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The Wisconsin Light

Supreme Court Asked To Rule On Ad Case

[New York]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, on August 22, 1990, asked the Wisconsin Supreme Court to consider a case where a newspaper refused to run classified ads containing the words "Lesbian" and "Gay." A mid-legal appellate court recently ruled that Wisconsin's state-wide civil rights law prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination does not apply to newspaper classified advertising. If the state's highest court accepts the case, it will set a significant precedent for whether a newspaper may be held liable for refusing classified ads based on a person's sexual orientation or other protected categories like sex and race.

The case arose when Jay Hatheway of Madison attempted to place a classified ad in the Green Bay Press Gazette for his publication, *Among Friends*.

At the same time, a Lesbian couple, Peggy and Tracy Vandever, were hoping to start a business selling sweatshirts and submitted an ad to the *Press Gazette* stating "Unique, screen-painted sweatshirts with Gay/Lesbian slogans."

The *Press Gazette* which is the only major daily newspaper in the area and is owned by communication conglomerate, Gannett Enterprises, rejected both ads because of the inclusion of the words "Gay" and "Lesbian" and informed the Vandeveres that "we just don't print those kinds of ads."

Lambda, along with Wisconsin lawyer Mark Borns, subsequently filed a lawsuit against the *Press Gazette* charging its refusal constituted unlawful discrimination.

In a July 10, 1990 ruling, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's dismissal of the suit stating that "newspapers are totally dissimilar in nature from the businesses listed in the public accommodation act."

Borns, Lambda's co-counsel in the case, stated, "This narrow ruling opens up a great slippery-slope where hundreds of other businesses not explicitly listed in the original law would be allowed to discriminate, not only against Lesbians and Gay men, but against anyone on the basis of race, gender, disability, or any other category traditionally protected by law."

Paula L. Ettlbrick, Lambda's Legal Director and attorney handling the case, said, "Lesbians and Gay men must have access to mainstream forms of advertising, particularly in less urban areas of the country where Lesbian and Gay papers aren't as plentiful."

National Anti-Helms Day Set For Oct. 6

[Durham, NC]- North Carolina Senate Vote 90, the statewide coalition working to defeat Jesse Helms (R-NC) in 1990, has issued a call to Gay and progressive organizations across the country to help make Helms' defeat a reality.

N.C. Senate Vote 90 is inviting progressive Americans to join them in "Countdown To Victory" events in all 49 supporting states on Saturday, October 6, as an expected crowd of 8,000 North Carolinians opposing Helms and supporting his opponent, Harvey Gantt, rally that day in Raleigh from all across North Carolina. Singer/activist Holly Near will hold a special NC Senate Vote 90 benefit concert on the evening of the rally.

The cross-country effort, subtitled "A National Helms Liberation Action Day," is pivotal because Helms' Senate influence has persistent national repercussions.

"Countdown To Victory" organizing kits/information or to send donations to defeat Helms, write: NCSV '90, 604 West Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC 27701.

Community Leaders To Attend AIDS Walk Breakfast Sept. 30

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, September 30, 1990, more than 20 prominent community leaders will host a fund-raising breakfast benefiting the client support services and education programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The breakfast will be an opening to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, the largest fund-raiser and educational event for AIDS ever held in Wisconsin.

Among the hosts are Frederick L. Cullen, President, Bank One, Archbishop Rembert Weakland, Leonard Goldstein, President and CEO, Miller Brewing Company, G. Edwin Howe, President, Aurora Health Care, State Representatives David Clarenbach, Barbara Notestein, Peter Bock and Timothy Carpenter, Julie Hanser, Administrator, Milwaukee County Medical Complex, Margaret Hawkins, Conductor, Milwaukee Symphony Chorus, Episcopal Bishop Roger White, David Huntington, Executive Director, The Milwaukee Foundation, Jack Murtaugh, Executive Director, Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Virginia Little, President, We Care Nursing Services, Inc., Robert Long, Senior Vice President, Park Bank, Sister Renee Rose, President and CEO, St. Mary's Hospital, Rabbi Francis Barry Silberg, Congregation Emanu-El B'Ne Jeshurun, Donald Thelen, President, Thelen Engineering & Assoc., Inc., Paul Nannis, Milwaukee Commissioner of Health, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Peter Rogness and Sharon Otto, President, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Wisconsin AIDS Walk

"The religious, political and corporate leaders who are hosting the Breakfast and supporting the Wisconsin AIDS Walk reflect the broad base of community support we are now gaining in our efforts against the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director. "Their support symbolizes the commitment we will need from people from all walks of life if we are to effectively meet the immense challenges of AIDS that lie ahead."

The breakfast will be held at Professional Marketing Services, 2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Participants are asked to make a \$50 tax-deductible donation to MAP. Immediately following the breakfast, the estimated 300 people in attendance will be asked to join Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist and Susan Mudd in leading off the Wisconsin AIDS Walk. Mayor Norquist and Mudd are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the pledge walk. Opening Ceremonies will begin at noon, with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. More than 2,500 walkers are expected to raise \$175,000 for AIDS care and education in Wisconsin.

Invitations to the breakfast have been sent to local and state government officials, corporate executives and community leaders.



The record crowd of 1850 who attended Milwaukee's MAPfest on Sept. had many games to try their skills at.

Miller Beer Donates \$6,000 To Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus

[Milwaukee]- Miller Brewing Company and Miller Brands, Inc. have donated \$6,000 to the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus to help fund its Christmas and Spring concerts. Chorus Board President Jay Reinke announced August 28, 1990.

"We are grateful to Miller Brewing Company and Miller Brands for the outstanding contribution and their support," Reinke said.

Chorus Director, Scott Stewart, expressed delight with the award, and is excited about what the gift means to the future of Cream City Chorus. The grant will allow the proceeds of the two concerts to be invested, enabling the Chorus to establish a secure financial base for the future, he said.

Cream City Chorus has embarked upon a major gifts campaign with the aim of establishing a capital fund to draw upon for future needs, according to Sandra Kurjiaka, Chorus Board member in charge of major gifts and fundraising. The Chorus hopes to achieve this goal within

five years, she said.

Miller's is the most significant grant to the Chorus thus far, according to Kurjiaka.

Stewart said that Cream City Chorus is always seeking new members and September is one of the best times of the year to join because the Chorus begins its rehearsals for the annual Christmas concert then.

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

The Chorus' annual Ice Cream Social is at 6:00 p.m., September 9 at the Mitchell Park Pavilion in Milwaukee. A \$5 ticket entitles the bearer to an ice cream sundae and a mini-concert. Tickets will be on sale through Chorus members and at the door on the day of the event.

ACT-UP Survey Finds Dentists Discriminate Against HIV+ People

[Milwaukee]- On Tuesday, September 4, 1990, at 3:30 p.m., Milwaukee's chapter of AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), met with representatives of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) and the Marquette Dental School at Marquette University.

The purpose of the meeting was to promote greater leadership on the part of WDA in response to the AIDS crisis and to bring an end to discrimination by many in Milwaukee's professional dental community against people who are HIV positive.

After conducting a phone survey of approximately 200 area dentists, ACT-UP-Milwaukee has reason to believe that one third of the community is currently engaged in various forms of discrimination in providing care to people with HIV disease. Such discrimination is immoral, unethical and illegal. It must stop.

In its press release, ACT-UP Milwaukee stated that since it is a group committed to bringing an end to the AIDS crisis through whatever non-violent means are necessary, the group has begun its actions with the dental community by calling for the meeting with WDA.

"We have also sent out a letter to each dentist," ACT-UP stated, "who was identified by our survey as engaging in

discrimination."

Among the reasons given by dentists for not providing HIV positive people with adequate dental care, ACT-UP listed the following:

Don't want to become a dumping ground; Don't know enough to serve them (HIV+) properly; Office is carpeted and therefore cannot be sterile; If we took them (HIV+) it might hurt our present client base; Necessary procedures would be too costly or take too long to implement; will take HIV+ people, but do not accept Title XIX.

In its letter, ACT-UP said that "At best, these arguments are vacuous. The bottom line is that a large part of the professional dental community is trying to wash its hands of its legal and moral obligations to help ease the burdens we all share in the face of the AIDS crisis."

The letter continued, "As ACT-UP members, we find this situation intolerable and are committed to doing whatever it takes to see that all HIV+ people in Milwaukee receive decent dental care."

In its press release, ACT-UP stated, "It is our hope that the dental community will realize and live up to its obligations without the need for active protest, but if not, we are prepared to act so that HIV+ people will get the health care they deserve."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Studds Calls For GAO Investigation

[Washington, D.C.]— In a continuing campaign of pressure against the Pentagon, Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) has called on the Government Accounting Office (GAO) to investigate the costs and ramifications of the military's ban on Lesbians and Gay men.

"The GAO is a respected, impartial agency — armed with subpoena power — that will undertake a study wider in scope than that conducted by the Pentagon," said Studds. "In addition to investigating the policy's rationale, or lack thereof, the GAO will provide specific cost breakdowns and statistics on who is most likely to fall victim to the ban."

Studds concluded: "In my view, a full examination of the ban, its waste and tax dollars, and disturbing inconsistencies regarding race, sex and rank will further underscore the glaring need to reverse the policy immediately."

Letters in support of such a GAO investigation should be sent to Rep Les Aspin (D-WI), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, US House of Representatives, Rayburn Building, Room 2336, Washington, DC 20515.

Marine's Record, Back Pay Restored

[Parris Island, SC]— The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) reports that former Marine Sergeant Christine Hilinski, who was demoted after testifying as a character witness for a Lesbian colleague, has been awarded back pay and has had her good service record restored by the Marine Corps.

During testimony at the 1988 court-martial of Sgt. Cheryl Jameson, Hilinski said that Jameson "did a fine job" and that Jameson's sexual orientation had not affected her work in any way. Four days after the sworn testimony, Hilinski was demoted and her pay was cut by \$220 a month.

The ACLU was able to prove that the Marine Corps acted against Hilinski in retaliation for her testimony and, specifically, for her "lenient position on homosexuality." Even conservative columnist James J. Kilpatrick had come to Hilinski's defense, citing the vindictiveness of the Corps' action against her.

Hilinski continues to believe that "sexual orientation should not be considered in evaluating anyone's performance." Hilinski, a model soldier with an "outstanding" service record, left the Marines in 1989 after serving for eleven years.

4th Openly Gay Runs For Congress

[New City, NY]— Sean Strub of Rockland County, New York has become the fourth openly Gay candidate seeking election to the US House of Representatives. Strub, a Democrat, is hoping to unseat 9 term Republican Benjamin Gilman to represent the state's 22nd district, just northwest of New York City.

Strub joins newcomer Mike Gelpi, another Gay Democrat, who is seeking election to Congress from his Ohio district. Despite a recent scandal, openly Gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) is expected to win re-election to his seat. While fellow Bay Stater Gerry Studds (D-MA) faces a challenge from a conservative opponent who has targeted Studds' sexuality and liberal voting.

Laguna Beach OK's Partners' Law

[Laguna Beach, CA]— The City Council of Laguna Beach has unanimously approved legislation that makes unmarried partners of city employees — whether Gay or straight — eligible for medical and dental benefits previously available only to married spouses.

Unmarried couples must sign an affidavit saying they have lived together at least six months and plan to stay together indefinitely. Both partners must be mentally competent adults, unrelated by blood, and must notify the city if their relationship changes.

Said Laguna Beach Councilman Robert Gentry: "We know today in Southern California and the nation that the American family is changing and the City of Laguna Beach is responding to that change."

Laguna Beach now joins Berkeley, West Hollywood and Santa Cruz as California cities which have recognized benefits for domestic partners. Los Angeles recently extended its employee leave program to include unmarried domestic partners as well.

WHO: 10 Million Carry HIV Infection

[New York, NY]— The World Health Organization (WHO) has revised its estimate of the number of people worldwide who are currently infected with HIV which leads to AIDS. WHO's current estimate is 8 to 10 million.

Several new studies indicate an "extensive spread" of HIV in Africa and Asia. In Sub-Saharan Africa, the number of people infected is now more than 5 million. In Asia, where infections were "virtually nil" in 1988, the number has risen to half a million. While WHO has seen a "gradual slowing" in the infection rate within industrial nations, the rates there remain high.

If these trends continue, WHO will have to revise upward its current estimate that between 15 and 20 million people will be infected with HIV by the year 2000.

Interracial Novel Banned in Ill.

[Chicago, IL]— The Illinois Department of Corrections has banned *Eight Days a Week*, an interracial Gay novel by Larry Duplechan, after seizing the book from an inmate who had ordered it through the mail.

Citing descriptive passages of homosexual intercourse, the Department of Corrections' Publication Review Committee declared that the book met the US Supreme Court's definition of "obscenity."

Sasha Alyson, publisher of the book, plans to help the inmate in an appeal. Alyson said: "This is a textbook example of why censorship laws are dangerous. By no definition of the law is *Eight Days a Week* obscene. These homophobic prison authorities are using the obscenity law as a convenient means to harass homosexuals and to deny to this particular inmate access to the literature of his choice."

Dukakis Vetoes Foster Care Ban

[Boston, MA]— Gov. Michael Dukakis has vetoed a budget amendment that would have restricted Gays and Lesbians from becoming foster parents in the state of Massachusetts.

In 1985, the Dukakis administration angered Gays by changing the state's foster care regulations to exclude homosexuals from eligibility as foster parents. After numerous protests and threatened lawsuits, the policies were rewritten, making parenting experience rather than marital status the main criteria for placement.

David LaFontaine, of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, said of the latest attempt at exclusion: "It is both ironic and gratifying that Dukakis, who authored this anti-Gay policy, should now use his power to overrule the discriminatory language adopted by the legislature."

S.C. ACLU Demands Police Tapes

[Columbia, SC]— Saying that the tapes are an invasion of the marchers' privacy, the South Carolina ACLU is demanding that police turn over videotapes recorded at Columbia's Gay and Lesbian Pride March on June 24, 1990.

Police spokeswoman Cathy Bolyn denied any wrongdoing, saying that police often videotaped large events to record any "controversial" incidents or arrests that might take place: "We're not showing the tapes to anyone or saving them for a secret file somewhere."

But South Carolina ACLU Director Steven Bates decried the governmental surveillance of law abiding citizens. In a letter to Police Chief Bob Wilbur, Bates asked that all audio and video tapes of the event be relinquished or destroyed and that the chief provide an explanation of the department's policy.

Coach Fired Over "Personal Best"

[Aspen, CO]—The *Advocate* reports that part-time middle school track coach Jill Moles has been fired for showing her team parts of *Personal Best*, a movie which focuses on a Lesbian relationship between two track stars.

"I had a hunch I was going to be in trouble when team members all started chanting 'porno lezzie flicks,'" said Moles. She tried to fast forward over parts of the film she thought were inappropriate for teens, but confessed "There was one part I didn't catch" — a scene with the two women kissing.

Moles said she showed the film, released in 1982 with an "R" rating, because she thought the athletic scenes might inspire and motivate her team.

NGLTF Expands Staff, Services

[Washington, D.C.]— The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is in the process of hiring a second lobbyist for the organization as well as two additional staff assistants, according to the *Washington Blade*. Successful fundraising and tight budgeting have enabled the Gay rights group to expand its staff to 14, double its size from just three years ago.

Executive Director Urvashi Vaid said the new lobbyist would focus on AIDS and other Gay-related health concerns, including youth suicide and cancer risks among Lesbians. The new staff assistants will provide administrative support.

Vaid said that NGLTF has 17,000 names on its active membership list. She cited passage of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act (which mandates the collection of data on crimes against minorities, including Gays), passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act (which includes HIV-positive people in its definition of the disabled) as well as release of NGLTF's annual report on Violence and Defamation Against Gays and Lesbians as important accomplishments of the group this year.

For more information, or to become a member, write to NGLTF at 1517 U Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Phone: (202) 332-6483.

Gay Group Sues Dallas Police

[Dallas, TX]— The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed suit against the state of Texas, the city of Dallas and Dallas Police Chief Mack Vines for denying a police officer position to a woman, Mica England, solely because she is a Lesbian, according to the *Montrose Voice*.

England, 25, was denied employment as a police officer when the Dallas Police Department said that it doesn't hire Gay people because sodomy is illegal under Texas law. Lambda's suit challenges the constitutionality of the Texas sodomy statute and further contends that England's right to be free from "unwarranted government intrusion" is being denied because of the Department's policy.

Stores Adopt Pro-Gay Policy

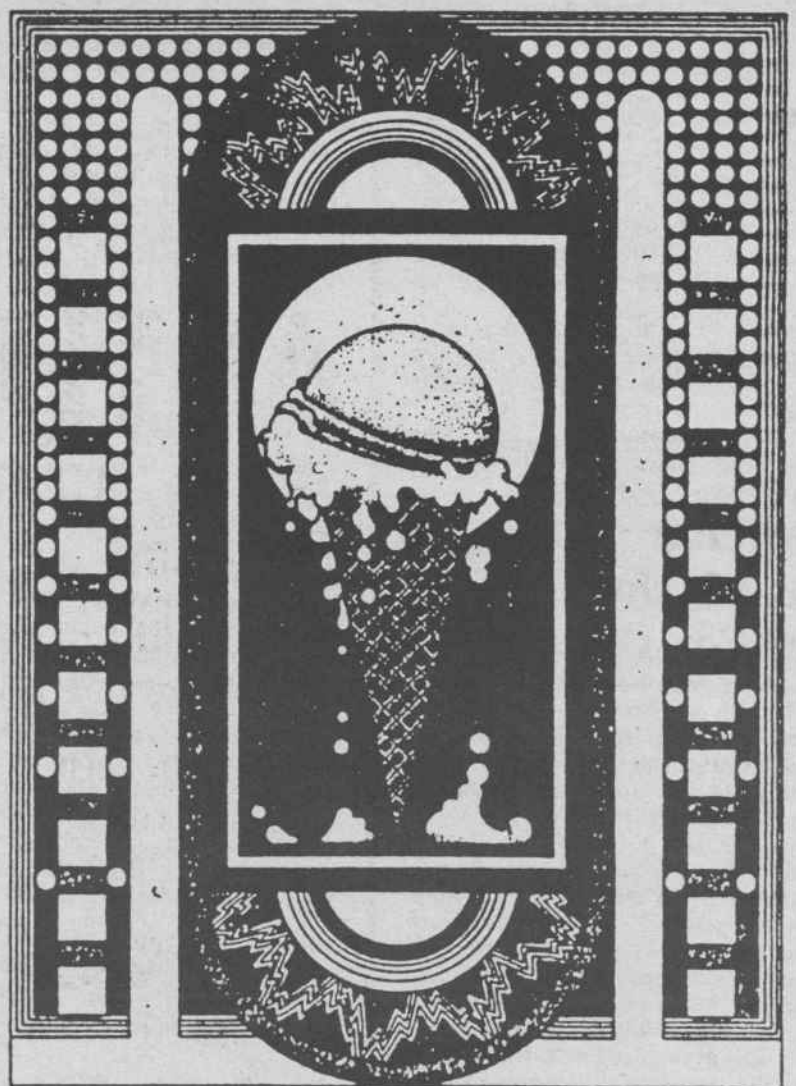
[Washington, D.C.]— Two east coast department store chains, Woodward and Lothrop (known as "Woodies") and Garfinckel's, have extended employee discount privileges to the domestic partners of unmarried employees, according to *The Washington Blade*.

Duane Rinde, a mid-level manager at Woodies in D.C., filed complaints with his union and went public in an effort to get a spouse discount card for his partner, Rob Teir.

Following negotiations with Gay groups, Woodies agreed to grant discount cards to the partners of its Gay and straight employees and to add "sexual orientation" and "marital status" to its equal opportunity guidelines. The policy applies in 17 Woodies stores and another 17 Wannamaker stores which the chain operates. Garfinckel's, with 9 stores in the D.C./Virginia area, followed Woodies' example and revised its policies in the same way.

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1950's Theme Highlights Randy Frank's Birthday M.A.P. Benefit

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- Remember Princess Summer-fall-winter-spring? How about Sergeant Bilko? Or maybe your folks "liked Ike" and you wore white bucks and chinos with the buckle in the back?

Well, if you remember any of this or more from the 1950's — or if you were too young, a mere babe or not even thought about and want to feel and see what those years were like, Randy Frank's Annual Birthday Show, "At The Hop!" is the place to plan to be.

The "Hop" will take place on Saturday, September 15 beginning at 10:30 p.m. in the M&M Club's parking lot, 124 N. Water St. in Milwaukee.

Though Randy's done many shows, this one is the biggest. He promises it will be "funny, nostalgic, an all 'round good time" and a "Thank You" to everyone for a wonderful year.

There'll be classic cars (Did you EVER think to be old enough to hear the '50's called "classic?") — a '54 chrysler, a '63 T-bird, a '57 caddy convertible and more to conform to a starlight drive-in setting complete, may I add, with tent and carhops in costume (just ordinary clothes back then — back then??). Remember hoola hoops and poodle skirts and beehive hairdos? They'll all be in evidence and, maybe, some guy will remember to wear a DA.

If you remember the way it was to dress

Wisconsin Benefit From AIDS Research Grant

[New York, NY]- The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) has announced a new round of grants totalling \$976,861 for 13 Community-Based Clinical Trial (CBCT) centers. More than \$300,000 for these grants was provided through a generous contribution from singer Madonna, who donated the proceeds from the sold-out final concert of her U.S. "Blond Ambition" tour.

Among the recipients was the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium (WCRC) which received a \$25,000 seed grant to help set up a clinical trials program in the state that would introduce experimental drugs to battle AIDS.

The State of Wisconsin has already set aside \$150,000 towards that end, but requires WCRC to match those funds.

WCRC involves at present, five concerned clinicians, all with HIV-care experience, who have organized to conduct statewide trials of therapeutic and prophylactic drugs to fight HIV and AIDS. Presently, patients must go to Chicago or Minneapolis to receive such experimental treatments which are often the only route left for PWA's who have not been helped by federally approved medications.

According to WCRC, the situation is urgent and getting worse. For example, in the 1990s, WCRC estimates that HIV infections among women in Wisconsin will increase 393% over the total for this group at the end of the 1980's. One in 1,800 Wisconsin women will become infected with HIV.

In the '90's, HIV infections among Wisconsin minority residents will reach one in 88.

By the late '90's, Wisconsin will have an annual AIDS incidence rate of between 18 and 27 per 100,000 population, comparable to rates currently seen in California and New Jersey.

WCRC's initial office will be at MAP, with the goal of establishing a fully equipped and independent office as soon as funding permits. WCRC hopes to establish a physician-directed network of research nurses linked to a central office by electronic telecommunications, capable of carrying out both their own trials and a local component of multicenter trials.

Potential studies include the use of rifabutin to prevent Mycobacterium avium infection; the use of high-dose acyclovir or desciclovir to prevent CMV infection which commonly causes blindness in AIDS patients, and a comparative study of several antiretroviral agents for progressive AIDS unresponsive to conventional therapy.

back then — pegged pants, maybe, then dress for the occasion. Prizes will be given for the best '50's dress — female and male.

The entertainment will be "fab." There'll be Rona, BJ Daniels, Ginger Spice, Chastity Belt, Jennifer from Winnepeg, Canada, Tiffany Thomas and the whole MC'd by Charlotte Loraine.

Tickets are available at M&M for \$5.00 and there are only 500 of them for all you cats. The show is a benefit and Randy hopes to raise \$5,000. 50% will go to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, 25% to the Cream City Chorus and 25% to the Fest City Singers. Cool. Randy says there are also a few reserved tables left and can be had by contacting him at M&M's.

"I want everyone to have a wonderful time," Randy said and, with a smile, remembers all the people who are coming together to make this benefit possible.

Randy's wish will be fulfilled. Jeeze, just writing this, taking myself back down memory lane was fun. As the song says, "Dearie do you remember?" Yes, I do — and I'm looking forward to remembering some more on the 15th.

Wisconsin Heralded For AIDS Legislation At National Meeting

[Madison]- Wisconsin's landmark legal protections and state-funded programs for people with AIDS and HIV infection were heralded at a national meeting of state lawmakers last month.

Speaking to the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in Nashville, Tennessee, State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) declared that, "Wisconsin has responded in a unique fashion" to the AIDS epidemic by looking at the experience of the larger states with much higher incidents of AIDS.

Clarenbach stated that, "most states are ill-prepared" to deal with the medical, ethical and legal issues surrounding AIDS," but that Wisconsin's model, "provides a secure environment for people with AIDS."

He cited Wisconsin's five-part strategy: a bill of rights to assure medical care; insurance guarantees to prevent limitation of AIDS treatment coverage; prohibition against involuntary HIV testing; anti-discrimination protections, and funding for life care services through community-based AIDS service

organizations.

"People at the highest risk must be encouraged to get tested, so they can assess their own health status, so they can take steps to stay healthy themselves, and to protect others," Clarenbach told the lawmakers.

"No one's going to get tested if they think they could lose their job, lose their insurance, be denied medical care or be left alone to die. That's why the legal protections are important, and that's why state funding for care and treatment programs is important," he said.

Clarenbach praised the NCSL for addressing the subject, because, "it helps to demonstrate, in dramatic terms, how states have become an equal partner in the fight against AIDS."

"We must reduce the transmission of AIDS through education and counseling. And, we must recognize that people need not die from AIDS. We must help people live with AIDS," Clarenbach said.

Clarenbach, a 16 year veteran of the legislature and Speaker Pro Tem of the State Assembly, is the author of the pioneering AIDS laws in Wisconsin.

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 Cadillacs had fins,
 And girls really knew
 how to tease?

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A
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 Cream City Chorus & Fest City Singers

*All M.A.P. donations have been designated for direct patient support, financial assistance, food pantry, Milwaukee House, recreational enjoyment, needs and wishes of people living with AIDS.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Someone once said that nobody saves the world in August. It's the Sunday of months. Maybe so, but there have been a lot of nice things happening to people that deserve notice.

First of all, a hearty congratulations to the Cream City Chorus on receiving the grant from Miller Brewery. The money will not only free the Chorus to begin to build an endowment, but is a fine tribute to their talent and the hard work they put into every concert and performance.

Next, I want to wish Ron Geiman, editor and publisher of *In Step* and a great guy, a belated Happy Birthday from all of us here at *Light*. For years now, Ron has put out a publication of which we here in Milwaukee and Wisconsin can be very, very proud.

Happy Birthday, too, to JJ, Mr. Gay Wisconsin; not only a hunk, but one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet.

I don't want to forget Bob at Jet's. Happy Birthday, Bob. You're a generous and thoughtful guy and Happy Birthday too, to Ken S. an "Italian Stallion." It's his 29th???

Hearty and well-earned congratulations to Peggy Morsch on winning a silver medal at Gay Games III. Great work, Peggy. You make Milwaukee proud.

And congratulations to Mimi Marks, Miss Gay Wisconsin, for being 3rd

runner-up in the Miss Gay Continental pageant in Chicago.

And most certainly the deepest thanks to Dee-poo, Miriam Ben-Shalom, Jenean Sharp, Bob and Rusty, Larry Krueger of Cafe Melange without whom we (Jerry, I should say) could never, ever have gotten the cherry tree ready and constructed the booth at MAPfest together. Thank you all for going "above and beyond" as they say.

Well, maybe August is the Sunday of months, but good things have happened to a lot of very nice people. Oh yes, did I mention that September 22 is moving day for Barb Coyle. She says she can use willing hands.

Before I forget. Tuesday, September 11 is election day. **Everyone, get yourselves out and VOTE!!!** A large part of the struggle for Lesbian/Gay liberation and equality is conducted at the ballot box--and EVERY SINGLE VOTE COUNTS!!! If you're not sure who is running in your district, you can find out simply by calling (414) 278-4060.

And now, just as I finish this up, the phone rings. It's Alison Bechdel creator of the nationally syndicated comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For." I am pleased to announce that beginning next issue, *Light* will be running the strip regularly. If you haven't seen it, it is fantastic.

LETTERS

Boycott Rejected

TO THE EDITOR:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Tavern Guild of San Francisco, Inc. Board of Directors has unanimously voted to support Miller Brewing Company of San Francisco, as they have been and have stated they will continue to support the Lesbian and Gay community of San Francisco.

This recommendation of support was voted on by the general membership of the Tavern Guild of San Francisco, Inc. at our meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 1990 and passed enthusiastically by the quorum of membership present.

—Stanley W. Boyd
President

Tavern Guild of San Francisco, Inc.

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TO THE EDITOR:

The time is once again upon us when our employers (be they government or private) approach us and ask us to help them in their fundraising efforts for various causes. I encourage everybody to take a close look at what they're asking.

Whether your employer pushes United Way or their own Combined Federal or State or private employer campaign, they all direct their money to "straight" causes; Boy and Girl Scouts, child support, etc. Some of the causes affect us of the Gay and Lesbian community as well, and are deserving of money. But NONE of these fundraising groups gives money to any Gay and Lesbian causes, directly or indirectly.

We, as Gays and Lesbians, must direct our money where it will work FOR US. The best way to do this is by designating our contributions to the Cream City Foundation. This organization works for us year-round. It disburses funds to dozens of causes that we can't all be aware of or give to when they need it; the CCF is there to help. Your employer MUST accept your designation to CCF; United Way and others know of the Foundation and cooperate with it. But, the CCF doesn't have a name that is readily Gay-identified; your employer won't even know who you're giving to — but they will be glad you're giving; and so will you!

I hope Wisconsin Light will continue to keep the Milwaukee public informed about the excellent activities, organizations, bars and media in the Milwaukee area; we have much to be proud of.

—J. Collins
Milwaukee

Gulf Crisis

TO THE EDITOR:

It saddens me to read in your August 23rd issue of Wisconsin Light Ben-Shalom's letter to Secretary of Defense Chaney. It would appear that the author neither understands the issues of the Gulf crisis nor of the Gay/Lesbian rights movement.

For upwards of 18 years I have been active in our struggle for civil rights. This is inclusive, and part of my goal has been a development of a more just country. In the spirit of the origins of our movement in the 60's, it seems odd indeed that Ben-Shalom would have us go marching off to war to fight for a morally bankrupt administration for completely specious reasons. Oil!

That Gays and Lesbians might want to

join the armed forces is true; that we would consider supporting a goal of the U.S. government that is predicated on its own ill-conceived policies (in the Middle East) is to miss the point of our modern history: the end of oppression, both here and abroad. Ben-Shalom would have the oppressed become the oppressors.

I suggest that before any one lines up like lemmings, concerned individuals take the time to read about our Mid East policies and learn our Iraqi connection.

As one who was a Green Beret Military Intelligence Officer who parachuted into Iran; maneuvered in Jordan, and as a youth, grew up in the Gulf region, it seems to me any call to arms is both stupid, ill-informed and anathema to our movement's goals. As a service man who was court-marshaled and expelled due to "Homosexuality", I can only believe that I am a better person for it.

Until such time as the United States realizes that wars of imperialism are wrong; and until such time as our political system rejects public manipulation, war-mongering, fascist idealism and empire building on the backs of its citizens, I propose that we Gays and Lesbians, who are dedicated to a better life, place in abeyance any thought of putting our lives on the line for the ilk of George Bush and his "Splendid Little Wars."

In sum, Miriam, speak for yourself and don't assume your use of the pronoun "us" includes me, or thousands of other Lesbians and Gays who disagree with your macho-patriotic fervor.

—Jay Hatheway
Madison

Human Rights

TO THE EDITOR:

There's a bad situation going down in Argentina. In the capital city, Buenos Aires, nightly Gay bar-raids are often conducted by the police. Arrestees are not only outed on the spot to friends, family and employers alike, they are also often raped and tortured. Also, in one Argentine province, there is a law which takes from Gays their right to vote.

These policies must be protested with a vigorous letter-writing campaign. Though often quite tedious, these campaigns do produce worthwhile results.

Write to: President Carlos Menem, Balcarce 50, 1064 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Please act soon. You can make a difference.

—Thomas J. Rony
Minneapolis

Crawling Out From The Wreckage

By Brian Kipp

1990 has certainly been a turbulent year for me. So much has happened that one week feels like a whole month. Funny how time changes things; how relationships evolve beyond our control.

The key word is "control." Seems like someone is always trying to control your life, to mold you into their liking. For seven long months, I let this happen to me. Instead of just trying to conform to one loved one's expectations, I tried to do this for everyone — my family, my boss, and my best friend.

The common thread, naturally, was trying to get me to go straight. I finally acceded to my family and friend's hopes and went the straight route.

I did encounter some pleasant surprises. I did make love to a woman and I did enjoy it. I even began to find that girls paid attention to me — a fact both flattering and amusing. Meantime, a love was growing inside of me that I didn't realize until it was almost too late. I had fallen in love with my best friend; my absolutely straight best friend.

He and I went through a lot together in nine months. It was an emotional roller coaster. About half way through the ride, I realized it was time to get off before somebody got hurt.

I sat down and thought for 48 hours, never leaving my apartment, thoroughly analyzing my relationships with my friend and my family as well.

In the end, I realized that it was best to cut all of them out of my life. As much as I love each of them, the pain they were causing and what I let them cause, nearly destroyed me. **I had lost my identity.** I didn't know what I enjoyed, what I liked or disliked, what I believed.

So, in a manner surprising to them all, I cut them all out of my life. My friend I told why — not so much because I'd been in love with him, but because he abused that love and didn't treat me with respect.

If he and my family did truly love and respect me, they would accept me for who I am — no matter whether I'm Gay. As long as I'm happy, why shouldn't they be happy for me?

It's so hard to begin to describe, but it's like awakening from an extended coma where you rediscover **everything**: sights, sounds, tastes, smells... and touch. The first time I kissed a guy in seven months was like, well, like being a virgin again.

I really do feel like a new person now. I am much more social, getting to know people and making friends. I can be light and mischievous and have fun. It just feels good to finally be happy with myself, at peace and having no chains to wear me down.

When I crawled out from the wreckage that had been my life, I took stock of what my mistakes were, and when I finally walked again, it was as a stronger, healthier person.

Peace, be healthy and happy.

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MAPfest Draws A Record 1,800 People While Grossing \$23,000

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- For many of the weekends this Summer season, it has rained. But the sun shown brightly on Sunday, September 2 and the air was warm; perfect weather for MAPfest '90, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) annual fund-raising festival.

The crowds started arriving well ahead of the 2:00 start — and they kept on coming. As someone said, "Last year there was an afternoon and an evening crowd. This year there's no difference. In the end, according to MAP's figures, more than 1,800 people were there as compared to 1,200 for MAPfest '89.

This year too, there were more booths, more games sponsored by participating organizations and groups for people to enjoy. And enjoy they did. One man coming up to a booth, announced "I've got \$100 to spend and I'm going to spend it all." Several hours later, he confessed himself broke.

There was drink and food aplenty; lots of brats and good Wisconsin corn and all the rest. MAP thanks Jack Schulz and all the food preparers, Church Lady, and MAP staff, clients and volunteers who helped set-up, clean-up, cook and those who volunteered at booths; Bob and Fred for sound.

There was "Miss Marks" pushing a shopping cart, peddling her...raffle tickets and so much exposed beautiful

flesh that one man at the Gay Pride booth "could barely breath" for looking.

The performers on both stages were, by all accounts, outstanding. There was Rufus and His Singing Machine; Bruce Woodford; Spanish Barflys; Any Title Will Do, Rhonda Moore Production; The New Sunday Show, La Cage Productions; Win, Lose or Draw, Partners Productions; Chastity Belt & Friends, Stars on Parade, King Productions; Baby Jane Hudson & Friends; Sandy Beach, Miss Ft. Lauderdale; and Miss M with Her Case of Celebrities, BJ Daniels, Ginger Spice, Ronnie Marks, Bouji and JJ (Miss M also donated her tips, more than \$350, to the Milwaukee House.)

At 10:00 p.m., on that warm summer evening, came the most moving moment of all. Those attending held lit candles high and with many holding each other, softly sang, offering hope for the conquest of AIDS.

This year MAPfest grossed over \$23,000, up from \$16,000 last year, making MAPfest '90 the biggest and best ever. Special thanks should go to Ronnie Marks and the MAP Fund-raising Committee — Robert Archer, Steve Bahr, Tom Boll, Rick Fores, Bea McGee, Lynn Schmidt, Gary Steen, John Terhardt, Roger Uscilla and Tom — for their tireless work and dedicated effort in organizing MAPfest '90.



Several hundred women celebrated Women's Equality Day on August 25 at Milwaukee's Washington Park Pavilion, which included speakers and information booths.

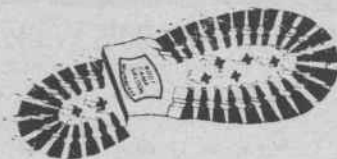
Milwaukee's GAMMA Hosts Twelfth Annual Corn Roast Sept. 9

[Milwaukee]- GAMMA's twelfth annual Corn Roast is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, 1990, at Picnic Area number 4 in Milwaukee's Lake Park. Arrive about noon for games, socializing and the best of the Fall's corn. Included in the day's activities will be volleyball, body relays, frisbee contests, and touch football warm-ups.

The afternoon supper includes brats, burgers, and a big variety of beverages. The cost is still \$5.00 — the same price GAMMA charged in 1980! All members of Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community are welcome to join in the festivities.

Other GAMMA activities scheduled for September include biking, volleyball, the opening of the Russian art exhibit at the Haggerty Museum, dining out and a group trip to the REP's "Educating Rita."

For further information on Milwaukee GAMMA, an athletic and social organization, contact Bob at (414) 963-9833.



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Masel Seeks Governorship With A Pro-Choice Campaign

[Madison] Ben Masel is running against Tommy Thompson, seeking the Republican nomination for governor in the primary on September 11. Masel is also actively seeking the votes of Wisconsin Light readers.

Masel is running as a Republican because, as he says, "like it or not, it's a

Helms Supporters File Complaints Against ACT-UP, Other Groups

[Washington, D.C.] A political action committee called the Conservative Campaign Fund has filed two complaints with the Federal Election Commission charging ACT-UP and several Gay organizations with illegally attempting to influence the re-election campaign of Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), according to the Washington Blade. Helms is being challenged by Democrat Harvey Gantt in the November election.

The complaints allege that ACT-UP/D.C., ACT-UP/San Francisco and other Gay groups have illegally attempted to influence the election by promoting a national boycott of Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarettes. Miller and Marlboro are owned by Phillip Morris Inc., which has donated large sums of money to Helms and to a museum that will house the senator's memorabilia.

(Milwaukee ACT-UP along with Wisconsin Light, In Step, the Cream City Foundation and other Gay organizations have opposed the Miller boycott, citing the generous financial support Miller has given local Gay groups and AIDS services over the years.)

Peter T. Flaherty of the Conservative Campaign Fund said it was his intention to "tie up" the energy and resources of the anti-Helms forces by filing the complaints. But Michael Petrelis of ACT-UP/D.C. said the fact that supporters of Helms filed the complaints "is a positive sign we're having an effect on the election."

In a related matter, Petrelis and five other activists who were arrested in July for occupying the Capitol Hill offices of Sen. Helms each received three day suspended sentences and six months of probation. Prosecutors dropped the charge of "unlawful entry" in exchange for guilty pleas to the misdemeanor charge of demonstrating in a Capitol building.

Said Petrelis: "I think it's an okay sentence. We wanted to simply serve notice on Helms that we're trying to get in his face and we're doing our damndest to isolate him. The sentence is a small price to pay in terms of unseating Helms."

two-party system and the Republicans need changing even more than the other guys." He defines himself as a "Republican in the Ripon tradition." (The GOP was founded in Ripon, Wisconsin as the party opposed to slavery.) Masel says "150 years later, there are still many kinds of slavery that need to be abolished. Wisconsin's open primary," he says, "provides the opportunity to directly challenge the Banana Republicans of Tommy Thompson who, by their fondness for low-wage, non-union labor and limitless corporate greed, threaten to turn Wisconsin into a banana republic."

Masel calls himself "pro-choice on everything." That includes Womyn's reproductive choice, helmet laws, artistic expression, education, urine tests, and "who we love."

Masel is also a proponent of the legalization of hemp from which marijuana is derived. "The most urgent reason for this," he says, "is marijuana's use in the treatment of AIDS." He believes that people living with AIDS need marijuana because "pot is extremely effective in counteracting the side effects of AZT." Yet, he says, if a person living with AIDS uses pot, "they violate the law, pay extremely high prices and risk the possibility of its contamination."

He supports the idea that Wisconsin farmers should be allowed to grow hemp freely. Hemp, he says can be used for food, fuel, fiber, paper and medicine.

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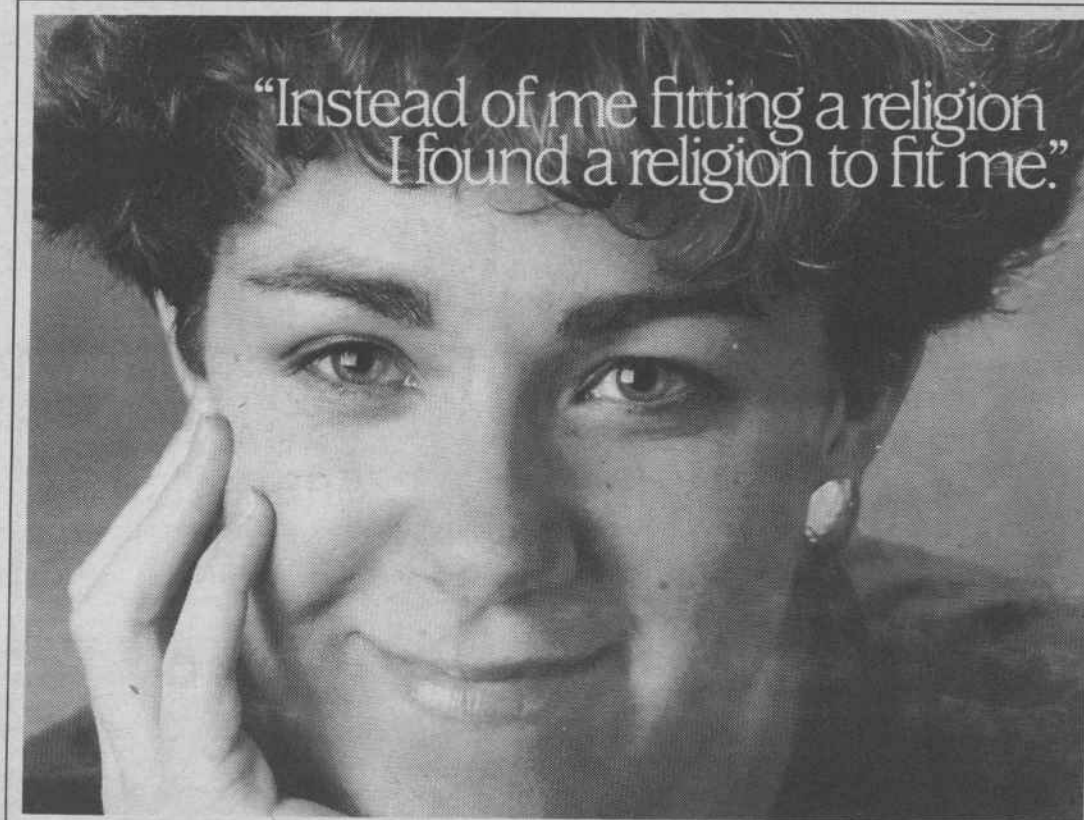
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"I spent years probably not going to church once. Then, senior year in college, I started looking into a Unitarian Universalist church in town. I remember thinking, this is very odd, I'm making this choice on my own. I was going because I wanted to go, because something was missing on Sunday morning.

"One of the things I value most about being a Unitarian Universalist is being able to question. To step back from what I had previously believed in. Nobody says to me I can't believe; nobody is saying I haven't the right to question.

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Impressive List Of Corporate Sponsors To Lead Wis. AIDS Walk

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The first annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk, produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and scheduled for Sunday, September 30, 1990, is off to a soaring start and is still growing with the Walk pins sporting the colorful and distinctive logo beginning to be seen around the city.

Rain or shine, the Walk will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Urban Park, located just north of the Summerfest grounds. There will be rest stops and entertainment provided all along the way.

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The list of Walk corporate sponsors is impressive. As of press time, they include: Miller Brewing Company, Aurora Health Care, Bank One, Time Insurance Company, Thelen Engineering & Associates, WTMJ-TV, Breezin' 100.7 FM, First Wisconsin Bank of Mayfair, National Business Furniture, the Milwaukee County Labor Council (AFL-CIO), North Avenue Pharmacy, O'Neil Cannon & Hollman, Park Bank, Urakas, Blum & Co., S.C., Henri's Food Products Co., Strauss-Maguire & Associates, Inc., Telecheck, Wisconsin Federation of Nurses & Health Care Professionals, United Health, Inc., Klein Metal Finishing and Peltz Brothers.

Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director expressed his thanks and the gratitude of all at MAP for this outstanding show of corporate support.

Susan Mudd and her spouse, Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist, are

serving as Honorary Co-Chairs for the Walk.

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will bring attention to the problem of AIDS which has a direct impact on our community," Norquist said.

"Our support for the Milwaukee AIDS Project has to do with the organization's efforts to serve individuals in need," Mudd said. She added, "We support the Project's work as an advocate for change to create a climate in which the harm of AIDS can be diminished."

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be the largest fundraiser and educational event for AIDS ever produced in Wisconsin," Nelson said. "We are anticipating more than 2,500 walkers who, through pledges, will help raise a goal of \$175,000.

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

the Beloit Inner City Council on Substance Abuse, the Brady East STD Clinic, Center Project, Green Bay, Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Lincoln Neighborhood Center, Kenosha and the Spanish Center of Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties, Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), the Visiting Nurse Association and the Wisconsin Conference of Churches/AIDS Pastoral Care Network

Registration is easy. Materials and pledge forms are available at MAP, Kohl's Food Stores and other businesses throughout the Milwaukee area and Wisconsin. You can also receive one by mail. Simply fill out the form inserted in this issue of *Light* or call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

HOW TO LINE UP SPONSORS

Again, it's easy and it's fun and, if experience is any judge, you'll find people willing to sign up. You'll also find that you will increase AIDS education and awareness.

Wisconsin AIDS Walk Prizes

To the people who on the day of the Walk turn in the highest amount of collected pledge money:

- GRAND PRIZE:** 4 day/3 night package, PLUS two round-trip tickets on American Airlines to one of the following destinations: Disneyland, San Diego, San Francisco, Disney World/Epcot Center/MGM Studios Theme Park, PLUS a 35mm Kodak Camera Outfit. Package includes deluxe hotel accommodations, midsize car rental and attraction tickets. Courtesy of American Airlines, Bottom Line Travel-Wisconsin and John Geissler and Associates.
- 1ST PRIZE:** Two round-trip tickets to Montego Bay, Jamaica on Funway Holidays Funjet. Courtesy of Funway Holidays Funjet.
- 2ND PRIZE:** Two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the continental United States that Northwest flies. Courtesy of Salentine Travel.
- 3RD PRIZE:** Two round-trip tickets on Midwest Express Airlines to anywhere Midwest flies. Courtesy of Midwest Express.
- TEAM PRIZE:** To the team (2-10 members) that on the day of the Walk turns in the highest amount of collected pledge money. Walker's Point Signature Pub Crawl aboard one of Milwaukee's trolley cars. Courtesy of Walker's Point Tavern Association.

Suggest that your sponsors pledge as much as they can per kilometer for the 10k walk—a minimum of \$1.00 is recommended.

Nelson strongly emphasized the importance in the four weeks that remain to the Walk of getting pledges now and bringing the checks made out to MAP to the Walk.

"The pledges," he said, "are absolutely essential to the success of the Walk."

There will be prizes awarded in various categories, based on the dollar amount turned in on the day of the Walk.

Nelson praised the community's on-going response to the AIDS crisis and reiterated the "vital importance" of the pledges and donations in continuing to make the highest possible quality of service available to people infected with HIV disease.

"Take this step," he urged. "Register, collect pledges and donations and walk with us. I can't tell you; I can't say it strongly enough, how important this event is to the efforts of MAP and AIDS-care organizations throughout Wisconsin in our work of providing education throughout the Wisconsin community and help and care for those with HIV and those living with AIDS."

"I urge all of our friends and supporters," Nelson said, "and everyone who cares about the AIDS epidemic to make two commitments: (1) to participate in the Walk on September 30, and (2) to secure from family and friends at least \$100 in pledges."

As you solicit pledges and join in the walk, remember, Nelson said, "you are giving of yourself and giving others the chance to do the same in lightening the burden of this terrible disease."

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Postscripts To A Hectic Summer

By Jamakaya

Oh joy! Oh rapture! To have a pen in hand and a blank sheet of paper before me once again. This is where I'm meant to be.

I took a scary detour last month. I threw myself into organizing a big community event, the Women's Equality Day Celebration/Protest at Washington Park on August 25. For five weeks, all my worst compulsive energies ran totally amok. Ask my sister committee members — they're survivors, too.

The result was pretty successful, with hundreds of people crowding the Community Building. They heard compelling speeches about women's rights and musical entertainment by Blomberg and MaHaffey of the Cafe Melange (Sundays, 7:00 p.m.) and Stephanie Galetti of Madison. They got to eat tons of food and meet with new friends and old at the many tables set up by women's and community groups (MAP, Jobs With Peace, Hunger Task Force, Welfare Warriors, NOW, the Mobe and many more).

The event received positive and surprisingly accurate coverage by local media — both print and broadcast. We're especially pleased that the theme of the day, "The Struggle Continues..." came through clearly. Despite 70 years of women's suffrage and 20 years of women's liberation, women continue to face as many barriers and as much violence as ever.

A powerful list of speakers, including many of our best women community organizers — Ann Wilson, Ellen Bravo, Pat Gowens, Carey Tradewell, Maria Rodriguez-Guzior, Kitty Barber — articulated the range of issues confronting women. We asked for "passion" and they all delivered!

The only downside was the crowding that day. We underestimated how much space we'd need and, also, how many people would come. My apologies to some disabled sisters who had a hard time negotiating their way through the crowd and past the booths.

Many women were thanked in the program for their contributions. I forgot to mention the Center for Women's Studies at UWM which helped a great deal with publicity and whose staff were always ready and steady when I placed yet another frantic call to them for help. Thanks, also, to Julie Kleppin who, quite simply, is always there when you need her. Julie won the Milwaukee Pride Committee's Community Service Award for 1990 and, I can tell you, the woman is not resting on her laurels!

In the midst of all the hubbub leading to Women's Equality Day, I was the subject of a feature story in the *Milwaukee Journal*. As a writer myself, I found it rather uncomfortable being the subject of someone else's piece. Kind of brings up those "control issues" my therapist is always babbling about, you know? **Whaddya mean I can't rewrite the lead? How come I can't do the final edit?**

My life as a Lesbo columnist for an alternative paper gives me the freedom to spout off on anything I want, so forgive my self-indulgence as I critique the *Journal's* coverage of moi. Both comments are particularly relevant to readers of this column — one concerns my alleged position on separatism as reported by the *Journal*, the other has to do with my mother's reaction to the article.

Leave it to the *Milwaukee Journal* to present my voluminous views on the complex topic of separatism in one sentence: "As a feminist, her political stance does not support separatism: the



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

idea that women should altogether abandon today's society and form their own communities."

That is not my definition of separatism nor is it an accurate statement of my position.

For the last 14 years, I have lived my personal life almost exclusively as a female separatist. As a Lesbian, and a fairly vocal one at that, I clearly have a preference for the friendship and company of women. However, in my professional life — in education, on the job, in my research and writing — I have often worked closely with both men and women. So where does that put me in the scheme of things?

My "political stance" as evidenced in 14 years of published work has been wholly **supportive** of separatist values and achievements. Women bonding with other women and recognizing, individually and collectively, our strength and independence can be the basis of an enormously radical social transformation. I not only believe that, I've seen it happening!

The music festivals we enjoy, the women's studies classes we take (and teach), the women's bars and bookstores we patronize and the therapy groups and rural co-ops we retreat to are tangible and constructive results of separatist organizing. **Of course I support separatism!** And I regret such a complex issue being reduced to such superficial and inaccurate terms.

Now, for Mom's reaction.

I was a little worried about Mom's reaction to the *Journal* article. I was worried about her having to deal with more of her friends and relatives finding out her daughter's a dyke. And after reading the story, I also worried about a rather blunt reference to me rejecting my family name. How would she take it?

Mom called me up that evening. There was only one thing about the article she didn't like, but she really didn't like it at all. It was a rather benign reference to moi, her beloved youngest daughter, as being "employed sporadically."

"What's the problem, Ma?"

"They made you sound like a bum," she complained.

Now I ask you, is that the reaction of a Mother, or what?

That she was unfazed by the more inflammatory aspects of the article is a real kick to me and a tribute to her progressive out-look. I shouldn't have expected anything less from good old Mom. After all, this is the woman who reminds me about bail money the night before a big demonstration!

There was another felicitous result of the *Journal* article. A friend of my Mom's called her after reading it and confided to Mom that — guess what? — her son is Gay and she hasn't had anyone to talk to about it. Now, of course, she does. Isn't that sweet?

The moral of the story is an old one to readers of this column: Come out, come out, wherever you are! National Coming Out Day, October 11, is rapidly approaching. I hope you are all planning an appropriate celebration!

Solider Denied National Guard Entry; ACLU Files Suit

[Milwaukee]— On September 5, 1990, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin Foundation filed an employment discrimination complaint with the Wisconsin State Personnel Commission on behalf of a Gay soldier who was denied employment by the Wisconsin National Guard. The complainant, Richard Aries of Madison, who was honorably discharged at the end of his term or service with the regular army, was informed that he would not be permitted to join the state national guard because of his sexual orientation.

According to the complaint form, Aries states that at the time of his initial contact with the National Guard recruiter in Madison, he was told that "there was a slot open (in the Guard) with opportunity for advancement" and that due to his experience in the regular army, he "would have the same rank" as before, not have to go through basic training and be eligible for student loans.

According to Aries' deputation, later that day, he went to the Guard office and spoke with a man whose name tag

"identified him as Sergeant Wiggins." When Wiggins saw that Aries had been denied reenlistment in the Army, Wiggins asked, "Are you Gay?" Aries told him "I was."

"Sergeant Wiggins then told me that the State National Guard follows National regulations regarding homosexuality." Aries states that he understood this to mean that he would not be permitted to join the Guard because of his sexual orientation.

"I suppose I should just leave," Aries says he told the Sergeant. Wiggins said there was nothing he could do.

Aries is currently represented by ACLU of Wisconsin Volunteer Attorney Patrick Berigan, of the Milwaukee law firm of Angermeier & Rogers.

Wisconsin statutes prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. In addition, Wisconsin statutes specifically prohibit the state's national guard from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, in spite of federal regulations requiring such discrimination.

Ten Tips To Prevent Being Attacked On The Street

By Bill Dewart

As individuals, there are some things that we can do to be a little more "streetwise" and reduce the chances of getting hurt:

1) If your awareness is impaired in any way, you should not be on the street; this not only means drugs and alcohol, but such things as emotional preoccupation and stereo headphones.

2) Your first line of defense on the street is projection: am I projecting strength and security with my body language or weakness and insecurity? Carry yourself with your head up, shoulders back, eyes alert and aware and walk briskly with a sense of purpose.

3) Stay on the outside of the sidewalk away from doorways, alleys or bushes; this forces an assailant to come out of hiding, allowing you and others to see them coming and gives you an opportunity to escape into the street.

4) When passing people on the sidewalk, again stay to the outside so that you can't be pushed into a doorway, alley or bushes and, as the person or persons go by, glance over your shoulder to make certain they are not going to jump you from behind.

5) If you are going to visit friends, call them before you leave, telling them exactly what time you expect to arrive and the route you are taking. Do the same thing when you're going home and call your friends as soon as you arrive.

6) Know your neighborhood. Know what businesses are open at different hours in case you need to run there for assistance.

7) If confronted, look the person straight in the eyes, keep any response brief and move off quickly using your peripheral vision so that you don't get jumped from behind. **Never** take your eyes off the person to look at your watch or put your hands in your pockets to give them spare change—that is generally when they will hit you. Keep your hands

where you can use them.

9) Carry a whistle (preferably around your neck) or a screech alarm so that you can let people know when you're in trouble. If you have neither, then screaming "FIRE!" loud and often gets the best results.

10) Try not to go out walking alone; walk with a friend and a big dog makes a good friend.

Editor's Note: Bill Dewart is a San Francisco self-defense teacher at the Academy of Tae Kwon Do. His tips first appeared in the San Francisco *Sentinel*.



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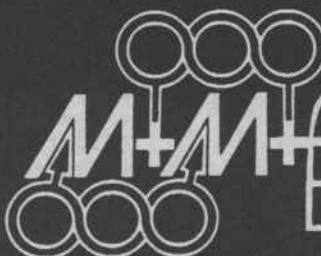
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Attending Women's Festival Can Become An Addictive Habit

By Maytee Aspuro

In the last three years I have developed a dangerous habit. I go to Festival. In this Summer of 1990, I have marked my third National Women's Music Festival and second Michigan Women's Music Festival. For women across the country, it may be the East or West Coast Music Festivals, the Southern Music Festival or Rhythmfest. Our opportunities to do Festival grow.

I am not sure why I started attending Festival. I do know I have no intention of ever stopping. Festival has played the role of catalyst in my life. I have returned from Festival refreshed, re-energized and hopeful. I have also returned with feelings of frustration, anger and confusion. The former, a result of connecting with other women, knowing thousands of us have come together to re-discover ourselves and each other.

The latter feelings, a result of the knowing I experience; the knowing of inflicted violence, oppression and depreciation against myself and my sisters by the patriarchal systems in place.

I try to balance both experiences, returning home with a trace of the fog lifted from my eyes and my heart full of the magnificence of our women's culture.

What can a woman do at Festival? At National I was one of many women in an auditorium basement waiting patiently for tornadoes to pass by; enjoying each other's company, the mainstage concert having been interrupted. I also attended a workshop on co-counseling and witnessed pain break free from each participating woman. The experience of having caring women to listen and a safe place was "all" that was needed for our personal journeys.

At Michigan, I walked on Whisper Trail to my camp site as lightening lit the sky and woods, feeling good-tired after a full day. I had watched a video dealing with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. I had huddled in a tent of women as artist Katheryn Trenshaw presented a slide show of her work dealing with the issues of being a survivor of incest.

In that tent, I heard women in the audience break through the defense of propriety and allow their tears to fall as the images on the screen profoundly blended with Katheryn's narrative. I had played volleyball free of any restraining garb, celebrating our women's bodies in movement under the warm rays of the sun. I listened to the entrancing music of Nana Simopoulos' sitar and jumped to my feet in appreciation as Rhiannon completed her one-woman performance under a sudden burst of falling rain. I saw familiar faces with no names. I spotted a friend over a path's horizon, moving along in another direction and felt a unity with her. I delivered water and fruit to the crafts women and artist during my work shift, keenly aware of the importance of their contribution to our culture.

My disposition is relaxed as I experience Festival. But once I leave women only space and re-enter the culture (I refuse to claim it as "my" culture) in which the well-being of women is not of primary importance, I fear that I

will lose ground intellectually, emotionally and spiritually. In leaving Festival, I realize in the most profound way that I must maintain my focus with an unrelenting degree of intensity that is and shall always be exhausting.

In retrospect, I see my strides as footsteps in the sand often of short distances, one after another. In some places the imprint reflects slippage and loss of ground and, in other places, a leap forward, landing firmly on both feet. At times, the imprints disappear as the endless waves of the dominate culture try to wash away the memory of my journey. The journey does continue for me as it does for all of us. If you have not done Festival, try. If for whatever reason Festival is not feasible, I encourage every woman to attend events within her community. The impact of gathering, sharing, celebrating can not be underestimated. The wealth of our community should never be ignored or taken for granted. If we are not protective of it, it will surely be consumed by the hostile environment.

In Milwaukee we have Our Space, Silver Space, the Lesbian Alliance and Hurricane Productions among others. A trip to Chicago will be rewarded with the Mountain Moving Coffeehouse programs. Events are also sponsored in Madison and across our state. We must continue to be visible to each other. We must support events with our very essence because they are our life blood. We must make festival, not an event of limited duration, but a way of life that transcends dawn and dusk.

It is a dangerous habit, my habit of entering women-only space; my sojourn to a safe place. It's an addictive habit as well. Women's energy is a most powerful drug that each one of us must re-experience. We once had it. It was our mother's womb. We lost it in our father's politic. It is time we reclaim it.

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Gay Theme To Confront Homer Simpson

[Los Angeles, CA]- In an episode scheduled for this Fall on the Fox Network's cartoon spoof "The Simpsons," ineffectual patriarch Homer Simpson will find himself the "love object" of a new male secretary at his office. The voice of the secretary will be provided by Gay actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein.

Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," was said to be very upset that a pirated version of a Bart Simpson T-shirt with an anti-Gay epithet ("Back off, fag!") had appeared in Florida recently. His company disavowed any connection with the shirt.

Groening has been responsible for much Gay-sensitive material, including dialogue for the regular Gay characters on "The Tracy Ullman Show" and the Gay entrepreneurs, Akbar and Jeff, who appear in his popular "Life in Hell" comic strip.

MAP Theatre Benefit To Begin With MRT's "Hoagy"

[Milwaukee]- "Hoagy" is the opener for the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's (MRT) fourth Stackner Cabaret Season. It is an intimate musical show about the life and music of Hoagy Carmichael, the composer of such famous hits as "Stardust", "Georgia on My Mind" and "Up a Lazy River." Based on "The Stardust Road" by Hoagy Carmichael, this charming one-man show by Bruce Dettman and William C. Trichon has been hailed as "A little gem of a show." It stars Billy Philadelphia, known

throughout the San Francisco area as an incredible musician who has led his own jazz trios and a 22-piece big band.

"Hoagy" will be running from September 14 to October 21. One the evening of Wednesday, September 19, there will be a special benefit performance for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490. Tickets are also available at MAP offices.

Feature Length Video, "Love Song", Is Set In Milwaukee

[Hollywood, CA]- Syzygy's home-video of Jeff Hagedorn's "Should Have Been A Love Song" will be released nationally in late September, 1990. "Love Song" tells two intertwined stories — one a flirtation with a waiter and the other a love affair that blossoms and fades. This full-length Gay story, directed by John Hagedorn, is based on Hagedorn's International Gay Playwriting Award-winning play, "Should Have Been A Love Play," and is the first of Syzygy's series of Gay videos created especially for Gay audiences.

Shot on location in Chicago and set in

Milwaukee, "Love Song" took advantage of the wealth of local talent. Scott McWilliams plays the lead role of Jeff in "Love Song." He's joined by Paul Adams making his acting debut as Michael. Paul is a former Mr. Gay Chicago.

While "Love Song" will be available in late September, people can order their copies now for the pre-release price of \$19.95 (\$21.95 after September 30), plus \$3.00 shipping and handling by sending a check or money-order to Syzygy, P.O. Box 3003, No. Hollywood, CA 91609.

Collector's Show Feature Film, Comic Books Memorabilia

[Milwaukee]- Fantasticon 1, a huge movie/comic memorabilia and collectibles show will be held on Sunday, September 23 at Red Carpet Bowlero, 11737 W. Burleigh St. (exit hwy 45 at Burleigh, west 1 block).

The show will feature 35 tables of such things as quality movie posters, stills, videotapes, comic books (golden and silver age and current titles), science fiction books and magazines and digests, toys, games, pulp magazines and digests, fantasy/horror collectibles, advertising nostalgia and much, much more.

The show hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is \$1.00. For more information, contact: Larry Widen at (414) 271-6696 (days) and (414) 871-1502 (eves).

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Comic Kate Clinton To Entertain In Milwaukee Sept. 22

By Barb Coyle

My favorite outrage on stage is Kate Clinton. Remember? She's the woman who once taught high school English where they still talk about her unit "The Gerund as Transvestite", and in 1981 — on a dare, no less, rethought the purpose of life, left the classroom to write serious short stories at which everyone laughed and so began a career in humor. (Kate, is that a run-on sentence, or what?) She is a pure delight.

Back in '82, she came to Milwaukee and had all the ex-nuns pulled out of the audience to be her backup group called

Support Group Meets To Help Young Women

[Milwaukee]- A support and discussion group for young women 17-21 years-old who are exploring their sexual identity or who are in the process of coming out is being sponsored by the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

The group, called "Insight", is a joint venture of the Women's Support Group Program and the Prevention/Education Program.

Insight will provide a supportive place in which to discuss topics like self-esteem, family and school life, coming out, sexuality, relationships and life planning. The myths and realities of Lesbian life will be explored and sessions will be geared to the particular needs and concerns of the women attending.

Participants are assured of confidentiality and an understanding environment in which to work out their feelings. Young women interested in Insight can call 271-3111 and ask for Kathy Herbst. Concerned friends who know women in need of this kind of support are encouraged to pass this phone number on to them.

The specific times and meeting dates of Insight will be arranged when the group is established.



Susan Wilson

KATE CLINTON

"Vessels of Sin." No slouch when it comes to authenticity, she had each woman answer trivia questions on the shape — or lack thereof — of Gregorian Chant notes and other religious miscellany. Then, they all joined in a thoroughly sacrilegious drone of "You've Got To Be Kidding", Kate's original novena.

As a comic, Kate's gone through a lot — I mean A LOT. She continues to take the Civil Service exam for White House astrologer — an opening that has yet to materialize in the current administration. And, in the meantime, she was captured by Bennetton terrorists and forced to make a fashion statement against her will.

As a comic, Kate's timing is perfect. When she told her brother she was a Lesbian, he replied, "Don't tell Dad. It would kill him." Presto. The nuclear Lesbian concept was born.

Kate went at once to the White House, to a press conference, rising to announce, "Mr. President, I'm a Lesbian."

Sponsored by Full Moon Productions, Kate will be appearing at Centennial Hall in the Milwaukee Public Library to reduce the sacred cow population of the world ("a gleeful evisceration of the institutions that oppress us," she calls it). The date and time are September 22 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and available at People's Books, Outpost Natural Foods and Station II. Hope to see you there.

"Artists stretch the limits of understanding. They express ideas that are sometimes unpopular. In an atmosphere of liberty, artists and patrons are free to think the unthinkable and create the audacious..."

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After helping to support more than 80,000 cultural projects nationwide over the past 25 years, the National Endowment for the Arts is under attack.

A small yet highly vocal minority, led by Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Senator Jesse Helms, want to restrict the Arts Endowment from funding anything they consider "indecent or obscene."

And though such censorship seems implausible in our society, this well-funded group of extremists has organized a massive campaign

to pressure Congress into voting their way.

Fortunately, many Americans from all across the political spectrum support freedom of expression in the arts. President Bush recently said, "I don't know of anybody in the Government or any Government agency that should be set up to censor what you write, or what you paint, or how you express yourselves."

If you agree that freedom of the arts is vital in a democracy, please call the toll-free number immediately. When you do, two pre-written Western Union messages in your name will be

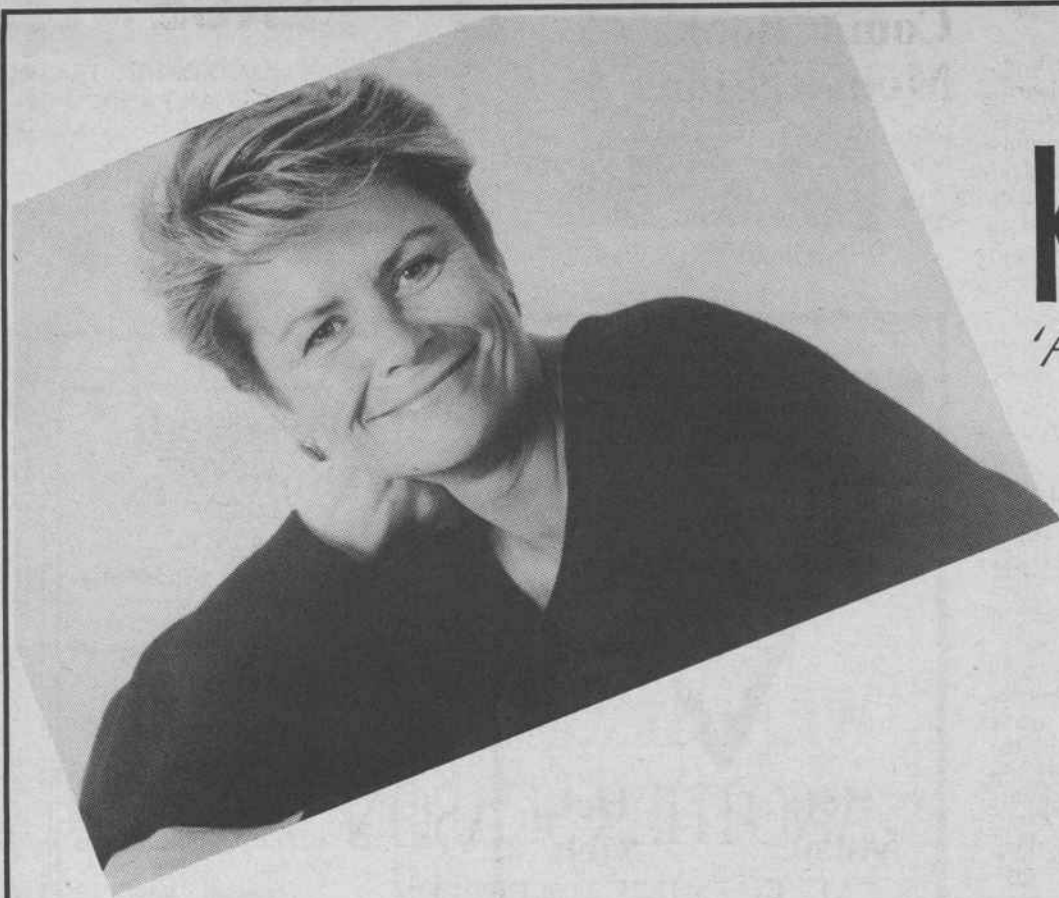
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Milwaukee Organizations Rally To Support Miller Beer

[Milwaukee]- A boycott that was originally aimed at the tobacco products of the Philip Morris Companies has been expanded in some cities to include a boycott of Miller Beer as well. In the original scope of the boycott, Philip Morris was targeted because of its support of the homophobic and AIDSphobic Senator Jesse Helms/Republican of North Carolina. Subsequently, the boycott has been expanded to include the Miller Brewing Company because it is a subsidiary of Philip Morris.

Miller Brewing Company has been identified as the target of this boycott action because it is a clearly visible subsidiary of Philip Morris. In Miller's defense, it is a known fact of business that a subsidiary has virtually no influence over its corporate parent in determining corporate policy. From our perspective, a boycott of the brands produced by the Miller Brewing Company is a boycott of a company that has been a long-time supporter of the rights of Gays and Lesbians. In fact, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Miller Brewing Company, Leonard Goldstein, will be one of the co-hosts of the community leadership breakfast for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk that is to be held on September 30 of this year.

The Miller Brewing Company has had a long standing policy against discrimination against Gays and Lesbians, hires and promotes openly Gay and Lesbian persons, and has historically been an active supporter of Gay and Lesbian organizations. The Miller Brewing Company was perceived by the organizers of the boycott as a prominent target because of its large market share. Miller brands (Miller, Miller Lite, and

Genuine Draft) are commonly available in virtually every Gay and Lesbian bar in the country. Many bars, especially in New York, San Francisco and other localities, have knuckled under the pressure, and have withdrawn Miller products from their bars. This action denies the patrons of these establishments the decision about participation in this boycott. In greater measure, these actions damage the future health of Miller brands in the Gay and Lesbian market. Furthermore, they throw the door open to competition from brands such as Coors (which is historically a homophobic company), and Anheuser Busch (which is a non-supporter of Gay and Lesbian causes). In this regard, the boycott damages one of our community's supporters, and may in fact aid its detractors.

For these reasons, the Cream City Foundation (CCF) and many other Milwaukee area Gay/Lesbian organizations have been rallying to the support of the Miller Brewing Company and have come out against this boycott.

The CCF is currently compiling materials that are in support of Miller that it will distribute to other Gay and Lesbian organizations and media in other cities. The thrust of these materials will be to consider all the facts before supporting or continuing the boycott against Miller products. Gay and Lesbian organizations in the Milwaukee area can send letters of support for the Miller Brewing Company to the Cream City Foundation to be included in the larger mailing. Letters should be sent to the CCF at P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee WI 53201. (The CCF maintains its offices in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 217B, 53212; phone 414/265-0880.)

M.A.P. Offers Spiritual Care Program Beginning Sept. 20

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Spiritual Care Program will offer a six-week program on Creation Spirituality this Fall. "New Thoughts on Relating to God: Creation Spirituality" will be held at the MAP office on six consecutive Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon beginning September 20. The program, led by John Gregg, will run through Oct. 25.

"Creation Spirituality," according to Gregg, "an old attitude toward relating to God, is now being revived. It is not 'new age,' and it is not heresy. But some parts of the institutional church have tried to

keep down this resurgence. Those persons who feel rejected by dogmatic religion may find this approach more congenial and comforting...and perhaps more personally challenging."

The six-week program, organized by the Spiritual Care Program at MAP, is for people who are interested in exploring and searching for better ways to relate to God.

Questions regarding the Creation Spirituality Program or Spiritual Care Services should be directed to Beth Hancock, S.S.M., case management coordinator. (414) 273-1991.

Shilts Seeks Military Personnel Interviews

[San Francisco, CA]- Best-selling author Randy Shilts is seeking interviews with Lesbian and Gay military personnel for a new book to examine the issue of Gays in the armed forces.

Shilts is the National Correspondent of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the author of *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and The AIDS Epidemic* and *The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk*.

Shilts' book will focus on Lesbians and Gay men in the military since 1969, starting with the Vietnam War. However, he said that he is also looking for other interviewees who have served in the armed forces at any time this century, particularly, he said, "if they have a good story that needs to be told."

The author promised to protect the confidentiality of people who might not want their names used. People interested in providing information for this project can write to Shilts at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 901 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103 or leave a message on his voice mail at (415) 777-7220.

Gay Rights Advance In New Jersey

[New York, NY]- The New Jersey Supreme Court has announced changes to the state's judicial and professional codes to prohibit lawyers and judges from discriminating against people because of their sexual orientation.

The changes, which were originally proposed by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey (ACLU-NJ), make the state's judiciary the first in the country to adopt anti-discrimination clauses for Gays and Lesbians for lawyers and judges. The new codes were published in the August issue of the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project said the New Jersey changes demonstrate how the battle for equal treatment of Lesbians and Gay men is being won on a state-by-state basis.

"We hope New Jersey's actions will serve as a precedent for similar nondiscrimination rules in other states and eventually in the federal judiciary as well," he said.



The Wisconsin Light had a cherry tree at its booth at MAPfest. Scores of movie posters were among the prizes offered.

National Law Association Sponsors Conference In Atlanta

[Boston, MA]- The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association will sponsor Lavender Law II, the Second National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Legal Issues, October 5-8, 1990 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Conference will feature experienced panelists who will provide insight into the struggle of Lesbians and Gay men for fundamental civil liberties, health care and many other issues. Panelists include Tom Stoddard and Paula Eitelbrick from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Urvasi Vaid, Sue Hyde and others from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Nan Hunter, ACLU National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, Katherine Triantafyllou, Human Rights Campaign

Fund and others.

The Conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Atlanta. Reservations can be made by calling Midtown Travel at 1-800-548-8904. For conference registration info and materials contact Jeff G. Peters and Abby R. Ruberfeld at P.O. Box 120795, Nashville, TN 37212-0795.

International Pen-Pals List Available

International Gay Penpals (IGP) launches their first quarterly newsletter September 15. The newsletter offers Gay men and women throughout the world an opportunity to make friends, practice another language, pave the way for a foreign visit, exchange ideas and perhaps, start a romance by mail.

The listings, which now exceed 200, include contacts in the US, India, Malaysia, Germany, Australia, Thailand, Israel, Canada, France, Spain, Brazil, Ghana and even one each from the USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

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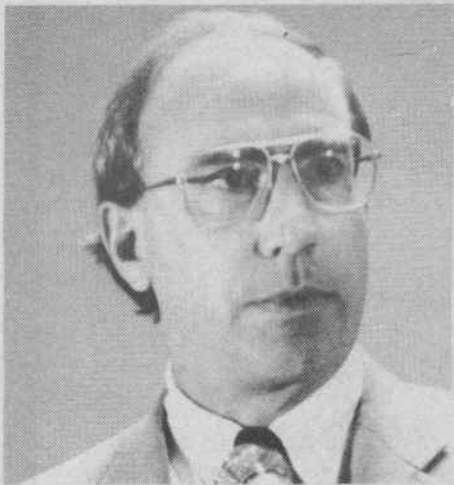
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Navy Urged To "Root Out" Lesbians Despite Abilities

By Jamakaya

[Washington, D.C.]—The commander of the US Navy's Atlantic fleet has characterized Lesbian sailors as "among the command's top performers," but nevertheless has urged his officers to "vigorously root out" homosexual servicewomen, according to a report in the September 2 *New York Times*.

The instructions, dated July 24, were issued by Vice Admiral Joseph F. Donnell to the officers in charge of more than 200 ships and 40 shore installations in the eastern half of the US.



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Congressman Gerry Studds

The message said that rooting out Gay women was especially difficult because Lesbians are "more aggressive than their male counterparts" and can be "intimidating" to those who attempt to turn them in.

The directive claimed that Lesbians had an "adverse impact" on those "who must live and work in close proximity" to them. The Admiral warned of a "predator-type environment" in which he alleged that "more senior and aggressive female sailors" exert "coercion" over their younger female colleagues.

The Admiral admitted, however, that

investigations are sometimes pursued "half-heartedly" because Lesbian sailors are generally "hard-working, career-oriented, willing to put in long hours on the job and among the command's top performers."

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), a critic of the Pentagon's ban on homosexuals, was outraged by the Admiral's message.

"With a document like this, the Navy almost caricatures itself," said Studds. "Dear God, if it is the Navy's policy to root out top performers, what is going on here? When any remotely fair-minded person thinks about this for two minutes, it collapses under its own weight. This is a telling example, and in and of itself, a repudiation of a bankrupt policy."

The Admiral's message was sent to Studds and several feminist and Gay rights groups by women sailors on the east coast who are alarmed by the Navy's renewed campaign against Lesbians.

Sandra Lowe, a staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, was particularly incensed at the Admiral's description of Lesbians as "predators." "I liken that to the myth that all male homosexuals are child molesters."

Lowe said the Admiral's characterization of Lesbians as "aggressive" and "intimidating" was an attack on all women — Gay or straight — who take on non-traditional jobs. "There is a gender component to this," she said. "Women are always suspect who are competent. They don't want any of us and here is one group they can get rid of."

Other critics noted the irony of the Navy spending time and energy discharging its most hard-working and experienced women sailors at a time of conflict and mobilization in the Persian Gulf.

Rep. Studds has called for an in-depth investigation of the Pentagon's anti-Gay policy by the Government Accounting Office. (See "News Briefs" column.)



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A portion of the afternoon MAPfest crowd can be seen enjoying themselves at the annual Milwaukee event.

CCF Gives Grant For National Student Conference At UWM

[Milwaukee]— A group of UWM graduate students plans to host the first national graduate student conference on Gay and Lesbian Studies in the spring of 1991. The conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The CCF has announced that it has approved a request from the student group to provide significant funding for the event. The Foundation feels that this conference has excellent potential for increasing the awareness of college students of the realities of Gay and Lesbian matters. While some students continue to harbor strong feelings of

homophobia, there is hope that conferences such as this can help to foster better awareness and understanding of Lesbian and Gay people.

Details of dates and locations of the event have yet to be announced. Support for the project has already been pledged by the UWM Center for Women's Studies, and the Cream City Foundation.

The Student Conference representatives may be reached through the UWM Center for Women's Studies at 414-229-5918, or through the Cream City Foundation. The CCF maintains its office in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 217B, 53212. Requests for information on businesses or organizations may be made to 414-265-0880.

Judge Declares Adult Phone Services Legal

[New York, NY]— A federal judge in August ordered the government not to enforce an unconstitutional law aimed at significantly restricting "adult" information telephone services, so-called "phonesex" and chat lines. Ruling in a lawsuit brought against the Department of Justice by adult information providers joined by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the New York Civil Liberties Union, the judge found that the law violated the First and Fifth Amendments and was unconstitutionally vague.

Civil libertarians were quick to applaud the court's ruling. Lambda staff attorney Evan Wolfson, who worked on the case, said, "The judge's ruling says loud and clear that under the First Amendment, we, not the government, not the phone company, get to decide whom we talk to and about what." Wolfson also cited the importance of chat lines and adult telephone services to many Gay men and Lesbians as means of expression and association, and as tools in the fight for safer sex and AIDS education and prevention.

Previously, a court in California issued a similar ruling against the law, sponsored in Congress by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC). The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a similar law last year.

M.A.P. Begins Monthly Religious Services

[Milwaukee]— Beginning in September, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will offer a monthly interdenominational worship service at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave., at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of every month.

The services will be held through 1990 on Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25 and Dec. 30.

The services are open to MAP's clients and volunteers, their friends and families.

"For many different reasons, clients and others associated with MAP have felt ostracized from main-line religions. Recognizing this, MAP now provides a space for people to grow spiritually, to find and build a community," said Beth Hancock, S.S.M., case management coordinator at MAP.

The Spiritual Care Program at MAP, in addition to providing the worship services, also provides spiritual counseling and special programming, including a six-week program on Creation Spirituality this Fall.

Questions regarding the worship services and other services offered by the Spiritual Care Program should be directed to Beth Hancock, S.S.M., (414) 273-1991.

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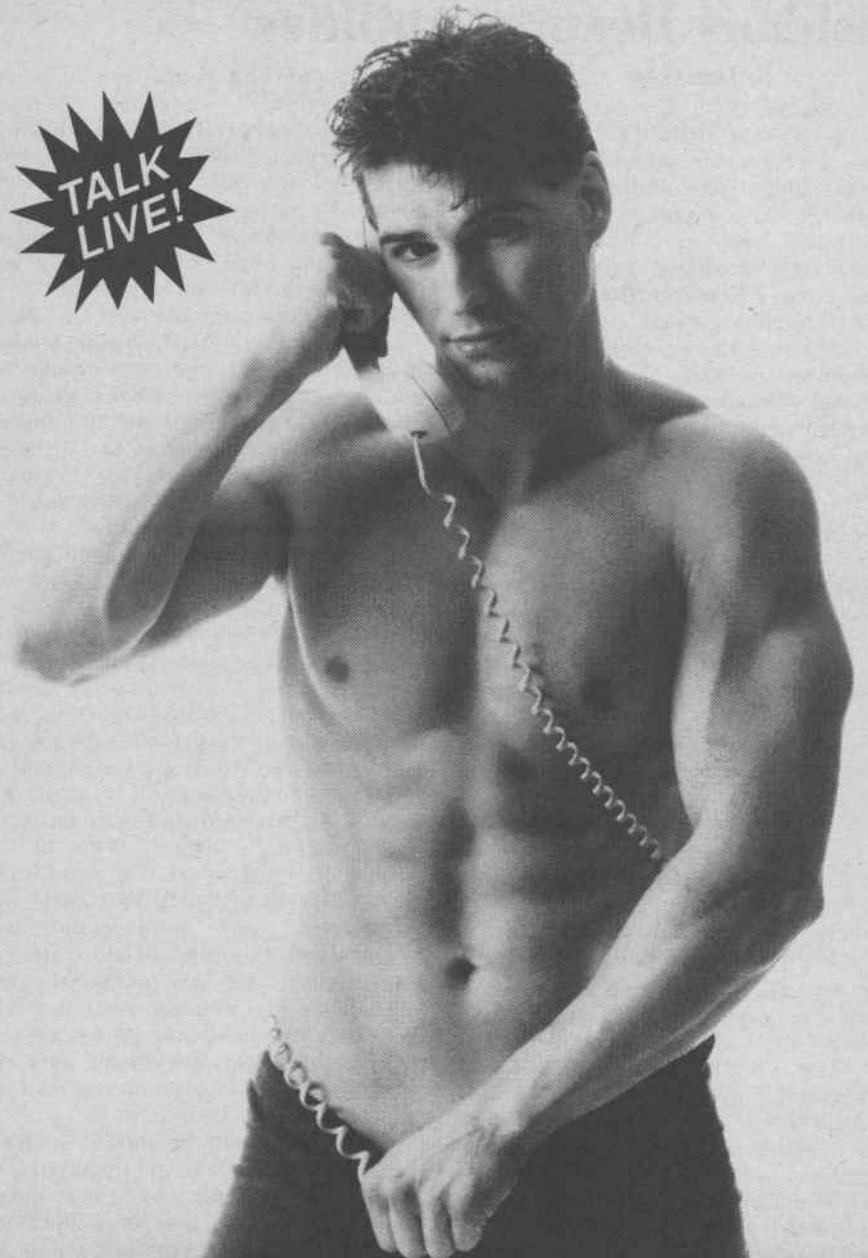
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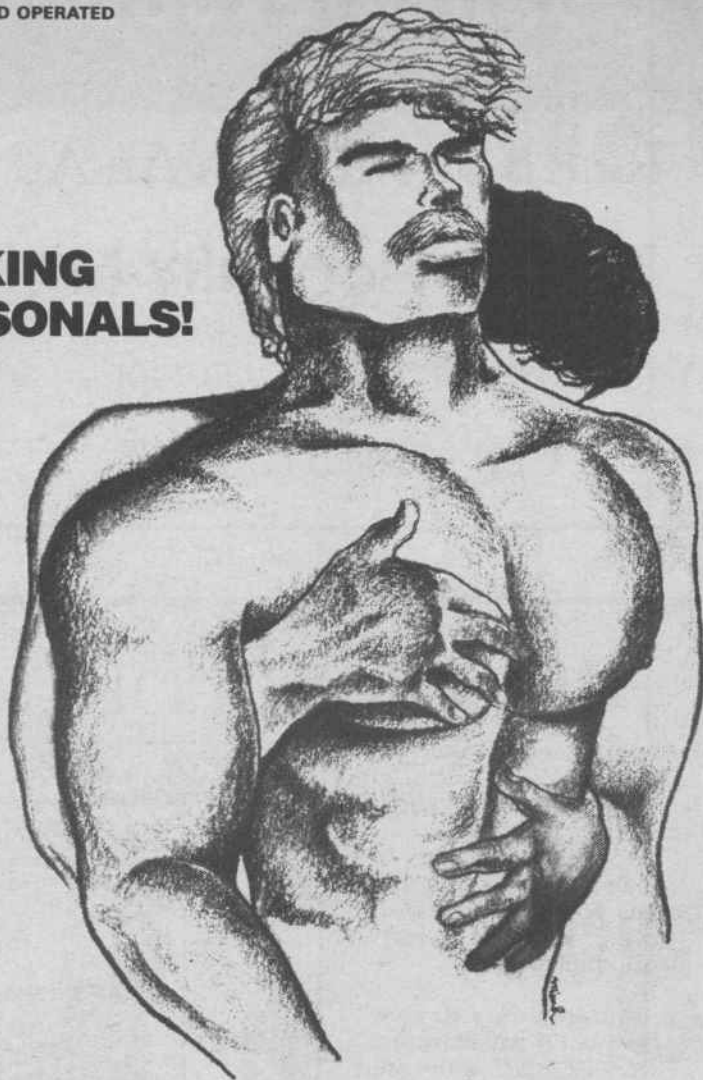


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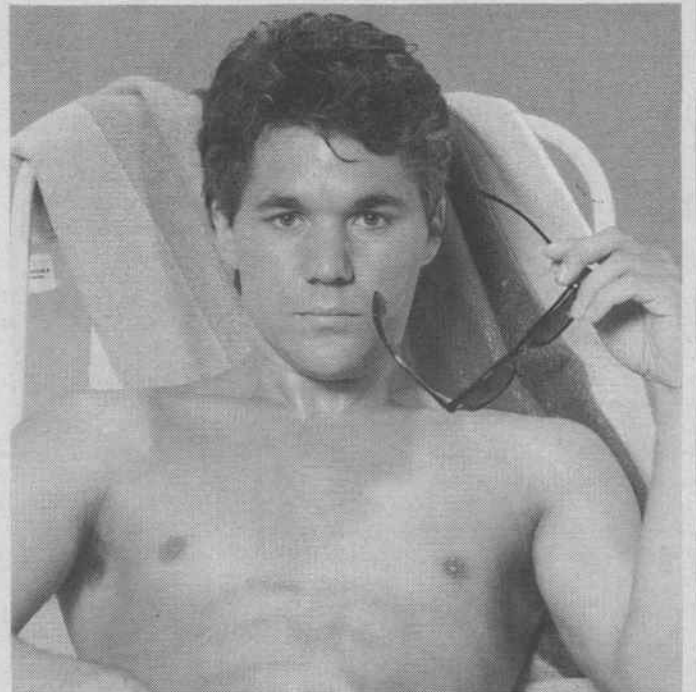
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How Do I Understand What Is Going On In Today's World?

By Bill Meunier

I have run into or read about quite a few things lately that I don't understand.

Dan and Marilyn Quayle gave a party at the Vice President's residence recently. According to press reports, quite a few White House staffers boycotted it. Why, because Marilyn stated that unmarried invites could not come with a guest of the opposite sex. According to Marilyn its time someone took a stand against dating "without the intent of marriage. It's immoral, just simply immoral."

Well now I don't understand. Doesn't old Marilyn realize that its been several hundred years since we've had arranged marriages in this country. How does she expect people to decide whether or not they wish to get married if they don't see each other in social settings? May be she wants to go back to the days when people were engaged at the age of two. On the other hand, maybe she is slyly promoting homosexuality since apparently guests of the same sex were permitted. There are other things I don't understand either.

How come we can come up with over 3 billion to free the 600,000 people of Kuwait (and that's just the tab through September) when we can't spend nearly that much to help the estimated 3 million in this country who are infected with AIDS.

On the other hand, I don't understand how a so-called leader of the Arab world, can like a bank robber caught in the act, take hostages to protect himself and them call them "heroes for peace."

I also don't understand why we didn't put a few troops in Kuwait before this maniac invaded, which would have been far cheaper, and safer than what we are forced to do now.

I don't understand how come some people want me to boycott Miller when they have done as much, if not more, to fight AIDS than just about anybody else in corporate America. And I especially don't understand why one Bill Haskell in calling

Wisconsin Light to demand its support of this boycott claimed that we didn't understand anything. Isn't this the same Bill Haskell who out of all of the Gay men in Wisconsin was the only one to turn traitor and accept an appointment on the Credentials Committee for the 1988 Democratic Convention even though Jackson's Wisconsin Campaign manager Annette Polly Williams cheated us out of any delegates? Maybe he is the one who doesn't understand the political process. I don't understand why any self respecting Gay/Lesbian person would call Tommy Thompson a good Governor given his disbanding of the Governor's Gay and Lesbian issues council appointed by Tony Earl and his vetoes of AIDS related legislation.

In fact I don't understand how anyone can be a Gay Republican given that party's opposition to us, to Gay/Lesbian rights and their deliberate stonewalling of federal action on the AIDS crisis until millions were infected.

I don't understand how given AIDS, the S & L crisis, and the tripling of the National debt, anyone can still say Reagan was a good President. Does anyone seriously believe we could have done worse?

One thing I do understand is that we have an election coming up next November. Its time to get active and involved. Tom Loftus needs your help in his race against Thompson. There are candidates for the State Assembly and State Senate too. The homophobic Congressman from Green Bay has a serious challenger in State Senator Van Sistine. Lets get busy folks, maybe if we take it seriously we can make our elected leaders begin to understand.

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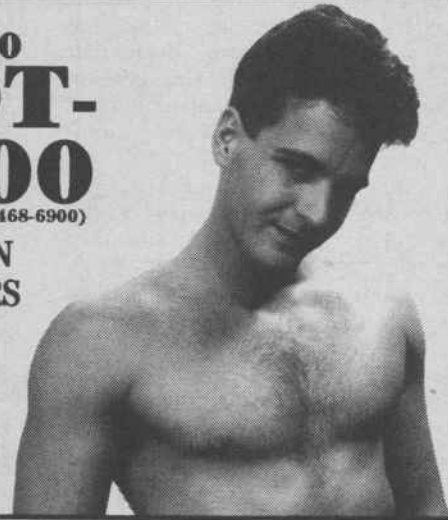
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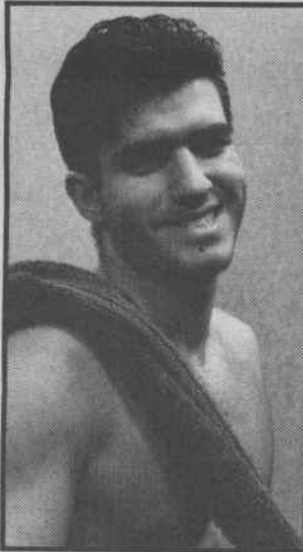
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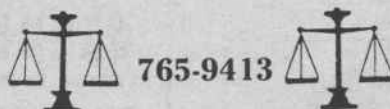
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The Gay Games III: Up Close and Personal

Part 2

By Peggy Morsch

Since my return from Gay Games III, many people have asked me "how were the Games?" Having participated in Gay Games II in San Francisco in 1986, there are many passages I can take to answer that question.

In simple terms, I could speak of the numbers of Gay and Lesbians involved, the creations at the Artisan's Market, the panels of Gay and Lesbian literary giants, the pageantry and jubilation of Closing Ceremonies or the "thrill of victory." Gay Games III was all of this and more, but for me, Vancouver was a positive proclamation of Gay/Lesbian pride and visibility. To fully explain Celebration '90, I feel a need to take you back to 1986 and Gay Games II, for Vancouver was merely an extension; another step forward in my life journey.

In 1986 I remember reading a small pronouncement about Gay Games II in **In Step**. As an athlete, I immediately responded by registering in the Track and Field venue. My imagination wandered to the future as I wondered what it would be like to travel to the Gay/Lesbian "haven" of San Francisco, compete against my fellow Gay/Lesbian athletes and be welcomed by my host for the week. My fantasies didn't come close to preparing me for what I now mark as a turning point in my life.

You see, San Francisco slapped me in the face—hard. We Lesbians and Gay men, all 3,500 of us, were swarming in the streets of San Francisco. There was no hiding as we traveled on the BART and buses to the athletic/art venues, with our clip-on photo badges clearly identifying us as Gay Games II participants. Upon spotting a fellow participant on the BART, we'd immediately strike up a conversation about what events each other was in, where we were from and so on.

This instantaneous acceptance, based upon our mutual participation in the Games, spread like wildfire to the locals who would be sitting or standing beside us. "A silver medal," they'd exclaim,

"How wonderful!" Without skipping a beat, these non-Gay/Lesbian San Franciscans would soon become a conversant in what we thought was our private, intimate chat about the Gay Games II. More than a few local people wished me luck as I exited the train stop for the track at San Francisco University, or gave me unsolicited tips about what sights to see and where to eat. I was struck by their inquisitiveness and honest interest in the Gay Games.

At first, I thought that this unexpected acceptance and friendliness was just because San Francisco was used to Gays and Lesbians. "Thousands of us lived and worked there and they just must be used to us by now," I thought.

What I took back to Milwaukee in 1986 was not just a high of achieving a silver medal. I brought back more pride and laid to rest the heavy winter coat of internalized homophobia. In retrospect, I had become empowered by the mere magnitude of our visibility, my candid conversations with non-Gay/Lesbians, and kibitzing with fellow Gay and Lesbian athletes from Norway, Australia, France, and Canada. I was damn proud to be a Lesbian athlete!

The impact of Gay Games II was immediate, although I didn't realize it then. Without weighing the consequences, I found myself conversing to friends about the Gay Games, no matter who was within earshot. I wore my Gay Games pin regularly and never hesitated to tell the questioner about the significance of the pin when they asked. I routinely wore my warm-up suit with my Gay Games patch sewn on the arm sleeve to track practice (I coached for a few years) and when questioned about it by a senior athlete in front of the head coach, I answered her question and returned to the conversation without a pause. OK, my heart felt like it was doing a 400 meter interval at the time, but the point that I'm trying to make was that these people, in my mind, were no different than those San Franciscans I had met and been accepted by. I realized that the attitude I projected outwardly to others about



Peggy Morsch finished second in the Marathon at the Gay Games. Here she is shown crossing the finish line for a silver medal.

Francisco did indeed earn me a tangible object, a silver medal, but that was mere part of the process of achieving greater self-acceptance and inner peace.

So when someone asks me, "How was Vancouver?", I'm always sure to include a few words about the power of visibility as we occupy the buses, streets, stores and restaurants of Vancouver. Our Canadian neighbors saw for themselves that we Gay/Lesbians are talented, charming, dedicated, polite, disciplined, courteous, lawful, responsible human beings as we gracefully enveloped their city for one week. We 10-15,000 representatives of the Gay/Lesbian world community opened some eyes, minds and hearts to at least the tolerance of, if not acceptance as fellow contributing inhabitants of this wonderful planet. Just as my track shoes helped to shed light into my own heart and soul in 1986, each Gay games has acted as a potent ambassador to opening up the hearts and minds of each city we visit every four years. Some of you may understand the impact if I describe it in similar terms to the Michigan Women's Music Festival or the Gay and Lesbian Health Conference or...

I urge you to join me in facilitating the opening of the hearts and minds of each other as well as those in New York City in 1994 as Team Wisconsin graces her magnificence.

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myself was crucial to having others accept my difference.

Gay Games II had put me out on my own and like a toddler, allowed me to take my first few shaky steps towards a healthier Lesbian self-concept and away from my internalized homophobia, alias low self-esteem. I came out to my parents, supervisor and other non-Gay/Lesbians when the conversation seemed appropriate.

I have often conversed with fellow athletes about athletics being a mythological process, a means towards an end through discipline and sacrifice. Lacing up my track spikes in San

Test Your Gay Games I.Q.

1. In what year was the first Gay Games held?
2. What city hosted both the first and the second Gay Games?
3. Who was the founder of the Gay Games?
4. How many countries participated in the first Gay Games?
The second?
5. What was the originally planned name for the Gay Games?
6. Where will Celebration '90: Gay Games III & Cultural Festival be held? When?
7. What is the name of the organization hosting Gay Games III?
8. During Gay Games I, what city team took first place in men's softball? In women's softball?
9. During Gay Games II, what city team took first place in men's basketball? In women's?
10. What are the basic principles of the Gay Games?

Answers

1. 1982 (August 28 to September 5) San Francisco
2. Dr. Tom Waddell, a San Francisco physician and gay rights activist, who died of AIDS in 1987
3. 10 countries in Gay Games I and 19 in Gay Games II in 1986
4. The Gay Olympics; the U.S. Olympic Committee successfully sued to stop use of the name.
5. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; August 4 to 11, 1990
6. Metropolitan Vancouver Athletics & Arts Association
7. San Francisco, for both men's and women's teams
8. Men: San Diego; Women: San Francisco
9. Equal participation by men and women; Emphasis on participation over competition; Emphasis upon personal best; Inclusive versus exclusive
10. 1. 1982 (August 28 to September 5)

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