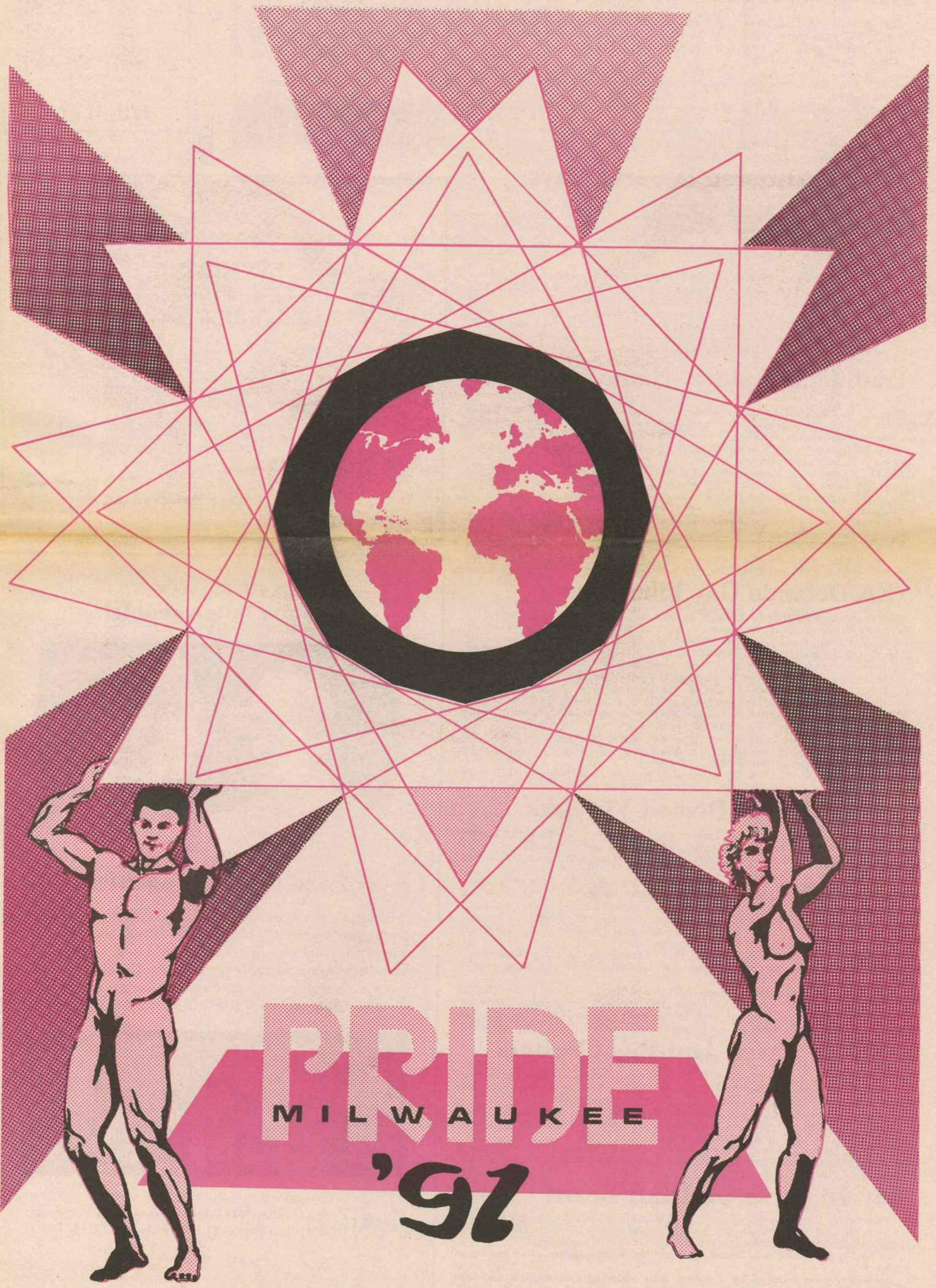




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HIV Immigration Bar Retained

[Washington, D.C.]—Citing the receipt of thousands of letters in opposition to the policy change, the Bush administration has reneged on its earlier commitment to lift the ban on persons with HIV infection from visiting or immigrating to the US.

An immigration reform bill, passed by Congress last Fall, gave Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Louis Sullivan the authority to strike HIV infection from the list of diseases for which a person can be barred from the US. Sullivan recommended that HIV be removed from the list and the ban was to be lifted on June 1.

Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), who worked hard for the policy change, said: "This is a very distressing case of political cold feet. This is another case where the Bush administration gives the semi-civilized wing of the Republican Party a veto over health policy."

Health officials within the Bush administration itself are reportedly angry with the reversal of policy. A source in HHS told the *L.A. Times* that the Department would "weigh in heavily against this. It sends the wrong message to people outside the country — and to people inside the country."

Asst. Secretary James Mason said that he had been ordered by "conservative elements" within HHS to draft a new regulation that would maintain the ban. He did, but refused to sign it.

Criticism of the ban grew in 1990 after several health professionals and AIDS activists who are HIV positive were barred from the US where they planned to attend an important conference on AIDS. Many eminent researchers and organizations boycotted last year's International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco to protest the American policy. They noted that HIV is not spread through casual contact.

Hooligan Ordered to Serve Gays

[New York, NY]—Michael Burke, 30, the spectator who threw a can of beer at Mayor David Dinkins as he marched with Gays and Lesbians in the St. Patrick's Day parade, has been sentenced to work for a week in the Mayor's Office on the Lesbian and Gay community.

"It certainly will be a learning experience for him," quipped Mayor Dinkins after hearing of the sentence.

Burke pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and reckless endangerment. He could have received a maximum one year sentence, but because of no prior criminal record, the district attorney suggested the alternate sentence.

"This is a rare example of the law stepping in and doing the right thing," Matt Forman, director of the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project told the *New York Times*. "I only wish the court would give the same sentences to more serious offenses against Gays and Lesbians, most of which go unpunished."

'Traditional Values' Name Co-opted

[Washington, D.C.]—The *Washington Blade* reports that the anti-Gay Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) is unable to incorporate in the District of Columbia because veteran D.C. Gay activist Frank Kameny established a corporation with the same name seven months ago. The *Blade* says Kameny's action will prevent the homophobic group from conducting business in the District of Columbia.

The TVC, based in Anaheim, CA and led by the Rev. Lou Sheldon, has campaigned against Gay rights measures around the country and holds workshops to "reconvert" Gays to heterosexuality. Sheldon planned to establish a lobby in the nation's capital to work against the "homosexual agenda."

The District issued a certificate of incorporation to Kameny for his TVC in September, 1990. He has sole legal title to the TVC name in D.C.

Kameny's TVC supports Gay rights, legal recognition for Gay relationships, individual choice on abortion and no prayers in public schools. He has threatened civil and criminal charges if Sheldon's TVC attempts to illegally use his corporation's name in D.C.

NEA Defends Gay Film Fest

[San Francisco, CA]—John Frohnmayer, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), has defended his agency's grant of \$12,000 to the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. The grant is under attack by Donald Wildmon and the American Family Association as a "misuse and abuse of tax dollars."

In a letter to members of Congress, Frohnmayer declared that the NEA "does not blacklist nor does it refuse grants on the basis of sexual orientation...The law requires that I, as chairperson, shall ensure that 'artistic excellence and artistic merit are the criteria by which applications are judged, taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public.' That is precisely what we are doing," wrote Frohnmayer.

"Wildmon's complaint seems to urge adherence only to his 'values,' excluding the diversity which has always been protected in America and indeed has and will always be one of our country's greatest strengths."

The 1991 grant represents the fourth annual NEA award to the film festival. It is an increase over last year's grant of \$9,000.

Gay Co-Parent Denied Visitation

[Albany, NY]—The New York State Court of Appeals, in a 6-1 vote, has denied a Lesbian non-biological parent visitation rights to a child born through artificial insemination to her former lover. The couple raised the child together for two and a half years before their relationship ended.

The court ruled that because Alison D. was neither the biological mother nor a legally recognized adoptive parent, she was not entitled to visitation rights.

In a stinging dissent, Judge Judith Kaye, the only woman member of the court and a mother of three, chided her colleagues for ignoring "modern day realities." She said that 15.5 million children don't live with two biological parents and that 10 million children are born into families with a Gay or Lesbian parent.

"The impact of today's decision falls hardest on the children of those relationships, limiting their opportunity to maintain bonds that may be crucial to their development," said Judge Kaye.

Paula Ettelbrick of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said: "They've basically upheld a 1950's analysis of family. They're really out of touch with what parent-child relationships are like in 1991. Lesbians will continue to have and raise and love children whether the courts are able to deal with that or not."

D.C. Approves Anti-Bigot Posters

[Washington, D.C.]—District of Columbia transit officials have approved a request by the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund to place anti-bigotry posters on the city's buses and in subway stations starting June 1, according to the *Washington Blade*.

The posters read: "The next time you think 'Faggot' or 'Dyke,' remember we belong to someone's family, perhaps yours." The logo and address of the non-profit Gay and Lesbian Education Fund is included on the posters.

The Education Fund won a suit against the D.C. Metro in the early 1980's when transit officials refused to display a similar poster. It showed pictures of people along with the words: "Someone in Your Life is Gay."

Gay To Serve On Draft Board

[Sacramento, CA]—Republican Gov. Peter Wilson has appointed an openly Gay man, Cliff Anchor, to serve on the Selective Service Standby Board of Sonoma County. Anchor will evaluate the fitness of potential draftees should the draft be implemented.

Anchor, 54, is a retired Army colonel and a member of San Francisco's Gay Republican club.

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Hate Crimes, AIDS Legislation Being Pushed

By State Rep. David Clarenbach

[Madison]- In the coming weeks and months, the Legislature will consider two issues of special interest to Gays and Lesbians in Wisconsin. The first, funding of AIDS programs, is part of the Legislature's deliberations on the 1991-93 state budget. The second, improving our state's hate crimes law, is being introduced with the support of a broad coalition of groups.

FUNDING THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS

Wisconsin is in danger of taking a giant step backward in its fight against AIDS. Even as our state's AIDS case load continues to grow, Governor Thompson's budget proposal would reduce AIDS funding by \$143,000 during the 1991-93 biennium. This means that the skyrocketing number of people with AIDS and HIV infection will not have adequate medical and support services.

The cutbacks are especially short-sighted, since the programs that the Governor proposes to curtail actually save taxpayers' money. They work to keep the infected population as healthy as possible, out of expensive institutional care settings, and off medical assistance.

We sometimes get numbed by the devastating impact of the AIDS epidemic, but the human tragedy of this disease is growing and state government cannot pretend that it is not. That is why I have asked the Legislature to approve a realistic increase in funding for AIDS and HIV disease programs.

Specifically, my WISCONSIN AIDS INITIATIVE would provide the following:

A 20 percent increase in AIDS Service Organization grants for financial, legal, housing, emotional and other important services;

Continued funding for the Clinical Drug Trials program, which will bring promising experimental drugs to AIDS patients in Wisconsin;

A 20 percent increase in the proposed budget for AIDS prevention education programs, partner notification services and public information efforts;

Extension of the HIV drug reimbursement program to cover the cost of all AIDS/HIV drugs approved by the FDA and recommended by the Division of Health;

Restoration of AIDS/HIV program staff position eliminated in the Governor's budget.

GETTING TOUGHER ON HATE CRIMES

Violence motivated by bigotry has increased at an alarming rate in our country. Despite the civil rights gains of recent decades, Gay-bashing, race hatred and anti-Semitism continue to demand a vigorous response.

Wisconsin is now in the third year of enforcing its law against such "hate crimes", which I authored in 1988. The law provides that prison sentences and fines can be increased when a criminal has chosen their victim because of the victim's race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry.

This year, I am sponsoring legislation to make the hate crimes law more effective. At the suggestion of police, prosecutors and others, my bill would allow application of the hate crimes penalties based on the criminal's belief or perception about the victim's status, whether or not that belief was correct.

This would spare victims the need to testify to their sexual orientation or religious beliefs in order to prove they were the basis for an attack. It would also allow use of the enhanced penalties even if the victim's status was only part of the reason they were selected.

New Women's Support Group Announced

[Milwaukee]- Two new support groups, one on relationships and one on self-esteem, will be offered by the Counseling Center's Women's Support Group Program at the end of June.

The group on relationships will focus on making and maintaining good relationships. Issues of trust, bonding, friendship and intimacy will be explored.

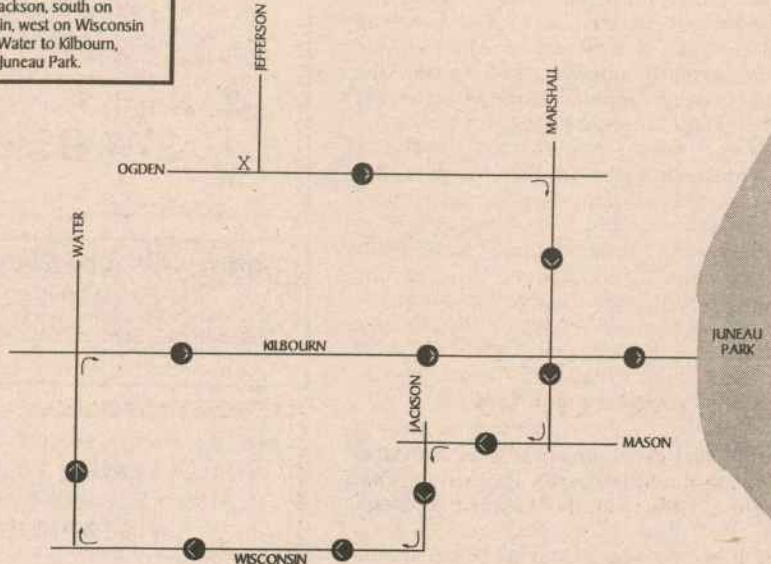
The group on self-esteem will explore self-identity, self-confidence, security, autonomy and personal power.

Both groups are scheduled to begin in late June and run for eight weeks. For more information or to register, please call Cheryl Orgas at 271-2565.

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U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Abortion Gag Rule

[Washington, D.C.]— In a 5-4 decision, the US Supreme Court ruled May 23 to uphold the gag rule which prohibits federally funded family planning clinics from advising patients about all medical options, specifically, information and referrals on abortion. Challenges to the Reagan/Bush gag policy had been working their way through the courts since 1988.

The ruling affects almost 4 million low income women who depend on Title X of the Public Health Service Act for family planning services and basic health care at more than 4,500 clinics nationwide. The rule would further curtail access to abortion.

In effect, a woman who visits a clinic and asks about abortion would have to be told that clinic staff "does not consider abortion an appropriate method of family planning." The ruling prevents doctors from openly discussing all treatment options with their patients and bars referrals to other sources of information on abortion. Community education and library resources provided by clinics would also have to be censored.

Many clinics which depend on Title X funds have stated that the violation of free speech and medical ethics inherent in the gag rule will make it impossible for them to accept federal funds, leaving many of them with budget shortfalls.

Faye Wattleton, Director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America which receives \$37 million in federal funds, said Planned Parenthood clinics would not withhold information. She said doctors at the clinics feared legal liability and might refuse to work if they could not give their patients complete medical information.

In his first abortion-related decision, Justice David Souter voted with the majority opinion written by Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Souter and Rehnquist were joined in their decision by Justices

Byron White, Anthony Kennedy and Antonin Scalia.

Rehnquist rejected every statutory and constitutional argument raised against the regulation in lawsuits brought by Planned Parenthood and by the City and State of New York. He denied that the gag rule violated the free speech rights of clinic employees, the medical ethics of health professionals and the right of patients to choose to end their pregnancies.

Justice Harry Blackmun wrote the dissent. He was joined by Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens.

Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, wrote: "Until today, the court never has upheld viewpoint-based suppression of free speech simply because that suppression was a condition upon the acceptance of public funds...Both the purpose and result of the challenged regulations is to deny women the ability voluntarily to decide their procreative destiny."

In Wisconsin, Planned Parenthood must decide whether to forgo \$2.2 million in Title X funds, affecting 30,000 low income women.

Executive Director Severa Austin said: "Going after increased fundraising now is a given. Lobbying Congress will begin immediately. We're also talking about building coalitions. It is a very bad day for poor women and women everywhere."

Already moving through Congress is legislation to overturn the gag rule. The Pregnancy Counseling Act, HR392 and S323, are co-sponsored by Wisconsin Senator Herb Kohl and Representatives Jim Moody and Scott Klug.

Expressing his disapproval of the Supreme Court decision, Rep. Moody said: "We are going to have two-tier medicine — one for the poor and one for all the others."

Demonstrators in Fond du Lac Protest Rep. Petri's Homophobia

By Stacey Li Colliver

[Milwaukee]- At 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 17, twelve Gay rights activists from around the state gathered in Wisconsin Rep. Thomas Petri's office in Fond du Lac to protest his comments made at the 22nd Annual United States Student Association (USSA) conference last March.

At the conference, Rep. Petri had responded to a question regarding Gay-bashing with the comment:

"I voted against the law legalizing homosexuality. It's wrong. I think it should be illegal. You know (that) we do have to set standards. If you want to call it discrimination, it's legal."

In a statement to the activists, Rep. Petri said he does not remember saying what he is quoted as saying and he believes that he deserves an apology for being treated rudely after he is supposed to have made the above comments.

"Rep. Petri's comments in March were an alarming example of the bigotry which exists in our society," said protest organizer Stacey Li Colliver. Colliver, a USSA member, added, "When elections come up in November of 1992, we need to elect an official who will rise to the challenge of ensuring the legal rights and human dignity of all minority groups. He or she will be an important voice for national legislation for Gay, Lesbian and bisexual rights."

Rep. Petri has voted against nine out of the top ten bills that the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a Gay rights organization, was lobbying for throughout 1989-90.

Joining USSA in the protest were representatives from Queer Nation/Green Bay, Queer Nation/Milwaukee, Jobs with Peace at UWM, Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM and the Student Association at UW-Milwaukee.

[Washington, D.C.]— ACT UP organizers have announced the end of the boycott of Marlboro and Miller products called a year ago to protest the parent company — Philip Morris — contributions to Jesse Helms.

The formal announcement will take place at a press conference on Thursday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Madison Room of the New York Hilton. Speakers will include boycott organizer Michael Petrelis of ACT UP/D.C. and Philip Morris Vice President for Corporate Affairs Guy L. Smith, IV.

The announcement will include a challenge from Philip Morris to other American corporations to follow its lead in helping to end the AIDS crisis.

In a statement issued by Philip Morris Companies, the corporation notes that it has already contributed "over \$1.3 million to assist AIDS research, care and education efforts." However it vows to "strengthen its commitment" in the fight against the dread disease "by helping those who are providing direct service and education in communities across the country."

In its statement, the Philip Morris says that over the last weeks, representatives of the corporation and ACT UP and the Gay and Lesbian community, "have agreed on a plan to encourage community based organizations to apply for grants from Philip Morris."

A committee composed of community activists "will identify worthwhile projects and bring them to Philip Morris' attention."

The statement goes on to say that "All agencies providing these programs to the Gay and Lesbian community are encouraged to apply."

Among other criteria listed are those organizations "making innovative efforts that cannot find funding from more traditional sources."

Petrelis of ACT UP/D.C. said, "With this announcement Philip Morris has taken a leadership role in providing a humanitarian example for the rest of corporate America."

Petrelis added that ACT UP chapters are "ready to move on to scrutinizing the records of corporate contributions of RJR/Nabisco, Burlington Industries and others in hopes of extending this challenge again and again."

Philip Morris stated "and continues to assert" that Helms' support of its business, particularly its tobacco business, "forms the basis for PAC support and should not be seen as an endorsement of any other of his (Helms) positions."

Information on how applications for grants may be made to the Philip Morris program can be had by writing: Corporate Contributions, Philip Morris Companies, Inc., 120 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017.

U.S. Gay Rights Bill Now Has 100 Sponsors

[Washington, D.C.]— In its latest report on the status of the National Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill, the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) announced on May 14 that cosponsorship has reached 100, both Representatives and Senators, coming from over half the states in the union.

According to the HRCF report only one of those cosponsors is from Wisconsin. That is Congressman Jim Moody (D).

Tim McFeeley, HRCF's Executive Director, noted that the achievement of 100 cosponsors was "an important breakthrough" and was, he said, "the direct result of the Lesbian and Gay community's commitment to achieving passage of this bill in the coming decade."

McFeeley said that HRCF was "committed to increasing cosponsorship and sending the message that this bill deserves the support of every member of Congress who opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

McFeeley pointed out that HRCF's "Speak Out" messages were sent to many members of Congress, including Lantos and Mikulski during the last several weeks. "We believe that the messages played a critical role in letting Congressional representatives know that they have constituents who care deeply about Lesbian and Gay rights," he said.

Reflections: This Time When You Get A Chance To Make A Difference, Take It

By Steve Endean

Much has been written and said about the success of the Human Rights Campaign Fund's constituent mail program, **Speak Out**. Almost 75,000 people have signed up thus far, with 50,000 in the last year alone. Participants live in every state and, in fact, almost every congressional district in the nation. Hundreds of **Speak Out** volunteers "canvassed" community events and gathering places in more than 40 states last year.

As a result, almost 200,000 overnight constituent messages have gone to Members of Congress. These are timely messages, directly relating to the legislative nuances of the moment. And they're effective, showing legislators they have concerned constituents who support fairness and are watching how they vote.

Speak Out participants have helped secure victories on the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics bill, addressing anti-Gay violence as well as passage of the historic ADA (which included protection for people with AIDS/HIV). Tens of thousands of **Speak Out** messages played an important role on re-authorization of the National Endowment for the Arts without Jesse Helms' censorship of homoerotic art, on women's health legislation and on the Ryan White CARE/AIDS funding bill.

Yet, despite its impact on Capitol Hill and the fact that our outreach has been described as the largest grassroots mobilization in the history of the Lesbian/Gay civil rights movement, we must find a way to meet two significant challenges if we're going to continue to grow and therefore generate the grassroots mail we need to win when it matters.

The first challenge is to find enough "volunteers" to sign up participants in **Speak Out**. Even though this "volunteer" effort is a great way to earn a part-time pay check, we need to find more outgoing, dedicated people to help us. We've put out flyers, contacted groups, run ads. And I know there are countless people who would love a way to combine earning part-time money while doing something extremely important on Lesbian/Gay rights and AIDS. Yet, we often don't have anyone to cover a community event or come up with fewer volunteers to sign people up at a large event such as Pride than we could use.

The second challenge is to convince a greater proportion of those approached to actually join **Speak Out**. Despite **Speak Out's** success far too many people — who have an enormous amount at stake in our national policies on health and civil liberties — still decline to participate.

Sometimes objections and concerns are spelled out to **Speak Out** volunteers, but often they go unstated. They center around cost, the question of whether participation identifies people as Lesbians or Gay men and misgivings about allowing others to speak for you. Let me answer each.

First, there's the expense issue. **Speak Out** messages are much, much cheaper than similar programs. Each high impact message costs just \$3.25 so the four-message minimum runs only \$13. Your **Speak Out** messages are far more effective than a post card (in part because legislators know that you care enough to pay for these high-impact, overnight messages). And you receive an attractive newsletter and report on messages sent as well. Moreover, with people's lives and rights on the line, it's not only a cheap but worthwhile way to make your voice heard on Capitol Hill.

More than 10% of those participating in **Speak Out** are non-Gay supporters of fairness, so participating certainly doesn't label anyone Gay or Lesbian. It does, however, label you as someone who is a concerned citizen. And, of course, **Speak Out** materials are mailed discreetly. Yet, in the final analysis, this is one each of us must answer for ourselves.

Finally, our volunteers sometimes hear the response, "No, I'd rather write myself." Unfortunately, history — and the mail on the Hill — shows this is more of an excuse than a reality. Most of us just don't "get around to writing." And even fewer write again and again on the many key issues affecting us.

Further, so many things — such as anti-Gay amendments by Jesse Helms and his cronies and countless AIDS votes — come up on short notice. Even the most dedicated letter-writers often don't know when to write. So, while we continue to

urge people to write to Congress, **Speak Out** makes sure your voice is heard when it matters most.

You can cancel at any point, with your money refunded. And, of course, **Speak Out** is sponsored by America's largest Gay and Lesbian civil right advocacy group, the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Our ten-year track record of mainstream effectiveness and success should make a difference. And I can't stress strongly enough that **Speak Out** has proven to be even more effective on Capitol Hill than we'd hoped.

Please join the fastest growing grassroots program in the country. It's simple, easy and makes a difference. Otherwise, we could yet be overwhelmed by right-wing, fundamentalist hate mail. We've benefited from the recent demoralization and relative disorganization of anti-Gay forces. Still, there's plenty of evidence that they can flood Capitol Hill with mail and distort legislator's perceptions of public opinion.

If you hadn't gotten around to joining **Speak Out** before, or said "no" last time you were asked, don't wait. Call 1-800-787-HRCF or write HRCF's **Speak Out**, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20013 to sign up. Or look for friendly **Speak Out** volunteers at upcoming community events. If you signed up last year, but didn't get around to renewing, take the opportunity to do so. And, finally, if you'd be willing to help us sign up others, call or write us and ask for the Canvass Unit.

This time, when you get a chance to make a difference, take it!

Editor's Note: Steve Endean became our community's first lobbyist on Capitol Hill in 1978. He was the founder of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (1980) and now serves as the director of the Campaign Fund's grassroots mobilization programs. As such, he initiated the **Speak Out** constituent mail program three years ago. He recently celebrated 21 years of full-time Gay rights activism.

State Democratic Convention Opens June 14

[Milwaukee]- The Democratic Party of Wisconsin will hold its 1991 state convention on June 14-16 at the Marc Plaza hotel in Milwaukee.

Listed among the speakers are Senator Herb Kohl, Attorney General James Doyle, presidential candidate and former US Senator Paul Tsongas and potential presidential candidates US Senator Jay Rockefeller, Governor Bill Clinton as well as New York Congressman Steven Solarz.

On Saturday, at 4:30 p.m. Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist will host a picnic in Zeidler Park. Cohosting will be Congressman Jerry Kleczka, Congressman Jim Moody and Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Wally Kunicki.

New Church Is Formed In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Affirming Light Agape FFICC is a newly-formed non-denominational Christian church in Milwaukee with its basic outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community and their supporters. The church's purpose, according to the Rev. Glenda Hungate, is to reach out to our brothers and sisters in love and knowledge that God loves and accepts us all as we are.

Hungate says that the church wants everyone to know that Lesbians and Gays can assemble in Christian faith regardless of what other traditional Churches may have said. The rights of all who attend the church will be respected and held in the strictest confidence.

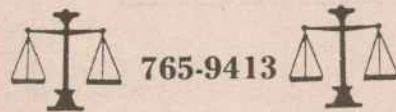
We hope and pray, says Hungate, that if you are struggling with the issues of sexuality and Christianity, and how they can co-exist, as well as looking for a Christian church family to love you unconditionally, please come and join us.

Affirming Light also wants to impart a special invitation to the families and friends of the Gay and Lesbian community to feel free to worship with the church community.

For further information, you can write to Affirming Light Agape FFICC, P.O. Box 23135, Milwaukee, WI 53223, or call Rev. Glenda Hungate at (414) 354-3979.

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PRIDE WEEK FESTIVITIES

Public Officials Reception

The MLGPC will be holding a reception to honor the elected public officials from the Milwaukee area on Monday, June 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Village Church (130 East Juneau Avenue, handicapped accessible). It is important for the Gay and Lesbian community to be visible in today's political world. This reception will provide a vital opportunity for you to mingle with the government decision-makers over canapes and light entertainment. For more info, call 32-PRIDE.

Worship Service Celebration

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be holding a special Worship Service Celebration on Sunday, June 16 at 6:30 pm. Rev. Chris Pasinski will preach "Lazarus, COME OUT!"

Interfaith Service

Dignity, New Hope MCC, UCCL/GC, Lutherans Concerned, the Village Church and the Cross Church are co-sponsoring an Interfaith Service on Wednesday, June 19 at 7:30 pm. People of all faiths can come and celebrate their faith and identity. Everyone is invited and bring a friend. The Service will be held at the Village Church, 130 East Juneau Avenue. It is handicapped accessible.

Fundraising Events

SUNDAY, JUNE 2: GAMMA Biking Benefit. East side ride for 15 or 20 miles flat terrain. \$5 donation benefits MLGPC. To register call GAMMA at 963-9833.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6: In Step • An Issue of Pride. MLGPC receives 15% of all ads which mention Pride.

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VOLUNTEERS

Various aspects of Pride preparation are still in the need of volunteers. The MLGPC needs YOU to lend your time and talent in the areas of parade marshalling, security services for the parade and rally, float building, raffle ticket sales, and marching in the honorary color guard.

If you want to volunteer, please call the Pride Line at 32-PRIDE, or Brian at 372-5556.

The final meeting of Marshal & Rally Volunteers will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 pm at Club 219 (219 South 2nd Street). Specific assignments will be given out at that time. New volunteers can attend.

Larry, Claire and the entire MLGPC Committee would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all volunteers. All volunteers will be invited to a Appreciation & Celebration Party and will be receiving a t-shirt as tangible "Thank You." The date and time will be announced in the future.

Last Call for Parade

Organization/Business Entrants

In order to organize and plan for a terrific parade, the MLGPC is extending this final call to businesses and organizations who want to participate in the 1991 parade.

There will be an Information Booth at the starting point of the parade (Jefferson & Ogden) on Saturday, June 15. Both new and pre-registered parade entrants should check-in there for instructions, parade position and other information.

Individuals interested in marching should also check-in at the Information Booth for instructions on where to line-up. Sign making supplies will be available.

The 1991 Parade will step-off at exactly 11:00 am. The route will be the same as last year: Start at Jefferson & Ogden, east on Ogden to Marshall, south on Marshall to Mason, west on Mason to Jackson, south on Jackson to Wisconsin, west on Wisconsin to Water, north on Water to Kilbourn, east on Kilbourn to Juneau Park (the site of the Rally).

Community Service Award

Do you know of someone who has performed an outstanding service or made a tremendous, valuable contribution to the Milwaukee Lesbian & Gay Community? If you do, the MLGPC wants you to submit their name as a nominee for the Annual Community Service Award. In a letter, supply the name and a brief history of your nominee, along with a short list of their achievements. Nominations must be postmarked by June 7, 1991. The Annual Community Service Award will be presented at the 1991 Pride Rally. Mail your letters to: MLGPC, Community Service Award, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Pride Merchandise

The MLGPC would like to apologize for the delay in filling merchandise orders. We are happy to say that the merchandise is finally here and mail orders will be fulfilled on or before June 1.

You'll be able to pick-up your merchandise at Havlicek & Associates, 823 North Second Street (in the Chalet at the River Building), Suite 006, Lower Lobby, by appointment (after June 1). Call 271-8118 to make an appointment.

The merchandise will soon be available at various bars in Milwaukee. Specific merchandise will be available at your favorite drinking establishment at any time. MLGPC members will be making stops on scheduled evenings with the entire line of 1991 Pride merchandise. Look for the poster announcing what's available at the bar and when MLGPC committee members will be there.

A limited quantity of double XX large t-shirts will be available at the Station 2 and at the 1991 Rally. The cost is \$13.00.

Ms. Cynthia Lampman will be at the Rally at the MLGPC Merchandise Booth from Noon until 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 15. Ms. Lampman designed this year's 1991 Winning Logo. If you'd like her to autograph any of your Pride merchandise, she'll be happy to do so.

Gay Bucks/Raffle Tickets

In addition to merchandise, the MLGPC is also raising funds through their Gay Bucks and Raffle programs. Gay Bucks will be the official Rally Money at the Pride Rally. They can be used to buy merchandise, food and drink. Right now, Gay Bucks are 11 for \$10, but only until June 14. On the day of the Rally, they'll be \$1 each. You can even use your left-over Gay Bucks for future MLGPC events and goods.

Raffle Tickets are \$1 each or \$6 for \$5. Each one you buy gives you a chance at any of the numerous and exciting Raffle Prizes. The Grand Prize is a trip for two to New Orleans. The prize drawings will be held at the 1991 Rally.

Rally News

The MLGPC happily announces the following individuals/groups scheduled to perform at the 1991 Rally: Rufus & the Singing Machine, Fest City Singers, Josie Santiago, 219 Girls, Kelly Martin, Red, Hot & Twisted, the Milwaukee Wild Boyz, Dawn Roethler (the sensational E-Poo), Spasmaties, Garrett James, Goldie, the Creamettes, Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin, and Mr. & Miss Black Gay Wisconsin. (Titleholders, please wear your crowns.)

Speaking at this year's Rally will be Peri Jude Radevic, David Clarenbach, Perry Watkins and Rev. Renee McCoy.

Informational tables, merchandise, food, and drink will also be available. Applications are still being accepted for table reservations. Application deadline is June 1. Businesses and Organizations wishing to have a table should call 32-PRIDE for an application. Better hurry, space is filling fast.

There will also be a separate unsupervised children's area complete with strolling clowns and other entertainment.

The 1st Annual Pride Art Festival will also be at the Rally Site. Several local artists have entered, and all participants will be displaying and selling their items at the Rally. If you've wanted to invest in some local artwork, now's your chance.

Milwaukee's Queer Nation is planning a special surprise. Call them at 643-5833 for more information.

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1991 PRIDE WEEK EVENT CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7

• HISTORY, HERSTORY, OURSTORY, A Musical Review of Gay Life presented by the Fest City Singers. Stackner Cabaret, 7:00 & 10:00 pm. \$10/person includes a free glass of champagne.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

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• HISTORY, HERSTORY, OURSTORY. Stackner Cabaret, 7:00 pm.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

• Community Speak Out: Hate Crimes in Wisconsin. Sponsored by LRN. M&M Club, 6:30 pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

▼ 1991 Annual Pride Parade & Rally. Parade starts at 11:00 am. Rally starts at 12:00 Noon.

• Together Wherever We Go, presented by Cream City Chorus. Centennial Hall, 8:00 pm. \$8/advance, \$10/door.

• PRESENT music presents the Music of Daniel Lentz performed by the Daniel Lentz Group, 8:00 pm, \$10, UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

• All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. Shorewood Woman's Club, Hubbard Park, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Treat your father on Father's Day. \$5/advance, \$6/door. Call 264-2600 for more information.

• PRESENT music presents the Music of Daniel Lentz performed by the Daniel Lentz Group, 7:30 pm, \$10, UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall.

• New Hope MCC. Special Worship Service Celebration at 6:30 pm. Rev. Chris Pasinski will be preaching "Lazarus, COME OUT."

MONDAY, JUNE 17

• Reception for Elected Officials sponsored by Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and Lambda Rights Network. Village Church on Juneau, 5:30-7:30 pm. Call 264-2600 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

• Interfaith Service at the Village Church, 130 East Juneau Avenue. 7:30 pm. Co-sponsored by Dignity, New Hope MCC, UCCL/GC, Lutherans Concerned, the Village Church, and the Cross Church.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

• Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Monthly Program Meeting: "Literary Lesbians: A Panel of Writers." 2821 North 4th Street, 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm program. Call 264-2600 for more information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

▼ Edelweiss Cruise, cruising the Milwaukee River and Lakefront. The cruise departs at 10:30 pm and returns about midnight. \$20/person, \$35/couple includes beer, munchies & entertainment. Call 32-PRIDE for ticket information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

• Getting the Word Out . . . Again. A repeat of the award winning workshop presented by Havlicek & Associates, In Step Magazine and the Wisconsin Light. M&M's upstairs Banquet Room, 1:00-4:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres. Call 278-7840 or 271-5819 to register.

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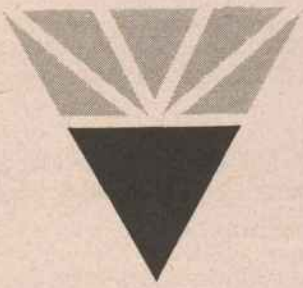
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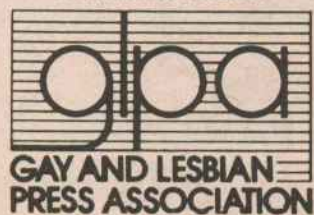
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Terry Boughner

I was going to write a formal editorial about Pride Week and all that it means. But an editorial speaks for the paper and the paper is composed of many individuals with many ideas about Pride, so I'll speak for myself.

First off, I'm not proud that I'm Gay. Why should I be? I didn't, after all, have anything to do with it. I was born that way. So, why then will I be marching? Simple. I'm sick to death, fed up to here, angry as hell, call it what you will, of all the yahoos trying to make me believe that I'm less than what I am.

Hey, I've got my faults — by the car load — but my Gay sexuality isn't one of them and no radio talk-jockey who doesn't know the difference between stridency and profundity; no minister trying to hawk his faith in the market place of ideas in the name of some little, tiny god he's invented, is going to make me think otherwise.

What they do is make life mean, very mean, always mean — or at least they try to do it and, I figure, if I'm not out there marching under the rainbow flag, they just might get away with it.

I'm going to march because my life isn't mean. Not a bit of it. I have someone who I love very much and he (poor soul) loves me and together we form a family. Yep, Rev., a family. Maybe your god doesn't like that, but mine does (maybe I should introduce you two) and I'm happy about that 'cause I've reached an age when I've discovered that love and a family is not all that common in this

world.

I'm going to march because as hooky as it sounds I believe in this country, in its ideals; things like equal rights for everyone, equality, freedom and if I don't get my rear end in gear and stand up, "they" might think it's okay to take them away from me — and from a lot of other minorities in this land.

I'm going to march because I believe in a deity who's wonderful, expansive and free; lives behind many masks and behind them all is an actuality, an activity, a state of becoming, a process of creation, supreme intelligence structured on light. And you know something, though it is drawn to me, if I think if I don't do my part, get out there and wave the flag, so to speak, I might not be drawn to it. Maybe that makes sense, maybe not, but that's what I think.

I'm going to march because I will not deny myself the wonderful pleasure of seeing all the people I know, me with them, all of us individuals and yet together, part of the community. And that community is part of a great people; a people who stretch as far back as history goes; who have made mighty contributions to the course and culture of each civilization on every continent on the earth.

As I write — sit here pecking away — Pride Week is soon upon us. Am I proud? No, I am not. Am I going to celebrate and by that celebration, shake my puny fist against the evil of the world? You bet your boots I am. Hope to see you there too.

LETTERS

AAA Auto Club

TO THE EDITOR:

I read in the "News Briefs" how a Seattle, Washington chapter of the AAA Auto Club is now recognizing Associate Memberships to same-sex partners and is being heralded as the first and only chapter in the U.S. to do so.

I am sorry to inform you otherwise, but my partner of 7 years and I have held a joint Associate Membership since Spring of 1989, through the AAA Chapter located in Racine, WI. Neither of us realized this was a big deal (so to speak) until reading your news brief.

One evening a telemarketer phoned and we patiently listened to her sales pitch. Declining the offer, we explained our problem of spending \$5 for a policy which would not be inclusive of both drivers in the household. The saleswoman asked a few more questions and we explicitly stated that we were not related in any form and that we were, in fact, a same-sex couple involved in a long-term relationship. (The things we explain to strangers...)

The saleswoman again asked questions regarding our auto insurance policies and then stated that there would be no problem issuing a joint AAA membership. So we said "OK" and waited to discover "the catch."

When the policy arrived, it was as the telemarketer presented it. There was no catch — no hidden clause. So you see, there may be countless others in Wisconsin or the U.S. who have forged ahead in uncharted territory, oblivious to the so-called historical significance of such actions, thinking all the while how it's really nothing important — until you run across a statement or news brief in a Gay community newspaper (keep up the good work).

P.S. We are, however, having a difficult time finding an insurance broker willing to offer a joint "renters" policy. Any offers?

—Cindi Lampman & Diane Giles
Racine, WI

D.C. March

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Drew Siegle's letter to the editor in the May 2, 1991 issue of *The Wisconsin Light*, concerning the upcoming planning meeting for the third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, caused me to experience mixed emotions as I read its contents. On one hand, as an activist, I support such public assemblies of Gay and Lesbian people, however, on the other hand, I know that people like myself most likely will not be welcome to join and take part.

You see, I have been active in the Gay and Lesbian movement for many years. In fact, I serve as a national board member, as well as, national secretary of a national Gay and Lesbian organization with over 4,000 members. I also serve as managing editor for a national monthly Gay and Lesbian journal that is also distributed to 25 foreign nations. I have worked for, demonstrated with, written about, supported and celebrated most local and national Gay and Lesbian organizations. However, I know that I will not be welcome at the third March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights as I was not welcome at any that were previously held.

You see in spite of my personal and financial support, and my dedication to Gay and Lesbian rights and organizations, I am "guilty" of a heinous crime. I am an Atheist.

The March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights feels that it has an absolute right to violate the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and discriminate against people on the basis of their religious beliefs and non-beliefs. Past March Organizing Committees have decided (after they cashed our check of course) that the presence of a Lesbian and Gay speaker who is an Atheist would be "offensive" and therefore all Atheists should be excluded.

Another Note...

Soon after we go to press — this Friday evening as a matter of fact, Jet's Bar, as Jet's, will close for the last time.

I know that on the very next day, it will open again as the "3 B's", but I think that this is the time to say to Jet herself, a hearty thanks for all she's done for this community over the years.

It has been my pleasure and honor to know her a little bit; to see the warmth of her smile and to understand the caring concern she had for everyone. Jet is one of those people who only come along every so often and on behalf of *Wisconsin Light* and me particularly, lemme say to you, Jet, "Love you a lot."

Best of luck in the future.

An Announcement

Wisconsin Light and *In Step Magazine* announce the sponsorship of a fundraiser for State Rep. David Clarenbach who is running for Congress. The fundraiser will be on August 15, 1991 and will be a party/garden soiree. Further details will be forthcoming as the date draws near.

While we here in Milwaukee cannot actually vote for Rep. Clarenbach, his successful candidacy is of great importance to all of us who support human rights for all people. This fundraiser will offer all of us here in Milwaukee who owe him so much, to lend our help to him now that it is needed.

who portrayed themselves as men in some categories. The winner chose to wear a painted on beard and mustache for one category and the Runner-up wore a mustache and portrayed male anatomy for one of her numbers. If that's a choice they make for themselves, fine, but I have a hard time supporting that kind of Lesbian representation in our communities. We have enough strikes against us and perpetrating the heterosexual myth about who they think we are is not a way to get acceptance in our community. There's a difference between being masculine and dressing up to appear as a man.

So, to the programmers behind the Mr/Ms/Miss Gay Madison—maybe you need to consider as a 4th category—for women as men (as you allow for men to go as women in the "Miss" category); and for the Gay, Lesbian and heterosexual world who happened upon this pageant, the winning representation as you see it, is not what most of us Lesbians are really about.

—Pam Meyer
Madison



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Walter R. Brandt

I find it disappointing that my own Lesbian Sisters and Gay Brothers would choose exclusion and discrimination as the official policy of an event that is intended to call for support of equal rights. Furthermore, I find such discrimination incredibly ironic since the very notion of a March on Washington was first proposed and advanced in the late 1970's by Harvey Milk, America's first publicly acknowledged Gay Atheist. As Harvey Milk was an outspoken Atheist, he would not be welcome at your March. Think about it.

The March Committee seems to have no problem with mass religious spectacles, that in addition to promoting divisive sectarian religion, are offensive to the 18% of our community who are Atheist. Yet, they refuse to allow a single speaker to publicly acknowledge their Gay and Lesbian Atheism.

I hope that the March, despite its official policy of blatant adherence to bigotry, is successful and that its efforts will produce real and positive change for our beleaguered community. However, I again cannot in good conscience attend nor support this March until a national Atheist spokesperson is invited to speak at that podium.

Mr. Siegel, I only wish that you, in future "Letters to the Editor," cut the bull about "getting the message to diverse elements of our community" and be honest. Inform the public that the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay equal rights reserves the right to discriminate and exclude anyone they choose.

I will leave you with the words of Harvey Milk that ditto my feelings.

"I want nothing even smacking, or smelling, or hinting of religion."

—Mark Franceschini
National Secretary, American Gay/Lesbian
Atheists
Houston, TX

Madison Pageant

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to the 1991 Mr/Ms/Miss Gay Madison pageant held this past April 28 at the New Bar of the Hotel Washington complex. As last year's Ms Gay Madison (for Lesbians), and as a member of the audience this year, my understanding of the competition and its purpose is to select a qualified and appropriate candidate from each category to represent Madison locally and state-wide. The winner is selected based on appearance and performance in three categories—Formal, creative/swimwear and talent.

First of all, I'd like to credit each contestant for their time and energy and their ability to express the diversity within the Gay/Lesbian communities. My concern, and reason for writing are two-fold.

One: I became aware of the discrepancy in judging after the competition. Two of the judges were also contestants and one, I hear, was busy at another bar in the complex. If the New Bar hopes to continue this contest with any validity or class, I feel some respect to the performers can be offered at minimal by having unbiased, attentive judges. If not, don't call it a contest and none of the competitors have to be interested in an out-come.

Secondly, I wish to address the representation of Lesbians by two of the four women competitors. As a Lesbian and past competitor, I am aware of the range and diversity of women in our community. I encourage differences and do not judge women for their choices. But I also continue to battle against references that Lesbians want to look like men, or be men. Granted, there may be women that do, but a majority of Lesbians enjoy being women and being with women. Many of us are feminine and some are not.

In addressing the show, I have a hard time with the selection of the winner and 1st Runner up in the Lesbian category, both being women

Miller Brewing and Bank One Host Corporate AIDS Walk Breakfast

[Milwaukee]- To date, 12 corporations have pledged their support and sponsorship for the 1991 Wisconsin AIDS Walk, many as a result of a corporate leadership breakfast sponsored by Miller Brewing Company and Bank One.

Chief Executive officers Leonard Goldstein, Miller Brewing Company and Fred Cullen, Bank One, hosted the breakfast on March 22 at the University Club in Milwaukee.

The commitment of companies for the 1990 Wisconsin AIDS Walk reflected the importance of corporate and community support for the response to AIDS. The purpose of this breakfast, according to Doug Nelson, executive director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), was to increase awareness among companies as to the effects of AIDS in their community. "The goal of the breakfast was to provide the opportunity for corporations to respond to the AIDS epidemic and invest in the second annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk."

As of May 20, 1991, corporate sponsors for the 1991 Wisconsin AIDS Walk include:

Miller Brewing Company, Aurora Health Care, Bank One, Time Insurance Company, Thelen Engineering and Associates, North Avenue Pharmacy, J.H. Collectibles, Wisconsin Energy Corp., Wisconsin Electric Power Company, WICOR, Kohl's Department Stores, and Miller Compressing Company.

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk, scheduled for September 22 on Milwaukee's Lakefront, is a community event, produced by MAP in response to the AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin. Through the support of these and many other corporations, the Walk will generate the funds necessary to support the educational and support services available for people with AIDS and to increase awareness of HIV disease and the AIDS epidemic throughout the state.

AIDS Memorial Service and Candlelight March Held May 19

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, May 19, two events took place in conjunction with the 8th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization.

First, there was a memorial service held at St. James Episcopal Church in Milwaukee where about 200 people gathered to remember their loved ones and friends who have died from AIDS. The service was sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and Dignity, with special music provided by the Cream City Chorus and the Fest City Singers. The service included also a special litany for healing, a ritual of dance and incense, special readings, and a short eulogy by Rev. Ray Sousa.

Later in the evening, the People Living With AIDS Coalition of Wisconsin sponsored the first Candlelight March, the purposes of which were to remember those who have died of AIDS; to support those who are presently living with HIV, and to offer some hope for those who will be affected in the future.

The March began at the Reuss Federal Building and proceeded down Wisconsin Avenue to the War Memorial Center. A short rally was held with State Representative Peter Bock as a keynote speaker. His brother died from AIDS two years ago.

Other speakers included Jerry Smith,

Community Raises \$9,000 for MAP Client Services

[Milwaukee]- Since the beginning of 1991, more than \$9,000 has been raised through special fundraising events held by bars and other community organizations to be used for client services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

In 1991, MAP must raise \$740,000 in order for it to continue to provide high quality, comprehensive services for people living with HIV disease throughout the metropolitan Milwaukee area. Much of this is raised through special fundraising events including events planned and organized by bars and other community agencies and organizations.

The following organizations held special events during the first four months of 1991:

La Cage [Jan.]; Las Vegas Night at Partners [Jan.]; "Clash of the Titans" at the Triangle [Jan.]; Milwaukee Repertory Theater [Jan., Feb., April]; Stars Against AIDS at Jet's Place [Jan.]; La Cage with Bonnie Bitch [Feb.]; Club 94 [Feb.]; Mr. and Mrs. Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant [March]; Boot Camp Auction [Mar.]; Judy Tenuta at La Cage [Mar.]; Possum Queen Festival [Mar.]; MIL-MA-IDS Bowling Tournament [April]; HIT Against AIDS [May].

MAP sincerely thanks everyone who planned, organized and attended each of these events. Their support of the work done at MAP is truly heartwarming.

There is much work to be done. If you are interested in planning a special event for MAP or its affiliate, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha, call MAP for more information at (414) 273-1991.

Chair of the Coalition, Dawn Wolff and Dan Trzebiatowski, two people living with AIDS, and Joan Lawrence from MAP who read a statement by Doug Nelson the Executive Director.

Coalition officers felt the memorial service, march and rally were a success.

LAMM to Hold Second Pancake Breakfast June 17

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) is proud to announce its second annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST, a major event of Pride Week 1991; Sunday, June 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park, 3565 N. Morris Blvd. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door, and are available at Outpost Natural Foods, 102 E. Capitol Dr., or People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell in Milwaukee.

This event is a fundraiser for LAMM, as well as a great opportunity to socialize and celebrate with the Lesbian/Gay community. Everyone is welcome. We will be serving an all-you-can-eat menu of pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice, and the very best in real Wisconsin butter, or, if you prefer, margarine.

Many wonderful prizes will be raffled off, and great fun will be had by all. Bring your father — it is Father's Day! Celebrate with the Lesbian Alliance — see you Sunday, June 17!

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225 Attend Cream City Foundation Casino Night

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The dice shook and rattled. The flip-flip of the cards was heard, as the Cream City Foundation's Fifth Annual Casino night got under way on Sunday, May 19. As last year, this year it was held in the War Memorial Center.

So, let me say, I had a wonderful time

Mass Wedding Planned at June 15 Rally

[Milwaukee]- Queer Nation/Milwaukee (QN/M) is preparing to join in the festivities at this year's Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration. All Queers are invited to march in the QN contingent in the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 15, and all Queer partners are encouraged to join in QN/M's mass wedding at the Pride Rally in Juneau Park following the Parade. QN/M will also be selling T-shirts, buttons, stickers and marriage certificates at the rally.

The Marital Rights Petition is still circulating and will also be at the QN/M table that day. Reports indicated that as of press time, QN/M has over 700 signatures on the petition.

Copies of the petition will be given to the Wisconsin State Legislature, Wisconsin State Attorney General Jim Doyle and Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts Rod Lanser. Mr. Lanser's copy will be hand-delivered on Monday, June 17 as more same-sex couples attempt to file for marriage licenses. QN/M encourages all Queers to join in this action.

QN/M has only one more scheduled meeting before these Pride activities — Monday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of the downtown Milwaukee Public Library. Try to attend. For more info, call Tim at 384-3911 or Stan at 643-5833.

Air Force Must Pay Benefits To Gay Vet

[Los Angeles, CA]- An administrative law judge reversed a decision of the California Employment Development Department (EDD) which had denied unemployment compensations benefits to a man discharged from the Air Force after he stated he was Gay.

Jody Brakefield, age 20, was initially denied unemployment benefits because the Air Force contended that individuals discharged for homosexuality were ineligible for benefits ordinarily granted to ex-servicemembers. Brakefield's successful appeal, handled by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, establishes that the military cannot discharge service members for homosexuality and then turn around and deny them unemployment benefits for no longer being in the armed services.

Brakefield's sexual orientation was discovered after a barracks inspection revealed copies of Gay-identified magazines under his mattress. Brakefield, who had entered the military at age 17, had only recently acknowledged to himself that he was Gay, and had never engaged in any same-sex conduct. Upon discovery of the magazines, he acknowledged to his commanding officer that he believed himself to be Gay. Discharged abruptly, though honorably, in December, 1990, Brakefield sought unemployment benefits to tide him over until he could find a job, but his request was denied.

Lambda Staff Attorney Mary Newcombe, who handled the appeal in Lambda's Los Angeles office, commented, "Jody Brakefield's discharge for being Gay — despite his excellent service record — exemplifies the irrationality of the military's policy excluding Gay men and Lesbians from the service. The denial of Jody's unemployment benefits shows just how low the military will stoop to persecute Lesbians and Gay men."

Brakefield, who found a job in late March and was able to live with a friend while he was looking for employment, stated: "After three and a half years of service, I believe I deserved better treatment from the government. I did nothing wrong; I just didn't want to lie about who I am."

Both the Air Force and the EDD have the right to appeal the decision, but have not yet filed an appeal.

and also let me say that the buffet table — catered by Grubb's Pub — was lavish — as usual, and, as usual, I helped myself lavishly.

Hour upon hour, there were mini-raffles announced by John Luedtke who was droll, just the right spark of humor as he announced the prizes. As normal, I didn't win anything (if one person were in a raffle and it was me, I'd lose), but the prizes were really nice — bottles of liquor and wine, dinner certificates, works of art, washes and cuts at Diva's and a whole lot more.

I sat down near the bar (where else?) in the smoking section (where else?). There was a steady stream of customers, served by bartenders, (Rick et al.) the beer donated by Miller and their time donated by Joe of This Is It.

Prizes, food, drink, no matter. Other bars chipped in as well, Ballgame, C'est La Vie, La Cage, 219, Triangle, Wreck Room and Phoenix.

The entertainment was provide by John Claussen at the piano and a mini-concert by the Fest City Singers, giving just a taste of their upcoming cabaret, "History, Herstory, Ourstory."

I've probably forgotten something or someone, but the point is that again, the Foundation put on a success. According to Chuck Brotz, 225 people attended, but as of press time, the amount of proceeds was not available.

It was a great good time and the same will be true next year.



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National Coalition of Gay Foundations Is Formed

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation (CCF) and four other Lesbian and Gay foundations from around the country have formed a new organization. The National Coalition of Gay and Lesbian Foundations is a coalition of community based charitable organizations that benefit the Lesbian and Gay community. Formed during a conference in San Francisco over the weekend of March 9th and 10th, the five organizations seek to share ideas and concepts, discuss mutual organizational and fundraising issues and problems, and foster an atmosphere of philanthropy through coordinated efforts. The meeting, attended by Don Schwamb representing the CCF, agreed on several areas of cooperation, and methods of sharing ideas on a regular basis through conference calls and annual conferences.

Member organizations are all community based, deriving funding from the members of the community itself. All member groups serve regional to statewide geographical areas; they conclude that funding only a small area

(such as a single county) is short sighted, in that growth cannot be properly fostered without looking at the overall atmosphere and needs in a wider area. In this light, one of the coalition's first cooperative efforts will be a national media campaign, designed to generate new sources of support for Gay and Lesbian causes by instilling in people in rural as well as metropolitan areas the need to support their own causes.

Besides the Cream City Foundation, the coalition includes Equity Foundation (Portland), Horizons Foundation (San Francisco), PhilanthroFund (Minneapolis), and Pride Foundation (Seattle). Several other foundations in the eastern part of the country are also considering participating.

The Cream City Foundation maintains its offices at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street Suite 217B, Milwaukee WI 53212. Contact the CCF at 414/ 265-0880 for more information about CCF or the new coalition.

Pentagon Letter Is Blasted As 'Arrogant' and 'Ignorant'

[Washington, D.C.]- In a week of new and controversial developments in Washington around the Department of Defense's (DOD) anti-Gay policy, activists are blasting as "arrogant" and "ignorant" a Pentagon letter to members of Congress and other statements that indicate the military is as entrenched as ever in defending its discriminatory policy.

The Pentagon memo, dated May 3, 1991, is in response to a March 15 letter from 40 Members of Congress to President Bush urging the White House to rescind the policy. "The letter dismisses the opinion of the lawmakers and arrogantly states the policy is here to stay," said Tim Drake, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Military Freedom Initiative.

The release of the letter and the decision to not meet with NGLTF came as the Task Force was working with the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA), headed by Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom, in the

nation's capital to rescind the policy.

The Pentagon letter to members of Congress defends the anti-Gay policy with standard form-letter language, then dismisses the lawmakers' comparison of the policy with the racial segregation of American troops prior to 1948.

"Societal attitudes about homosexuals derive from conduct that defines the class, not from a neutral characteristic such as skin color," said Captain T.D. Keating, director, Legal Policy Requirement & Resources, USN. "We do not plan to reassess the Department's policy on homosexuality."

In a statement released by U.S. Rep. Gerry E. Studds (D-MA), the author of the original letter, Studds notes, "The Pentagon is essentially saying that it has the obligation to mirror the worst of society's prejudices. That is ignorant and it is wrong."

GLBVA and NGLTF will continue to seek a rescission of the DOD policy and repeal of all Uniform Code of Military Justice laws that criminalize private,

adult, consensual sexual activity of military personnel. NGLTF is circulating petitions calling on President Bush to rescind the policy. For copies of the petitions, contact Tim Drake, NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. (202) 332-6483.

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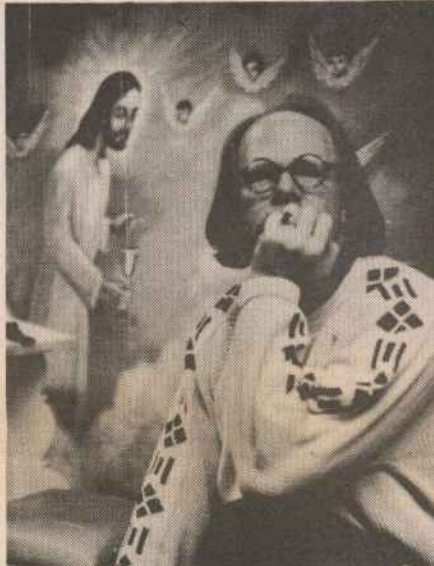
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Milwaukee Cable to Broadcast Mr./Miss Black Gay Pageant

[Milwaukee]- Highlights of the 1991 Mr. & Miss Black Gay Wisconsin "On The Move" Pageant will be featured in a one hour program scheduled for cablecast this summer on City of Milwaukee Warner Channel 14.

Seven contestants competed in gown walk, sportswear, talent and other categories. In addition to the contestants, there were special performances by entertainers and female impersonators popular in the Milwaukee Gay community: Mimi Marks, Echo Chambers, Vanessa Alexandre, Alicia Kelly, Alexis Bonet, Momma Rae, Sidney Johnson and Cora.

The program can be seen on Cable Channel 14 on Saturday, June 8 and 15 at 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 16 and 23 at 4:00

p.m. and Tuesday, July 2 and 9 at 9:00 p.m.

The pageant was videotaped by Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network producers Mark Behar and Bryce Clark at the downtown Ramada Inn. Behar and Clark also produce the award winning Gay comedy "Yellow On Tuesday" and the issues-oriented Gay and Lesbian program "The NEW TRI-CABLE TONIGHT."

If you're interested in Gay/Lesbian programming, have ideas or just wish to express your comments, write: P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or call (414) 265-0880.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Inc.

Acclaimed Film 'Tongues Untied' To Be Broadcast July 16

[Milwaukee]- Black filmmaker Marlon Riggs' internationally acclaimed **Tongues Untied** is scheduled for broadcast on Public Broadcasting's Point Of View, Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 p.m. on Milwaukee's Channel 10.

Co-presented by the National Black Programming Consortium, "Tongues Untied" rises above the "deeply personal" in exploring what it means to be Black and Gay. Angry, funny, erotic and poetic by turns, it jumps from interview to confession, music video to

documentary to poem, according to reviewer Craig Seligman of the **San Francisco Examiner**.

"A daring visionary work that speaks with the eloquence of barbed wire," according to Steve Dollar of the **Atlanta Journal and Constitution**.

Point Of View is a presentation of KCET/Los Angeles, South Carolina ETV, WGBH/Boston and WNET/New York. Non-theatrical distributor for "Tongues Untied" is Frameline of San Francisco.

Filmmaker Peter Adair (bottom right) appears in his own film, **Absolutely Positive**, with 11 others who also have tested positive for the HIV virus. The irreverent and candid film leads off the fourth season of **P.O.V.** Tuesday, June 18 at 10 p.m. (ET; check local listings) on PBS. Delmar Middleton (top right) contracted HIV through a blood transfusion and passed it to his wife Margie (at his left). Mary Corwin (bottom left) and Doris Butler (top left) are among one and a half million Americans infected with HIV. Most will get AIDS within 16 years. Corwin's daughter Sinead is negative. (Photos: Adair and the Middletons/Janet Cole; the Corwins and Butler/Luis Delgado).

Daniel Lentz Will Perform In Milwaukee on June 15-16

[Milwaukee]- Daniel Lentz and the Daniel Lentz Group will be heard for the first time in Milwaukee when they perform at the UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall on Saturday, June 15 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Lentz and the Daniel Lentz Group are presented by the National Performance Network (NPN) and Present Music. NPN is a project of New York's Dance Theater Workshop in collaboration with Present Music. The NPN and the Lentz Group's performance in Milwaukee have been made possible with major national funding from the Ford Foundation, The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund and the Dance and Inter-Arts programs of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Daniel Lentz, who has lived and worked in California since 1968, is an innovative and important voice in the new music scene. Lentz's works have been performed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Baltimore Symphony and the Pacific Mozart Ensemble.

Lentz's compositional music travels have taken him from the austere electronic music of the 1960's through process music and his own brand of minimalism. Recently, Lentz has moved to break with the repetitious nature of the minimalists, retaining their tonal simplicity and immediate beauty, but making the music move in unexpected, yet colorful directions.

Using a wide assortment of digital samplers and synthesizers (via keyboard, percussion and wind MIDI- controllers) the Lentz Group is capable of producing a varied and rich palette of timbres. Lentz also uses "live-multitrack" recording to further enhance the numbers and sound possibilities.

Daniel Lentz and the Lentz Group will

be performing at the UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$10 for individuals, \$8 for Seniors and \$5 for students and may be purchased at Milwaukee TIX (414) 271-3335 or from Present Music (414) 271-0711.

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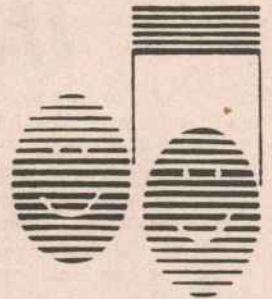


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Media Awareness To Be Theme Of Fest City Singers Concert

For Peter Mortensen, artistic director of Milwaukee's Fest City Singers, the group's 1991 cabaret has provided a cherished opportunity: the chance "to participate in the creation of media awareness for a group whose contributions have, for most of history, gone unrecognized and/or ignored by society."

The Fest City Singers' show, "History, Herstory, Ourstory" is a musical review of the development of Gay identity from the 1950's to the present. Often rollicking, sometimes dramatic, always moving, the show uses the popular music of the period (with some original lyrics by Mortensen as well as by such artists as Meg Christian, Chris Williamson and Kristen Lems) to tell the story of the struggle for Gay identity and recognition.

Mortensen, who studied theatre and dance at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and has had extensive experience as a performer and choreographer, has a strong interest in all aspects of cultural work.

"If what I wanted to do was solely to produce theatre," Mortensen said, "I'd approach schools or community theatres. But there are plenty of people to do that and do it very well. I feel we have something to say, a story to tell, one that needs to be heard."

Hundreds of years ago, history was transmitted in oral form and everyone

considered to be an aberration, a singular occurrence. There was no recognition of a Gay or Lesbian population.

Anything approaching a "Gay identity" was, of necessity, negatively defined — defined by what it was not.

Gay men were considered to be displaced women. Lesbians were displaced men. Just as African Americans have been defined initially in contrast to the white population, Gays and Lesbians were identified negatively, only in relation to heterosexuals. "Gays and Lesbians were forced to identify with the very forces that oppressed and negated them to obtain any identity at all," Mortensen stated.

The Gay movement toward a Gay and Lesbian identity, including the riot at the Stonewall Inn, Mortensen said, "was to allow Gays and Lesbians, for the first time, to physically resist harassment and by implication, to allow them to resist being defined only in relation to what they were supposedly lacking."

The development of a Gay movement allowed Gay people to define themselves in a positive, experiential way, Mortensen explained. That definition was of necessity, broad, because it involved a broad spectrum of humanity. And that identity is still evolving.

"Once invisible, we are now visible," said Mortensen. "We're having to decide what we like and dislike about ourselves and one another. As a case in



Sherman Leatherberg (left), Eric Peters, Jack Holzhusler, Steve Fix and Bob Quint will perform in the 'Images of Labor' musical review on June 22 in Milwaukee.

'Images of Labor' Musical Review To Play Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, June 22 at 8:30 p.m., a unique musical revue entitled "Images of Labor From American Musical Theatre" will be presented in Cooley Auditorium of the Milwaukee Area Technical College, 1015 N. Sixth St. Admission is free.

"Images of Labor" includes a wide variety of songs about workers and unions from the American musical theatre. Solo, ensemble and choral music will be performed by 14 soloists, a 20 voice chorus, a pianist and a five piece band.

Most songs in the concert are from three highly political shows written in the 1930's: two pro-union shows by Gay composer Marc Blitzstein, "The Cradle

Will Rock" and "No For an Answer;" and the musical revue "Pins and Needles," written by Harold Rome and produced by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

There are also songs from "Steeltown," a musical developed in the 1980's by the San Francisco Mime Troupe in cooperation with the Steelworkers union. Other numbers are drawn from George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Leonard Bernstein's "On the Town," and the 1954's "Pajama Game," with its lighthearted look at a strike situation.

The show includes a rousing narration which introduces the songs and links them to current issues on labor's struggles.

"Images of Labor" was developed through the collaboration of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music and the Wisconsin AFL-CIO. It was first performed in Madison in 1990 and played to a standing room only crowd.

The Milwaukee performance of "Images of Labor" is sponsored by the State AFL-CIO, several local unions, the MATC Continuing Education Division and the Miller Brewing Company which underwrote the show with a grant.

For further information, call David Newby at (414) 771-0700.



Several Fest City Singers are shown rehearsing for their June 7-9 concert.

took part in learning and disseminating it, Mortensen explained. Now, with the proliferation of print and electronic media, history has become a passive experience for most people; they rely on the media to codify and provide their history.

This puts Gay men and Lesbians at a particular disadvantage. Because Gay and Lesbian history is not part of the mainstream cultural experience, it is not widely reported in mainstream media. As a result, Gays and Lesbians are often unaware of their own history.

Mortensen sees a danger in Gays and Lesbians failing to learn the history of their own culture.

"One often hears, 'I'm free to live as I wish. I don't see why we need a movement,'" Mortensen said. "People who say this don't realize that the 'freedom' to live as we wish, the very concept of a possibly 'other' choice, has come about only as the result of a real struggle. These people are speaking without a sense of history."

Until fairly recently, continued Mortensen, homosexuality was

point, many Lesbians, at one point, needed to separate in order to be able to determine just how they differed, not only from straight women, but from Gay men."

The media, Mortensen explained, is important in helping Gay people to codify and validate their experience, to create a history. And the creation and expansion of a Gay media — one which speaks to our experience whether through the press, film, song, theatre, etc., is nothing less than miraculous.

"In 'History, Herstory, Ourstory,' we celebrate all of our experience — the bad and the good. It's all part of who we are, and we need to validate our history if we wish to avoid repeating it."

"Still, what we're presenting is not the whole story. How could it be when everyday we are adding to it? The show is a reminder that we have a history and that we have a responsibility to remember and to speak for those who, lacking identity, lacking visibility, in the past, went unheard."

"Now we're visible and we can be

Guest Artists Announced For Fest City Singers' Concert

[Milwaukee]- Singers Leslie Fitzwater and Jim Sampson will be featured guest performers in the Fest City Singers' cabaret, "History, Herstory, Ourstory" on Friday, June 7 and Sunday, June 9, in the Stackner Cabaret.

Miss Fitzwater is familiar to Milwaukee audiences through her work with the Skylight Theater and Florentine Opera touring program. She is best known, however, for her successful one-woman show "Piaf" based on the life of the legendary French songbird, Edith Piaf.

Mr. Sampson has appeared with the Skylight Theater in "The Gondoliers," "Harriet, A Woman Called Moses," "Carmen" and "Man of La Mancha." He has also appeared with the Light Opera Works in Chicago. Next season, Sampson will appear as Albert in the Skylight Theater production of "Werther."

Featuring guest artists is new for the Fest City Singers, according to artistic director Peter Mortensen. "We have implemented this new policy as a way of extending ourselves into the larger community and as a way of allowing artists who may not be Gay to share their talent and support."

Fest City Singers is a member of the national Gala Choruses. It is open to Gay and straight men and women.

"History, Herstory, Ourstory" will be presented at the Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St., at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, and at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. Tickets are \$10, including a free glass of champagne. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Stackner Cabaret Box Office at (414) 272-1994 or by calling the Festline at (414) 962-7221.

heard, but we will speak for those among us who, because of violence or disease, have had their voices stilled. Their histories, too, are our legacy and must not be lost."

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Different Meanings of Stonewall Remembered as Pride Week Nears

By Bill Menieur

What had begun as a routine New York Police roust of drag queens from a seedy bar known as the Stonewall, erupted into a full scale three day war on the streets. The echo of that eruption still reverberates for millions of Americans today and it is that echo we celebrate with our Pride Week marches and parties.

Stonewall may have different meanings for each of us but one thing is clear, it was a watershed event in our history. Twenty-Two years later, Stonewall stands out as unique. It made headlines all over the world. Stonewall was so shattering that historians of the Gay and Lesbian movement use two terms to describe the times, Before Stonewall and After Stonewall.

Before Stonewall Police raids like the one that provoked the Stonewall Riots, were common place, not only in New York but throughout the rest of the country as well. Before Stonewall no one came out to anyone, being Gay or Lesbian was a public scandal. There were no marches, no sympathetic politicians or media, no demonstrations, no protests. There was only the fear of being discovered, a willingness to take any abuse so long as no one found out.

After Stonewall, after the barricades were cleared away, those days were over. Little did the rioters know, but their courage and expression of anger would inspire the beginning of a movement that would eventually involve hundreds of thousands if not millions of others and that is the real value of Stonewall, what it led to.

Dozens and then scores and then hundreds of communities all over the country underwent their own Stonewalls. In some places like Milwaukee, it was a protest over Police harassment, for others it was a public picnic, or in a variety of ways, all over the country, Gays and Lesbians stood up together.

If it had been an event that stood alone, Stonewall would not be worth remembering. It is its role as a catalyst for change that we celebrate. Stonewall represents our courage and our willingness to take on overwhelming odds.

It's fitting that one of the biggest sources of our Pride is a group of anonymous individuals who overcoming their own fear, collectively said, 'We're not going to take it anymore.' It's fitting because Stonewall continues every day as thousands of us through countless anonymous acts carry on the spirit that began in those New York streets over two decades ago.

Every day, Gays and Lesbians overcome their fears and walk out of their private closets. Everyday Gays and Lesbians make their presence felt, sometimes with the leadership of our cities, states and country but far more often in the work place, in social gatherings, and with families and friends. These acts of courage are and should be a source of as much pride as the riots that helped inspire them.

Through countless anonymous acts as well as our public protests we have advanced our cause more in the last two decades than those in the Stonewall riots would have believed possible. We no longer tolerate Police raids on our bars like the one that provoked the Stonewall riots. We speak out against discrimination, and we work privately and publicly to convince others that we are valuable members of society too. Four States and dozens of cities have Gay/Lesbian rights ordinances. We have stood stoically in the face of the AIDS crisis, resiliently rebounding from our initial shock and continuing to move forward again. Stonewall symbolizes the pride that stems from what we as individuals and as a community have been able to accomplish. Despite all of the sanctions and ridicule of society, despite the inbred bias against us, despite our own fear, and far too often our own self hatred, Gays and Lesbians as individuals and as a group have progressed and moved forward.

Whether you have organized a march, or just participated in one, come out to your family, friends, or commanding officer, been successful in business, gotten that degree or diploma, taken a Gay date to the prom or have some other personal or public accomplishment, you have right to feel proud. Whatever you have done you feel proud of your ability to overcome tremendous obstacles. Be proud of what you as individual and we as

a community have achieved. Yes more needs to be done, but lets not let that detract from our pride in what we have accomplished.

This year during Pride Week, take some time out to celebrate that pride. Celebrate your accomplishments as an individual and our accomplishments as a community. Gather your friends, and plan on marching together in the Milwaukee Pride Parade the afternoon of June 15th. If you can't join the parade then come to the Rally that follows it.

Talk it up and together we can make this event an even bigger source of pride than it already is. Attend other Pride Week events as well. If there are none in your area, organize a Pride Week party. Do something to celebrate yourself and the Gay and Lesbian community.

The pride and spirit of Stonewall remains with us. Share in that spirit. Show your pride, you've got a lot to be proud of.

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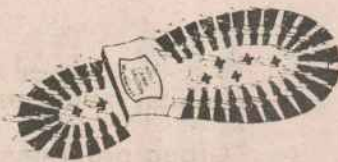
[San Francisco, CA]- Charging that the national response to the AIDS epidemic has been undermined by ignorance and denial, Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), called for a massive public education campaign on issues of sexuality.

"We need to shock America out of its state of denial," he said at a hearing of the National AIDS Commission in San Francisco in May. "Whether they like it or not, Americans need to know that men have sex with men; that women have sex with women; that teen-agers have sex; and that people will not stop having sex, but they can be taught to have safe sex."

"This attitude of denial," McFeeley said, "pervades the government's response to both Lesbian and Gay civil rights and to AIDS policy. Society's denial of the natural existence of homosexuality and bisexuality results in the view that an individual chooses a particular lifestyle rather than has a particular sexual status."

McFeeley charged that opposition to AIDS education by "the archbishops and TV evangelicals" promote a moral position that "is grounded in denial and results in death. What kind of irresponsible, irrational, morality is operating in opposing simple public health policies to contain viral infection?" McFeeley asked.

McFeeley went on to say that "the public panorama for all HIV-infected people, especially Gay men, is a desert of denial and resulting devastation."



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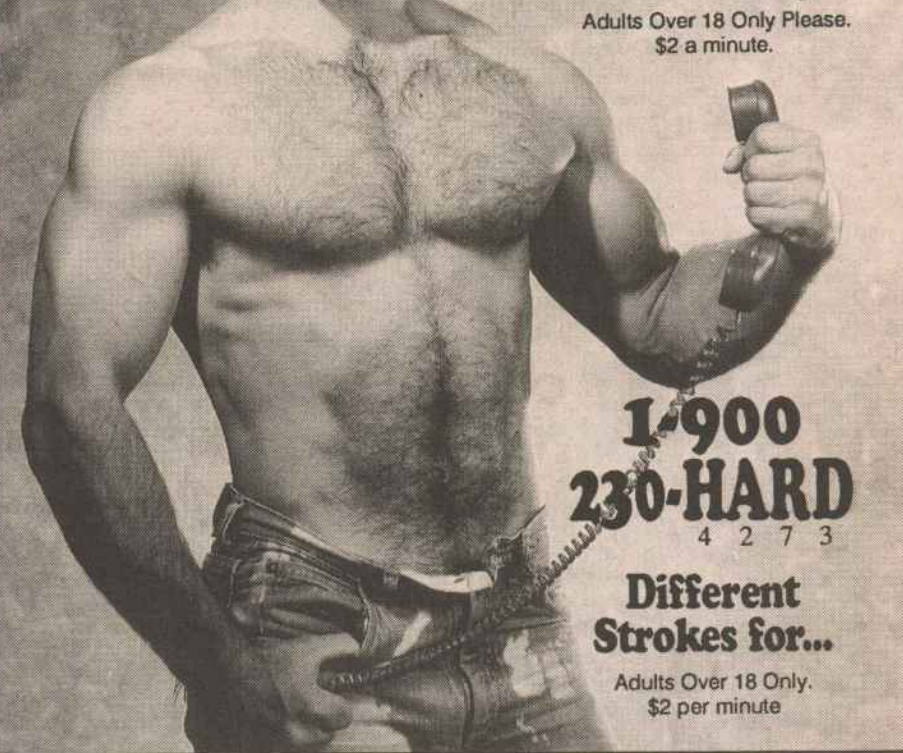
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'Modern Maturity' Magazine To Finally Address Gay Issues

[New York, NY]- Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/NY) have won their first battle in the long war against the invisibility of Gay and Lesbian seniors.

After tremendous pressure from SAGE and GLAAD/NY, *Modern Maturity's* Associate Editor, Karen Reyes, has confirmed that the June/July issue will include 1) a short editorial explanation on the past printing of homophobic letters; 2) an article by Raymond Berger, author of *Gay and Gray*, on trusts and survivorship for Gay and Lesbian couples; and 3) an article on new disability "critical case" procedures which are relevant for seniors fighting critical illnesses, including AIDS.

Reyes noted that the magazine would welcome advertising from SAGE, and a meeting has been set up between SAGE and *Modern Maturity's* Executive Editor, Henry Fenwick, to discuss ongoing coverage of Gay and Lesbian seniors.

The struggle between *Modern Maturity* and SAGE began several years ago when

SAGE approached the magazine, widely read by older people and published by the American Association of Retired Persons, to place an advertisement as part of an outreach effort. The SAGE ad was rejected as "objectionable."

The conflict came to a head when the magazine printed two extremely homophobic letters in the February/March issue this year. SAGE initiated a national letter-writing campaign with the support of GLAAD/NY. The campaign resulted in nearly 500 letters protesting the printing of the insensitive letters and encouraging the magazine to cover the varied issues of Gay and Lesbian seniors.

"This effort was made possible by the huge network of SAGE and GLAAD supporters across the country," said SAGE director Arlene Kochman. "We are very pleased that *Modern Maturity* has taken our concerns seriously. We will continue to be vigilant in monitoring their coverage of our community. One issue with articles pertinent to Gay seniors will

not suffice. We will continue to work with them and push them towards coverage that is sensitive and reflective of all minority groups."

"*Modern Maturity* has reached a new level of editorial maturity with its recognition of America's many Lesbian and Gay seniors," said Karin Schwartz, GLAAD/NY director.

SAGE is a social service and advocacy organization dedicated to providing direct services for Gay and Lesbian senior citizens and older people with AIDS/HIV in the New York City area. SAGE provides advocacy and public education nationwide. SAGE is located at 208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011. The phone number is (212) 741-2247.

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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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June 28 Is Next Cream City Foundation Grant Deadline

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications for the Spring/Summer 1991 Grant Cycle.

CCF, Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian non-profit charitable organization, funds activities, events and limited organizational expenses of organizations benefiting the Gay and Lesbian communities throughout Wisconsin. Groups wishing to apply for funding are invited to request a Grant Application Form by calling the CCF office at (414) 265-0880.

Ben-Shalom To Speak In Virginia

[Norfolk, VA]- Miriam Ben-Shalom, former Army reservist who conducted a 14 year battle against the U.S. Army for refusing to reinlist her because she is a Lesbian, will be the featured speaker at the Hampton Roads, Virginia Gay Pride Rally on June 15.

Ben-Shalom, a long-time activist with a national reputation and a resident of Milwaukee, is the Chair of the National Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, one of the leading groups seeking the overturn of the military's anti-Gay policies.

Following the rally, the Lesbian and Gay community of southeastern Virginia will march to the Norfolk Naval Base to deliver a letter urging the end to the ban on Lesbians and Gay men serving in the armed forces.

Bicycling Ride To Benefit Pride Committee

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Gay Bicycling Network will sponsor an Eastside bicycle ride to benefit the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee at noon on Sunday, June 2, 1991. Participants will set their own pace for either a 15 mile or 30 mile ride. Meet at the corner of Farwell and Bradford; all skill levels are encouraged to join. A Q-Sheet and refreshments will be provided by GAMMA. A donation of \$5 is requested; all proceeds will go to the Pride Committee. If you have questions concerning the weather, call GAMMA at 963-9833.

The current grant application deadline is June 28, 1991; all requests for funding must be completed on the CCF's Grant Application Form and received in the CCF office by that date to be eligible. CCF can provide technical assistance in completing the form, if required.

Contact the Cream City Foundation at (414) 265-0880, or by mail at P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201. CCF maintains offices in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., Suite 217B, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

HIV Transmission Rare In Surgical Setting

[San Francisco, CA]- The May 16th Centers For Disease Control's "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" reported the results of a voluntary HIV sero-prevalence survey of 3,420 orthopedic surgeons. Not one of them was infected by HIV who reported no non-occupational risks.

According to the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR), it is well known that surgeons are at a much greater risk from patients than patients are from infected surgeons. This report confirms how remarkably small the risk is.

AAPHR calls on those physicians and medical organizations who have attempted to frighten surgeons about their risk to stop doing so. AAPHR also urges those same people to stop attempting to frighten patients. It is clear that the risks are miniscule, not great.

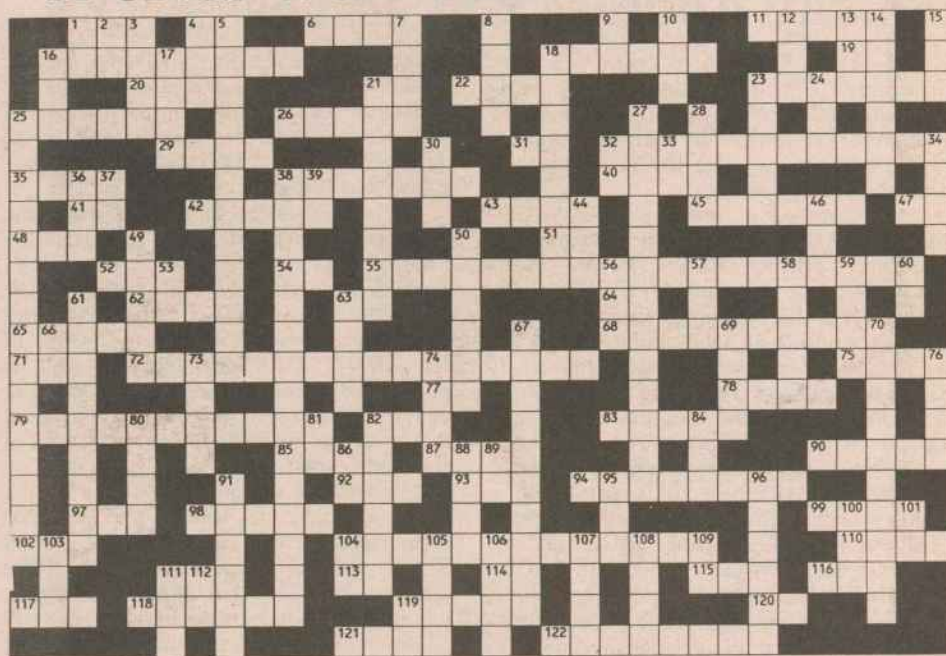
AAPHR urges all medical organizations, public and private and the media to better educate the public about the extremely small risk of infection that they face from receiving surgical care.

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"What I have learned, therefore, is that the worst sin is to inflict shame and humiliation on anyone else for whatever reason... I have seen in my lifetime the consequences of the opposing views when they have dominated the scene. I have seen Jews and so many others, including Gays, in those places of darkness, silence and fire."

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and scholar.

A Cross Word Puzzle for Partners



DOWN

1. Uncovered by intimate experiences. (abbr.)
2. The way things look when your relationship goes well.
3. Last thing played at boot camp.
4. Comes after nine.
5. A choice for lesbians who want children.
7. How to fight with a partner.
8. Some couples first met at these.
9. Careful type of intercourse. (abbr.)
10. Gender.
12. Pollen eater.
13. Celestial body, source for heat & light.
14. Hot.
15. "His & ___" (towel monograms)
16. Person who should stay out of our bedrooms.
17. Whirl.
18. Thompson's S.O.
21. Alice's life partner.
23. Federal return type; not for gay couples.
24. Legal organization that supports gay rights, bar none. (abbr.)
25. Ask for them were you work or play. (2 words)
27. Adds children to household with equal custody for parents. (2 words)

ACROSS

1. Except.
4. Seventh tone.
6. Who to love first.
11. Treatment up with which a partner must not put.
16. Two dads or two moms.
18. Osculations.
19. Either.
20. Authors. (verb)
21. Soldier.
22. Couple plus one.
25. Envious.
25. Formal for marriage partner.
26. Rock was to Marc.
29. Sweater source.
31. West Coast city with partner benefits. (abbr.)
32. Shacking up.
35. "Yours, mine & ___"
38. Committed mate.
40. Fibber.
41. Affix (abbr.)
42. Foolishly asked of gay couples, "Which of you is ___?"
43. ___ at first sight.
45. Prelude to union.

28. ___ of Avon; he dedicated romantic sonnets to a man.

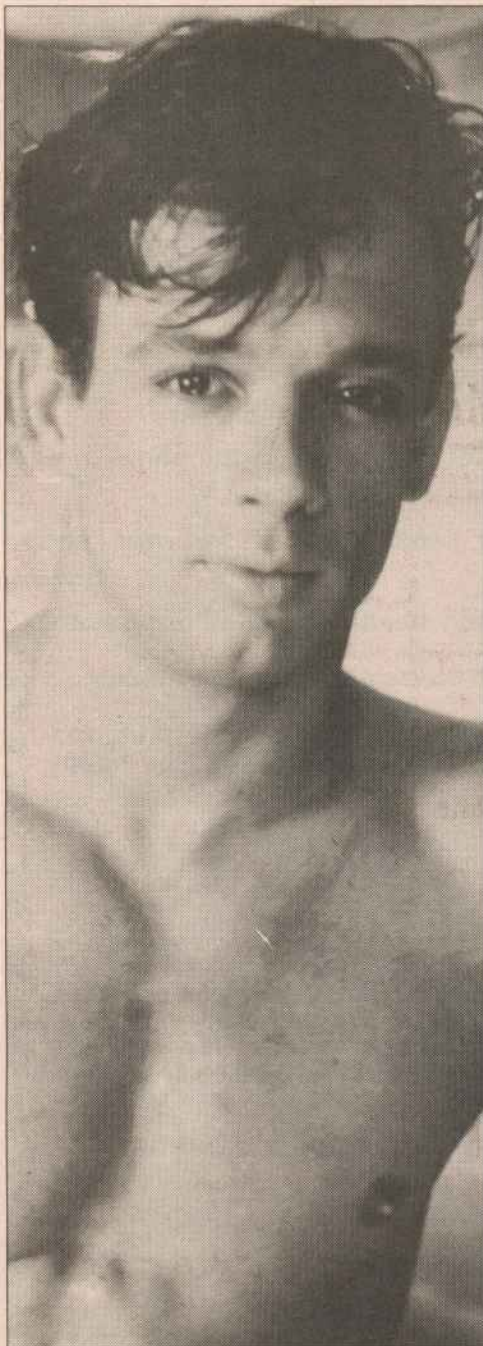
30. Merry.
32. Closet. (abbr.)
33. Burst of laughter.
34. Best dress for bedtime.
36. Talking song.
37. Battle here for city workers spousal benefits. (abbr.)
38. Legal way to take care of your partner. (3 words)
39. News wire service. (abbr.)
44. Tic-___
46. Many denials.
49. Meant to be read when your dead.
50. Form of acting.
53. Perform.
56. Gets votes in DC. (abbr.)
57. Dance form.
58. Anniversary flowers.
59. Clue.
60. Greatly annoy. (abbr.)
61. Rite of commitment. (2 words)
63. Cheeze eaters.
66. With regard to.
67. Ceremony at 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. (2 words)
69. Experience after death of a partner.
70. Relationship glue.
73. Response (along with bearing it) to partner's old jokes.
74. Amphibious fly catcher.
76. ___-mate. Long-term partner.

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Puzzle answers will appear next issue.

80. Selfless emotion.
81. Well?
82. Author of bestseller on lesbian/gay couples.
84. One use of a spoon. (slang)
86. One of your first words.
88. Non-gay legal organization; supports gay marriage. (abbr.)
89. Not applicable. (abbr.)
91. Gay teller of tales, who sometimes writes about same-sex couples.
95. Healthy direction from a closet.
96. ___ & Lyon, long-time partners & co-authors.
100. Raw material for wedding ring.
101. Elliott's boyfriend, who is just out of this world. (film)
103. Marriage vow. (2 words)
104. ___-dependent.
105. Said to help romancing.
106. Almost perfect partner.
107. Car.
108. Thought.
109. Negative.
111. Burnside & ___, long-time partners & fairie friends.
112. Mantra.
119. "To ___ or not ..."

90. Can happen when you get too close.
92. Hangs in the Louvre.
93. Short for golfer's aide.
94. Exclusive sexual commitment.
97. Early gay civil rights group.
98. Get hitched.
99. Build it together.
102. It's a ___ to condemn gay/lesbian marriages.
104. Vital ingredient for great sex.
110. Church wedding.
111. Bunnies do it.
113. Not off.
114. Not out.
115. Tasty grain.
116. "___ dear." (If you always have the last two words in an argument with your sweetie, these are them.)
117. Seed vessel.
118. "We are ___."
119. Springing sound.
120. Impersonal pronoun.
121. Some non-exclusive couples.
122. David & ___ (Biblical lovers)



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Radio Talk-Jockey Russ Limbaugh Says He's No Gay-Basher

[Milwaukee, WI]- The Los Angeles chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) in its May newsletter reports that conservative talk-jockey Russ Limbaugh says he is not a Gay-basher.

On the Mar. 25 episode of Bob Costas, an L.A. show host, Limbaugh said his problem is not with who is sleeping with whom, but the politics of the Gay community and their use of violence (i.e. the St. Patrick's/ACT UP event). He said that he was misquoted about the incident and was then labeled a "Gay basher."

Limbaugh who is heard locally on WISN radio, also apologized for his AIDS update. He said he was merely striking out at the Gay community for trying to have him fired.

Costas called Limbaugh on several points, including Limbaugh's use of dying people as weapons, and his attempts to justify homophobia.

WISN radio is also home to Mark Belling, another version of Limbaugh in style and delivery.

ABOUT TIME, ARSENIO

The GLAAD/LA newsletter also reports that Harvey Fierstein was a guest on the Arsenio Hall show on April 16. This was partly in response to the demonstration by Queer Nation earlier this year. Fierstein was Arsenio's first openly Gay guest. The conversation was

Listing Assists Pen-Pals and Travelers

[Bethany, OK]- Write To Me (WTM), a world-wide Gay/Lesbian friendship network, is completing its Fall, 1991 Newsletter and international pen-friend listings.

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described as "lively, informative and funny" and Arsenio's audience "barked" in approval.

PRO-COTT

The American Family Association (AFA) is at it again, condemning 15 recent TV shows for showing Lesbians and Gays in a positive light. They claim that in the past 10 years, "not a single program presented homosexuality in a negative light nor depicted it as an immoral activity."

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Gay Vets Serve As Buddies For People With AIDS

[Washington, D.C.]- In what may be a first of its kind program in the U.S., a Gay veterans group is working with a major urban hospital to provide veterans with AIDS and HIV infection with "buddies" for support, care and comfort.

The New England chapter of the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) whose national Chair is Miriam Ben-Shalom, is working in partnership with the Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Boston, MA, on an AIDS buddy program. Representatives from GLBVA and the Medical Center reported on the pathfinding program and offered it as a nation-wide prototype as part of the 10th Annual Conference on the Concerns of Vietnam Veterans held in Washington, D.C. in May.

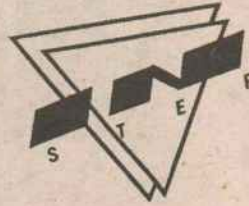
Statistics on AIDS from the Department of Veterans Affairs show 10,129 AIDS cases have been handled as of December 31, 1990, by VA hospitals across the country. Of these cases, about 5,000 or 48 percent, list same-sex or bisexual behavior as the primary risk factor. Estimates of the number of HIV-positive U.S. veterans range from 50,000 to 60,000.

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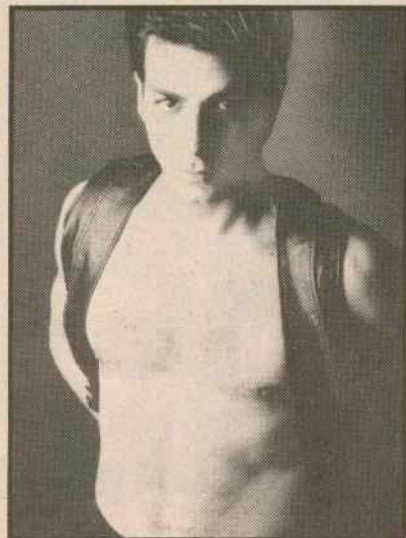
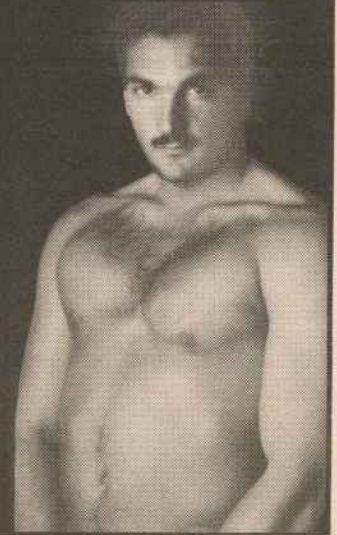
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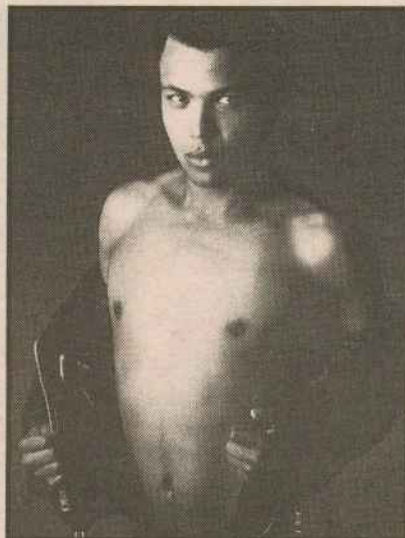
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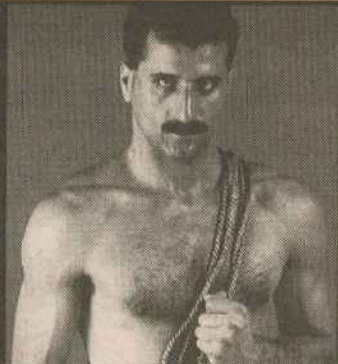
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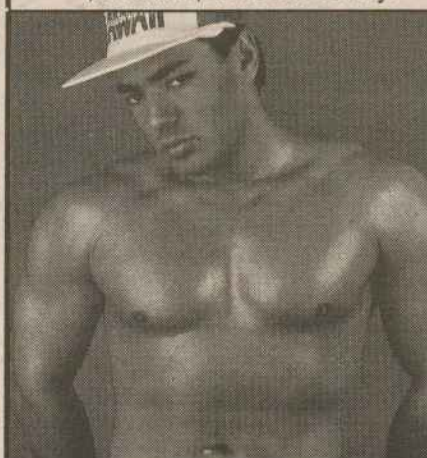
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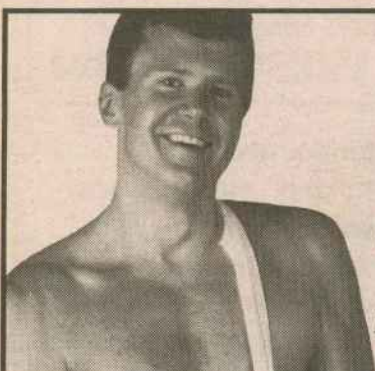
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Together In Pride — What Pride Means To Me

The first thing that comes to mind is freedom and opportunity to have the future be the way I want it to be, not the way somebody tells me it should be.

Gary Wells

What Gay Pride means to me? Zip! I'm neither proud nor ashamed of my sexuality. I find pride in accomplishments, successes, discipline, altruism, things you can make happen yourself. I find it conceited, arrogant and false to be proud of any human condition that we ourselves did not create. I journey through life with a good measure of self-dignity and much respect for all other living things on our planet. I demand that same respect of others. But proud because I'm Gay? Sorry!

Allan Eslinger

This year's theme of "Together In Pride" is most appropriate as the community comes together more and more as time goes by. "Together In Pride" we can right the wrongs!

Ron Geiman

Lesbianism builds strong bodies 12 ways.

Jamakaya

Editor's Note: Jamakaya was rushing out of town when I asked her this, but she promises more pithy comments in her next column.

Our community truly holds the spirit of support and acceptance towards all. It is a community that celebrates its diversity and shows its pride every day.

Tim Kennedy

The Milwaukee AIDS Project was created and nurtured by the Gay and Lesbian community. We take immense pride in the historic and continuing support that Gay men and Lesbians give to us. All of the events during Pride Week give us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Spirit, Strength and Solidarity of our Gay and Lesbian community.

Doug Nelson

Together In Pride. We're doing better at it — working together. But we have to keep at it. There is strength and unity in our diversity and that's something to be Proud about!

Michael S. Lisowski

The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights.

Wisconsin can point with pride to our historic standing in the forefront of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement.

Increasingly, these human rights protections are making it easier and safer to live, work, and to come out.

David Clarenbach

I was proud when I heard that the Lesbian and Gay soldiers in Operation Desert Shield had their own newsletter. That was proof to me that some of the troops over there were as smart and as sneaky as the bombs they were dropping.

Sue Burke



Jerry Johnson

These gamblers joined 225 others to make the Cream City Foundation's May 19 Casino night a success.

Gay Pride is a time in which all the completely different aspects of our community can get together and celebrate our diversity

Tim Grair, Member of Queer Nation.

Pride Day is the one day where I get to publicly celebrate my humanity without fear of repercussion.

Miriam Ben-Shalom

Gay Pride is time for our community to be together and celebrate our individuality.

Stan Straka, Member of Queer Nation.

Gay Pride Week gives us an opportunity to stand, march, sing, dance and live together in pride. Then we have the chance to carry that pride through the rest of the year — for ourselves and each other.

Jay Reinke, President, Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd.

I am proud of our efforts in various campaigns. Whether on a local or state wide level, Gays and Lesbians have shown they can have an impact.

Bill Meunier

It is with considerable Pride that I publish *The Wisconsin Light*. With no paid staff Terry (my loving spouse and newspaper editor) and I have somehow kept the paper going through this our 78th issue and I am proud of the *Light* and hope the Wisconsin community feels the same.

Jerry Johnson, Publisher, *The Wisconsin Light*

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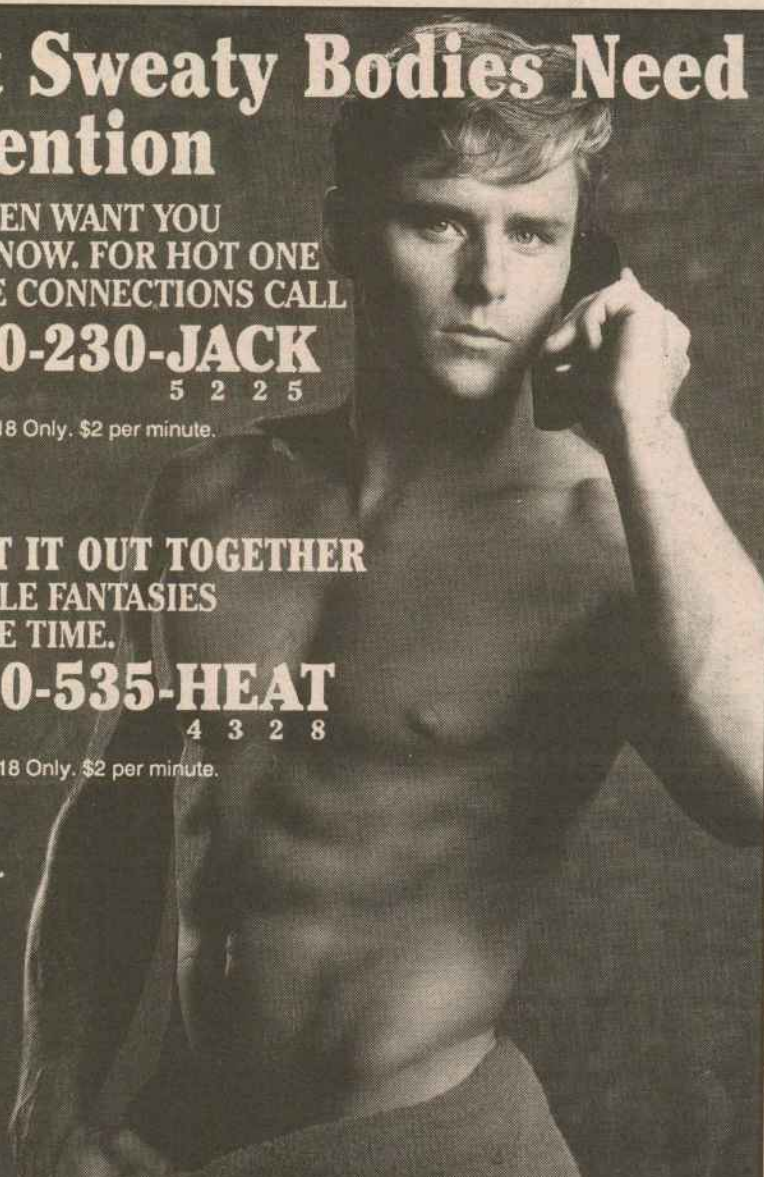
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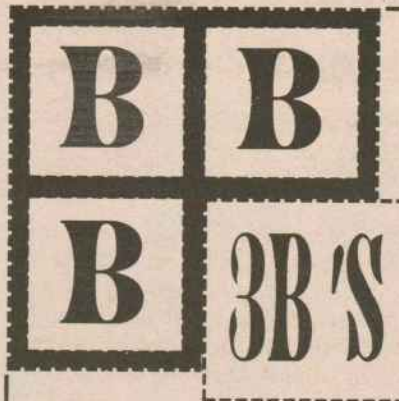
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Milwaukee June 15 Pride Rally Speakers Announced

Rep. David Clarenbach

Rep. Clarenbach is Speaker Pro Tem of the Wisconsin State Assembly and has served in the legislature for nearly 18 years. In 1972, David was elected to two terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, and in 1974 he served on the Madison City Council. That same year, he was elected to the Assembly, representing east and central Madison.

As a member of the Assembly, David has chaired two standing committees — Tax Exemptions in 1979 and Government Operations in 1981. Since 1983, David's colleagues have elected him Speaker Pro Tem. He is the senior member of Dane County's delegation to the Assembly and



Rep. David Clarenbach

is the ranking Democrat on the Labor and Agriculture Committees.

Clarenbach is the father of the Gay Rights legislation, making Wisconsin the first state in the nation to guarantee civil rights for all its citizens.

He is also the author of every piece of legislation having to do with AIDS in Wisconsin, making the state far and away the leader in HIV/AIDS care.

In addition, he wrote and sponsored the Hate Crimes Bill that provides special penalties for Gay-bashing and other criminal acts motivated by bigotry.

Because of all this and more, Clarenbach who is generally hailed in Wisconsin and throughout the nation as a leader in civil rights, justice and compassion for all people is running for Congress. Wisconsin's loss will be America's gain.

Clarenbach's topic will be "Wisconsin's Place in the Gay/Lesbian Rights Movement." He will be introduced by Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Peri Jude Radevic

Radevic, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, is the Legislative Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) with which she has worked since 1987 and is the former National Lesbian Rights Program Director for the National



Terry Johnson

Perry Watkins

Organization of Women (NOW).

She is currently involved with organizing the annual National Lobby Days for Lesbian and Gay Rights, both at the Congressional as well as the grass roots level seeking to enact the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill.

In her "spare time," Peri lobbies Congress on behalf of issues such as the National Endowment for the Arts, rights for Gay and Lesbian families, for laws protecting Lesbians and Gay from violence directed against them and against anti-Gay judicial nominations and the homophobic policies of the Department of Defense.

Sgt. Perry Watkins

Watkins was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967. Despite his declaration on the Army's pre-induction forms that he had "homosexual tendencies," he spent the next 14 years in the military, serving his country.

Knowing that he was Gay, nevertheless, the Army allowed him to repeatedly re-enlist, but finally, in 1981, moved to discharge him, a move which Watkins fought through the courts.

In November, 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that said that the Army must allow him to resume his career for two reasons: 1) because of his "exceptionally outstanding military record" and 2) due to the Army's earlier decisions to allow him to re-enlist.

In the settlement ending his 10-year legal battle, the Army has agreed to pay him compensation in the amount of \$135,000 for back pay and to provide full retirement benefits.

Watkins continues to fight against the Department of Defense's ban on Gays and Lesbian serving in the military. In addition, Watkins was the first openly Gay man in history to seek the Vice Presidential nomination of a major party.

Rev. Renee McCoy

McCoy is a noted speaker and published writer on issues affecting Lesbians and Gays, especially Lesbians and Gays of color. A person of international reputation, she is an ordained minister of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and the founding pastor of both the Harlem Metropolitan Community Church and the Full Truth Fellowship of Christ Church in Detroit where she is currently the pastor.

In addition to her ministry, Rev. McCoy is the Director of Outreach and a founding elder of the Unity Fellowship Movement,

'Let Kowalski Come Home' Hotline Opens

[Washington, D.C.]— A national "Let Sharon Kowalski Come Home" hotline has been established by a coalition of organizations to pressure Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson to intervene on behalf of Sharon Kowalski. Each call to the 800 number will generate a letter to Governor Carlson, demonstrating the level of national outrage surrounding this case and the recent decision denying guardianship of Kowalski to her partner, Karen Thompson.

In addition, activists from around the country are urged to attend the Minneapolis Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend, June 21-23 to show support for the case in Kowalski's home state.

Concerned individuals are urged to call the hotline at 1-800-325-6000, I.D. 9860, and send a hard-hitting message. The charge for each call is \$6.25, a portion of which goes to the Karen Thompson Legal Fund.

MADISON

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Wisconsin Light is seeking one or more volunteer writers to help cover Madison. This person(s) would write "people" profiles, attend events and write reviews, cover organization activities and general non-political news according to their interest and time constraints. For further information write: Wisconsin Light, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212 or call (414) 372-2773.

OBITUARIES

Mike Hippler

Author and award-winning journalist Mike Hippler died of complications of AIDS on April 2, 1991 in San Francisco. He was 39 years old.

an international ministry focused on the empowerment and liberation of oppressed peoples via religious and spiritual channels. She is a Board member of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation and Coordinator of the Metropolitan Detroit AIDS Network.

She is employed full-time as a health educator and liaison to the Health Department and for more than 14 years has been a leader in the struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights, concentrating on issues facing those in our community of African descent.

Windy City Chorus Releases First CD and Cassette

[Chicago]— The award-winning Windy City Gay Chorus (WCGC) has completed its first professionally-produced CD and cassette. This is the first recording of WCGC ever available to the public.

The CD, titled "Don We Now..." features the 80-voice Chorus performing traditional holiday favorites, as well as specially commissioned new works. Several radio stations, having heard the preliminary tapes, have already agreed to prominently feature the recording during the next holiday season. The CDs and cassettes will be marketed nationally, and are also available directly from the Chorus.

For more information about ordering the CD and cassette, about Windy City Gay Chorus or Chorus performances, contact WCGC at (312) 404-WCGC.

Lesbian Book On World Records

[Oakland, CA]— Lesbians worldwide are invited to submit their records for consideration in the **First Annual Book of Lesbian World Records**.

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Guidelines for entries can be obtained from Seahorse Productions, 1918 Lake Shore Avenue, No. 32, Oakland, CA 94606. The deadline is September 15, 1991. All entrants will receive a free "I'm in the Lesbian Book of World Records" button.

In 1982, Hippler began writing a weekly column for the **Bay Area Reporter** in which he chronicled and commented on all aspects of Gay life: culture, politics, living with HIV and facing death. For three consecutive years, he was honored with a San Francisco Cable Car Award for outstanding journalism.

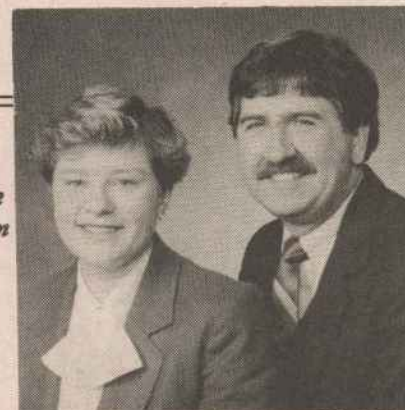
The **Bay Area Reporter** published Hippler's last column on March 7, less than a month before his death. **So Little Time**, a collection of his newspaper stories, was published in 1990.

Hippler also authored **Matlovich: The Good Soldier**, a biography of the highly decorated Vietnam vet who was drummed out of the service because of his homosexuality.

Hippler is survived by his lover, Mark Schoofs, and two sisters.

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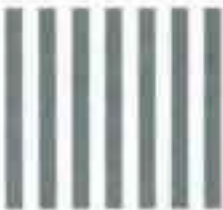
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