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The Wisconsin Light

HIV Testing Urged For Risk Groups

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

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

Madison AIDS Network Needs Volunteers

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

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

Training is provided. A one year commitment is required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Black Community Needs More Education To Prevent AIDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Court Rules Newspapers Can Refuse Gay Orientated Ads

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

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

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

By John Zeh

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MAYOR NORQUIST

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

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

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

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

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Reform Jews Okay Gay Rabbis

[Seattle, WA]- The Central Conference of American Rabbis which represents the liberal Reform branch of Judaism in the US, voted at its June convention to accept Gay men and Lesbians as rabbis. The decision applies to the US and Canada.

Participants said that the vote merely recognized the fact that some rabbis are, indeed, homosexual. But the historic vote breaks with 4,000 years of Jewish tradition which has regularly condemned homosexuality. Conferees at the gathering stopped short of endorsing homosexual unions.

Said Rabbi Yoel Kahn of Sha'ar Zahav, a primarily Gay congregation in San Francisco: "It is certainly a breakthrough for Gay and Lesbian Jews, and I think it's an important step for religious liberalism in the country."

N.Y. ACT-UP Women Win Lawsuit

[New York, NY]- New York City has paid \$232,000 in compensation to 29 women activists who were illegally strip-searched after an ACT-UP protest at City Hall in March, 1989.

The minor charges on which the women were arrested did not constitute "reasonable cause" for the extraordinary searches. ACT-UP women accused the Police Department of attempting to intentionally intimidate and humiliate them.

Shortly after the incident last year, ACT-UP's Gerri Wells told *Outlines* that she wondered "if the police knew who they were dealing with. They must be nuts. The last women I would mess with is ACT-UP women. We fight back. We know the law." Each woman has been awarded \$8,000. Some indicated they would donate the money to AIDS and prisoner advocacy groups.

Missouri AIDS Columnist Attacked

[Columbia, MO]- Clifford Moyers, who writes a regular newspaper column about living with AIDS for the *Columbus Tribune*, was attacked and seriously injured at a local restaurant recently, according to the *Advocate*.

Moyers was discussing Gay rights with friends when men at a nearby table "started making faggot remarks against us." The men grew more argumentative and threw Moyers into a plate glass window. Moyers sustained major cuts and bled profusely, but was listed in stable condition at an area hospital. Police have apprehended two of the alleged assailants.

Artist Sues American Family Assn.

[New York, NY]- Artist David Wojnarowicz has sued the American Family Association for reproducing parts of his artwork in a pamphlet designed to show that federal arts funds are subsidizing pornography.

The pamphlet, "Your Tax Dollars Helped Pay for These Works of Art," features unauthorized cropped and distorted images of several of Wojnarowicz's original art pieces.

The conservative religious group, based in Tupelo, Mississippi and headed by Rev. Donald Wildmon, is being sued for libel and copyright infringement. Wojnarowicz is seeking \$1 million in damages. A federal judge has stopped further publication of the pamphlet until the case can be settled.

Fire Damages Newsletter Offices

[East Lansing, MI]- Fire destroyed a portion of the building that houses the offices of *Lesbian Connection*, the national newsletter for Lesbians. The late night blaze in June was apparently caused accidentally by a youth's careless use of fireworks. No one was injured, but damage was estimated at over \$17,000.

The first floor production facilities were relatively unharmed and all 18,000 copies of the July/August issue were mailed on schedule. Major damage occurred to the rear storage area and the second floor sustained smoke damage.

The building, which also houses the Lansing Lesbian Center, is owned by Elsie Publishing, the non-profit group that publishes *LC*. Tax-deductible donations to help with rebuilding can be sent to: Elsie Publishing, P.O. Box 811, East Lansing, MI 48826.

Elton John Calls Kinison "A Pig"

[New York, NY]- Elton John stunned music industry celebrities and a huge television audience viewing the International Rock Awards in June when he called shock comedian Sam Kinison a "pig." John, who appeared via satellite, declared: "I want to congratulate Sam Kinison--he's the first pig ever to introduce a rock 'n' roll show."

Kinison, who was visibly upset by the insult, is known for his screaming routines which include misogynistic and anti-Gay commentary. He frequently makes jokes about AIDS and people with AIDS.

John clarified his remarks in this way: "I support Sam's right to say anything he wants, and that gives me the right to say anything I want, and I hate Sam Kinison's treatment of women and Gays."

Gay Ex-Hostage Dies of AIDS

[San Francisco, CA]- Jack McCarty, who was one of 40 Americans held hostage for 17 days in June, 1985 aboard TWA Flight 847 in Beirut, died of AIDS complications in May.

McCarty, 45, and his partner, Victor Amburgy, kept their relationship secret during the ordeal, but came out to the national press upon their safe return to the US.

McCarty became an AIDS activist and worked as a counselor for San Francisco's Shanti Project. Amburgy told the *Bay Area Reporter*: "Jack died as he lived, with grace, dignity, surrounded by those who loved him."

Veteran Agent Sues The FBI

[San Francisco, CA]- A veteran agent with 20 years of "unblemished" service to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has filed suit in District Court charging that the FBI has stripped him of his security clearance and plans to fire him because of his sexual orientation, according to Gay reporter Keith Clark.

"John Doe" (unnamed because of his undercover work) is asking the court to stop the FBI from firing him. He cites its "irrational policy" of denying employment and security clearances to Gay men and Lesbians.

The FBI admits that sexual orientation is "a significant factor" in employment decisions, reiterating the old assumption that homosexuals are more likely to be subject to blackmail.

Anti-Gay Terrorists Apprehended

[Seattle, WA]- Three white supremacists connected to the neo-Nazi Aryan Nation group were arrested by federal agents in Seattle on May 12 just hours before they planned to explode a bomb at the Neighbors Disco, a popular Gay bar. Up to 500 people could have crowded the bar at the time of the planned detonation.

The federal complaint said that the suspects hoped to cause "maximum impact" and "a high body count" to gain publicity for their organization. In addition to bombing the Gay bar, they also planned to attack a synagogue and local businesses (in Seattle and Tacoma) owned by Korean and African Americans. The FBI obtained information about the bombing and other plots through electronic surveillance of the group.

The three men, John Winslow, Stephen Nelson and Proctor Baker, are all from Idaho where the Aryan Nation is based. They are charged with conspiracy and possession of illegal firearms and explosive materials.

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.



Hundreds of people from Wisconsin helped Chicago celebrate their June 24 Pride Parade including Milwaukeean's Chris Lubar and Tim Grair.

MAP Seeks HIV Negative Men For Psychological Testing Study

[Milwaukee]- As part of a study on the emotional consequences of HIV, 100 Gay men are being asked to participate in approximately two hours of psychological testing during July and August. Half of the participants will have been diagnosed with AIDS; the others will be HIV negative control subjects. Gary Hollander, M.S., primary investigator in this research, hopes to add important information to our understanding of the mental health of people with HIV infection.

Testing will involve three paper and pencil surveys completed during a single testing session. Surveys are filled out anonymously and sealed in an envelope. Survey questions concern the current life situations and emotional functioning of participants. Responses of both HIV negative and AIDS-diagnosed participants will be compared and establish a baseline of information on standardized instruments that can be used for future research, program development, and individual assessments of people with AIDS.

Research participants are being recruited from a variety of sources. Area

physicians who work with people with AIDS, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), and the People Living with AIDS Coalition have been asked to refer AIDS-diagnosed men for the study. HIV-negative participants are being recruited through MAP volunteers and local Gay press.

Hollander is completing work on his doctorate in psychology at UW-M. For the past four years, he has been a MAP volunteer, providing emotional support, administrative counsel, leadership in fund development efforts and participation on the Board of Directors. He has authored two works on HIV, one on volunteerism in AIDS service organizations and another on risk behavior reduction among teens.

Gay men interested in this research are urged to volunteer as subjects soon. To qualify, participants must identify themselves as Gay, have had an HIV test and be relatively sure that their antibody status remains negative. Both small group and individual administrations of the surveys are available. To register, volunteers may contact Brian at the MAP offices at 273-1991.

Help Offered For Those Relocating To Another City

[Washington, D.C.] A new toll free number has been established to provide free and confidential information for Gay men and Lesbians who are relocating from one city to another. Many Gay men and Lesbians feel more comfortable working with a realtor who understands their needs. Callers will be referred to a realtor familiar with the local Gay community in any particular metropolitan area by calling 1-800-673-9093. The line will operate from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. EST every day.

While promoting Gay businesses, callers will also be helping to fight AIDS because 10 percent of the commissions generated through the use of this line will be donated to a national organization dedicated to fighting AIDS. Callers can even request that a contribution be made

to a specific organization.

The above service does not apply to those seeking rental or lease property.

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

First "Expectations Dinner" Priced At Only \$5,000 Per Person

By Bill Meunier

Recently, Governor Thompson invited a group of out of state Corporate Executives to visit the Executive Mansion for dinner. The invitations told the invitees that for a hefty campaign contribution they could dine with the Governor and tell him what their expectations of him were.

Now I know what you're thinking, you're probably thinking that there's something unseemly about using a home built and maintained with public funds to hold a political fundraiser. You're also probably thinking that there's something wrong with a politician listening to requests for tax breaks, low interest loans, special project money etc., when those making the requests are writing out checks.

After all you're saying "Isn't that the same kind of garbage that got us a race track owned by out of state investors? Isn't that the same pit that got the town of Randolph to put up hundreds of thousands in loans to a developer recommended by the Governor even though the Governor's aides knew the developer was a con man? Isn't this the type of thing that allows the Governor to overlook the common person and why is he so interested in what out of state corporate types expect of him, why doesn't he ask the people who elected him?"

All that may be true but it still is a nifty idea. Therefore in the fine tradition of Governor Thompson *Wisconsin Light* proudly announces the First Annual *Wisconsin Light* "Expectations Dinner." For a paltry \$5,000 (considerably less than Thompson charged) you will receive your own personalized invitation to come to dinner and tell us what you expect from us. Are there articles you want printed? Are there people you want attacked? Maybe you'd like us to print a false story about how successful or attractive you are. We're open to suggestions and you're 5,000 bucks will guarantee that we'll listen.

Of course you may not have \$5,000 and you may think that its unfair to charge any amount for your expectations but as the Guv himself would say, "That's too damn bad."

At least we're only inviting Wisconsinites and we're charging less than Tommy did too. (That's because we don't have millions to give away in tax breaks, loans and other favors.) Besides the Governor's right, who cares what you average folks think, if you can't come up

with the big bucks then you're probably not worth listening to.

For your before dinner enjoyment you can tour the Jesse Helms collection of Black Velvet Art or if you prefer comedy we have the complete K-Tell collection of recorded Dan Quayle campaign speeches. Just like the Governor we'll have plenty of special favors, er special party favors to hand out for appetizers. The main course will be a Thompson soufflé (no matter what you do it still falls flat). After dinner Miriam Ben-Shalom will provide comic relief when she reads selected passages from the Federal Court of Appeals decisions on her case.

Of course you realize that our acceptance of your money in no way guarantees that you'll get what you want (wink wink). After all we have as much integrity as the Governor does (actually it would be hard not to have more). We REALLY just want to learn about your expectations, (and get your money). To get your invitation just send your certified check or money order along with a self addressed STAMPED envelope to:

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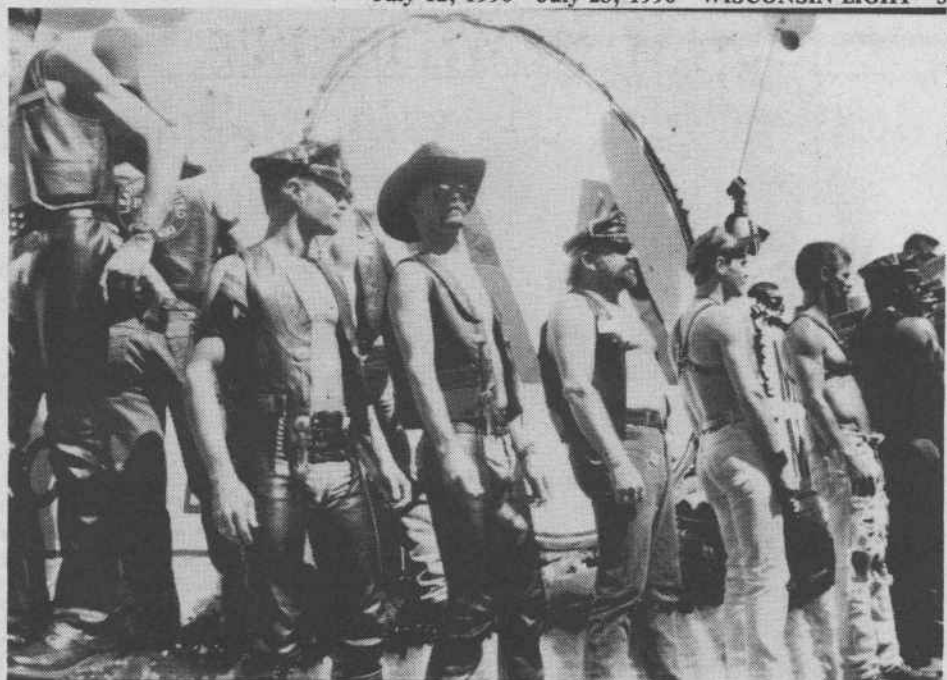
When you find your expectations realized I hope you understand that we were not bribed. It's just our way of thanking you for coming to dinner.

Newsletter On Campus Violence Available

[Washington, D.C.]—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's (NGLTF) Campus Project has published a newsletter that addresses the pervasive problem of anti-Gay and Lesbian violence, harassment and defamation at U.S. colleges and universities.

Titled "Organizing for Equality," the NGLTF newsletter provides a background on campus violence and harassment and itemizes examples of attacks, graffiti, arson and death threats against Gay and Lesbian students. The newsletter also provides strategies for stopping anti-Gay violence and profiles organizing efforts at select campuses.

Copies of the newsletter and strategies for fighting back are available for \$1 from NGLTF, 1517 U St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20009, Attention: Campus Project, or call (202) 332-6483.



Jerry Johnson

Men from Milwaukee were seen helping Chicago represent the leather crowd in their June 24 Pride Parade.

ACT-UP Asking Bars, Individuals To Boycott Marlboro Cigarettes

Editor's Note: The following letter has been sent by ACT-UP Milwaukee to all Lesbian and Gay bar owners in Milwaukee.

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As you may know, this year Jesse Helms faces re-election. The Philip Morris Company, as the largest corporate contributor, has pledged the absolute maximum allowed by law to his campaign and an additional \$200,000 to be used to establish the Jesse Helms Memorial Library. By their ongoing endorsement and extravagant financial support of Jesse Helms, the Philip Morris Company has shown itself to be willing to engage in a subtle yet devastating form of bigotry and discrimination against women, people of color, people living with AIDS, the Gay and Lesbian community and others.

We cannot sit quietly and accept another six year term for Senator Helms. He and Philip Morris are just too willing to see our victories negated; to see us forced back into the closet; to see our loved ones affected by AIDS dying in the streets; our poor trapped in the clutches

of poverty; and women forced into heterosexual slavery. They are too willing to deny us our freedom and our humanity.

Therefore, we are asking you to join with us in this fight. **BOYCOTT PHILIP MORRIS' MARLBORO PRODUCTS.** If you sell Marlboro products, please pull them from your shelves and machines. If you use them, please switch to another brand. If you know someone who smokes Marlboro products, please convince them to switch. While we cannot vote in North Carolina, we can be directly involved in the outcome of this important election.

The boycott is already well established and effective in many cities across the country. Please help us to make it effective here too. Help in the struggle to defeat Senator Jesse Helms. Help teach Philip Morris the price of doing business with our communities. Let's stand up for our rights and the rights of others. **FIGHT HATRED AND BIGOTRY. FIGHT SENATOR JESSE HELMS.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

—Christopher Fons
ACT-UP-Milwaukee

Arts Funding Controversy To Move On House And Senate Floors

[Washington, D.C.]—According to the Legislative Update from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the House and Senate Committees have made the decision to send to the floor "clean" reauthorizing bills for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This essentially means that the battle over obscenity and content restrictions will happen on the floor of the House and Senate. The debate, according to NGLTF, will most likely come sometime in July.

Currently there are several floor amendments ready to be offered. Among these is one from Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) and Tom Coleman (R-MO). A copy of the Gunderson-Coleman

amendment has yet to be released, but NGLTF reports that the amendment would have the effect of restructuring NEA, essentially cutting the ability of NEA to award grants to visual artists.

"Gay and Lesbian artists are on the front lines of the far right's attack on freedom of expression because we are still perceived as an acceptable target," said Holly Gewandter, spokesperson for GLAAD's Freedom of Expression Project.

If, in the up-coming debate, Congress authorizes restrictive language to the NEA appropriations bill, it will be in effect for the next five years.



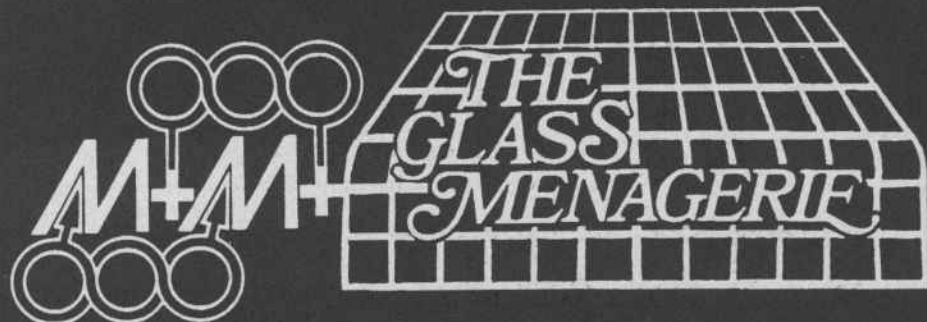
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EDITORIAL

With Medical Advances Being Made HIV Testing Must Be Done Now

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has been much in the news lately, and so it should. As reported in the pages of this paper, last issue, Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director has returned from the international AIDS conference with a message of HOPE.

New and improved drug therapies plus the promise of a vaccine within the decade underpin that hope. But hope vanishes if someone who is infected with HIV does not know it and hence cannot take advantage of the absolutely necessary early medical interventions.

"With early medical intervention," Nelson said, "a person infected with the virus can live with the infection for 10 to 12 years before developing full-blown AIDS."

In short, testing for HIV is incumbent upon everyone. There is help. There is hope. Testing is urgent and it should be done **now!** There is no person reading this with the slightest chance of having been infected who should not be tested. Not one.

The **Milwaukee Sentinel** in its July 10 editorial errs when it criticizes MAP for not adopting this policy earlier. MAP has always urged testing. But it has also recognized that there were some cases where HIV testing might not be in someone's best interests. That time has passed and MAP has, with wisdom, changed its policy. This is not, as the **Sentinel** so falcitously put it, adding life boats after the Titanic sunk. This is a wise change of course.

But now the time has come. There is hope. But there is no hope without action. **BE TESTED. AND DO IT NOW!**

LETTERS

Bigoted Book

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to you today to both inform you of some terribly negative and destructive information and to ask for your help in stopping the circulation of this material.

In April, 1990, I purchased a book from a Christian bookstore in La Crosse. The book is titled **Power in the Blood** by David Chilton and is supposed to be about the "Christian response" to the AIDS virus. After I got home and began to read, I was incredibly shocked and extremely hurt and angered by what I saw printed before my eyes.

I am a Christian and also a member of the Roman Catholic Church. I am also a Christian educator. Not only was I outraged by what the author had to say about the Church's role in the AIDS epidemic, but I was incensed by what was said about the Gay community. One entire chapter is dedicated to describing in detail homosexual "behavior" in the bedroom and how "immoral and indecent" this kind of activity rates. The chapter is not only misplaced, it is exploitive, over-generalized and incredibly disgusting. The book I purchased was to be a book on AIDS, not an essay on the judgment and doom of the "God forsaken homosexual"!

I wrote a letter to the publisher (Wolgemuth & Hyatt). The response was insulting and totally unprofessional.

Now I ask you, what can be done? What can we do to stop this? If anything at all, we need to put more pressure on this publishing company and others like it to stop this kind of misinformation. Maybe others would write letters to the publisher, after previewing the book themselves.

Please let me know what you think. I would be interested in speaking to as many people as possible, either by mail or phone. I think it's important to band together as a community to stop the oppression, to stop the segregation and to gain all the rights that each member of this society deserves.

—Aaron J. Cassette
Plover, WI.

Editor's Note: Mr. Cassette is correct. The letter which he enclosed from the publisher was insulting. The publisher may be reached at 1749 Mallory Lane, Suite 110, Brentwood, TN 37027. You may write Mr. Cassette at 2907 Patti Dr., Apt. 5, Plover, WI 54467.

Unfortunately, this kind of book is not unusual. Far Right Wing Christian ideologues seem to delight in using misinformation to increase pain and suffering. This is about as far from the spirit of Christ as one can get.

Thank-You, Bernie

TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes events which do not seem newsworthy are those which most effect positive change. Likewise, there are persons who never make the front page news or even the back page who are steady, constant "doers", making the world a better place and society a little more loving, caring and connected. On May 6, 1990, Bernie Schutzen traded in his membership card as a devoted partner of the greater Milwaukee community and

became a universal, eternal citizen! Just as in his life among us, he made the transition after a year and a half long battle with pancreatic cancer quietly and without fanfare, surrounded by his life-mate of 22 years, Ken Multhauf and a few devoted friends who attended him during his illness.

Bernie worked on projects and fulfilled commitments for "our community" until the day he died and he left his house in order so that others could pick up easily where he left off. Since choosing Milwaukee for my "home town" 8 years ago, I have watched Bernie work quietly and effectively as one who made it possible for others to live better lives. His devoted work at Brady East Clinic, MAP, various 12-Step programs, the Galano Club, the Milwaukee Foundation and his personal and financial support of every effort to raise funds and provide resources for those who are either without or left out are unknown to most.

We give thanks for your life and model in our midst, Bernie! We miss you a great deal, because those of us who have picked up where you passed the baton are finding out how much you did and how hard you worked for us.

Where there is emptiness and a big void in Milwaukee, we know the Eternal Community is a lot better off because you are there, quietly working behind the scenes to improve even it!

With gratitude and love,

—Erv Uecker,
Your Friend and Successor
As Treasurer of BESTD
Milwaukee, WI

Support Art

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to share my thoughts on an issue which should prove to be of great importance to anyone who values their freedom in this country; artists in particular. Recently, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has been criticized for funding artistic work which is viewed as "obscene" or "indecent" by several political groups. These groups are established and hold much power, such that Congress is now debating whether it should limit funding for the NEA, or cut it off altogether. The NEA is an organization that provides support for various artists in the form of grants. Also, it helps artists gain recognition for their work through galleries, studios and theatres.

I think that this matter is of great importance to Gays and Lesbians because many Gay and Lesbian artists who received grants from the NEA have been censored. The government, under influence from judges along with conservative politics will soon vote on whether or not it should mediate the NEA. This involvement has intimidated exhibitors and arts related companies nationally, into not displaying selected works. That can mean bringing down the quality of a show, thus violating fundamental liberties which we all supposedly possess.

Back in November of last year, the Union Art Gallery at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee showed a Gay exhibit entitled, "Our Voices, Our Lives." Shortly after, the Union Policy Board (part of the student government at UW-M) tried to order that the gallery be

closed, under excuses that there was a lack of funding in the University budget to keep it running. Fortunately, for the efforts of alarmed members in the University community, the gallery stayed.

There are so many hard working, sincere, talented people in this country who really try to reach a desired position in their chosen field of endeavor but are denied entry. This observation especially applies to artists — both young and old. I remember when I applied to a degree program, at an art institute in California and was rejected. I am interested in filmmaking as a career.

If Congress limits the NEA, it will mean a serious wound for civil rights. The freedom of expression must be protected. I would encourage readers to do the following: write to your known leaders asking them to defend NEA. Visit a gallery (there are many such galleries in our state). See a theatre performance or show. Go out and enjoy a film you haven't seen. Experience a concert. In other words, patronize the arts, for they are valuable indeed. Above all: use the public library! Conduct research on a subject of interest.

We cannot allow such a wonderful institution as the NEA to be silenced. If we do, it will lead to even more restrictions on liberty, until everyone—Gay and straight, artist and non-artist alike, lives in an oppressive dictatorship where no one is free.

—Chris R. Baster
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

Phone Ads

TO THE EDITOR:

Shiva have mercy! A **straight** man telling **The Wisconsin Light** that they shouldn't run the 900 number ads? Now that's audacity.

Mr. Kapman's knowledge of Gay realities is apparently limited. He seems not to know how difficult it is for our publications to find advertising. That is especially so in the Midwest, where many Gay/Lesbian papers would fold were it not for those ads. In fact, the **Light** had some financial close-calls before the 900 number ads appeared.

Also, believe it or not, these phone lines are actually more conducive to safer sex than the kind of cruising which Mr. Kapman mentioned in his letter, especially in major metropolitan areas.

Lastly, while I have to agree with Jamakaya that many of those ads in our paper are embarrassingly raunchy, they're not all nasty; I rather like the one with the blonde beach-boy. (And running "Dykes to Watch Out For" would be a great idea. Since we have to put up with those ads, we may as well put the money to good use.)

—Thomas J. Rondy
Madison

Censoring Art

TO THE EDITOR:

As Lesbian writers, we are sending out this letter to protest current right-wing attempts to censor art that is about sexual issues and that has sexual content; in particular, we protest the Congressional ban on funding of homoerotic art by the National Endowment for the Arts. These censors are defining Lesbian and Gay existence, and **any** art that springs from our experience, as **obscene**.

Because being Lesbian/Gay is **not** obscene by definition, we must be able to make art about any part of our lives — going out to dinner, back-packing with friends, raising our children, or attending a political demonstration. There is nothing obscene about that art, whether or not it has explicit Lesbian/Gay content. The art that we create from the substance of our lives is not obscene. It is about different ways of creating loving relationships, families and communities. To the censors, however, our very presence, our very existence, renders us obscene.

In art, explicit sexual descriptions and depictions of women by men — both loving and hateful — have long been acceptable. However, Lesbian celebration of our own bodies and relationships in art challenges sexist assumptions that women's bodies exist only for male pleasure and use. Lesbian art presents the power and beauty of female sexual pleasure, the possibility of sexually autonomous women, complexity of lives which are not constricted by sexist and heterosexist roles.

Lesbian and Gay art, which shows the complexities of same-sex love, challenges

SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

More Quotations Of A Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

Here's the latest installment of my irregular feature, "Quotations of a Queer Nature." Enjoy.

Actress Susan Sarandon spoke to the **New York Native** about her love scene with Catherine Deneuve in the 1983 film, **The Hunger**: "My feeling about it, then and now, was, first, why not? Second, if I have to do a love scene with another actress, I could do worse than to do it with someone that everyone was calling "the most beautiful woman in the world." And it was not painful, let me tell you!"

This was an anonymous reply to an article on "Lesbians Who Sleep With Men" in a recent issue of **Outweek**: "I don't know about you, but I was raised in the Midwest where women sleep with women and men sleep with men." Hear, hear!

"Do you think you'd be a good judge for the Miss America pageant?" **US** magazine asked Gay filmmaker John Waters. His response: "No, because they all look like drag queens to me. Generally, their sense of humor isn't one of their main priorities..."

Gender-bending diva Grace Jones: "I'm a tomboy...as a child I never wanted to be a woman, so I learned to think like a boy and I think that's what frightens men most, this freedom of thought and the pleasure of competition in life."

Adele Starr, founding President of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays: "We have forced Gay people into the red light districts, forced them to meet each other in bars and lurid places--then we call them promiscuous sinners."

A tearful Bette Midler, talking to the **Chicago Tribune** about AIDS: "I've lost everybody. I don't have any friends left--nobody to talk to. I know of at least 35 men who have died from AIDS--dear, dear friends, three of them my dearest. Our culture is cruel, its homophobia unconscionable. Makes me wish I wasn't in the human race..."

In another comment on homophobia and intolerance, this time in the Catholic Church, Madonna minced no words with **Vanity Fair**: "I think the church is disgusting. I think it's hypocritical. And it's unloving. It's not what God and Christianity are all about."

Dolly Parton told the **Globe** about her "constant companion" of the last 30 years, Judy Ogle: "There is nothin' but beauty in my relationship with Judy although I'm sure a lot of people could make somethin' vulgar out of it. Judy is the only person in this world that I could be with 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We never get bored. I can certainly see where that would be misunderstood, but there's nothin' sick about it. Why shouldn't you love all people? It don't make no difference if you're a man or a woman." We understand, Dolly.

Kathleen Turner update: When asked for the secret of her sex appeal by **Parade** magazine, actress Kathleen Turner (be still, my heart!) admitted: "I don't have extra wonderful breasts or anything." What is it she has? Turner replied in that smoky, sensuous voice of hers: "I have length."

Ooooooh, hubba- hubba! (Okay, so it's not exactly a queer quote. Please indulge me a little...)

From **People** magazine's homage to Greta Garbo: "Rumors long swirled about Garbo's sexual preference, and with good reason. Silent film star Louise Brooks claimed to have been intimate with her, as did the cosmopolitan aesthete Mercedes de Acosta. Curiously, throughout her life, Garbo referred to herself in masculine terms as a 'strapping young boy' or 'a bachelor.'" Curious, indeed!

The **Enquirer**: "One of Garbo's lovers was Salka Viertel, who wrote five of her films, including **Queen Christina**. For many years they spent summers together in Switzerland, where Salka lived. Other close female friends were Tallulah Bankhead, Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas, all known Lesbians. Still another was author Mercedes de Acosta. They fell in love at first sight in 1931 and de Acosta wrote about Greta in her autobiography, **Here Lies the Heart**."

Want a more legitimate source? How



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

about this hum-dinger from the **New York Times Book Review**: "Swaggering that she could pick up anyone she wanted with 'guaranteed success.' Garbo preferred women to men. One of her closest female friends was Marie Dressler, who used to make her entrance and exit from Garbo's house singing 'Heaven Will Protect the Working Girl.'"

Garbo, by the way, left more than \$50 million to her housekeeper/companion Koger Ekman, a woman she met in Switzerland and who stayed on with her for 25 years. Observers noted that the women related more as close friends than as employer/servant.

In her book **If I Knew Then What I Know Now...So What?** actress Estelle Getty, who plays Sofia on NBC's "Golden Girls," wrote: "I have many Gay friends. We have talked at great length and in depth about homosexuality, and to anyone who thinks that being Gay is a choice, I want to go on record as saying they couldn't be more wrong. No one wakes up one morning, at age 12 or 19 or 30, looks in the mirror and says, "Yes, I think I'll be Gay." Just as no one decides to be straight. No one chooses his or her sexual proclivity--people are what they are. There are too many people in the world who try to dictate what is right and what is wrong. You can't dictate feelings. Please, live and let live."

In a recent interview with the **Advocate**, Getty said: "All my friends are Gay. Openly Gay, I mean. If they're Gay they should be openly Gay. Otherwise, they're not my friends."

In a similar vein, Gay author Armistead Maupin (**Tales of the City** series) in **Frontiers** magazine: "Terry and I find that we have more and more straight friends these days because many Gay people we know do not live up to our standards of being out, and I find that intolerable. I can't spend time with a person who is obviously slightly ashamed of his friendship with me..."

"I will say I do not believe in keeping those secrets because I think to be secretive, even about the homosexuality of other people is to encourage the very homophobia that makes life difficult for us all. If I'm not ashamed of my homosexuality, I feel no compunction to be discreet for the benefit of others."

"If we're going to eliminate homophobia and eventually get around to treating each other as other human beings on the planet, we have to start being matter-of-fact about homosexuality. We have to stop acting like it's a dark and dangerous secret, and the only way to do that is on an individual basis."

Finally, Gay film historian Vito Russo: "I'm getting absolutely weary of this whole debate about whether or not it will hurt someone's career to come out of the closet. As Rita Mae Brown once said: 'I've heard all the excuses, honey. And they're all shit.'"

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Jamakaya

Several hundred pro-choicers demonstrated at MacArthur Square on July 1 in downtown Milwaukee.

GLAAD Monitoring UPI Stories For Accurate Coverage

[Washington, D.C.]— In an update on the story concerning the firing by United Press International (UPI) of Julie Brienza, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Summer newsletter reports that D.C. GLAAD Chapter co-chair Chris Vaughan has met with Milt Capps, UPI's Vice President of Corporate Affairs. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the wire service's coverage of the Gay and Lesbian community.

Brienza was fired by UPI after an uproar caused by Milwaukee's Vic

Eliason, a Right-Wing Fundamentalist who accused Brienza of free lancing for the **Washington Blade** on UPI time.

Activists had earlier protested Brienza's firing as being too tough a punishment to fit the crime.

Capps was emphatic that Brienza's firing has no bearing on UPI's commitment to accurate coverage of Gay and Lesbian issues, and reiterated his staff's desire to follow up any newsworthy item about our community. GLAAD is monitoring UPI wire stories to ensure that this is the case.



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.

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Amethyst returns to Milwaukee, Friday, July 20. Come and dance to the sounds of the all-woman band that is shaking the country. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and the band will begin playing at 9:00 p.m. The show will take place at Lake Park Pavilion, located at the corner of Lake Drive and Newberry Blvd. Admission is \$6 at the door. A cash bar as well as non-alcoholic beverage service will be offered. The event is sponsored by Full Moon Productions.

Bogus And Nolan To Bring Poetry And Music To Madison

[Madison]- SDiane Bogus and Faith Nolan will be performing in Madison at The Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., on August 4, 1990 at 8:00 p.m.

SDiane Bogus, Black Lesbian poet and writer, captivates audiences with her exuberance and spontaneity in performing poetry ranging from the erotic to being a Black woman in a white world.

Faith Nolan, Black activist and feminist, is a guitarist and harmonica player in the blues tradition — spiritual, folk, cottonpicking, slide, Chicago blues and jazz. Her blues are what the blues have always been about: Black people fighting for freedom in the world.

The show is being produced by the Dreamweavers. The Dreamweavers are a racially and ethnically integrated group.

1300 Expected To Attend MAPfest '90 In Milwaukee On Sept. 2

[Milwaukee]- The Fundraising Committee of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is currently planning MAPfest '90, an annual fundraising event for AIDS. MAPfest will again this year be held at Schlitz Park's Cherry St. parking lot on Sunday, September 2, 1990 from 2-10 p.m.

MAP is anticipating more than 1,300 people to attend MAPfest '90 and is asking for support in making this event more successful than last years. Your support will make this event financially successful, as well as show support for people with HIV and AIDS.

MAP is seeking participants for booth rentals, where you can display information, sell food and merchandise, or offer games to play. The beer, wine and soda concessions will be operated by the

Badgers To Host "Bier Stein VI" Sept. 29-30

[Milwaukee]- The Beer Town Badgers will be hosting their Sixth Anniversary Run, "Bier Stein VI", Saturday, September 29 to Sunday, September 30, 1990.

The Run will include a show, "Show Girls...Or Bust!", which, if prior years are any indication, will indeed display all of the Badgers at their best. There will also be a dinner held at the M&M Club on Saturday evening, Sunday brunch and a host of other activities designed to give the attending clubs the maximum good time.

We wish the Badgers all the best on the Anniversary.

They formed after the National Women's Music Festival (NWMF) in Bloomington, Indiana in June, 1989. After being deeply moved by these two artists at the NWMF, they came together and shared the dream of bringing them to the Madison area. On August 4th, the dream becomes a reality.

Tickets are \$10 for limited income and \$12 for a basic contribution. They are available at: The Barrymore Theatre, A Room Of One's Own, Steep and Brew, and Whole Earth Co-op. Work exchange is available and childcare will be provided. For special needs seating, call (608) 256-2166. Order tickets by mail until July 28 by sending a check or money order to the Dreamweavers, 1910 Manley St., Madison, WI 53704. All mail order tickets will be held at the Barrymore Box Office.

MAP office. If you are not interested in renting booth space, but would like to underwrite the cost of putting on the event, such as renting equipment, sound and staging, tents, porta-potties, etc., your generous contribution would be much appreciated.

Booth rental costs are \$25 for an informational booth and \$25 plus 20 percent of gross revenue for a food, game or merchandise booth. MAP will provide electricity for booths that indicate such a need. A table and two chairs to go with your booth will be provided for an additional \$10 fee.

Registration deadline is July 20, 1990. If a registration form was not provided to your business/organization, contact Louise Searing, MAP Special Events Coordinator by calling (414) 273-1991 as soon as possible.

"Milwaukee's Talking" Hosts Impersonators

[Milwaukee]- On July 20, 1990, four of Milwaukee's luminaries will be appearing on the Channel 12 morning show, "Milwaukee's Talking." The show airs from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Those appearing with be Rona from M&M; Mimi Marx, Miss Gay Wisconsin, Miss. Ginger Spice and Miss Chastity Belt.

Each of the four guests is being asked to perform a signature piece. As of press time, Rona and Ginger Spice have yet to decide. Mimi will be doing Madonna while Chastity Belt will be doing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

Nov. 4 Mr., Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant To Have New Look

[Milwaukee]- The Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant will have a new look this year. We will be expanding the contest to four categories.

Contestants will be required to attend an interview session on the morning of the Pageant. This will be incorporated into the sign-up and rehearsal period.

There will also be a Fantasy Walk for all contestants which is designed to display imagination and creativity. The Gown Walk for Miss and the Swimsuit Walk for Mr. will remain the same. Talent will be presented by all contestants and will be limited to a 4 minute musical number (lip-sync or live).

Judging will be based on a total point system with Interview: 20%; Fantasy: 20%; Gown or Swimsuit: 20% and Talent: 40%.

Due to time restrictions and the added walk, we will be forced to limit the number of contestants to a total of 20 (10 Miss and 10 Mr.).

Applications will be accepted on a first

come basis with a postmark proving time of entry. Applications will be available in August and September and can be found in either **Wisconsin Light** or **In Step**. If you need contestant information, please call: (414) 645-1011.

The Pageant will be held this year on November 4th and take place, as before, at the Crystal Ballroom of Milwaukee's Marc Plaza Hotel. Pageant times are: Cocktails- 5:00 p.m.; Dinner- 6:00 p.m.; Pageant- 8:00 p.m. As in the past, we will have you on your way home or out celebrating by midnight.

Ticket prices remain the same with Dinner and Pageant at \$35.00 and Pageant only at \$25.00.

For further information after August 15, 1990, please call: Ticket Information: (414) 257-6346 - days, and (414) 384-7999 - evenings.

Advertising info: (414) 483-2727.

Contestant information or for a copy of the official rules, call: (414) 645-1011.

Mel Gibson Is In The Hot Seat As "Bird On A Wire" Film Draws Heat

[New York, NY]- Move over Andy Rooney, Mel Gibson's in the hot seat now. Actually, it's everyone responsible for the beauty salon scene in the blockbuster movie, "Bird On A Wire." The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is less than thrilled with Gibson's characterization of Matty, a "swishy" homosexual hairdresser. Even more offensive, according to GLAAD, is the portrayal of Raun of Racine as the "bitchy and malicious" salon owner. This very outdated stereotype perpetuates the "freak show" representation of Gays that GLAAD is working to eliminate from modern media.

Says Steven Asher, spokesman for GLAAD: "If Black people no longer accept Black characters portrayed as Stepin Fetchit and Jews are no longer depicted as big-nosed money grubbers, then it is time for Gays to demand the same respect. Until Hollywood presents a full range of Lesbian and Gay characters, the use of demeaning stereotypes such as those in "Bird On A Wire" is not funny."

GLAAD is encouraging conscientious movie goers to write letters of protest to John Badham (c/o Triad Artists, 10100 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90067), director and co-producer of the Universal Studios hit and the movie's

co-stars, Mel Gibson (c/o ICM, 8899 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048) and Goldie Hawn (c/o Creative Artists, 9830 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90212).

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Art Books Exhibit Male Nudes In Past and Present Settings

By Kent H. Smith

Life Class, The Academic Male Nude 1820-1920 is a collection of exercises in life drawing edited by Stephen Boyd. Using their basic skills, the artists reproduce the figures on paper or canvas in a way that is reminiscent of many classical artists. Even though this book contains a small collection, it does provide a representative sampling of life drawings. Only if you are a life drawing enthusiast and feel the need to own every book on figure drawing, is this book a must-have. **Life Class, The Academic Male Nude 1820-1920** is very academic and would function better in the classroom setting than on your coffee table.

Private, The Erotic Art of Duncan Grant, does belong on your coffee table. This book is a small selection of very interesting erotic art that definitely relates to the Gay community. Duncan Grant's drawings and paintings, done in

post-impressionist style, are very lively and uninhibited. His use of line to create excitement and energy works very well. The washes of color are subtle, but dramatic and add to the mood and the movement of each composition.

As interesting as his homoerotic art was his biography. The introduction to the book contains a brief synopsis of the artist's life. This was not only interesting, but gave the reader insight into the evolution of his work. Grant being one of the leading Gay artists, makes his book an obvious choice for collectors of Gay erotic art.

Both books are published by Gay Men's Press. **Life Class, The Academic Male Nude 1820-1920** (56 pp) retails for \$25.00. **Private, The Erotic Art of Duncan Grant** (77 pp) retails for \$45.00. Both books may be purchased at local bookstores or special ordered from Alyson Publications, Inc., 40 Plympton St., Boston, Mass. 02118.



Members of Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus were having a great time on their float in Chicago's June 24 Pride Parade.

Jerry Johnson

First Book To Document ACT-UP Is Bold and Provocative

By Thatcher Bailey

AIDS Demo Graphics

By Douglas Camp and Adam Rolston
Bay Press, Seattle, 144 pp. \$12.95

The first book to document the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), **AIDS Demo Graphics**, by Douglas Crimp with Adam Rolston, features the bold and provocative graphic images — and the intensity of the political messages — put forward by this activist group in its struggle against government inaction, corporate profiteering, media distortion, and public apathy.

Beginning with the "Silence = Death" project — now the universal logo for AIDS activists — visual imagery has been a potent and productive force in the decade-long battle against the bigotry and greed that have dominated public and private debates about AIDS. Produced by artists working with ACT-UP, the images in this compelling anthology tap into the

tradition of protest posters, Madison Avenue advertising, and postmodern techniques of appropriation.

Douglas Crimp's accompanying essay traces the development of socially engaged art activities produced in response to the AIDS epidemic. Part history, part guidebook, part polemic, his essay offers up an angry, articulate, and factually accurate accounting of the politics of American health care in the late 1980's.

AIDS Demo Graphics sets the record straight — for history, and for all those who must continue the fight for their lives and their basic rights.

Douglas Crimp, recipient of the 1988 Frank Jewett Mather Award for distinction in art criticism, is also the editor of "AIDS: Cultural Analysis/Cultural Activism." Adam Rolston is an architect and artist. Both are active members of ACT-UP New York.

Four Star Book Club Touts A Poetry and Baseball Doubleheader

[Madison]- The Four Star Book Club has announced "a Poetry and Baseball Doubleheader" to be held on Saturday, July 14, 1990 at 4:00 p.m. at Four Star Fiction and Video, 315 N. Henry St. in Madison.

Gary Gildner, author of **The Warsaw Sparks** and Paul Zimmer, author of **The Great Bird Of Love**, will read.

Gildner is Professor of English at Drake University and Zimmer is Director of the University of Iowa Press.

Those who attend the reading are welcome to join Mr. Gildner and Mr. Zimmer and the Book Club staff at

Warner Park for a Madison Muskies game at which Mr. Gildner will throw out the first pitch. Muskies game time is 6:00 p.m. General Admission to the park is \$4.50.

OBITUARY POLICY

Wisconsin Light publishes obituaries of members of the Lesbian/ Gay community as both news and a community service free of charge. In many cases, we depend on relatives and/or friends of the deceased to provide us with the necessary information.

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LESBIAN/GAY

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- Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two — Allan Berube, MacMillan.....22.95
- Looking at Lesbian and Gay Life — Warren J. Blumenfeld, Farrar, Strauss, Giroux.....12.95

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

Lambda Literary Awards Presented To The Year's Best Books

[Las Vegas, NV]- The Second Annual Lambda Literary Awards, which honor the best of Gay and Lesbian literature for the previous year, were presented at a formal banquet in Las Vegas in June. The awards ceremony coincided with the annual convention of the American Booksellers Association.

The Lambda Literary Awards are informally called the "Lammys." The following books and authors are among the recipients of this year's Lammys:

Gay Fiction: **Eighty-Sixed** by David B. Feinberg; Lesbian Fiction: **The Bar Stories** by Nisa Donnelly; Gay Non-Fiction: **In Search of Gay America** by Neil Miller; Lesbian Non-Fiction: **Really Reading Gertrude Stein** by Judy Grahn.

Lesbian Mystery: **The Beverly Malibu** by Katherine V. Forrest; Gay Mystery: **A Simple Suburban Murder** by Mark Richard Zubro; Lesbian Science

Fiction/Fantasy: **What Did Miss Darrington See? An Anthology of Feminist Supernatural Fiction**, edited by Jessica Amanda Salmonson; Gay Science Fiction/Fantasy: **Somewhere in the Night** by Jeffrey N. McMahan.

Gay/Lesbian Poetry: **Poets for Life**, edited by Michael Klein; Gay/Lesbian Humor: **Gay Comics**, edited by Robert Triptow; Gay Debut: **The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Sockett** by John Weir; Lesbian Debut: **The Names of the Moons of Mars** by Patricia Roth Schwartz.

Losing Uncle Tom by MaryKate Jordan won in the Young Adult/Children's category. Larry Kramer's **Reports From the Holocaust** won in the special AIDS category. The Publisher's Service Award went to Carol Seajay, publisher and editor of the unique trade journal **Feminist Bookstore News**.

Teachers Federation Affirms Gay & Lesbian "Educational Equity"

By John Zeh

[Boston, Mass.]- Gay and Lesbian school staff and students won "educational equity" with heterosexual peers here July 2-6 when the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) adopted a slate of 11 resolutions affirming their rights.

Some 3,300 convention delegates agreed by voice votes to:

- include sexual orientation in AFT's anti-discrimination protections;

- urge union locals to bargain for those policies and bereavement leave for domestic partners;

- condemn harassment or violence against students due to sexual orientation and

- protect rights of students and staff who are infected with HIV.

"They all sailed right through, with only one lone voice of dissent," said new caucus co-chair Dan Stephen, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers delegate. "He did us a favor. Everyone could see his position was homophobic."

Stephen continued, "The votes put a major union on record as being supportive

of the rights of Lesbian and Gay school staff and students who deserve a Gay-affirmative educational environment."

Educators can assume that 10-15% of adolescents are Gay or Lesbian and have trouble understanding their sexual identity, according to research by the University of Cincinnati's Dr. John Maddux.

Stephen presented teacher-delegates with a pop quiz. "How many know what it feels like to be attracted to somebody? Think back to where you first were when you saw that person. How old were you?" he challenged. "When you felt that attraction, was it something consciously decided or did it just come to you? Did you decide to be attracted to that person or with it a natural feeling?"

No one scratched their heads, and people smiled when Stephen disclosed his "lesson plan." "You now know what it feels like to be a Lesbian or Gay man and feel an attraction of the same gender. It's not something anyone makes a conscious choice to do. It happens naturally. Nobody chooses to be Gay or Lesbian."

Editor's Note: For a printed report of Dr. Maddux's complete findings, send \$5; for an audio cassette of the workshop on treating Gay/Lesbian students fairly, send \$6; or for both, send \$10 to John Zeh, 1455 Chapin St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-4510.



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The Taylor Times: Meeting HIV+ Brings New Meaning To Life

By Brad Taylor

I really wasn't quite sure how I would react when I first met someone who is HIV+. I thought I would be wary and afraid. But, to my surprise, I reacted very differently. I was not at all afraid.

The man I met who is HIV+ is, I find, a very special person. I barely know him, but already I care about him. Knowing he is HIV+ doesn't scare me — at least not totally.

AIDS itself scares me, but not him. To him, I would like to be the best friend I can be, by being there when he needs someone.

I can learn a lot from him. I think. Already he has given me a new outlook on life; I don't think he tried to, but he did.

I can see how much energy and strength he has and it has inspired me. He isn't just sitting back waiting to die. He is actually out there doing something for the Gay community and for AIDS groups. He is doing what he can and he is trying to leave his mark in this world.

Well, even as briefly as I have known him, he has left his mark on me. He has shown me a bright new world; a world I have yet to explore; a world that a lot of Gays have not explored. He is, strange to say, like the brother I never had. Someone who, even though he's older, can still see things on my level and who can relate to me.

That is one thing I love about him; his youthful attitude. If I had been through all of the things that he has, I don't think I would be here. But he is, and it inspires me to go on, no matter how rough life gets.

So, I guess being HIV+ is NOT the end of the world for a lot of people. They go on with their lives, planning for the future which is what a person has to do. You can't think negatively — as I did for many years. You have to be positive, looking for the bright side in any gloomy situation. Things WILL get better. You have to believe that.

Like my friend, even if you're going through rough times — like I still am — you have to know things will get better —

if you're positive about life. Get out and do something — if not for yourself, then for the people around you. There are people out there who are going through the same things you are and they are going on with their lives. So should you. But whatever you do, don't give up. You'll not only hurt yourself, you'll also hurt the people around you.

Editor's Note: Brad Taylor welcomes your comments. You can write to him in care of this paper.

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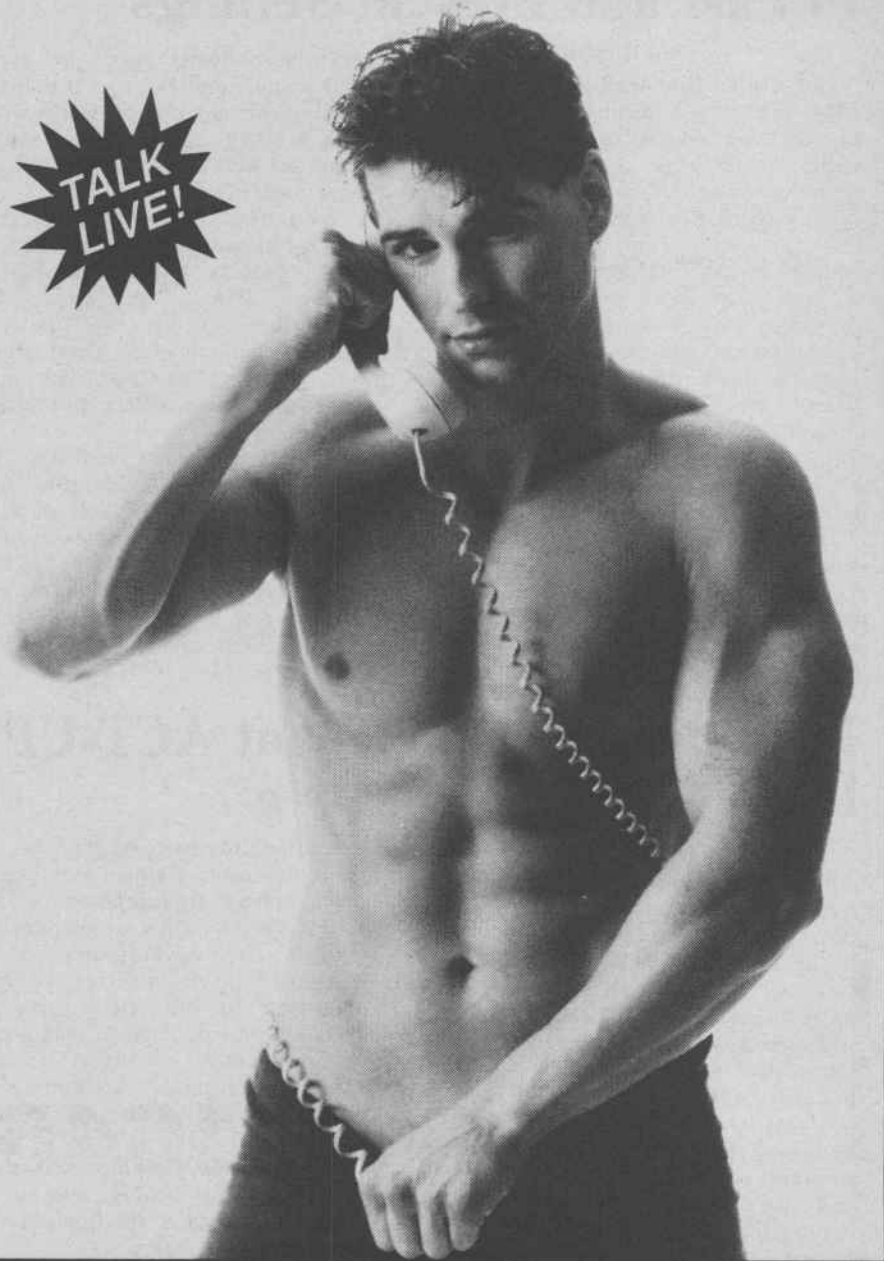
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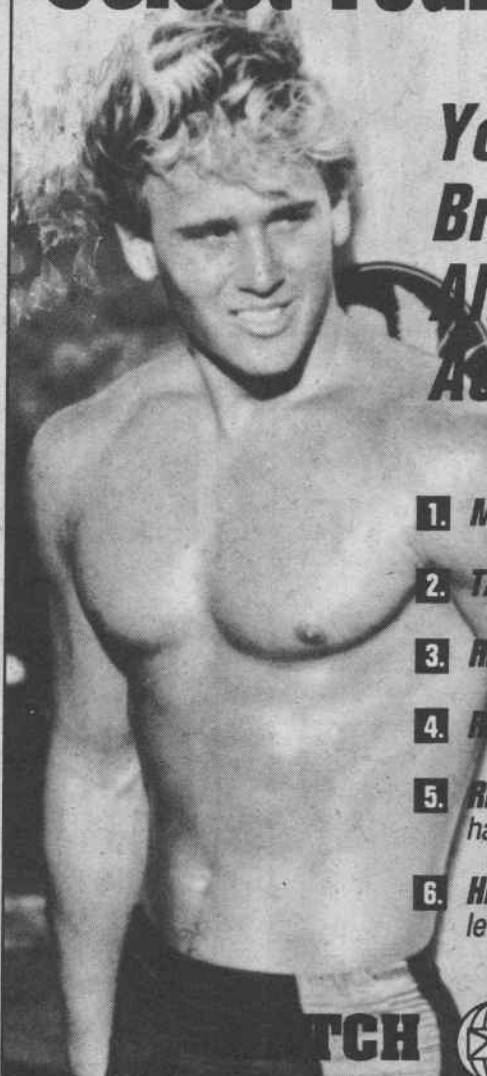
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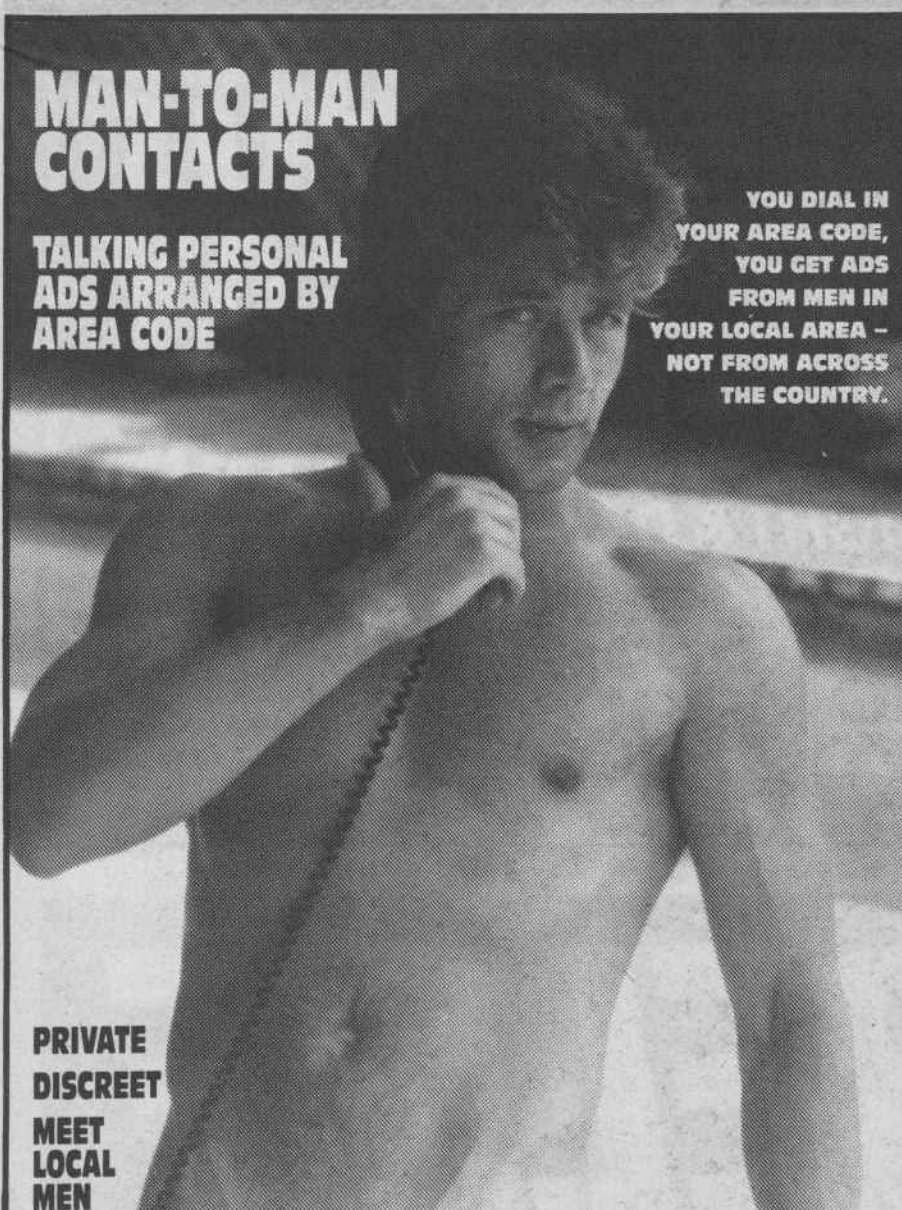
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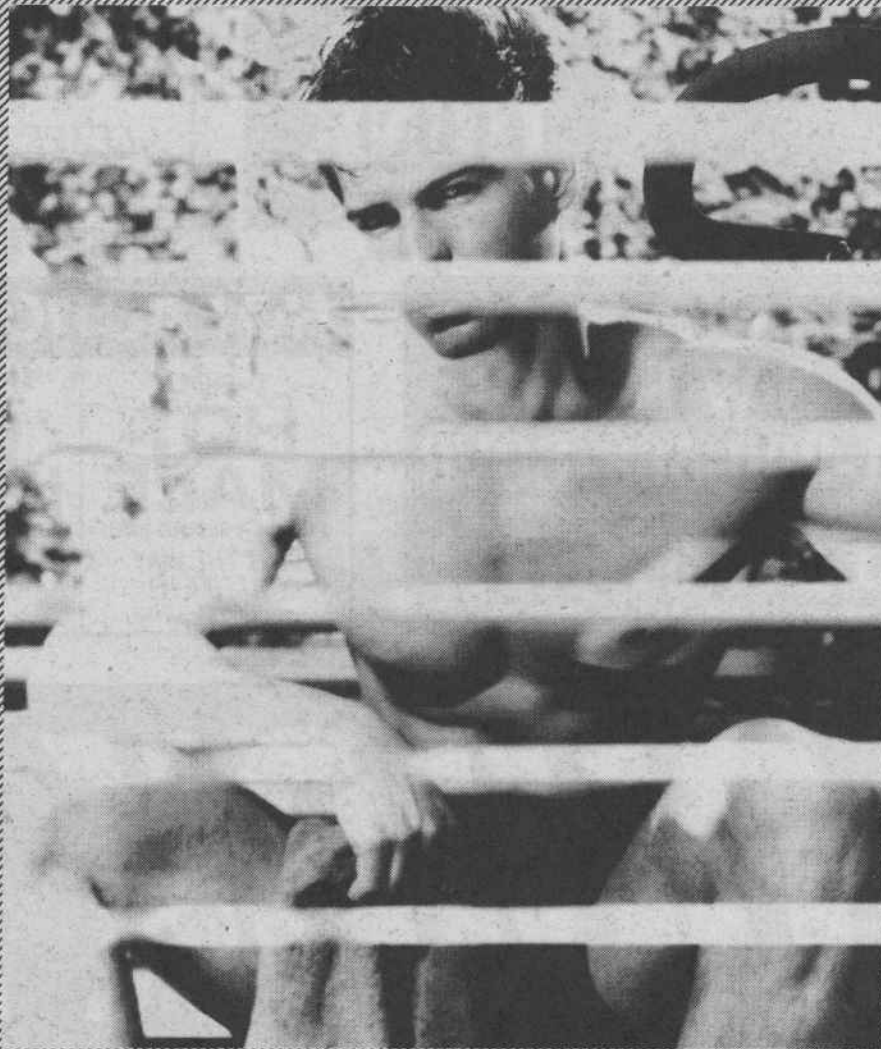
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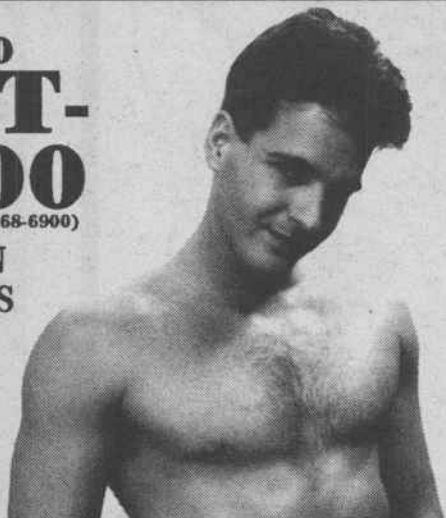
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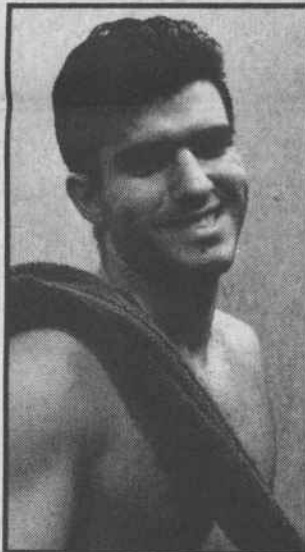
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Interns must work at least 20 hours per week for three months. Each is under the direction of a staff member. Interns receive a stipend from the Campaign Fund.

People who have questions or who are interested in applying, should contact Eric Rosenthal at (202) 628-4160 or at HRCF at 1012 14th St. N.W., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. The application should include a letter discussing why you want to work at the Campaign Fund, a resume and a writing sample.

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The Green Bay newspaper rejected the ads because of the words "Gay" and "Lesbian" saying that it "just didn't print those kinds of ads" according to court records.

Hathaway and the Vandeviers argued that the classified section of a newspaper was a place of business, making available goods and services to the general public and hence was subject to Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law.

According to the Appeals Court ruling: "Newspapers do not offer the public 'accommodations' in the sense that this term is normally understood.

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societally constructed definitions of sexuality, gender, and nature. It is no accident that the forces of censorship are being led by Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina; Helms has made a political career of passing off as "truth" such social myths as that a person's gender, race, or religion makes her/him superior or inferior to another.

In fact, Senator Helms, and other censors, fear Lesbian/Gay art precisely because public viewing, reading, and discussion of our work leads to a questioning of so-called "normal" patterns of power and hierarchy in U.S. culture.

The current attempts to censor sexually explicit Lesbian and Gay art are tied to attempts to control information about sexuality in general, including information about safe sex and AIDS, about contraception and abortion, about Lesbian and Gay sexuality. This censorship is being imposed not just in the art world, but in radio programming, reproductive rights counseling, and classroom teaching. The struggle about censorship of information is happening not just at the level of the federal government, but also at the state and local level; not just within government, but also within private corporations and within public schools and universities.

The current struggle about sexual censorship is part of an intensifying climate of repression that targets many groups, including African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and all people of color; Arabs, Jews; poor people, women, and the disabled; the young and the old; Lesbian

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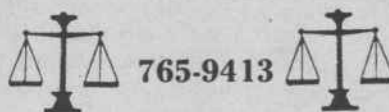
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and Gay people — groups that have been called "special interest groups" but that are, in fact, the majority of "the people" in this country.

Please raise your voice, within the context of this larger struggle, against censorship of Lesbian and Gay art. Contact your congressperson immediately to demand re-authorization of the National Endowment for the Arts with **no restrictions**. Work in whatever capacity you can in your community to ensure we do not lose access to the information that we, and others, need about the realities of our lives as Gay and Lesbian people.

—Elly Burkin, Chrystos [Menominee Nation], Audre Lorde, Judith McDaniel, Minnie Bruce Pratt

MASN Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

There have been two events recently, the "Bachelor Bid" at Rod's and "Pride of the Nineties" at the New Bar, the proceeds from which were donated to the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)—totaling more than \$4,000! Both evenings were fun, and there was a definite sense of good will in the air.

MASN depends on the generosity of others in order to deliver up-to-date education and quality services to people affected by HIV. There has been a long-standing relationship with the establishments located in the Hotel Washington Complex. Rodney and Greg Scheel, Pam Geisler, Mark Mueller, George Kelly, Susan Breitbach and all other members of the management and staff are very special friends of MASN.

The other establishments in MASN's service area with a clientele that is primarily Gay/Lesbian have been equally supportive, a situation that will continue into the future. Cheri Becker, Hunter Beamon, Tom and Phil at Club 3054 and Wings 3054; J.J. O'Connell at the Shamrock; Bret Brecklin at The New Leaf— all have sponsored events for the benefit of either MASN or the Cookie Jar, a special fund that provides small monetary grants to HIV+ people in need, a valuable resource for MASN's Life Care Services Managers. In addition, all of the above are assisting with the development of education and outreach programs directed at Gay and bisexual men and Lesbians, on ongoing and ever-changing process.

Like virtually every other AIDS Service Organization in the country, MASN was started from within the Gay and Lesbian community. That support was crucial to early efforts and remains equally important as we enter the second decade

of the AIDS epidemic. This support has not wavered, if anything, growing stronger all the time.

So, thank you to all the "bachelors", both planned and impromptu, and the performers at the New Bar: David Lucas, Mr. Gay Madison '90; Felicia, Miss Gay Madison '90; Pam, Ms. Gay Madison '90; Dusty; Craig; and all of the other entertainers. Thanks, as well, to all those who attended both events and thereby contributed to assisting MASN continue to serve people affected by HIV in South Central Wisconsin.

—Earl Bricker
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Barney Frank gets Frank Congressman Frank's "State of the Gay and Lesbian Union Address" to 20-year-old Washington Gays. Audio Cassette, \$6 to John Zeh, 1455 Chapin St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009-4510.

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Contact: Earl Bricker, Executive Director, Madison AIDS Support Network, P.O. Box 731, Madison, Wisconsin 53701-0731.

Letters of interest and resumes should be submitted by **Friday, July 27, 1990. THE MADISON AIDS SUPPORT NETWORK IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**

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National Vets Group Formed To Fight Military Discrimination

[Milwaukee]- As a result of continuing discrimination on the part of the Department of Defense (DOD), and all branches of the U.S. military against Lesbians, Gay men and bisexual military personnel, a group of determined veterans and their representative organizations, have formed the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans Association of America (GLBVA). The purpose of the organization is to assist Gay, Lesbian and bisexual veterans and active duty personnel in matters which pertain to discrimination, harassment, and less-than-honorable discharges. In addition, the GLBVA will organize a concerted effort to challenge DOD and administrative policies which now prohibit persons with alternative affectional preferences from serving in the U.S. military establishment.

Included in the umbrella of the GLBVA are several well-established veterans' groups, including the San Diego Veterans Association, Veterans C.A.R.E. Redwood Empire Council, New England Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans, Texas Gay Veterans, as well as many individual members not aligned with any group.

The GLBVA has also agreed to cooperate/network with NOW, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The Military Freedom Project, Lambda Legal Defense, the Human Rights

Campaign Fund and student groups on university and college campuses where ROTC programs are being challenged.

GLBVA will focus on three issues: 1) a challenge to DOD policy 1332.14 which excludes Gays, Lesbians and bisexuals from military service; 2) support and assistance to campus groups challenging ROTC programs on their campuses; 3) establish a "Witch Hunt Strike Force," which will provide legal observers on military installations where witch hunts are on-going, to ensure that all military personnel, regardless of sexual orientation, have their rights observed, protected and enforced.

Future goals of GLBVA include a "Lobby Day" on Capitol Hill; establishment of a legal defense fund; a discharge upgrading service; an AIDS buddy program and other programs which deal with issues of importance to both Gay and non-Gay veterans.

GLBVA has a permanent phone number: (414) 342-6543. Callers are guaranteed a personal response within 24 hours (if they leave a recorded message). Anonymity/security is also assured if the caller is requesting legal information or is under investigation. For more information, call the above number or write, GLBVA, 1350 N. 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208, ATTN: Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chairperson.

Speaker Refrained From Presenting "Cross-Over" Conversion Speech

[Lexington, KY]- According to *New Works News* of Indianapolis, a vocal and determined group of Lesbians, Gay men and their friends protested the message of Cross-Over Ministries brought to the University of Kentucky (UK) during the third week in April.

Cross-Over Ministries is an affiliate of Exodus International, a far right-wing Fundamentalist group. Cross-Over aims to convert Gays and Lesbians to heterosexuality, a goal which most experts in human sexuality view as impossible and undesirable. Trying to change someone's sexual orientation can cause psychological damage accord to an

article in the *San Francisco Sentinel*.

On the evening of April 19, approximately 15 protesters stood outside a meeting room in the UK Student Center with signs prior to a talk by Sy Rogers, president of Exodus International.

Already present inside the room was a larger group of about 20 people prepared to ask challenging questions. Rogers had apparently planned to speak for at least the majority of the one and a half hour presentation. Within five minutes, however, the questions began and continued for the remainder of the time. Rogers was effectively prevented from presenting his planned "testimony."

Triangle Trojans Win St. Louis Gateway Softball Championship

[Milwaukee]- The Triangle Trojans, the Triangle's softball team, won first place in the Second Annual Gateway Classic held June 30-July 1 in St. Louis, MO and returned with a glittering trophy, nearly two feet tall, to prove it. The word "champions" is proudly engraved on the base.

The Trojans, 14 strong, journeyed to the "Gateway to the West" to compete against 10 other teams from across the nation. The Trojans had a 6 wins 0-loss record. They had victories over Chicago, Kansas City, Birmingham and St. Louis. The Triangle beat the Kansas City Edge 6-5 in the Championship game.

Dairy Queen Soccer Team Changes Name to Bovine Babes

[Madison]- The Madison-based Lesbian soccer team which will be participating in the 1990 Gay Games in August in Vancouver, B.C. has changed its name. At the request of Dairy Queen International Corporation, the team has decided to change the name of the team to avoid any possible legal action regarding copyright infringements. Look for them in the future playing under the name "Bovine Babes."

The "Babes" competed in the Badger State Games and did well for their first big challenge. The "Babes" played in

the Bronze Medal round and captured fourth place. They won two games, tied one (losing it in the sudden death shoot-out) and lost one.

Magic Picnic Benefit

On July 14, the "Babes" will have a fundraising booth at the Magic Picnic at Brittingham Park (700 Block of W. Washington). Women come out, enjoy the sun and support your hometown Lesbian soccer team bound for the 1990 Gay Games! **Join us and help us Go For The Gold!**

British Sailor Might Have Died From AIDS in 1959

[Chicago]- According to the *Chicago Tribune*, July 6 issue, British medical studies on tissue from a 25 year-old sailor who died of an unexplained illness in 1959, have revealed traces of HIV, suggesting that the disease was in existence for decades before being recognized.

In a letter to *Lancet* medical journal, the doctors said, "We conclude that the patient who died in Manchester... from an unexplained immunodeficiency and overwhelming pneumonia had HIV infection."

Until now, the earliest recorded AIDS cases, discovered retrospectively, had been in the '60's. The Manchester case suggests that the disease was already proving fatal at the end of the 1950's and raises the possibility that a number of people could have been unwittingly exposed to the virus during that period.

The HIV virus has been known to stay dormant for more than a decade before developing into AIDS.

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