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The Wisconsin Light

All-Gay Military Regiment May Be Formed And Placed In Service

[Milwaukee]- In a move calling to mind the Theban Sacred Band of ancient Greece, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) is seeking to form an "all-Gay" military regiment that would be "placed into service in the Persian Gulf or wherever trained personnel would be needed."

To achieve this "dream", GLBVA, headed by Miriam Ben-Shalom has sent an open letter to President Bush, the Secretary of Defense, all Representatives and Senators "and to the American People" "expressing the desire of many Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual veterans to return to service in this time of crisis."

GLBVA has further issued a "Call To Arms" to all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual veterans who would be interested in serving in a reactivated regiment: The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment (MVR). GLBVA is working with Ms. Kate Dyer, Executive Aide to Gerry Studds (D-MA) to research the reactivation process. MVR is the regiment of choice because it "was a segregated regiment of African-American men, freed slaves who were told that they were unfit to serve, a threat to morale, good order and security."

According to GLBVA, the Call To Arms "represents not only an effort to show through action that Gay men and Lesbians want to be part of Mainstream America," but also challenges "all discriminatory legislation and administrative policies towards Lesbians and Gay men" by the U.S. government and particularly the Department of Defense.

According to GLBVA, any veteran, regardless of sexual orientation, who would like to reenlist, and who has an Honorable or upgradeable discharge, and who is interested in serving in a reactivated but segregated, active duty regiment, contact GLBVA at (414) 342-6543, Fax: c/o Havlicek and Associates (414) 271-8884 attn: Annabelle Havlicek. Or write GLBVA, 1350 N. 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208.

Information you should send must include your name, branch, dates of service, SSN, MOSs held, and final rank/discharge status. All information will be confidential and will not be released until it is known if the reactivation of the 54th MVR can be accomplished.

Denver Mayor To Sign New Gay Rights Bill

[Denver, CO] [GLINN]- Denver's sweeping anti-discrimination bill — dubbed "Denver's Gay Rights Bill" — was approved by city council on October 15, 1990.

The bill, which Mayor Federico Pena has pledged to sign into law, will prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, military status and physical or mental disability as well as sexual orientation in the areas of employment, housing and commercial space, public accommodations, private educational institutions and health and welfare services.

Council members voted 8-4 to approve the measure after a spirited, three hour council debate at a jam-packed public hearing, according to *The Denver Post*. The *Post* described the debate as "largely... a referendum on homosexuality."

The bill received strong support from a number of organizations including the Denver Women's Bar, ACLU and the Council of Churches. However, the Catholic Archbishop voiced strong opposition.

Dr. Krim Says AIDS May Be Fully Treatable Within Five Years

By Terry Boughner

Editor's Note: The following interview with Dr. Krim took place in Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel on October 16, 1990.

Dr. Krim, one of America's leading researchers on AIDS, was in Milwaukee to give AMFAR's check for \$25,000 to the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium. The check is the first matching grant to the state challenge grant of \$150,000.

In 1986, Dr. Krim said that she believed that AIDS would cause a revolution in the American health care industry. She has not changed her mind.

"I'm still convinced of that," she said. "The numbers of AIDS will be increasing in the '90s. Because this is a disease of young people, it's also a disease of people who are not insured or underinsured and this puts an enormous pressure on our health care system. We're going to see municipal hospitals make demands on public funds unknown in the past and we're going to see private hospitals either having to refuse patients which is contrary to the principles of their profession or assume the care of many patients who cannot pay for their care. In New York now, there are hospitals who are in a deficit situation by hundreds of millions of dollars."

ACT UP Contacts WISN Radio Advertisers In Protest Over Station

[Milwaukee]- According to a press release, the Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) has begun a campaign to inform the public of the "irresponsible decisions being made by Steve Downes. Downes is the Vice President and General Manager of WISN-AM in Milwaukee."

ACT-UP states that the decisions referred to regard the broadcast of "AIDS misinformation" by WISN. During the past two weeks, ACT-UP states, "Mr. Downes has repeatedly allowed Mark Belling, an on-air personality, to spread dangerous misinformation about HIV infection and AIDS to the public."

ACT-UP states that "after numerous attempts to get an official response from Mr. Downes," it has "begun to contact WISN-AM's sponsors about this issue."

As of October 17, 1990, ACT-UP stated that it had sent letters to the following sponsors: Steinhafels Furniture; Colders Furniture; Factory Outlet Carpets and Waukesha Memorial.

ACT-UP stated that it intends to "continue and expand this campaign until Mr. Downes decides to make an

Medical College Recruits Nationally - Recognized AIDS Researcher

[Milwaukee]- A nationally-recognized psychologist specializing in AIDS high-risk behavior intervention has been recruited by the Medical College of Wisconsin. T. Michael Bolger, President and CEO, announced that Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., joined the faculty Sept. 1, 1990, as Professor of Psychiatry and mental health.

Bolger said that Dr. Kelly brings with him \$3.5 million in grants from the National Institute of Mental Health. One significant purpose of the grants is to evaluate the impact of community behavior intervention programs in reducing those activities which pose a risk of acquiring the HIV infection.

"Dr. Kelly and the Medical College plan to invite key community organizations in Milwaukee to help introduce and evaluate new models to assist people at high risk for contracting AIDS," said Richard A. Cooper, M.D.,

She went on to say that, "AIDS is not the only health care problem we have in this country. Better access (to health care), more just access, exists across the board and the public is starting to complain."

She noted that "Health care is not a right in this country. It's something someone has to buy. I think we're going to have to face the need this country has to develop a system of universal health coverage. Basic medical care is a right and we're going have to come up with a system."

Asked about the chances for a vaccine, Krim said, "Research has made tremendous progress. There are several other drugs besides AZT that are going to be approved very soon. (DDC and DDI). There is a whole list of other drugs that are being developed. There will be a progressive improvement in our ability to suppress HIV. We also have accepted the need for treating people earlier."

"I am convinced," she said, "that in the future, we're going to want to treat people as soon as infection becomes demonstrable. We're going to see people survive with the infection, without disease, for a very long time. This is the goal we have now; to turn it into a controllable infection that is chronic that won't make people sick."

If we start treating people very early, when they have a functioning immune system, it is conceivable that early effective treatment will allow the immune system to get rid of the infected cells.

So," she said, "talking about a cure is not crazy anymore, but it will require very early treatment." She predicted that in "five years we may have a specific inhibitor of the virus."



DR. MATHILDE KRIM

Krim spoke proudly of AMFAR's work and that of community-based centers in doing vital AIDS research. "A few years ago AMFAR picked up on the idea that doctors' experience should be utilized; experimental drugs made available to people who need them. And we (AMFAR) started to fund community-based trail centers (such as the Wisconsin Research Consortium). As soon as tolerable doses are determined, the drugs should go to community-based centers. (There are 45 such centers now.)"

The highest priority is to treat opportunistic diseases rather than HIV. You can live with HIV as long as you don't get sick. The community priorities are reflected in the centers. We at AMFAR consider this very important.

Asked about the work of Dr. Jonas Salk, Krim said that Salk had two experimental drugs he was testing now. But, she noted, we don't have any results yet in terms of effective protection. The trial has not lasted long enough.

She went on to say that there are 7 vaccine preparations in this country now under study and "with all of them we know they stimulate the production of antibody. We don't know if they are protective against infection."

In regards to minorities, Krim noted sadly that disease is a function of poverty, not race. Cultural differences also play a role in hindering education and prevention. She cited the Mormons who have such a stigma attached to homosexuality that men have to lie to women and kids.

Asked her opinion of the current Bush Administration on AIDS, she replied, "An improvement in rhetoric."

Throughout, Krim constantly emphasized the need and efficacy of sex education in the prevention of AIDS. In San Francisco, she said, the incidence of infection among Gay men is now less than 1%. This is because of sex education and "shows that education works."

To show how imperative education is, Krim pointed out that AIDS is the leading killer of Black women today and is increasing in women generally and babies faster than in men.

AIDS education, she insisted, should be part of education like health. Sex education is an integral part of learning to live.

Jerry Johnson

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Lesbians Plead Guilty To Conspiracy

[Washington, D.C.]—The Washington Blade reports that three women — two of them lesbians — have entered guilty pleas to charges of conspiracy and aiding and abetting the 1983 bombing of the US Capitol. No one was injured in the explosion, which occurred in the wake of the US invasion of Grenada.

Linda Evans and Laura Whitehorn, who are lesbians, along with Marilyn Buck pleaded guilty to conspiring to "influence, change and protest policies and practices of the US government... through the use of violence and illegal means." A dozen other charges against the women related to other bombings, as well as conspiracy charges against three other co-defendants, were dropped as part of the plea agreement.

Supporters of the defendants organized an Emergency Committee for Political Prisoners Rights. They held that as five of the six accused were already serving prison time for previous offenses related to the bombing, the government's charge of conspiracy was superfluous and vindictive and intended to intimidate other political activists into silence. Each of the defendants are veterans of the anti-war, Puerto Rican independence and Central American solidarity movements.

Seattle Partners Law On Ballot

[Seattle, WA]—On November 6, residents of Seattle will vote on Initiative 35 which seeks to repeal the city's new Family Leave Ordinance. The ordinance offers sick and bereavement leave to unmarried municipal employees — straight or Gay — when their partners are sick or die.

The Gay and Lesbian community of Seattle has mounted a strong "No on 35" campaign to counter the efforts of the fundamentalist-led Citizens for Family, which opposes any recognition of domestic partnerships and supports the repeal.

In 1978, Gays in Seattle withstood a similar effort when fundamentalists attempted to repeal the city's Gay rights law, which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. That referendum was defeated by a vote of approximately two to one. The greatest worry of the "No on 35" organizers is that that earlier success has made the Gay community over-confident about the current challenge, according to Seattle Gay News.

Boston Hosts Gay Officials Confab

[Boston, MA]—Plans for the Sixth International Lesbian and Gay Officials Conference in November are under attack by conservative members of Boston's City Council, who are angry that the Council Chamber and other rooms in City Hall will be used for the event.

The conference, set for November 16-18, will be hosted by Boston's Gay Councilman David Scordras, who reserved the City Hall rooms for meetings and workshops. He cited previous use of City Hall facilities for political meetings, memorial services and social events. No public funds will be spent on the conference.

An assistant to Scordras told Philadelphia Gay News that the Council members opposing the conference "are homophobes, and they're trying to make this a homophobic issue." The Lesbian and Gay Official Conference has previously been held in West Hollywood, Washington, D.C., San Diego, Minneapolis and Madison — all without incident.

Ryan White's Mom Slams Senate

[Washington, D.C.]—In an appearance before the Senate Appropriations Committee, Jeanne White, mother of the late AIDS patient and activist Ryan White, chastised senators for cutting hundreds of millions of dollars from an AIDS bill that was meant to provide urgently needed funds to localities hardest hit by the epidemic.

The bill, dubbed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Bill, was to provide \$875 million over a five year period, but a Senate subcommittee decided to postpone funding the bill for at least a year, effectively leaving localities with little or no federal AIDS funding for fiscal year 1991. Another proposal seeks to cut funding by 80%.

Mrs. White said that Ryan would never have wanted his name attached to the bill had he known it would be so ineffective.

While Mrs. White was testifying in Washington, Ryan's grave in Cicero, Indiana was vandalized. Shrubbery around the headstone was destroyed and statues were broken. Authorities have offered a reward to anyone who will identify the culprits.

NYC Schools To Provide Condoms

[New York, NY]—Five members of the seven member New York City Board of Education have endorsed a proposal to distribute condoms to public school students through school based health clinics. The plan could be operational by Spring of 1991.

Board members cited concern over the fact that New York City has the nation's highest incidence of AIDS among people aged 13 to 21. Figures suggest that up to 80% of the city's half million teen-agers may be sexually active.

"Our children are sick, our children are dying," said Board member Dr. Westina L. Matthews in declaring her support for the proposal. Another Board member, Dr. Gwendolyn C. Baker, said that "the question for us is not should we distribute condoms, but how."

General Motors Cuts Anti-Gay Slur

[Detroit, MI]—An executive for the General Motors Corporation has announced that its company will delete an insulting reference to homosexuals from a video presentation aimed at Chevrolet truck dealers.

The promotional video contains short commentaries by "real" people who own Chevrolet trucks. In the video, a farmer states: "There isn't no foreign company that makes any decent working pickup. It's either going to be big, or some little faggot truck."

The Chevrolet spokesman said the segment would be edited out of the tape before it is played for dealers or at auto shows in the future. News of the slur spread after the clip was shown to thousands of Chevrolet salespeople at a recent exhibit in Nashville.

Activists Mock Obscenity Issue

[Washington, D.C.]—Nude and suggestive statues in the nation's capital were raided in late September by the Reactionary Art Police (RAP), a Gay protest group. The raids, in which "Warning" and "Caution" signs as well as large bolts of material were draped over statues, were carried out to mock the current Congressional debate over allegedly "obscene" art.

RAP covered the statue of a nude woman in Dupont Circle, claiming, tongue-in-cheek, "that it may have been attracting lesbians to the area." The group then moved to the Ellipse where they covered the Boy Scout Memorial. It features a naked man and woman following a uniformed Scout. The activists, who donned Jesse Helms masks, warned that the monument may promote child abuse and pedophilia.

Washington, D.C. Park Police detained the demonstrators briefly until they removed the coverings from the statues. No one was arrested.

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.

New Hope Church Appoints Two Women as Pastoral Leaders

[Milwaukee]—New Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) has announced the appointment of Ms. Chris Pasinski and Ms. Nancy Smiegowski as Pastoral Leaders. Both Chris and Nancy, a clergy couple ministry team, come to New Hope MCC with an abundance of experience from within the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC).

UFMCC is a fellowship that celebrates 22 years of affirmative ministry to the Lesbian and Gay community throughout the world with over 250 congregations in 19 different countries.

Chris has been a member of UFMCC for over 15 years, serving as Deacon, Board Member, Lay Delegate and Christian Educator prior to answering her call to the professional ministry.

Nancy continues her ministry in UFMCC after serving 6 years as a Franciscan Sister in the Roman Catholic Church.

Both women are President's Prize Fellowship recipients from Chicago Theological Seminary where they are completing Masters of Divinity degrees. Nancy is currently employed as a Master's level licenced hospital social worker.

Chris, a Master's level counselor, has served as the Administrator of a social service agency for the homeless mentally ill. Most recently she has completed a one year training program in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and is seeking a chaplaincy position in the Milwaukee area.

Pasinski and Smiegowski will be installed as Pastoral Leaders by Ms. Judy Dale, Great Lakes District Coordinator of UFMCC on Sunday, October 28, 1990 at New Hope's regular worship service.

New Hope MCC celebrates worship every Sunday in the upper chapel of Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood beginning at 6:30 p.m. The New Hope Community sponsors on-going Christian Education classes on the "Bible and Homosexuality", shares in "potlucks" and social activities and is open to all. For further information, contact (414) 442-7300.

HIT Holds AIDS Benefit Oct. 20

[Milwaukee]—The Holiday Invitational Tournament's (HIT) AIDS benefit, HIT Against AIDS will take place Sat., Oct. 20, 1990 at the Red Carpet Regency, 6014 N. 76 St. beginning at 1:00 p.m. Pledges are still being accepted. Proceeds will be divided evenly between the Milwaukee AIDS Project and HIT.

Afterward, the Triangle bar will host a celebration for the benefit. Beginning at 4:00 p.m. there will be a free buffet and then at 6:00, the Triangle presents "Chastity's Comedy Revue."

The Revue, described as a "gala extravaganza", will star Chastity Belt, the inimitable Ronnie Marks, Miss Goldie Adams, Doris DeLago, Karen Valentine, Ernestine and Lizzy.



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A LETTER FROM KAREN LAMB

By Karen Lamb

"Fiddle-de-dee! Mommy, Terry and Jerry sent you a grand birthday message in **Wisconsin Light!**" yelps Tab Hunter, the family Cocker Spaniel. "Everyone laughed so hard! You didn't even see it! I think you were to busy reading those 900 numbers!"

"Yes, Darling Dog, it truly was grand of our friends. And we thank them, too!"

A fire crackles on the hearth and we cuddle on the couch under grandmommy's afghan. Snow is on its way. Today we walked to the park looking for the Great Blue heron. Rain was sprinkling, dancing over the lake, swirling winds causing ripples to race round and round. Perhaps Miss Heron is winging south. "God speed!" cries Tab. "See you next year! Hurry back!"

"Looky here, mommy. It says here in the paper that simply every body took their little doggies to all the parties: MAPfest, the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, even Lavender Hill. Gosh! You should have taken me!"

"Tab, we're in the business of raising money for something important to all of us. What would they want with you? Pandemonium? Maybe next year. You try to be good, and perhaps we'll see..." Satisfied, he rummages through his ribbon box. "Maybe these lavender ones... so pretty with my blonde..."

The events have been extraordinary! Can you imagine! 28 corporate sponsors for the First Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk. Goal of \$175,000; and \$182,000 received! How exciting! The staff of MAP really did a phenomenal job! Congratulations!

"And weren't you excited, mommy, to have Pat Goodrich, Governor Thompson's Secretary of Health and Human Services as our special guest? What did you call her, mom, Madam Secretary? Seems an awfully big title..."

"Oh, I think you can call her Pat, Tab. She wasn't the least bit uppity. Just a very intelligent and beautiful lady. And Governor Thompson has been very good to us..."

"Yes, mommy. It was nice for him to meet with folks from MAP; Dr. Turner, Elliott Maraniss (former editor of the Madison **Capital Times** and a good friend) and Bishop Roger White, one of our staunchest supporters among the Community Advisors..."

"But, mom! I thought you were a Democrat! Oh, I know. You're still angry with Speaker Loftus. Angry, because he and that dum dum in charge of the legislative health committee did nothing about the health insurance issue when you..."

"Yes, baby. That's part of it, to be sure. But I confess, I'm rather dismayed at the shenanigans in the legislature, and pretty disgusted with some of the spokespersons for the Party..."

"Oh, yes! I love parties! Looky here, mommy. Says the Democrats had a party in Oshkosh... 'Opening session had pizzazz...' I just love pizzazz!"

"You love pizza, Tab. Pizza. This word is 'pizzazz.'"

"Says here the party 'featured flashing lights, clouds of smoke...' and on, mommy! '... theme from Rocky played full blast!' Oh, I just adore fun Parties! But looky! Says here they have an Enemies Hit List... And this turkey buzzard says Daddy is not a card-carrying Democrat because he... Looks like they might be mad at Daddy for giving that appreciation luncheon for Governor Thompson!"

"Don't worry, darling. Things are not as bad as they seem."

"But it seems kinda bad for these kind of Democrats, mom. Besides, Daddy always ran for mayor on a non-partisan ticket even though everyone always knew he was a Democrat."

"Maybe this new breed just forgot all the Century Club memberships. It is rather disheartening though, isn't it, Tabby? Here. Forget politics! Let's watch this wonderful show about the War Between the States."

"Civil War, mommy. Nobody calls it the War Between the States anymore."

"You should travel with Terry and Jerry and see the battlefields. Terry is the greatest historian. Did you know, Tab, that Manassas and Bull Run are the same? It just depends on whether you are a Yankee or a Southerner."

"Must be awfully hard living in a city with Yankee names like Sherman, Grant and even that ol' cat: Garfield. And with a name like Lee..."



Dr. Karen Lamb

No, darling dog. Not hard at all. I confess, these Yankees have a wonderful hospitality. I've always felt quite at home."

"But you're still glad Atlanta won the Olympics, aren't you? Can I go too, mommy! Can I go, too! I heard it was going to be the greatest party..."

"Forget parties. Turn off the light and say Good-night to our friends."

Love and Kisses!

Karen Lamb

"And Tab, too, mom. Love and kisses from Tab."

Clarenbach Holds Pre-Election Party

[Madison]- On Friday, November 2, David Clarenbach will be holding a Pre-election Party at the Cardinal Bar which is located at 418 E. Wilson St. in Madison, Wisconsin. The Event will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and all are welcome.

Milwaukee Ballet Holds World Premiere of AIDS Themed Ballet

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee Ballet Company's November 8-11 series will include a world premiere work, "Of Rage and Remembrance," that addresses the AIDS epidemic and its effect on humanity. Twenty percent of the ticket sales, purchased through a special order form which is available from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will be donated to MAP.

Renowned choreographer Kathryn Posin has been commissioned by Milwaukee Ballet to create the work and has chosen to use composer John Corigliano's "Symphony No. 1" as the catalyst.

"John Corigliano is one of America's most popular composers and, while in residence with the Chicago Symphony last March, premiered his 'Symphony No. 1.' It is a powerful and moving work that deals with the AIDS crisis with affecting dignity. Whether or not one knows the theme of the piece, it leaves us, as the Chicago Tribune says, 'with a renewed awareness of our shared humanity,'" said Posin.

Inspired by the AIDS quilt which pays loving remembrance to those lost to the disease, Corigliano's score was described by the New York Times as being "by turns anguished, hysterical and deeply moving."

"What the piece means to me is that in the sharing of the inevitability of death, we are stronger united in our hopes for healing and life. I think that these days all the arts are resonating more with these issues," added Posin.

"The Milwaukee Ballet Company deserves the highest praise for its leadership role in producing the powerful world premiere ballet on AIDS and how it challenges our society like no other disease in this century," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP. "Through the ongoing support of the arts community, we are able to continue to raise public awareness of the AIDS epidemic and generate public support for

important AIDS services. We are profoundly grateful to the Milwaukee Ballet for their dedication to the AIDS issue."

Following the Saturday, Nov. 10 performance, the Milwaukee Ballet and the Milwaukee AIDS Project will co-host a benefit reception at the Performing Arts Center, with all proceeds going to MAP. Contact MAP at (414) 273-1991 for an invitation to the reception and more information on ordering tickets for the ballet.

The November, three-ballet, series also features the Milwaukee premiere of Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director Dane LaFontsee's work "UnderLight," and the George Balanchine favorite "Who Cares?" which is put to the music of George Gershwin.

"Yellow On Thursday" Comedy on TV

[Milwaukee]- **Yellow On Thursday**, Milwaukee's fast-paced, comedy cable television program airs an all-new episode October 18, 19, 25 and 28 on Warner Cable Channel 14 starting at 10:30 p.m.

Highlights of this half-hour show include a parody of director Pedro Almodovar's movies (Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown; Tie Me Up, Tie Me Down) and stars Jorge Cabal and Joseph Rogan. The segment is titled "Limpia" and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

A hilarious Gay slumber party is depicted in a segment titled, "The Slumber" and another segment featuring Tom Livieri and Mike Westerhausen, takes a look at 1-900 phone calls. The show includes commercial parodies and a comical News Update with W.W. Wells.

The show's cast is rounded out with the talents of Bryce Clarke, Jimmy Cignek and Allan Kurth.

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-Liz Taylor

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-Jeff Stryker



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EDITORIAL

ACT UP Commended In Helping Our Youth Learn Safe Sex

Sexual abstinence is a nice ideal, but while we hate to be cynical, for some, especially high school students as well as both younger and older, that's all it is, an ideal. Asking young people to be chaste and expecting all of them to practice it, is kind of like asking the moon not to rise. It won't happen. Forget it.

That is why what ACT-UP Milwaukee is doing for high school students is so commendable. ACT-UP is providing access to badly needed information and raising the consciousness of those who need it elevated.

We at Wisconsin Light proudly salute ACT-UP for its efforts on behalf of the young. We salute ACT-UP for caring enough to do what they are doing. We stand with the Milwaukee AIDS Project in endorsing ACT-UP's efforts and with all those who have the health and lives of the young at heart.

Court Ruling Places A Leak In State Anti-Discrimination Law

By J. Robert Moore

There's a leak in the dyke of Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law. It was put there by a recent Wisconsin Court of Appeals decision when it ruled that the Green Bay Press Gazette's classified section was not a "public accommodation as defined by Wisconsin statutes." The dangerous aspect of the ruling is that it defined "public accommodation" only in terms of those businesses that are "comparable to or consistent with the (thirteen) businesses enumerated in the statute." The Wisconsin Supreme Court has declined to review this ruling; therefore, it now stands as Wisconsin law.

Without boring the reader with further quotations from the Court's ruling or the Wisconsin statute, the following businesses (in addition to newspapers) might now claim exemption from the bias law: movies and theatres; drug stores and hardware stores; gas stations and banks; department stores and clothing stores — just to name those "non-covered" businesses I patronized the day I wrote this article. We must confront every member of the Wisconsin legislature and ask him/her to help broaden the Wisconsin statute on non-discrimination. Our allies in this cause should be any group that has been denied full and equal enjoyment because of its sex, race, color, creed, physical condition, developmental disability, national origin or ancestry.

Members of the Wisconsin House are all up for election this fall; now is the time to get their ear about broadening the bias law. Now is the time for organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Lambda Rights Network to recruit their natural allies from women's groups, racial groups and religious groups. Exactly 200 years (to the day) before the Appeal Court's decision, John Curran said that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We Wisconsin residents who have a sexual orientation that differs from that of the majority have rested somewhat comfortably behind Wisconsin's "consenting adult" and "non-discrimination" laws. The recent Court of Appeals decision calls for vigilance — and action now to preserve our legislated liberty. To arms, to arms... the red necks are coming!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's a beautiful Autumn day. Maybe that's why I'm thinking of ways to make this job easier. Here's a couple of new policies I've thought about.

No article will be considered for publication that exceeds 800 words in length — unless you check with me first. This is a small paper and dozens of articles compete for space in every issue.

As is the case with every other publication, all articles submitted to this paper will continue to be subject to editing for length, tightening organization and for correct use of the English language. You can make this process simpler if you indicate in your article what you think could be cut if necessary, and what you would like left in.

Please write in paragraph form and NO outlines, please. I don't have time to work them into prose.

LETTERS

A Big Thank-You

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a love letter to an entire community — the Gay and Lesbian community.

As I stood on the stage at the Wisconsin AIDS Walk and looked out over the crowd, I saw the faces of many of you who have walked other roads that led us to Sunday's Celebration of Life with the Milwaukee AIDS Project. But I wasn't a bit surprised. There was never a doubt in our minds, as we planned this challenging undertaking, that the Gay and Lesbian community would form the core of volunteers and walkers for this momentous event.

You have my deepest appreciation and respect. Thank you.

—Sharon L. Otto
President,
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin,
Board of Directors
Milwaukee

Political Naivete

TO THE EDITOR:

I am deeply disturbed by the political naivete and misguided indignation present in Brian Kipp's article "Gays Can And Do Serve Well and Proudly in U.S. Military." The gist of Kipp's article is to protest, not against Mr. Bush's war, but against the discrimination faced by those Gays who "love their country" and want to join the military.

Mr. Kipp, it seems, has bought into Bush's propaganda program that Saddam Hussein is a madman — a demonic Middle-Eastern "thug", about to impose chemical warfare

scriving in the US military only as a "right" to be gained by Gays and Lesbians, you obscure not only the economic policies of this country that enforce that so-called right upon many, but the corrupt agenda of the US military in general.

—Lisa R. Badner
Madison

AIDS Funding

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent also to Rep. David Obey.

Congressional funding of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990 is a matter of greatest urgency for Wisconsin and the thousands of people throughout the State who are affected by the AIDS epidemic.

I am writing to ask for your support and leadership at the Congressional Conference Committee meeting this week to increase the \$297 million House appropriation for the CARE Act by at least \$500 million. This increase is absolutely essential if Wisconsin is to receive any financial benefit from the Act.

The Ryan White CARE Act is the most comprehensive federal funding of AIDS services ever authorized by Congress. For Wisconsin, it is funding urgently needed to meet the increasingly difficult demands of the growing AIDS epidemic in our state. Congressional failure to appropriate sufficient funds for the CARE Act will severely harm Wisconsin and seriously undercut our ability to deliver essential AIDS services and successfully manage the epidemic.

I was shocked to learn that the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Health appropriated only \$207 million of the \$875 million authorized for fiscal year 1991. This appropriation completely eliminates any financial gain for Wisconsin at the very time that, in parts of Wisconsin, the AIDS caseload is doubling each year.

The nine community-based AIDS service organizations located in every region of Wisconsin will be significantly harmed by the failure to fund the CARE Act as will public health care institutions in Milwaukee, Madison and several other cities that are caring for the vast majority of people with HIV disease. Extremely important early intervention, treatment and financial assistance programs that are desperately needed by Wisconsin citizens who are HIV infected will be jeopardized.

If Wisconsin is to gain any benefit from the Ryan White CARE Act, the Congress must increase the appropriation by at least \$500 million. Anything less than the \$500 million increase will fail to help the State because the 16 metropolitan areas hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic will be the recipients of most of that funding.

The House Appropriation Sub-Committee's action has essentially gutted the CARE Act and brings the federal government's response to AIDS to the brink of complete failure. I ask you to do all in your power as a member of the Conference Committee to appropriate at least \$500 million more for the Ryan White CARE Act and thereby restore the credibility of the federal government to the critically important struggle against the AIDS epidemic.

Without this increased appropriation, Wisconsin's ability to successfully manage the AIDS epidemic is seriously jeopardized.

—Doug Nelson
Executive Director,
Milwaukee AIDS Project
Milwaukee

LETTER POLICY

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



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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Fall Social Season Full Of Variety

By Jamakaya

The Fall Social Season has begun and I dare any lazybones Lezzies out there to complain that there "just isn't anything to do..." The next month promises plenty of variety.

Several events of interest to Lesbians are occurring on Saturday, October 20. If you are reading this after the 20th, skip a few paragraphs so you don't get depressed.

First of all, Madison is holding its annual Take Back the Night March and Rally. Participants should assemble at the Capitol at 5:00 p.m. The march will begin at 6:00 p.m. and a dance will follow in the Memorial Union.

If you stay in Milwaukee, stop in at the Station II at 1534 W. Grant. Singer/songwriter Linda Smith will be performing selections from her new album *Hard Hearts* at 9:00 p.m. There is a \$5 cover.

That same night, October 20, Tret Fure will perform at Chicago's Mountain Moving Coffeehouse. Sets are at 8:30 and 9:45 p.m. and admission — unbelievably! — is by donation. Tret is celebrating the release of her new album, *Time Turns the Moon*. The Coffeehouse location is 1545 W. Morse (Morse and Ashland) in the Rogers Park area of north Chicago. It is in the United Church.

Another tidbit for October 20: Happy 8th Birthday to Milwaukee 9to5, the office workers organization agitating for raises, rights and respect in the workplace. In a decade when most women's groups shut down, 9to5 geared up to address the struggles of all working women. Congratulations to Ellen Bravo and company!

Karen Finley, feminist performance artist who was denied an NEA grant for her radical politics, will present her show "We Keep Our Victims Ready" on October 19, 20, 26 and 27 at the Beacon Street Gallery, 4520 N. Beacon St. in Chicago. Find out why Jesse Helms wants this woman banned! Call (312) 561-3500 for times and ticket info.

Every screwed-up Lesbian's favorite therapist, Dawn Radtke, will appear in Milwaukee at Webster's Bookstore on Downer Avenue, Tuesday, October 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Dawn will talk about and sign copies of her books, *Aging With Joy*, and the newest, *From Worry to Wellness*. Both books are reasonably priced, practical self-help manuals.

Milwaukee's Skylight Opera will present "Harriet, The Woman Called Moses," a musical tribute to Harriet Tubman, a leader of the Underground Railroad, from October 24 to November 11. The Skylight Opera is at 813 N. Jefferson Street. Call (414) 271-8815 for times and tickets.

Grapevine will hold its monthly potluck on Thursday, October 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Milwaukee's Quaker Meeting House, 3224 N. Gordon Place. New women are welcome. Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Milwaukee artist Rennie Laing has her "Arizona" watercolors and pastel drawings on display at the Blatz Gallery, 270 E. Highland Blvd. until the end of October. Stop by and check it out.

Milwaukee's Third Annual Women's Hallowe'en Dance will be held Saturday, October 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Lake Park Pavilion (enter park at Lake Drive and Newberry Blvd.). It's sponsored by Full Moon productions and costs \$5. A DJ will provide music and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. This dance has become one of the most popular events of the year, packing in hundreds of women to celebrate the biggest Gay holiday. Don't miss it!

Also on the 27th, Mountain Moving Coffeehouse will present the Artemis Singers, Chicago's Lesbian Feminist Chorus. The world premiere of "Music for Witches" by Audrey Karabinus will be featured and a dance will follow. (Address and times above.)

On November 8, "Brave and Crazy" Melissa Etheridge will perform at Milwaukee's Riverside Theatre at 8:00 p.m. The tough rock 'n roller will appear with *Dreams So Real*. Call (414) 271-2000 for tickets.

Melissa played at the newest women's



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

festival, Rhythm Fest, held over the Labor Day weekend atop Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. She appeared on the night stage September 1 on a bill that included Alix Dobkin! By all reports, more than 1,000 women, mostly dykes, went wild!

Melissa didn't just perform either. As all participants are expected to do at these gigs, she did a work shift. Paula Walowitz reports in Chicago's *Outlines* that Melissa was answering the phone at festival headquarters, patiently advising callers: "No, it's not a rumor. Melissa Etheridge will be performing..."

Melissa also revealed to concertgoers that the "Barbara in Nashville" mentioned in her song "You Can Sleep While I Drive" is Barbara Savage, a veteran organizer of women's festivals who helped produce Rhythm Fest this year. Melissa has previously appeared at the West Coast and Southern Festivals.

The Chicago Lesbian and Gay Film Festival runs from November 9-18. Several new women's films are scheduled to premiere. Screenings will take place at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport, and at the Chicago Filmmakers Theatre, 1229 W. Belmont. For a schedule, call (312) 281-1981.

Last, but certainly not least, "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls," Madison's 5th Annual Lesbian Variety Show is scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2040 Atwood Avenue. Tickets will be available November 1 from A Room of One's Own, Whole Earth and Quintessence in Madison and, hopefully, from People's Bookstore in Milwaukee.

This year, the Art Show which accompanies the "Kissing Girls" production will be held at the Madison Senior Center. There will be an opening and poetry reading there on Friday night. Stay tuned for more info.

A couple of final tips: For the latest in women's music, Milwaukeeans can tune into Women's Music Radio, Sunday evenings from 11:00 p.m. to midnight on WMSE 91.7 FM. Hosts Barb Coyle and Kim Bartels will keep you entertained and up to date. And People's Bookstore on Farwell Avenue is selling out its stock of women's record albums at a substantial discount. (Chris will continue to carry cassettes.) Stop in and take advantage of the bargain!

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Kissing Girls Brings Variety Show Back To Madison Nov. 17

By Leslie Wilmot

[Madison]- We're back! We're excited as can be and we hope that you are too! Kissing Girls Productions (KGP) is thrilled to be bringing Madison's 5th Annual Lesbian Variety Show, "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5", to the Barrymore Theatre, 2040 Atwood Ave., Madison at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, 1990.

But first, let us tell you why we're so excited. One reason is that we have an entire weekend of events lined up for all you wonderful dykes and womyn friends. Here's our weekend line-up:

1st] Friday, 11/16 KGP is proud to showcase in its own special forum, a fun and vibrant Opening to the Lesbian Art Show from 5-7 p.m. at the Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison. The artwork will continue to be on display until 9:00 p.m.

2nd] Friday, 11/16 KGP will be producing some of the best Lesbian poets around at the Lesbian Poetry Reading, running concurrently with the Art Show at the Senior Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

3rd] Saturday, 11/17 KGP will continue its exhibit of Lesbian Artwork at the Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4th] Saturday, 11/17 The BIG SHOW at the Barrymore! And do we have a surprise for you... Maxine Feldman will do the honors of being our Special Guest MC! And, of course, you'll be entertained by an incredible array of Lesbian talent. The evening promises to be magical!

Tickets for the Variety Show are \$10 and go on sale at: A Room of One's Own, the Barrymore Theatre, and Whole Earth on November 1st. Out of town mail order purchases can be made Oct. 29-Nov. 9. Mail your check payable to Kissing Girls Productions, Inc., (or KGP, Inc.), for \$10 per ticket to LVS, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Include SASE.

Your ticket to "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 5" will include admission to all of our weekend events. Please be prepared to show your ticket at the door... but, hold on to them for the Sat. night show.

If you miss out on the opportunity to get tickets to "THE SHOW", please join us at the other weekend events. Admission is \$2 and all womyn are welcome.

Also, please look for donation tins at all the weekend functions. We desperately need your help to pull this weekend extravaganza off... and more importantly, to continue our new tradition of awarding annual Kissing Girls Cultural Arts Grants. Lesbian artists need support from their community, because they're not going to get it anywhere else. We all need YOU!

And now to address our greatest controversy to date. Kissing Girls Productions is a Lesbian, Feminist Production Company. As such, and after listening... really listening... to feedback regarding the depiction of S/M activities on stage, we have decided to remain committed to our original intent of bringing both Lesbian variety and emotional safety to our audience. This

means that ALL Womyn are welcome to attend the show.

However, we will not knowingly produce any S/M activities, racist, ageist, able-ist or other material that we perceive as denigrating to womyn. The S/M issue, in particular, has been a very painful and divisive issue for the Lesbian Community... the dialogue needs to continue.

The forum for that needs to be other than the Lesbian Variety Show. We do not want to produce such material. However, we would encourage womyn involved in S/M activities to find another avenue to share these activities with womyn who knowingly and consciously choose to participate either in the show or as audience members.

We are fully aware that this decision will cause some of us to be alienated from one another. For that, we are sorry. However, we are also aware that we will not and cannot possibly please 800 or more Lesbians... because we are still so diverse. All we ask is that you trust the fact that we have been very thoughtful in our decision-making process. We hope that whether or not you completely agree with our decision... you will still give us your support. There is still a great deal of latitude for diversity, creativity and humor. It's generally worked for four years. We remain hopeful for the fifth. Please know that we try; we try hard; we do this for ourselves and we do it for you. Thanks!

Dec. 9 Arts And Crafts Fair Seeks Sellers

[Milwaukee, WI]- Buy your holiday gifts, or something for you, from Womyn Artisans at the Womyn's Holiday Art & Craft Affair scheduled for Sunday, December 9th. The event will be held at the South Shore Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A \$1.00 donation will be requested, which will go to benefit the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Womyn Artisans from the surrounding area will be selling original art/craft items. Baked goods, refreshments and entertainment will also be part of the Affair, along with a silent auction of donated artisan items. The kitchen will be operated by members of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee and proceeds from selling refreshments will go to that organization.

The Holiday Affair Committee is looking for womyn who are interested in selling original art/craft items, if you're interested in securing booth space, contact Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek & Associates at (414) 271-5819. Booth space is \$2.50 per square foot with a donation to the silent auction, \$4.50 per square foot without a donation. Artisans must provide their own tables and chairs. The deadline for registration is November 23 and booth space will be blocked off on a first-come/first-serve basis. Call (414) 271-5819 for a registration form.

Richard Pryor, Jr. Performs At La Cage

[Milwaukee]- Celebrated entertainer, Bonnie Bitch, bid a temporary farewell to Milwaukee and to La Cage, her performing home, on Sunday, October 6, 1990, but to say "good-bye" she not only put on a splendid show — as always — but presented a "gift" to the audience; a special appearance of Rainey Mcknight a.k.a Richard Pryor Jr.

The younger Pryor, a shy, soft-spoken young man, lives in Peoria, Illinois and holds the title of Miss Lambda Lincoln USA.

Pryor said he had never been to Milwaukee before and was delighted with the city and how friendly everyone was.

Pryor, who identifies himself as Gay, said he came out to his father when he was 17. "He really had no problem with it," Richard Jr. said.

His father has never seen him perform, Richard said, adding, "He knows and accepts me. Basically, whatever I do, he'll be behind me as long as I do it right."

Though he said he hasn't been to Hollywood in three years, others in the entertainment industry accept him as well. There are a lot of closet cases out there, he said.

Richard says he enjoys being a female impersonator. Doing it separates him from his father's shadow, allowing him to carve out his own career. Eventually, he hopes to be an actor.

Pryor (Rainey) should be seen, however, in the light of his performance. From a rather shy-seeming young man, he takes to the stage to present a vibrant and dynamic performance. And this is saying a great deal.

In the company of such greatly talented performers as Bonnie herself, Mary Richards, Rudy, Tyrone, Vanessa, Dynasty Duponte, Miss Goldie Adams and the sleekly dark and handsome Christopher who all appeared in the



Jerry Johnson

RAINEY MCKNIGHT

farewell show, Pryor more than holds his own. His performance was both delicate and charming and done with style; his costumes which accented the lavender, svelte and glittering. He was a perfect compliment to the La Cage troupe.

Some sidelights: Goldie, as I promised, "Happy Birthday." That fringed leather jacket was just "too much!"

Bonnie was resplendent in black feathers. We wish he well on her tour — D.C., Atlantic City, Texas and elsewhere.

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Different Drummer Theatre Group Plans First Show; Seeks Women

By Sue Burke

Many communities — most suburbs, for example — have community theatre companies. Stephen Dean wants Milwaukee's Lesbians and Gays to have one "for our citizens."

"We want to do plays for our community, about our community, about our lives, our struggles, what we are living," he said. Some other cities have Lesbian and Gay theatre companies, Dean said.

Dean and three other men have been working for the past three months and have created a name and a plan. Different Drummer Theatre Alliance is being incorporated to act as an umbrella organization for theatre groups, Dean said.

One such group is the Special Folk Action Company.

It gets its name from an act by Whoopi Goldberg, in which she describes names used about and against Gays and Lesbians and says, "I think of them as just special folk," Dean explained.

The group needs two things: people and a place. To recruit people for acting, stage managing, set construction, public relations work and other jobs, Different Drummer took out a series of ads in *In Step* magazine and had a booth at MAPfest.

The ad produced about 30 responses. The booth produced a stack of filled-out forms from interested people.

But Dean is concerned because only 3 of the responses from the ad were from women and most of the forms were filled out by men.

"We want to have women respond," he said. "We want women to form a group or be part of a group." Lesbians could form their own acting troupe and perform under the umbrella organization, he said.

For example, he said, Different Drummer plans to produce a show of one-act plays soon, and a group of women would be welcome to do a one-act of their choice.

Dean is also concerned about a lack of women because the group hopes to do "Execution of Justice," by Emily Mann, the story of the assassination of Harvey Milk, and will need women actors.

"Anybody interested in doing something a little different" in theatre is welcome to join the group, including heterosexuals, he said. Many plays about Gay life include heterosexual characters, he said.

For starters, Different Drummer members hope to put on a show of one-acts in December or February. If they can get the rights, they want to do "A Poster from the Cosmos," about a man being interrogated by police about the suicide of his lover who had AIDS, and "Laughing Wild," a comedy in which a positive attitude speech-maker reveals his negative character.

Auditions will be announced. The date of the plays depends on how fast the group can work.

"We decided to go with one-acts to get our feet wet," Dean said. "They don't require a lot of set construction." A show should also get more interest in the group, he said.

Different Drummer needs a place to rehearse, Dean said. "All we need is like

a classroom. We could pay something. It wouldn't be a lot." The group raised almost \$70 at MAPfest, he said.

The group also needs a performance space, and members will talk to other small theatre companies to see about renting space. Different Drummer will need funds to pay the rent.

Dean holds a Master's degree in Fine Arts for directing, producing and stage management. He has directed community theatre groups in the Milwaukee area. Other members of Different Drummer have theatre experience, but that is not necessary, he said.

"I would like as many people that want to do something like this to join," he said. "I think there are a lot of good plays to choose from, a lot of authors."

Harriet Tubman's Story On Skylight Stage Oct. 24

[Milwaukee]- Skylight Opera Theatre will present Thea Musgrave's "Harriet, The Woman Called Moses," an opera based freely on the life of Harriet Tubman, Oct. 24- Nov. 11, 1990 at the Skylight Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson St.

"Harriet, The Woman Called Moses," written in 1985 is inspired by the life of Harriet Tubman, leading up to and including her experiences as an escaped slave and as the most famous "conductor" of the Underground Railroad. In two acts, the 90-minute work conveys the fears and anxieties of those who made the dangerous trip from slavery to freedom and recounts and celebrates the sacrifices, courage and strength of an exceptional and admirable American heroine.

While the music is contemporary and operatic, it is tonal, and elements of traditional spirituals and dances are incorporated, along with new spirituals composed by Musgrave.

Tickets for the production are \$18 and \$25 and are available through the Skylight Box Office, 813 N. Jefferson, (414) 271-8815. Box Office hours are noon-6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

"It's Bawdy, It's Brassy, It's Burlesque..."

[Milwaukee]- Burlesque "comedy", without the bump and grind of the strip tease, comes to the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre's Stackner Cabaret in "It's Bawdy, It's Brassy, It's Berserque... It's Burlesque." Burlesque was the training ground for most of the great American stage and radio comics, including W.C. Fields and Fanny Brice. The Milwaukee Rep will tickle your funny bone with burlesque humor November 2 through December 16, 1990. Associate Artistic Director Kenneth Albers directs.

There will be a special benefit performance for the Milwaukee AIDS Project on Wednesday, November 7, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for all performances are \$6.50 and \$8.00. For tickets and more information, call the Rep Box Office at (414) 224-9490.



On October 7, Bonnie Bitch (far right), La Cage's celebrated Sunday night show host was bid farewell by fellow entertainers at the end of the show and prior to going on a national tour.

Four Star Fiction Hosts Poets And Writers

[Madison]- Four Star Fiction and Video will be hosting three readings by poets and writers.

On Wednesday, October 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Fireweed Poets will be reading selections from their works. This Madison-area band of poets, though differing in style and subject, share a unique and common vision full of vitality and hope.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30 beginning at 7:00 p.m. author Elaine Bergstrom will return to Four Star to read from her work and sign copies of *Blood Alone*, the latest in the vampire saga begun with the widely popular *Shattered Glass*. Come and have a "bloody" good time.

On Wednesday, November 7 beginning at 7:00 p.m., Karl Harter, author of *Winter of Frozen Dreams*, will be at Four Star to talk about the who's, the why's and the how's of the Barbara Hoffman murder case, described as "the most notorious murder case in the history of Madison." Hoffman who was at the center of the case, was a brilliant student. She had taken up a lucrative life as a prostitute. It was her cold-blooded ambition that would lead to an almost perfect crime.

Four Star Fiction and Video is located at 315 N. Henry St. in Madison.

Classical Recital To Benefit The Milwaukee House

[Milwaukee]- A special classical recital to benefit the Milwaukee House, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) residence for PWA's, is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. The concert will be presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp St., in Milwaukee.

Scheduled performers will be organist Jerry Allen Smith and the Nordic Brass Quintet, in a program covering 300 years of music, from Pachelbel to Paul Manz.

Milwaukee House, presently a residence for six people living with AIDS, is in need of some major repairs and updating to help keep it within city codes. Your generosity is deeply appreciated in helping MAP maintain this house and in acquiring more such facilities as the need arises.

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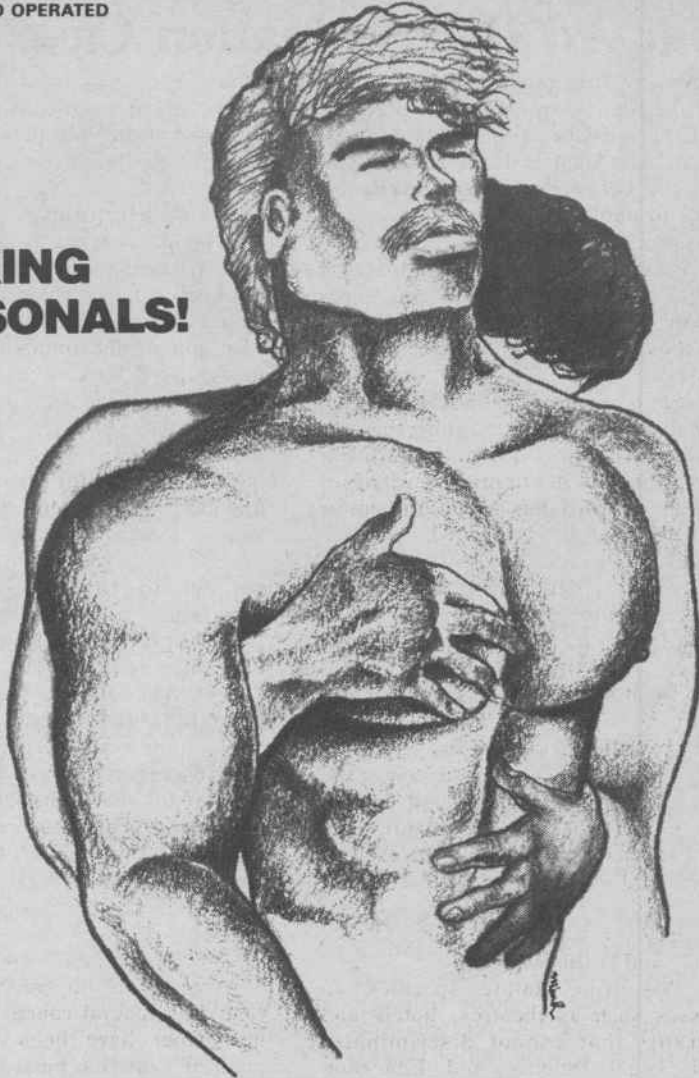
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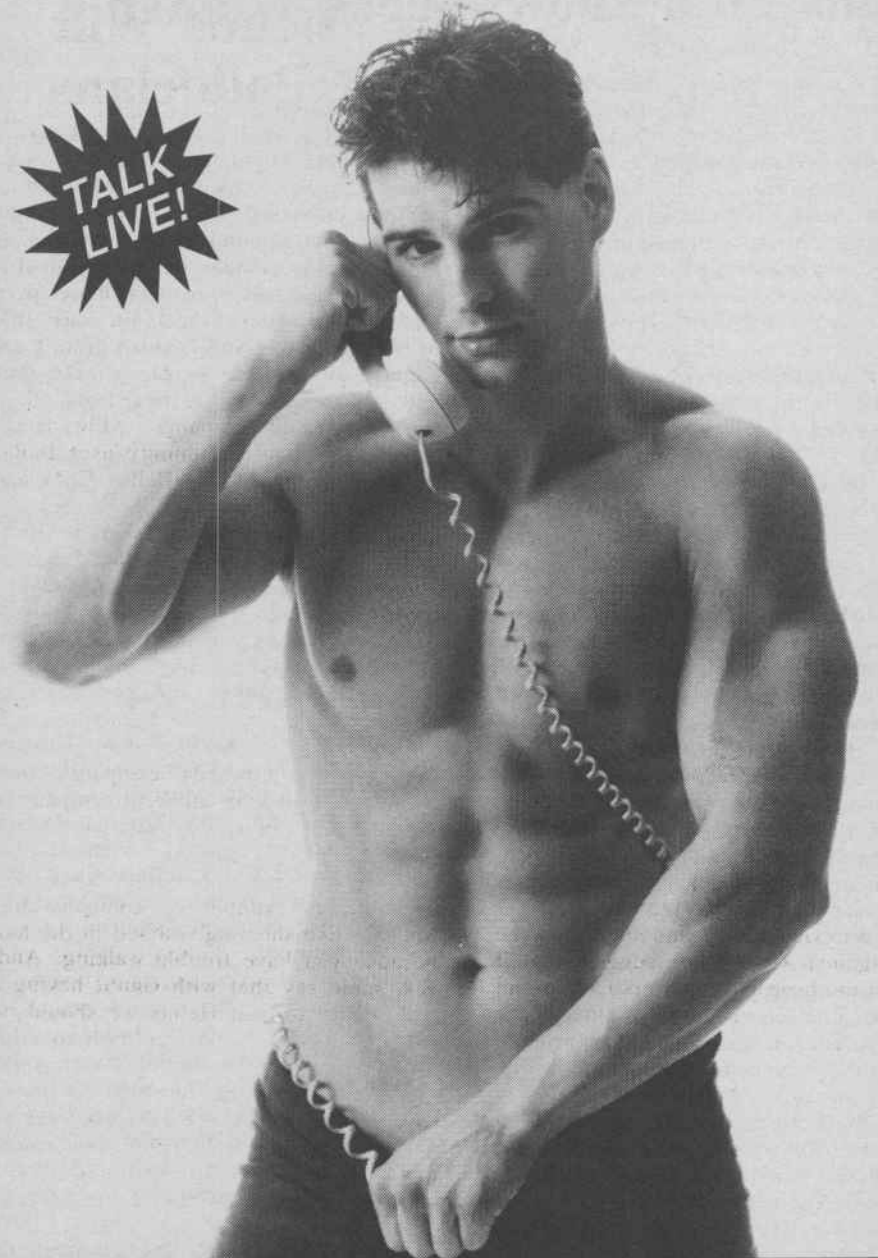
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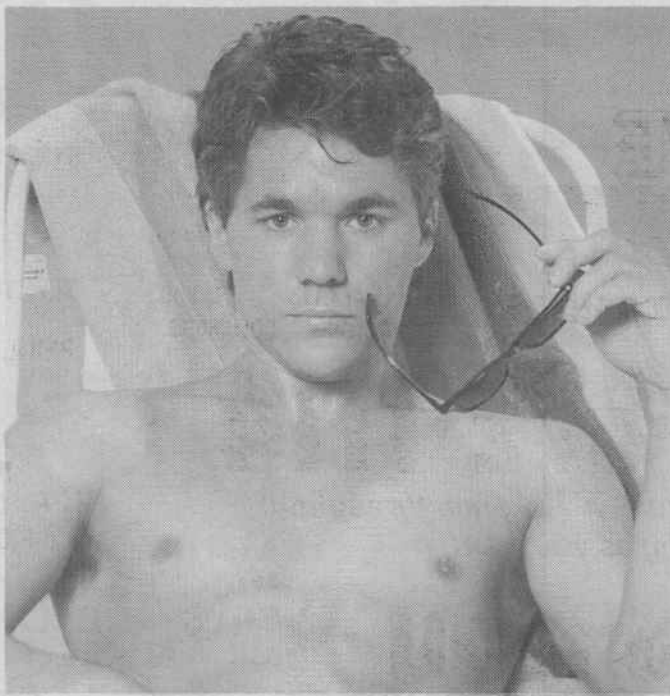
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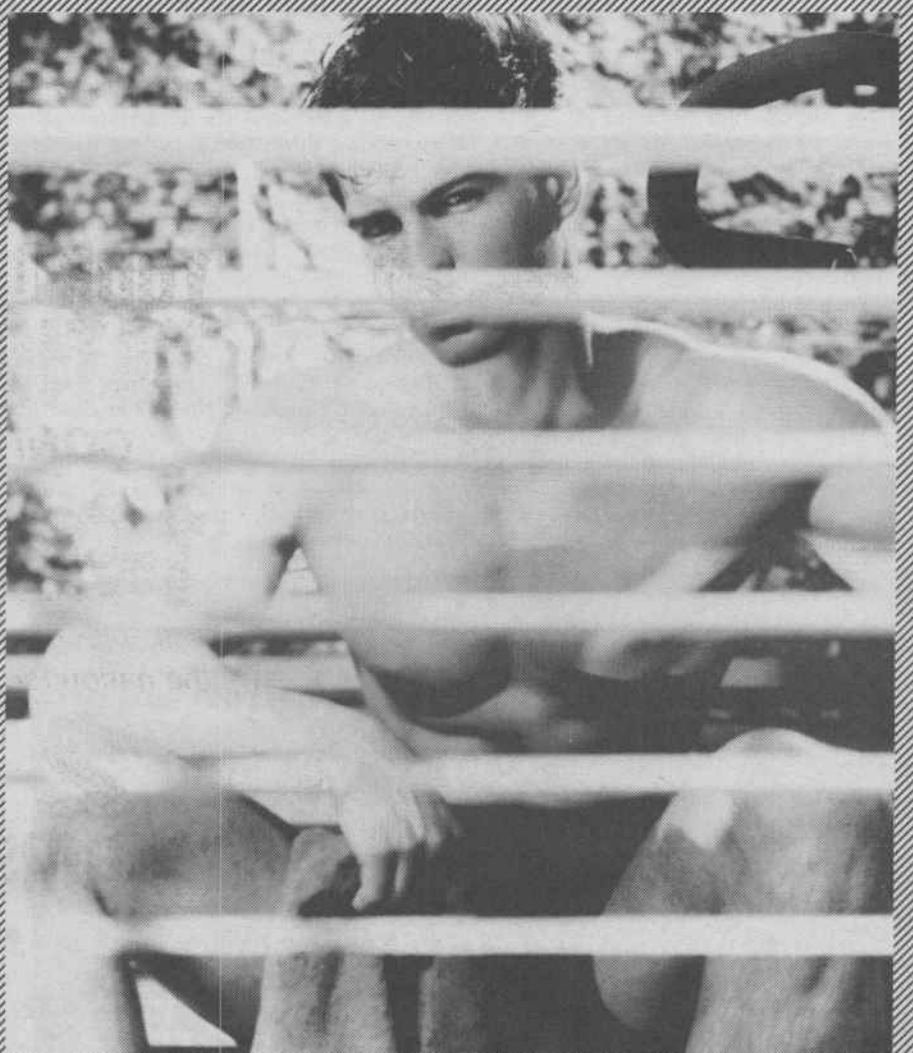
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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Working Against Our Friends Will Not Defeat Homophobic Politicians

By Bill Meunier

We all owe our thanks to ACT UP San Francisco. Most of us have been laboring under the misunderstanding that if we wanted to defeat homophobic politicians we had to work for their opponents. But now thanks to these paragons of wisdom, we now know the truth. If we want to defeat folks like Jesse Helms, we have to boycott products made by companies that are friendly to us.

Specially, we are all being asked to boycott Miller Beer because, some corporate executives of Miller's parent company, Phillip Morris, gave money to Jesse Helms and because the Morris Corporation gave a grant to a UNIVERSITY library named after Helms. Phillip Morris owns a lot of companies including Kraft Foods and Oscar Mayer, but the boycott has centered on Miller Beer and Marlboro cigarettes. After all the queens in San Francisco can hardly be expected to do without their Cheesewhiz, Velveeta and Hot Dogs and apparently the other cigarette brands made by Morris are above reproach.

There are those who have objected to the Miller boycott. They point out that Miller has pro Gay hiring policies, has donated to Gay causes and supported the fight against AIDS. They suggest that if each of the boycott supporters had a semi load of suppositories they would still be full of it. They have even gone so far as to claim that the energy being spent on the boycott would be better used raising funds for Former Mayor Harvey Gantt who is running neck and neck with Helms, or at least in support of a boycott against a company that is actually working against us.

Fortunately not everyone agrees with this line of reasoning. Take ACT UP Dallas for example. They convinced some Dallas bar owners to join in the boycott. One of the arguments used was that Miller doesn't donate lots of money to Gay and Lesbian groups in Dallas, even though the Dallas Gay and Lesbian

community drink lots of Miller. You can hardly blame them for feeling that way. After all, just because the Midwest is sending billions down to Dallas (and the rest of Texas, too) to bail out their Savings and Loan Associations doesn't mean that they aren't entitled to lots more from Midwestern companies. I am sure that Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian groups are eagerly awaiting those big checks they will undoubtedly be getting from all of those Dallas oil companies. Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community uses Dallas oil just as certainly as Dallas Gays and Lesbians drink Milwaukee's Miller Beer.

Rumor has it that Dallas ACT UP is going to help State Senator Chet Edwards win an open seat in Congress by boycotting a cola product. Edwards is in trouble, because on behalf of another Texas Legislator, he accepted an award from the Texas Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Now that ACT UP Dallas has seen the light, they know they don't have to work for Mr. Edwards' campaign, they only have to pick an innocent company to boycott and Edwards will win by a landslide.

Sure there are those who think that boycotting a supportive company like Miller is like shooting yourself in the foot because you have trouble walking. And, yes, some say that with Gantt having a real chance to beat Helms we should be using every bit of our strength to send money and volunteers to his campaign. They compare this boycott to beating up a friend because his parents don't like you.

All of that may sound reasonable on the surface, but these folks are forgetting one simple fact: ACT UP San Francisco has decreed the Miller Boycott and being from San Francisco they know more than the rest of us. You can tell that by all the State wide Gay rights laws they have in California. Okay maybe they don't have any while Wisconsin, where Miller is located, does but that doesn't mean that San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian community isn't infinitely smarter and

State Supreme Court Refuses To Hear Ad Discrimination Case

[Madison]- On September 14, 1990, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of two Lesbians and a Gay man who filed a discrimination suit against the **Green Bay Press Gazette** for refusing to publish their ads for Gay and Lesbian products and services.

The **Press Gazette** was clear that the ads were rejected because of the words "Lesbian" and "Gay." "We just don't print those kinds of ads," said a spokesman.

The State Supreme Court's inaction lets stand the lower court ruling that the newspaper has the First Amendment right to print — or not to print — whatever it chooses. It also lets stand the lower court ruling that a newspaper's classified ad section does not constitute a place of public accommodation as defined by Wisconsin statute.

The plaintiffs, Peggy and Tracey Vandever and Jay Hatheway, argued that the state's civil rights law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public accommodations (as well as housing and employment) was being violated by the newspaper's refusal to print the Gay-oriented ads. Hatheway's ad was for the publication **Among Friends**, which offers support to rural Gays. The Vandever's ad was for sweatshirts that carry Gay and Lesbian slogans.

The Wisconsin statute specifies 15 businesses such as theatres, hotels and restaurants that cannot discriminate. Lambda Legal Defense and Education

more politically astute than Milwaukee's. If you don't believe that just ask anyone from San Francisco and they'll be happy to set you straight (in a manner of speaking of course). In fact many of us who are forced by circumstance to live in other areas of the country have been told in no uncertain terms by many Gays and Lesbians who live there that San Francisco is superior to wherever we live. That's why they call it "THE City."

The rest of us just don't understand the high minded strategy and logic concocted by those geniuses of the Golden Gate. Sure no corporate profits from Miller went to Helms, so what if Miller has sponsored

Fund, which assisted the plaintiffs in their appeal, argued that the law was intended to be interpreted broadly to all places of business, but the court disagreed.

Paula Ettlbrick, Lambda's legal director, declared: "It is an outrage that the Wisconsin Supreme Court would implicitly approve an interpretation of the state's major civil rights law which would now allow discrimination not only by newspapers but by department stores, travel agents, banks and thousands of other businesses not explicitly noted in the statute."

The only solution, in Ettlbrick's opinion, is to amend the state law to ensure that all businesses that provide goods and services to the public are subject to the anti-discrimination provision.

An entirely different aspect of the case has concerned Gay, Lesbian and feminist editors. They have pointed out that if the plaintiffs won their case, alternative newspapers could be compelled to accept advertisements from groups that are hostile to the newspaper's focus and readership. For instance, the **Wisconsin Light** could be forced to run ads from fundamentalists offering a "cure" for homosexuality, or **Feminist Voices** could be compelled to advertise anti-abortion counseling services.

As there are no grounds to appeal the case to a federal court, the rights of the newspaper have been upheld and the plaintiff's case has been dismissed.

numerous Gay Lesbian events around the country, who cares if Miller hires employees who are openly Gay and Lesbian? The political wizards of San Francisco and their cohorts see through that smokescreen. It is not up to us to reason why our only role is to follow the directives of our betters. So shake up corporate America. Throw out that Miller, refuse to drink another drop of Lite! In so doing be assured that you will have Jesse Helms quivering all of the way up to his redneck. And if you need any help in disposing of your Miller Brewing products the staff of this paper will be happy to help.

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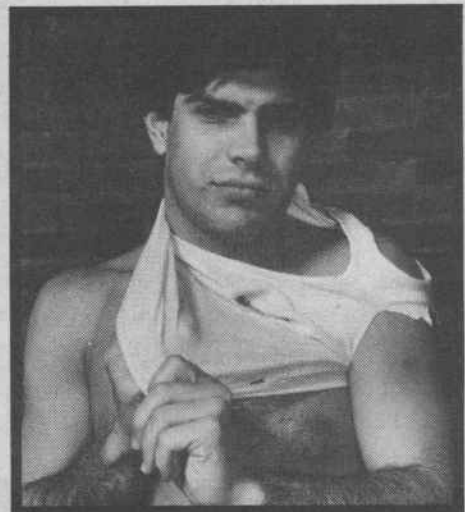
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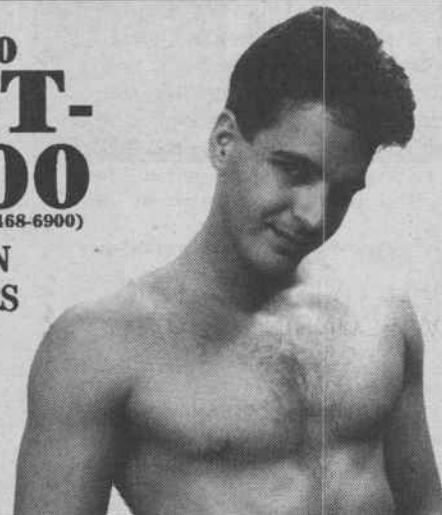
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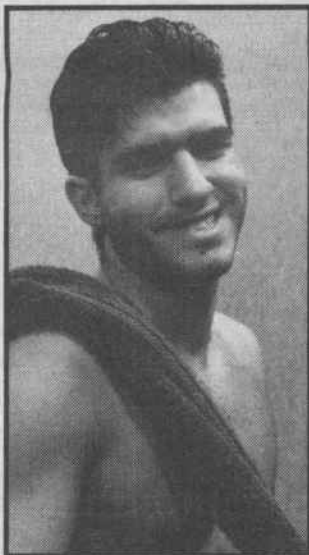
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Counseling Center Celebrates 10 Years Of Community Help

By Maytee Aspuro

[Milwaukee]- The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, located at 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. in Milwaukee, has been offering programs directed to the well being of the Gay and Lesbian community for more than ten years.

Tim Baack, the Coordinator of the Men's Support Group Program at the Counseling Center, recently announced the establishment of The Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG). Meeting every fourth Sunday of the month between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center, the GMDG is intended to provide a safe and supportive environment for men to share information and ideas on issues that are of interest and concern to the Gay community.

The GMDG is a drop-in group modeled after the Counseling Center's successful Our Space discussion group currently servicing the Lesbian community. Each GMDG program will have either a guest speaker or a panel of speakers. Those attending will be encouraged to actively participate in the discussion. At all times, the Counseling Center will do its best to insure confidentiality of all participants.

Within six months, Baack hopes to establish a GMDG committee comprised of GMDG participants. The committee would help choose discussion group topics and coordinate the program.

The first GMDG will be held on Sunday, October 28. The topic of the discussion is "Coming Out." Future topics will include: Dealing with Your Own Homophobia; Developing and Maintaining Healthy Relationships and Having Sex vs. Making Love. A recommended donation of \$2 per meeting is requested.

In addition to GMDG, the Counseling Center is currently offering facilitator training for HIV+ individuals. Those who complete the program will then facilitate a support group for HIV+ men. The Counseling Center's HIV+ support groups are meant to complement those currently offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The Counseling Center support groups will differ from MAP's in that they will be a closed group consistent

in membership instead of a drop-in type group where members may change from meeting to meeting. The HIV+ groups are targeted to meet once a week for 14 to 16 weeks.

Other men's support groups dealing with Gay men's issues are in the process of formation. These groups will meet once a week for 10 to 12 weeks. Membership normally consists of a combination of men in different stages of establishing their own Gay life experience. In order to reduce the necessity for a waiting list, the Counseling Center is offering three separate Gay men's support groups this Fall. A donation of \$5 is requested per session, but the fee is negotiable for men with financial difficulties.

Specialized topic support groups are created as the need arises. Baack encourages Gay men to forward any recommendations for a specialized support group directly to him.

Any man interested in either GMDG, HIV+ facilitator training or one of the Gay men's support groups should call Baack at 271-2565. If he is not available, leave a first name and number where you can be reached. The Counseling Center mailing list is confidential and all mailings are done in a manner to insure privacy.

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