woodland Pattern Book Center on May 19, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00. Woodland Pattern is located at 720 E. Locust St. in Milwaukee.

N.Y. Library Receives Gay Documents

[New York, NY]- The New York Public Library has received a collection from the International Gay Information Center (IGIC) that documents the Gay rights movement in the United States from the 1950's through the 1980's.

The gift comprises over 100 boxes of documents including records of the IGIC, the records and papers of other organizations and individuals active in the Gay rights movement, as well as other printed materials which chronicle the day-to-day social and political activities of local Gay organizations in cities across the country.

The collection will be housed in the New York Library's Manuscript's section, part of the Research Library's Division of Special Collections. The records will be made available for research as soon as they become fully inventoried and arranged. Files of the Mattachine Society (an early Gay rights group founded in 1951) and numerous periodicals are already available for research.

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Dykes to Watch Out For



"New, Improved Dykes To Watch Out For" Author Coming

By Jamakaya

New, Improved Dykes to Watch Out For
by Alison Bechdel
\$7.95
Firebrand Books, 1990.

America's premiere Lesbian cartoonist, Alison Bechdel, has just come out with her third volume in the saga of everyone's favorite *Dykes to Watch Out For*. In this latest effort, the lovable crew of Lesbian characters embarks on a new series of amorous adventures and political struggles.

Mo, the "committed Lesbian-feminist cultural worker" who stocks shelves at Madwimmin Books, strives for political correctness but suffers from liberal guilt and anxieties about the state of the world. Mo's angst is alleviated somewhat by her more practical partner, Harriet, the state's human rights investigator, who urges transforming "our anxiety into action." Mo's long quest for the right therapist after her breakdown (see cartoon) is one of the funnier segments of this book.

Meanwhile, Clarice and Toni manage to maintain their long-term multi-cultural relationship (with the help of a support group, of course) despite Clarice's brief fling with their friend, Ginger. Clarice and Toni debate the political implications of a commitment ceremony and the prospect of Toni getting pregnant: "I'm thirty, Clarice. Every day more of my ovarian follicles are dying off!"

Then there's Jezanna, the recovering workaholic boss of the non-collectively-run Madwimmin Books. Jezanna knows everybody's business. She bets Mo that Lois, another clerk at her store, whose average relationship is three nights, will not last long with her latest flame, the non-monomagous chemical dependency counselor, Emma. Will she or won't she? Inquiring dykes want to know...

Lois is roommates with the aforementioned Ginger, a Ph.D. candidate with a penchant for MTV, and Sparrow, a New Age and therapy junkie, who advises her less evolved friends that "Our first responsibility is to heal ourselves...the world will follow." A visit to the home of Lois/Ginger/Sparrow by a rigid ideologue named Milkweed, who takes over the house and lectures them on their politically incorrect ways, is really hysterical.

Bechdel's characters reflect, in an

amusing and incisive way, the joys, conflicts and challenges of Lesbian life today. The whole *Dykes to Watch Out For* series represents an important documentation of our Lesbian culture. It is witty and wise and very funny. But it, you'll like it...

Alison Bechdel will appear in Milwaukee on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00p.m. at a location to be announced. She will present a slideshow of her cartoons and talk about her childhood drawings and her action-packed career as a Lesbian cartoonist. Her visit is sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance which can be reached at [414] 264-2600.

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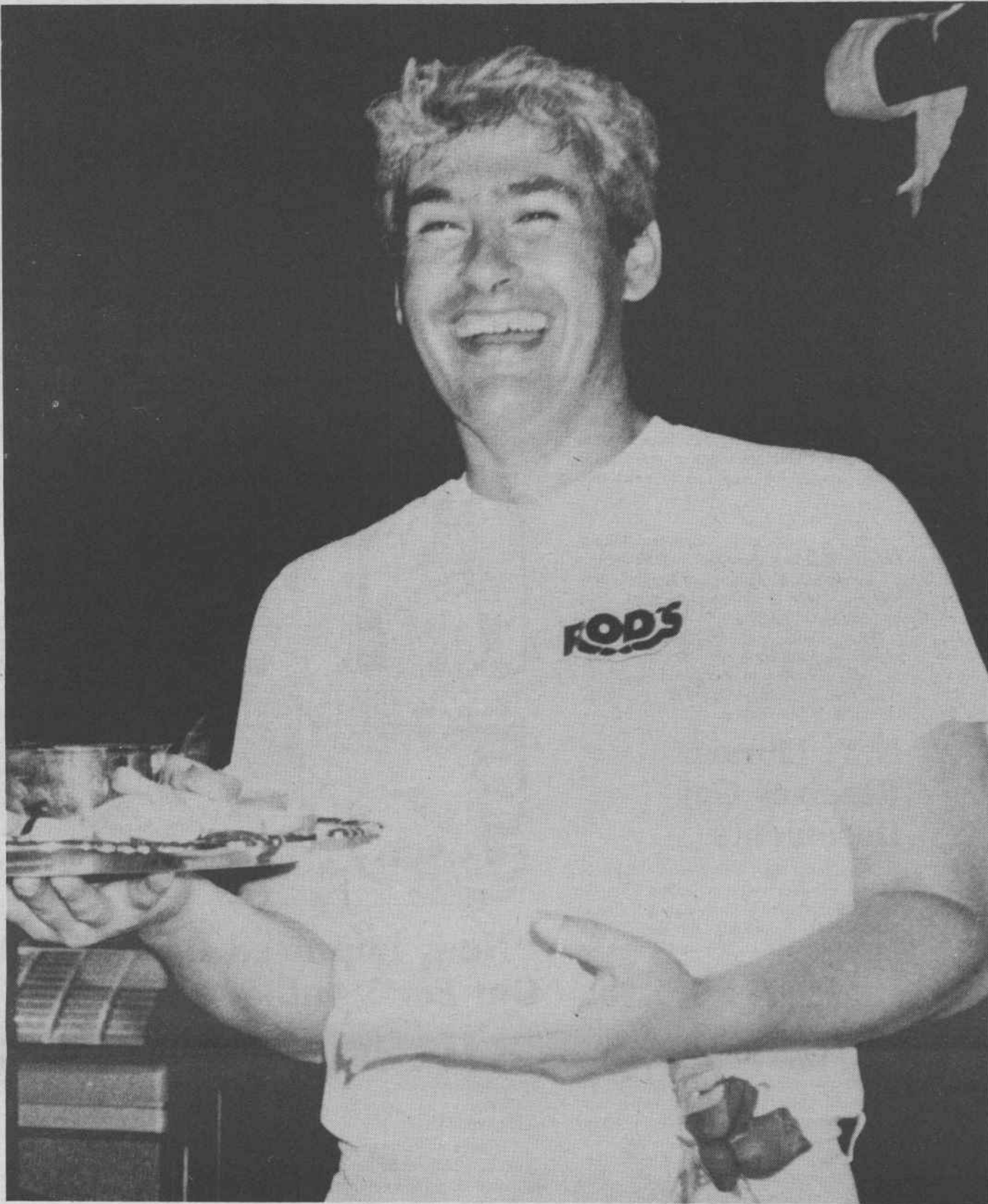
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A Letter To The Community

9/May/90

To My Friends Everywhere

I'm sure most of you have missed seeing me around the hotel in the past few months. Believe me, I have missed seeing you, too. Those of you who know me well will understand what I would like to believe that even those of you who do not know me well have sensed what I have tried to accomplish at the Hotel Washington Complex. The joy of striving and accomplishment will remain with me always.

I am very sick, and it looks as though I will be unable to return to my hotel. While this saddens me and many others, I take comfort in knowing that my brother, Greg, who has worked at my side for 15 years, feels the same dream in his heart as I do in mine. I must make this journey alone, but not unhappily, because I know that Greg and my staff will do everything they can to fulfill my dream; and that my staff will fully support Greg in carrying out my wishes for the future of the Hotel Washington Complex.

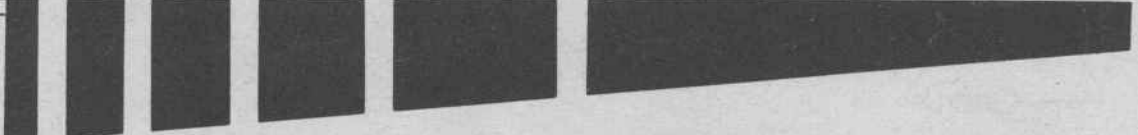
The Hotel Washington Complex has always been a place where Gay persons, liberal persons, straight persons — any person — can come and be comfortable. My customers and my friends are diverse, and it is that happy quality that endears me to all of them. We have lived under one roof for over 15 years, and I trust that this healthy relationship will continue.

The only issue that saddens me now is this disease — this disease that is taking our lives by the thousands, and still our government will not speak out, will not fund, will not help. Do everything in your power to protect yourselves and others from this disease. Write every Congressperson you can; beg and plead! Make them hear you! The AIDS epidemic is killing hundreds of people everyday! We **must** stop it! You I'd like to thank all my loyal customers and friends who have supported over the years — through thick and thin — and I count on that same support for Greg and the Hotel Washington staff. Thank you also for the and flowers which have meant more to me than you can know. My



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Falling in Love Can Be Innocent Yet Hurting Experience

By Brad Taylor

Have any of you ever fallen in love with someone who was straight? I have and it still hurts. It went like this.

His name was Dave, and to me, he was perfect. I was introduced to him by my best friend. It was just a casual introduction, not a set-up. No one knew then that I was Gay.

The instant I saw Dave, I fell in love. I guess I saw in him everything that I wanted. I kept watching him every time we were together, hoping that he would notice me as I had him. Everytime I went somewhere with my friend, I would always ask if Dave was going too. So, he usually would. When I was near him, I was on cloud nine, feeling good, like on some kind of high. Even though Dave never responded to me the way I wanted, he accepted me as a friend — or so I thought.

Dave would often talk about his girlfriends to me, like I wanted to hear it. I could see that he was straight, but my love for him was real. I couldn't just ignore it. Then he moved away, about 40 miles, so I didn't see him that often anymore, but I still had feelings for him though.

Soon after his move, my best friend was killed in a car accident. I saw Dave at the hospital. He didn't say much to me. The next time I saw him was at the funeral.

Both of us were pall bearers. It was the worst experience of my life and Dave made it worse. Everything went fine, if something this bad could go fine, until after the funeral. Dave was very upset, as was I. He went outside and I followed. I wanted to talk to him, to comfort him. I figured that at this point in our lives, we needed each other. I started to walk over to him, but he walked away from me. It hurt — bad.

After that, I didn't see him for about four months. Then one weekend, I went to his house. I had to see if I still had feelings for him. Dave and I talked for a couple of hours. He told me that he would stop down to my house later that day. He never showed up. So, the only conclusion I can make is that Dave was only my friend because of my best friend and now that he was dead, Dave no longer wanted my friendship.

Do I still love him? Yes, I do. I don't know why, especially after the way he treated me, but I do. So now there is an empty spot in my heart with Dave's name on it. But I know that someday, someone will fill that empty spot. I have to keep looking. I can't give up. And I won't.

So if any of you has had a similar experience, take my advice. Don't give up. Someday you WILL find that special person. But if you give up, you will never find the happiness each of us deserve.

Lesbian Survey Ranks Partnership Rights As Top Issue

[Washington, D.C.]— A recent survey of Lesbians ranks Partnership Rights as their top issue for legislative advocacy. The survey was conducted by the Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

Over two thirds of the Lesbians responding to the survey, directed to women who had contributed to the Campaign Fund or who had participated in its Speak Out program, picked partnership rights as the number one issue on their agenda. Lesbian and Gay rights, abortion/privacy issues and parenting concerns followed close behind.

"It is time this country recognizes Lesbian and Gay families as entities just as important as the heterosexual families and just as deserving of support from our country's legal system, the mainstream media and in everyday culture," HRCF executive director Tim McFeeley stated in response to the result of the survey.

Kathleen Stoll, Director of HRCF's Lesbian Issues and Outreach Project, said, "They survey shows that Lesbians are angry that our families have no basic rights, protection or support. These very real families deserve the privileges and validation that society grants heterosexual couples. Until society is cured of homophobia, we must provide our own institutions to celebrate our lives."

"Yes We Can" Is Sept. Theme

[Milwaukee]— Commitment '90, Milwaukee's fifth annual round-up for Gay and Lesbian members of A.A., Al-Anon and other 12-Step groups, has set Sept. 7, 8, and 9, 1990 as the dates for the event to be held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial.

"Yes We Can" was chosen as a theme for this year's round-up. The schedule of events includes numerous recovery-oriented workshops and speakers, Saturday night banquet and dance and Sunday morning spiritual breakfast.

An early registration price of \$30 (before Aug. 24, 1990) has been set for the three day event. Registration includes all workshops, general sessions, dance and Sunday breakfast. The banquet is available for an additional charge of \$18.00.

For additional information or registration forms, write to: Commitment '90, P.O. Box 92794, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Stoll continued, "We cannot allow the right-wing to define family by its own arbitrary standards. As we lobby this nation's law-makers to grant homosexuals equal rights, we should proudly point to our own family tradition — families built on love, support and commitment."

Give Support To Pride Proclamations

[Milwaukee]— The 1990 Lesbian Gay Pride Week Proclamation requests have been submitted to Wisconsin Governor, Tommy Thompson, Milwaukee County Executive Dave Schultz and Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist.

Readers are urged to call the offices of these officials and STRONGLY encourage them to issue the respective proclamations on behalf of Milwaukee's Third Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

The phone number for the County Executive's office is (414) 278-4211.

The phone number for the Milwaukee Mayor's office is (414) 278-2201.


The phone number for the Governor is (414) 227-4344.

PLEASE CALL. YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER IS VERY IMPORTANT!!

EDITOR'S NOTE: As we go to press, it has been learned from very reliable sources that arch-conservative Tom Philips is raising money to stop the proclamations.

Philips, a strong opponent of Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland, is frequently seen on Vic Eliason's WVCY-TV (Channel 30), citing articles favorable to excommunicated Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and supporting Lefebvre's positions.

Lefebvre was excommunicated by Pope John Paul II and remains a schismatic Catholic, out of communion with Rome.




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Japan: Singles Life Becoming More Acceptable

By Hiroaki

In order to write for *Asian Wind* as well as *Wisconsin Light*, I had been asked, in addition to the various Japanese publications I had been reading, to read various publications in English concerning the Gay/Lesbian community in Japan. What strikes me as interesting is that most of the material I have so far read in English (in particular in materials from abroad) paints a dim view of Gay life in Japan. Almost all foreigners tend to think that 99.99% of our homosexual community either must get married by a certain age or face losing their jobs, be socially disgraced, etc.

However, today, single life (*dokushin shugi*) is increasingly becoming an acceptable way of life for men and women, especially women who want a full time career. Marriage does not occupy the revered place it once did.

When trying to understand Japanese social trends, it is necessary to remember that once new ideas begin to get accepted, the trend spreads like wildfire.

For example, though women here are still behind their counterparts in the United States, much progress has been made. Even the fairly conservative *Nihon Keizai* publishing house is putting out a magazine devoted to the career woman.

One reason why Western writers have a distorted view is that many Japanese tend to lie to foreigners, telling them that Japan is still a hard working, heterosexual, man's world. That's a song and dance routine that I've seen performed for foreigners and it makes me sick.

Another reason for distortion is that many Westerners still feel deep down inside that no society is as free and full of abundance as theirs. Other reasons include Japanese Gays over-exaggerating our plight in order to get international sympathy.

Nevertheless, the current situation for Gays is far from ideal. Homosexuality is legal, but the government still continues to spread lies that the Gay population

numbers from around 100,000 to 500,000. Needless to say, these numbers from a country of over 120 million are suspiciously low. There is yet no legal way to register a Gay marriage and to have one's partner's name entered in the family register. And although staying single is becoming acceptable, coming out about being Gay to co-workers is absolutely not. Although some would not mind, most would lose respect for you and ultimately, you would have to resign.

If we in Japan were to have a huge outdoor rally, similar to the rallies held by Gay groups in the West, I honestly believe that we would be nailing our own coffins shut. We must not, can not, never, ever pose (or seemingly pose) a threat to society at large. As long as we continue to peacefully, quietly work for our rights the way we have been doing and are continuing to do, we have a chance to make out fine. But if the public fears us, we are finished. Everything we have fought for, including slow acceptance of us by society, will vanish. As it is, we have enough to worry about with AIDS.

Pittsburgh Approves Gay Rights Bill

Pittsburgh, PA] Pittsburgh's City Council approved an amendment by a 6-2-1 vote to the City Code which would add Lesbians and Gays as a protected class regarding discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Pittsburgh, once judged "America's Most Livable City", joins nearly 60 other cities which have legislation explicitly protecting the civil rights of Lesbian/Gay citizens.

The 6-2-1 vote assures that the amendment will become law. Lew Boreman, an assistant to Pittsburgh Mayor Sophie Masloff has assured the Pittsburgh Fairness Campaign that the Mayor intends to sign the bill.

Singapore: Population Less Threatened By AIDS

By John Tay

The biggest news here is AIDS. A couple of years ago when the first person died of it, the news caused a great stir among everyone. The public panicked, and doctors and nurses resigned. People were so scared of the virus. Many people hesitated before entering public toilets out of fear that they would contract AIDS from sitting on the toilet bowl. Swimming pools were also very quiet. The public was (and still is) scared that AIDS germs will be swimming in the pool.

From then on, AIDS became a hot topic. My friend (Gay) and his lover are both helping in the AFA — Action For AIDS — group here in Singapore. It is not specifically for Gays, but they are both very active in counseling, raising funds and such activities that could benefit the affected people. They hang posters in places where the public can see and help put articles in the local press of the truth about AIDS.

More people have died, but the public is not as panic-stricken as before. People show pity and concern towards the victim. They finally understand how the person contracted the virus and also that it is not a Gay disease, and that the virus does not

choose its victim. The victim can be Gay, a heterosexual or a Lesbian.

Apart from AIDS, life for Gays here is not too good. Recently the Singapore government used policemen to act as ploys and arrested 9 Gays. Their names got published in the local papers and each was fined \$500.

No Gays are allowed to enter any nightclubs or discos, as well as other entertainment places. Fashion shows with men wearing briefs are officially not allowed. Police are kept busy patrolling all the famous spots for Gays and queens.

Not many nightclub or disco owners are willing to accept the government's proposal to stop Gays from entering their businesses. They do not know which customer is Gay. They can recognize a queen easily, but to know whether a person is Gay is hard to tell. Also, it is our custom to respect customers and to send them away is considered rude.

Nevertheless, men's fashion shows go on — with young, handsome models in bikinis — and men here fight very hard against their female counterparts to win the title of glamour award, man hunt and so on.

Lutheran Church Endorses "Reconciled in Christ" Program

[Milwaukee]— Cross Lutheran Church of 1821 N. 16th St. in Milwaukee has become the third Wisconsin Lutheran Congregation to endorse the principles of the "Reconciled in Christ" program.

The program, sponsored by Lutherans Concerned, is designed to identify Lutheran congregations engaging in inclusive ministry with Gay and Lesbian individuals. Other Wisconsin participants are Village Church—Milwaukee and Lutheran Campus Ministry—Milwaukee.

Cross Church as affirmed that "Gay and Lesbian people share with all others the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God; that they are welcome within membership of the

congregation and that they are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of the congregation."

Bob Moore, Vice-President of Village Church, stated that although many Lutheran Churches implicitly support the principles of "Reconciled in Christ", the sensitizing process involved in explicitly adopting the Reconciled statement, helps free the congregation from the darkness of prejudice and misunderstanding of Gay and Lesbian members of the Church.

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Newspapers Not Giving Enough Space to Gay Issues and Concerns

[Washington, D.C.] A study conducted by that American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) finds that newspapers are largely hospitable to Gay and Lesbian journalists, although there is an undercurrent of bias in the newsroom. The Gay and Lesbian journalists responding to the first survey of its kind, gave their newspapers low marks for their coverage of Gay issues and concerns.

The findings are based on a survey conducted over the past year with Gay men and Lesbians who work in the newsrooms of daily newspapers, plus interviews of the journalists and newspaper editors. A total of 205 persons responded to the survey.

During the past 12 months, those involved in preparing the 85-page ASNE report conducted interviews with hundreds of Gay and Lesbian journalists including the Editor of **Wisconsin Light**.

The survey respondents indicate that their newsroom colleagues frequently make derogatory comments about Gays

and Lesbians. "Overall, the comments by respondents create a portrait of many Gay and Lesbian journalists living with and tolerating a not-so-subtle homophobia," the report states. On the other hand, the survey respondents express a great deal of satisfaction regarding their work as journalists and optimism about their careers.

One of the issues of greatest concern for Gay and Lesbian journalists is coverage of Gay issues and concerns in their own newspapers. When asked whether they think their newspaper devotes enough space to these matters, an overwhelming 83 percent answered "no." Respondents to the survey felt best about their papers' coverage of AIDS and worst about coverage of Gay/Lesbian lifestyles and politics.

The survey revealed that "Gay and Lesbian" are the preferred terms among these journalists, rather than "homosexual."

Wisconsin Sued For Denying Partner Health Insurance

[San Francisco, CA]- National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) has filed suit against the State of Wisconsin Personnel Commission, for denying Jerri Linn Phillips, an employee of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the right to obtain health insurance for her spouse equivalent and domestic partner, Lorri J. Tommerup.

The State of Wisconsin is one of the few states with a statute banning employment discrimination based on marital status and sexual orientation.

On October 20, 1986, Phillips filed an Application with her employer, DHSS, during the open enrollment period, to change her health insurance coverage from individual to family coverage, for the purpose of adding Tommerup beginning in January, 1987.

In November, 1986, her application was denied based on the rationale that "Since Ms. Phillips has, according to definition, no eligible dependents", she "may not be covered under the family coverage

option" and is therefore eligible only for the "single coverage option for other eligible persons."

The decision was upheld by the Wisconsin Personnel Commission following NGRA's filing of an administrative complaint in 1987.

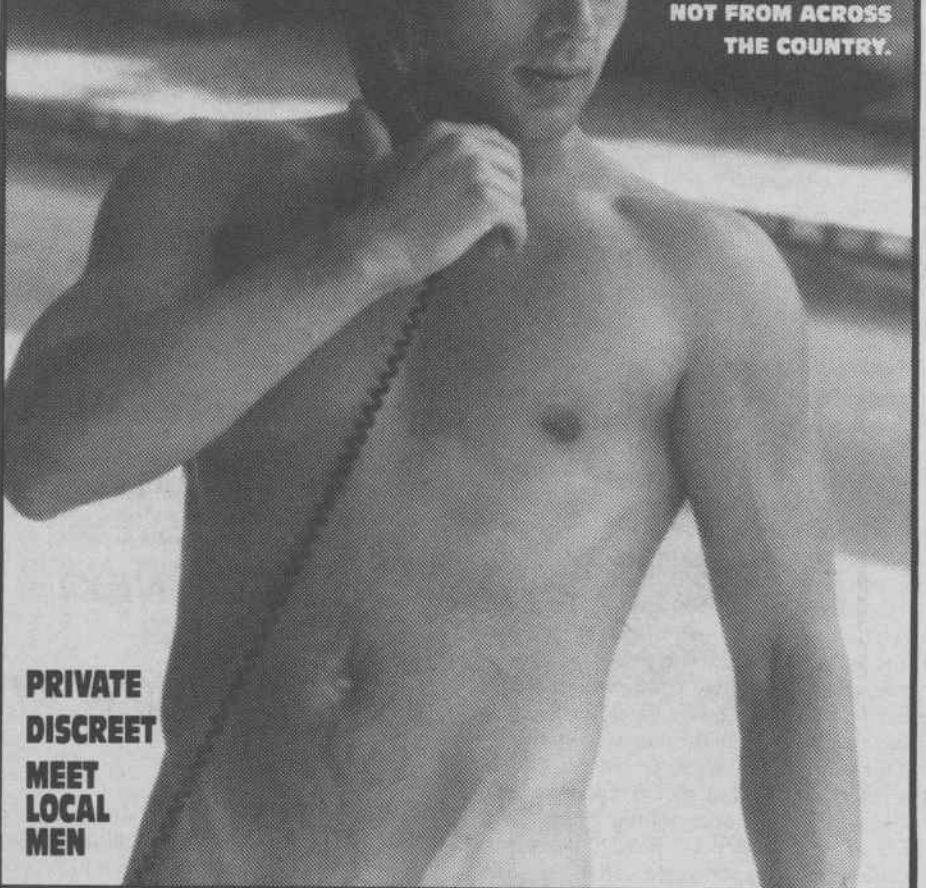
Paul Di Donato, NGRA's incoming Staff Attorney, commenting on the suit, stated, "The importance of this case is clear. Family partnerships in the Gay and Lesbian community must be legally protected and recognized for us to truly obtain equality. The State of Wisconsin has demonstrated through legislative means its intent to protect all its citizens from discrimination based upon sex, marital status or sexual orientation. Our suit seeks to enforce this intent."

Phillips is represented by NGRA's cooperating counsel Shelley J. Gaylord of the Madison, Wisconsin law firm of Gaylord and Schuett, and by Warren Bittner, Esq.

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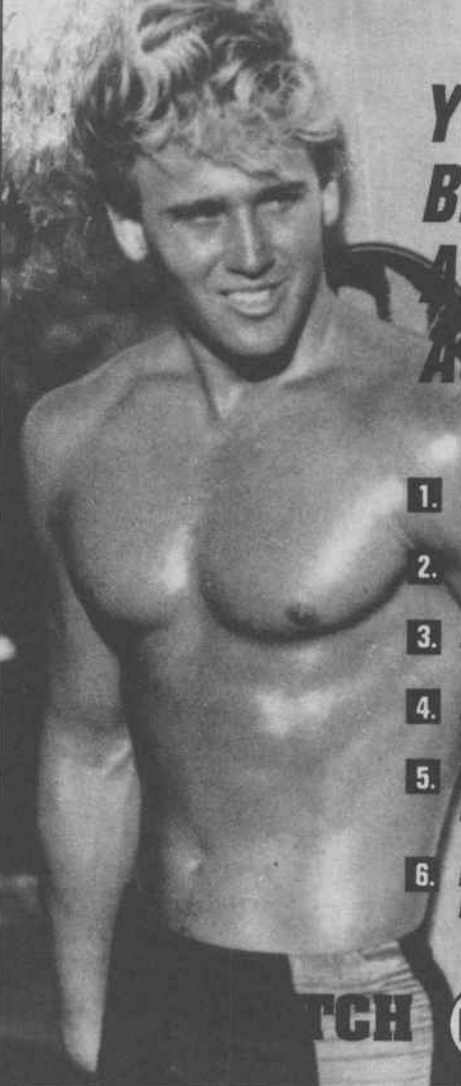
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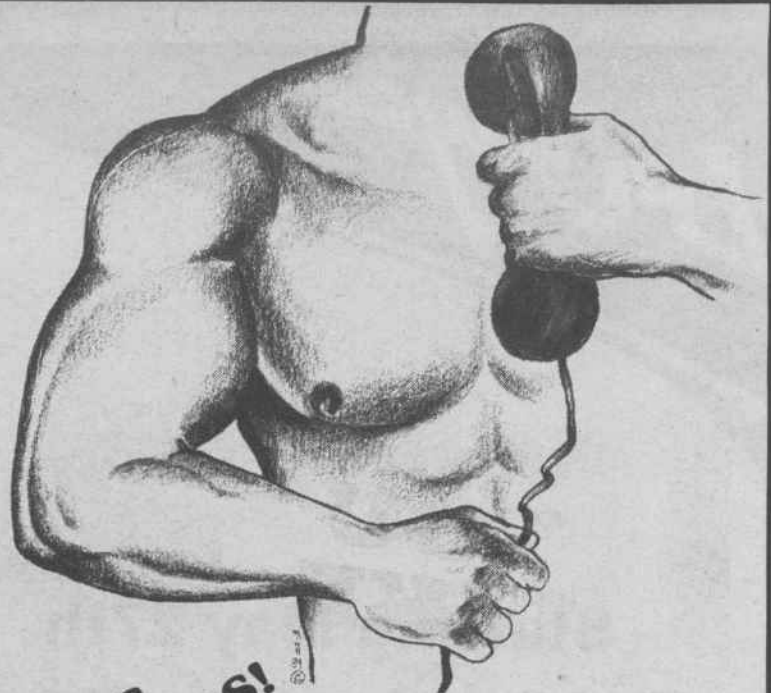
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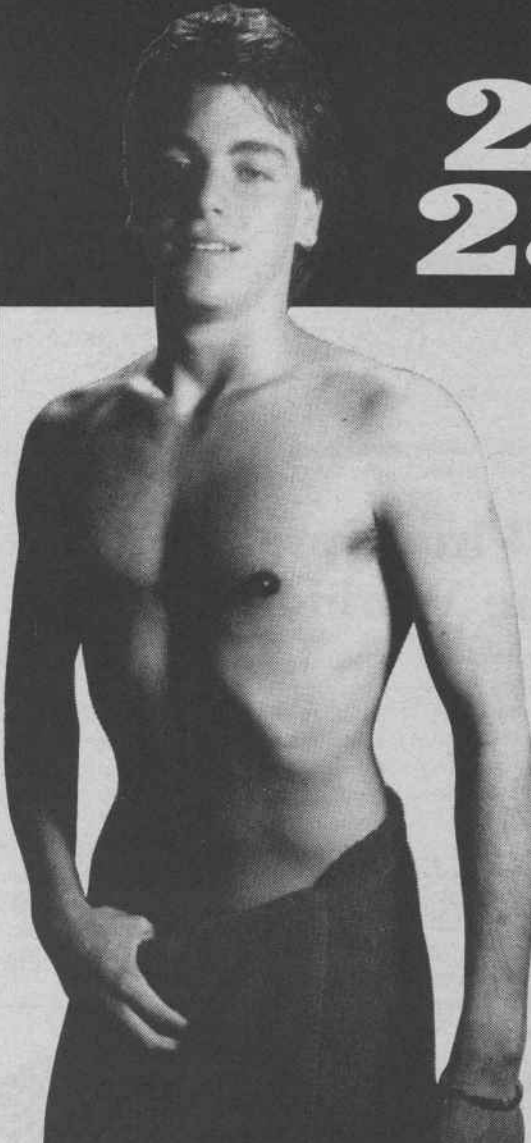
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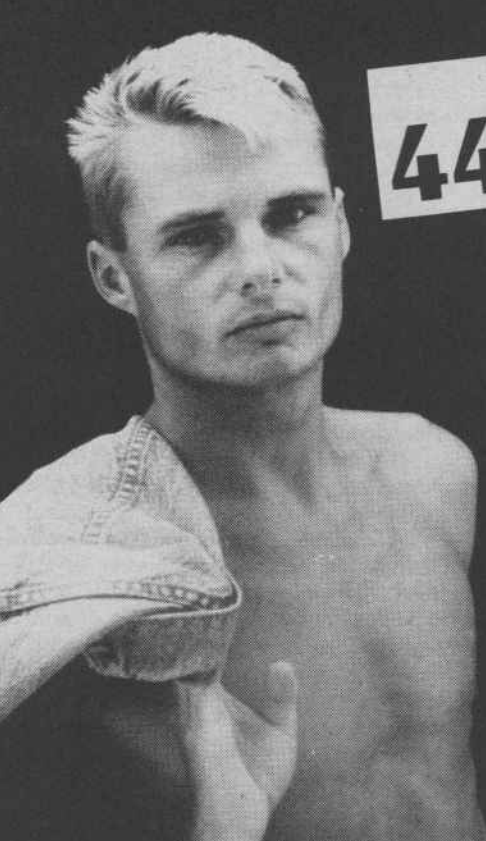
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Developing Countries Find AIDS Situation Very Dim

[Washington, D.C.]—According to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the global AIDS situation is especially grim for developing countries, who have limited financial and institutional resources.

The World Health Organization (WHO), is equally pessimistic, saying that the struggle with AIDS during the 1990's will be more difficult than previously. WHO predicts that by the year 2000, six million AIDS cases may have occurred — a ten-fold increase over today. If HIV spread accelerates,

AIDS Education Directed Towards Blacks

[Chicago, IL]—AIDS prevention advertising directed to the Black community has been placed on Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) vehicles as a result of a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois (ACLU). The CTA had refused for over a year to post the ads, claiming that they were "too Black oriented" and there was a "problem" with the graphics.

The ACLU filed suit in federal court to challenge CTA's refusal to sell ad space on its buses and trains for ads developed by the Kupona Network (Kupona). Kupona is the only community-based organization in Chicago devoted solely to providing education about AIDS to Blacks.

As a result of the ACLU's suit, the CTA has agreed to post 1,000 Kupona ads—the total number Kupona asked to have put up. The CTA began posting the ads in February.

Public health officials estimate that Blacks account for over 30 percent of all new and reported AIDS cases in Chicago. Nationwide, Blacks comprise approximately 57 percent of all women and 66 percent of all children with AIDS. The Black community is disproportionately affected by AIDS and infection with HIV.

especially in Asia, these estimates will be too conservative.

As of December 1, 1989, 198,165 AIDS cases had been officially reported to WHO from 152 countries. WHO acknowledged that the disease is under-reported and estimated that the correct figure may be closer to 600,000.

In Africa, the number of HIV infections continues to increase, particularly in urban areas. In some urban areas of Tanzania and Uganda, more than 25 percent of women of reproductive age are infected.

HIV infection levels among intravenous drug users in Bangkok, Thailand, have climbed from less than 5 percent to approximately 50 percent over the past two years. Sexual transmission of HIV is on the rise in the area as well.

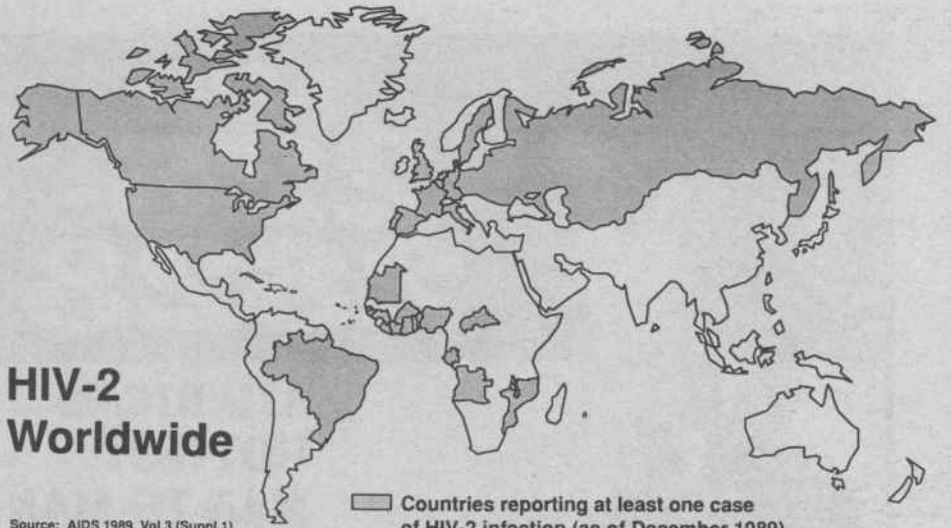
The impact of the epidemic on health-care systems is beginning to emerge; in many African hospitals, 25 to 50 percent of adult medical inpatients have HIV infection.

Recent improvements in child survival may well be offset by the AIDS epidemic, according to WHO. Estimates indicate that as much as one-quarter of infant mortality in some African cities may be HIV-related.

Resources Available For Gay Couples

[Seattle, WA]—Gay and Lesbian couples looking for a couples support group, legal information, or a way to win domestic partnership benefits might start with a free list of resources available from "Partners: The Newsletter For Gay and Lesbian Couples." The annotated directory, "Resources for Gay and Lesbian Couples" is available in a newly-expanded edition that lists two dozen social, political and support organizations.

To receive a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to: Partners Resource List, P.O. Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.



Second AIDS Virus Spreading Throughout the World

[Seattle]—Genetic Systems Corporation has announced that it has received both FDA and Canadian approval to market a test to detect antibodies to Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 2 (HIV-2), the second virus known to cause AIDS. The Genetic Systems test is the first such approved by either nation.

HIV-2 was first isolated in 1985 from a West African AIDS patient. Subsequently, more than 600 infected individuals have been identified in Africa and in North and South America. At least 26 North American cases have been identified — 17 in the U.S. and 9 in Canada.

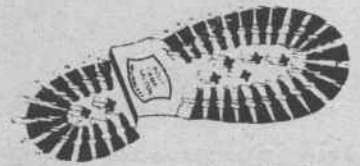
HIV-2 is transmitted in the same manner as HIV-1, the first AIDS virus discovered. Infection occurs through sexual intercourse, reuse of infected hypodermic needles, from infected mothers to their fetuses or through transfusion of contaminated blood.

Since the U.S. incidence of infection with HIV-2 is still extremely low, the FDA has not recommended universal donor screening by U.S. blood banks. However, the approved test directions do not preclude use of the test for blood screening.

At a March 15 meeting with FDA's

Blood Products Advisory Committee, a representative of the U.S. plasma industry said the industry intends to adopt testing for antibody to HIV-2 in order to comply with European regulations requiring that all plasma be tested for antibody to HIV-2.

In recognition of the potential for widening of HIV-2 infection over time, the FDA announced it will work with other agencies of the public health service to increase the level of surveillance of HIV-2.

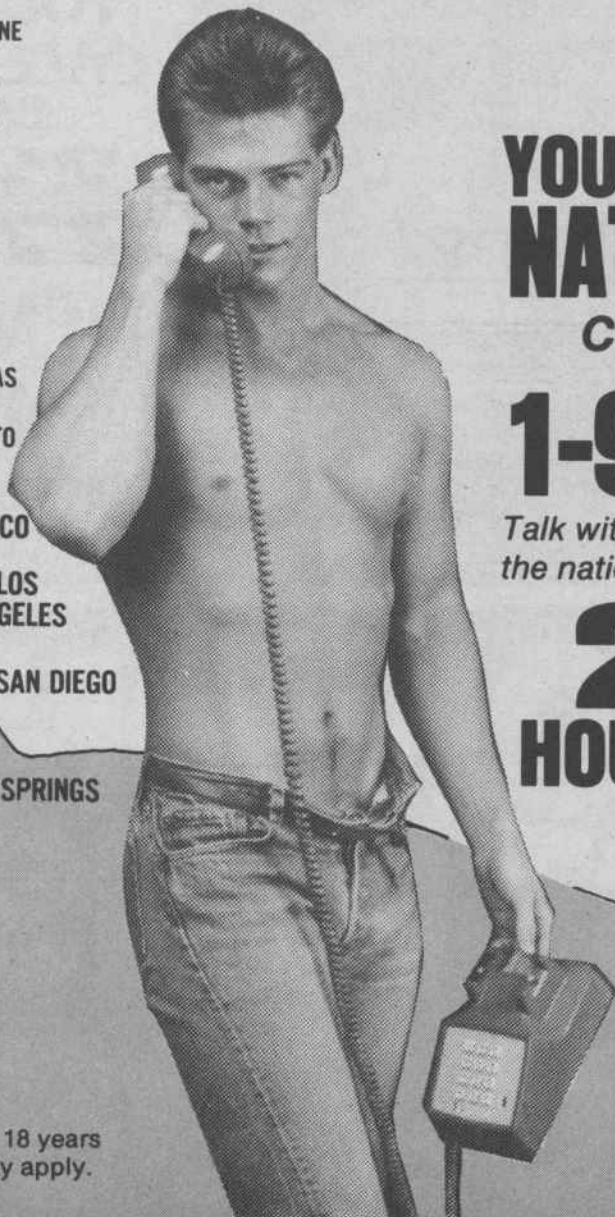


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CCF Distributing Spending Power Survey

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation (CCF) has distributed a "Community Spending Power Survey." The purpose of the survey is to enable CCF to increase business and corporate giving to the Foundation by demonstrating to them the spending power of the Gay/Lesbian community. Increased giving will enhance CCF's ability to benefit even more community projects and worthwhile causes.

Those who fill out the short survey are asked to list or check the stores, airlines, hotels and restaurants they patronize most frequently and the average amount they spend. There is space for comments and all replies are strictly confidential.

CCF has distributed 1,900 of the surveys in its current newsletter. However, if you have not received one, simply call the Foundation at 278-0880 or write CCF at P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Please get one and fill it out. Your help will be greatly appreciated and what you do will assist the Foundation to help us all.

Soccer Team Sets Fundraisers

[Madison]- The Dairy Queens is a Lesbian soccer team bound for the 1990 Gay Games, held in August in Vancouver, B.C. In order to attain this goal, the Queens have raised almost \$2,000, but still have \$6,100 left to go. You can help by attending these upcoming events:

On May 23, from 8-12:00 p.m. there will be a benefit at the New Bar. Suggested donation is \$2.

On June 3, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., there will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Wilmar Center. Suggested donation is \$4.

On June 10, from 8:30-10:00 p.m. there will be a "Spring Fling" concert at the Cardinal Bar featuring the "Identical Cousins" with Anno O'Connor. A dance will follow the concert. Suggested donation is \$5 and up.

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issued at that time. Major media estimates of the numbers present ranged from 700 to 1000.

Again, on "In Focus", Eliason urged

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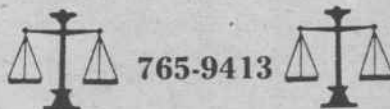
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his listeners to call the County Board members to make their views on the upcoming citation known.

On Wednesday, May 16, "Crosstalk" was totally devoted to the prospective adoption by the Board of a Gay Pride citation and again, Eliason urged listeners to make their views known to their Board members.

When Eliason opened the phone lines to callers, it was noted that half came from people living outside Milwaukee County. One call was from Iowa.

One source in the local major media who listened to the show and spoke with **Light** on condition of anonymity, said that "From my experience, Vic was pleading for calls. He had four phone lines and couldn't keep them filled up which shows that he really didn't have an audience."

Other sources indicate that WVCY-TV's listenership is not sufficient to show up on the Arbitron rating scale. Of those who do listen, however, 38% are utterly loyal, listening to no other station.

In both Eliason's radio and TV shows, there were calls from listeners who condemned him for what they perceived as his anti-Lesbian/Gay stance. One caller compared Eliason to Adolf Hitler. Eliason protested saying, among other things that "Hitler is dead and buried."

Despite Eliason, Supervisor Dean said that her calls were running "10 to 1" in favor of the proclamation. Dean said, "I am proud to represent that kind of district. She also said that those protesting the proclamation "wouldn't leave their names" while those in favor, did. She said that in talking with some of the other Supervisors, she found that

their experiences were the same as her's.

Dean suggested that the Gay/Lesbian community not take this as a defeat; a suggestion that many others have seconded. Dean said that the community should rebound and find "a lot more creative ways at education."

A source close to the MLGPC said that the community will take this "opportunity" to increase its organizational strength and further its efforts at "education toward the end of tolerance and equality for everyone."

Housing/Rent

For Rent- Charming renovated 13 room house in "Lavendar Hill" area of Riverwest. Has 2 full baths, 3-6 bedrooms, modern kitchen, porches, overlooking downtown. Off street parking, large yard. Preference given to stable couple or roommates looking to make their home a showplace. Rent \$550-650 depending on amount of upkeep labor. For interview call Kurt or Marc at 374-5599.

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QUIET WM 35

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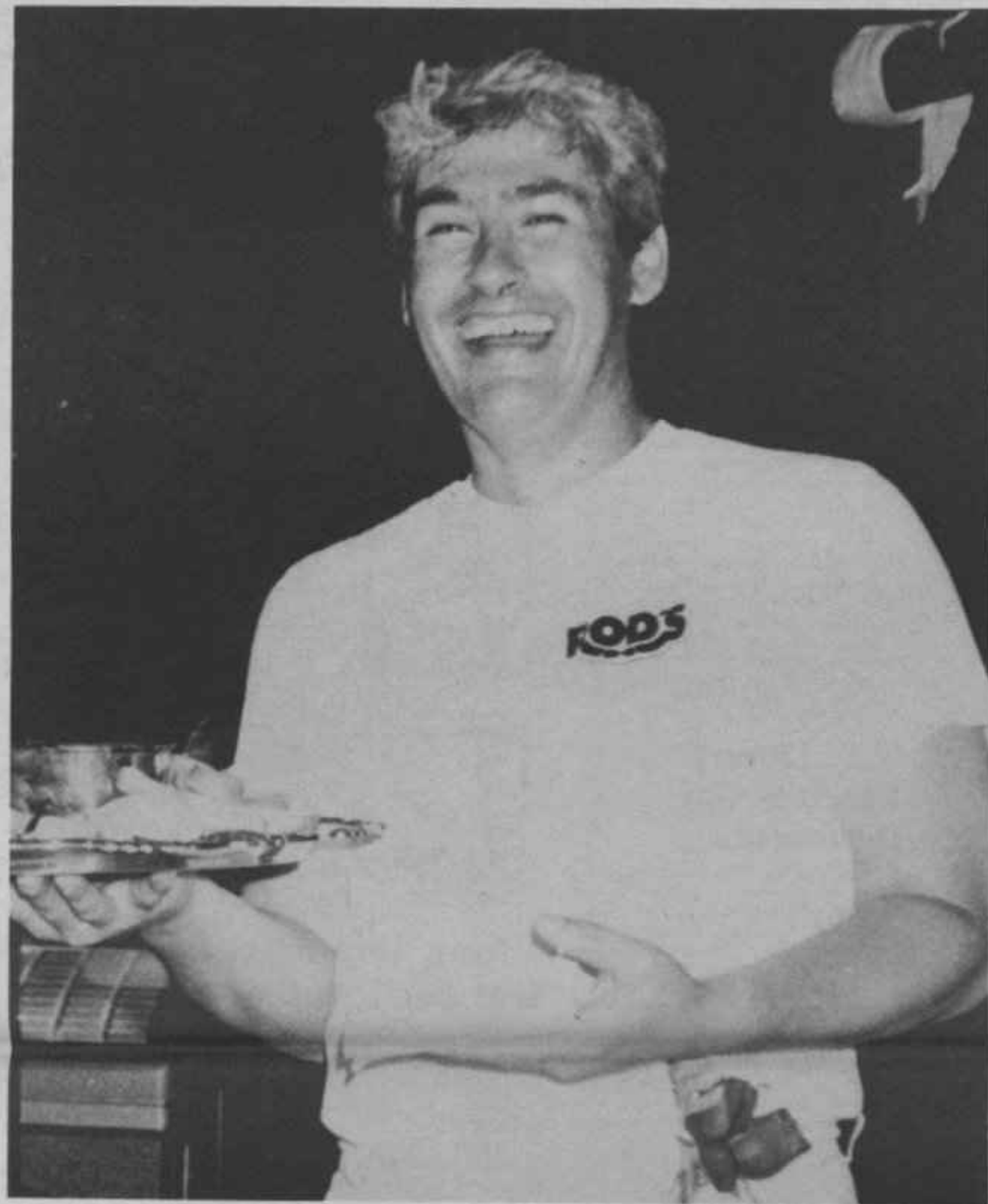
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In Step

RODNEY



THE HOTEL WASHINGTON

A Letter To The Community

9/May/90

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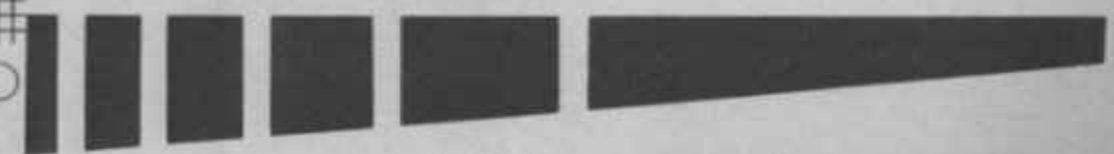
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