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The Wisconsin Light

3rd Annual Milwaukee Pride Celebration '90

Saturday, June 16th - Sunday, June 24th



Parade & Rally-June 16

We Proudly Salute these Lesbians and Gay Men of the Past As We

LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The Gay 90's

Sal Mineo
Eleanor Roosevelt
Liberace
James Baldwin
Virginia Woolf
Willa Cather
Gertrude Stein
Julius Caesar
James Dean
Alexander the Great
Sappho of Lesbos
Andy Warhol
Queen Christina of Sweden
Tennessee Williams
Aristotle

Sen. Joseph McCarthy
Pope Julius III
Michelangelo
Tchaikovsky
Susan B. Anthony
Queen Marie Antoinette
Herman Melville
Emily Dickinson
Rudolph Valentino
Socrates
Plato
Pharaoh Tutankhamen
Tyron Power
J. Edgar Hoover
Yukio Mishima

Tallulah Bankhead
Kathrine Cornell
George Sand
David Kopay
Lizzie Borden
Radchylffe Hall
Truman Capote
Edith Heath
St.'s Sergius & Bacchus
Emlyn Williams
Noel Coward
Hans Christian Anderson
John Henry, Cardinal Newman
Albert Edward, Prince of Wales
Robert Uyvari

Frederic Chopin
Nick Adams
Sir John Gielgud
Lawrence of Arabia
Moms Mabley
Ludwig II of Bavaria
Rasputin
Christopher Isherwood
Gore Vidal
Montgomery Clift
Mary Renault
Margaret Mead
Czar Alexander I of Russia
Horatio Alger
Rock Hudson

1990 Pride Celebration Calendar of Events

June 2 • Saturday

Partners — Artist Tom Rezza will have a showing of his 1990 Pride Theme charcoal sketch, sponsored by Partners, 813 S. 1st St., from 7-10 p.m. For information on the reception and prints, please call 271-5819.

June 7 • Thursday

Club 219 — Miss 219 Pageant: 11 p.m.

June 9 • Saturday

Triangle — **Beer Bust:** 5 p.m. - Midnight MLGPC Fundraiser
GAMMA/GBN — **Bike Ride For Pride:** 12:30 p.m. Begins at the park on the corner of Bradford and Farwell. There's a 15-mile and a 30-mile ride. Cost of \$14.00 includes T-Shirt; or \$5.00 T-Shirt not included.

June 12 • Tuesday

La Cage — "David Bowie" MLGPC Fundraiser

June 16 • Saturday

MLGPC — **1990 Pride Celebration:** Parade begins at 11 a.m.; Rally begins at 2 p.m.
Cream City Chorus — **Concert:** "Tomorrow Belongs to Me," Centennial Hall, 8 p.m.

June 17 • Sunday

Partners — **Pride Prom:** Get your gown, find your partner, plan on attending.
LAMM — **Pancake Breakfast:** Sponsored by LAMM at Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Information call 374-1073.

June 18 • Monday

LRN — **Speakout:** "Domestic Partnership" at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. For info, call 445-5552. 7-9 p.m.

June 19 • Tuesday

In Step/Wisconsin Light — **Movie Premiere:** "Longtime Companion" at the Oriental Theatre. Tickets are \$10.00. Advance sales at area businesses and by mail. Now on sale, see ad this issue.

M&M Club — Reception to follow film at M&M. Ticket holders free, others by donation.

June 20 • Wednesday

Interfaith Service — "Tomorrow's Promise Calls Us," The Village Church, 7 p.m.

June 21 • Thursday

Lavender Koffee Klotch — Presents "Financial Empowerment for Lesbians/Gays," 7-9 p.m. at M&M Club Banquet Room. For info call 272-4032.

MG/L Cable Network — **Premiere & viewing at the Triangle.** 9 p.m., Viewing Party, meet W.W. Wells and the production crew. 10 p.m., Viewing of "Yellow on Thursday," a 30-minute gay comedy show.

June 22 • June 23 • June 24

Bauer Ballet Studios — "Circus of a Queer Nature": performance art by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbell & Co., sponsored by Hurricane Productions, at the Bauer Dance Studios, 727 N. Milwaukee. Tickets are \$8. For info call 372-5192. Time is 8 p.m. June 22-23, 7 p.m. June 24.

June 23 • Saturday

Rockford, Illinois — Gay Pride Boat Float, 12 noon.
LAMM — **Slideshow:** "Dykes to Watch Out For", a slideshow presentation by Alison Bechdel, sponsored by LAMM. 8 p.m. at the Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door. For info call 264-2600.

June 24 • Sunday

Chicago — Gay Pride Parade
LaCrosse — 4th Annual Pride Picnic in the Park.

Pride Committee Thanks Sponsors

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) wishes to acknowledge and thank the eight sponsors who have contributed \$100 to Pride Week '90. The eight sponsors are:

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP),
Brady East STD Clinic, Attorney Tom

Martin, "In Step", "Wisconsin Light",
Gay People's Union, CSP, Inc., Saturday
Softball Beer League (SSBL).

MLGPC's Sponsorship Organizational
Program includes these benefits:

The organization will be listed in all
MLGPC mailings as a sponsor;

A free information table for your
organization at the MLGPC Rally on
Saturday, June 16;

Advance notice of any event held by
MLGPC;

Listing of your organization's events on
MLGPC's Pride Line (32-PRIDE).

STATE OF WISCONSIN EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 22, 1990

Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee
P.O. Box 93852
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Thank you for your letter in which you requested Governor
Thompson issue a proclamation declaring June 16 through June 24,
1990 "Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week."

As you may know, the Governor is obligated by state law to issue
only three proclamations a year (American History Month,
Armistice Day, Wonderful Wisconsin Week). Any other
proclamations issued are entirely at the discretion of the
Governor's Office, which reserves the right to decline requests.

In accordance with established guidelines and gubernatorial
prerogative, the Governor's Office declines your request.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Rathburn

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Director of Constituent Relations

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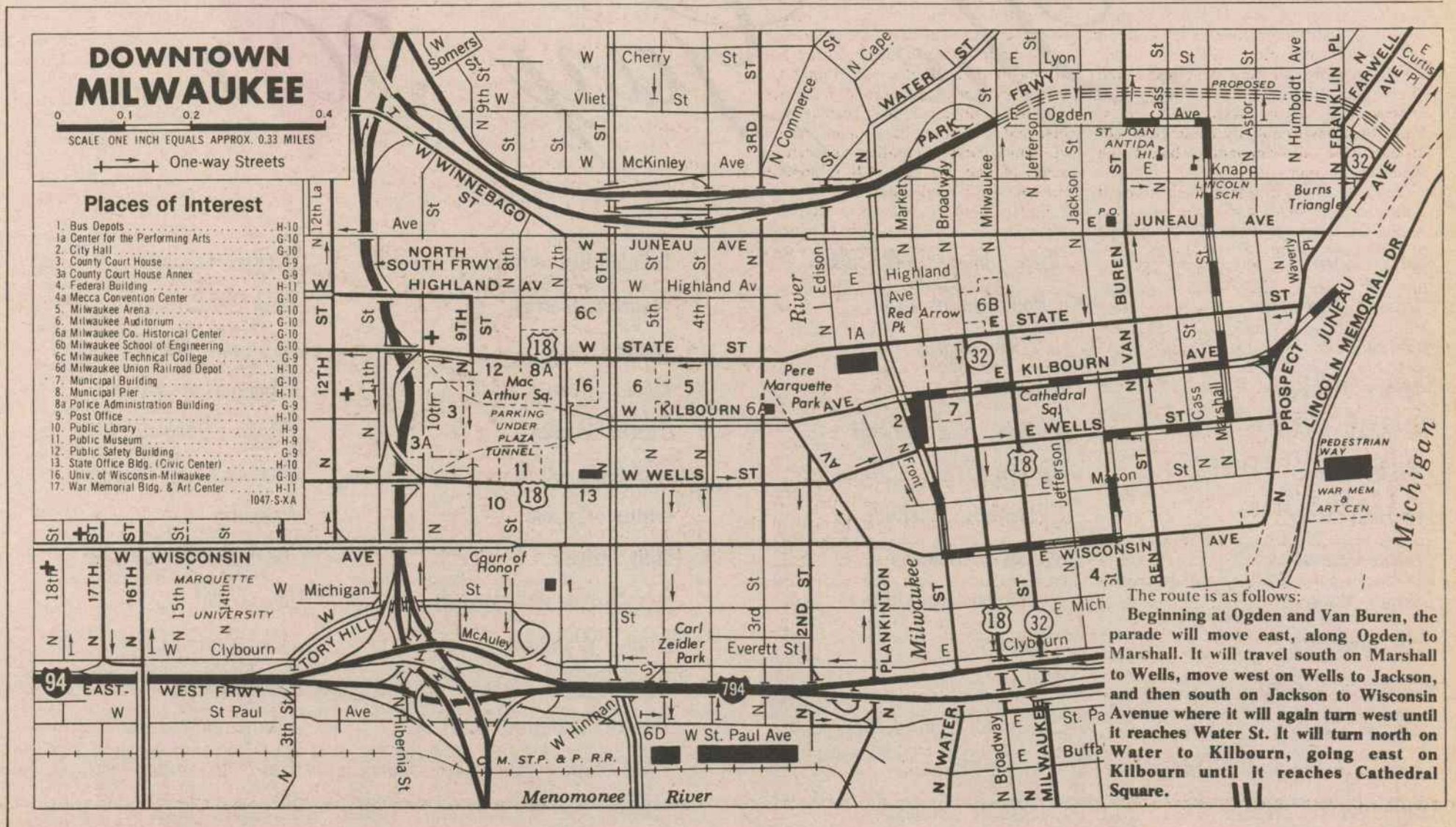
Housing Needed Four Out-of-Town Visitors

[Milwaukee]- Community housing is
needed for out-of-town visitors and
participants in the Pride Parade and Rally
which will be held on Saturday, June 16.
Milwaukee has always shown its
hospitality to its many Lesbian/Gay
visitors for the various conventions,
tournaments and events over the years,
especially when it comes to housing out
of town guests. If you would like to help out,
please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE

Bike Ride To Benefit Pride Committee

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, June 9th,
an "East Side" bike ride will benefit the
Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride
Committee (MLGPC) sponsored by
Milwaukee GAMMA. Participants are
requested to meet at 12:30pm in the small
park at the corner of Farwell and Bradford
in Milwaukee. Rides will be planned for
15 miles and 30 miles over flat terrain;
they will return to the starting point. A
donation of \$14.00 will include an MLGPC
T-shirt; for the ride alone, the donation
will be for \$5.00. A cue-sheet will be
provided that gives suggested routing.
There will be refreshments available at
the end of the ride. Ample parking for
your car is available. For more
information call Bob at (414) 963-9833.

JUNE 16 PRIDE PARADE ROUTE



Gay Bashings Now Counted On "Hot Line"

[Washington, D.C.]— A national hate crimes "hotline," set up to collect information on crimes of bias but which originally refused to take "Gay bashings" and religious related reports is now tracking such crimes following pressure from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The toll-free hotline, 1-800-347-HATE, was announced by President Bush on April 23 at the White House signing of the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The hotline is operated by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Relations Service and was established to help the DOJ mediate and conciliate incidents of hate violence.

At first, the hotline would not take information on anti-Gay and Lesbian hate crimes. However, due to vigorous NGLTF lobbying and pressure, the DOJ changed its stand, agreeing to add sexual orientation to the hate crimes hotline and track such incidents on DOJ hotline reports.

Lesbian and Gay victims of hate crimes are urged to call the national hotline at 1-800-347-HATE. The hotline is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Editor's Note: We called the hotline to report incidents of verbal abuse heard on the local electronic media. We were treated courteously.

Barbara Bush: Discrimination Can Not Be Tolerated

[Washington, D.C.]— First Lady, Barbara Bush has written to Paulette Goodman, President of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG). The letter came in response to Goodman's plea that the First Lady "speak kind words to some 24 million Gay Americans and their families to help heal the wounds and to keep these families in loving relationships."

Mrs. Bush wrote: "Thank you so much for your letter and for sharing your work with the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc. You sound like a caring parent and a compassionate citizen."

I firmly believe that we cannot tolerate discrimination against any individuals or groups in our country. Such treatment always brings with it pain and perpetuates hate and intolerance. I appreciate so much your sharing the information about your organization and your encouraging me to help change attitudes. Your words speak eloquently of your love for your child and your compassion for all Gay Americans and their families."

According to the Associated Press, Mrs. Bush has frequently made clear her distaste for discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In April, 1990, President Bush aroused protests from some conservatives when he invited representatives of Gay groups to attend the signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which targets bias-motivated violence.

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, said Mrs. Bush's letter "reinforces values that American mothers and American families are all about."

First Lady Visits Pediatric AIDS Unit

[Washington, D.C.]— In another and related matter, the First Lady paid a recent visit to Connor's Nursery, a pediatric AIDS unit in West Palm Beach, Florida where she cuddled the babies and played with the children.

To the assembled press, she said, "It's important to know that you can love and hug and change these babies and be spit upon and you can't get AIDS. You can't get AIDS from holding babies. If I didn't know that before, I learned that from Ryan White."

Mrs. Bush attended the funeral of Ryan White, the teen-ager who died of AIDS complications in April of this year.

Milwaukee Common Council Approves Pride Proclamation

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]— At about 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee meeting as a Committee of the Whole overwhelmingly accepted a proclamation honoring Lesbian/Gay Pride Week to be issued in its name. The proclamation, known as an "honorary resolution" was one of 21 brought before the Council at that time and came, as did the rest, in the due course of ordinary business.

The Text of the Cities Pride Week Resolution

By Aldermen Donegan and Henningsen and Alderwomen McNulty and McNamara-McGraw

WHEREAS MILWAUKEE LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK

will be observed June 16-24, 1990 under the theme "Look to the Future"; and

WHEREAS, Gay and lesbian persons historically have experienced discrimination, hostility and ostracism because of their sexual orientation, and have been denied fundamental and lawful civil rights; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has enacted laws expressly protecting the civil rights of gay and lesbian persons, prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations on the basis of sexual orientation and

WHEREAS, Gay and lesbian citizens of Milwaukee have joined together to encourage equal and fair treatment for all persons; and

Sexual Orientation Research Leading to Genetic Origins

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee— Most scientists believe that nothing can be done to change someone's sexual orientation. Attempts at change have been failures. This according to Michael Bailey, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston Illinois.

Professor Bailey has done extensive research in the field of human sexuality and is currently engaged in a study dealing with twins one or both of whom is Gay, Lesbian or bisexual in orientation.

Gay/Lesbian orientation is as "hard wired" as heterosexuality, said Bailey. The best of current research indicates that "there is no choice" involved in being Gay, Lesbian, bisexual or straight.

As to parental influence (weak father, strong mother), Bailey said that there is "little evidence of parental influence in whether or not a person is Lesbian, Gay or bisexual. Scientists have found correlates of homosexual orientation as early as 5 years of age, he said. "It is something very deep and fundamental."

Bailey noted a recent study. When estrogen was injected into heterosexual males, nothing happened. However, when the hormone was injected into Gay men, there was an intermediate reaction between them and women; an increase in luteinizing hormone, a key substance in the female monthly cycle.

Bailey cautioned that the experiment has been replicated only once. However, he said that if the results can be trusted, there is some evidence to indicate that the brains of Gay men are intermediately feminized.

Current biological hypothesis is that there is a part of the brain that controls sexual orientation; a part formed in the womb along with the rest of the brain. If that part is "masculinized" then the male desires a female partner. If that part of the brain is "feminized", he said, then the male desires another male as a partner.

Bailey also noted that same-sex sexual behavior is not equivalent to a Gay orientation. Some people have a choice when it comes to sexual partners because they are bisexual which he suggests, "may well be genetically influenced."

"My hunch is that sexual orientation is genetic." The existing studies support that view. But he cautioned, as do others, that human sexuality has been neglected

The resolution was sponsored by Aldermen Thomas Donegan and Paul Henningsen and Alderwomen Lorraine McNamara-McGraw and Mary Anne McNulty.

Out of the 16 member council, only three alderpersons voted not to accept. These were Annette Scherbert, Robert Anderson and Thomas Nardelli. However, during the vote, anyone could have made a motion for separate action which would have required each member

WHEREAS, The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee has declared Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week to promote and pursue justice, civil liberty and community understanding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, June 16-24, 1990, and urges all citizens to treat Lesbian and gay persons with human dignity and respect, and to refrain from illegal discrimination of any form; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Introduced by Aldermen Thomas Donegan and Paul Henningsen and Alderwomen Lorraine McNamara-McGraw and Mary Anne McNulty and approved by members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 29, 1990.

and a great deal of further study is needed.

Bailey's current research is on twins and he is asking for help. If you or your same-sex twin is Gay, Lesbian or bisexual — or if you both share one of those orientations — would you contact him. He is also would like to talk to Gay men with adoptive brothers. Call the Family Studies Laboratory at (708) 491-4239. You may call collect.

Women's Cancer Given High Priority

[Washington, D.C.]— The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) will give women's cancer legislation a high priority on its advocacy agenda, Executive Director Tim McFeeley has announced.

"Far too many Lesbians are losing their lives to cancer and we need to make a concerted effort to protect their lives," McFeeley stated. He announced that Kathleen Stoll, Lesbian Issues and Outreach Director for HRCF, will spearhead the effort to increase government funding for preventative health services and education about breast, uterine and ovarian cancer.

Senate Passes Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act

[Washington, D.C.]— Despite strong opposition from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), the Senate overwhelmingly approved the Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act of 1990 on May 16. The bill passed by a 95-4 vote.

The bill authorizes funding for hospital care in 13 major cities including Chicago; cities which have reported 2,000 or more cases of AIDS. In addition it authorizes funding for clinics, community health centers, as well as research and educational programs in all the states.

Senator Helms attacked the Gay community on the Senate floor, stating that the bill will encourage "immoral" Gay practices. "If they (Gays) would stop what they are doing, there would not be one additional new case of AIDS in the United States of America other than those already in progress."

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) sharply

of Council to register their vote. No one made such a motion.

As soon as the word was out the previous week that such a Gay/Lesbian Pride resolution would come before the Council, vigorous opposition was mounted by right-wing Fundamentalist Christians at the urging of Vic Eliason, owner of WVCY radio and WVCY-TV. On Friday, May 25, Eliason, still angry over the issuing of Gay/Lesbian Pride Proclamations by Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist and Milwaukee County Executive Dave Schulz, spoke on his show "In Focus" seen weekdays between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eliason was thought by one observer to be so angry that he was quivering as he announced what was going on.

Eliason read the names and home phone numbers of Council members on the air. Donegan said he'd gotten 12 calls at home over the holiday weekend. Another Council member said they had received 20 such calls opposing the resolution.

According to one source who spoke on the condition of anonymity, these phone calls from "irate right-wingers" may have had a "reverse reaction" from that intended. "Some Council members were wavering, but it was all the phone calls by these people (right-wingers) that led them to make up their minds to let the resolution pass."

On Tuesday, Eliason was on WVCY radio at the unusually early time of 7:00 a.m. He spent five hours talking about the resolution. But as one person present said, "After all that, it (passage) was kind of a non-event."

Tuesday morning, a small procession of right-wing demonstrators marched around outside City Hall carrying signs bearing anti-Gay/Lesbian slogans. Tuesday night on "In Focus" still obviously upset, Eliason, pleading with his viewers, asked, "What are you going to do to respond to this?"

In another, but related matter, the Families Concerned Coalition, a right-wing group who think Gays and Lesbians are a threat to "traditional values" will hold a rally on June 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at MECCA's Bruce Hall in Milwaukee.

Announced speakers include Rev. Donald Wildmon of Tupelo, Mississippi. Wildmon is executive director of Christian Leaders for Responsible Television. Wildmon spoke at a similar rally last year in Milwaukee. The numbers attending that rally ranged from 700 to 3,000 depending on who you talk to.

At that time the Mississippian advised Milwaukee to change its mayor. Wildmon's position was probably blunted due to the fact that much of his audience, according to a survey taken by reliable sources, did not come from Milwaukee.

Also included on the speaker's list is Beverly LaHaye of Concerned Women For America who views Gays being portrayed on TV as "prime time perversion." In addition there will be someone who has been described as "a former homosexual." If last year's rally is any indication, there will probably be a plethora of others.

disagreed saying that even if all Gays quit having sex "I do not think it would make a dent."

The Care bill is aimed mainly at providing relief for health institutions in major cities suffering from conditions such as overcrowded emergency rooms and shortages of trained health care personnel. In addition, it will provide funds for the states to develop HIV care programs such as community-based health services.

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyists worked closely on this bill with its Senate sponsors. At the time of the Senate vote, HRCF delivered thousands of "Speak Out" messages from around the country to Senate offices. "Speak Out" messages enable Lesbian and Gay Americans to inform legislators of their opinion prior to critical votes affecting our community.

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EDITORIAL

Christian Fundamentalists Ignore Reality; Create "Facts"

One cannot escape the resemblance between Lyndon Johnson and Vic Eliason. Both are tragic figures blinded by a belief that, as those things do, become self-confirming theory. In such cases, reality is ignored and facts are created to support the imagined truth.

Johnson, never understood the tragedy of his position on Vietnam and neither does Eliason understand his own tragedy.

The world of Eliason and the Fundamentalists is a mythic universe of simplicities; a comfortable, homogeneous America where good and evil are well-defined. Of course that isn't true and never was, but anything that violates that belief, anyone who doesn't "fit" such as Gays and Lesbians must be fought and facts created to support the "righteous" conflict.

What if Eliason did learn that Gays and Lesbians are not as we are by choice; learn that we have existed throughout history; that we do make up 10 percent of the population; that love is not gender oriented?

What if he realized that natural law is a bankrupt argument to use against us; that you can't catch AIDS from shaking hands with someone who has HIV infection? What if Eliason et al admitted that they know little or nothing about Gays and Lesbians — and show it every time they open their mouths? But he will not learn. Tragic.

Eliason hates those proclamations and no wonder. In a way, they are like the "Pentagon Papers", telling the unacceptable truth that if acknowledged, would shatter the myth he and his like live by.

The proclamations say that others see that the world is a vastly complex place with much in it that is called culture and civilization created by Lesbians and Gays. They recognize as well our struggle for liberty and equal rights and it is precisely this that Eliason and the Fundamentalists cannot recognize or the world they believe in will shatter. Like Johnson, they have nothing to put in its place.

In the end, the Fundamentalists' battle is futile because it is based on a myth; as futile as was ever Johnson's policies in Vietnam — and for the same reason.

Eliason and his people will hold their rally. It will be a gathering of actors with their prepared scripts reading to each other just what they have a need to hear — much like Johnson and his National Security Council — myths and fabrications that support the cherished belief. So let it be. There will be no truth there, only myth.

Meanwhile, on the following day, we Gays and Lesbians will march; proud of our history; proud of our struggle; proud of our contributions to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the nation and Proud that we claim freedom. That is one human desire that his based in reality with every truth to support it.

LETTERS

Riverside High

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Ms. Kuehn, Principal of Riverside University High School in Milwaukee.

I must protest the presence of military recruiters here at Riverside University High School. As national spokesperson and chairperson of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, I am placed on a daily basis in contact with American citizens who have been victimized by the Department of Defense's discriminatory policies against Gays and Lesbians.

We would not tolerate a company or business on this campus which would discriminate against people of color or women by excluding them from employment and calling them "unfit" by reason of who they are. Why is this school tolerating a governmental agency which does just that to over twenty-three million Americans and ten percent of the student population? (The Kinsey Institute has suggested that, based on research, about 10-13 percent of the population is Gay/Lesbian.)

What kind of message are we sending to those students here who already experience pressure and must hide because they are Gay? Also, we have a state-wide law here in Wisconsin which provides legal protection and civil rights to Lesbians and Gay men. The Department of Defense and all branches of the military violate this state law because of the exclusionary policy based on DoD Directive 1332.14.

Of course, I will do nothing to disrupt the school. But as national chair of a veterans' group of national scope and of a 30,000 person membership and as a Gay veteran myself who has experienced first-hand the discrimination of the military, I must strongly protest allowing recruiters here in our school.

I am asking you to think about this situation. I can also wish that you might

Pride Is...

"What I have learned, therefore, is that the worst sin is to inflict shame and humiliation on anyone else for whatever reason... I have seen in my lifetime the consequences of the opposing views when they have dominated the scene. I have seen Jews and so many others, including Gays, in those places of darkness, silence and fire."

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and scholar.

find that RUHS does not want discrimination to take place and disallow recruiters here again.

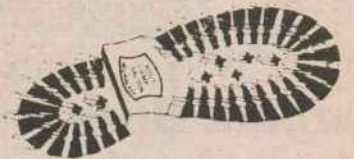
—Miriam Ben Shalom
Gay Veteran
Chairperson, GLBVA
Teacher at RUHS

Army Retreats In Gay ROTC Case

[New York, NY]- In a May 18, 1990 decision, the U.S. Army has backed down on its demand that James Holobaugh repay a \$25,000 ROTC scholarship. Holobaugh, who graduated on May 18 from Washington University in St. Louis, had been disenrolled from ROTC and called on to repay the scholarship after he stated that he was Gay. Although rescinding its repayment recommendation, the Army's decision discharges Holobaugh from ROTC and denies him his commission.

"My case only serves to underscore the wastefulness of the military's ban on Lesbians and Gay men. I intend to continue to pursue my commission and to continue my efforts to have the military abandon a policy that is rooted in ignorance and prejudice," Holobaugh said.

William B. Rubenstein, Staff Counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) Lesbian and Gay Rights Project which represents Holobaugh said that the Project is planning a national conference of campus organizers, scheduled for November 9, 1990, in Minneapolis, to address the ROTC issue.



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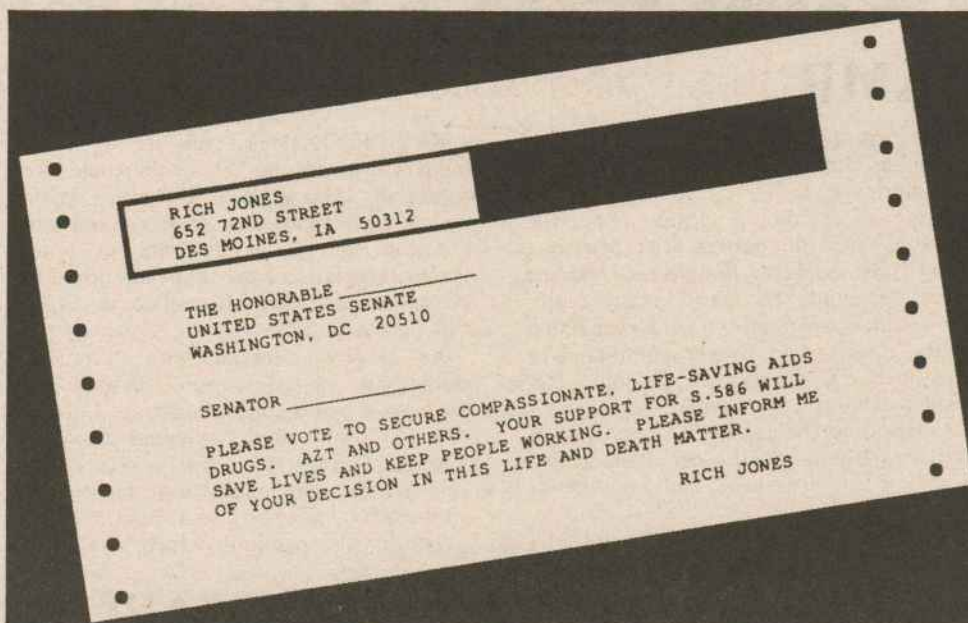
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Our rights, health, privacy—even our lives—are at stake daily on Capitol Hill. Key votes often come up with little notice, so ***Speak Out*** is particularly effective. It triggers a quick response—letting Congress know you care.

But we can't win without your help. If you've ever meant to write to Congress and just didn't get around to it...***Speak Out*** is for you.

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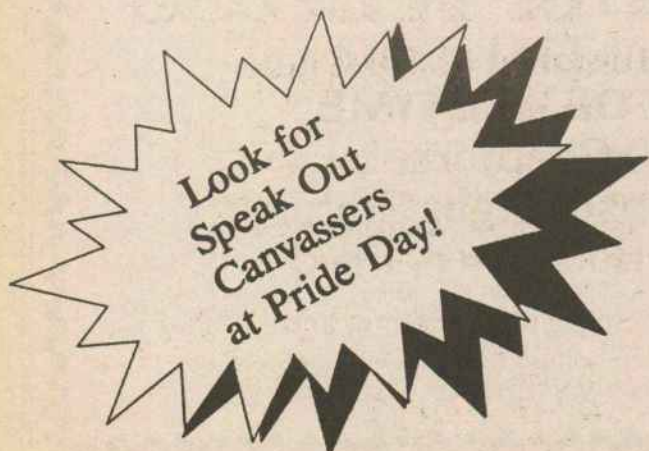
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Living With Pride— A Few Words From...

KAREN LAMB

Darlings! It's Summertime. The living is easy. I have just returned from Atlanta where our city gloried in Miss Daisy, filmed near the ol' family home.

Returning, a surprise to read of great issues facing Milwaukee: the refusal of the Board to pass a proclamation; the rather "ho-hum" language spewing from the City Council. The expected, much reported, "annoying hum" from cicadas arriving early.

"I could bite 'em, mom," yelps Tab Hunter, our family's Cocker. "What about a good course in Karate?" suggests another family member. "When's the next election?" queries another.

Yet, from all of us, congratulations on Milwaukee's 1990 Gay Pride festivities! Such a short time ago I was honored to serve as your 1989 Parade Marshal.

This year, Milwaukee is privileged to

honor Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom for her enormous contributions toward liberty for all Americans.

Yes, a season of Pride. For the heroines and the heroes. The Miriams, Doug Nelsons, Terry Boughners and the Jerry Johnsons. So many, many more. Unnamed. Known only to us. Never noted in the major press. Never nominated or acclaimed. Contributions to our city unacknowledged. For shame.

Celebrating the courage. Amidst joyous activities the reminder of illness and death of our treasured and courageous loved ones.

Yes, we remember. Yes, we celebrate. We are proud of ourselves on Earth. We are proud of ourselves in front of our Maker.

Sincerely,
Karen Lamb

JIMMY KING

King Productions and its 15 title holders from around Wisconsin would like to heartily congratulate Milwaukee on its upcoming Lesbian/Gay Pride celebration. I speak for all of us here at King Productions when I say that I am proud to be associated with Milwaukee, a Great City on a Great Lake.

As I have worked with the Gay community of Wisconsin, individuals, businesses and organizations, I have come to know what a splendid group of people comprise the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay community and how very, very much it has to be proud about.

This is a community which stands on

the cutting edge of the on-going battle for equal rights for all.

This is a community which has given of itself over and over again in the fight against AIDS.

This is a community which has set a shining example to the rest of the nation and the world that Gays and Lesbians can hold their heads high and march together under the beautiful rainbow flag; a banner of many colors ever as this community has many glittering facets.

So I say Congratulations and best wishes for a Proud People to have the Best Of Pride Weeks. We are with you all the way.

MARC HAUPERT

As many of you know, I am soon to leave Milwaukee to accept a position as Executive Director of Chicago House. While this new position is an exciting challenge in a field where my passion lies, it is very hard to say goodbye to good friends and valued associates in this City, which has been my home for 16 years.

Having been a part of this paper since "before the beginning," I thought it appropriate to indulge myself in a few parting thoughts, but bear in mind that you haven't heard the last of me on these pages.

When I look back, my thoughts light on a few notable incidents and individuals who were responsible for major turning points in my Milwaukee "pseudo-activist" career. Of course the great danger in "naming names" is that I will leave out significant people, and for that I must apologize in advance.

I was encouraged to move to Milwaukee by my dear friend Pat Wagner, a fine poet who encouraged me to start up a nonprofit book center in Sydney HiH in 1973 (today that center is known as Woodland Pattern, and is nationally recognized for its programming success). Pat knew the folks at Theatre X, whom I sincerely thank

for giving me the chance to begin a career in arts management. Traveling in theatre circles made possible my long association with the Wisconsin Theatre Association, and my introduction to its executive director, a wonderful man named Harv Thompson.

When we created the Water Street Arts Center, one of the first poetry readings held was by Paul Mariah, nationally recognized Gay poet.

Two of the first people I met in Milwaukee were Alyn Hess and Louis Stimac, leaders upon whom I relied to learn what was happening and had happened in the City's Gay community.

Many sensed a need for a management support organization for smaller arts groups, and Arts Services Associates was founded in 1977, with the help of some outstanding individuals. ASA helped nearly 200 groups in varying degrees over the years, and its tax exempt subsidiary, Management Support Associates, assisted in the funding development of many others, notably COLORLINES magazine, one of the country's finest African-American literary journals, whose board and founders are people

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REP. DAVID CLARENBACH

Over the last year, Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community has much for which to be proud. Great strides have been made in our fight against AIDS and in advancing the cause of human rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation. Our legislature, by demonstrating a willingness to stand up to ignorance and bigotry, has once again established Wisconsin as the "Gay Rights State."

Credit for the favorable political environment that protects civil liberties and provides a more humane climate in the state rests squarely with the Gay and Lesbian community. People from across the state have taken an increasingly active role in shaping the public policy that affects them. To continue this progress in the future, Gay and Lesbian citizens and their supporters must be equally committed to political involvement in the elections this fall.

Here are some of the highlights of the 1989-90 legislative session:

Direct state funding for AIDS/HIV life care services totaling \$1.4 million was approved last summer. This appropriation dramatically expanded the case management programs in the state's AIDS services organizations, including the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the Madison AIDS Support Network.

The Bill of Rights for people with AIDS and HIV infection became law. AB 400 prohibits discrimination in medical treatment, refusal to provide care, or insurance policies that exclude or limit coverage due to HIV status.

The State Assembly narrowly averted a plan which would have allowed religious groups receiving state funds to discriminate in their programs. On a 49-48 vote, lawmakers defeated a "Rawhide exemption" amendment to AB 590.

Now and in the future, we must redouble our efforts to defend and extend the protections of current law. We must propose domestic partner legislation to secure the economic bonds that are a part of Gay and Lesbian relationships. We must continue our vigorous fight against the AIDS epidemic, while providing compassionate care for those directly affected by this disease.

And most important, we must be eternally vigilant of the dangers posed by the reactionary right wing and religious fundamentalists, who threaten the legal safeguards that have been attained. We know that the strength and the pride which we celebrate in Wisconsin today will sustain us as we face the challenges of the 90's.

DOUG NELSON

Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week is a time for great celebration. Surely an important reason for our pride is the enduring legacy of the Lesbian and Gay response to the AIDS epidemic.

Five years ago, Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay community created the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). It was a time when most of Milwaukee was unprepared and unwilling to confront the disease.

With great courage and profound commitment, dedicated individuals from the Lesbian and Gay community established MAP and, for the first time, provided Milwaukee with much needed leadership to meet the difficult challenge of AIDS.

Looking back, it was a proud moment in the history of Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay community. Over the years, there have been many more proud moments as Lesbians and Gay men nurtured, developed, funded, and built the Milwaukee AIDS Project into a dynamic organization that stands today among the best AIDS service agencies in the country.

Although AIDS continues to have a devastating hold on our community, we can take great pride in the Lesbian and Gay response to AIDS which is forcing permanent changes in science, health care, and the law.

We have built hundreds of AIDS organizations, supported them with thousands of volunteers, and funded them with millions of dollars. We have gone into the schools, the churches, the workplace, the bars, and the streets to educate people about AIDS prevention.

We have supported and cared for people with AIDS when hospitals, nursing homes, doctors, dentists, churches, friends, and family members have refused to help. We have lobbied politicians, regulators, scientists,

lawyers, insurance executives and health care providers to gain the services, therapies, funding and legal protections that we need. And, with great determination, we have confronted and are defeating the ugliest kind of prejudice and the most demeaning kind of discrimination.

The history of the world is replete with major epidemics and AIDS is truly the worst of them. No community of people, however, has ever responded to any epidemic with as much courage, compassion, intensity, and effectiveness as the Lesbian and Gay community has to AIDS.

As we look to the future, we know that our journey with AIDS is not over. Several difficult years lie ahead.

Together we must walk with pride and solidarity into the new decade, secure in our belief that we shall ultimately overcome the AIDS epidemic and that history will record the Lesbian and Gay community's response to AIDS as exemplary to the world and one that advanced the human condition.

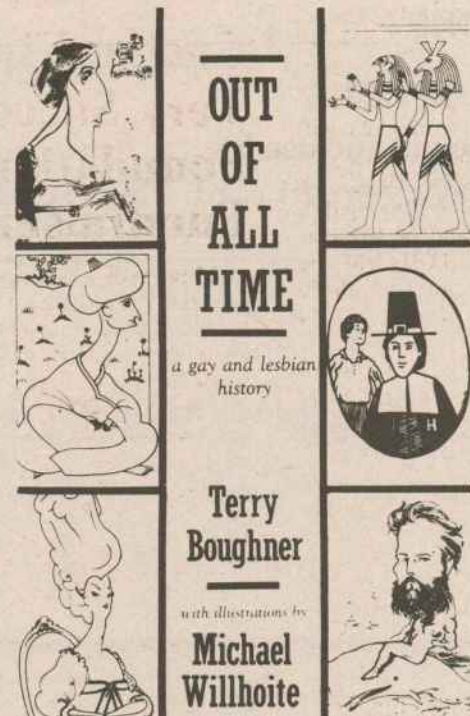
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Former Governor Tony Earl To Speak At Milwaukee Pride Rally June 16

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) announced on April 30, 1990, that former Wisconsin Governor, Tony Earl, will be one of three main speakers at the Pride Rally at Cathedral Square on Saturday, June 16 that will follow the Pride Parade.

Earl was Democratic governor from 1982-'86, succeeding Republican Lee Dreyfus who, in February, 1982 signed into law the first Gay Rights Bill in the nation.

One of Earl's first acts as governor was to establish a Task Force on Gay and Lesbian issues. The Task Force functioned until 1986 when it disbanded itself knowing that newly elected Governor Tommy Thompson would not continue it.

Earl also appointed Earl Bricker as liaison to the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay community. (Bricker is currently the Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network).

In addition, Earl appointed as his Press Secretary, Ron McCrea, an openly Gay man, a fact headlined by the **Milwaukee Sentinel** the following day.

During the 1986 governor's race, Republican candidate, Tommy Thompson, made an issue of Governor Earl's pro-Gay/Lesbian stand. Many analysts still claim that Earl's loss to Thompson was due, in part, to Earl's courageous stands taken on behalf of our community.

In addition to Earl, Ivy Young and Wayne Schwandt will join the former governor on the speakers stand.



GOVERNOR TONY EARL

Young is Director of the Families Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). As an African-American Lesbian, she exemplifies the rich ethnic heritage of our community. Young spoke out defiantly against Christian right-winger Lou Sheldon when the "minister" was in Washington for something billed as a traditional values conference.

Schwandt is the President of the Gay/Lesbian Parenting International (GLPCI) and, as such, can speak to the numerous Lesbians and Gays who are engaged in parenting.

Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 255-8061.

[Philadelphia]- The Philadelphia Gay News reports that on May 17, the Philadelphia City Council voted in favor of a comprehensive Gay Pride Resolution. The Resolution passed 15-2.

The Resolution recognizes June as National Lesbian and Gay Pride Month and also recognizes the efforts of Parade 90 organizers and its festival committee for their roles in promoting education and awareness about the Lesbian and Gay community.

Philadelphia's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade and Festival will take place on June 2. It is part of a month-long series of events and is expected to draw between 10,000 and 15,000 people.

Casino Night Is Very Successful Foundation Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- Sunday, May 20, 1990, saw the Cream City Foundation's (CCF) fourth annual Casino Night attended by about 200 people. This year, the event took place at Milwaukee's War Memorial Center on the lakefront, a different, but very exciting location. Again utilizing professional gaming croupiers with genuine roulette wheel, craps table and numerous blackjack and other game tables, all the excitement of Vegas, Atlantic City or Monte Carlo was there.

This annual fundraiser for the Foundation was well attended by many newcomers. People who attended in previous years were not likely to miss it either as the event is becoming a real favorite.

Entertainment was provided by pianists David C. and John C., and both the Cream City Chorus and the Fest City Singers also performed. Major sponsorship was provided by the Miller Brewing Company and the major raffle prize was provided by American TV & Appliance. Most Milwaukee bars and many Gay/Lesbian businesses contributed other raffle prizes.

This year's event will likely be the most successful yet. Some contributions are still being received after the event; all proceeds are used for funding grants provided by the Foundation to other organizations, causes and events. CCF can be reached at (414) 265-0880 or P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

GAMMA Plans Great America Outing

[Milwaukee]- Red 1- Shirts will stand out like roses as GAMMA and other members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community journey to the Great America amusement park for their tenth annual day-long Father's Day trip.

All Gay and Lesbian people are invited to meet at 8:30am at McKinley parking lot (across Lincoln Drive from tennis courts) on June 17. We will pool rides and enjoy some donuts and coffee; GAMMA will be the host.

Regular admission to the park is \$19.95, but to receive a \$4.00 discount, you may call Bob at 963-9833 before June 10; other discount plans are available through Coca-Cola. Everyone may make his/her own arrangements, but if all of us wear red shirts, the day will be a hoot!

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!

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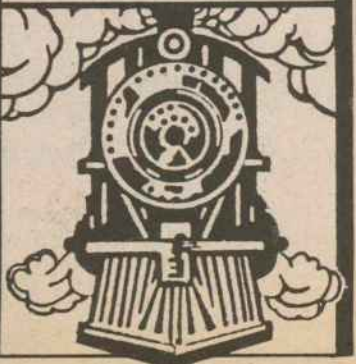
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News Briefs: Pride Growing Around the Country

[Atlanta]- The "Newsletter" published by Black and White Men Together (BWMT)- Milwaukee reports that a project has been launched in Atlanta, GA to erect a large billboard during the entire month of June. The billboard will show an American flag being blown in the wind with the words underneath reading: "Gay America Loves You."

[West Hollywood, CA]- Elvira, "Mistress of the Dark", host of a popular TV show, "Elvira's Movie Macabre" has been chosen as the Grand Marshal of the 1990 Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. This celebration will mark the 20th Anniversary of the event and is expected to be attended by more than 300,000 celebrants. Included in the parade will be more than 300 floats, marching units, bands, classic cars, politicians and celebrities.

[Champaign/Urbana, IL]- June 28 will be designated for the second year in a row "Lesbian and Gay Rights Day" by Mayor Dannel McColm of Champaign and Mayor Jeffrey Markland of Urbana. Lesbian and Gay Illini (LGI) will be participating in the Chicago Gay Pride Parade on June 24.

[Lansing, MI]- The Michigan Organization for Human Rights has announced that the fifth annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, June 24. The event is planned to coincide with National Gay Pride Week in all fifty states. According to **Cruise Magazine** over 6,000 people are expected to march including over 100 Gay, Lesbian, Feminist, Civil Rights and health and support groups from across Michigan.

[Around Ohio]- Author Quentin Crisp will address the fourth annual Pride Day Dinner to be held at the Dayton Gym Club on June 2.

Cincinnati will offer a ten-day celebration including the 13th Annual Pride Day march, rally and fair on June 9.

Columbus is planning an entire month of Gay Pride events in June, culminating in its 9th annual statewide parade on June 24. Between 5,000 and 10,000 people attend the march each year.

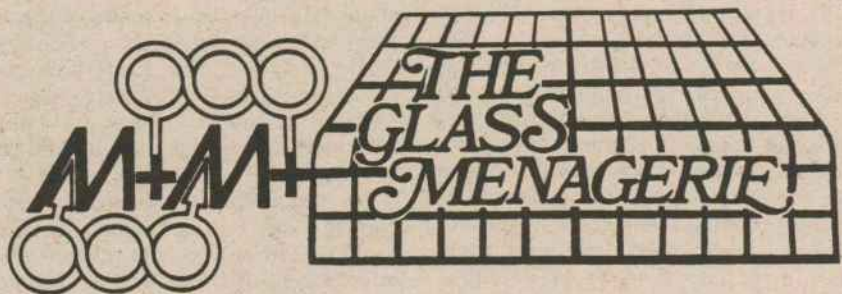
Cleveland plans two days of events including a Pride Parade and Festival on June 16.

[Madison]- Madison's GALVANize group is busy organizing a march for 1991, and welcomes everyone who wants to volunteer. Write to P.O. Box 1403,

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Whereas, Under the United States Constitution, American citizens are guaranteed the exercise of their inherent rights to free speech, freedom of assembly and due process, the right to equal and fair protection under the law, and the right to petition for redress of grievance; among others; and

Whereas, The laws of the State of Wisconsin further state that the right to equal and fair treatment in matters of employment, housing, education and other affairs may not be abridged for reason of race, gender, age, religion, marital status, disability or sexual orientation; and

Whereas, When the rights of a few are abridged, the rights of all are imperiled, and it is vitally incumbent on all public officials to uphold the laws and ensure that the rights of all citizens are protected equally; and

Whereas, Individual rights are often wrongfully abridged, and in response to invasions of their privacy and abrogations of their right to equal treatment, many people of homosexual orientation have joined together to exercise their rights of free speech and assembly and to pursue acknowledgement and protection of their rights; and

Whereas, Those lawful public assemblies and other rightful exercises will occur during the week of Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 24, 1990, which has been declared by organizers to be "Gay and Lesbian Pride Week" in defense of inherent human dignity and equality.

Now, therefore, I, David F. Schulz, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby recognize the week of Friday, June 15 through Sunday, June 24, 1990, as

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK

in Milwaukee County, and urge all citizens to reflect upon the universality of human rights and the history of inequality and injustice to which people of homosexual orientation and many others have been subjected.

David F. Schulz

DAVID F. SCHULZ, Milwaukee County Executive

U.S. Cutting Funds To Fight AIDS Abroad

[Washington, D.C.]—United States funding for overseas AIDS prevention and control has stagnated for the past three years, with significant cutbacks in a key program.

The U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) program on AIDS contributes bilateral technical support to other countries and fund the World Health Organization Global Program on AIDS (WHO/GPA).

Between 1988 and 1990, funding of USAID's program has stagnated at just more than \$40 million even though the world AIDS epidemic continues to grow. During the 1980's, more than 5 million people worldwide became infected with HIV, approximately 600,000 are estimated to have developed AIDS, and more than 300,000 died, according to WHO/GPA. President Bush's has requested \$38 million in his 1991 budget for foreign AIDS assistance.

The National Council for International Health warns that U.S. support is critical

in assisting developing countries which have less technology, few resources, and limited numbers of trained health workers and a burgeoning epidemic of HIV infection which threatens socio-economic structures in countries which are already fragile.

In the past several months, new and dramatic information has come to light about HIV infection in areas of the world previously believed to have low infection rates, including the Eastern European countries. These countries are now seeking assistance which will put an additional strain on the limited funds available.

For example, in Romania, WHO is playing a key role in helping that country to begin to assess the extent of HIV infection and AIDS as well as helping the Romanian Ministry of Health implement an emergency AIDS action plan and develop a national AIDS prevention and control plan.

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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

June Pride Is Busting Out All Over

By Jamakaya

June Pride is busting out all over, with a plethora of events the likes of which the Milwaukee community hasn't seen in... in... well, almost a year. Here's a run-down of some of the activities of particular interest to women.

Start the month out on the right footing with the "Dirty Dancing" Womyn's Dance, Friday, June 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive and Newberry Blvd.). There hasn't been a big women's dance for some time, so "Come On Down!" It's a fundraiser — only \$5 — for LOC Women of Color.

If you end that exciting evening arguing with your partner — now sweat! You can both attend the OurSpace session on "Conflict Resolution," Sunday, June 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. Good scheduling, eh? Nothing like having a full service Lesbian community!

On the second and fourth Thursdays in June — the 14th and 28th — Grapevine will meet at the Quaker Meeting House, 3224 N. Gordon Place from 7-9 p.m. The June 28th gathering will be a potluck (commonly referred to as a "Lesbo Feed").

Grapenuts, er, er, Grapevine has softball games scheduled for June 1 at 8:00 p.m., June 8 at 9:00 p.m. and June 15 at 8:00 p.m. All are Friday evening games at Wick Field diamond number 4, 4929 W. Vliet St. Come on down and cheer the gals on!

Grapevine is sponsoring its Point Beach Camping Weekend on June 15-17. For information and directions, call 871-2778.

Saturday, June 16 is the Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade and Celebration! Yeah! Assemble at East Ogden and Van Buren at 11:00 a.m. Step-off will be at noon with the afternoon rally and entertainment at Juneau Park.

Among the contingents in this year's parade will be the Lesbian Alliance of Metro-Milwaukee (LAMM), Hurricane Productions, Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression (some of my best friends are DAMES), participants in UWM's Gay and Lesbian Literature course and more. Choose a banner to walk behind or, better yet, make your own!

I may, unbelievably, be unable to march in the parade because of a work commitment. However, after work I will pedal my fat little Lesbo legs over to Juneau Park as fast as I can. I may constitute my very own "Dykes on 20 Year Old Schwinn Bikes" contingent!

The excitement of Pride Day will continue into Sunday with a big Pancake Breakfast sponsored by LAMM. It will be held at the Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's \$5 at the door for all-you-can-eat. Last year's Spaghetti



Jamakaya

Dinner was a blast, so here's hoping for another successful Lesbo Feed. We fight like hell so much of the time but, damn, we sure to eat well together!

I hope my Lesbian sisters show up for the Wisconsin Premiere of "Longtime Companion," a moving film about a group of friends dealing with AIDS in the 1980's. It has won a number of awards and is the first feature-length film to be made about AIDS. Bring some kleenex along. It's showing at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19 at the Oriental Theatre. Tickets are \$10 and will benefit the Milwaukee Pride Committee. Call 372-2773 for tickets. I am particularly proud that Wisconsin Light and In Step are sponsoring this very worth-while event.

Fresh from her success at Campfest '90, a women's festival in Pennsylvania, Milwaukee's own Debbie Davis, along with Dominique Dibbell and other comrades in serious and zany performance art, will present their "Circus of a Queer Nature" on June 22, 23 and 24 at the Bauer Dance Studio, 727 N. Milwaukee St. Come join in the fun! The shows are at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m. on Sunday. It's just \$8

In addition, Dykes to Watch Out For cartoonist Alison Bechdel will talk about her art and characters on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church near UW-Milwaukee. (See article this issue and upcoming issues.)

Whew, what a line up!

Minutes after handing this copy to my editor, I am heading off to Bloomington, Indiana for the National Women's Music Festival. I hope to provide some coverage of that exciting event in the next issue as well as a commentary about how the Stonewall Rebellion, which we celebrate this month, is only half of the story behind Gay and Lesbian liberation.

Sometimes it's tough being the Lois Lane of the Lesbo community. In June, it's exhilarating. Stay tuned....

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Through Hard Work We Have Accomplished Much

By Bill Meunier

Okay I admit I am an avowed Gay man and proud of it. I know that some of you are shocked by such an open and blatant admission, and I want you to know that those calls from TIME and NEWSWEEK to see if those nasty rumors are true had nothing to do with my openness. Nor do I resent their intrusion into my bedroom. After all that is the price you have to pay for being a celebrity. I just hope and pray they don't publish those pictures.

The words above are written as a joke, but what is happening in certain circles around the country is not. The practice of outing is not funny nor is it something we should be proud of.

For years we have based our movement for equal rights on the premise that what we do in the privacy of our own bedrooms is no one's business but our own. Now some of us believe that its perfectly acceptable to expose the sex life of others. Why it should matter whether or not John Travolta, Richard Chamberlin and others are Gay or not is beyond me.

There are times when outing is an appropriate tactic for exposing the hypocrisy of our enemies. There is for example a certain US Senator from a Mid Western State (not Wisconsin) who has consistently voted against us, and is rumored to have been kicked out a bathhouse in his home state because of his voting record on our issues. If this paper can confirm that we will "out" him. But not without good reason. To intrude into the private life of others for the sole purpose of a cheap thrill is a not only an offense against that person, but an intrusion into the privacy of all of us. This is not something we should feel proud of.

There are other things we should feel proud of during this Pride Week. Perhaps chief among is the fact that for the third year in a row, there will be a Pride Week. It was a struggle this year, when some of the major organizers moved on to other pursuits, but thanks to the solid ground

work laid by Sue Cook, Don Clabots and others a dedicated group of people led by Jim English was able to do a great job.

We can also be proud of Miriam Ben Shalom, who has accepted the cruelty of the US Supreme Court decision allowing the army to keep her out, with dignity and defiance. Miriam is now one the leaders of a national organization of Gay and Bisexual veterans. Keep up the fight Miriam. Speaking of the military, we should be proud of the fight against ROTC waged with such skill by students and faculty at the UW- Madison campus. While they did not ultimately prevail (this time) they certainly put the military on notice that we can organize and make it hot for them. There are many other things for us to look at with pride. The Milmaids bowling tournament, our sports organizations, the existence of two fine Gay and Lesbian newspapers, our choral organizations, our political victory at the Milwaukee County Board last July, the continued response of help and money flowing into our AIDS organizations and much more. This past 12 months has been filled with so much activity that there is no reason why each and every Lesbian and Gay should not feel a sense of pride this year.


What we have achieved we have accomplished with hard work, overcoming many personal and culturally imposed obstacles. This year lets dedicate Pride Week to the effort that has brought us this far and will carry us carry us even farther in the "Gay 90's."

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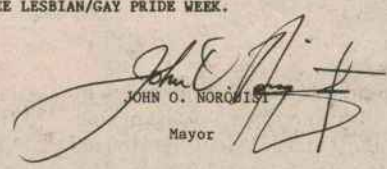
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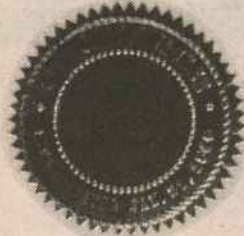
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Florentine Opera Soloist Featured In Cream City Chorus Concert

[Milwaukee]- The Gay and Lesbian Wisconsin Cream City Chorus has announced that Sheri Williams Pannell, of the Florentine Opera Company, will be their featured soloist for their annual spring concert, entitled "Tomorrow Belongs To Me." The concert is slated for Saturday, June 16, at 8:00 p.m., Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. in Milwaukee in the downtown public library.

The concert, Cream City Chorus's third annual spring event, has been scheduled to be the final event for the Gay Pride Day activities under the aegis of the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC).

Tickets are going fast at \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Cream City Chorus members, or by calling (414) 277-0434.

Under the musical direction of Scott Stephen Stewart, Cream City Chorus has grown to more than 50 members over the past year. Stewart is also associate conductor and chorus master for the Florentine Opera Company, and artistic advisor and conductor for the Wisconsin Opera Theatre, the Florentine's educational wing.

Cream City Chorus is one of only eleven national mixed Lesbian and Gay choruses associated with GALA Choruses, an organization which boasts more than 75 member organizations nationwide. In addition, Cream City Chorus has several

heterosexual members.

The musical literature selected for "Tomorrow Belongs To Me" is diverse, with something for everyone. All of the music lends itself to Gay and Lesbian history. Highlighted will be a recap of the events of Gay Pride Day.

Cream City Chorus rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at New Hope United Church of Christ on 14th and Greenfield in Milwaukee. The Chorus welcomes new members. Interested parties are invited to sit in at a rehearsal without pre-arrangement, or an audition may be arranged by calling 769-6184.

Anthology Seeks Latino Writers

[Boston, Mass.]- Author Michael Nava, whose mystery "Goldenboy" won two Lambda Literary Awards last year, is seeking submissions for a new short story anthology to be published by Alyson Publications. Nava, who has edited a collection of Gay mysteries for Alyson, will be working to give a voice to a group that has long been overlooked in the Gay community — Latino Lesbians and Gay men.

Inquiries and submissions, accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, may be sent no later than September 1, 1990, to: Michael Nava, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., No. 109365, West Hollywood, CA 90046.



A scene from the critically acclaimed film, "Longtime Companion," which will be shown as a special benefit for the Milwaukee Pride Committee on June 19. See page 20 for further details.

"Not About Heroes" Concludes Skylights World War Series

By Geno

The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's 8th Annual Shaw Festival at the Stiemke Theater has received high praise from both critics and audiences for this year's three productions centered on World War I. They are George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House," three of Shaw's one-act plays and "Not About Heroes" by Stephen MacDonald. The last named play is one that will have great interest for readers of *Light*.

In "Not About Heroes" MacDonald takes as his subject the meeting in August-November, 1917 of two wartime British poets, Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon at an army hospital. Owen, the younger man, is recovering from injuries and the effects of shell shock. Sassoon, an upper-class gentleman officer and already an established poet, is also recovering from wounds. Owen had a great admiration for Sassoon's poetry and agreed with his anti-war stance. In hospital, he hesitantly offers some of his poems to his hero for criticism, and from that tentative beginning an artistic and personal comradeship grew.

The audience becomes intimately involved as they witness the growth of this deeply felt, creative friendship as the two men discuss their writing, their inner feelings and their attitudes towards war. Most of Owen's conversation is taken directly from his letters to his mother and brother and to Sassoon where he honestly expresses his innermost feelings; Sassoon's comments are mainly taken from his recollections of Owen and from his wartime poetry. Playwright MacDonald has beautifully created a warm, absorbing play using the poetry and actual words of the two men.

Stocky David Cessarini plays the slim Wilfred Owen as an eager lad from the provinces, a stance that is very winning. Jonathon Smoots portrays Siegfried Sassoon as almost a father figure whose affection for Owen is apparent though he appears to be the typical withdrawn Englishman who does not easily show his emotions. Both actors sustain this two-man show with the generous give and take of real friends.

When Wilfred Owen was sent back into combat although Sassoon advised staying out of action, he acquitted himself honorably and was loved and respected by his men. He continued to write poetry dealing with the horrors of trench warfare in France and passionately looked forward to living and growing as a poet and human being. On November 4, 1918, just a week before the Armistice was signed, Wilfred Owen was killed in action. Sassoon lived to mourn the tragedy of young men dead before their time, especially one who had loved him "as a man, as a friend, and as a poet."

Only four poems by Wilfred Owen were published during his lifetime, but in 1920 Siegfried Sassoon published the first volume of his friend's poetry showing the world what it had lost in the death of not only this young poet, but of others of his generation who died at the front. Most of Wilfred Owen's best poetry was written



WILFRED OWEN

during the year after he met Sassoon, and in discussing his work explained that his poetry was "...not about Heroes. ...Above all I am not concerned about Poetry. My subject is War, and the pity of War. The Poetry is in the Pity."

"Not About Heroes" and the two Shaw productions will be presented in repertory and may be seen until Sunday, June 17. Schedules of the plays and ticket information can be obtained by calling the Milwaukee Repertory Theater box office in the Milwaukee Center at (414) 224-9490.

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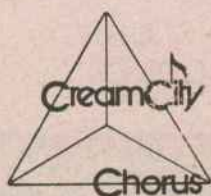
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Alison Bechdel to Present Pride Week "Slideshow"

[Milwaukee]- Popular Lesbian cartoonist, Alison Bechdel, will appear in Milwaukee to present "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow" at 8:00pm on Saturday, June 23, 1990. The event, sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), will be held at the Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. (across the street from the UW-M Union).

The "Dykes to Watch Out For" cartoon strip appears in 25 publications nationwide, and Bechdel recently published her third volume of cartoons featuring this endearing cast of characters. (See Jamakaya's review of *New Improved Dykes to Watch Out For* in the last issue of *Light*.)

Bechdel's presentation is an engaging, informative and entertaining look at her artistic development and her creative process, including "her childhood drawings, her frustrated adolescence, and her action-packed career as a Lesbian cartoonist."

For those who might not be on intimate

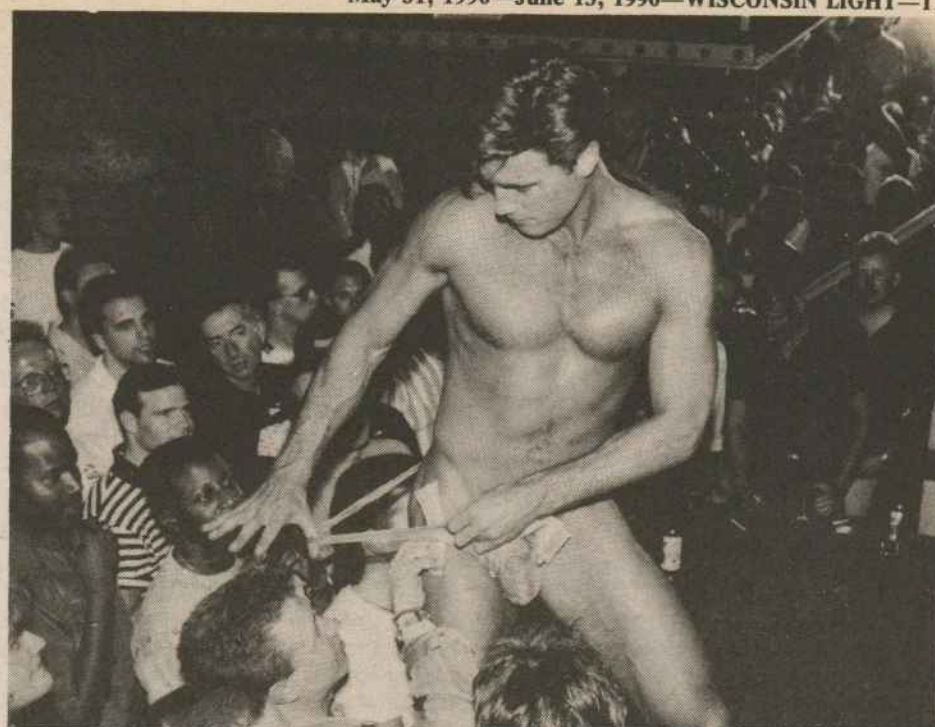
terms with the "Dykes," Bechdel introduces each one of them, with insight into their creation and development.

She shares her thoughts on topics ranging from the traditional representation of female cartoon characters, to growing up as a Lesbian in a woman-hating culture, to drawing as "therapy." Bechdel also reveals the hopes and goals she has for her work, and demonstrates her belief in cartoons as a powerful, accessible medium for education and change.

Admission to the program, which is a fundraiser for the Lesbian Alliance, is \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door, with a one dollar discount for Alliance members. Tickets are available at People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell Ave., Outpost Foods Co-op, 100 E. Capitol Dr., or from Lesbian Alliance members.

For information or to charge tickets (Mastercard or Visa) call the Alliance at (414) 264-2600.

Watch for an interview with Alison Bechdel in the next issue of the *Light*.



"Hunter and the Headliners" entertained a large crowd at Milwaukee's Club 219 on May 23.

New Harvest Foundation Raises Additional \$14,000

[Madison]- Some \$14,000 in new contributions will flow into the New Harvest Foundation as a result of pledges made at two fundraising receptions held in the early part of 1990. This, according to *The Gleaner*, the Foundation's newsletter.

The New Harvest Foundation, founded in 1984, is a philanthropic organization providing funding for Lesbian and Gay causes in Dane County.

The \$14,000 will augment the \$85,000 that has already been contributed to the Foundation since its founding.

Over that period, New Harvest awarded over \$74,000 in grants to 49 Gay and Lesbian programs in Dane County. Another round of grants will be made later this year.

The Foundation has 501(c)(3) status and, hence, all donations to it are tax deductible for both federal and Wisconsin income tax purposes.

Another fundraiser reception is scheduled for this Summer, according to Dan Curd, co-chair of the event. He described the receptions as relaxed social

affairs, held in the homes of members. "Current donors are asked to invite friends or business associates who might become donors. We usually have about 30 people present," Curd said.

Against a background of light refreshments and music, a brief discussion ensues of the groups that have been aided by New Harvest. Officials answer questions and explain the pledge system preferred for donations. Currently 100 donors have signed up under this system.

People who must remain anonymous for professional or personal reasons in particular find the Foundation an ideal vehicle through which to channel funds. Most donors choose to contribute to the Foundation under a quarterly, semiannual, or annual pledge spread out over a two- or three-year period. One-time gifts or bequests are welcomed, however.

Curd urged anyone interested in attending the Summer reception in Madison to contact him at (608) 257-7737. Formal invitations will be sent out four weeks before the event.

"New Dimensions" Magazine Is Viciously Homophobic

[New York]- The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) reports that there is a slick, new nationally distributed monthly news magazine in circulation called "New Dimensions" published by the far right-wing religionists. While resembling "Time" and "Newsweek" in appearance, it is viciously homophobic.

In January's issue, in addition to blatantly homophobic articles, William T. O'Connor described as "a California physician" made the scientifically false and inflammatory statement that "current scientific evidence demonstrates transmission of the virus (HIV) has been documented by saliva, household and hand contact."

The March edition was devoted to more Gay bashing and AIDS hysteria, while the April issue ranted about how the Gay rights lobby controls the media, manipulating Americans "to accept and support a life of uncontrolled sexual deviation and biologically dangerous practices."

The magazines chief advertisers are Ford and Honda. The two companies told GLAAD that their policy is to help pay for any ad any dealer wants to place. GLAAD however, asks if either company would pay for ads in an extremist magazine as racist as "New Dimensions" is homophobic. And, GLAAD points out,

neither company advertises in the Gay press.

GLAAD asks that you write Ford and Honda demanding that they stop subsidizing hate. Write **Harold Poling, Chairman and CEO, Ford Motor Co., The American Road, Dearborn, Michigan 48121** and to **Mr. Tetsuo Chino, Chairman and CEO, American Honda Motor Co., 100 W. Alondra Blvd., Gardena, CA 90248.**



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[Milwaukee]- In the past month, several fundraisers have been held to support the services of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). These fundraisers have been sponsored by an assortment of supportive restaurants, organizations, bars and businesses. All of the funds raised from these special events are used to support the services at MAP for people living with AIDS. An additional benefit from these events is the outreach and awareness that occurs about the AIDS issue. MAP thanks the following people for hosting the respective fundraisers and creating this awareness.

Club 94 in Kenosha held a special event to benefit the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), a MAP affiliate, and raised \$1,016.

At the lecture given by world-famed thanatologist, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross at All Saints Cathedral, donations totaling \$800 were received from those attending.

The **Goodtime Bowling League** raised \$415 for MAP at an April fundraiser. As requested, this money will be used in

maintaining the Milwaukee House.

The **Monday Night Irregulars** sponsored a weekly 50/50 pot during their 1989-90 season and raised a total of \$774 to be used, again as requested, for MAP's direct patient support.

Finally thanks to **everyone** for contributing to MAP's current direct mail campaign. Almost \$5,000 has been raised and will be used to support MAP services and programs.

MAP also extends thanks to the 400 who attended the 1990 Make A Promise Dinner. Over \$13,000 (net) was raised to be used for services for people living with AIDS.

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Frank Announces Re-Election Bid

FRANK ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION BID

[Boston, MA]- Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) has filed nomination papers and will run for re-election to a sixth term in the U.S. Congress despite an ethics investigation into his alleged relationship with a male prostitute. He will face two Republican opponents in his largely Democratic district.

Said the openly Gay Frank, "I had to decide whether the mistakes I made and the lies that were told about me would damage my effectiveness. Obviously, I concluded they would not."

"We face fundamental decisions about the national budget, the environment, housing and health care, and I am eager to work to help us make the right ones. I also look forward to the chance to discuss in full the report of the ethics committee when it is announced."

ACT-UP Calls for Marlboro Boycott

[Washington, D.C.]- The AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) has called for a nationwide boycott of Phillip Morris Companies, Inc. whose best-selling product is Marlboro cigarettes. The company is a major supporter of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Helms is best known for his hawkish views and his persistent opposition to Gay and AIDS-related federal legislation. He regularly denounces Gays and Lesbians in his speeches.

Phillip Morris recently donated \$200,000 to establish the Jesse Helms Citizenship Center, a museum and library which will house the senator's papers and memorabilia. It is also a major contributor to Helms' 1990 re-election campaign. If Helms wins, he will spend six more years in the U.S. Senate. Gay organizations and lobbying groups have targeted Helms for defeat.

Family Policy Changes Endorsed

[San Francisco, CA]- The Mayor's Family Policy Task Force in San Francisco has issued recommendations which call for broad changes in city, state and federal family policies. Mayor Art Agnos gave preliminary approval to the proposals which will require the consent of municipal insurers and the Board of Supervisors as well as implementation by various city departments.

Proposals include extending health care benefits and bereavement leave to the unmarried partners of city employees, and changing pension plans to include benefits for unmarried couples. The Task Force also recommended that a more inclusive definition of "family" be incorporated into the city code and that a family registry be established as an official record of non-traditional families.

Homophobic Writer Insults Gays

[New York, NY]- At a recent symposium on global affairs, Tom Clancy, best-selling author of *The Hunt for Red October* and *Clear and Present Danger*, asked his audience, "What can you say about a country that tolerates homosexuals but not smokers? I never gave anyone AIDS."

Clancy claims to be a defender of freedom and liberty, but a persistent streak of homophobia characterizes his writing. Gay people appear in his novels but always as malicious stereotypes and often as "the enemy."

To remind Clancy that tolerance of differences is fundamental to freedom, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) encourages you to write to Clancy in care of Putnam Publications, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10013.

Rabbis Vote to Accept Gays

[Kiamasha Lake, NY]- Conservative rabbis overwhelmingly endorsed full civil equality for Lesbians and Gay men on May 22, 1990 and said such Jews should be welcome in synagogues.

"As rabbis, we acknowledge the needs of Gays and Lesbians to feel welcome in our respective congregations. We also want to reiterate our view that sexual preference is no basis for the denial of civil equality for any citizen," said Rabbi Mark Loeb, chairman of the resolutions committee of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Although the Reform movement has welcomed Gay synagogues into its fold, and broached the question of admitting openly Gay men and Lesbians into its seminary and rabbinical body, the Conservative movement has kept those issues under wraps.

Numerically, Conservative Judaism represents the largest branch of Judaism in the U.S. and Canada, with 1.5 million congregational members.

Students Penalized for Posters

[Huntington, W.VA]- Marshall University authorities penalized six students last month for posting anti-Gay signs on campus March 28 according to *The Washington Blade*. Campus police said a student reported seeing three men placing signs on campus which read, "Queer Bashing '90. Bored? Join us in the yearlong crusade to maliciously harass Marshall homosexuals." The sign posting action followed an announcement that the Lambda Society, a campus Gay group, was reorganizing.

Gays More Likely to Be Victims

[Carbondale, IL]- Gays are more likely than heterosexuals to be victims of "forced sex" experiences, according to a recent study at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

During two semesters, 412 students were surveyed about their sexual orientation and forced sex experiences. In response to the question, "What is your sexual orientation?" 17.1 percent of the women and 16.8 percent of the men said they were Gay or bisexual. To the question, "Have you ever been forced to have sex against your will?", Lesbians and Gay men both answered yes at higher rates than straights. Among Lesbian or bisexual women, 30.6 percent answered yes, while among heterosexual women, 17.8 percent said yes. And of the Gay or bisexual men, 11.8 percent acknowledged forced sex situations, compared to 3.6 percent of the male heterosexual sample.

Gay and Lesbian Partners Surveyed

[Seattle, WA]- A national survey of 1,749 Gay couples by *Partners: A Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples* found that committed relationships averaged nearly six years in length. Even though the average age of respondents was just 35, more than 100 couples surveyed had passed their 15th anniversary.

In a finding that surprised some observers, the survey revealed longer relationships between men than between women. Lesbian couples had been together an average of 4.9 years, while Gay men averaged 6.9 years.

Editor/Publisher Stevie Bryant, who produces the newsletter with his 10 year partner Demian, said, "The longevity we found in these relationships will surprise even the Gay community, and it could help policy-makers understand the significance of our often ignored and trivialized families."

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.



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We support your right to human dignity, recognition and cultural acceptance and urge all Milwaukeeans of good will to join with you in the spirit of solidarity in observing "Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week," which stresses all of our hopes and aspirations for the future.

We also wish you success with The Second Annual Gay Pride Parade which will take place on June 16, 1990. The theme of this year's observance, "Look to the Future," stresses a positive, conciliatory and hopeful approach in the pursuit of justice and civil liberties, and we see it as a bridge to community understanding.

Congratulations on your efforts. We hope that all of the organizers and participants in "Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Week" will find the week a success and will realize their goals of community acceptance, respect and harmony. Wishing you well in this joyful and rewarding endeavor, we remain

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Lesbian and Gay Vets Lobby Congress to Stop Discrimination

By Miriam Ben-Shalom

[Milwaukee]- On May 13-18, 1990, a determined group of some 20 Lesbian, Gay and bisexual veterans lobbied Congress to change Department of Defense (DOD) directive 1332.14 which permits military discrimination against Gays, Lesbians and bisexual persons. The group presented testimony at the Senate Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight of Veterans Affairs.

Central issues included health problems related to exposure to Agent Orange; discrimination against Vietnam era vets, particularly veterans of color; issues concerning women vets and AIDS related issues such as increased funding for V.A. hospitals with AIDS wards.

Gay and Lesbian veterans from Texas, California, the New England states and Wisconsin spoke with over 20 Congressmen and Senators about the military's discriminatory policies directed against Gays and Lesbians. The group found an amazing amount of quiet, strong support for their position.

Congressman Jim Moody (D-WI), has agreed to write a letter protesting DOD's exclusionary policies and to support Congressmen Barney Frank (D-Mass) and Gary Studds (D-Mass) in their protest to ROTC concerning forced repayment of scholarships by cadets who have come out.

The vets learned that DOD is taking very seriously the nation-wide series of protests by students to oust ROTC from campuses if anti-Gay/Lesbian discrimination is not eliminated.

Ken Huntington, a member of the Texas Gay Veterans' Association, said, "If the students can keep the pressure on DOD like they have been, and if citizens will write their Senators and Representatives, DOD's policies could be changed this year."

Huntington went on to say that, "I could not have believed how effective the student protests, along with letters to Congress, have been. I only hope that the momentum generated by the students keeps up. If the students lose the power they have now, it would set the drive to revoke DOD's policies (against Gays and Lesbians) back 4-6 years."

In a related move, a new national veteran's group was formed called "The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of

America (GLBVA). GLBVA is an umbrella organization for other Gay/ Lesbian/ bisexual groups. In the upcoming months, GLBVA will incorporate and accept members from across the country.

Former SSG Miriam Ben-Shalom of Milwaukee was elected as national Chairperson for the new organization. Shalom indicated that there were three major goals to be accomplished in the up-coming year.

One is to work with student groups across the country that wish to challenge ROTC. GLBVA will offer support, providing Gay and Lesbian vets to work with the groups as speakers, coordinators or whatever the students might need. GLBVA also will provide "very specific" information on the military system and law, Ben-Shalom said.

The second goal will be to challenge DOD discriminatory policies by encouraging Congresspeople to exert pressure on Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and DOD. In connection with this, GLBVA in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, plans for a National Lobby Day for 1991 to lobby Congress.

Ben-Shalom said that there are over 2,000,000 Lesbian, Gay and bisexual veterans and over 200,000 Gay/ Lesbian/ bisexual personnel presently on active duty with the military.

The third goal is to set up what is referred to as "a witch hunt Strike Force." Ben-Shalom said, "We will be working with lawyers and possibly the American Civil Liberties Union to train legal observers. Whenever a witch hunt breaks out, GLBVA will send legal observers to insure that ALL military personnel involved will be protected in their legal rights."

Should the observers not be permitted access to the military base in question, Ben-Shalom indicated that GLBVA would "certainly" turn to the media. "Media attention," she said, "makes the military very uncomfortable."

Anyone wanting information about GLBVA can call (414) 933-6233. There is an answering machine and the call will be returned within 24 hours. Interested parties can also write to GLBVA in care of Miriam Ben Shalom, 1350 N. 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Cream City Foundation Moves To Milwaukee Enterprise Center

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation (CCF), Milwaukee's non-profit charitable foundation has relocated from its office on South 2nd St. to a new office in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

The location on S. 2nd Street, named the Foundation Community Center by CCF when they located there 30 months ago, included meeting space for other organizations as well as providing space for office facilities and meetings of the Foundation. However, CCF was unable to acquire a long-term lease in that location, which was the only way it was practical for CCF to spend money to renovate or otherwise improve the property. Lacking such a long-term lease, and due to problems with normal maintenance by the building owner, CCF elected to relocate.

The new office is in a well-maintained and secure building, owned by the State Vocational School System, which houses numerous up-and-coming small businesses. In addition to CCF's two offices which house CCF's volunteer staff, telephone lines, computer, photocopier and files, the building provides "common" facilities such as various sized meeting rooms, snack and

vending areas, and availability of full-time clerical support. One of the two offices has been named "The Peter Johnson Memorial Conference Room," the second room to bear that name, in commemoration of that past Board member who died in an accident two years ago. Peter Johnson had provided long service to CCF and helped establish the original Foundation Community Center.

While at press time the former Foundation Community Center was closed, CCF plans to make available meeting space for other groups at its new location as soon as they can work out scheduling, security and liability matters.

CCF can be reached at their slightly different phone number (414)-265-0880, afternoons 1-5 p.m. or by writing to them at P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee 53201.

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Buckminster Fuller

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 Concerns.

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

National Group Formed to Survey Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals

[Chicago]- A national undertaking that promises to change the way that Lesbians, Gay men and bisexual people are viewed is generating excitement across the nation. On November 27, 1989, Overlooked Opinions, Inc., was formed as this country's only opinion research company dedicated to assessing the attitudes, views and opinions of Lesbians, Gay men and bisexual persons.

The purpose of the organization is to better inform our community and to further educate the social mainstream. To this end, Overlooked Opinions has established its National Opinion Panel of Lesbians, Gay men and bisexuals.

Periodically (approx. once every 6 weeks), panel members are sent short, thought provoking questionnaires, to fill out and return (postage paid envelopes are provided). The information is then tabulated and highlights from the analysis are sent to panel members with their next survey. In this way, panel members get the opportunity to learn about the community as a whole and see how their individual views compare with those across the country.

In the first months, Overlooked Opinions has successfully established an Opinion Panel that is thousands strong--a panel that represents all races and age groups, both sexes, every state, Puerto Rico and Canada.

"It is just the beginning," says Rick Dean, Vice President of the organization. "We intend to increase our opinion panel to 100,000 over the next two years. Every single person in our community has a viewpoint that deserves to be heard. We are in the business of making that happen," said Dean.

In addition to the survey, Overlooked Opinions offers full custom research services addressing information needs that include political attitudes, health needs, consumer behavior, personal beliefs, to name a few. These research services range from questionnaire design and survey layout to developing multivariate segmentation systems and developing behavioral, demographic and psychographic profiles.

"What we are talking about," said Jeffrey J. Vitale, President of Overlooked Opinions, "is once and for all dispelling the universal ignorance that surrounds" our community "We are a community that is rich with diversity and proudly so. We are a multi-racial, multi-cultural collective that draws from every walk of life. It's time for the rest of the world to recognize the value of the Gay Perspective," said Vitale.

Persons interested in becoming Panel members can write Kelly A. Zimmermann, Overlooked Opinions, Inc., 3712 N. Broadway Ave., Suite 277, Chicago, IL 60613 or call (312) 792-7800 (24 hour service).

Persons interested in survey design or custom research services should contact Dean or Vitale at the same address or number.

All names and addresses of Panel members are held as strictly confidential and will not be sold, leased or traded unless by written permission. All surveys are sent in plain envelopes.

Midwest Men's Festival Set For August 19-28

[Madison]- The Midwest Men's Festival is a regional gathering of men exploring change in their lives and roles. The Festival provides a place where men of varied sexual preferences, cultural or ethnic backgrounds and religious beliefs come together for sharing and individual growth.

The 9th annual festival will take place August 19-28, 1990, at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park in Missouri. The cost is \$25 for the first three days, plus \$7 per day for each additional day (includes vegetarian meals and cabin space). For a brochure with registration information, please send a business-sized self-addressed stamped envelope to: Midwest Men's Festival, WI IL IN MI Regional Contact, Audrius Dundzila, 311 Russell, No. 5, Madison, WI 53704.

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Over 1,000 members of ACT-UP gathered in front of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington on May 21 to protest inaction, and poorly designed drug trials of promising drugs to treat HIV. NIH has spent over one billion dollars in ten years and has only approved one drug, AZT, for treatment of HIV infection.

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from whom I learned much and whom I thank sincerely.

In a "past life" as a cable TV lobbyist, I got to know an extraordinary woman named Joanna Rody, through my long-time friend, Steve LaDue. Joanna introduced me to another exceptional woman who has become a dear friend and trusted ally, Karen Lamb, to whom I owe immense gratitude.

It was during this "political awakening" that Ralph Navarro found me, and introduced me to the Cream City Business Association. This was my "point of entry" into Gay political activism; CCBA was responsible for my getting to know probably 100 outstanding individuals through the years, many of whom are still good friends.

What a thrill it was to convene the largest CCBA annual meeting ever, with Governor Earl as speaker and over 150 Gay Lesbian and Gay-supportive people in attendance! CCBA long served a valuable function in the Gay Lesbian community by addressing both personal and organizational challenges among a newly-reawakening population, whose only common feature was the gender of its sexual partners. It was the launching pad for so many fine efforts, including "Special Edition" magazine and the "Exposure" national Gay-related media training conference. I hope that the lessons learned through CCBA and those other activities will continue to be of use as today's Gay Lesbian community continues to make progress.

As president of CCBA, I was asked to assist in the formation of an AIDS-specific service organization, which we named the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, with the clear intention of being THE resource center for AIDS education and care in the State. I believe this mission has been accomplished and continues to be fulfilled today, through the efforts of so many caring, dedicated volunteers and staff.

I have the utmost respect for Mark Behar, Doug Johnson and the other Brady East board members and volunteers, who responded early to the specter of HIV by creating the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Their thoughtful nurturing of MAP and cautious transfer of this seedling to the new organization spoke to their compassion for those with HIV and their understanding of the gravity of the challenge. I was delighted to assist the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues in its formative stage, and through it met Dick Wagner, Kathleen Nichols, Earl Bricker, David Clarenbach and others who regularly put themselves on the line in the name of civil rights for our community. These people deserve our continuing support.

One important source of strength when the struggle becomes so tough is to think of those who have gone before us and have now passed to a new life beyond earthly confines. I think often about my friends Joanna Rody and Bernie Schutten, as well as about Alyn Hess, Larry Kale, Boyd McGranaghan, and all those whom AIDS has claimed. Their lives are testament to the great difference that one person can make in a universe of mediocrity.

To the founders of OUT! and the "dynamic duo" of the Wisconsin Light's Jerry and Terry, I offer my thanks and congratulations for having the stamina and resilience to undertake an often thankless role of information purveyors. I will remember the meeting in my office

when "Wisconsin Light" was chosen as the name, and Messrs. Johnson and Boughner were "drafted" to be its "parents."

I must also thank my "boss" and friend Tom Zander, who offered me a position with the flexibility to really make a difference in the everyday lives of Milwaukee's most vulnerable inhabitants. Under his lead, the fine people at Legal Aid will continue to serve those threatened by the challenges of HIV disease, homophobic discrimination and

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other hardships.

And I cannot go on without acknowledging the important place in my life of Kurt Swanson, who has not only been a supportive and loving spouse for nearly four years, but has had such an important role in his own right in working to improve several of this City's premiere arts organizations.

At the risk of sounding trite, I must say that looking back I see an often crazy quilt that has somehow magically become a beautiful tapestry. So many knots and loopholes were reworked by legions of careful artisans, and I owe them my heartfelt thanks.

Looking forward, I see continuing challenges for Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. They are certainly not new, but occasionally come wrapped in new packaging. The latest hot topic seems to be the practice of "outing." Again we hear the debate about the tyranny of the closet and the right to be left alone. If there is anything I have learned in a decade of Gay activism, it is that there is so much to be gained by living an honest life and so much to be lost while living a lie.

Of course every situation is different and the decision on "how far to come out" must be a personal one, but the regression caused by those who try to hide their homosexuality by oppressing their own community must be resisted through all available means.

Another issue of life-and-death concern to me is HIV antibody testing. While being a ring-leader of the early

cautious advice to "not be tested unless you have to," I have now seen far too many otherwise intelligent men be diagnosed with HIV disease because of their feeling that it is "the other guy's concern," that I must now urge everyone to err on the side of caution. While the voluntary, anonymous and confidential safeguards are still guaranteed, I must join my fellow health workers in urging EVERY GAY MAN TO BE TESTED FOR HIV ANTIBODY, and to share that information with one's physician.

With these rambling thoughts, I bid my Milwaukee friends Au Revoir, and I hope to be filing reports from the Windy City on an occasional basis. Please feel free to share with Wisconsin Light your thoughts on any of the above.

With much love, Marc.

Courts May Decide AIDS Ad Content

(New York, NY)-A U.S. District Court in New York has ruled that a challenge to the federal government's restrictions on the content of AIDS education materials should go to trial, thus requiring the government to justify its policy.

The challenged restriction requires that even when materials are targeted to specific audiences, such as Gay men, they must not be "offensive to most educated adults beyond the target group."

Professional AIDS educators believe that explicit language is necessary for educational materials concerned with sexual activity to be effective.

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Fallen Military Heroes Remembered on Memorial Day

By Bill Meunier

As I sat watching the news about the various Memorial Day celebrations around the country, I couldn't help but wonder how many of those who were commemorating our war dead knew just how many of those who had fallen were Gay and Lesbian.

And I was struck by a sense of sadness, because I knew the sacrifice you made was perhaps more of a sacrifice than that made by others, for when you gave up your life, it was for a country that despised you to the point that even when it was threatened it still tried to deny you the right to defend it. Sadness because so many of you undoubtedly died before you could even experience being Gay or Lesbian. Sadness because you never had a chance to see what was to come.

Much has changed since you marched off to France, the Pacific, North Africa, Korea and Vietnam. Gays and Lesbians live openly now. Two states, Wisconsin and Massachusetts have passed laws providing for equal rights regardless of sexual orientation. In just a few days hundreds of thousands of us will march in the streets just as you did; and just as you marched for freedom, so will we. There is one difference though, we will do as an openly Gay and Lesbian people. Many of those marchers will be people you knew, before you left us and many of those marchers will be thinking about you, for without your sacrifice we would not be able to march.

You'd probably be stunned to see how much has changed. We have our own sports associations, we have elected openly Gay and Lesbian candidates, promises to support the struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights have been put in two Democratic party platforms. There are openly Gay and Lesbian Police officers, judges and mayors.

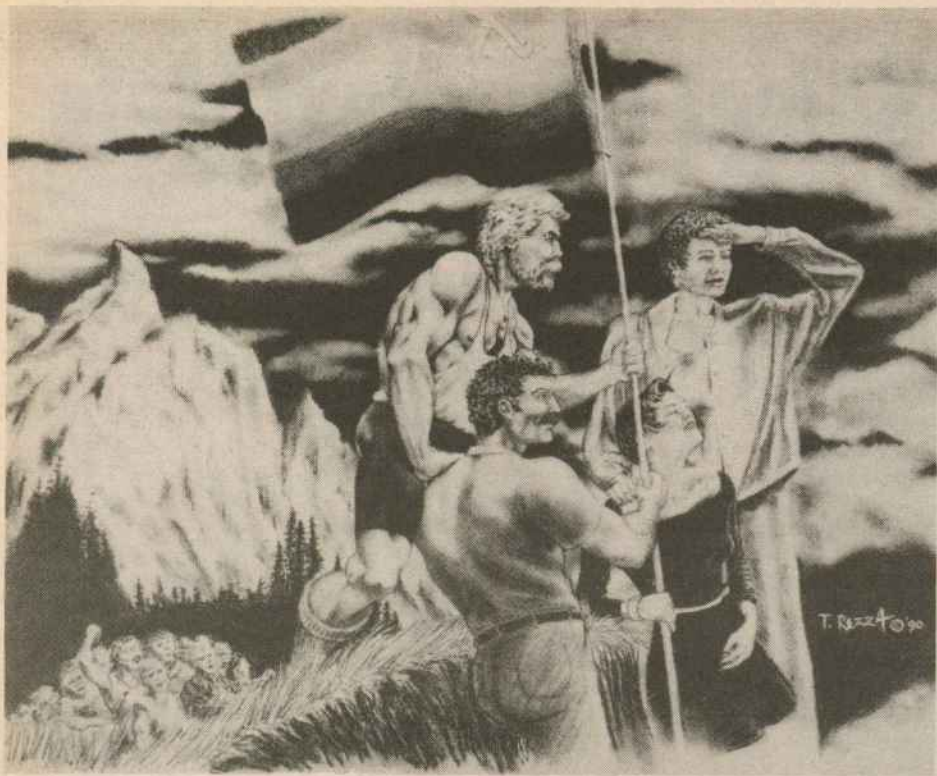
But some things remain the same. Just as many of you fought against a holocaust

that took the lives of millions of Gays and Lesbians, we are fighting against a new holocaust that is every bit as deadly as the Nazi concentration camps, AIDS. Just as our government covered up the Nazi holocaust until the evidence was so overwhelming that it could not be ignored, so too did our government cover up the AIDS holocaust and in so doing it condemned thousands more. Despite the blood you shed, we are still not welcome to serve in the military and in many places our expressions of love and affection are considered felonies. Despite the gains we have made many of us remain in the closet.

But rest easy, for the ideals you fought and died for live on in each of us and we will not rest until they are fully realized. Know that the struggle for equality and freedom continues, know that with each step we take we come closer to victory, know that we will not quit or back down anymore than you did, know that the courage you showed in not avoiding service to your country by announcing your Gayness or Lesbianism lives on in those who do unashamedly announce theirs, know that we will win and know that we are proud of you and remember your part in our fight.

Zeider to Host River Tour

[Milwaukee]- Historic Milwaukee, Inc., is sponsoring a bus tour that will trace the Menomonee River, Left and Right banks from Pigville to Harwood. Hosting the tour will be former Milwaukee Mayor, Frank Zeidler. The tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 1990, from 1:00 to 5:00pm. The cost is \$10. Those interested will meet at the UWM-Union on Kenwood Ave. east of Maryland. For registration or more information call (414) 964-3764.



Tom Rezza's Pride Theme Print will be sold at Partners on June 2. \$10 from each print sold will be donated to Milwaukee's Pride Committee.

Rezza's Pride Theme Posters On Sale June 2 at Partners

[Milwaukee]- Tom Rezza, of the premier artists in Wisconsin, will be signing and numbering the 1990 Pride Theme limited edition poster prints at an Artist's Cocktail Reception being held at Partners, 813 S. First St., on Saturday, June 2, from 7-10 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Community leaders and business owners have been invited to attend a "private showing" earlier that same evening.

Rezza, Dave Iraci and Annabelle Havlicek of the Milwaukee firm of Havlicek and Associates, presented Partners with the framed Sketch No. 1 on Thursday, May 24. The sketch was hung in the bar and will remain there in display.

Each 18x24 inch high quality print will be selling for \$25.00. Ten dollars from each print will be donated to the

Milwaukee Pride Committee to help defray costs of the upcoming Pride Celebration.

"I'm proud to do this piece," Rezza said and added, "I'm glad something I do can give pride to the community."

The sketch portrays Rezza's idea of the 1990 Pride Theme. In the foreground are two ethnically mixed couples symbolizing the varied ethnicity of our community. The couples are holding the rainbow flag. A large group of community members are seen in the background.

If you cannot attend the Artist's Cocktail Reception, but still wish to order a print, call (414) 271-8118 during regular business hours. Or watch for the full page ad on page 2 of the Official 1990 Pride Guide. The Guide should be in distribution by the weekend of June 2nd.

In Prep School There Were Ten Locks On My Closet Door

By Thomas J. Rondy

Some people find it hard to believe that I went to a boarding school for my last two years of high school. I do too, at times. To be sure, it is ample ground for a number of homoerotic fantasies while simultaneously being a seemingly nightmarish position for any young Gay male. That is only partially true; the rest of the story involves a number of subtleties, all of which made prep school an interesting experience.

Many might question the wisdom of a Gay teenager going to a boarding school. But my social situation in my hometown was so dismal, I felt a pressing need to leave; though I had at least partially recovered from an extremely dysfunctional early adolescence, there was still the fact that small towns neither forgive nor forget. And that did not make getting better any easier. So I figured that prep school would be both a new start and a place where I could more effectively work to better myself. In the process, I looked to it in such a way as to expect some kind of Nirvana there.

The place that I actually found when I arrived there was really quite Orwellian. Fortunately, I had known from the very beginning that there would have to be ten padlocks on my closet door for my entire time at the school. To say the least, one's peers did not place a high value on the concept of human freedom.

The fact that the school was co-ed (the boys had their campus, the girls had their campus) probably did quite a bit to keep it from being the prep school from Hell that we see in the movies. There was also the fact that it wasn't as economically exclusive as the prep schools of New England; financial aid was readily available to those unable to pay all of the school's rather high tuition rate.



If I had any doubts that the closet's pseudo-safety was a necessity, they were crushed by the living examples of mass authoritarianism that I saw. There was one young woman who used to wear a wooden cross upside-down so that when she looked at it, it would appear right-side-up to her. But she didn't know

that the church fathers of the Middle Ages had declared the upside-down cross to be a part of the Black Mass and therefore a Satanic symbol. She told me that she knew something was up when absolutely everyone would give her wide berth "en masse" in the corridors. It wasn't until about her sixth month there that someone on the girl's campus had the decency to actually talk to her about it and tell her what most people thought it meant. She removed the cross, but it was only locking the barn door after the cows had been stolen.

One's position on the school social ladder had something to do with whether or not one would be suspected of being Gay. I had amassed just enough of a reputation to be able to avoid suspicion if I didn't invite it. I can recall things that I did which could have potentially incurred suspicion had it not been for my smattering of status. I was lucky enough to be spared from having to watch the spectacle of someone being outed. Or perhaps my classmates were simply less interested in scandals involving the questioning of someone's sexual preference. Somehow I doubt that.

But if one kept one's eyes open, the occasional surfacing of homoerotic urges would be noticeable. I suppose I could go on and on about it, but one minor example will suffice. I noticed one time that some guys who I would suspect of having these sublimated urges for other reasons, would often shower with the shower-curtain open, while most guys would have closed the curtain instead. It didn't really prove or say anything, but it sure made for an interesting thought at the time.

Even this long description only captures a sliver of the reality of a Midwestern prep school from a Gay perspective. I'm sure there was some experimenting going on, but the presence of the girls' campus made it something banished to the back of the group mind, and therefore more clandestine. And that very prep school reality is what kept it clandestine.

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The Taylor Times: Coming Out In School Is Difficult

By Brad Taylor

It is no wonder why young Gays are afraid to come out. If people in school find out, he or she can expect to be called names, made an outcast, and at extremes, beaten. I know that it scares me. There are a lot of homophobic people around.

Why do we scare them? Why can't they allow us to live our lives the way we choose? Why must they stick their noses into our private business? And why can't we be allowed to hold down jobs and live where we want to live? I wish I had the answers to these questions. I lie awake at night wondering why.

To me, it is inconceivable that people can treat us like garbage and feel good about themselves for it. I am human. I have a right to live my life MY way. And young people are wondering and saying the same things, but to themselves because they are afraid to say it to anyone else.

Why? Because of all the hatred and fear that is out there just waiting to eat them up. They don't know where to go; where to turn for help and friendship. All they know about Gay people is the myths that we all have been raised on. And that scares them because they don't know differently. But yet, they have questions that truly need answers. They need to know that they are not like the myths. Nobody is. But they don't know that.

That is why certain organizations were created; to help confused, frightened teens and young adults learn the truth. I wish I would have had such a group where I used to live. I had nothing, but I got by. So now I want to concentrate on helping other people who are afraid and confused. I don't want them to have to live the way I did.

Just remember, I know what it's like to feel alone; to feel like you are the only one in the world who has these strange feelings. I know what it's like to be afraid to tell someone. There are a lot of things that I still do fear, but more and more I am beginning to understand what being Gay is all about.

I no longer feel afraid of the "Gay

lifestyle." I have, ever since I moved to Milwaukee, begun to understand what it truly means to be Gay. Not only sexually, but emotionally and psychologically. You have to be able to say, "I AM Gay," before you can truly begin to understand and live your life to its full potential.

I fully came out just five months ago and within that short amount of time, I have lived more of my life than I lived while growing up. I guess it was finally realizing who and what I am. Now, I'm finally free to live my life the way I want to. I no longer am afraid of people finding out. I am proud and young people have to learn to be proud too. The ONLY thing to fear is fear itself. Once you finally overcome that, your life will truly be in your own hands.

Chicago Pride Parade June 24

[Chicago, IL]- The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Committee has announced preliminary plans for this year's celebration "Look To The Future" which includes Chicago's 21st Annual Parade and Rally scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 1990.

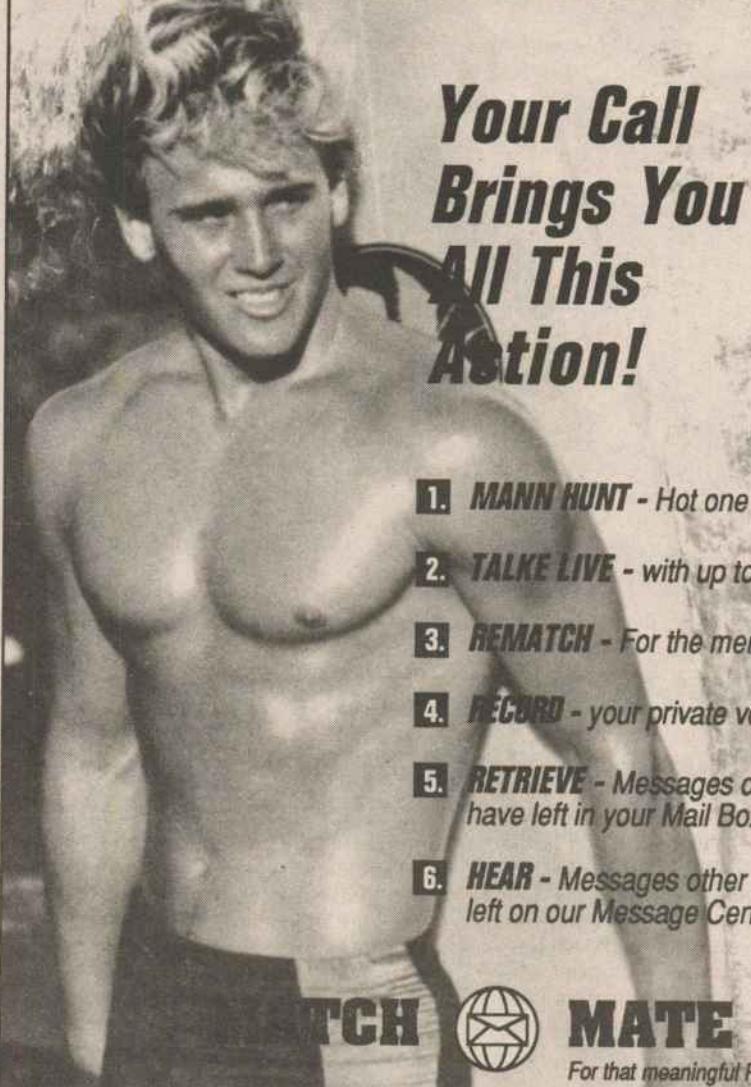
There will be a new lineup corner, an expanded route and a new disbanding area. The Parade will lineup in the east curb lane of Halsted (from Roscoe to Clark) and the east curb lane of Clark (from Barry to Diversey). At stepoff, the Parade will proceed north on Halstead to Broadway, south on Broadway to Diversey and then east on Diversey to Sheridan Road.

The Rally after the parade will take place in Lincoln Park, Diversey & Sheridan. The Pride Committee is seeking musical groups, singers, etc., from various communities to perform.

For more information, contact the Pride Committee at (312) 348-8243 or write to P.O. Box 14131, Chicago, IL 60614.

The Pride Committee urges all businesses and organizations planning to participate in the Parade to send in the Parade entry form and fee as soon as possible.

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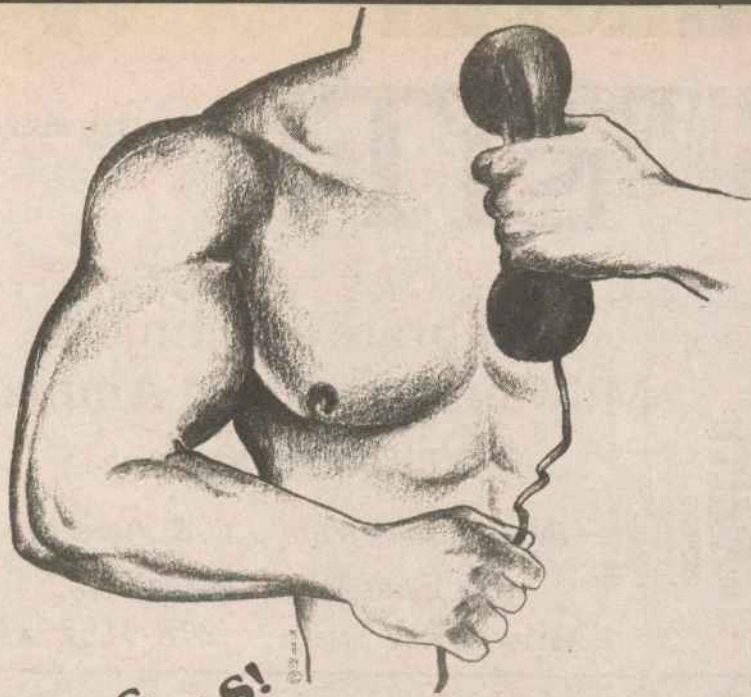
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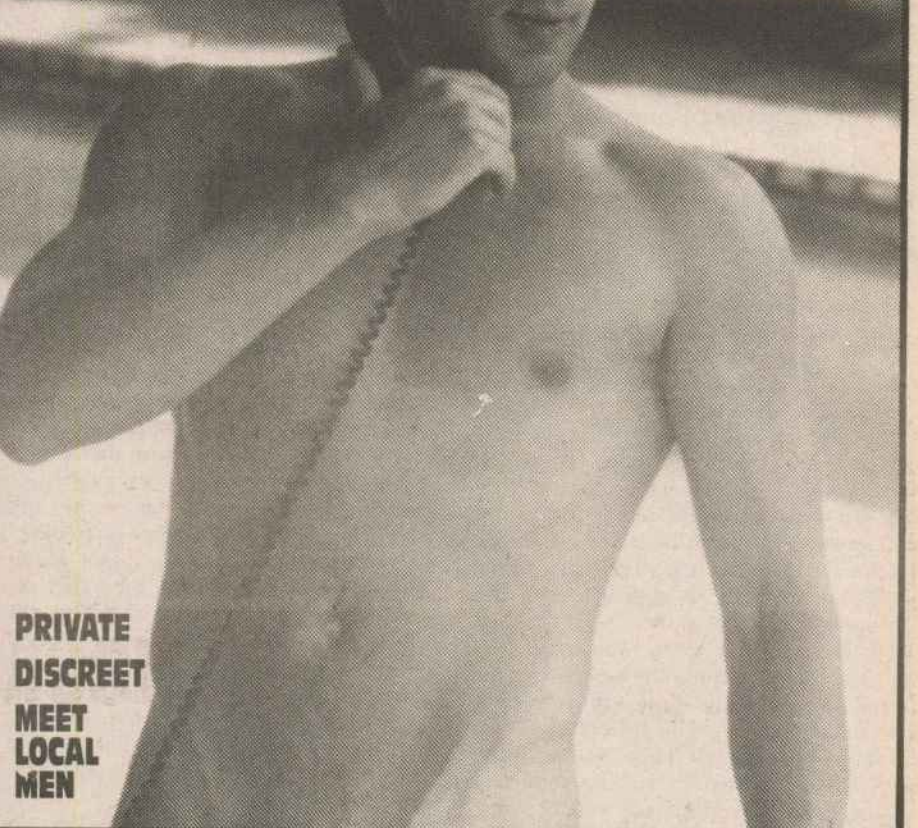
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Catholic Bishops Realize Need To Reach Out to the Gay Community

By Chuck Molitor

[Milwaukee]- Recently, the Roman Catholic press has been flooded with articles concerning the American bishops wanting to mend fences with the Gay/Lesbian community. The **National Catholic Register** in its May 13, 1990 issue, has two articles concerning the bishops and Gays.

In the first, the reporter, Todd Ackerman, states that the bishops realize they need "better communication" with the Gay community. Cited as an example is the fact that besides the government, the Catholic Church runs the most AIDS hospices in the country. Ackerman quotes Fr. John Harvey of Los Angeles as saying, "many Gays think they are not welcome in the Church and when they find out they are, they are happily surprised. That should send a message to Church officials that there's hope."

In the second article, the focus is on ACT-UP and its activity at Cardinal O'Connor's mass in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral where his homily was interrupted and an activist stomped on the communion wafer. Besides commenting on the inappropriateness of this type of protest, the article goes on to say that ACT-UP has made its mark even among the bishops. The conclusion is that the bishops are beginning to realize that Gay/Lesbian groups are to be listened to.

It is interesting to note the comments and stances of individual bishops regarding our community. Almost every diocese has a component to work with AIDS patients. Some have offices that deal with Gay concerns exclusively. In a recently published listing of who in the U.S. has contributed monies to Gay concerns, a great many "big name" bishops are listed as well as a significant number of priest assembly (senate) groups throughout the country.

In my experience at St. John's Cathedral, I know Gays and Lesbians play a role. When I go to church there I see a lot of us — second only to the bar district and Grand Avenue Mall. Such a comforting thing to see how active and

wide-spread our community is. There's the retail market, the booze market, floral, restaurant, and hairstyling markets... drama, painting, ballet and music. And we play a large role in religion. What's next?

Creating Change Conference In Minneapolis

[Washington, D.C.]- Lesbian and Gay activists from around the nation will meet in Minneapolis, Minn., this November 9-12, for the third annual "Creating Change" conference, the most significant political gathering of Gay people in the country.

The conference is sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and will be held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis. "Creating Change '90" will feature leading activists from the national and grassroots Gay and Lesbian scene, prominent and provocative speakers, 42 skills-building workshops, social events, organizing sessions and more.

Plenary speakers at this year's conference will be Barbara Smith, Black Lesbian feminist writer and activist; Dr. C.T. Vivian, civil rights activist and Center for Democratic Renewal chair; and Kate Clinton, popular feminist humorist.

Workshop issues will include sodomy law repeal, hate crimes reporting, lobbying, media activism, "outing," bisexuality and Gay politics, mainstream direct action tactics, domestic partnership, fighting traditional values coalitions, and many more.

Registration is \$120 by September 14, \$150 after. For registration forms and more information on NGLTF Cooperating Organization rates, limited income rates, fees for the pre-conference institutes, and the conference in general, contact NGLTF at 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, Attention: Creating Change, or call (202) 332-6483.



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Members of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), Jay Hanson of Milwaukee (second from right) and Robert James of Madison joined over 1,000 demonstrators May 21 at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) protesting a remarkable lack of research effort in studying drugs that could have a positive effect on HIV-AIDS infected people.

Disabilities Act Passes House Overwhelmingly

[Washington, D.C.]- On May 22, 1990, the Americans With Disabilities Act passed the House of Representatives by an overwhelming vote of 403-22. This bill guarantees disabled Americans — including people with AIDS — access to employment, transportation, public accommodations and communications services.

However, the House narrowly passed, by a vote of 199 to 187, an amendment to allow employers to deny food-handling jobs to persons with "communicable diseases", specifically attacking people with AIDS, or who are HIV positive.

The amendment, known as the Chapman Amendment, was endorsed by the National Restaurant Association, which lobbied extensively for its approval.

The Senate has approved a version of the bill without the Chapman provision. A spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund said, "We hope to eliminate it (the amendment) before the bill reaches the President."

Pamphlets For Young People Available

[Boston, MA]- A unique, affirmative and much needed series of pamphlets designed for young people who are questioning their sexual orientation is now available. The two pamphlets entitled, "I Think I Might Be A Lesbian/ I Think I Might Be Gay...Now What Do I Do?" were produced by the Campaign to End Homophobia, a national network of people who work to end homophobia through information sharing and education.

The pamphlets were designed by two sexuality educators based on their conversations with young Lesbians and Gay men. Quotes from the young people are sprinkled throughout the text. There are frank discussions on safer sex, self-esteem and making contacts with other Lesbian and Gay youth.

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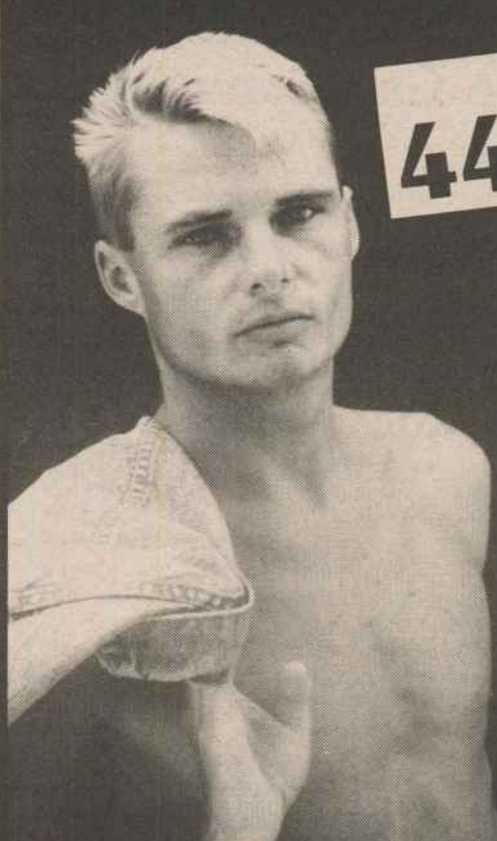
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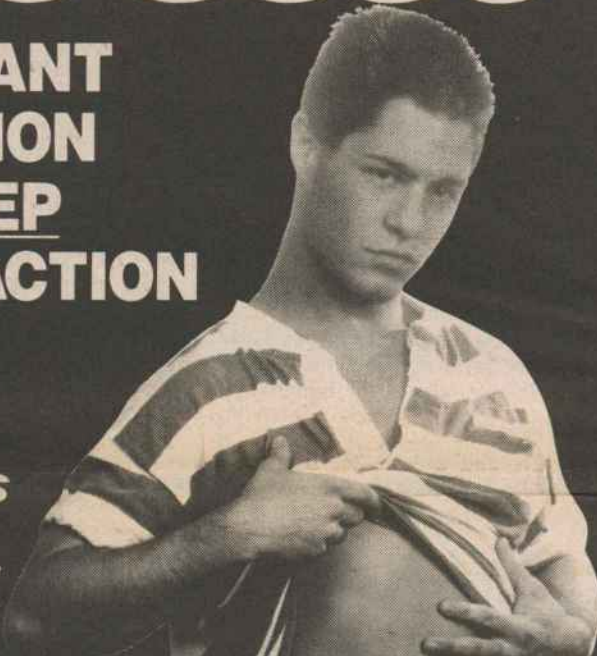


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Women With AIDS Teach Others the Facts of the Disease

By John S. Bigham

I have seldom been more moved. There were three, ages 19, 29 and 39, young women and each had one thing in common. They were trying to cope with their own HIV infection or with full-blown AIDS. They had agreed to participate in a panel discussion held recently at the Church of the Ascension in Clearwater, Florida to tell others about their lives.

Sharon is 39 and has AIDS. She had adopted a baby before she knew she had the virus and, as we sat in my car before the program, she talked about her feelings.

She had been out to dinner at a place where she saw a lot of late young women and had thought as she saw them, that none of them had any concern about AIDS even though many, undoubtedly, were sexually active and had been exposed to HIV and not know it.

Sharon can no longer work. The Jewish Family Services send someone into her home to care for the baby so she can nap in the afternoon. Clearwater Family Services has a person in four hours a week to help with cleaning. Blood work, which is necessary every two weeks, is now done in her home so that she does not have to have someone to babysit. She has a daughter, 21, and a son, 24. Both of them were told as soon as she learned of her diagnosis. They support her completely.

Regina is a dark-haired beauty of 29. Last Thanksgiving she spent time with her mother. Instead of putting the dishes in the dishwasher, her mother scoured them with bleach in the sink.

Regina has lost most of her friends. She is isolated and alone. She wants some spiritual guidance and desperately needs to know that she is loved—just as she is. After the panel, I spoke with her and she clung to me, crying because she is so lonely and afraid.

She has cervical cancer and one doctor has refused to operate on her because he says that he will not put his staff in danger for someone who is going to die anyway.

Belinda is a petite blonde, age 19. She has three children who are all HIV negative. Belinda went through two years

of denial. During that period, her third child was born. Her husband works in construction and until the panel, no one outside her family knew of her infection. Her T-cell count is high. She is the picture of health, yet she is HIV positive and must live with it.

These young women have guts. They were willing to endure the agony of self-disclosure to help ensure that others be educated in how not to contract AIDS.

How did they become infected? One had a bisexual boyfriend. One had a blood transfusion after childbirth and one had had a number of anonymous affairs. The bottom line is that that night they gave those who heard them, hope that through education, it may be possible to prevent others from acquiring the disease.

Editor's Note: Mr. Bigham works with the Hamilton AIDS Network of Ontario, Canada. He publishes a paper there and has been responsible for the Network's newsletter.

90,000 Postcards Distributed Across Country

[Washington, D.C.]—More than 90,000 post cards on the Federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill have been printed and distributed to thousands of individuals and organizations in a nationwide lobbying onslaught organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

The post card campaign is designed to increase awareness and cosponsorship of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill. The bill currently has 79 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 10 in the Senate.

(Of this number, only two members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation have signed on. They are Rep. James Moody (D-Mil) and Rep. Robert Kastenmaier (D-Madison). Neither Sen. Herb Kohl (D-WI) nor Sen. Robert Kasten (R-WI) have indicated support for the bill.)

The bill, S47 in the Senate and HR655 in the House, is officially called the "Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989. It provides broad anti-discrimination in housing, employment, public accommodations and federally assisted programs based on affection or sexual orientation.

NGLTF urges Gays and Lesbians to send their federal law makers a pre-printed post card and ask them to cosponsor the bill. The post card campaign will continue through June, 1990.

To obtain NGLTF post cards contact Peri Jude Radecic at (202) 332-6483 or write NGLTF at 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. You may also contact **Wisconsin Light** to receive a free post card.

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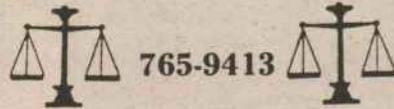
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LAMM Plans June 17th Pancake Breakfast

[Milwaukee]—An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast will be sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) on Sunday, June 17, 1990, from 11:00am until 2:00pm at the Shorewood Woman's Club, 3565 N. Morris Blvd. (in Hubbard Park).

Admission is \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Tickets are available from Lesbian Alliance members. The event is a fundraiser for the Alliance.

Those of you who would like to join the organization at that time are encouraged to bring your checkbooks—for \$25, you'll get admission to the breakfast and a \$20 yearly membership in the Alliance, which, among other things, will grant you the status of "card carrying" Lesbian. A \$12 low-income membership is also available.

For more information, contact the Lesbian Alliance at (414) 264-2600.

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