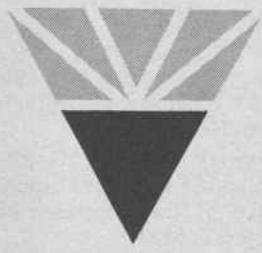


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Madison Safer Sex Awareness Day September 22

[Madison]- The Third Annual Safer Sex Awareness Day will be held in Madison on Saturday, September 22, 1990 in Library Mall from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The event is a kickoff for the Madison AIDS Support Network's (MASN) University Outreach Education Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The day is designed to be a non-sexual, non-threatening way for students to become aware of and involved in HIV prevention techniques. Features of the day's events include: the band, Switchtrack Alley, The Condom Games, Pat the Prophylactic, information, comedy, prizes and speakers, including persons infected with HIV and a dance at night, "The Rubber Ball."

Condoms and the spermicide nonoxonyl-9 have been found to be extremely effective in preventing the transmission of HIV, the virus which causes AIDS. MASN hopes to enable students to learn about and feel comfortable with using condoms correctly as well as providing individuals with risk reduction information to encourage informed choices about safer behaviors.

Another purpose of Safer Sex Awareness Day is to offer an opportunity to approach the issue creatively-- allowing students to use humor to address their own vulnerability. The Day will open the door to further discussion, and will allow students to be receptive to more serious programs that will follow later in the year.

Winners in each of the events will be awarded prizes donated by local businesses. Sponsors include: MASN, Safetex Co., The Soap Opera, The Puzzlebox, The Cheddarheads, Active Sportswear, Ovens of Brittany, The Barrymore Theater, University Square Four Theater, Little Luxuries, Sunprint Cafe, Steep and Brew, Victors, Taco Bell, Bennetton, Campus Video, Solstice Gifts, The Wisconsin Student Association and Ansell Americas.

For more information, please call Scott Christensen, Joeli Hettler or Dave Rompa at MASN. (608) 238-MASN.

First Degree Murder Charge Dropped

[Milwaukee]- Circuit Judge William D. Gardner has dismissed the charge of first degree murder against James G. Malone for the slaying, in 1988, of Dennis Owens, a Gay man employed by WITI-TV 6.

At a hearing September 5, Judge Gardner let stand a charge of armed robbery connected to the murder and set the trial date for October 19.

Prosecutors asked for dismissal of the murder charge after admitting that they could not prove beyond reasonable doubt Malone's responsibility for that crime. Malone's accomplice, Dirk Harris, has already been convicted in the first degree murder and armed robbery of Owens. He was sentenced to life in prison with no parole until the year 2035.

Owens, 31, was shot five times and run over by a car after being robbed. His body was found in a lot on E. Florida Street in the Gay bar district. At his trial, witnesses testified that Harris planned to "roll a queer."

Owens is fondly remembered as a quiet and friendly man by patrons of the Gay bars he occasionally visited. He was respected by his colleagues at Channel 6 where he worked as a floor manager and cameraman in the news department. Co-workers noted that Owens often donated his time, money and technical skills to charitable causes.

Sept. 30 Wisconsin AIDS Walk Expects Over 2,500 As Event Nears

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Wisconsin AIDS Walk

ACLU Files Suit For Man Denied National Guard Employment

[Milwaukee]- In a novel approach to fighting military discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin Foundation has filed a state employment discrimination complaint on behalf of a Gay soldier who was denied employment by the Wisconsin National Guard.

The soldier, Richard Aries of Madison, was honorably discharged by the US Army at the end of his enlistment after he was denied the option to re-enlist because of his sexual orientation.

Aries then decided to apply for a position with the Wisconsin State National Guard and was told by telephone that there was a slot open, that he would have the same rank as he had in the Army and that he would be eligible for student loans.

When he later attempted to enlist in person, Aries was asked if he was Gay. When he told the recruiter he was, Aries said he was told that the state guard follows the federal regulations regarding homosexuality.

Although federal regulations forbid the

Milwaukee ACT-UP Demonstrates Against Wisconsin Dental Community's Discriminatory Response To AIDS

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) held an informational action on Wednesday, September 19, 1990, in front of the Lincoln Avenue Dental Group offices at 2700 W. Lincoln Ave. The action began at approximately 9:00 a.m. with members of ACT-UP handing out leaflets and encouraging patients to ask their dentists appropriate questions to ensure quality dental care.

The informational action received widespread coverage by most of the major media. The exception, as of press time, is *The Milwaukee Journal* which did not carry a story in its September 19 issue, the day of the action.

There were six questions printed on the leaflet that ACT-UP wants dental patients to ask their dentist. 1) What are the Universal Blood Precautions? 2) Do you use these Precautions with every patient? 3) Do you know that most HIV+ people aren't aware of their infection and can't tell you they're infected? 4) Do you know you are already treating HIV+ people? 5) What's the most recent training you've had in infection control? and 6) Why aren't there any mandatory continuing education requirements to keep your

By Terry Boughner

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is fast becoming a high profile event around which people are rallying to demonstrate solidarity and support for all people affected by the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

Nelson continued, "For the first time we will truly witness the community coming together on the issue of AIDS" and, he added that the response to the Walk has been far more extensive than expected.

Originally, Nelson said, MAP had projected an estimated 2,500 walkers, but now it is believed that that number will be exceeded.

"Enthusiasm is building rapidly. We expect a large turn-out for the Walk. Already there are more than 20 teams registered," Nelson said. They include Schwartz Bookshops, the Visiting Nurse Association, Bank One, La Cage and Breezin 100.7 FM to name a few.

Nelson indicated that walkers are making an extraordinary effort to bring in pledge money. "The average pledge per walker," he said, "is approximately \$100. And," he added proudly, "there are several people who already have collected over \$1,000 in pledges and one of the teams has currently secured \$8,000."

Vince Lombardo, a long-time MAP volunteer and one of the walkers who has gathered more than \$1,000 in pledges, said, "I am overwhelmed with the generosity of people and their willingness to help fight the AIDS epidemic. My pledges range from \$2.00 to \$100 and I am amazed at the variety of people who have pledged their financial support."

Lombardo speaking from his hospital bed went on to say that, "My original goal was to raise \$1,000 for the Walk and I fully expect to raise more than \$2,500. It has just blown me away at how easy it is to get support from my friends and my colleagues at work."

Broad community support for the AIDS Walk will be immediately evident at the Opening Ceremonies. Speakers will include the honorary Co-chairs of the Walk, Susan Mudd and her spouse Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist; Speaker Pro Temp of the Wisconsin Assembly, Rep. David Clarenbach and Frederick Cullen, President of Bank One. Emcees will be Melody Wilson and Tim Blotz, news anchors at WTMJ-TV.

Wide-spread community backing is seen also in the more than 25 corporate sponsors that are underwriting the cost of the Walk. This permits all pledge dollars from Walkers to be used for AIDS prevention and direct services to people with HIV disease.

"The Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be more than just a stroll along the lakefront," Nelson said. "It will be a spirited celebration of life with good food and great entertainment."

Prior to the Walk, the popular Milwaukee band "John Kruth and the Atomic Croutons" will perform to be followed by warm-up exercises led by a "suitably enticing" team from Vic Tanny.

In addition, there will be entertainment at all five rest stops, located each mile along the Walk route. Walkers will be

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enlistment of Lesbians and Gay men in national guard units, Wisconsin law specifically prohibits the state's national guard from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

By fighting the military's discrimination on a state level, the ACLU has opened a new avenue to legal and public challenge, said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The case against the Wisconsin State Guard is being handled for the ACLU by cooperating attorney Patrick Berrigan of the Milwaukee firm of Angermeier & Rogers. Berrigan also represented Miriam Ben-Shalom.

In contrast to Ben-Shalom's federal constitutional challenge to the U.S. Army policy, the Aries case will challenge the state guard's discrimination before the Wisconsin Personnel Commission on the ground that it violates Wisconsin's statewide Gay rights law.

If unsuccessful before that panel, court action is likely.

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Channel 4 which gave the story lead coverage on their 5:00 p.m. news, reported the action as a "quiet demonstration." According to J.J. Newmann who was there, most people accepted the leaflets and were eager for the information.

This action, according to ACT-UP, constitutes the first in a series of actions designed to focus public awareness on the Wisconsin dental community's inadequate and risky response to the AIDS crisis. Until Wisconsin's dental community stops its discriminatory and ignorant practices and engages in real educational and disease preventing techniques, ACT-UP-Milwaukee will continue to use whatever non-violent means are necessary to inform the public about these issues. Until Wisconsin dentists begin to protect themselves and the general public, they are leaving us all at risk.

ACT-UP's informal survey of dentists revealed that one third of area dentists were engaging in discriminatory practices with regard to treating HIV infected people. Also, it was discovered that many dentists were woefully ignorant of or

refused to implement properly the disease prevention techniques proscribed by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Dental Association.

Members of ACT-UP-Milwaukee met with Dennis McGuire, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) and other representatives of the dental community to express concern and inform them of ACT-UP's expectations. Their response, according to ACT-UP, was to do little if anything to help ease the effects of the AIDS crisis or to ensure an end to discrimination and ignorance.

Therefore, ACT-UP Milwaukee determined to pursue its own agenda, addressing the dental needs of the people of Wisconsin.

ACT-UP requests that the WDA send its members a letter that addresses the full scope of this problem. Among other points, the letter should include:

An acknowledgment of the problem; A copy of AB 400 prohibiting discrimination against HIV+; An explanation of every caregiver's moral and ethical obligation to treat persons with HIV; An explanation of the recommended precautions for preventing the transmission of any

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NY Mayor Appoints Lesbian Judges

[New York, NY]- In late August, Mayor David Dinkins appointed two open Lesbian attorneys to municipal judgeships as part of the first four judicial appointments of his administration, according to the *Washington Blade*. But it came as a surprise to almost everyone when, at the swearing-in ceremony at City Hall, a third appointee introduced her female "life partner" to the Mayor and assembled dignitaries!

The new judges are: Rosalyn H. Richter, former director of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a Gay rights group; Paula J. Hepner, supervising attorney for New York City's Human Resources Administration; and Karen Burstein, a former New York state senator who has also directed the state's Civil Service Commission and Consumer Protection Board.

It was Burstein's "coming out" that surprised everyone at the swearing-in. She and Hepner were appointed to Family Court, Richter to Criminal Court. The fourth appointee was Eugene Oliver, an African-American who had been assistant district attorney in the Bronx. He will preside over Criminal Court.

Kowalski Guardianship Denied

[Duluth, MN]- In the latest chapter of a five year struggle, Judge Robert Campbell has denied Karen Thompson's petition to be recognized as Sharon Kowalski's guardian. The case is not closed however, and Thompson can press her claim at an October hearing the judge has scheduled to hear new testimony.

Kowalski, 34, suffered severe brain damage and became a quadriplegic after a car accident in 1983. Thompson, 42, Kowalski's lover and a professor at St. Cloud University, has fought a lengthy legal battle with Kowalski's parents over her guardianship. Last year, Donald and Della Kowalski relinquished guardianship, but the courts have yet to decide who will be responsible for Sharon.

The story has become a cause celebre among advocates for Gay rights and the disabled who argue that Kowalski has been mistreated and subject to discrimination because of her handicap and sexual orientation.

Rutgers Cuts ROTC Scholarships

[New Brunswick, NJ]- Rutgers has become the first university in the US to protest the Pentagon's ban on homosexuals by cutting four merit scholarships which have been given annually to Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) students.

A spokesman for Rutgers stated that the military's policy violated Rutgers' commitment not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap, marital or veteran status and sexual orientation.

Rutgers officials have also played a key role in the efforts of national college and academic groups to formally lobby the Pentagon to change its restrictive policy. Rutgers is home to the oldest and one of the best organized Gay and Lesbian student organizations in the country.

Domestic Partners On S.F. Ballots

[San Francisco, CA]- A scaled down version of a domestic partners law similar to one defeated in last year's elections will be on the San Francisco ballot this November, according to the *San Francisco Sentinel*.

Whereas last year's initiative would have allowed unmarried couples to register their relationships to receive health care and other spousal benefits extended to city workers, the new measure limits itself to the registration of domestic partners. It leaves the question of benefits for future action.

Last year's referendum, coming two weeks after the major earthquake and opposed by Fundamentalists groups, lost by just 1,700 votes. Sponsors of this year's resolution still face religious opposition but cite several positive factors: 1) a hotly contested gubernatorial race between Sen. Pete Wilson (R) and former Mayor Dianne Feinstein (D) is expected to bring out many more voters and 2) the deletion of specific benefits should blunt the criticism of those who questioned the economic effects of the earlier plan.

Meanwhile, in August, Ithaca, New York became the latest city to adopt a domestic partners law. It provides for registration, but leaves the question of benefits for later legislation.

Feminist Health Clinic Destroyed

[Redding, CA]- Arson is suspected in a fire that did \$40,000 in damage to the Feminist Women's Health Center in Redding this Summer. Staff members believe it was the culmination of a long campaign by anti-choice zealots to close the clinic.

Last September, a fire was set in a crawlspace at the health center. Members of the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue have repeatedly picketed, blockaded and occupied the clinic. In March of this year, more than 100 people were arrested for trespassing and violating an injunction against such protests.

Two days before the latest fire, a judge had agreed that Operation Rescue could use the "defense of necessity" to argue for acquittal. This defense allows the accused to argue that since (in their opinion) abortion is wrong and endangers life, any actions to stop it are justified.

Until rebuilding is completed, staff members are continuing to see patients in a trailer that has been placed in front of the clinic. Volunteers are also driving patients to the Chico Women's Clinic, 80 miles south of Redding.

Florida Voters Reject Gay Rights

[Fort Lauderdale, FL]- Voters in Broward County, Florida have rejected an amendment to their county's human rights ordinance which would have added sexual orientation to the list of categories protected from discrimination. The measure was defeated by 59% to 41%.

Putting a positive face on the results, Brad Buchman of United Citizens for Human Rights told *Gay Community News*: "It thrills us that 71,000 people came out and voted for Gay rights in Broward County. I don't think that's a major defeat."

Buchman said the campaign, which was opposed by Protestant Fundamentalist and Catholic groups, had organized the local Gay and Lesbian community better than ever before and that the Gay community had learned valuable political lessons which can be applied in the future.

Sponsors Pull Plug On "Diceman"

[Dallas, TX]- The *Dallas Voice* reports that five major businesses cancelled their sponsorship of comedian Andrew Dice Clay just days before his scheduled appearance at the Starplex Amphitheatre here in August. Clay is known for his racist, sexist and homophobic routines.

Radio station KTXQ-FM joined the "Dallas Morning News," WFAA-TV, Miller Lite Beer and Coca Cola in withdrawing support from Clay's performance. The Dallas chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) was instrumental in forming a broad community coalition to protest Clay's appearance.

Clay's movie, *The Adventures of Ford Fairlane*, was one of the biggest flops of the Summer season and his studio has announced that an upcoming film of Clay live in concert has been put on the shelf with no plans for release.

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

30 Participants Still Needed For AIDS Research Study

[Milwaukee]- A very important study is underway. Your help is needed.

In the past three months, 70 Gay men in Milwaukee have participated in research intended to determine more accurately the emotional consequences of AIDS. The research project, being conducted by Gary Hollander, M.S., still needs 5 HIV-Negative and 25 AIDS-diagnosed participants to reach statistically significant levels.

"Although many men have come forth to volunteer in the past three months, the need for these remaining 30 men is critical," explained Hollander.

Hollander went on to say that to be significant, the research must have a minimum number of participants. When completed, the study will offer planners at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and other AIDS service organizations, including hospitals and mental health clinics, a more accurate picture of what emotional supports and services may be needed for people with HIV disease.

Participants are assured confidentiality in the study and can arrange to complete the three written surveys involved in a group or in individual sessions. The surveys require only moderate reading ability. To qualify, participants must be men who identify themselves as Gay. Twenty-five men who are AIDS-diagnosed and 5 men who are HIV-negative are needed.

Hollander enumerated several interesting challenges in completing this research. "Despite my years of work in AIDS service here and around the country, and my fairly high profile in the Gay and Lesbian community, I still encounter some wariness on the part of potential research participants. They may fear disclosure of their HIV status or their sexual preference, despite the numerous safeguards employed to assure confidentiality."

Hollander also explained that reaching people who are AIDS-diagnosed is problematic because he must generally rely on MAP case managers or area physicians to refer participants to him.

"This can be a real bottle neck if this research isn't a high priority for these other professionals," Hollander noted.

"I have also observed an interesting response to the acronym HIV. A few participants read a leaflet I distributed," said Hollander, "several times before they saw HIV negative subjects are being sought. When they read 'HIV' they automatically substituted **positive**. This is a curious response."

Once this initial study is completed, Hollander plans to expand his research to

include women, heterosexual and bisexual men, and other people with a broader spectrum of HIV disease.

Hollander is a psychotherapist at Sinai Samaritan Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic, an instructor at UW-M and a member of the Board of Directors at MAP.

The need for participants remains critical. Prospective participants for the study are urged to call for an appointment or more information by September 28. Sessions can be scheduled by calling Brian at MAP (273-1991) or Gary Hollander (289-0779).

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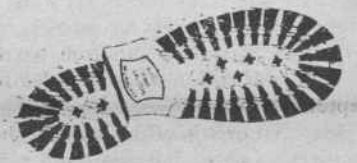
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For information and appointments call:

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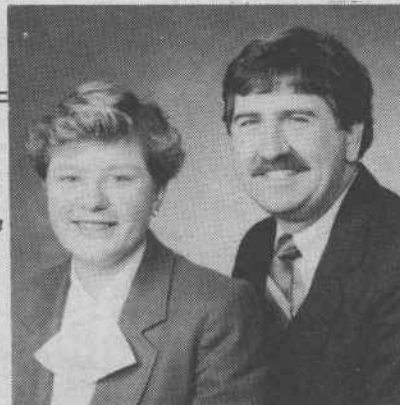
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Humorous "Dykes To Watch Out For" Cartoon Debuts in "Light"

By Jamakaya

With this issue, the *Light* welcomes to its pages nationally syndicated Lesbian cartoonist Alison Bechdel. The latest installment of her popular comic strip, "Dykes to Watch Out For," will appear in each issue.

Bechdel is based in Minneapolis where she works at the Gay newspaper *Equal Times*. She started doodling as a child. Her Lesbian focus and characters took shape in the early 1980s, and the "Dykes" strip first appeared in a feminist newspaper in 1983. Today, Bechdel is



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Alison Bechdel

published in more than 25 papers nationwide. She has also produced three books which are collections of her cartoons. The most recent is *New, Improved Dykes to Watch Out For*.

For the uninitiated, here's a brief run-down of the major characters in "Dykes."

Mo (dear Mo!) is the "committed Lesbian feminist cultural worker" who stocks shelves at Madwimmin Books. Mo strives for political correctness but suffers from liberal guilt and constant anxiety about the state of the world.

Mo's angst is alleviated somewhat by her more practical partner, Harriet, the state's human rights investigator. But their relationship has been strained lately and Mo has been seeing a therapist to work things out.

Unlike Mo and Harriet, Clarice and Toni are blissfully in love, having just held a commitment ceremony to seal their eight year relationship. It hasn't always been easy. Clarice had a brief fling with their friend Ginger, and a support group has helped them negotiate their multi-cultural relationship.

Ginger is a Ph.D. candidate with a penchant for MTV. She's roommates with Lois, who also works at Madwimmin Books. Lois' average relationship last about three nights, but her new flame, non-monogamous chemical dependency counselor Emma, is presenting her with new challenges. Ginger and Lois share their place with Sparrow, a New Age and therapy junkie, who will be immediately familiar to many.

Rounding out the crew of "Dykes" is Jezanna, the recovering work-aholic boss of the non-collectively run Madwimmin Books. Jezanna knows everyone's business.

The antics of these lovable characters are funny and often touching. They reflect, in an amusing and incisive way, the joys and challenges of Lesbian life today.

Enjoy!

Dykes to Watch Out For



Milwaukee Pride Committee Holds Elections, Seeks Women For Board

By Michael S. Lisowski

Nine persons were elected to be on the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride (MLGPC) Steering Committee for 1990-91 at the MLGPC Annual Meeting on September 10.

The Steering Committee has 15 positions; 7 men, 7 women and 1 at-large position. The approximately 25 people who attended the meeting filled positions from a field of 15 candidates.

Those chosen were Tim Hansen, Gary Wells and Scott Gunkel, this past year's vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Newly elected members were Don Clabots, Kelly Cauffman, Larry Taylor and Don Buzanowski to complete the seven positions allotted for men. Peter Thomas was chosen to the at-large post. Terri Coughlin, who worked as a volunteer this past year on the budget and financing, was the only woman who ran for and was elected to one of the seven positions on the Committee reserved for women. She was elected by acclamation.

Out-going Committee members Jim English, Michael S. Lisowski and Miriam Ben-Shalom did not run for re-election.

Since no other women ran for any of the other six positions reserved for women, these vacancies on the Committee will be held open for 30 days. Any woman wishing to run for a Committee position should submit a letter of intent to the Steering Committee. The Committee will then vote to fill the remaining positions. However, after the 30 day period, the vacant positions will be open to anyone wishing to serve on the Committee. This is being done so that the Committee can begin work as soon as possible to prepare events and fundraisers for the coming year.

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The Annual Meeting began at 7:30 p.m. at the M&M Club banquet room. Jim

Michigan To Host Interracial Midwest Retreat Oct. 12-14

[Milwaukee]- The Black and White Men Together (BWMT) Midland Region has decided to host a Retreat in lieu of a Fall Regional at the Douglas Dunes Resort in Douglas/Saugatuck, Michigan beginning Friday, October 12th and going to Sunday, October 14, 1990. The Douglas Dunes Resort is a Gay Resort famous throughout the Midwest.

Interracial men from throughout the Midwest are welcome to gather to enjoy each other's company and relax at this

English, out-going MLGPC president, praised and thanked everyone for their support.

Gary Wells, out-going secretary and volunteer coordinator, listed the numerous fundraising events over the past year. Wells explained how this past year, innovative fundraising helped meet the expected increase in expenses. (See MLGPC's financial statement next issue.)

Wells pointed out that if 500 people pledged \$5.00 a month in a "Pride Pledge Program", the Committee could raise \$30,000.

Apologies were tendered to the Cream City Foundation (CCF) whose \$1,500 grant to MLGPC had not been mentioned in the Pride Guide.

It was noted that CCF was mentioned as one of the several corporate sponsors, both at the Rally and during promotional stories in the Gay press. It was also noted that the grant was reported in the Gay press at the time.

Wells stressed that for the up-coming year, fundraising will focus more directly on corporate donors, foundations grants and the Gay/Lesbian community than on the bars as has been done in the past. This last year, there were 5-6 bar fundraisers which accounted for 5% of the gross total raised. The other 95% came from the CCF grant, corporate sponsorships and other sources.

A discussion took place on whether MLGPC should be a year-long celebration — with periodic events — or should it focus its energies on the Pride Week in June. The new Steering Committee will take this question under advisement.

The first scheduled MLGPC meeting will be held on Friday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in running for an available Committee position or wishing to attend the meeting, please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE.

get-away weekend. The registration fee is only \$45 and includes three meals and a welcoming reception.

The BWMT Midland Region includes chapters in the cities of Youngstown and Cleveland, OH; Detroit, Indianapolis, Louisville, Memphis, Chicago and Milwaukee. The Retreat is open to both BWMT members and non-members. For further information, call Michael at (412) 265-8500 or write: BWMT-Midland, P.O. Box 12292, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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Guest Editorial
Community Deserves Apology
From Alderman McGee

Milwaukee Alderman Michael McGee's threats to inflict violence on the community if it does not respond adequately to his demands have put him in the center of a storm of controversy which unfortunately has obscured any rational discussion of potential solutions to the very real problems he seeks to address.

The problems of Milwaukee's Black community are real and urgent and we should all be working together to help address them, but the problems of one minority group are not resolved by using derogatory slurs designed to put down other minority groups.

According to uncontradicted press accounts, on Wednesday September 12th, McGee placed a phone call to Community Development Block Grant Administrator Leo Reis to complain about Reis investigating a group in McGee's district. The alderman reportedly called Reis (who is not Gay) a "wimp" and "a faggot." and then allegedly threatened to beat Reis' "ass."

This type of conduct is inexcusable under any circumstances but especially when it comes from a public official whose salary is paid for with tax dollars provided by Gays, Lesbians and straights. Reis said he was "shocked" by McGee's statements. The Gay and Lesbian community should be shocked too. No one should have any illusions about what McGee's reaction would be if any alderman directed a racial slur at a citizen. He would probably call a press conference and demand the alderman's resignation, while calling the alderman a bigot.

And he would be right. There is no place in public office for anyone who utilizes the language of oppression. We don't expect nor do we call for McGee to resign, but at the very least McGee owes an apology not only to Reis but to the entire Gay and Lesbian community as well.

LETTERS

Theatre Benefit

TO THE EDITOR:

A "Tempest" is brewing, both nationally and in southern Wisconsin. The AIDS epidemic has entered its second decade, and while many significant developments have occurred which give hope that a cure will be found in the next few years, the fact remains that increasingly larger numbers of people are becoming infected with the HIV virus and eventually developing AIDS-related illnesses.

The American Players Theatre will be performing a special showing of "The Tempest" on Wednesday, September 26, in Spring Green. The time of the troupe members will be donated, and all proceeds from this event will be given to organizations working on behalf of people affected by the AIDS epidemic.

We commend the members of the American Players Theatre company for their willingness to donate time and talent...and we are pleased to sponsor this event and hope that you will attend.

—State Rep. David Clarenbach, Randall Duk Kim, Former Gov. Tony Earl, Sen. Robert Kasten, Cong. Bob Kastenmeier, Scott Klug, Sen. Herb Kohl, Hannah Rosenthal, Chancellor Donna Shalala, Gov. Tommy Thompson

WVCY Christian Patriotic Rally
Turns To Gay Bashing

By Dave Williams

[Milwaukee] On September 8, 1990, WVCY, Milwaukee's Christian radio station held what was being promoted as a pro-flag and pro-America rally at Bruce Hall in MECCA. The event, organized by Rev. Vic Eliason, featured the Life Action Ministries with their act entitled "America, you're too young to die." The event gathered more than 3,000 spectators.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m., anticipating that the "save the flag" rally could, in fact, become a "kill a fag" rally, a group of eleven people from ACT-UP-Milwaukee gathered in front of the Hall to pass out flyers featuring two nude young men wrapped in an American flag and holding a condom. Other than a few minor incidents, ACT-UP was met with minimal resistance.

The program began as a flag-waving presentation using multiple slide projectors and singing from the Life Action Ministries performers. The event was reminiscent of something that one would expect to find at one of America's theme parks, with the performers doing renditions of practically every popular patriotic song since the conception of the Republic.

After a small break, which included fundraising, the event took a drastic turn. Praises of America gave way to verbal disgust. The program, which was promoting America's liberties and freedoms, became what we now know as a pro-family rally, similar to the one held this past June. Using anti-Gay slurs, the speakers brought cheers from the crowd to levels high enough to drown out anything being said.

The speakers stated that Humanism and homosexuals were responsible for

Holly Brown

TO THE EDITOR:

I miss you and I miss Milwaukee and my friends and audiences so terribly.

I hope all is fine for you and "The Light" is shining brightly as usual.

Australia is the most beautiful country, it's still the cleanest place with its wholesome food and natural, breathtaking men and breathable air.

The Gay society structure is entirely different here and as always, the tolerance level from the straight community is very high. How moderne!

AIDS treatment is commendable; more so in Sydney. There is great ignorance in Queensland where I am situated. The economy is a mess here unfortunately. However, it's still the easiest place to be poor in. Medicare solves many problems for the ailing.

So much for the Aussie resume. I'm returning to visit after I have finished preparation for my art exhibition here on the Coast.

Please give my love to everyone. Looking forward to seeing you all.

—Holly Brown
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More Quotes Of A Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

Back by popular demand, more quotations of a queer nature!

Gymnast Cathy Rigby telling KCOP in Los Angeles of her daughter's reaction to her performance as Peter Pan: "Mommy, when I grow up I want to be a boy just like you!"

More gender confusion was evidenced in a report by the International Lesbian and Gay Association about the first Gay group formed in newly democratic Czechoslovakia: "Many women have come to the group thinking they are transsexuals, although it turns out they are Lesbians. This is mainly due to the lack of Lesbian visibility and a Lesbian identity model in society." As Arsenio would say, "Hummmmm..."

Good advice from 12 year-old Susannah Batko-Yovino, winner of this year's National Geography Bee: "I think that more girls should get involved in this kind of stuff rather than in majorettes and cheerleading and stuff."

Queer filmmaker John Waters on hearing that an Orange County grand jury declared his trash classic *Pink Flamingos* "obscene" and indicted the owner of a video store for renting it: "Isn't that ridiculous? Nothing surprises me from Florida these days. I don't want to go near Florida. You electrocute people at an alarming rate. You ban rap records. What's the matter with that state?"

From the ever quotable, outrageous Madonna Ciccone: "The moral is, be strong, believe in freedom and in God, love yourself, understand your sexuality, have a sense of humor, masturbate, don't judge people by their religion, color or sexual habits, love life and your family."

Gay performance artist Tim Miller, rejected for a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant, told the *Advocate*: "...the only way I felt I could apply to the NEA was if I was accurate about the themes in my work: Gay cultural identity, sex, issues of AIDS activism, and an aggressive critique of the government's response to AIDS. In my artist's statement, I told Jesse Helms to keep his Porky Pig face out of the NEA and out of my asshole."

Gee, can't imagine why he didn't get the grant...

Straight, but Gay-sensitive performance artist Karen Finley, also rejected for an NEA grant: "I have been attacked for a long time. It's beginning to take a toll. Last year, Scotland Yard told me that I couldn't perform because I promoted buggery. I told them that I was proud to promote buggery. They kicked me out of England."

Lesbian performer Holly Huges, another de-funded artist, told the *Advocate*: "When applying for an NEA grant, I wrote this letter...to the NEA and President George Bush and I talked about my work being homoerotic with a capital HOMO."

How did she feel about being denied the grant?

"Depressed. It always plays into my internalized censorship. I left this incestuous and abusive family in 1973 where there was this rule of silence: if you spoke out, you were told you were imagining things. Now, I walk outside and discover that the world is my family. Helms is just my father with a mask on."

Responding to a letter from a Gay man who felt threatened by abortion rights, Lynn Menefee wrote to the *Washington Blade*: "As women, we have our holocaust. As Gay men, you have yours. You would do well to give us the same non-judgmental respect and support you would like to receive." Hear, hear!

Anti-abortionist Deborah Grumbine, serving jail time for blocking a clinic, told the *Los Angeles Times* of her Big House bunkmate: "This last time, the woman below me was a really promiscuous homosexual. The first thing she asked was 'Do you like women?' I said 'I like Jesus.' That sort of took care of all the angles for me."

TV Guide recently admonished comic Robin Williams for his Gay impersonations. They gave him an official "Jeers" rating (in their "Cheers and Jeers" column) for "lapsing too frequently into cliched impressions of effeminate Gay men."



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

"In recent years, Williams' TV appearances have been marked by an over-reliance on easy imitations of Gay stereotypes, especially his hosting of the last two "Comic Relief" specials on HBO...Williams' ability to make people laugh is a talent he should be proud of, but it shouldn't be wasted on such cheap shots. There's no pride in prejudice." *Alright, TV Guide!*

The *Star* with another celebrity tidbit: "...when a car nearly hit Andrew Dice Clay in a Hollywood restaurant parking lot, guess who pulled the Gay-bashing comedian to safety just in the nick of time? Boy George was the rescuing hero! Grateful Dice wanted to high-five the singer, but Georgey just batted his mascaraed eyelashes and co-quettishly disappeared."

Speaking of boys and the Diceman, Nora Dunn of "Saturday Night Live" (who refused to appear with Clay and was cut from the "SNL" line-up this year) had this to say about her work environment there: "It's definitely a boy's perspective. There are 20 males and 6 females. So it's like being in a big family and the boys get more to eat and they're kind of hungry all the time."

From the *Advocate*, Lesbian comic Reno on nasty boy comedians like Clay and Sam Kinison: "Those comics hate themselves and their own place in life...Homophobic, sexist and racist commentaries are lies. It's 1990 boys, and we're not going to take it anymore."

Finally, Reno is skeptical about homosexuality as a "lifestyle." She says: "Lifestyle implies a choice. Homosexuality--wonderful choice! No one will talk to you anymore, your parents are going to throw you out of the house and creeps are going to come out of the woodwork to stab you!"

If you come across a queer quote (in the broadest sense of the word), send it to Queer Quotes, *Wisconsin Light*, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Be sure to include the source of the quote--the person quoted as well as the publication it appeared in.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Wisconsin AIDS Walk

San Francisco and Chicago Teams Win Softball World Series

By Nancy L. Pribich

[Pittsburgh, PA]- As another Summer drew to a close, the North American Amateur Athletics Association (NAGAAA) held its annual Gay Softball World Series. Pittsburgh, this year's host city, and its affluent Gay community, prepared a festive week for the representatives, members and fans of the NAGAAA affiliate cities and claimed Series '90 was a "rainy success."

Series '90 opened Sunday, August 19, with the NAGAAA Summer Meetings. Delegates from the affiliate cities and the Board of Directors converged on the Westin William Penn Hotel and discussed current issues facing NAGAAA, including regulation and rule upgrades. A report from the 1991 World Series Host City, Boston, was also well received.

As the meeting progressed, registration of all players and fans was held at the Norreh Social Club. Registration went "as smooth as silk," said SCSL Commissioner Nancy Pribich. "All of our visitors were so cooperative and patient."

Opening ceremonies were held on Tuesday, August 21, in a torrential downpour. "It rained so hard that day, we had to cancel opening games," said Pribich. Despite the rain, SCSL managed to show its appreciation as participation plaques were awarded to all participating teams, sponsors and NAGAAA Board members. Special Keys to the City were presented to long-time SCSL supporters Chuck Dema and Rick Bratton.

All ball games were played from Tuesday, August 21 thru Saturday, August 25 at the North Park ballfield. In the finals of the open division, the undefeated "Uncle Bert's/Sweet Inspiration" Bombers from San Francisco defeated the Bistro Too from Chicago M.S.A. to take the Series '90 title. The champions of Series '88, the Twin Cities (Saloon) Americans, rounded out the top by placing third.

In the Women's Division, the undefeated Synergy team from Chicago W.C. captured the Series '90 Women's Division Championship for a second year. Synergy outplayed the Ace's from Atlanta to capture the top spot while the Kansas City Birds placed third.

Finally, Philadelphia's Blue Parrot team defeated Boston's Ramrods to capture NAGAAA's second annual Recreation Division top honors. The Trojan Antiques from Washington, D.C. placed third.

Closing ceremonies highlighted the

weeks events as the players, fans and delegates were treated to a picnic banquet at the North Park Lodge, compliments of the host city. For the first time in six days, the sun shown.

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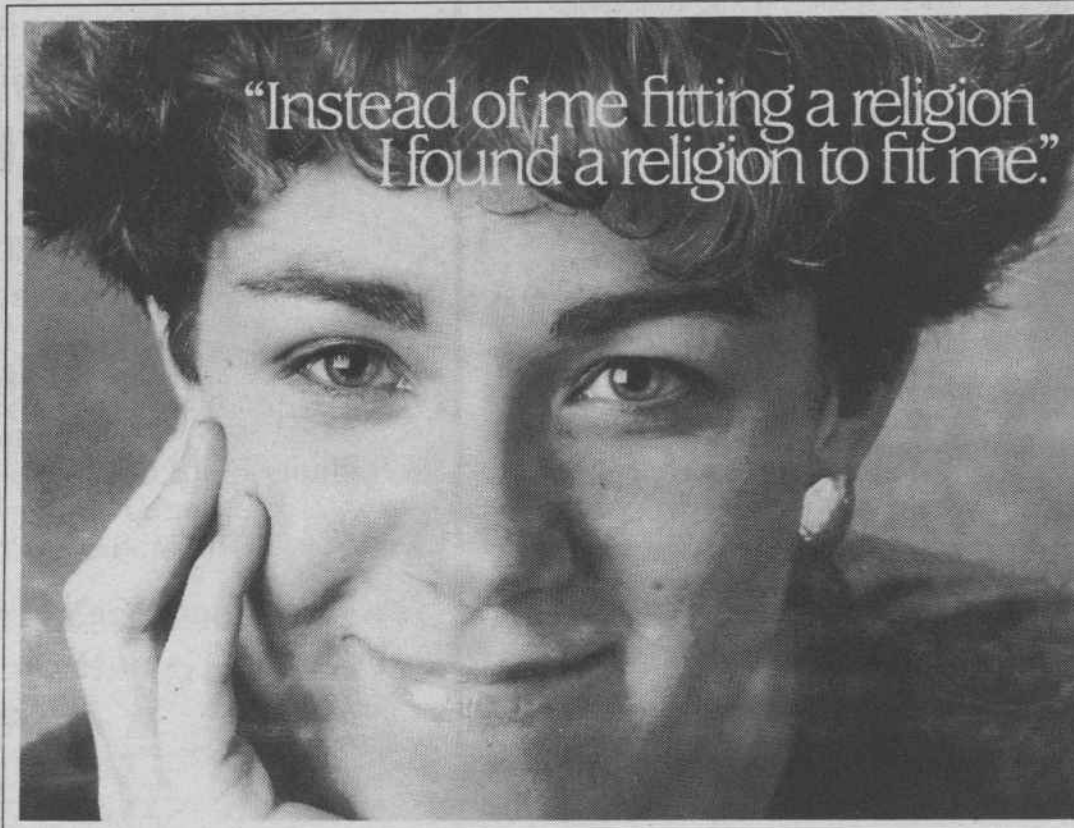
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"One of the things I value most about being a Unitarian Universalist is being able to question. To step back from what I had previously 'believed in.' Nobody says to me 'I can't believe, nobody is saying' I haven't the right to question.

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First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee 1342 N. Astor Street 273-5257 Sunday 10:00 A.M.

The Light LIVELY ARTS

Schwartz Bookshops Plan Banned Books Week Display

[Milwaukee]- Banned Books Week, September 22-29, celebrates the freedom to read and to choose for ourselves as individuals the content and quality of our reading materials. It is sponsored by among others, the American Booksellers Assoc., The Assoc. of American Publishers and is endorsed by the Center for the Book of the Library of Congress.

Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist will sign a proclamation in honor of Banned Books Week, original copies of which will hang in all five Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops.

As Harry W. Schwartz experienced in the Twenties and Thirties with the censorship of such now-classic books as *Well of Loneliness* by Radclyffe Hall among others, there exist once again individuals who are attempting to dictate what Americans should be allowed to read and what we should not, people seeking to impose their personal views of government, religion and morality on all of us. The Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops regard attacks on our country's First

Amendment as not only hypocritical, but unconstitutional and dangerous.

Among the books challenged in the recent past are *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The Giving Tree*, *Hamlet*, *Raisin in the Sun*, *Dairy of Anne Frank* and *The American Heritage Dictionary*. The sponsoring organizations believe that most would-be book banners act with what they consider to be the highest motives — protecting themselves, their families and communities from perceived injustices and evils and preserving the values and ideals they would have the entire society embrace. The result, however, is always and ever the denial of another's right to read.

In addition to displaying Mayor Norquist's proclamation, Schwartz Bookshops will build large book displays in all five shops calling attention to the nature and magnitude of the threat that censorship poses to our First Amendment rights to freedom of speech and press.

Cincinnati Museum Director To Face Jury Trial

By John Zeh

[Cincinnati, OH]- In a decision that boggled the minds of legal and artistic scholars, a Municipal Court judge in Cincinnati refused to dismiss the first obscenity charges ever against a museum and its director.

Judge F. David J. Albanese ruled September 6 that jurors could convict the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) and Dennis Barrie if they think only one of five "homosexual, S&M" photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe violates obscenity standards.

"It's so intellectually wrong, it's incredible," said defense attorney H. Louis Sirkin.

Gay, lesbian and arts activists also criticized the decision, announcing plans for an expanded demonstration outside the courthouse on the trial's opening session September 24.

The judge has a concept of the Constitution thoroughly alien to the American experience," said veteran political activist Ted Good, who has launched an investigation into Albanese's background and possible links with influential conservatives who pressed for prosecution.

First Amendment specialists expressed surprise at Albanese's ruling. "I cannot find a justification for (it) in existing law," said Fred Schauer, a

professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. "I am confident that this ruling could not stand in the Supreme Court."

America's highest tribunal has held that an allegedly obscene work must be considered "as a whole," saying that excerpts from a book, or a scene from a film, may not be separated from the work's overall context.

Albanese found that "each photograph has a separate identity...a visual and unique image permanently recorded... The focus will be each picture 'taken as a whole.'"

The Republican jurist worked as an assistant to renowned "smut" fighter Simon Leis Jr. when he was a Hamilton (Ohio) County prosecutor. Leis, a former U.S. Marine and now sheriff, helped instigate the indictments against CAC and Barrie—the latest example of conservative Republican officials "blatant homophobia" said Good, vice chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party's executive committee.

The Gay/Lesbian March Activists (GLMA) courthouse protest will be by outraged artists, art students, AIDS activists and others and will begin at 9:30 a.m. on September 24 just before the trial's opening. Civil disobedience is expected.

Contest Entries Due Nov. 15 For Writers and Illustrators

[Minneapolis, MN]- St. Sebastian Press, a non-profit, non-religiously aligned press is now accepting entries for its First Annual Contest to choose its 1990 Anthology of Gay and Lesbian authors and illustrators.

All entries must be original and previously unpublished work that reflects the theme of the competition: Challenging, Exploring and Revealing the Quality of Life of Gays and Lesbians in Today's Culture.

The length of the short stories should be determined by the strength of the piece, according to Michael Tomaszewski, Editor. Tomaszewski said that any genre will be considered; from Sci-Fi to the mystical.

The writing category includes prose, poetry, and essays. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced.

The second category is illustrations. This includes any readily reproducible

two-dimensional format such as drawing, photography, painting and printmaking. Entries should be sent in a 35mm slide format.

A jury will be drawn from the St. Sebastian editorial staff along with independent professional writers, artists and editors from the Lesbian and Gay community. Work will be selected for its thematic relevance and artistic quality. A top cash prize of \$1,500 will be awarded to one work in each of the two entry categories. A \$100 honorarium and an a/p letterpress copy of the Anthology will be awarded to all other successful entrants.

Please send copies of manuscripts and slides no later than November 15, 1990 to: St. Sebastian Press, 714 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415. For further information, contact Michael Tomaszewski at (612) 338-3130.

American Players Theatre To Stage "Tempest" for AIDS Benefit

[Madison]- The American Players Theatre (APT) has scheduled a benefit performance of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" for Wednesday, September 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Spring Green. Tickets for this special event are \$25. Proceeds from this event will be split between Equity Fights AIDS, a national actors' organization; the Rodney Scheel House for People with AIDS; and the AIDS Service Organizations providing services in South Central Wisconsin.

"This is a wonderful relationship," said Earl Bricker, Executive Director of

the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). "While the effort on behalf of their professional colleagues through Equity Fights AIDS is understandable, the fact that APT thought to recognize those organizations working in their own home area is laudable and much appreciated."

In addition to the contribution of time and talent from the APT Company, the Ovens of Brittany restaurant will donate a percentage profits from any catering sales.

For more information about the event or ordering tickets, call (608) 238-6276.

CCF To Sponsor "What If I Am Gay" T.V. Drama On September 29

[Milwaukee]- "What If I'm Gay?"

On Saturday, September 29, Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) will sponsor the one-hour TV drama, "What If I'm Gay" to be aired on Channel 36 at 10:30 p.m.

Winner of two Emmy Awards, the show tells the story of Todd, Kirk and Allan, 16 year-old high school juniors. Todd and Kirk are the All-American boys, good looking, athletic and popular with the girls. Allan is shy, introspective and less assured of himself. But it is the macho Todd who has doubts about his sexual identity.

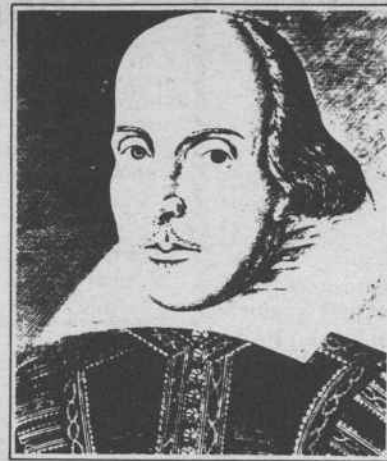
A student counselor (Ed Marinaro)

tries to help Todd accept his natural feelings, but it is Allan who as the sympathetic friend, helps Todd to come to grips with the realities of his sexual preference.

Beside Marinaro, the drama stars Richard Joseph Paul, Manfred Melcher and Evan Handler as the three young friends.

"What If I'm Gay" is a show that is well worth watching whether you're asking the question now; have asked the question at one time yourself or know someone who has or is doing so.

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Wisconsin To Lose \$250,000 In 1991 Federal AIDS Funding

[Milwaukee]- A 20% cut in federal funding in Wisconsin for 1991 will mean the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and other AIDS service organizations statewide will lose more than \$250,000 for AIDS prevention programs.

"The funding cut comes at the worst possible time when we need to implement targeted and costly efforts to prevent an explosion in the AIDS epidemic among injection drug users in Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director. "There is also disturbing evidence that there is significant relapse into unsafe behaviors that put people at risk for HIV infection."

The cut is the result of a reallocation of AIDS prevention funds for states by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta.

This cutback is a trend in federal funding for AIDS. Wisconsin also lost 20 percent of its allocation for AIDS prevention programs in 1989. According to Nelson, these cutbacks threaten the expansion and intensification of AIDS prevention programming to meet the increasing challenges of the AIDS epidemic in Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

"This means that we must turn to the community to ask for its financial support," said Nelson. "The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is a perfect opportunity for the community to come forward to make the financial investment that the federal government is unwilling to make."

To date, more than 20 corporations, including Miller Brewing Company, Aurora Health Care, Time Insurance and Bank One have made an investment to

Ms. Gay Wis. Pageant Oct. 6 In Kenosha

[Milwaukee]- King Productions will present the Second Annual Ms. Gay Wisconsin State Pageant on Saturday, October 6, 1990 at Club 94 in Kenosha. This is Wisconsin's only state-wide Pageant held solely for Lesbians.

Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent and Evening Wear which may consist of either Evening Gown or Tuxedo.

The winner will receive a cash prize of \$200. Applications are available from Club 94 or from King Productions at (414) 342-1466.

Contestants are expected from all parts of the state.

Entertainers for the evening will be Cassie Carter, the reigning Ms. Gay Wisconsin; Larinda Kelly, Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA; and the new Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA.

underwrite the expenses of the Walk.

"Our only hope," Nelson emphasized strongly, "for funding crucial AIDS prevention programs is through the generosity of people who make and secure pledges and participate in the Wisconsin AIDS Walk."

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk is patterned after other AIDS walks throughout the country. In June, 1990, the Boston AIDS walk, "From All Walks of Life," raised more than \$1 million through the efforts of approximately 25,000 walkers.

The Walk, to be held on Sept. 30 on Milwaukee's lakefront, is expected to draw more than 2,500 walkers and raise \$175,000 to be disbursed throughout the state. Registration and pledge forms are available at all Kohl's Food Stores or by calling MAP at (414) 273-1991.

Fundraisers Give MAP Needed Support

[Milwaukee]- This Summer has seen a spate of fundraisers for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) sponsored by supportive businesses, groups and individuals. All moneys raised from these special events are used to support the services at MAP for people living with AIDS.

The Toronto Club Colby #8 held a fundraiser at Dance/Dance/Dance raising \$222 and Club 94 in Kenosha raised \$1,479 for the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, a MAP affiliate.

The M&M Club, the Triangle and the Wreck Room underwrote the costs of MAPfest '90 which raised over \$23,000 for MAP services.

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Several AFL-CIO affiliates have donated money over the Summer.

The Oberons gave a memorial donation of \$560.

Randy Franke's Birthday Celebration at the M&M Club raised over \$700 for MAP as well as funds for the Cream City Chorus and the Original Fest City Singers.

MAP extends their thanks to all for their kindness and generosity. These moneys come at an especially crucial time when MAP and other Wisconsin AIDS organizations face a cut in federal funding that will mean a loss of more than \$250,000.

Future Fundraisers

There are several fundraisers to note coming up this month and in October.

The second annual "Entertainers Against AIDS" will be held on Sunday, September 23 outside Fannies.

On Friday evening, September 28, Jets will be hosting a fundraiser. Please bring food for the MAP food pantry.

Saturday, October 20, is the Holiday Invitational Tournament "HIT Against AIDS", a bowling and pledge fundraiser for MAP and Friday, October 26 will see the annual fundraiser by the Beertown Badgers to be held at the Boot Camp.

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By Bill Meunier

The Gay Basher is at it again. Once again Tommy Thompson asks for your vote. You are supposed to forget that his opponent, Tom Loftus, was defending your rights while the Gov. was kicking you. You are supposed to ignore Tommy's opposition to every piece of Gay/Lesbian rights legislation introduced while he was in the legislature. You're supposed to forgive him his ignorance and reward him for all the kicks in the teeth he has meted out to you during his career.

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In 1988 when Tommy won the Governor's office defeating a supportive Tony Earl, he ran commercials denouncing Earl for spending tax dollars on a Gay Liaison and on the Governor's Council On Gay and Lesbian Issues. (POW! Kick to the ribs)

As Governor he refused to issue a proclamation expressing sympathy for the family and friends of those who died from AIDS. (CRUNCH! Blow to the head)

As Governor he vetoed legislation that would have paid for the health insurance premiums of HIV infected persons who could no longer work thereby forcing them into underfunded public health programs which often don't provide the uninsured with the kind of care that should be given. (ZONK! Knee to the groin)

As Governor he used his line item veto to gut an AIDS education bill so badly that its outraged sponsor, State Representative Barbara Nottestein, said it was a waste of time getting it passed. (CRUNCH! Kick to the shins)

Now he wants your vote. There are

those who say that while they abhor the Thompson record on Gay/Lesbian issues he has done well in other areas. To some that's a little like someone who beats you up outside of a Gay/Lesbian bar who then, when they run for office, asks you to vote for them because they don't beat their wife and kids and are kind to animals.

Thompson has made it clear that he is our enemy and that he doesn't deserve our support as a community or as individuals. How can we expect to maintain the support of our friends (Thompson's opponent, Tom Loftus, is a big friend of ours) if we support our enemies instead of them?

Tom Loftus has spoken out on issues of concern to us, he has voted correctly on legislation of concern to us. He is a decent honest man in an uphill fight who needs our help and support.

Loftus, has little charisma, he is not exciting, he is not a good speaker. What he does have is a burning desire to see to it that all of Wisconsin's residents have a shot at being treated equally.

And for a growing number of Gays and Lesbians disturbed by the Thompson record on our issues that is enough.

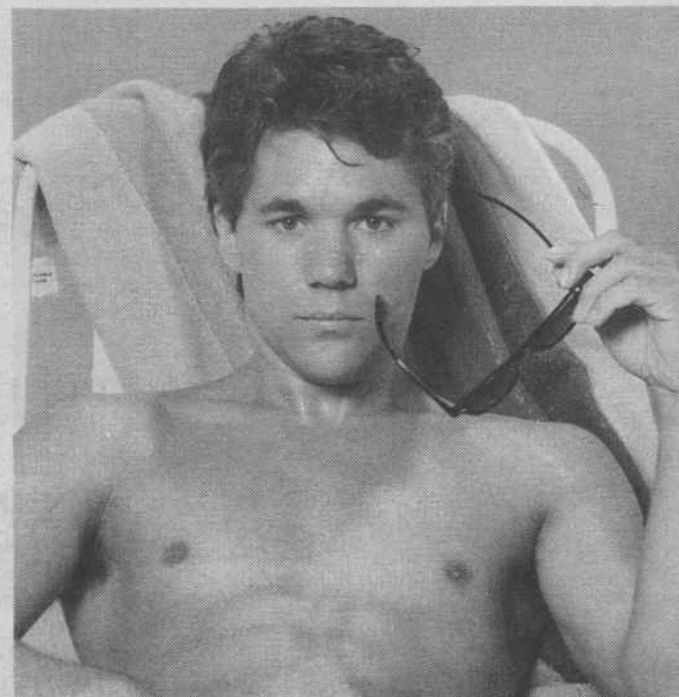
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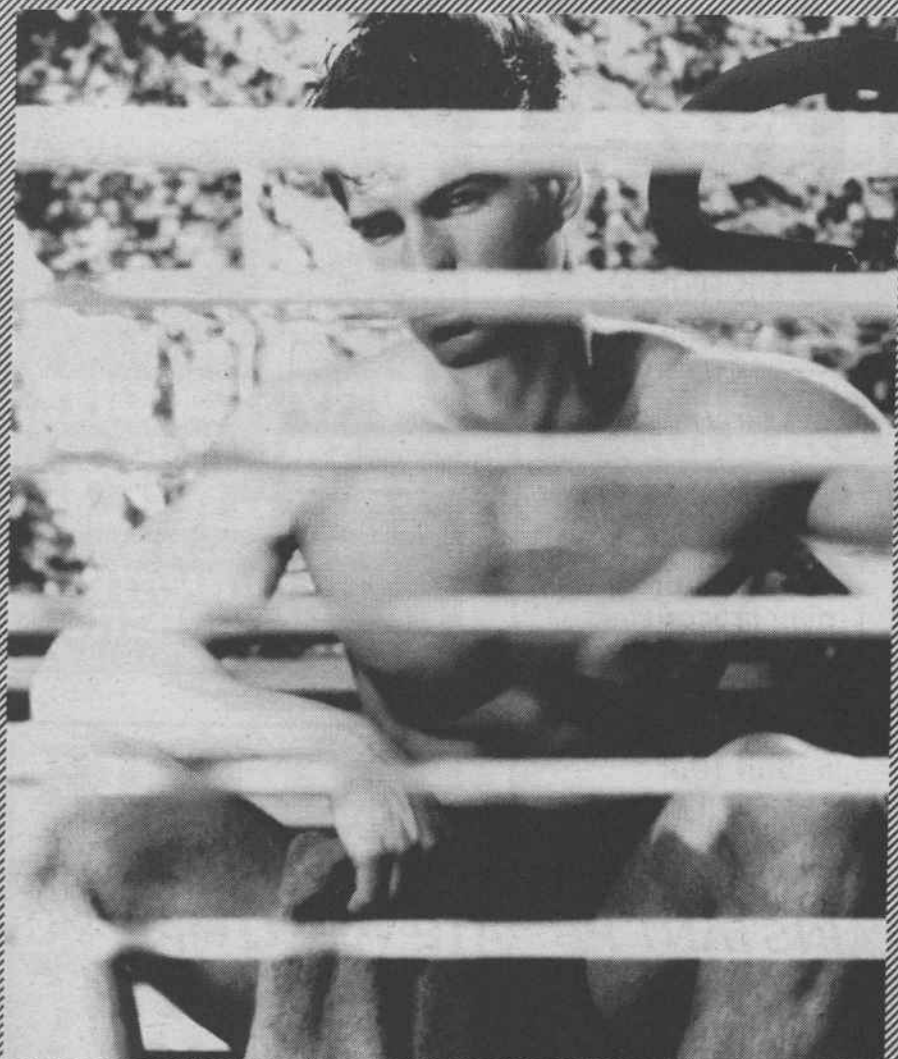
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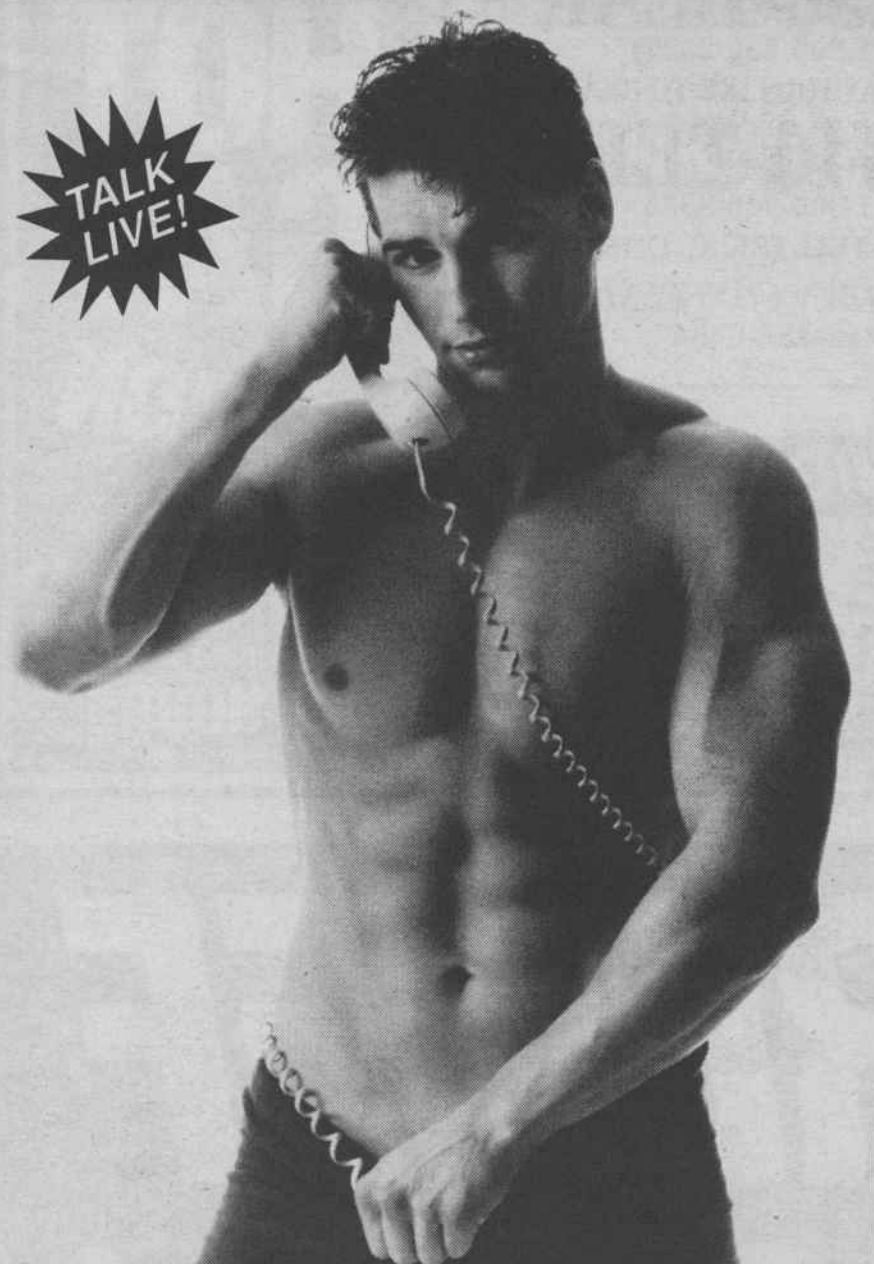
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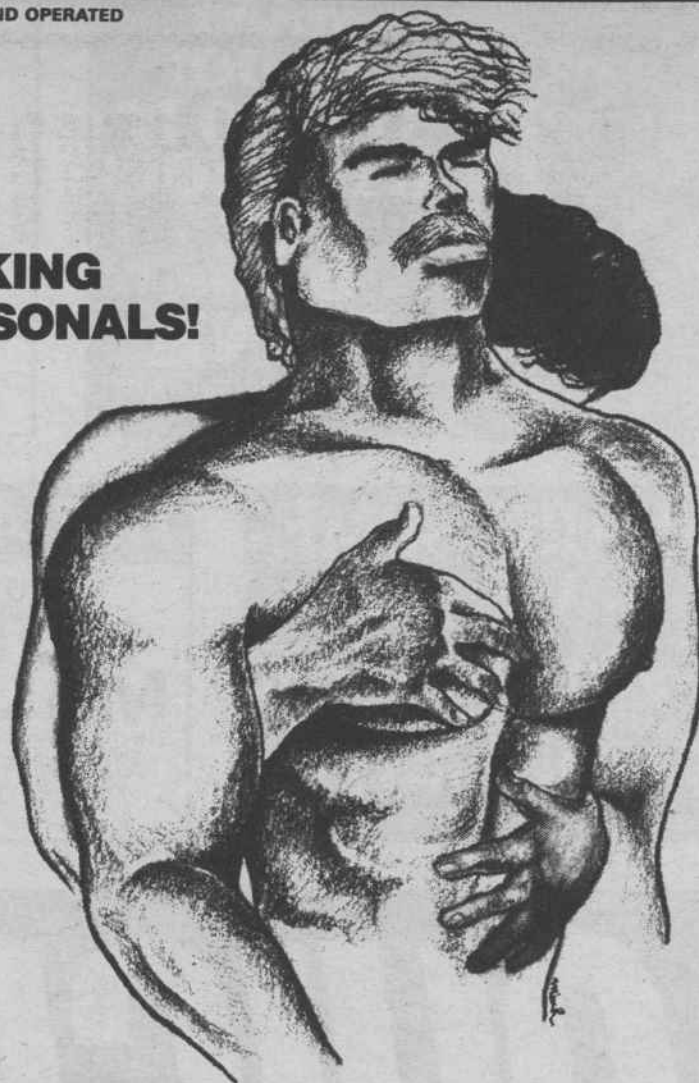
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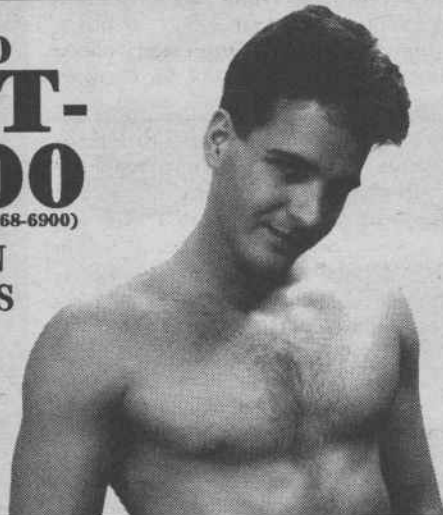
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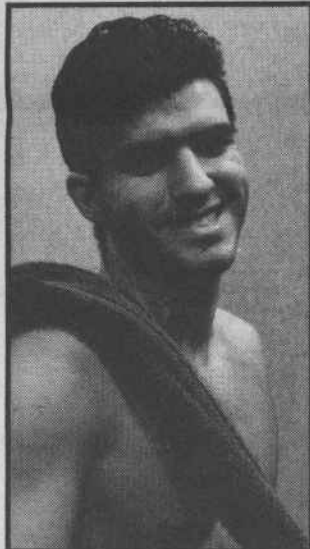
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Rev. Perry felt the call of God to begin a "Church for all people" after a friend became the victim of homophobia and was assaulted and victimized because of his homosexual orientation. During his hospitalization, this friend expressed the belief that "Nobody cares about Gay people, not even God!" Rev. Perry was moved to the conviction of faith articulated in John 3:16 which states that "God so loved the world that God gave God's child that whosoever believes in this child shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life."

The whosoever in this scripture includes Lesbians and Gays and all those who are marginalized for whatever

DENTISTS

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communicable diseases between patient and doctor. (These precautions should have been in place for years in response to Hepatitis B.); A WDA commitment to expel any member who discriminates against HIV+ people; A WDA commitment to report any member who discriminates against HIV+ people to the Attorney General and the State Division of Regulation and Licensing and a WDA commitment to cooperate with all relevant parties to bring a quick end to this problem.

In a letter dated Sept. 13, 1990 from McGuire sent to Daniel Fons of ACT-UP-Milwaukee, Cheryl Vaughn of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Neil Rosenberg of the *Journal* and Joe Manning of the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, McGuire questioned ACT-UP's information concerning dentists and announced that the WDA would not work with ACT-UP. "In the future," McGuire wrote, "we will be directing our efforts to and working with the caseworkers of the Milwaukee AIDS Project in helping them obtain treatment for their clients."

In a letter to McGuire, Fons, writing for ACT-UP-Milwaukee, said among other things, "For all the good that MAP does, it can only touch upon the lives of a fraction of those affected by this disease. Part of the problem faced by Wisconsin's HIV+ population is that the systems

reasons by society.

The Fellowship has grown to over 250 congregations in 19 different countries. Milwaukee's local congregation, New Hope MCC, worshipping in the Kenwood United Methodist Church on the corner of Kenwood and Prospect at 2319 E. Kenwood will celebrate this anniversary on Founders Sunday, October 7, 1990 with a special worship service at the regular 6:30 p.m. worship time. The Rev. Hal Hasse, West Area Coordinator of the Great Lakes District of UFMCC will be preaching a sermon entitled "A Covenant People."

Arts and Crafts Volunteers Sought

[Milwaukee]- A committee to organize a women's arts and crafts fair will meet Friday, September 21 at 305 N. Booth at 6:00 p.m. All persons interested, please attend or call 778-1269 for more information.

currently in place to deal with this crisis are grossly inadequate. Your response ignores this reality altogether."

Fons went on to write that "if you (WDA) will not actively engage in desperately needed educational efforts, then we (ACT-UP) will pursue this agenda without you."

Appearing on Channel 10's "Smith and Co." on Wednesday evening, Sept. 19, Doug Nelson, MAP's executive director said while the number of dentists who now will treat people with HIV infection or those with AIDS numbers 25-up from 3 of several months ago, MAP supports ACT-UP's action as the "logical tool" to get the WDA to respond to the serious and on-going problem. Protests (such as ACT-UP's action) are, said Nelson, "as American as apple pie" and indicated that he was strongly supportive of ACT-UP's survey of dentists which the WDA had called in question.

Nelson said that he viewed the state Medicaid program as "the big culprit" in the problem. Many of MAP's clients seeking dental care are on some form of state-funded Medicaid which "two-thirds" of dentists do not take. The reason for this is what Randy Johnson called "the absurdly low" payments Medicaid makes for dental care.

Johnson appeared with Nelson and Daniel Fons on the program.

Nelson said earlier on the phone that the Medicaid program reimburses dentists for only 40 percent of charges incurred for care.

Nelson said that as a member of the Governor's Council on AIDS, he would do everything in his power to see that Medicaid payments were increased.

Nelson also said that "polarization must be avoided." That all parties concerned must now come together to seek a solution to this problem.

Johnson admitted that there "probably



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WALK

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regaled by such groups as the Original Fest City Singers, the Iberian Spanish Dancers, Johnny on WASHDAY, Nordic Brass Quintet and the Cream City Chorus.

At the closing celebration, entertainment will be provided by BIM and Company, John Schneider & Guests and Paula Dewey leading what has become the anthem for the AIDS movement, "That's What Friends Are For."

Beside the entertainment, Walkers will have the opportunity to dedicate their walk to a friend or loved-one affected by AIDS. Balloons will be available for people to inscribe the name of the person to whom they are dedicating their Walk. Nelson reported that several people have informed MAP that they are making home-made banners as a dedication.

"I believe the Wisconsin AIDS Walk will be a turning point for Milwaukee in our struggle against AIDS," Nelson said. "The Walk will be a unique event where this community begins to set aside prejudice and fear about AIDS and joins hands in a united effort to support essential services to people living with HIV disease."

Nelson went on to say that "We will see people from all parts of Wisconsin, from all corners of our community and from all walks of life commit themselves and their financial resources in response to the AIDS epidemic."

"AIDS is no longer going to be a lonely stigmatized disease in Wisconsin," Nelson said. "Through the Wisconsin AIDS Walk the people of this state will come forward to give their support and their solidarity."

"On September 30 people have an unprecedented opportunity to join this rally and make a huge difference in the continuing struggle against AIDS."

The Walk will take place on Sunday, September 30, 1990 at Milwaukee's Urban Park immediately north of the Summerfest grounds. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., opening ceremonies at noon and the walk will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. The closing celebration where the financial results of the Walk will be announced will begin at 3:00 p.m. There will be plenty of free parking in the Summerfest parking lots.

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