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The Wisconsin Light

Senate Must Approve Revised Housing Bill

[Washington, D.C.]— On August 2, 1990, the House of Representatives approved crucial funding for housing subsidies for people with AIDS and HIV infection by a vote of 378 to 43.

The bill, HR 1180, the Housing and Community Development Act, appropriates \$150 million for direct rent subsidies, reconditioning of single-room occupancy units and AIDS housing information. The House version of the bill is designed to prevent homelessness before it occurs and offers greater protections than a companion bill passed by the Senate.

According to Peri Jude Radecic, legislative director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), "Unlike the Senate's housing bill which only deals with the housing needs of PWA's after they are kicked onto the street," the House bill "represents a cost-effective means of preventing homelessness, provides alternatives to costly hospital care, and targets help to prolong life."

The bill now goes into Conference Committee. The *New York Times* has reported that President Bush is expected to veto the bill if it strays too far from the Senate version.

NGLTF urges you to urge Bush to sign the bill with the AIDS housing appropriations. Write or call the President at: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20500; (202) 456-1414.

Conservatives Furious With White House Aide Firing

By John Zeh

[Washington, D.C.]— President Bush's chief liaison to the religious right and other conservative constituencies lost his White House job for opposing Gays' attendance at White House bill-signings.

That report in *The Washington Times*, August 2, surprised, but pleased, national Gay and Lesbian leaders here, some of whom had witnessed Bush penning the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) a week earlier.

Bush's special assistant for public liaison, Doug Wead, was fired from his \$55,000 job August 1 by a deputy to Chief of Staff John Sununu. *The Times* said "several administration sources" blamed Wead's dismissal on opposition to invitations to Gay leaders to the signings of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act on April 23, 1990 and the ADA.

Wead criticized the invitations publicly and wrote letters to about a dozen complainants, blaming inclusion of Gays on staff error. The claim infuriated his more moderate boss, Bobbie Greene Kilberg, the paper reported, saying "a senior official" denied there had been an error.

The firing and conservatives' criticism of Bush indicates "how extensive the right wing is losing ground," said Robert Bray, Information Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "The White House, even the whole country, may be moving toward a more moderate position. Anti-democratic, extremist groups are running scared."

The White House withdrew invitations to seven American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) staffers.

This "squeeze play" is only one of many battles between Wead and liberals on Bush's staff, wrote conservative columnist Cal Thomas, former flack for the anti-Gay Moral Majority.

National media also reported that conservatives were furious at the

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Policeman Charged With Felony For Assaulting Grand Chute Man



Jim Strange plays the lead character in "Dr. Faustus" with David Janowiak (right) in the Dale Gutzman production which opens August 25 at the Pitman Theatre at Milwaukee's Alverno College. (See story on page six).

[Appleton, WI] In a report from the Associated Press, a Blanchardville, Wisconsin policeman accused of beating a hair stylist taunted as a homosexual will be charged with a felony under a new law designed to crack down on "hate" crimes, a prosecutor said on Monday, July 30.

An investigation continued into two other officers' roles in the weekend incident witnessed by several people at a bar near Appleton.

The policeman, identified on Tuesday, July 31, as Brian Brown, Jr., was charged with felony battery. The battery charge will be prosecuted as a felony "hate crime" based on a 1987 Wisconsin law that applies to attacks based on race, religion, ancestry, disability or sexual orientation, according to Outagamie County Assistant District Attorney John Des Jardins.

Blanchardville Police Chief Kevin Larson said the man is a part-time officer. Blanchardville, a community of 800, is located southwest of Madison.

Meanwhile, Des Jardins said he was reviewing reports involving the activities of two other officers — one from Marathon County and another from Kenosha — in the incident that occurred early Friday morning, July 27, 1990 in a parking lot outside a shopping mall tavern in Little Chute.

Witnesses said officers attending a party at the Omni Lounge near Appleton to celebrate their completion of police training at Fox Valley Technical College assaulted a 20-year-old Grand Chute hair stylist.

Witnesses said 12 to 15 officers were celebrating at a lounge where the incident erupted and many of the officers were drunk.

One officer started calling the hair stylist "a faggot and stuff," then removed the man's hat and put it one his own head, witnesses said.

When the man, who was attending a birthday party, walked to the bar, the policeman taunted and pushed him, making anti-Gay remarks, said hair salon owner Brian Brezinski.

Some officers eventually followed the man outside to the parking lot, where he was allegedly tackled, punched and kicked.

The man was taken to an Appleton hospital for treatment of bruised ribs and internal injuries and released, witnesses said.

In a related story, the *Milwaukee Journal* reported on Saturday, August 4, 1990 that two police instructors at Fox Valley Technical College have been suspended for what was reported as "offensive remarks about women and homosexuals." The two instructors were reportedly Appleton policemen in the college's police academy program.

Brian Brown Jr. was one of the academy's July graduates.

The *Journal* reports Stanley Spanbauer, director of the College as saying that the two instructors have been suspended without pay. The college won't hire any more part-time police instructors until the current investigation is completed, Spanbauer said.

diagnostic services, therapeutic measures and referrals to health-care providers. Testing must be voluntary and counseling must provide information on the health risks of promiscuous sexual activity and intravenous drug abuse.

From 1981, when AIDS was first observed, through June of this year, according to the *Times*, 139,765 cases of the disease were reported, and 85,430 of these have died. Gay and bisexual men account for more than 60 percent of the cases.

Women's Equality Day Celebrates Liberation Movement on August 25

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]— Dozens of women's groups and community organizations will gather in Milwaukee's Washington Park on Saturday, August 25, to celebrate Women's Equality Day. The afternoon of food, fun, entertainment, politics, speakers and sports will run from Noon to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Women's Equality Day 1990 marks the 70th anniversary of some women gaining

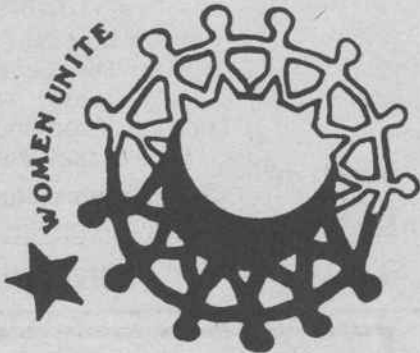
Mahoffey, whose pop and jazz tunes grace the Cafe Melange every Sunday night. Madison's dynamic Stephanie Galetti will be on hand to perform her riveting blend of blues and gospel as well.

Speakers will address issues of continuing concern to women: reproductive choice, Lesbian rights, peace, the environment, childcare, welfare rights, violence against women, employment problems and more. A voter registration booth will be set up to sign on new voters.

The main event, including entertainment and speakers will be located in the Washington Park Community Building (Pavilion). The park is just off N. 40th and W. Lisbon and W. Roberts. Picnic area #1 in the park has also been reserved for those who want to bring their own grills and food. A volleyball net and kids games will also be offered there.

Among the many groups organizing and participating in the Women's are: the National Organization for Women, the Lesbian Alliance, the Center for Women's Studies at UWM, Hurricane Productions, Welfare Warriors, Earth Day Milwaukee, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Silver Space, the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee and the League of Women Voters.

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the right to vote and the 20th anniversary of the first big march for "women's liberation" in New York City. Everyone is invited to join in celebrating the many accomplishments of feminist activists. The event will also focus on the many critical issues still facing women.

Music for the event will be provided by Milwaukee's own Blomberg and

Congress Passes AIDS Resources Act To Help Stressed Cities

[Washington, D.C.]— In what the *New York Times* termed "the Government's most significant effort by far to help pay for the testing and treatment of people exposed to the AIDS virus," Congress, on August 3, 1990, passed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Act. The bill would provide broad assistance to communities hardest hit by the disease including \$275 million a year for emergency aid to hospitals and clinics, \$275 million for state aid programs and additional money for treatment of children infected with HIV.

Under the bill, money would go to cities with more than 2,000 cases or ones with

high per-capita rates of the disease.

The Bush administration did not support the bill, but Administration officials, according to the *Times* said the President is likely to sign it.

The bill requires that states have criminal laws permitting the prosecution of people with AIDS who intentionally infect others through sexual contacts, blood donations or the sharing of needles. States may treat intentional transmission as a form of attempted homicide or assault with a deadly weapon.

States would be able to use the funds for five purposes: testing for HIV infection, counseling, clinical and

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Activists Invade Helms' Office

[Washington, D.C.]—Six Gay and Lesbian activists took over the Capitol offices of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) on July 17 in an angry protest against the senator's voting record against Gay rights and AIDS funding.

The protesters entered the mail room of Helms' office in the Dirksen Senate Building by a back door. Once inside, they engaged in anti-Helms chants and same sex kissing. They blew whistles, presented staff members with a mock resignation for the senator to sign and used a fax machine to transmit news of the occupation.

Capitol police arrested the demonstrators after about 25 minutes. The six were charged with unlawful entry and demonstrating in a Capitol building, misdemeanors punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$600 fine. All pleaded not guilty and could face a jury trial.

"I'm so frustrated that after all these years of Helms, there's never been an action in his office," said Michael Petrelis of ACT-UP. "I'm more than ever willing to put my body on the line to get in Helms' face with our anger."

Michigan Sodomy Law Reversed

[Wayne County, MI]—Wayne County Circuit Judge John A. Murphy has struck down the Michigan state sodomy statute because it violates citizens' rights to privacy under the state constitution. The ruling on July 6 came barely a month after Kentucky's sodomy statute was also ruled unconstitutional.

Wrote Judge Murphy: "The Michigan constitution embodies a promise that a certain private sphere of individual liberty will be kept largely beyond the reach of government." Prior to the ruling, sodomy was a felony with a jail term of up to 15 years plus a \$5,000 fine. The state's attorney general may appeal the decision.

Said Paula Eitelbrick of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund: "The right to privacy victories in Michigan and Kentucky within a month are extremely significant because they show that state courts and state constitutions can do what the federal courts used to do: protect minorities and basic American freedoms against government intrusion."

Illinois Fails To Ban Posters

[Springfield, IL]—An attempt by the Illinois legislature to ban anti-AIDS posters which show same sex and opposite sex couples kissing under the legend "Kissing Doesn't Kill: Greed and Indifference Do" has temporarily failed. The posters were designed by Art Against AIDS and are scheduled to appear in Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and trains this Fall.

After debate which included many anti-Gay slurs, the Illinois Senate voted 49-2 to prevent CTA vehicles from displaying drawings that show "physical contact between persons of the same sex...within a carnal, erotic or sexual context." The Illinois House failed to vote on the bill before its recess, effectively delaying action on the measure until the legislature reconvenes in November.

The bill is aimed specifically at public representations of same sex affection. The Illinois Civil Liberties Union has declared the proposed law a "clearly unconstitutional" violation of freedom of speech. The group will file suit if the bill is passed.

Madonna Gives \$300,000 To AmFAR

[Washington, D.C.]—The Washington Blade reports that singer Madonna has donated the proceeds from the final performance of her "Blond Ambition" tour — a whopping \$300,000 — to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR). The money raised at a sold out concert at the Meadowlands will go to AMFAR's Community based Clinical Trials Program.

"We literally are overwhelmed by the generosity of Madonna's gift," said AMFAR founder Dr. Mathilde Krim. "This is the second time Madonna has stepped forward to help us at a critical juncture in our foundation."

In 1987, Madonna donated the proceeds from a Madison Square Garden concert to AMFAR. Last year, her *Like a Prayer* album included safe-sex information and an urgent plea that people not discriminate against those with AIDS.

St. Paul Protects Gay Rights

[St. Paul, MN]—Equal Time reports that St. Paul has added "sexual orientation" to its municipal human rights charter, protecting Gays in housing, employment, public accommodations, services and credit.

The City Council voted 6-1 in support of the measure after a public hearing in which testimony was largely favorable. One opponent was ejected from the hearing after referring to the state's liberal Democratic Farm-Labor Party (DFL) as "Dykes, Fags and Lezzies."

Opponents plan to gather signatures for a repeal effort.

Churches Suspended For Ordinations

[San Francisco, CA]—Two local chapters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have been given five year suspensions from the denomination for ordaining three Gay and Lesbian ministers.

The ruling came after a heated debate between church leaders and the congregations of the St. Francis and First United Lutheran churches. The 12 member panel said that the ordinations violated the denomination's ban on "practicing" homosexuals in the ministry. Celibacy is required of known homosexual ministers but not of heterosexual ones in the Lutheran tradition.

The ministers in question, Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart of St. Francis and Jeff Johnson of First United, served as Grand Marshalls of the 1990 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco in June.

The suspended churches may face expulsion in 5 years if they do not comply with the denomination's policy.

FBI Spied On Mattachine Society

[Los Angeles, CA]—The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) sent undercover agents to meetings of the Mattachine Society, an early Gay rights group, in the 1950's, according to the Southern California chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

The ACLU obtained copies of the FBI files on the Mattachine Society through the Freedom of Information Act, according to the *Advocate*. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI in the 1950's (and rumored to be a closeted Gay), ordered the collection of thousands of pages of information about individual Gays and Lesbians.

In a successful suit brought by the Socialist Workers Party which accused the FBI of spying and harassment, documents were submitted to the court which proved that the US government had indeed spied and attempted to control and divide the socialist group as well as Gay and women's liberation groups throughout the 1970's.

Rita Mae Brown Hometown Favorites

[Charlottesville, VA]—Lesbian writer Rita Mae Brown was recently named "Best Local Writer" in her Virginia hometown by readers of the *Charlottesville Observer*. She won the honor over local rivals Ann Beattie and Sam Shepard.

The *Washington Blade* reports that, in Charlottesville, Brown "has enjoyed a kind of quiet celebrity status for many years." Brown wrote the Lesbian classic *Rubyfruit Jungle*, and many of her bestselling novels, *Six of One, In Her Day, Bingo* and *Sudden Death*, contain Lesbian characters and themes.

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.



Jet's Place bar held its annual Miss Jet's Contest on July 26, the winner, Miss April May is shown with the popular bar's owner, Jet.

Some Hints For The Heterosexual Woman Who Meets A Lesbian

1. Do not run screaming from the room. This is rude.
2. If you must back away, do so slowly and with discretion.
3. Do not assume she is attracted to you.
4. Do not assume she is not attracted to you.
5. Do not assume you are not attracted to her.
6. Do not expect her to be as excited about meeting a heterosexual as you may be about meeting a Lesbian. She was probably raised by them.
7. Do not immediately start talking about your boyfriend or husband in order to make it clear that you are straight. She probably already knows.
8. Do not tell her that it is sexist to prefer women, that people are people, and that she should be able to love everybody. Do not tell her that men are as oppressed by sexism as women, and women should help men fight their oppression. These are common fallacies and should be understood as such.
9. Do not invite her somewhere where there will be men unless you tell her in advance. She may not want to be with them.
10. Do not ask her how she got this way. Instead, ask yourself how you got that way.
11. Do not assume that she is dying to talk about being a Lesbian.
12. Do not expect her to refrain from

13. Do not trivialize her experience by assuming it is a bedroom issue only. She is a Lesbian 24 hours a day.
14. Do not assume that because she's a Lesbian she wants to be treated like a man.
15. Do not assume that her heart will leap with joy if you touch her arm (condescendingly? flirtatiously? power-testingly?). It makes her angry.
16. If you are tempted to tell her she is taking the easy way out, THINK ABOUT THAT.

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Hansen To Perform At Music Festival

[Chicago]—Renee Hansen, author of *Take Me To The Underground*, a novel about Lesbian obsessive love which is currently among the best sellers in the Midwest, will be at the Michigan Women's Music Festival. She will be speaking and autographing copies of the novel at Pandora's Books, Booth 301, in the merchant's tent area on Sunday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m.

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Holly Near To Hold Autograph Party At Schwartz Bookstore Aug. 20

[Milwaukee]- The Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops invite you to join them in welcoming Holly Near to Milwaukee for an autographing party on Monday, August 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop in Milwaukee's historic Iron Block Building downtown, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Just published, Near's autobiography is called **Fire in the Rain... Singer in the**



Irene Young

Honored as woman of the year on the cover of "Ms." magazine, profiled in the **New York Times**, **People**, **The Los Angeles Times** and other major publications, singer-songwriter Near is one of the driving forces in women's and political music.

In her moving self-portrait, she describes her childhood in rural California, her Hollywood and television career — which included roles in the movies "Slaughterhouse Five" and the Broadway musical "Hair" — her political activism crystallized during the Vietnam War. **Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm** recounts vividly Near's founding of her own music label, Redwood records, one of the most successful independent labels in the recording industry, as well as her increasing involvement with the women's movement and the personal and political struggles that she faced in it. Near also discusses her health crisis in the eighties from which she managed to heal herself, and her continual stretching of her own global vision.

Holly Near's passionate commitment to human potential combined with her ability to put forward good politics and good music have made her an inspiration to people throughout the world.

Your purchase of her autobiography, **Fire in the Rain... Singer in the Storm**, will also benefit the Milwaukee chapter of Jobs with Peace, an organization working to make much of what Holly Near stands for and sings about a reality.

For further information, call Schwartz Bookshop (414) 274-6400.

HOLLY NEAR Storm, a title that accurately reflects both the difficulties and resounding successes Near has sustained over the years.

Washington D. C. ACT-UP Invades Blade Newspaper Office In Protest

By John Zeh

[Washington, D.C.]- Reporters from the Capital's Gay and Lesbian newspaper didn't have to go far to witness a protest angry activists staged July 27—it happened in their own office.

Nine members of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) "zapped" **The Washington Blade** for its "misleading facade of 'objective news reporting'" which flyers said concealed a "partisan agendas" that is "anti-activist and anti-direct action."

"They've taken the advocacy out, and sugar-coated or conservative-coated it," said ACT-UP's John Davis, citing five concrete examples. "They don't report reality."

Without an appointment, the demonstrators followed publisher Don Michael to his office and sat-in until police arrived. "They had these evil smirks on their faces," he said. "It was, like, 'We've got you where we want you now.'"

The Blade practices "poor journalism," said Davis. "It's silencing people with AIDS, who have a lot more to lose than their journalistic integrity. They're fighting for their lives."

"They want an advocacy journal," said Michael, "but we put journalistic precepts first over Gay precepts. We want to keep our readers informed as a newspaper of record."

The Blade is gutless," Larry Kramer, ACT-UP's "Godfather" told City Paper editor Jack Shafer. "**The Blade** perfectly reflects the gutlessness of 80 percent of D.C.'s Gay community, with its head in the sand," Kramer added.

Blade Senior Editor Lisa Keen, away on vacation during the demo, defended her

Walesa Vows To "Eliminate" Gays, Moral Undesirables In Poland

[Stockholm, Sweden]- Polish Gay activists attending a conference in Sweden reported that Solidarity leader and Presidential candidate Lech Walesa has promised to "eliminate" Gays from Polish society, according to Rex Wockner, an American reporter at the conference.

Walesa vowed to rid the country of "moral undesirables, drug addicts and homosexuals," said one Pole, who expressed alarm at the word "eliminate." "I'm afraid there's going to be a lot of support for these ideas and I'm afraid he could be a kind of Polish Hitler."

Walesa reportedly made the comments at Solidarity's annual convention in

paper's coverage. "We report exactly what happens," she said. "We don't use the words ACT-UP wants us to use."

The Blade's next issue ignored the protest, but ran a "First- Person readers' Forum" piece by a program analysis officer at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) criticizing ACT-UP. Writing for himself and not NIH, where ACT-UP protested May 21, Julian Morris said ACT-UP "seems increasingly eager to deny" First Amendment guarantees to others.

"When anyone dares to differ publicly with the views or tactics, or is not sufficiently laudatory of their actions, ACT-UP swiftly launches a retaliatory reign of media terror, accusing the perceived antagonist of everything from disloyalty to hypocrisy to treason to murder," Morris wrote before the zap because ACT-UP members had berated **The Blade** in letters-to-the-editor for "activist-bashing" and other "irresponsible bias."

Most readers, Morris wrote, "would likely agree that **The Blade** adheres to relatively high standards of journalistic objectivity and makes an honest effort to give opposing views a voice. That is not an easy task in this politically intense and often fractious community."

A reader whose letter ran in the issue after the zap urged coverage of "the large percentage of the Gay community that have interests other than politics," asking if the paper is "ashamed of the drag and leather communities?"

"Celebrate our diversity," challenged another letter-writer, who said the papers ignoring drag queens "is a form of oppression."

Gdansk in April. His remarks were aired on Polish radio and television.

Walesa has come under increasing criticism for his opposition to the policies of fellow Solidarity member and Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who is attempting to revive the Polish economy. Critics also accuse Walesa of engaging in and building a cult of personality around himself.

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— Harriet Goldhor Lerner, Author of *The Dance of Anger* and *The Dance of Intimacy*

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Souter Must Be Probed To Establish Stand On Personal Liberties

By Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

It is imperative that Judge David Souter be closely scrutinized by the U.S. Senate to determine his commitment to protecting the individual liberties enshrined in the U.S. Constitution

Judge Souter's willingness to protect the liberty of Gay men and Lesbians is already critically suspect in light of his concurrence with a 1987 New Hampshire Supreme Court opinion denying our right to serve as adoptive and foster parents. The ruling was based on the court's view that Gay people are not "appropriate role models for children." The opinion does, in certain limited aspects, uphold the right of Lesbians and Gay men to serve as licensed childcare providers and teachers. However, the overall impact perpetuates the erroneous belief that Gay people are unfit to be parents.

NGLTF is also concerned about Judge Souter's willingness to protect the right to privacy and reproductive choice. In 1976, Souter, then New Hampshire Attorney General, submitted a brief arguing that the state should not provide Medicaid funds to pay for abortions, calling them the "killing of the unborn."

NGLTF, as part of the Alliance for Justice — a broad coalition of women's, labor, civil rights and pro-choice organizations — is urging the U.S. Senate to carefully scrutinize Judge Souter. Gay men, Lesbians, people with AIDS and HIV and other Americans cannot afford any further erosions of our rights by the U.S. Supreme Court.

LETTERS

AIDS Funding

TO THE EDITOR:

Government on all levels has been criminally negligent in fighting AIDS — especially so in the early and mid-1980's

Tragically, many AIDS support groups do not emphasize radical holistic health to fortify the immune system.

Many AIDS activists curse the government and wait for a laboratory cure while they keep on puffing their cigarettes and eating junk food.

A self-disciplined regimen of detoxification, natural nutrition and vigorous exercise is necessary to rejuvenate the immune system.

I highly recommend these two books — "Conquering AIDS Now" by Scott Gregory, Ph.D. and "Healing AIDS Naturally" by Laurence Badgley, M.D.

The more crap — cigarettes, booze, other drugs, environmental chemicals, junk food — we put into our bodies, the less resistance we have to fight off all bacterial or viral invaders.

As vested interests, often bars do not want booze damned for ravaging the immune system and for making safer sex less likely. Some studies show that even a few beers can make a person's T-4 cells 25-250 times more susceptible to infection — according to the book "AIDS-The Drug and Alcohol Connection" by Larry Siegel, M.D. and Milan Korcok.

For decades the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society scoffed at holistic health advice to help prevent cancer — "Increase fiber, decrease fat, eat more vegetables." Finally after multitudes have tortuously died and mountains of savings, insurance and research monies have been pillaged, these prestigious institutions of orthodox medicine have begun to admit the above advice helps prevent cancer.

Will conventional doctors continue for decades just as arrogantly thick-headed in treating AIDS while rejecting holistic health?

AIDS support groups must do more than run errands and hold the hands of the dying. They must provide the most complete holistic health information available and live as personal examples. They must be enthusiastic coaches for those persons who have the stubborn determination to change their whole habits of health in order to improve greatly their odds of survival.

—Don Schrader
Dakota, Illinois

Big-Mouth Moron

TO THE EDITOR:

20 years ago, Pete Hamill defended the right of the men of the New York Firefighter's Union to bash Gays. Then he came around with a big, smarmy "conversion" in which he conceded that homos are people, too.

Then he wrote that Jackie Onassis is nothing more than a "highly paid courtesan." Next Jackie O. started tripping the light fantastic with ol' Gumby-face, and in no time, Pete was singing what a great little lady Jackie is.

Now his street-corner, big-mouthed moron routine has gotten him into trouble once again. It doesn't take a degree in rocket science to know what comes next.

He will come out muttering his sheepish excuses and half-assed denials, like a bad drunk the morning after. Only this time, he can save his lame alibis.

All Pete Hamill needs to know is this: if he ever decides to act out his feelings of solidarity with the Gay-bashers, he stands a very good chance of getting knocked flat on his pompous middle-class ass.

—Mike Neville
Milwaukee

Editor's Note: The above letter was sent also to OutWeek magazine.

Governor Masel?

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you today because, like you, I am an advocate of Gay rights. Because of this common interest, I thought that you would also be interested in knowing that there is a pro-Gay rights advocate running for Governor here in Wisconsin. The candidate's name is Bennett Masel and he is running as a Republican in an effort to take Republican votes away from Tommy Thompson. His campaign will be based on his argument for Gay rights and he can use all the support that he can get on this issue.

Ben Masel can be contacted in writing at: P.O. Box 817, Madison, WI 53704 or by phone at 1-608-257-5456.

—Thomas J. Scannell
Milwaukee

Remember Ulrich

TO THE EDITOR:

Karl Heinrich Ulrichs' 165th birthday will be celebrated on August 28. It would be a shame to pass up the birthday of one who championed Gay rights without remembering him. Ulrichs is the first known person to advocate the idea that Gay people are healthy in both body and soul.

In 1867 at age 41, before a convention of 500 jurists assembled in the Grand Hall of the Odeon Theater in Munich, Germany, he spoke out publicly promoting the inalienable rights of Gay people and called for the

abolition of the German law prohibiting sex between consenting adults. This was two years before Karoly Benkert coined the word "homosexual."

Ulrichs spent 18 years producing 12 books on Gay rights. He legally defended Gays and was twice imprisoned by the Prussians because of his political views. At the age of 55 he retired to Italy where he died in L'Aquila on July 14, 1895.

It would be nice if all your readers took a few moments on August 28 to say thanks to him for speaking out on behalf of all Gay men and women. It was Ulrichs, after all, who began public discussion of homosexuality, thereby starting the modern Gay movement.

A free catalogue of Ulrichs' works in English is available from Urania Manuscripts 6858 Arthur Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32211 or by calling (904) 744-7879.

—Michael Lombardi-Nash
—P.J. Nash
Jacksonville, Florida

Coggs Re-Election

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to you to announce that I am seeking re-election to the Wisconsin Legislature of the 18th Assembly District. For the past 14 years I have represented all people of the 18th District.

I ask that you once again support me in my bid for re-election to the office of State Representative. I will continue to listen and move the concerns of the constituents in the 18th District. More of our needs can be met by consistent positive work.

I need your help to win. I need your help, so that I may continue serving the district. I'm counting on your vote Tuesday, September 11, 1990.

—Marcia P. Coggs
Milwaukee

LETTER POLICY

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

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.



IN OTHER COUNTRIES IT TAKES COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. IN AMERICA ALL IT TAKES IS A PHONE CALL.

Last year we watched Chinese students fight for freedom in Tiananmen Square. This year freedom is being threatened again. But this time it's happening right here in America. This time we just can't sit back and watch.

For the past 25 years, the National Endowment for the Arts has provided support for over 80,000 cultural projects nationwide. But now Senator Jesse Helms and a small yet vocal minority are determined to restrict the Arts Endowment from funding anything that they consider to be "indecent or obscene."

While such censorship seems implausible in our society, this well-funded group of extremists has organized a massive campaign to pressure members of Congress to vote their way. And if we remain silent, that is exactly what will happen.

That's why it's so important for you to voice your opinion now.

To show that you strongly endorse freedom of expression, please call the toll-free number. When you do, two pre-written Western Union messages will be sent to Congress in your name.

As Americans, we take our right to freedom of expression for granted. But if we don't take a stand now, that right could be taken away.



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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

The Iron Heel Is Descending

By Jamakaya

We Lesbians and Gays have been working hard over the last twenty years to increase our visibility in the hope of living our lives more openly, changing intolerant attitudes and securing our rights. But twenty years into our struggle for liberation, a terrible reaction has set in. The iron heel is clearly descending.

The epidemic of violence against us, intensified by ignorance about AIDS, is the most overt expression of this reaction. A less dramatic but equally insidious method of repression is underway: the campaign to make us **invisible**.

Item 1: An art gallery in Roseburg, Oregon has forbidden lesbian artist Annie Ocean to mention her sexual orientation in biographical information which will accompany her work at a women's art exhibit. The gallery director, Heidi Land, said the word "lesbian" was removed because "a person's sexuality is a very personal issue. I think that to use a public institution, which we are, to promote a person's sexuality is not appropriate."

Item 2: ABC-TV has decided not to air a rerun of a "Thirtysomething" episode which included a scene of two Gay men talking together in bed. The network reportedly lost almost \$1 million in advertising revenue when skittish sponsors, deluged by Fundamentalist zealots, pulled out of the show.

Item 3: In June, the Illinois Senate voted 49-2 to prevent the public display of drawings that show "physical contact between persons of the same sex... within a carnal, erotic or sexual context."

The impetus for this piece of censorship is an anti-AIDS poster intended for use on Chicago Transit Authority vehicles. It shows same sex and opposite sex couples kissing under the headline: "Kissing Doesn't Kill: Greed and Indifference Do." Critics used the worst sort of anti-Gay rhetoric during debate and called the ad a "promotion" for homosexuality.

Item 4: Under the influence of Sen. Jesse Helms, Congress has restricted the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) from funding any projects deemed "obscene." "Obscene" is defined, in part, as depictions of "homoeroticism."

Item 5: In the latest round of NEA grants, four prominent performance artists who have dealt with Gay and Lesbian issues (and who were nominated for the awards by a panel of experts) were denied their grants. Madison's Broom Street Theatre, along with dozens of other experimental art and theatre groups across the country have had their funding cut because of the subject matter they present.

Item 6: A right-wing zealot on "Nightline," defending NEA restrictions and attacking Gay and Lesbian artists, told Ted Koppel: "They don't want to talk about art, they want to talk about their lives..."

Dave Johnson wrote a chilling commentary about this phenomenon, "Cultural Genocide: The Meaning of Mapplethorpe," in a recent issue of *Frontiers*.

"They have come. It is no longer a question of if or when. Not content with the death of our bodies, with the decimation of a generation of Gay men, they have come with storm troopers to wipe out our culture.

"Dozens of armed police crash their way into a museum in Cincinnati because Robert Mapplethorpe took pictures of his life, and they do not want his life, his essence, or anything like him to exist..."

"As Gay and Lesbian people, we have a difficult time conceiving the depth of homophobia and its ultimate agenda. Its ultimate agenda is that we should not exist. This is the bottom line and it always has been..."

"There is nothing obscene in what Robert Mapplethorpe has portrayed. Naked children are not obscene... sex is not obscene, being Gay is not obscene. Not ever. Period..."

"When are we going to wake up? This is it, folks. This is where they come in for the kill... They are no longer saying 'Don't flaunt this in front of us.' They are saying 'You may not exist. We will



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

destroy all traces of you. No matter where you go, the territory is ours, and we will not allow you."

"That is a working definition of genocide."

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Women's Equality Day

To commemorate the 70th anniversary of some women getting the right to vote and the 20th anniversary of the first big march for women's liberation, a coalition of women's groups in Milwaukee is sponsoring a "Women's Equality Day" Event on Saturday, August 25 at Washington Park in Milwaukee. The celebration runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. that day and will take place in the Washington Park Pavilion (Community Building) and in nearby Picnic Area 1.

Everyone from the National Organization for Women, Welfare Warriors, Planned Parenthood and the Women's Political Caucus to the Center for Women's Studies at UWM, the Lesbian Alliance, Mobilization for Survival and the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee (and many more) will be on hand.

Speakers will address the myriad of women's issues that remain to be resolved, and lots of entertainment, food, videos and games will be available for those who come. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. It will be an opportunity for many of Milwaukee's women's groups and community organizations to network, share information and support and have a darn good time!

Mark August 25 on your calendars and hope to see you there!

House Votes To Suppress Feminist Art Work

[Washington, D.C.]—The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to cut funding for "The Dinner Party," an installation by feminist artist Judy Chicago.

The House voted 297-123 on July 26 to cut \$1.6 million from the D.C. Appropriations Bill in response to the scheduled acquisition of "The Dinner Party." The piece was slated for display at the University of D.C. The money deleted by Congress is the amount the university had earmarked for the renovation of the school library, in which the art work will appear.

The work, created to symbolize the achievements of women throughout history, has been highly acclaimed by critics.

According to Peri Jude Radevic, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) legislative director, "It is clear that this cut in funding was designed to punish the University for accepting a significant feminist work." The bill now goes to the Senate for ratification.

NGLTF urges Lesbians, Gay men and all supporters of freedom of expression to write or call their lawmakers to express outrage at government art censorship.

1991 Gay Yellow Pages Available

[New York]—The new *Gay Yellow Pages: USA/Canada Edition 18, 1991* is now available.

Copies are on sale at all the usual Gay, feminist and alternative bookstores or may be ordered by mail from Renaissance House, Box 292, Village Station, New York, NY 10014. The \$10 price includes discreet first class mail

D.C. Health Conference Defines National Problems

[Milwaukee]—One of the most valuable things about a national conference, is the chance it gives to network; to get to know others and compare problems and solutions, said Michael Lisowski.

Lisowski was speaking about the Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 8th National AIDS Forum held July 18-22, 1990 in Washington, D.C.

The Conference held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, was sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and the George Washington University Medical Center.

Host agencies and co-sponsors included the Melvin Booser Leadership Roundtable, the Latino AIDS Coalition and the Whitman-Walker Clinic.

In addition to Lisowski, the Conference was attended by David Cadle, Doug Johnson, Mark Behar and Steve Byers.

The Conference dealt with a wide range of issues affecting the Lesbian/Gay community nation-wide. Among these were issues of substance abuse and women's issues.

Behar said he was disappointed in the lack of representation by women and persons of color at the Conference.

Other issues addressed in plenary sessions and workshops were grant writing, stress and burnout, Native Americans and domestic partner abuse, among others.

Behar and Johnson agreed that, while they had learned a great deal, "the whole point was networking," Behar said. Lisowski called it "a big, gigantic support group" and noted that people "had a chance to share experiences and

emotions" that was of great value.

Among the problems faced in the country by our community is the savaging of Lesbian and Gay leaders by their communities. Behar said that "cannibalizing", as he called it, of the leadership was a common problem in all cities.

Issues and problems relating to Gay and Lesbian youth were widely discussed. Lesbian/Gay youth attended from New York City, Indianapolis, Seattle and elsewhere. Behar spoke of the "challenge" that working with Lesbian/Gay youth presents to social service agencies, schools and other institutions as well as individuals who must try and address the problems these minority teen-agers face in dealing with their sexuality.

Lisowski noted that one of major problems is the increase in unsafe sexual practices (19% according to a recent San Francisco survey.) Behar emphasized that this shows "how much dealing with our own sexuality is so essential to dealing with AIDS, STD's, and Lesbian/Gay youth.

The National Man/Boy Love Association was discussed, said Johnson; how to deal with it and how to distance from the highly controversial group.

The three, Behar, Johnson and Lisowski who sat, discussing their experiences agreed in the end that having attended the conference, they must now use what they learned to effect here at home.

"The onus," Behar said, "is on us to light the fires under their asses."

Lesbian Alliance Awarded \$1,000 Grant From Cream City Foundation

[Milwaukee]—The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee has been awarded a \$1,000 start-up grant by the Cream City Foundation.

The Alliance was founded to better unify and organize the Milwaukee area Lesbian community, and strives to provide education and role models to the Lesbian community, and provide opportunities for more social contact and communication between Lesbians. They also intend to impact relevant issues in the political/legislative arena.

This grant by the CCF is in recognition of the need for initial support of these efforts, and at the same time recognizes the excellent progress already made in laying the groundwork for these goals. The Alliance publishes a monthly newsletter on community topics, holds monthly membership meetings and other social events, engages in Gay/Lesbian advocacy programs and provides referrals to other services and groups.

Cream City Foundation, a non-profit charitable foundation, funds many Wisconsin organizations and causes through its regular grant cycles. In the past year, the CCF has provided support to over 10 organizations, including \$2,000

to the Legal Aid Society, \$1,500 to the Pride Committee (which, through an error, was not acknowledged in that event's program), and over \$5,000 to NEWIST for a television program for high school students, which schools around the country have expressed interest in. The CCF also provides full funding for the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network, and makes available meeting space for other organizations.

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee can be contacted at P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203; phone (414) 264-2600. (The CCF maintains its office in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., Suite 217B, 53212; (414) 265-0880.)



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“Dr. Faustus” With Nazi Germany Setting Opens August 25

[Milwaukee]- Director/producer Dale Gutzman continues his controversial approach to theatre in a production of Gay playwright, Christopher Marlow's "Dr Faustus."

Gutzman has set the play in Nazi Germany, telling the story of the man who sold his soul, not to the traditional devil, but losing it to power in Hitler's Third Reich.

In this adaptation, Gutzman compares the fall of Faustus to the seduction of the German people by Hitler, making a statement against prejudice and spelling out what can happen when one chooses personal power over public concern. In the play, books are burned, people's thoughts and words are censored,

because of their predilections. The play, Gutzman believes, is particularly suited to the Lesbian/Gay community in these times.

According to Gutzman, "half the cast" is made up of players from the Gay community, portraying students, Nazi soldiers, Jewish concentration camp inmates, lovers in dream sequences and assorted inhabitants of Hell.

"Dr Faustus" will be presented Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26 and September 1 and 2 at Alverno College's Pitman Theatre. Tickets are \$13.00 with a three dollar discount for students and seniors. For tickets, call (414) 382-6044.

Cream City Chorus Plans Ice Cream Social September 9

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Chorus has announced that its annual Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for Sunday, September 9, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Pavilion. The \$5 ticket entitles its holder to a mini-concert by Cream City Chorus and an ice cream sundae. Other refreshments will also be available.

Men and women who have been thinking of joining the Chorus are especially encouraged to attend. The event will afford an opportunity to meet the members as well as to get an idea of the type of literature performed by the group.

The Ice Cream Social is a wonderful party, and the Chorus hopes to see everyone there.

The Cream City Chorus is always seeking new members, whether they plan to sing or not. Anyone who would like to audition for the Chorus or receive more information about becoming a non-singing member, is invited to call 645-2678.

Rehearsals for the new season begin directly after the Ice Cream Social. This is the time when new literature for the Christmas concert is distributed and learned. It is a particularly good time of the year for new members to come aboard.

Cream City Chorus rehearses every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at New Hope United Church of Christ, 14th and Greenfield in Milwaukee.

GAMMA Plans “Anchors Aweigh” Milwaukee Boat Cruise August 18

[Milwaukee]- It's "Anchors Aweigh" for GAMMA's annual Boat Cruise around Milwaukee Harbor aboard the Iroquois beginning at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 18th. The cruise will feature 149 partying people for a two-hour fun-filled trip. The cost of \$8 includes the trip and light snacks; beer, wine and soda are available for purchase aboard the Iroquois. The trip begins on the Iroquois dock at Clybourn and the Milwaukee River. Tickets may be purchased in advance by mailing a check for \$8 each to: GAMMA at P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee,

WI 53201. A limited number will be available at the dock.

Earlier that same evening, GAMMA will celebrate its tenth birthday as a Wisconsin Corporation with a banquet at the M&M Club. Past, present and future members of GAMMA are welcome; contact Bob Moore at 963-9833 for further details.

Other GAMMA events in August include: a swimming/cocktail party, tennis, volleyball, roller-skating, biking, water-skiing and dining out. Call Bob for a complimentary August "Newsletter."

King Productions Wins National Pageant Award

[Milwaukee]- At the recent Miss Gay USA-at-Large Pageant held in Louisville, Kentucky, July 26-29, King Productions received an award for having the best State Preliminary Pageant.

Carmella Marcella Garcia, the reigning Miss Gay USA-at-Large also gave King Productions a special hospitality award.

USA Pageantry Inc., the parent company of the Miss Gay USA, Mr. Gay USA, and Miss Gay USA-at-Large Pageants has over 100 preliminaries to its national Pageants and about 60 Pageant Promoters (producers). To be recognized as the top preliminary in the United States is an honor for King Productions as well as the Gay community of Wisconsin.

King Productions also won an award at last year's national Miss Gay USA Pageant for its Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA Pageant.

Jimmy King said, "by winning these awards people around the nation are now starting to take a look at our contestants in the National Pageants. We hope to continue this trend by winning an award for our Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant."

Mr. Gay Wisconsin Pageant Sept. 16 In Appleton

[Milwaukee]- King Productions has set the date of Sunday, September 16, 1990 for the first annual Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant to be held at the Pivot Club in Appleton.

Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent, Creative Evening Wear and Swim Suit.

The winner and first runner-up will represent Wisconsin at the annual Mr. Gay USA Pageant in Louisville, Kentucky, October 18-21.

Special guests will include the reigning Mr. Gay USA, Kimbol Purkerson; Tania Michaels, Miss Gay Wisconsin USA 1989; Dee Richards, Miss Gay Wisconsin USA-at-Large, and the new Miss Gay Wisconsin USA.

Over \$2,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded. Applications are available from King Productions at (414) 342-1466.

Michael Becomes Tania With The Art Of Impersonation

By Terry Boughner

Walking into M&M on a warm Summer's day, I look and do not see him. Then an attractive young man waves and smiles a pleasant welcome. I do a double take, but decide quickly it is he.

"He" is Michael better known as Tania Michaels, former holder of many titles and now the current reigning Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA.

We find a table, away from the crowd and talk. Impressions: Tania is good looking, with a warm, shy, yet somehow intense look about her light sea-green eyes. There is a thoroughly masculine tenderness about his mouth that speaks of the unabashed romantic; the kind who loves Christmas stockings, Victorian houses, picket fences decked out in roses and fuzzy Easter bunnies.

"Tania is a persona," he says. "She lets me do things I couldn't do in person." How long does it take to become "Tania?" I ask. "Depending," he replies, "15 minutes if I'm in a hurry."

Are you Tania all the time?, I ask. He chuckles pleasantly in response and answers, "A baker doesn't wear his hat all the time." I am reminded of the late Divine who said almost exactly the same things.

Tania, who has lived in Milwaukee for three years, calls himself an example of "a small town girl who made good." The small town is Appleton, but it wasn't, as he explains, all that simple or easy.

His childhood was hard. At one point he says, "abusive" and he had to grow up quickly.

He did theatre at an early age and some male modeling, but the theatre was and remains a prime love. As did Divine, Tania, an actor, found there his vehicle of artistic expression in female impersonation. "Impersonation," he says, "is an art, not a silicon contest."

Tania is very comfortable as an impersonator and Gay man. That security is necessary to the entertainer he is. "If



TANIA MICHAELS

straights think you're ashamed of being Gay," he says determinedly, "they'll be uncomfortable" and he wants them to be comfortable and enjoy his art — and learn from it.

Tania has been Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA for nearly a year and this month he will yield the title to someone else. Will he miss wearing the crown?

He looks thoughtfully and then replies, "It's been hard work," he admits and adds that he looks forward to attending UWM, majoring in Psychology and Theatre. Then he says, "Give it up? I can't wait." But he says, "I'll bawl my eyes out with my last song."

Who is Tania? A passionate person — all artists are that; a loner, he says which I doubt — and, most certainly, a young man with a future who "wants to grow gray with someone" in "loving commitment."

Tania says that in August's Pageant, he will "look like Princess Bride" as he bids farewell. That's a good description of one who seems to understand the place of myth in art.

Last Call To Submit Erotic Works For MASN Handbook

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is approaching the final stages in developing a safer sex erotic handbook.

According to Dave Rompa, the format of the book will be based on a survey taken recently of 142 people — mostly men. In the survey, 76% of respondents said they used erotica. 50% said they used written erotica with photos while 45% said they used only photos.

Using the survey as a guide, MASN will produce a "church cookbook" size book of about 100 pages in loose leaf binding. It will be published, according to Rompa, late this Fall and will sell for under \$6.00; "probably between \$3.95 and \$4.95," he said.

While MASN has received submissions, it is looking for more and

this is the last call. If you have any stories (fact or fiction), articles, poetry, art work, cartoons or photos, now is the time to get them in. Articles and stories should be 5-6 pages, double-spaced.

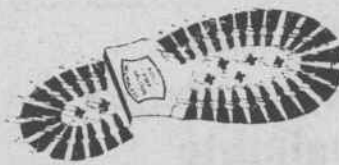
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Milwaukee ACT-UP Cites Reasons For Not Boycotting Miller Beer

[Milwaukee]- On Friday, July 20th, ACT-UP Milwaukee held a meeting to discuss the possibility of a Milwaukee boycott against Miller Brewing Co. We heard a complete run-down of Miller's stand on the topic, as explained to us by Miller Issues Director Tom Reed, the previous day. Also taken into consideration, were facts gathered by ACT-UP members attempting to verify or add to the information we already had.

When a vote was taken, the Miller boycott was rejected. ACT-UP Milwaukee had decided the following:

Funding for the "Jesse Helms Library" had come from Philip Morris USA, an operating company of Philip Morris Cos. Inc. on the same corporate level as Miller Brewing Co. Miller Brewing Co., therefore, could not be held responsible for this large donation.

Contributions to Sen. Helms' campaign had come from individual contributions by Philip Morris Cos. Inc. employees to Philip Morris' political action committee, Phil-Pac. Phil-Pac clearly represents the interests of all of Philip Morris' operating companies, but its practice of voting by consensus instead of one vote per member, and its reliance on individual

contributions make it impossible to trace any political contribution to one source.

ACT-UP Milwaukee does not believe that this corporate trickery absolves Miller Brewing Co. of all blame for the Helms contributions. However, it was decided that our current Marlboro boycott is addressing the biggest offender in Philip Morris Cos. Inc., Philip Morris USA.

ACT-UP Milwaukee believes that using a boycott to address the contributions to Helms' campaign would require a boycott against all of Philip Morris Cos. Inc.'s operating companies, not just the smallest and the largest, Miller Brewing Co. and Philip Morris USA respectively. We decided, however, that initiating such a large boycott based on the hazy corporate connections to Sen. Helms' campaign described above would be impractical.

ACT-UP Milwaukee continues to endorse and encourage the growing Marlboro boycott in Milwaukee. Philip Morris USA, the maker of Marlboro products, is clearly a staunch supporter of Sen. Jesse Helms.

—Daniel Fons
ACT-UP Milwaukee

"Living Proof" Video To Be Broadcast On Milwaukee Cable

[Milwaukee]- Gay and Lesbian recovering alcoholics talk about the role of Gay bars and drinking in their coming out of the closet and how they then dealt with their alcohol-related problems in a new video program, "Living Proof."

This New York production was created by the Gay Men's Health Crisis and the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center and is being cablecast locally through an arrangement with the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and the Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority (MATA). Information about Milwaukee's Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous (GALANO) and the upcoming Commitment '90 is provided at the end of the program.

The 23 minute program can be viewed for four consecutive Saturday evenings beginning August 25 (8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15) at 6:30 p.m. on Milwaukee's Warner Cable Channel 14 (public access, Milwaukee Access Telecommunications Authority, MATA).

The Network is constantly looking for interested and motivated people to receive video production training and to work as crew members. If you are interested or have ideas for programs or just wish to express your comments, write: P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee 53201 or call 265-0880. The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian charitable organization.

Royko Ad Parody Appears On Chicago Tribune Boxes

By Allen Smalling

[Chicago, IL]- On August 3, a parody advertisement satirizing columnist Mike Royko debuted on the sides of vending machines of his home newspaper, the Chicago Tribune and other newspapers. The photocopied sheet, which closely mimics the style of a real newspaper ad placard, bears a photo of Royko and the language: "Today in the Chicago Tribune: Racist/Sexist/Anti-Gay/AIDS literate/Bigot MIKE ROYKO spreads ignorance, hate and violence."

Knowledgeable sources say that the parody is a grass roots attempt by some local ACT UP members to protest the syndicated columnist's ill-informed remarks on Gay life and AIDS. On April 4, the Tribune carried a Royko column that questioned the existence of a "Gay community," used derogatory language to characterize Gay men, and stated that "few non-homosexuals or drug needle users are in danger of AIDS." On July 14, Royko misquoted the Gran Fury "Kissing Doesn't Kill" poster as "Love Doesn't Kill," calling it "nothing more than a plug for Gay sex and lifestyle."

The Chicago Tribune is Illinois' largest newspaper and Royko's columns are syndicated to other large cities, including San Francisco, Milwaukee and Philadelphia. The April 4 and July 14 Royko columns generated heavy criticism from health-care professionals, Gay

activists and media critics, but Royko's superiors at the Trib have steadfastly refused to issue an apology or meet with interested city officials.

National Group Seeks Interns For D.C. Office

[Washington, D.C.]- The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) is looking for interns for its office in Washington, D.C. Interns work in all program areas including field, political, legislative, Lesbian issues and communications.

Interns must work at least 20 hours a week and receive a stipend from HRCF.

People interested in applying should contact Anne Theisen at (202) 628-4160 or HRCF at 1012 14th St., N.W., 6th Fl., Washington, D.C. 20005 by October 15, 1990.

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



Jay Hanson is shown with another participant of the New Pacific Institute's month-long Gay/Lesbian youth leadership training program held during July in San Francisco.

Become Involved In Your Community Organizations and Culture

By Jay Hanson

The choice to be involved in the culture, activism, or services of our community is analogous to the choice we all make to be Lesbians, Gay men or bisexuals — there is none. The choice is about how we live, not who we are. In the same way, I have never consciously decided to become involved in Lesbian/Gay issues or services. I cannot imagine living otherwise.

As a participant and graduate of New Pacific Academy (NPA), I feel that I have gained a greater knowledge and understanding of our community and all of its diversity. For I've had the opportunity to talk, work, and live with 100 other young activists from all over the country. We were discussing and debating many diverse topics from racism, sexism, classism to the AIDS crisis.

Among the many different people involved in NPA these are just a few: Urvashi Vaid, the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Harry Hay, founder of the Radical Faeries; Warren J. Blumenfeld, author of "Looking at Gay and Lesbian Life." And not to forget the staff of NPA: Cleve Jones, Provost and co-founder of the Names Project Memorial Quilt; Luke Adams, Executive Director and founder of the Critical Literacy Institute; Karyn Andrade, Director of Programming and founder of the UCSC Women's Music and Cultural Festival; Joe van Es-Ballsteros, General Manager and Logistics Coordinator for the Names Project.

At the end of our month long internship it was time for the NPA Pioneer Class of 1990 to graduate. The graduation ceremony was what we had all been waiting for and also wished would never come. It was the chance for us to express our feelings and concerns of what we as individuals planned on doing in our own communities. I also spoke at the ceremony, at which I said, "As a

representative of the HIV caucus I would like to say thanks to New Pacific Academy, for we have all learned a great deal. Not only about the Gay/Lesbian and bisexual community but also of ourselves. We also hope that being open about our status and the sharing of our feelings, has given everyone a greater understanding of what it means to have the HIV virus.

"This is also a great day for the Academy, for we have taken a large step forward in making this world a lot more comfortable and accepting place for the Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual community and all it's diversity, Thank-You."

In order to reap all of the benefits our community has to offer, we must all do whatever we can to further the many people organizations that are in our community. As an activist I plan to try and put a halt to hate crimes and to further educate the public on AIDS and HIV infection. Thank you Milwaukee for all of your support.

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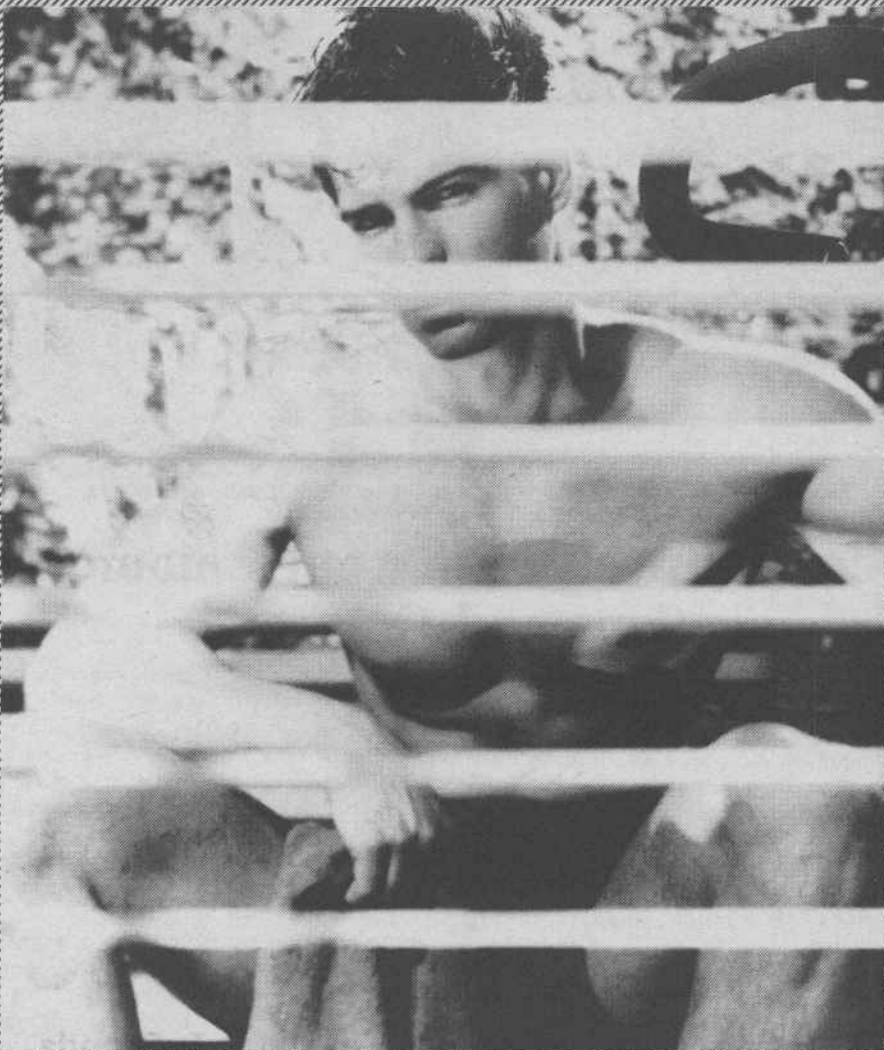
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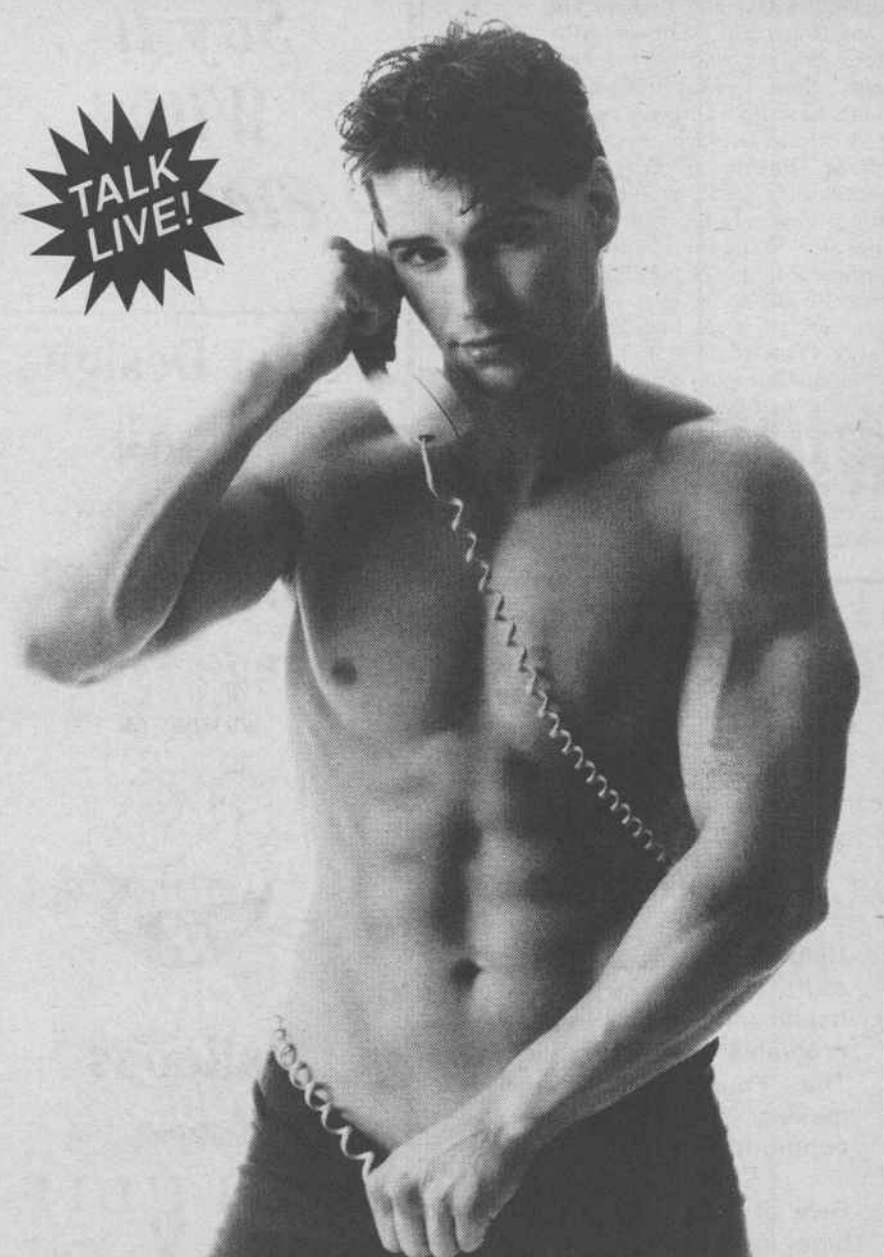


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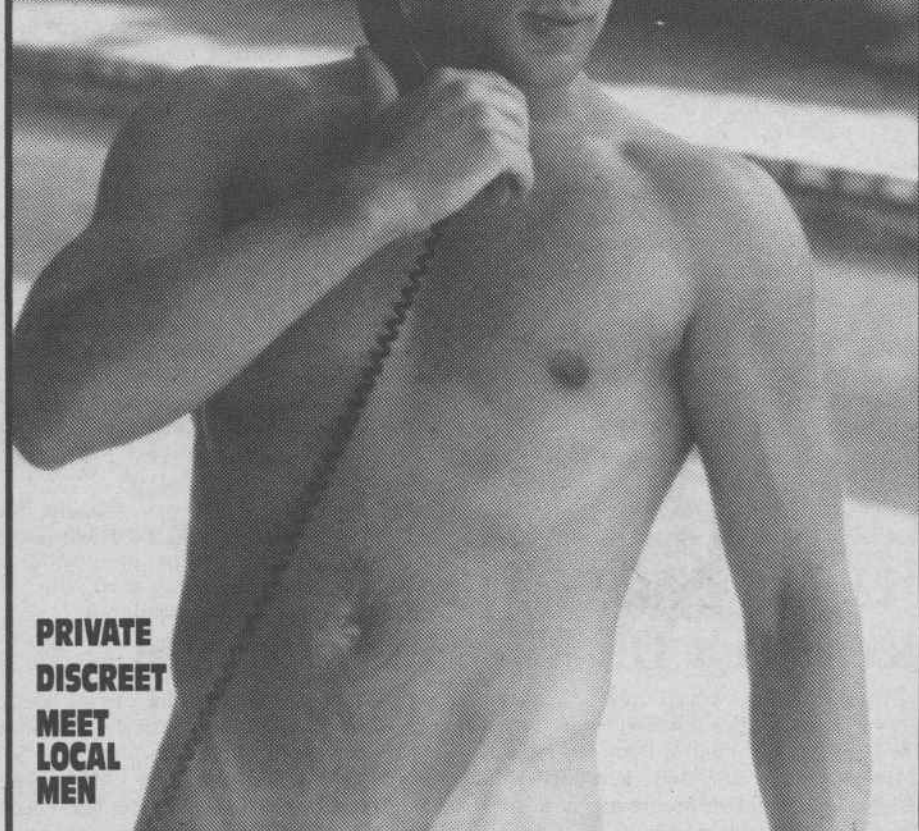
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State Working On Five Fronts To Stop The Transmission Of HIV

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from remarks made by State Representative David E. Clarenbach (D-Madison) speaking before the Assembly Health Committee Public Hearing at the Milwaukee AIDS Project on July 24, 1990.

We have incorporated a five-part effort into a comprehensive public health



Rep. David Clarenbach strategy to combat the further transmission of HIV...

Bill of Rights Earlier this year, Wisconsin became the first state to enact a bill of rights for people with AIDS and HIV infection. This law prevents doctors, nurses, dentists, surgeons, hospitals or nursing homes — any health care provider, from refusing to treat or from providing a lower standard of care for people based on their HIV status.

Insurance Guarantees We have new statutes that prohibit health and life insurance policies from excluding or limiting coverage due to HIV infection. Health insurance policies are now required to cover all drugs prescribed for

HIV treatment when drug coverage for other medical conditions are included in policies. This now includes new investigational drugs approved by the FDA.

Involuntary Testing Banned Wisconsin law largely prohibits involuntary HIV tests. Before any HIV test can be administered, the subject must provide informed, written consent. No employer can request or require an HIV test as a condition of employment.

Anti-discrimination Protections People with AIDS are covered by the state's civil rights laws and are protected against discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Life Care Services As the first state to fund direct life care services to people with HIV infection (\$1.2 million appropriation), a system of case management has been created to provide services to any HIV-positive person in Wisconsin.

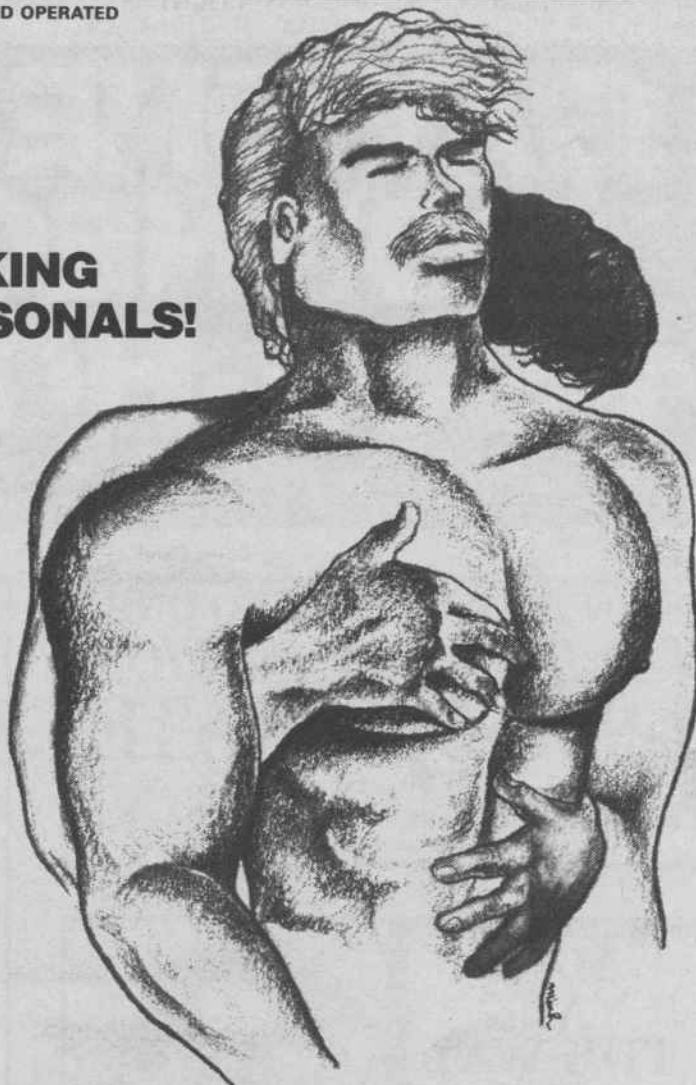
Clarenbach went on to tell the committee that, "Deaths (from AIDS) now total more than 400. It is estimated that more than 10,000 people are HIV+ and most don't even know that they are infected. This means that others will become infected and in two years, there could be 15,000 people carrying HIV. The fastest growing group of people with AIDS is no longer Gay men, but racial minorities, women and children."

Amherst College Seeks Former Alumni

[Chicago, IL]- GALA, the Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae group of Amherst College (Mass.), is seeking to form a Midwest chapter. Chapters already exist in the Northeast, Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. Men and women who are interested in creating a more lavender version of "Lord Jeff" please contact Larry Axelrod at 1420 W. Norwood St., Chicago, IL 60660 for a possible August get-together.

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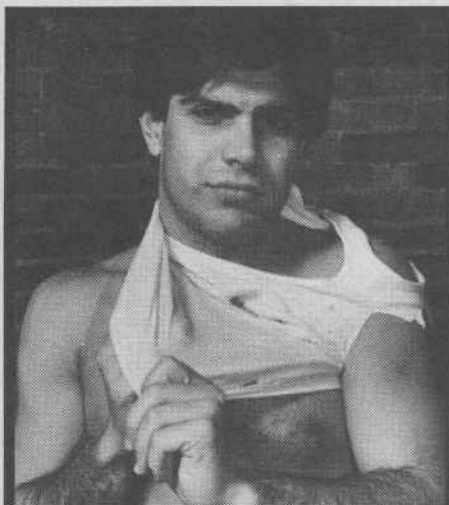
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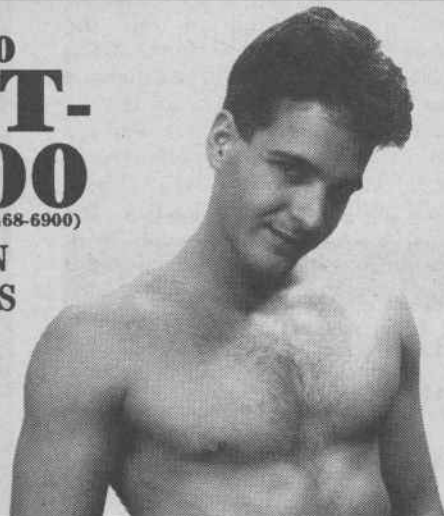
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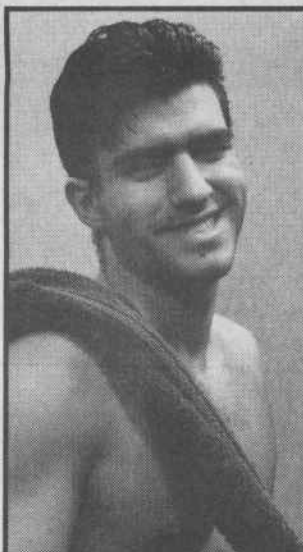
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The Archives is the largest and oldest collection of Lesbian culture that documents the lives of Lesbians both known and unknown. Its purpose is to gather and preserve any materials that are relevant to Lesbian lives and activities and to make that material accessible to every Lesbian. The Archives was founded in New York City in 1974 and is still housed in the Manhattan apartment of one of its founders. All services are provided by Lesbian volunteers.

Many local businesses are designating a special day when a percentage of their sales will go to the Archives. Individuals can join in the effort by donating a day's pay (or a week's pay) to the building fund. The Archives is still looking for local organizers who would like to join this effort.

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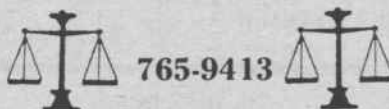
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BWMT Plans To Update "Resisting Racism" Guide

[Norristown, PA]- The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) (a Gay multi-racial organization for all people) has announced plans to update the ground-breaking publication, **Resisting Racism: An Action Guide**, in its continuing work to confront racism within the Gay community. This guide was first released in 1984 and has received critical acclaim since then for its content.

The original 125 page guide contained concrete plans for conducting workshops on racism, as well as brief background material on the topic and an extensive

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invitations, an earlier letter of support from First Lady Barbara Bush to Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and other actions by the President.

On federal funding for the arts, Bush "is on the wrong side," right-wing fundraiser Bruce Eberle told **The Times**. "Bush spends his time compromising on the Democrats' agenda because he doesn't have one of his own."

Bush declined an invitation to address the Southern Baptist Convention June 12, 1990, because of hostile reaction to his hosting homosexual leaders.

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bibliography.

To update the guide, those concerned individuals are being urged to contribute materials for a revised guide. Needed are new workshop outlines, articles on racism and multi-culturalism, recommendations for books and articles for the bibliography, etc.

An Education Committee consisting of four past Co-Chairs of the NABWMT has been formed to oversee the project. Submissions should be mailed by October 15, 1990 to the editor, Dr. Gerald L. Mallon, 204 Haws Ave., Norristown, PA 19401. Phone/Fax (215) 277-8767.

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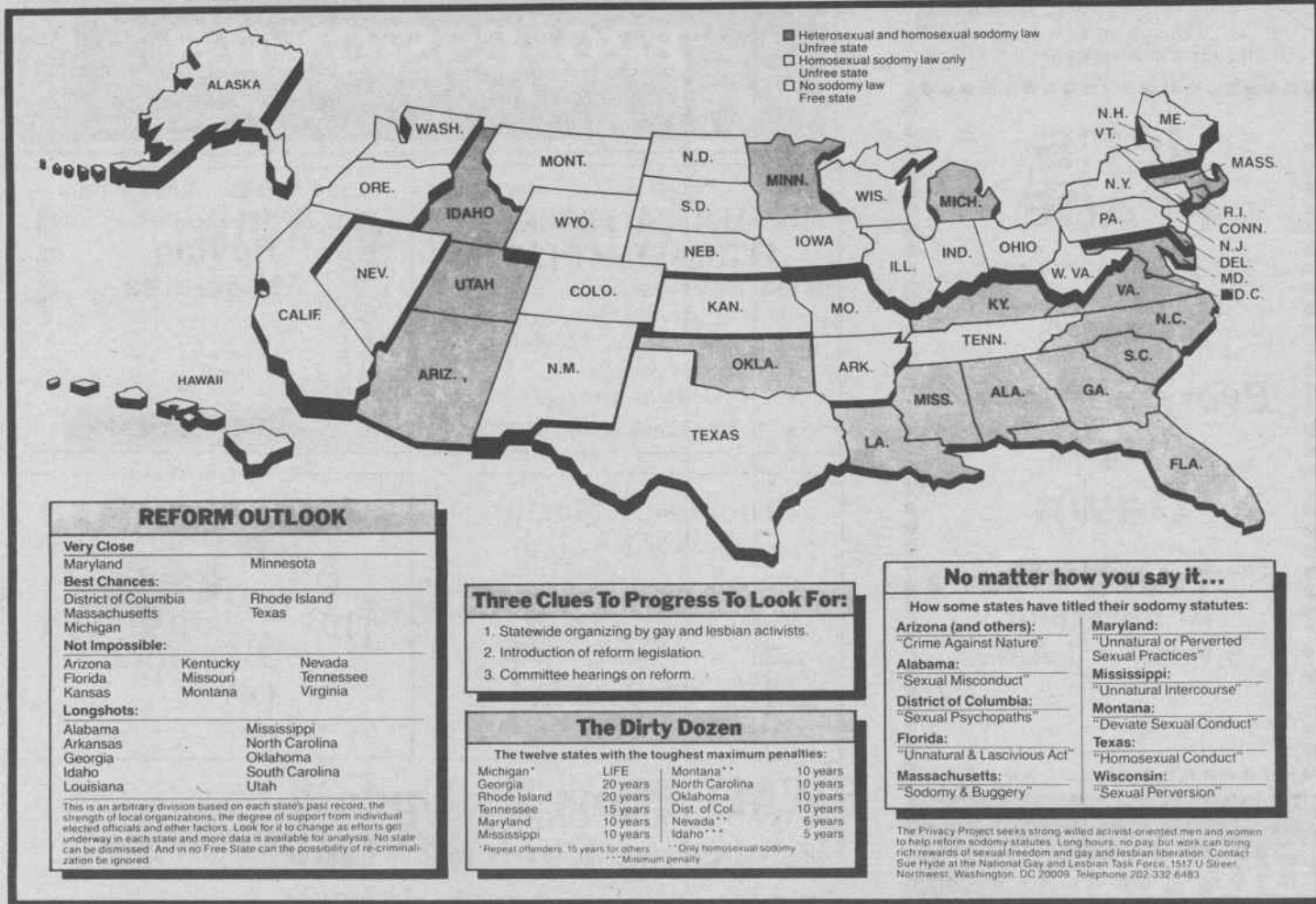
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[Washington, D.C.]—Sodomy law repeal activists came together at the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay men last March in Raleigh, NC, to form a "Sod Squad" aimed at organizing repeal efforts on the grassroots level. 15 activists from around the nation formed the squad which was facilitated by Sue Hyde, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Privacy Project director.

Sod Squad members received extensive training in sodomy reform from the country's leading experts addressing such topics as state court challenges, legislative repeal and statewide organizing.

"It's been an extremely busy year for all of us working to rid ourselves of these insulting, intrusive and archaic sodomy laws," said NGLTF's Hyde. "Starting with last January's demonstration in Atlanta, we've moved to Missouri, Oklahoma and elsewhere. NGLTF and the activists across the nation have recommitted our movement to this important issue," said Hyde.

Fifth Round-Up Opens Sept. 7

[Milwaukee]—Final preparations are underway for Commitment '90, Milwaukee's fifth annual round-up for Gay and Lesbian members of A.A., Al-Anon and other 12-Step groups. The round-up will take place on September 7, 8 and 9 at the Milwaukee County War Memorial adjacent to the Art Museum.

Attendance at the round-up is expected to exceed 250 and will include persons from across the Midwest and the nation. The schedule of events includes over 25 different recovery-oriented workshops covering a wide range to topics. In addition to workshops, there will be a number of meetings, speakers and social events.

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

Human Rights Fund Contributes Maximum To Gantt Campaign

[Washington, D.C.]—The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the largest Lesbian and Gay political organization in the country, has contributed the legal maximum, \$15,000, to former Charlotte, North Carolina mayor Harvey Gantt in his campaign to unseat Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the November general election.

Campaign Fund Political Director Eric Rosenthal noted that Gantt is leading Helms, 44-40, in the most recent polls

taken in North Carolina. "Harvey Gantt's four point lead indicates that this is going to be a close, tough battle," Rosenthal noted.

Helms has suffered a string of defeats at the hands of his colleagues, most recently when he sought to allow discrimination against food handlers with AIDS in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tim McFeeley, HRCF's Executive Director, said, "Most Democrats and an

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