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Hate Crimes At UW-Eau Claire Increases Tension

[Eau Claire]-Because of the rising tide of violence on the UW-Eau Claire campus, particularly directed against Lesbians or those perceived to be Lesbians, the Gay, Lesbian, Or Bisexual Equality (GLOBE) organization on campus will hold its first event addressing hate crimes. This according to Carol Gruba, GLOBE Facilitator. The event will take place April 23, 1992 and was occasioned by the bashing of one of the group's members, a woman named Susan.

According to the campus paper, the *Spectator*, Susan was assaulted on February 26 about 7:00 p.m. A man following her shouted "Dyke," she said. When she turned to face him, he hit her in the face and ran. According to the *Spectator* article, the man was about 6 feet, of medium build with long hair. The Eau Claire Police Department has classified the assault as a hate crime.

Jay, chairman of the Gay/Lesbian Organization on campus is reported to have said that physical violence has been rising on the UW-Eau Claire campus. Usually, when it occurs, he said, it happens to women and those who fit homosexual stereotypes, he added.

In response to this and other attacks on women and Gay men, GLOBE has planned a rally for April 23 to take place on the campus mall. The rally is being described as a "hate crime survivor speak out" — something along the lines of a Take Back the Night rally.

The campus mall is the core of student transit and will offer the rally participants the greatest possible exposure.

Survivors of anti-Lesbian, anti-Gay bashing will be invited to tell their stories. The planned keynote speaker is Richard La Fortune, lobbyist for AIDS research, musician, artist, writer and a cofounder of a Minneapolis group for Gay Native Americans.

Following the rally, there will be workshops on Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual hate crimes, homophobia, heterosexism, AIDS, Gay/Lesbian/Bi history and a legal overview of all hate crimes.

For more information, contact the UW-Eau Claire Gay/Lesbian Organization, UW-EC, Union Box G.L.O., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Presidential Candidate Buchanan Speels Verbal Abuse Against Gays

[Washington, D.C.]-As part of its report on anti-Gay/anti-Lesbian violence, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reports that on March 20, right-wing columnist-turned Presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan condemned New York City Mayor David Dinkins for his "insult" to Catholics by "prancing with sodomites" at the 1991 St. Patrick's Day parade. "A visceral recoil from homosexuality is the natural reaction of a healthy society wishing to preserve itself," he added.

Although widely condemned for his appeals to racial and religious bigotry, Buchanan's remarks about Gays have seldom been publicly acknowledged, let alone criticized.

According to a 1984 article co-authored by Buchanan and J. Gordon Muir, AIDS is described as "nature's retribution," "God's will," "the wages of sin," "paying the piper," and "ecological kickback."

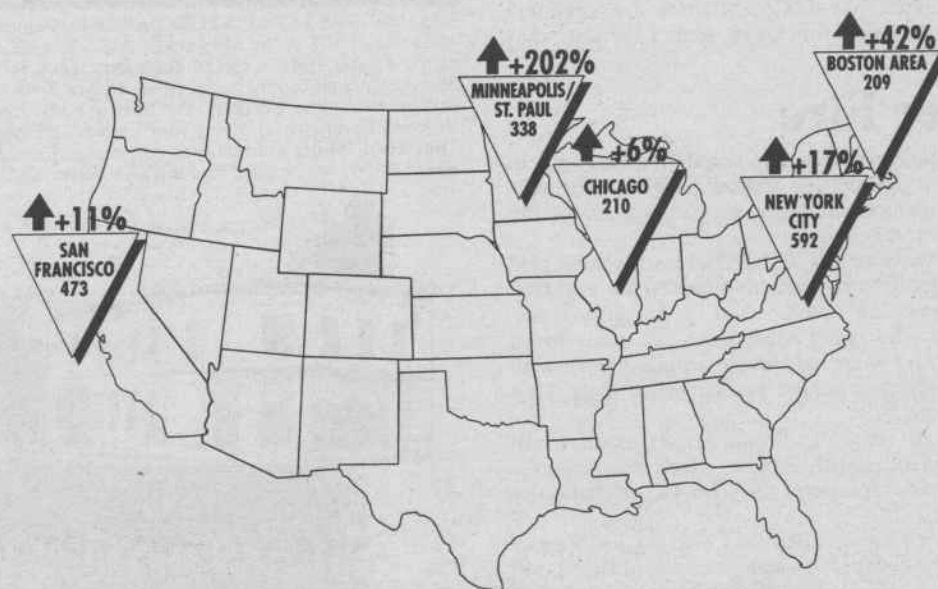
In a 1977 statement that recalls Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, Buchanan described his "final solution" for Gays and Lesbians: "In a healthy society homosexuality will be contained, segregated, controlled and stigmatized, carrying both a legal and a social sanction."

In the wake of the November 15 anti-Lesbian joke by then Presidential candidate Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-NE) David Beckwith, Vice-President Dan Quayle's press secretary, made another

Anti-Gay Violence Continues To Increase Across The Country

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Prepared by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute



Leaders Meet With United Way To Discuss Protests Against Boy Scouts

[Washington, D.C.]-Leaders of the nation's four largest Gay organizations met on March 27 with top officials of United Way of America to begin discussions on how to end Gay protests and boycotts of United Way because of the charitable organization's \$90 million in annual contributions to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The four Gay groups were Queen Nation/National Capital, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

BSA has a national policy requiring exclusion of Gay children and adults from its programs and regularly justifies this policy by labeling 23 million Gays as "immoral," "bad role models," and

"counter to traditional family values." One third of BSA's budget comes from United Way.

Leaders of the four Gay organizations demanded that United Way publicly condemn BSA's "homophobic apartheid policy," and recommend that all United Way chapters refuse funding to BSA unless they sign a binding, non-discrimination policy on the basis of sexual orientation.

The four groups also demanded that the United Way publicize its policy forbidding discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.

United Way Senior Vice President Robert Beggan indicated that his organization would like to find a solution that works for the Scouts and the Gay/Lesbian community. He invited Gay leaders to submit information on education programs designed to combat homophobia.

Reformed Jews and Bigotry

On March 30, Queer Nation (QN) met with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Commission on Social Action to discuss BSA's discrimination

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ACT UP Milwaukee TV Commercials Admonish Politicians on AIDS Silence

[Milwaukee]- ACT UP Milwaukee has produced its own commercial to raise the AIDS issue in time for the April 7 primary election.

The 30-second commercial, which will run a total of 12 times in five Milwaukee-area stations, will also air on such programs as ABC's *Nightline* and before local noon news broadcasts.

The commercial, produced in both English and Spanish, features a bright "smiley-faced" alarm clock and flashed facts about AIDS. The commercial is described by ACT UP as "nonpartisan." It mentions no candidate by name, but admonishes all politicians to break their silence on AIDS. The commercial encourages viewers to "vote your hopes" in the April 7 Primary. The ad was produced as part of ACT UP Milwaukee's campaign to force candidates to speak out about AIDS.

ACT UP Milwaukee worked with the generous assistance of videographer Dena Aronson and actor Ric Oquita to produce one of the first political

[Washington, D.C.]-Violence against Gay men and Lesbians is pervasive around the nation, surging in key U.S. cities, and is having a "profoundly destructive" impact on Gay people and society in general, says a new report issued March 19, 1992 by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Findings in the seventh annual NGLTF Policy Institute report, *Anti-Gay/Lesbian Violence, Victimization and Defamation in 1991*, reveal a disturbing increase in attacks on Gay people in five major urban areas around the country. In addition, the report cites examples of 1992 presidential campaign defamation by Patrick Buchanan and others, and negative portrayals of homosexuals in Hollywood movies — including *Basic Instinct* — as fueling anti-Gay prejudice.

A total of 1,822 incidents — including harassment, threats, physical assaults, vandalism, arson, police abuse and murder — were reported to agencies in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul and San Francisco. The incidents represent a 31 percent increase over 1990 in the same cities.

Among the most serious incidents that increased were anti-Gay murders, which more than doubled. Last year, eight people were killed for being Gay, up from three in 1990. Physical assaults, or "Gay bashings," leaped 15 percent and acts of police abuse jumped 29 percent, according to the NGLTF report.

"Anti-Gay and Lesbian violence continues to be a widespread and critical problem, provoked by official Gay bashing in politics and popular culture," said Kevin Berrill, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project director and author of the report. "Each attack sends a message of hatred and terror intended to silence and render invisible not only the victim but all Gay people."

"Unchecked, these crimes of hate create an atmosphere of fear and intolerance that undermines not only the Gay community, but the democratic and pluralistic foundation of our society," Berrill said.

The 1991 Report/Anti-Gay Backlash

This year's report focuses on trends in five key U.S. urban areas with professionally staffed Gay/Lesbian victim assistance agencies. However, the geographic and cultural diversity of the areas, combined with prevalence studies and reports from additional cities, "means it is likely that other U.S. urban areas, and perhaps suburban and rural communities, are experiencing a similar surge," said Berrill.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Domestic Partners Advance in D.C.

[Washington, DC]- On March 3, the District of Columbia Council unanimously approved a bill recognizing unmarried domestic partners and extending medical leave and health care benefits to the domestic partners of city employees.

The measure allows partners — whether Gay or straight — to register with the city as couples. It also provides tax incentives to private employers who agree to insure domestic partners and requires hospitals to accord partners the same visiting rights as spouses.

Although some religious groups opposed the bill, Councilman Jim Nathanson said: "We are simply dealing with the reality of living situations in the city...This should hardly offend anybody."

Like all municipal laws for the District, the new measure is subject to approval by Congress. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) and other conservatives have sworn to defeat the bill.

Paper Publishes Same Sex Unions

[Philadelphia, PA]- Following the lead of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* last year, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* has become the latest in a handful of major daily newspapers in the U.S. to publish announcements of same sex unions.

On March 8, the *Inquirer* published an item announcing the life commitment ceremony between Steph Lovelady and Beth Allen. The women met five years ago while attending Oberlin College. Lovelady is the daughter of the *Inquirer's* managing editor, Stephen Lovelady.

Dick Cooper, editor of the Main Line Neighbors section in which the announcement appeared, told *Philadelphia Gay News*: "This is the *Inquirer's* attempt to conform with modern society. We are a service. This section serves as a record for people in the area."

The paper's executive editor, Jim Naughton, said: "At this point there are very few places where there is a legal option [for marriage] for Gays and Lesbians that heterosexuals have. Why should we make a distinction?"

Colorado Coach Under Fire

[Boulder, CO]- The University of Colorado Board of Regents voted unanimously to reaffirm the University's non-discrimination and affirmative action policies after CU football coach Bill McCartney made anti-Gay comments and urged people to work for the repeal of state and municipal laws protecting Gays and Lesbians.

In a February press conference, McCartney, wearing his CU Buffaloes sweater and standing behind a podium with the CU seal, urged Coloradans to support the anti-Gay measure. McCartney said that homosexuality was "an abomination of Almighty God" and that homosexuals were "a group of people who don't reproduce, yet want to be compared to people who do reproduce." McCartney later said homosexuals "burn with lust" and have "internal upheavals that literally drive a person stark, raving mad. That torment makes them the most miserable of all people."

Gay and Lesbian groups attacked his comments. Rep. Pat Schroeder (D) condemned McCartney's "hate-mongering," and CU President Judith Albino asked the school's legal department to review whether McCartney had improperly used his CU affiliation to promote a personal cause.

McCartney agreed to remove his name from the letterhead of Colorado for Family Values, the group promoting the repeal effort but was otherwise unrepentant: "I did nothing more than call sin, sin."

Further action against McCartney is unlikely because he has compiled a 31-5 record in the last three years. In 1991, the Board of Regents signed him to an unprecedented 15 year contract.

McCartney has been involved in previous controversies. In 1984, the ACLU obtained a court order which prevented the coach from forcing football players to pray before games. In 1989, he came under fire for supporting clinic blockades sponsored by the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue. That same year, he announced that his 22 year old daughter, pregnant by the school's star quarterback, would have the baby.

'Forgotten Scouts' Want Your Story

[San Francisco, CA]- Forgotten Scouts, an organization of former Boy Scouts who are Gay and bisexual, is seeking the stories of other Scouts to challenge the anti-Gay bias of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The aim of the Forgotten Scouts is to prove that Gay people have always been an important part of the Boy Scouts of America's success and that many Gay people are excellent role models for both children and adults.

To compile a chronicle of BSA participation by Gays, former Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Explorers and Scout Masters are encouraged to write to Forgotten Scouts detailing 1) their name and address; 2) the city, Scout program and troop they were in; 3) the approximate dates of participation; and 4) what they got out of Scouting that has contributed to their adult life.

Those who want to take advantage of this opportunity to acknowledge what they learned from Scouting and make a dent in the BSA's anti-Gay policy should send their story to: Forgotten Scouts, 1072 Folsom Street, #383, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415) 905-6120.

GLAAD Is Going Nationwide

[Washington, D.C.]- The *Washington Blade* reports that local chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) which met recently in the nation's capital decided to form a national organization to be called GLAAD/USA. GLAAD is a watchdog group that monitors and seeks to improve images of Gays and Lesbians in the media.

GLAAD/USA is expected to coordinate information and communication between its many chapters more effectively. The New York, District of Columbia, San Francisco and Los Angeles chapters of GLAAD are supporting the national effort. The site of the national headquarters will be decided at a meeting in May in Los Angeles. All chapters are gearing up to respond to the soon to be released Lesbo-phobic film, *Basic Instinct*.

To find out more about GLAAD, contact GLAAD/New York at 80 Varick Street, Suite 3E, New York, NY 10013 (212)966-1700, or GLAAD/Los Angeles at P.O. Box 931763, Hollywood, CA 90093 (213)463-3632.

Quickies...

[Washington, DC]- Dignity/USA, the largest group of Gay and Lesbian Catholics in the world, has hired Barry P. Goodinson as full time national director for the group. Goodinson is expected to improve communication between Dignity's 85 chapters nationwide, increase membership, expand fundraising and give the group a higher public profile. Dignity/USA can be reached at (202) 861-0017.

[New York, NY]- In a recent issue of Marvel Comics' *Alpha Flight* series, superhero Northstar announced that he is Gay.

In the plot, Northstar adopted an HIV-positive baby. A man whose Gay son died of AIDS told Northstar that, unlike the baby, his son got no sympathy or support. Northstar replied: "Do not presume to lecture me on the hardships homosexuals must bear. No one knows them better than I. For while I am not inclined to discuss my sexuality with people for whom it is none of their business — I am Gay!"

[San Francisco, CA]- Daniel Coulter has filed a \$3 million lawsuit against famous chef Julia Child and the American Institute of Wine and Food for denying him the position of executive director of the Institute. The suit alleges that the chairwoman of the Institute's Board of Directors told Coulter that Child was "rabidly homophobic" and that her homophobia would undermine his effectiveness as director. Child is the Institute's founder.



RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE— Comedienne Jo Ann Dearing (left) delighted a capacity audience of 800 at the Milwaukee AIDS Project's annual "Make A Promise" dinner, held March 21 at the Pfister Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Leoy Nelson (right) headlined the evenings entertainment. She was introduced by her brother, Mayor John Norquist. Musician Pat McCurdy also performed. In the course of the evening, the first annual "Sterling Silver Award" was presented to the Miller Brewing Company for giving meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic. Tom Reed, Miller's director of corporate affairs, accepted the award. Before the evening was over, over \$58,000 was raised through the dinner and 160 silent auction items.

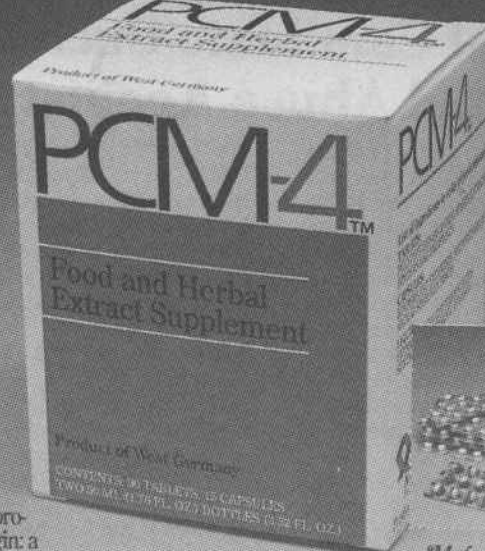


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ACT UP Claims Gay Leaders Are Hiding Clinton's Record on AIDS

[Seattle, WA]—The national Gay leaders have not only been ignoring (Arkansas Gov. Bill) Clinton's shameful record on AIDS and Gay and Lesbian issues in Arkansas, they have been hiding it. This, according to a press release issued by Steve Michael and Wayne Turner of the ACT UP/Presidential Project.

The ACT UP/Presidential Project is "a broadbased group of individuals from various parts of the country that banded together to force the candidates to talk about AIDS and Gay/Lesbian issues" and "force them to act."

The ACT UP/Presidential Project maintains that "In ten years of the epidemic, Clinton has never budgeted money to fight AIDS."

ACT UP further maintains that Clinton, as governor, has "steadfastly refused to support job protection, domestic partnership, Pride events and the repeal of the state's Gay-specific sodomy law."

To substantiate, in part, Clinton's "anti-Gay" stance, ACT UP cites a questionnaire issued by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) sent to all of the presidential hopefuls. When asked in the questionnaire if he believed "Gays and Lesbians should...enjoy the same legal and tax benefits as heterosexual couples," Clinton answered "No."

HRCF confirmed to *Light* that the questionnaire was sent to Clinton and that his response had been as ACT UP indicated.

Clinton's Response

In an undated letter sent to Randy Klose, HRCF Board of Directors co-chair, Clinton wrote that he wanted to "clear up some misconceptions" about his position on Gay civil rights that had "arisen from the answer to your recent questionnaire."

Professing himself to be a "strong supporter of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians," Clinton said that if elected President, he would "sign the federal Gay civil rights bill." He added, as long as it met two "concerns."

One was the need for "further clarification on the issues of enforcement of non-numerical affirmative action."

The second was the issue of "hiring of secular employees by religious institutions."

Greatest Outrage

The ACT UP/Presidential Project maintains that this response is not enough and maintains that Clinton's "greatest outrage" is his record on fighting AIDS in Arkansas.

"In his five terms as governor," ACT UP says, "Bill Clinton has never allocated money to fight AIDS in eleven state budgets." Further, in eleven State of the State speeches, "not one mention" has been made of the disease.

In addition, ACT UP points out that Clinton as governor signed into law "mandatory reporting of names for persons testing positive for HIV, nonconsensual testing," as well as "criminal penalties of six to thirty years in prison for 'knowing transmission' of HIV — General Assembly Act 614. A call to Little Rock confirmed what ACT UP said about GA 614.

Calling the leaders of HRCF and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) "Clinton's lap dogs," the ACT UP/Presidential Project, accuses the two Gay lobbying organizations of "hiding the truth" about Clinton.

An HRCF spokesman told *Light* that HRCF has always had good relations with ACT UP and said that the ACT UP/Presidential Project was composed of only a "frustrated minority." He said a meeting between HRCF, NGLTF and ACT UP had been scheduled for April 4 to hammer out differences and plan strategy for the rest of the campaign.

In an undated letter to Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Executive Director, the ACT UP/Presidential Project said they would not attend the meeting.

"This meeting cannot be held on the eve of a pivotal string of primaries. We can and must be out in the streets making AIDS the primary issue," ACT UP wrote.

The ACT UP Project instead urged the leaders of HRCF and NGLTF to "join us. March with us and other disenfranchised/oppressed people through the streets of Little Rock" on Memorial Day. They asserted further that "The movement has passed establishment Gays by. The future is with...activists, Queer Nationalists, and ACT UP'ers."

Future Plans

According to their press release, members of the ACT UP Project are "on the road." They will, they say, be in Wisconsin for the April 7 Primary as well

as in other states such as New York and Kansas. They are asking for any help people are willing to provide; money, food, a fax machine, a place to stay while they are in the state. They especially need money.

To offer help or for further information, contact Steve Michael or Way Turner at the ACT UP/Presidential Project, 704 East Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98122 or call (206) 324-GAYS; fax (206) 322-7188.

Editor's Note: Wisconsin *Light* has been running ACT UP's ad in the Classified ad section.

Media Issues To Focus April 16 Meeting

[Milwaukee]—A discussion of media issues will be featured at the April 16 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

How does news become news, and how to people access the media? What images of Lesbians does the media present? How can we have an impact on those images? These and other media-related questions will be explored.

Speakers include Jamakaya and Kitty Barber, spokesperson for the Lesbian Alliance.

There will be a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month and are open to all Lesbians. For more information, call (414) 264-2600.

State Gay Rights Bill Passes In Iowa Senate, Goes to House

[Des Moines, IA]—The passage of a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill in the Iowa Senate late Thursday, March 26, 1992, on a vote of 28-21, and approval of the bill early Friday, March 27, by the House Judiciary Committee, on a vote of 14-2 with two passes, represents a "tremendous victory for Iowa's 270,000 Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual citizens," said Michael Current, Legislative Director of Iowa Dignity and Equality Advocates (IDEA), Iowa's statewide Gay and Lesbian rights and AIDS policy lobbying group.

The bill, Senate File 2201, adds the words "sexual orientation" to the list of protected classes in the Iowa Civil Rights Code. It would ban discrimination against Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual persons in the areas of employment, housing, education and credit practices. A similar bill passed the Iowa House in 1989, but died in a Senate subcommittee that year.

"The day may well be close at hand when Iowa joins five other states (Wisconsin was the first) in enacting a

Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual civil rights law," Current said. "The pundits said this could never happen in the Iowa Senate, but with [the vote on Thursday], we proved once and for all both that they were wrong and that our cause is right."

Current said that the votes "clearly show that the Gay rights movement has entered the mainstream of American life. People are finally beginning to understand...that Gay rights is a justice issue, not a morality issue. When ordinary folks can get beyond the loud babel of a bigoted few, they realize that what we are asking is simply the protections that are every American's birthright."

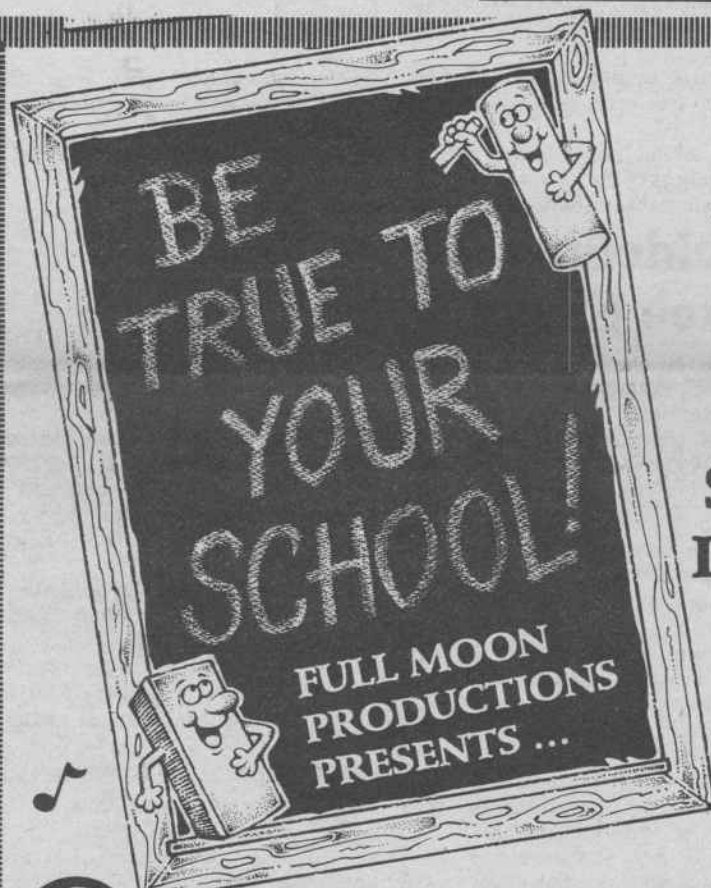
Current called the bill's prospects in the Iowa House "excellent," and said there was every reason to believe that the bill would be sent to the Governor for his signature in the next few weeks.

"We have made a great leap forward toward a better future," Current said, "and we have a lot to celebrate."

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EDITORIAL

Clinton Best Choice for President; Ament for Milwaukee County Exec.

In the Wisconsin Democratic Primary the best choice is a vote for **Bill Clinton**. Clinton has publicly stated his support for ending discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military, as well as his support for increased funding levels in the fight against AIDS and his support for the proposed Federal Lesbian and Gay civil rights law. These are issues that we will get nowhere on, with Bush in the White House.

Clinton's primary opponent Jerry Brown, deserves our scorn for his hypocrisy and demagoguery. Brown who has fought against campaign contribution limits now denounces others for practicing what he himself has preached. Brown's proposal to help the economy is a joke and like his contribution limit a campaign gimmick. Furthermore Brown has been caught blatantly distorting news reports on Clinton's record in a shameful attempt to smear the Democrat's best chance to win the White House.

As President, Bill Clinton probably won't be as good as some others might have been, but he will be far better than Jerry Brown ever thought of being. Its time to send Brown a message repudiating the smears and get on with the main business of beating George Bush before the opportunity to do so is irretrievably lost.

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Tom Ament is the best choice for Milwaukee County Executive.

Ament has supported us on every issue we have ever brought before the County Board. During the Dahmer crisis Ament used his office to ask the County Medical Examiner to stop referring to the killings as "homosexual overkill." Two years ago he publicly denounced the fundie bigots who wanted the Board to repeal its Pride Week proclamation calling them "bigots and hatemongers." We have not heard any similar statements from his opponent Joseph Czarnecki.

Furthermore, Ament has been a leader on many of the issues confronting the County including, the need for a new jail, airport expansion, welfare reform, and trying to deal with the problem of raising money to pay for state mandated programs, many of which were supported by his opponent, who now bemoans the high taxes he helped to cause.

Ament has shown honesty and integrity. He may not be as slick as his opponent but he is the better choice.

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There are some hotly contested races for alderman in Milwaukee. Among those most deserving of our support are:

Lorraine McNamara-McGraw, a consistent friend whose creative approaches to the City's problems should earn her another term.

Marlene Johnson, a veteran Council member with a solid record.

Don Richards, running for his second term. Richards emotional speech on our behalf was the highlight of the Pride Week Funds debate.

Emilio Lopez, running to replace Mary Anne Mc Nulty. He has openly sought Gay/Lesbian support.

Chris Kranjak, who is running against Chief Harold Brier's daughter.

Wayne Frank, who has been making attempts to work with Gays and Lesbians in his district.

Paul Henningsen, a long time friend of the Gay and Lesbian community and one of the most productive members of the Council.

Marvin Pratt, who has always fought for the rights of minorities.

Voter Guidelines Issued For Milwaukee Elections By LAMM

[Milwaukee]- The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) after extensive research, has issued the following guidelines for the election on Tuesday, April 7, 1992. **Wisconsin Light** prints them with grateful acknowledgment to LAMM for their work and their use.

Meaning of Terms

Ratings of incumbents and challengers are based on record and response to questionnaires. (Scale of 1-5 where 1 represents no support for Lesbian, Gay and Feminist issues, 5 represents significant support for Lesbian, Gay and Feminist issues).

Where candidates have not responded to questionnaires, the candidate's telephone number is printed. LAMM urges voters who live in those districts to contact the candidates and question them about issues important to you.

The LAMM questioner contained questions on a Lesbian and Gay Pride proclamation, funding for Pride activities, recognition of Lesbian and Gay domestic partnerships (marriages), a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, and funding for AIDS services.

Endorsement is the strongest form of support and indicates LAMM is actively engaged in promoting the candidate's campaign.

Recommendation indicates the best candidate in the race. Voters should support both endorsed and recommended candidates.

Candidates

Democratic Presidential Primary — No Recommendation.

Milwaukee County Executive — Recommended: Joe Czarnecki

Milwaukee Mayor — Endorse: John Norquist

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors — Dist. 1 — Recommend: Nathaniel Stampley

Dist. 2 — Recommend: Thomas Meaux

Dist. 3 — Endorse: Penny Podell

Dist. 4 — Endorse: Sheila Aldrich

Dist. 5 — Recommend: Veronica Taylor-Mosley

Dist. 8 — Recommend: Daniel Diliberti

Dist. 10 — Endorse: Elizabeth Coggs-Jones

Dist. 11 — No Recommendation. Mark Borkowski did not respond. His number is (414) 327-3177. John Valenti, incumbent — rating 1

Dist. 12 — Recommend: Mario Avila

Dist. 13 — Endorse: Dorothy Dean

Dist. 16 — Recommend: Lynne DeBruin

Dist. 17 — Gary Edelman did not respond. His number is (414) 769-7301. Daniel Cupertino, incumbent — rating 1

Dist. 18 — Endorse Roger Quindel

Dist. 19 — Recommend: Leann Launstein

Dist. 20 — Recommend: Roy Scholtka

Dist. 22 — Recommend Anthony Czaja

Dist. 23 — Robert Murphy

Dist. 24 — Ralph Lisowski did not respond. His number is (414) 762-0749. Richard Kuzminski, incumbent — rating 1

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Dist. 1 — Endorse: Marvin Pratt

Dist. 2 — Endorse: David Olsen

Dist. 3 — Endorse: Lorraine McNamara-McGraw

Dist. 4 — Endorse: Paul Henningsen

Dist. 5 — Daniel S. Schramm refused to respond. His number is (414) 462-7854. Christine Weber did not respond. Her number is (414) 535-1197.

Dist. 6 — Endorse Marlene Johnson

Dist. 7 Recommend: Fredrick Gordon

Dist. 8 — Jeffrey Van Groll did not respond. His number is (414) 643-5333.

Wayne Frank, incumbent, rating 3

Dist. 9 — Recommend Don Richards

Dist. 12 — Endorse: Emilio Lopez

Dist. 13 — Recommend: Diane Head

Dist. 14 — Recommend: Chris Krajniak

Dist. 17 — Endorse: E. Fay Anderson.

JUDICIAL RACES

Circuit Court

Branch 24 — Endorse: Charles Kahn

Branch 43 — Recommend: Diane Sykes

Branch 45 — Endorse: Thomas Donegan.

Editor's Note: Remember voting is easy. Anyone can vote who has resided in their district for at least 10 days. If you are not currently registered to vote, you can register at the polls. Just take along a current ID (like a driver's license) that shows your home address.

LETTERS

Oscar Protest

TO THE EDITOR:

I was disappointed to read in your Quick Bits column that Queer Nation is planning to disrupt the Oscar ceremonies on March 30. Actually, what I'm hoping is that they don't disrupt the awarding of the Best Supporting Actress

statuette, which appears destined for the hands of Jessica Tandy for her role as Ninny Threadgoode in **Fried Green Tomatoes**.

I understand QN's concern (as well as many other Lesbians and Gays) over portrayals of Gays and Bisexuals in **JFK** and **Basic Instinct**. Those are openly derisive and homophobic. But I would really feel bad if they cause a commotion about the portrayals of Ildie and Ruth in **FGT**. Why?

Number one, because although the characters in the book on which this movie is based are unquestionably involved in a Lesbian relationship, the movie simply does not address the issue of sexuality at all, straight or Gay. It addresses the depth to which kindness, friendship, empathy and compassion can go between caring individuals, especially when surrounded with others who can't or won't understand these qualities.

The other thing is that, because there is no sex scene or direct acknowledgment of the physical relationship between the two, there were also no boycotts or protests of the movie by Fundie groups. I believe that if there had been, the millions of straight couples and families who attended (and continue to attend) the film would not have gone.

If one husband values his wife a little more because he went with her to see this film, it was worth having in the theatres.

And the last reason is that, if we, as a community, insist on bitching and moaning about every little thing that DOESN'T blatantly address us in the media, we're going to lose what little support and sympathy within the straight community that we do have.

But if the representatives of our community (and that is what they're perceived as by the majority of non-Gays) do something stupid like disrupt if Jessica Tandy is presented with an Oscar for participation in a film that doesn't deride us, not only will she probably become hostile toward us as a whole, so will a bunch of other people who might otherwise be sympathetic to our struggle.

And the end result will be that films with even "possible" Lesbian or Gay content will be avoided like the plague AGAIN because they're too controversial. And once again, we'll have to settle for poorly produced, badly scripted, under-budgeted trash if we want to see portrayals of lives that come anywhere close to ours. And I am damn sick of it.

I admire the courage and conviction of members of Queer Nation and their willingness to loudly fight the good fight. But I question their judgment and ability to think things through in a case like this. I will be embarrassed for us all if they come down on **FGT**.

I hope our own irresponsible, thoughtless actions now don't keep others like it from being produced for future generations of Gays and Lesbians who need and want to be able to attend films that address our realities.

— Mary Shafer

AChoice Responds

TO THE EDITOR:

Public attention was recently drawn to the United Way of America as the lavish lifestyle of their former CEO, William Aramony.

ACHOICE, a workplace giving federation set up as an alternative to the United Way, wants Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community to know that alternatives for individual philanthropy are available. ACHOICE represents 19 social justice and advocacy organizations. Among them are the ACLU, the Wisconsin Foundation, Cream City Foundation and 9to5 Working Women Education Fund.

ACHOICE believes that the greed of Bill Aramony is symptomatic of a disease caused by the complacency and paternalism that pervades the entire United Way system. Complacency breeds corruption.

The arrogance and paternalism are best illustrated by this statement from John Glaser, a long-time colleague of Aramony's and CEO of United Way International. In defense of Aramony's salary and perks, Glaser said, "He has built an environment that corporate executives are comfortable in. They're more at home in plush offices, rather than in some settlement house where there are kids crying and running around with runny noses."

Enough said? We think not. ACHOICE believes that parallels exist on the local level. We have challenged United Way to do several things in the wake of this scandal in order to restore the faith and confidence of donors. Among our requests was a re-evaluation of management compensation and perks at the

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Political Candidates Surveyed For Their Positions on AIDS Issues

Commentary by Patrick F.

ACT UP Milwaukee has been tracking candidates for elected office to determine if their AIDS positions qualify them for leadership. We looked most closely at the race for Milwaukee Mayor, and the Presidential Primary — particularly at Jerry Brown and Bill Clinton. ACT UP does not endorse any particular candidate, but hopes that readers will use our research to make decisions on Election Day, Tuesday, April 7.

Mayor's Race

Both John Norquist and Greg Gracz were sent an AIDS questionnaire in early March which asked serious questions about AIDS. Candidates' positions were asked on issues such as condom availability in the schools, publicly funded AIDS education for stigmatized groups and clean needle exchange. The results were disappointing.

Both candidates ignored a request to meet with the AIDS community before the election. Gracz's campaign to date has not responded to the questionnaire, though they have begun to return phone calls, telling an ACT UP member that Gracz and aides were "working on it."

Norquist responded in a half-page letter, but failed to answer most questions directly. He wrote that the city "consistently demonstrated" its commitment to fighting AIDS. The Mayor cited city support for patient confidentiality and confidential and anonymous testing as evidence. However, he failed to address allegations that his administration is stalling efforts to set up a clean needle exchange until after the election.

The letter made no mention of Gays and Lesbians, but assured ACT UP that the city was working with organizations with "concerns similar to those of ACT UP."

Norquist concluded his letter by declaring his intention to "promote increased funding from state and federal governments" but made no promise to use city money to help the 8,000 Milwaukee citizens estimated to test HIV positive.

Readers can call ACT UP at (414) 769-8708 for updated information on the mayoral race, or call the candidates themselves at (414) 475-1222 (Gracz) or (414) 483-0411 (Norquist).

Bill Clinton

The Democratic race for President has generated more explicit references to AIDS, in part due to the efforts of ACT UP chapters nationally to make AIDS an issue in '92. Both Jerry Brown and Bill Clinton have position papers on AIDS, though only Clinton's campaign has sent it to ACT UP Milwaukee. The Clinton campaign ignored an invitation to meet with the Milwaukee AIDS community, while a Brown staffer intimated that if activists "pushed" hard enough, they

could get a meeting with Brown.

Clinton, Governor of Arkansas [a sodomy state] has been targeted by AIDS activists nationally because of his state's poor AIDS record, including mandatory name-reporting and criminalization of "knowing" HIV transmission.

Clinton's Department of Correction bragged that last year "100 percent of inmates coming into the system agreed to be tested."

Clinton's position paper on AIDS is short on substance, but activists give him points for his public statements on AIDS, including promises to "socialize" the cost of AIDS, appoint a single person to head the AIDS fight, involve more women and IV-drug users in research and enact the recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS (now gathering dust in the Bush Administration). But activists point out that Clinton only talks about AIDS when directly confronted in public.

Jerry Brown

Brown also has shown public support for people with AIDS. He has worn a red ribbon for much of his campaign, the ribbon meant to remember those who have died of AIDS. Unlike Clinton, Brown often raises the issue in high-profile appearances, but his discussions on the disease rarely go beyond the mandatory expression of sympathy for people with AIDS.

Brown has two key strengths to help make up for any shortcomings: 1) He is riding a grass-roots uprising that may give voice to those now left out of the political process, including the AIDS community.

Brown's plan for health care reform is comprehensive, creating universal coverage for all in a single-payer system like that in Canada. Clinton pledges to cover all too, but his plan is overly complex, creating questions about its cost efficiency and accessibility.

Recommendations

Readers are strongly encouraged to vote for their chosen candidates on April 7. If a voter feels disgusted with the field of mainstream candidates, protest could be registered by a write-in vote [perhaps Joan Jett Blak for President, the Chicago drag queen who has promised to turn over the CDC to ACT UP]. It is better to do this than stay home.

ACT UP Milwaukee finds the power of the vote so important that it has used scarce resources to produce a TV commercial [see article this issue.]

Readers can also call the local offices of presidential candidates directly. Jerry Brown's phone is (414) 276-3321; Bill Clinton's campaign can be reached at (414) 257-1992. Nationally, call (212) 661-4286 for Bush and (703) 661-4286 for Buchanan.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Oppression, Discrimination Can Be Overcome By Your Vote on April 7

By Bill Meunier

Sometimes it seems so frustrating. Everyday Lesbians and Gays are fired from their jobs, denied housing and in other ways oppressed simply because they are Gay or Lesbian. We see ourselves portrayed as homicidal maniacs or pitiful victims of AIDS in movies and on television. We have seen tens of thousands die from AIDS and we know that many of them could have been saved had our government cared enough to warn us.

Some of us think that we are so cozy and secure. Some of us have deluded ourselves into thinking that oppression is something that happens to others and not to us. But it does affect us, ALL OF US and it will continue to affect us unless we do something about it.

That oppression hurts us in a variety of ways often when we are most vulnerable. It affects us when those we love are in the hospital and we are not allowed to see or talk to them because we not "family." It might be that we got that job and are scared that others will find out what we are and who we are. It might be something minor like biting our tongue when we hear the latest "queer" joke.

In fact given the societal attitudes towards Lesbians and Gays, none of us can honestly say that have never been affected or that we never will be.

We argue with each other about how to address this situation. Some propose radical actions, others counsel quiet patience, some think that if we are just as quiet as can be, we will be left alone and everything will be fine, and many think that we need a good blend of all of the above.

But no matter what our outlook on how we should address the question of dealing with our oppression, there is one thing we should all be able to agree with, and that is voting.

It has been said that the voting booth is the best closet in the world and the one closet we should all be in. Its the one

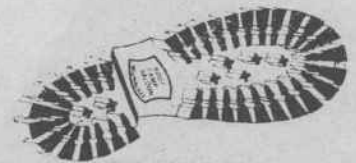
protest that we should all be able to agree on registering.

On Tuesday April 7th, you will have the chance to do something that much of the world still doesn't have the right to do, VOTE. On Tuesday April 7th, YOU will have the chance to help decide who our next President will be, who will run our cities and who will run our counties.

On Tuesday April 7th, we can all help ourselves by supporting those who want to help us. Even those supportive candidates who you think will win need your vote; because the larger their margin of victory the more they will be able to do.

On Tuesday April 7th we have the chance to repudiate our oppressors. Voting for those who work against us or don't support us is like thanking the mugger who just took your wallet. They have taken something much more precious than a wallet. They have robbed us of our dignity.

Bette Midler supposedly said, "Don't you people ever get tired of being stepped on. Why don't you stand up for yourselves? When are you going to fight back?" I urge you to fight back with the most powerful weapon in the world, the one weapon that has created more change than all the arsenals of the world combined, something only you can make worthless, your vote.



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CHEERS FOR GUEST STAR—Harvey Fierstein, the three-time Tony Award-winning playwright and actor and star of *Torch Song Trilogy*, guest stars on *Cheers* in the episode entitled "Rebecca's Lover... NOT!" It will be telecast on NBC, Thursday, April 23, 8:00-8:30 p.m. central time. Fierstein will guest star as Mark Newberger, Rebecca's old high school flame, who after many years, makes a surprise visit to *Cheers*. Oblivious to Newberger's sexual orientation, (he is Gay), Rebecca attempts to rekindle the passion they once had.

Fest City Singers Seek Men And Women For Spring Cabaret Show

[Milwaukee]—The Fest City Singers (FCS), a member of the Gay And Lesbian Association (GALA) Choruses, invites people who enjoy singing, performing and/or theatre production to join the chorus in time for its annual Spring cabaret show.

Membership in FCS is open to Gays, Lesbians and anyone sympathetic to their causes. Chorus rehearsals, under the musical direction of Charles Golden, are held each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Center. FCS needs new members in all voice ranges, but women's voices are especially needed.

The Spring show employs an original script written by the group's artistic director, Peter Mortenson. According to Mortenson, the show, presently titled

Clique: A Soap Opera in Three Rituals, involves "the coming together and drifting apart" of a group of people.

The first act takes place in an art gallery; the second, in two bars, a leather bar and a piano bar; and the third act, over brunch the next day.

Upcoming Performance

The Fest City Singers will be performing their satirical skit about Mayor Norquist's veto of the Gay Pride Parade on the new program **Queer TV**. The show will be broadcast live on Warner Cable Access Channel 47 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on April 9, 1992.

Anyone interested in joining the Fest City Singers can call Jonathan Justice at (414) 265-8224 or Sandy Lewis at (414) 961-2135 for more information.

Star Studded 'Concert for Life' T.V. Show to Benefit AIDS Charities

[Los Angeles]—The Fox Broadcasting Company and MTV: Music Television will present **A Concert For Life**, a star-studded concert from London's Wembley Stadium on Fox on Monday, April 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. and on MTV on Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The show will be aired on WGSN-Channel 24 in Milwaukee, WMSN-Channel 47 in Madison as well as on the Fox affiliates in Green Bay and La Crosse.

Elton John, David Bowie, George Michael, Guns N' Roses, Metallica and Queen members John Deacon, Brian May and Roger Taylor are among the stars set to perform a selection of their own songs and Queen hits.

The tribute to Freddie Mercury, the lead singer and co-founder of the rock group Queen, who died of AIDS in November, 1991, is being organized by Queen band members, Deacon, May and Taylor. Queen manager, Jim Beach, will produce the tribute.

The purpose of the concert is to raise awareness of AIDS and to generate funds for AIDS charities. Profits from the 72,000 capacity concert, which sold-out in a record six hours, will go to AIDS charities worldwide.

As part of the co-presentation of this event, MTV News will produce a half-hour

behind-the-scenes program to air on MTV on Monday, April 20, 6:30-7:00 p.m. prior to the two hour broadcast of the concert on Fox. The MTV News special will be hosted by Kurt Loder and will feature artist interviews and an intimate look at the making of the concert.

The two hour Fox broadcast will feature outstanding performances and interviews with music superstars and celebrities backstage at the concert. MTV will air **A Concert For Life** in its entirety on April 25 as part of MTV's "Strike Back Saturday," an entire day dedicated to raising money (through an 800 number) and promoting awareness of AIDS.

"The Fox and MTV audiences are among the fastest-growing groups at risk of contracting AIDS in the United States," said Jamie Kellner, President and Chief Operating Officer of Fox Broadcasting. "We hope that this concert will help to increase awareness about this insidious disease and help raise desperately needed funds to fight its spread and to comfort those suffering from it."

The Fox Broadcasting Company and MTV will donate all profits generated by **A Concert For Life** broadcasts to national AIDS charities and local AIDS care hospices designated by the local Fox and MTV affiliates in each market.

'Life Goes On' TV Show Adds HIV Positive Character

By Carl Szatmary

AIDS, LIFE GOES ON AND TV

For the uninitiated, **Life Goes On** is an hour-long, slice-of-life drama telecast on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Taking the role of the little TV show that could, **Life Goes On** captured the imagination of America a year ago, largely due to Chris Burke, the young man with Down Syndrome, who plays the pivotal role of Corky. This season the series has tackled the subject of AIDS with a new character who is HIV positive. It was with a great deal of trepidation that this viewer tuned in.

Saddled with an early Sunday evening time-slot and the three major networks' increasing conservatism, the program's producers must have had a difficult time including even an HIV positive character. This character must be sympathetic and readily accessible to the majority of the American viewing public. It was disappointing, if not surprising, when the character was not only heterosexual, but having been infected the one and only time he had engaged in sex.

The program has been quite a surprise. The subject of AIDS has focused almost entirely on "heterosexual AIDS" with the story line of Jesse, the young man

who is HIV positive, and Becca, the family's youngest daughter becoming increasingly central to the series. Yet, the producers have handled this potentially controversial (for television) subject with a perception and honesty all too rare on TV. The episode telecast on March 15 is a perfect example, taking America into an AIDS hospice.

Becca has decided that it is time to become more involved in Jesse's life and demands to be taken to the hospice where Jesse spends much of his time. Through Becca's eyes, America is given an unflinching portrait of what it means to be sick, alone and with AIDS. What she, and we, see is certainly not a pretty picture, but perhaps one which might make a few people take notice. If so, the series will have done its job. The episode was also noteworthy for including Michael Kearns in the cast, an openly Gay actor who, is himself, HIV positive.

This positive portrayal of AIDS should be applauded. Network programs focusing on AIDS will only continue with viewer support. So, if you haven't seen **Life Goes On**, take a chance some Sunday.

Life Goes On is aired in Milwaukee on TV 12, WISN beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Zest For Living Is Alive In The Childhood of 'Toto le Heros'

By Woodrow Thalberg

In virtually every Federico Fellini film there is a circus. Fellini's circus is mysterious, seductive, surreal, grotesque, and at the same time, beautiful. After seeing **Toto le Heros**, the debut film by Belgian director and former circus clown Jaco Van Dormeal, I suspect he once worked under Fellini's bigtop.

Toto le Heros is the story of a boy nicknamed "Toto" who believes he was switched at birth with his next door neighbor and lifetime enemy, Alfred. We see Toto as a boy, adult, and old man — all the time imagining himself a secret agent — trying to wrestle his life back from the usurper amidst a Brussels where people age, but the setting does not.

Dormeal's message is that children's zest for living is lost in adulthood — not a surprising notion from a circus clown — when people try to conform and act

responsibly. It is only in old age, where much of what seemed so important in mid-life becomes meaningless, that some recapture passion for life. Unfortunately, in Dormeal's world, childhood is so beautiful, while adulthood and old age are so bleak and horrible, there isn't much point in growing up.

I wish Dormeal, who rewrote the script many times, had left the story in childhood and forgotten the rest. Child actors, Thomas Godet, young Toto, and Sandrine Blancke, Toto's beloved sister Alice, have so much appeal I became annoyed when they were absent from the screen. With performers so attractive, Dormeal should have placed them center ring. He might have had a Belgian answer to Lasse Hallstrom's Swedish masterpiece **My Life As A Dog**. The film he did make is, like Fellini's circus, fascinating, but not entirely satisfying.

Toto le Heros is playing currently at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre, 2589 Downer Ave. For more information, call (414) 964-2720.

On Friday, April 10, **Toto le Heros** will open at Madison's Majestic Theatre for a two week run.

Ronnie Gilbert Plays 'Mother Jones' at Stackner Cabaret

[Milwaukee]—Ronnie Gilbert, a veteran of the Weavers folk-singing group and a popular figure on the women's music circuit in the last decade, will star in the one woman musical production of **Mother Jones** at the Stackner Cabaret, April 3-May 17.

Mother Jones was the legendary labor agitator who led hundreds of strikes and stared down company goons and National Guard troops sent to harass working people. She especially championed the cause of coal miners and fought against the exploitation of child labor. It was Mother Jones who said: "Pray for the dead, but fight like hell for the living!"

The play about Mother Jones' life and work features a mixture of politics, melodies, humor and inspiration, all performed by the incomparable Ronnie Gilbert.

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 8:00 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

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CREAM CITY AWARDS NIGHT— The Lambda Rights Network bestowed its annual Cream City Awards in Milwaukee on March 24, 1992 in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Wisconsin. Receiving the awards were: front row- Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty (Torchbearer); Michael Lisowski, who accepted the President's Award for Bernell Howard; Margaret Snow (Police Proposal Task Group-PPTG) (Group Spirit); Mark Wavra for the Cream City Chorus (Group Spirit). Back row- School Board Member Mary Bills (Torchbearer); Haver Hicks (representing his cousin Bernell Howard); Robert Zimmerman (PPTG- Group Spirit); Stephanie Hume (Pacesetter); Cream City Chorus (Group Spirit); Gary Hollander (Pacesetter); Karen Zimmerman (PPTG-Group Spirit). Also receiving awards but not present were: Alderman Tom Donegan (Torchbearer) and Debbie Young (Spotlight).

Activist Has Littering Charges Dropped By La Crosse Judge

By Darren J. Foster

[La Crosse, WI]-Tim Campbell, editor of the now defunct GLC VOICE and a Minneapolis ACT UP activist, was found guilty on March 19 in La Crosse Municipal Court of violating a La Crosse anti-littering ordinance last Summer.

As reported in *Light*, Campbell, 55, was arrested July 4, 1991, in La Crosse during a Desert Storm parade when he attempted to distribute Queer Nation literature which called for U.S. Rep. Steve Gunderson to "come out for Gay rights now!" Gunderson, who represents western Wisconsin's Third District, was a participant in the parade.

Campbell was charged by La Crosse police with both littering and putting leaflets on vehicles. The latter charge was dismissed and Campbell challenged the prosecution for the littering offense, citing his First Amendment freedoms of press and speech.

At the March 19 trial, Campbell, represented by La Crosse attorney Peder

Arneson and the American Civil Liberties Union, attempted to convince Judge Robert Joanis that Rep. Gunderson's office and the Capitol Police had contacted La Crosse police in advance of July 4 because Gunderson believed that there was going to be a confrontation between him and members of the Gay community during the parade and at the La Crosse Center rally following the parade.

La Crosse Police Chief Bruce Marco, denied any such contact had been made.

Defense counsel Arneson stated that "His (Campbell's) sole purpose was to engage in political activity for the Gay community at his financial expense." Arneson asserted that Campbell had no "motivation" to litter nor were his leaflets "trash." Campbell, Arneson said was engaged in "political activity."

Joanis pronounced Campbell guilty of littering and fined him \$61.

Following the trial, Campbell expressed his disappointment with

Joanis' decision and said he would appeal as far as he could go.

In a short conversation with Joanis following the trial, Campbell politely told the judge, "This country was made great because people have stood up for their constitutional rights."

"I disagree," countered the judge.

Update

As we go to press, *Light* has learned from reporter Darren Foster that Judge Joanis reversed his decision. Campbell will not have to pay the fine. Foster said that Joanis gave no reason for the reversal and was not available for comment.

The victory caps over two decades of activism for Campbell that have included 25 arrests. Now, with the end of GLC Voice, Campbell is set to launch a new publishing venture; an "upscale" publication aimed at the well-to-do and visitors to the Twin Cities.

Gays Becoming More Active In La Crosse

By Darren J. Foster

With this initial article, the Gay and Lesbian community in La Crosse will begin sharing exclusively with *Wisconsin Light* news stories of events, issues and personalities from western Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community.

We in La Crosse hope to reach out to our Gay and Lesbian brothers and sisters throughout Wisconsin, and we welcome you to La Crosse, home of the "Catbirds" professional basketball team, two Gay bars, four Gay/Lesbian support groups, G. Heilemann Brewing Company, UW-La Crosse, Viterbo College and Western Wisconsin Technical College.

As previously mentioned in *The Light*, one of the newest Lesbian/Gay organizations is the La Crosse Lesbian and Gay Association (LLGA) formed on January 28, 1992. Since its founding, this social/political action group has grown from six to twenty-six members.

To date, LLGA has reserved the La Crosse Public Library for a Gay Pride Awareness Seminar to be held on the night of June 25. The Association plans to arrange for speakers on Gay/Lesbian issues and engage the at-large community in a public discussion.

In other areas, LLGA has lobbied State Rep. John Medinger (D-La Crosse) and State Sen. Brian Rude (R-Coon Valley) to vote against parental consent legislation and the so-called "Respect for Life Act," both, as of this writing, now pending in Madison. Medinger and Rude, in letters to LLGA, both responded that they are "pro-life" and that they support these anti-choice measures.

On March 19, following the conviction of Gay activist, Tim Campbell of Minneapolis, in La Crosse Municipal Court on "littering" charges, LLGA issued a statement "affirming Campbell's First Amendment rights." (See story on Campbell in this issue.)

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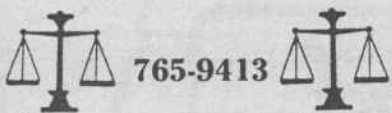
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LETTERS

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United Way of Greater Milwaukee (UWGM). Most managers at UWGM are overpaid, some pulling in \$20,000 over the average of their peers in the non-profit sector. The President of UWGM, Henry Monaco, makes \$130,000 per year and has the use of a Jeep Cherokee and membership to the YMCA Health Club. The Mayor of Milwaukee makes \$85,178; County Executive, \$90,380; the Governor of Wisconsin, \$92,283. Are their duties comparable? NOT EVEN CLOSE.

Local parallels exist on UWGM's volunteer leadership. In the *Milwaukee Journal* on March 3, 1992, Dean Treptow, Chairman of the Board of Directors of UWGM, said he felt Monaco's compensation package was fair, and he would not ask the UWGM Board to re-evaluate it.

Referring to the United Way of America in the *Milwaukee Sentinel* on March 11, 1992, Treptow said, "What bothers me most is the seeming arrogance in the way the organization is run."

What's wrong with this picture? How can Mr. Treptow be irate at the National and defend Aramony's salary and efficiency at the same time?

It is a mixed message when Treptow calls for reform nationally, but refuses to change locally. United Way of Milwaukee can not restore the faith and confidence of donors without addressing local issues.

The key to bringing back disaffected donors and empowering new donors is ACCESS. Workplace donors in the private sector need access to alternate federations. They need the clear choices that public sector employees in Milwaukee have enjoyed for several years.

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—Bill Hart, ACHOICE

Uncle Sannwald

TO THE EDITOR:

Don't laugh! I found your newspaper in a garbage pail.

I am 55 years-old and straight. But I had a lot of Gays in my family when it was nothing to laugh about to be Gay!

My great-aunt, a poet whose work you can find in the big public library on 42nd Street in Manhattan, was a Lesbian. Because of it, my great-uncle, Robert Marehand, founder of the Auto Salon in Geneva, Switzerland, locked her up in a mental hospital in Berne where she couldn't speak the language. She died there in 1941 of a broken heart. That was on my mother's father's side.

On my mother's mother's side, there was also an uncle who was Gay. His name was Gustave Sannwald. He was born in 1885 in Sulzbach near Stuttgart in south Germany. He came to Milwaukee around the turn of the century and worked in a leather factory. I tried to find out more about him, but I don't know how to go about it.

I have a Gay friend who is a playwright. We want to put a play together; how it was like to be Gay during the flapper time from 1919 until the '30's. I want to use my great-aunt and great-uncle because even then they had the courage to be openly Gay (which proved to be disastrous for my great-aunt).

Milwaukee and Madison were always more progressive towards Gays than New York was. Especially during the time of the Stonewall riot. Even in the early '80's, the cops would harass Gays in Queens and Long Island.

I always was a rebel so I say, "Vive Les Gays!"

—Ginette Schenck
New York

Hope Continues

TO THE EDITOR:

As a Gay person, I'm quite familiar with the reality of often having to look to and relying only on the Gay community for the empowerment we often seek for the betterment of our community. We have been put in this position mostly due to necessity because overall, we are seldom accepted, much less supported, by the "community" at large (heterosexuals and closeted homosexuals alike).

But often our pride, egos, resentments and anger prevents us from looking to, welcoming, accepting and acknowledging the support available to us from the mainstream community that we often feel necessary to separate ourselves from.

Whatever our reasons being for distancing ourselves from the communities that surround

us, I believe causes us only to lose in the end.

This was brought home to me and I'm sure numerous others, the evening of the Make A Promise dinner for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. For one evening, 800 people came together for a cause; to unite and overcome selfish motives, attitudes and judgments of others' differences.

Some had HIV, many not. Others were Gay — a lot were straight and some were unsure. Some were there without a dime, others had pockets bulging with bills. Endless skin colors blended together.

One couldn't help but feel the losses that we've all had to endure in the past decade. But instead of dwelling on these losses, there was compassion and hope in the atmosphere.

In the end, we are making the difference, despite our many differences as members of a "community whole" no matter how small or unrecognizable at times. And this we have to keep in the forefront of our efforts as we forge ahead in the coming years. Thus, finding the much-needed strength for us as a community to continue our fight in this battle.

—Daniel G. Trzebiatowski
Milwaukee

Mr. Boot Camp Contest To Be Held April 26

[Milwaukee]- The Mr. Boot Camp Contest will be held Sunday, April 26 at the Boot Camp Saloon, 209 E. National Ave. in Milwaukee. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with the Contest beginning at 9:00 p.m. There will be \$500 in prizes. Advance tickets will go on sale, April 15 at the Boot Camp.

To enter, you must be over 21 and a Wisconsin resident for one year. Applications can be picked up at the Boot Camp or by writing: Mr. Boot Camp Contest, 209 E. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Applications must be received by 12:00 p.m., April 25. For more information call the Leather Information Line at (414) 643-6260.

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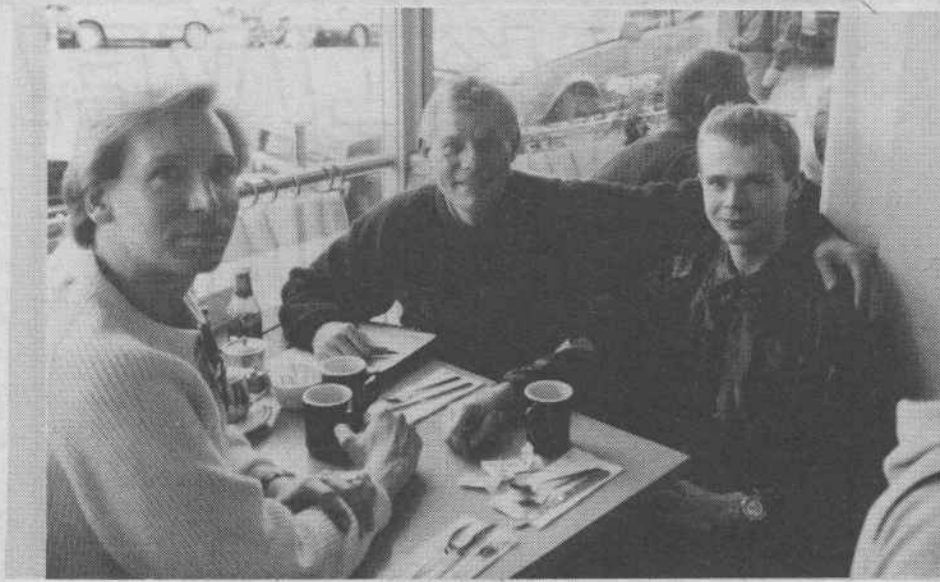
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With New Freedoms, the Gay Movement Is Coming Alive in Russia

By Ray Ruiz

You're a 22-year-old Russian. A university student in your fourth year of engineering. You've been a bit of an activist — operating under the pseudonym "Dimitry R." And now, you've just found out that the KGB has called your parents and told them of your sub rosa activities. Informing them that you — their only child — were Gay. Your parents subsequently disown you. You're on your own now. What are you going to do?

If you're Roman Kalinin (alias Dimitry R.), you first come out Gay big time, despite fear of imprisonment. Then you start the second Russian Revolution — this time a Gay one. Let the revolution begin!

Described by *The Advocate*, America's national Gay magazine, as combining the political savvy of Harvey Milk, the radical courage of Harry Hay, and the moxie and the street-fighting spirit of a Stonewall drag queen, Roman Kalinin's blue eyes, dimpled cheeks, delicate features and diminutive frame conceal the revolutionary ideas that lurk beneath. While the Russian Gay movement may be decades behind that of the West, Roman's vision is a decade to the forefront of San Francisco's.

Now 25 years-old, Roman is the founder and leader of the Russian Gay movement, and the publisher of his country's first Gay and Lesbian newspaper, *TEMA*, a nonprejudicial slang term for Gay or Queer in Russian.

I met with Roman on three occasions during his recent visit to the U.S. I spent some time with him on all three, and even managed to get him alone for a lengthy chat with me and my Russian-American friend Alex Zabelin, who helped with the interpretation (although Roman does speak some English.)

We strolled over to the Cove Cafe on Castro Street for our tete-a-tete. Roman was excited about the possibility of luring Lesbian and Gay entrepreneurs to Russia to open much-needed bookstores, cafes, restaurants and bars. There are none now.

A trip is planned for April 1992. Western Gay and Lesbian entrepreneurs will be escorted to Moscow and St. Petersburg, in the hope that they will see the vast opportunities available to enterprising individuals. The entourage will be introduced to local officials and VIP's, who can "make things happen" for start-up businesses.

Roman is already gearing up to open Moscow's first Gay meeting place on a

property that can be bought for only \$7,000 U.S. dollars. Located in the center of the city, all Roman needs now is to entice a buyer. As Roman points out, there is no place to "come out" in Russia. A place to congregate is a start.

Roman holds some unorthodox views regarding government and economics for Russia. Having campaigned for Russia's presidency against Boris Yeltsin, he proffers his solution to the current economic crisis. He suggests selling the republic to foreign monopolies.

"Might as well," Roman says, "Russian economists aren't having any luck. And who cares what language the executives speak if there's something in the stores?" On prices, he proposes dropping the price of vodka by 80 percent: "It's the only thing people have left." What a sad commentary.

Although Roman did not seriously threaten Yeltsin's bid for the presidency, he certainly succeeded in garnering invaluable public relations coverage for the fledgling Gay movement in Russia.

Indeed, Roman received more column inches of newspaper coverage than any candidate other than Yeltsin. The Russians are almost giddy over their newfound freedom of speech. They enjoy hearing and reading flamboyant, creative and novel ideas. After 70 years of repression, who wouldn't?

Don't be fooled, however, into thinking that glasnost and perestroika has extended to Gays and Lesbians in the former USSR. Repression is still stronger than most Westerners can imagine. Even lovers may forego knowing each other's last names for fear of being "outed" to family, friends or employers. It's the extreme exception for lovers to live together. A rendezvous for a few stolen minutes of intimacy together might well transpire in the elevator of an apartment building — which you've conveniently stalled between floors.

Such is the atmosphere in which Roman Kalinin, manchild and wunderkind of the Russian Gay movement, holds forth from his 7th floor walk-up apartment on the outskirts of Moscow. Equipped with his trusty Macintosh LC, laser printer, copy machine and more than a little help from his friends, Roman publishes *TEMA* and presides over the organization he founded — the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay Men. Slightly less than average height, wry and thin limbed — Roman, this wisp of a fellow, seems all too vulnerable and huggable. Yet, somehow, he exudes vigor, excitement and sexual energy.

A brilliant manipulator of the media,

Tidbits About Gay Russia

- Russia's Gay leaders emerged from the democracy movement.
- About 60% of the Gay activists in Moscow are Lesbians.
- *TEMA*, Russia's first Gay/Lesbian newspaper, has a circulation of about 15,000. There are five people on the editorial board. Roman is the publisher.
- Roman, along with other Gay activists were at the barricades in the August, 1991 coup, passing out Boris Yeltsin's resistance decrees which they printed with the *TEMA* logo at the bottom of the page, increasing Gay visibility and making it clear to all that Gays and Lesbians were participating in the resistance.
- Roman spent December, 1991 in the U.S. to accept *The Advocate's* "Man of the Year" Award. The visit also helped broaden his fundraising efforts on behalf of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.
- About 800 homosexuals per year are sent to labor camps in Russia for their alleged Gay conduct, while Lesbians are more frequently locked up in hospitals.
- In Russia, there is no phenomenon of Gay and Lesbian couples having higher disposable incomes than their straight counterparts as there is in the U.S. Like all Russians, Gays and Lesbians struggle on the lower rung of the economic ladder.
- My favorite quote made by Roman upon his first learning of the coup last August: "I was not terrified. I was hysterical."

—Ray Ruiz

his softness, shyness and gentleness belie the high level of zeal and commitment to his vision. Having been offered asylum in the U.S. which he declined, Roman points out that his work has only just begun in Russia.

How true!

A 1991 poll of "cosmopolitan" Moscow revealed that 30 percent of the respondents thought homosexuals should be killed. Another 30 percent recommended imprisonment, while another 30 percent suggested psychiatric confinement. Only 10 percent believed that Gays and Lesbians should be free to follow their own lifestyle.

In Russia's rural areas, nearly 85 percent of the respondents favored the death penalty for homosexuality! It's no wonder that fear of blackmail or imprisonment is so strong among Russian Gays. At one point, even Roman himself was committed to a psychiatric institution for being Gay.

Roman is looking forward to his 22 year old boyfriend Mark, an American from Arizona, joining him in Moscow. Mark will teach English there. They managed to steal away for a few days during Roman's recent month-long visit. Roman and Mark were incommunicado for several days after Christmas at a romantic hideaway retreat in Carmel, California.

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The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is an organization Roman co-founded with Julie Dorf, an American activist. Julie had made several visits to Russia and met Roman through mutual friends.

The Commission helps fund Roman's activities in Moscow and promotes freedom for homosexuals in all countries, breaking the cycle of arrest, torture and oppression. There is a Latin American outreach group as well.

A few of the group's many worthwhile activities include: a trip to Russia and Latvia in Summer, 1992 for 50 parents and friends of Gays to meet with their counterparts; an outreach program in Moscow and St. Petersburg to reduce the HIV infection rate; a February airlift of medical supplies and drugs to AIDS clinics in Russia and the Baltic states; and distribution of *Outcast and Outspoken*, a documentary video in Russian on Gay and Lesbian life in the former U.S.S.R.

Roman and Julie encourage your support of the Commission's work. Money donations should not be sent to Russia directly. Tax deductible donations can be sent to IGLHRC, 540 Castro Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. (415) 255-8680.

Direct help to Roman and his staff may be sent in the form of old or new blue jeans sent as "gifts." These are easily converted to cash and would be immensely appreciated. Send to: Roman Kalinin, Poste Restante, Moscow K-9, Russia 103009.

Black Lesbians To Meet April 5

[Milwaukee]- Essentica, a group for African American Lesbians will be meeting Sunday, April 5, 1992 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, Room 140. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

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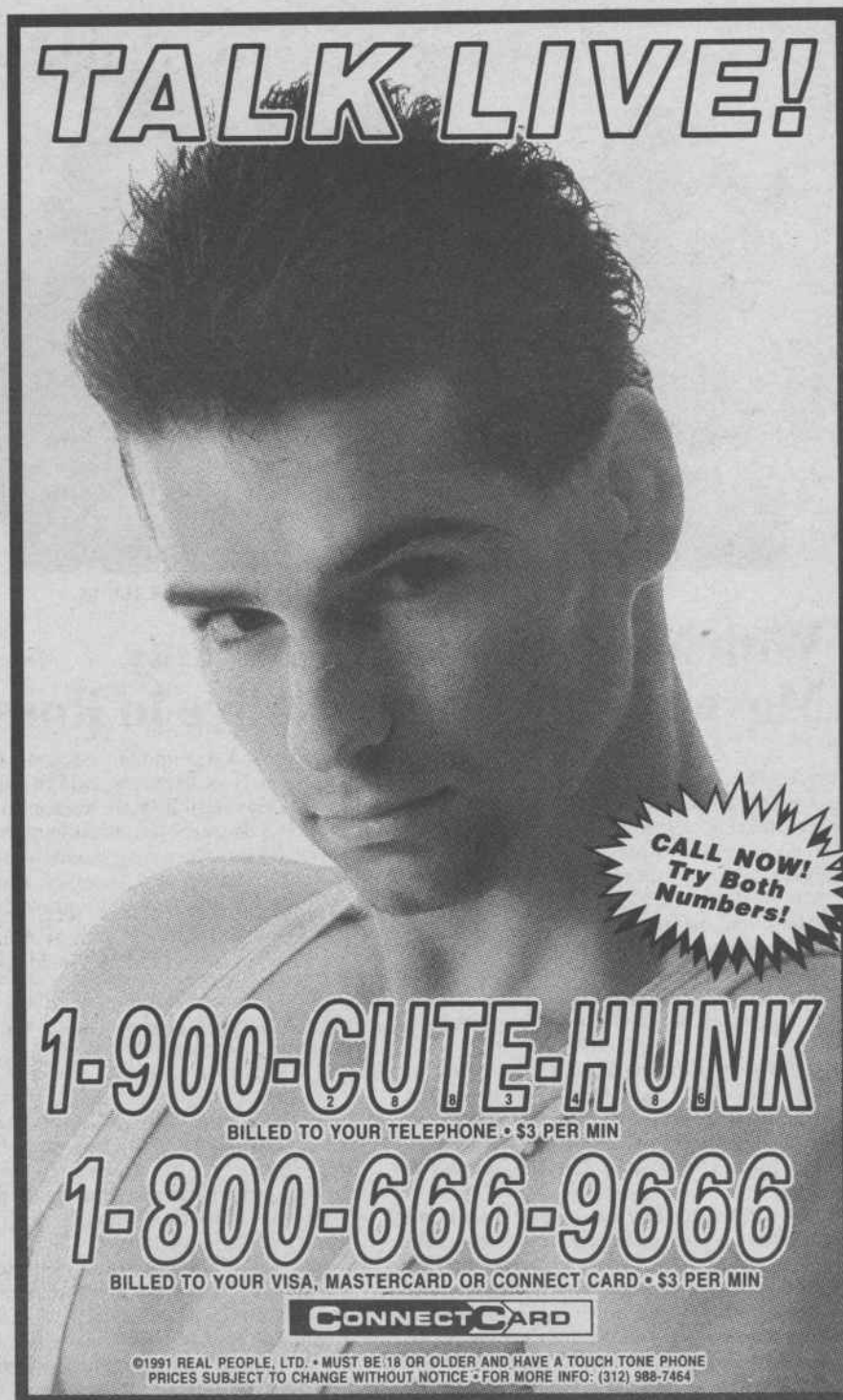
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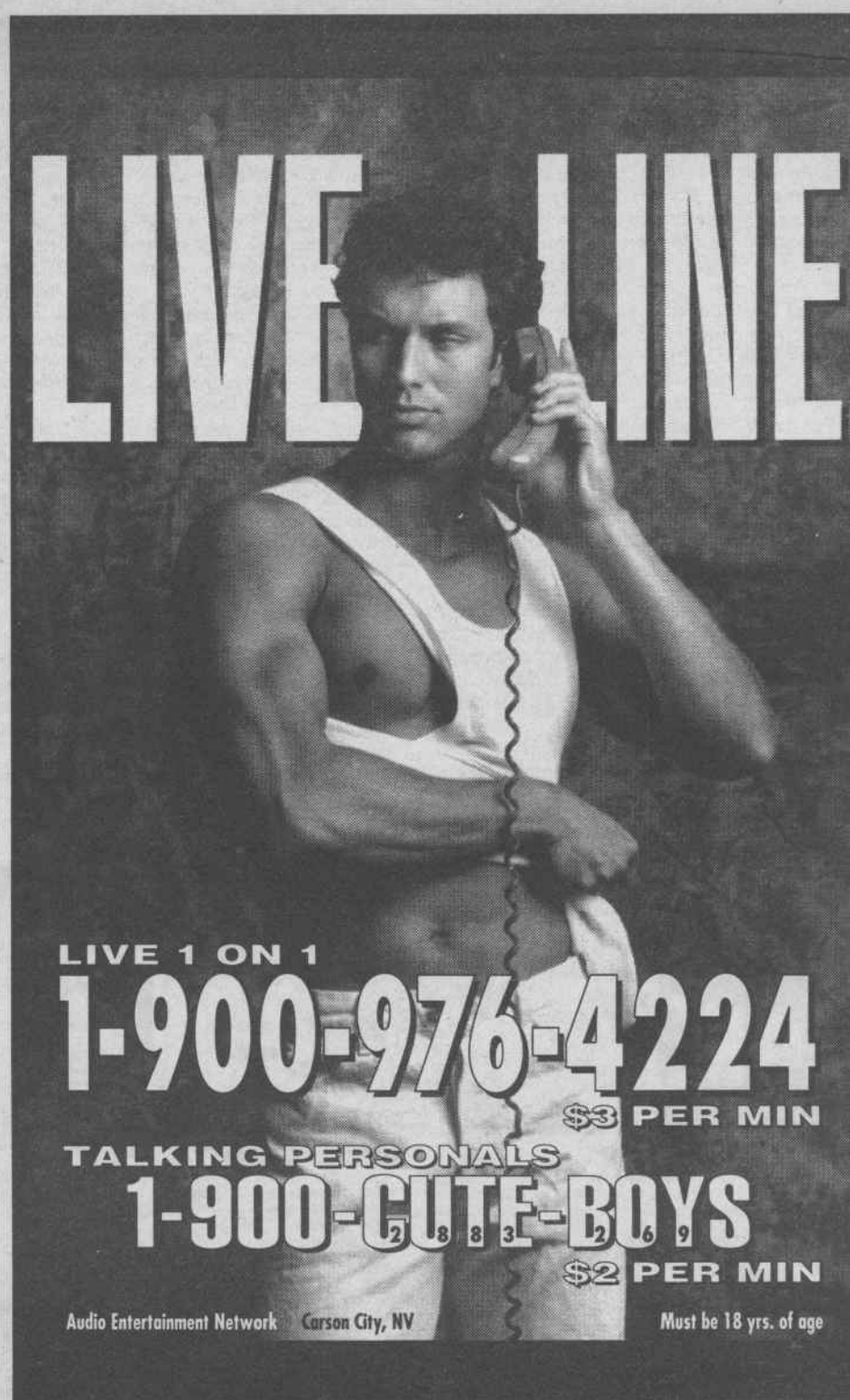
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Dreamtime, a hallucinogenic Gay Punk rock duo featuring Bob Stuepfli and Dan Moynihan, and **Rufus and the Singing Machine** will perform during the program. Gay members of the Cream City Squares will be staging two exhibition square dances. The Fest City Singers will present their musical extravaganza, **The Sleeping Mayor: A Fairy Tale for Fairies**, a political satire about Mayor Norquist's veto of Gay/Lesbian Pride funds.

In addition, syndicated columnist and comedian W.W. Wells will bring us a live "News Brief" segment, offering a Gay twist to the real world. Also, several of Milwaukee's favorite drag queens plan to perform during the show, with actual transformations captured on the "drag cam," a special camera designed to reveal secrets never before known.

Producers are planning a "Man Hunt/Womyn Hunt" dating segment. Daring participants are wanted. If you don't mind appearing on camera and would like to be interviewed by Michael Lisowski and by callers, call now to register. The numbers are (414) 265-8500 and (414) 277-7671 and leave a message.

Other pending segments include a famous local Gay artist, a demonstration of bondage, a Black Gay dance troupe and a brief political analysis of the recent election.

During the entire program, call-ins will be encouraged. The number to call is [414] 225-3560. Please note that the previously given 799-LIVE number will not be used that night.

A Gay/Lesbian trivia contest will ask

Lesbian Group Meets Mondays In Madison

[Madison]-A free Lesbian Spirituality and Sexuality Group meets Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For location and other information, please call Sandy at (608) 244-3903.

BOY SCOUTS

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against Gays.

The Union represents 1.5 million Reformed Jews and Rabbis.

BSA refused to testify, but sent a letter reaffirming their policy of discrimination against Gays and reasserted their belief that Gays are bad role models.

QN and Commission members recalled that BSA's claims against Gays were exactly those used by Nazis against Jews before and during World War II to justify the genocide of Jews and the extermination of Gays in the death camps.

Commission members expressed their concern over the BSA's "hate-based public defamation" and suggested various Jewish responses.

These included: public condemnation of BSA; throwing Boy Scout troops out of Jewish Temples and cutting off Jewish financial support of Boy Scout programs. The Commission will vote shortly on what its next steps will be.

For more information, contact QN's Bart Church at (202) 872-5307.

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For those without cable or for those who wish to view the program live as part of the studio audience, come down to the Channels 14/47 facilities 1610 N. 2nd Street, anytime during the program.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation. For more information on how you can get involved in QTV, call (414) 265-0880.

VIOLENCE

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Berrill noted that the rise in documented anti-Gay episodes reflects a variety of factors, including greater outreach to victims by local agencies and greater levels of reporting by victims. "It is likely, however, that the rising numbers indicate that the problem has intensified. A major factor has to be the increasingly violent backlash against growing Gay visibility — a visibility that ironically has garnered additional political power for Gays."

Statistics

A total of 1,822 incidents were reported to agencies in the five key cities. The New York City area recorded 592 incidents, the highest number of episodes, followed by 473 in San Francisco; 338 in Minneapolis/St. Paul; 310 in Chicago; and 209 in Boston. Because of underreporting by victims, it is estimated these figures reflect a fraction of the actual number of incidents.

Compared to 1990, reported anti-Gay incidents increased in 1991 by six percent in Chicago; 11 percent in San Francisco, 17 percent in New York City, 42 percent in the Boston area and 202 percent in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Combined, episodes rose 31 percent over 1990's total to 1,389 in the cities. Taken together, the number of anti-Gay incidents in the cities has increased 161 percent since 1988, the year several of the agencies began monitoring attacks.

Physical assaults climbed 15 percent to 755 incidents; police abuse jumped 29 percent to 146; and vandalism surged 51 percent to 125. Anti-Gay homicides were the most frequently reported offenses, with 1,255 total episodes recorded. In addition, 52 incidents of robbery and extortion, six bomb threats and four acts of arson were reported.

The incidents were directed at a total of 2,117 individuals, of whom 1,634 were male (77 percent); 450 (21 percent) female; 12 (1 percent) transsexual and 21 (1 percent) "unknown." In addition, 88 Gay and Lesbian institutions were targeted.

The report indicates that AIDS bias continues to be a factor in many of the anti-Gay attacks. Among the incidents documented last year, 223, or 12 percent, involved AIDS-related epithets or were directed against people with AIDS or perceived to have AIDS.

Although only 362 anti-Gay crimes were reported to local police in all five cities in 1991, this figure is 41 percent higher than the number documented in 1990.

Examples of Anti-Gay and Lesbian Incidents

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three Gay men, killing one and injuring another.

In Los Angeles on August 7, an African American Lesbian was called anti-Gay slurs, assaulted and terrorized by a man with a gun who forced his way into her home.

In May in Springfield, MO, members of the Ku Klux Klan paraded outside the home of a Gay male couple, smashed the windows of their car and threw eggs and tomatoes at their home.

At California State University at Northridge in October, anti-Gay flyers announcing "Gay bashing night" and "smear a queer" were posted across campus.

In Wisconsin

On June 2, a Gay man in Superior, Kevin E. Dutcher, 27, was stabbed to death by Stuart Ellanson, who later told police, "I wanted to kill this fag. My whole life is devoted to killing faggots and child molesters...they spread AIDS."

Douglas County Assistant D.A. James Boughner told **Light** that Ellanson has pleaded guilty to the crime and has received a life sentence.

At the University of Wisconsin-White-water, in November, a heterosexual woman who spoke out publicly for Gay rights was assaulted twice in a two-week period. She sustained a concussion and received a handwritten note saying, "Dyke, you got what you deserved."

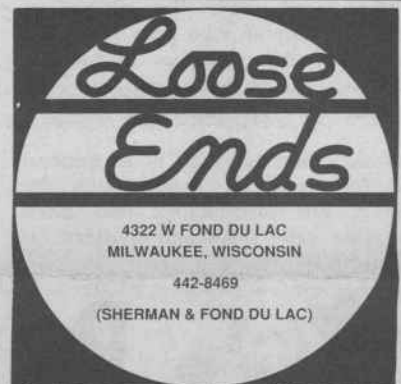
In Milwaukee, in the wake of the Jeffrey Dahmer murders, numerous hate messages and death threats were received on answering machines and in the mail of local activists. On WISN radio, archconservative talkshow host, Mark Belling, was quoted as saying that the Dahmer tragedy was a logical extension of homosexuality.

In December, the lover of a columnist for **Wisconsin Light** was injured when he was shot. The police reported it as a Gay bashing. Officers at the scene said that it was a result of TV-12's (WISN) news series **Flirting With Danger**.

Hollywood and Election Campaign Homophobia

Rising reports of anti-Gay violence in 1992 occurred in a context in which Gays, Lesbians and people with AIDS are routinely vilified and defamed by leaders at every level of government, religion, entertainment and the media. In addition, reports show an increase of hate violence in the U.S. in general against Blacks, Jews, Arabs, Asian-Americans, women and others.

"Venomous anti-Gay attacks by Patrick Buchanan, destructive stereotyping of Gay people in **Silence of the Lambs** and recently released **Basic Instinct**, the demonization of Gay people by right-wing officials and "traditional values" groups, and the appalling silence among so many otherwise decent people in positions of leadership all



contributed to the siege under which Lesbian and Gay Americans lived in 1991," said NGLTF's Berrill.

Patrick Buchanan has routinely denigrated Gays in his campaign speeches and releases a 30-second campaign commercial that attacks federal funding of Marlon Riggs' **Tongues Untied** documentary about Gay people of color. **Basic Instinct**, the multi-million dollar suspense blockbuster starring Michael Douglas, portrays Lesbians and bisexual women as ice-pick wielding, man-hating, sociopathic killers.

Government and Community Action

In 1991, NGLTF assisted the FBI with regional seminars aimed at training law enforcement personnel to respond to bias crimes. Meanwhile, hate crimes laws were passed in nine states, bringing to 20 the number of states (not including the District of Columbia) with laws that monitor or penalize anti-Gay crimes.

Wisconsin is one of the 20 states. The Wisconsin Hate Crimes Law, authored by Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison) includes provisions for both criminal and civil penalties for crimes based on sexual orientation. The law is currently being tightened.

In addition, an unprecedented level of organizing against the rising tide of anti-Gay violence occurred in 1991. Gay communities launched safety patrols, awareness campaigns, demonstrations, violence surveys, coalitions to oppose hate violence, and lobbied for hate crime legislation.

In Madison, reports were received of cruel and unusual treatment of prisoners with HIV. Donald Woods, a prisoner, was allegedly killed by guards because of his HIV status. ACT UP-Madison held a large protest demonstration in August at the State Capitol building to denounce the treatment of prisoners.

In Milwaukee, Lesbian and Gay organizations in the wake of the Dahmer murders, banded together to form the Milwaukee Lavender Network. In addition, Lesbians and Gays testified before Mayor John Norquist's Blue Ribbon Commission to urge improvement in policy/Lesbian/Gay relations.

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Wisconsin AIDS Laws Are Being Interpreted By The State's Courts

[Madison]- Wisconsin's AIDS laws, which protect confidentiality and prohibit testing without consent, are being interpreted by the state's courts for the first time, according to their author, State Rep. David Clarenbach (D-Madison).

The Supreme Court will review a case involving a prisoner who charged that his HIV status was disclosed by county sheriffs to jailers and inmates.

"At issue in the case, Hillman v. Columbia County, is whether the law governing the release of HIV information extends to the prison context and whether prison officials who release the information are subject to penalty under the law," Clarenbach said.

Presidential Candidate To Visit Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Eileen Myles, a write-in candidate for President and an open Lesbian will be in Milwaukee on Friday, April 10, 8:00 p.m. at Club Garibaldi 2501 S. Superior. She will be joined in her appearance by Jim Carroll, both sponsored by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Milwaukee's Woodland Pattern is one of five literary centers the two will be appearing in across the U.S.

Not Me, a book of her poems was recently published by Semiotext. According to James Conrad of **Outweek** "Basic August," one of the poems in the collection, is a meditation on the condition of being a woman, a Lesbian, a poet, an "ugly daughter," a witch. Myles, says Conrad, "presents a world little changed since women were burned at the stake."

Not Me is a 20th Century response from a woman faced with the refuse of civilization, a woman who puts her arms around all of the violence, decay and disorder of a city like her native New York and discovers "an enduring love of self."

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while in prison, he witnessed several jail employees looking at medical records containing his HIV status after he returned from a hospital stay outside the jail. Shortly after this incident, Hillman became aware that his HIV status was general knowledge among jail employees and inmates.

The trial court dismissed Hillman's claim that his right to confidentiality of HIV test results had been violated. On appeal, the Court of Appeals concluded that the dismissal was proper.

Court's Finding Untenable

"In concluding that Hillman has no right to confidentiality of his HIV information under the AIDS statute, Judge Charles Dykman wrote for the appellate court that the law only governs health care providers who disclose HIV information to persons not authorized by law to receive it and authorized persons who then disclose the information further," Clarenbach explained.

Therefore, Dykman concluded, the sheriffs who distributed Hillman's medical records were not liable under the law because they did not receive the information from a health care provider and they were not authorized to receive such information under the law.

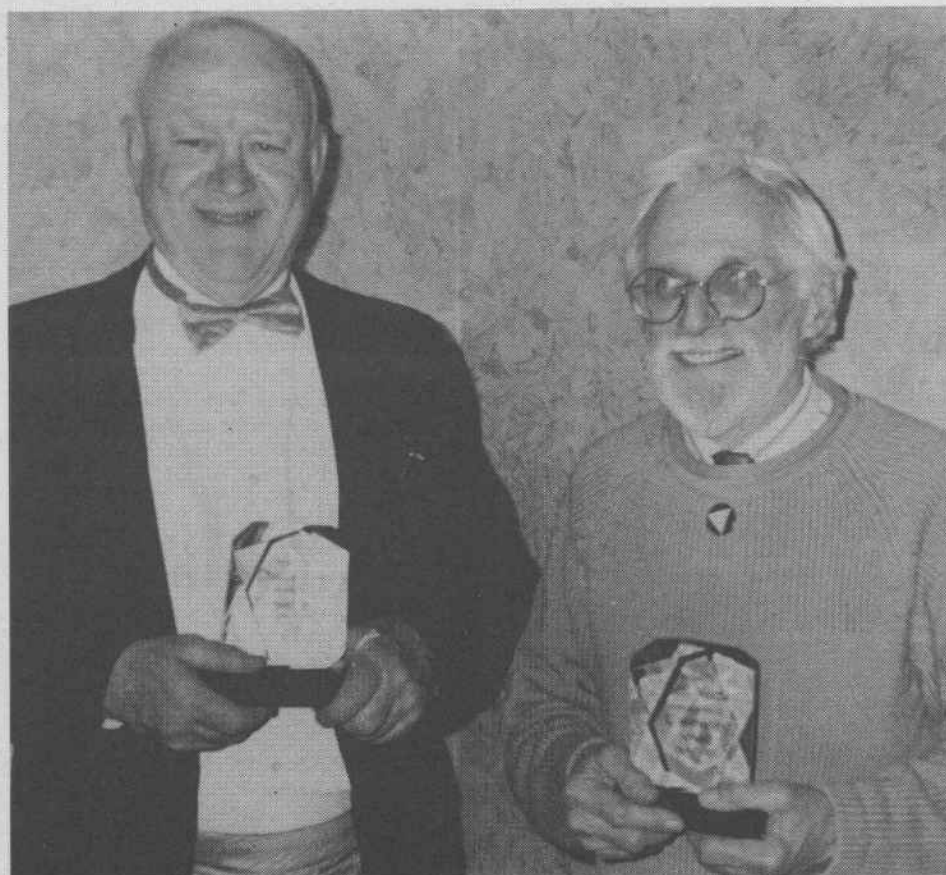
Clarenbach finds Dykman's conclusions untenable. "The law says that HIV information may be disclosed only to a limited number of people in a limited number of circumstances. Passing a prisoner's medical records around the office is not one of them," he said.

Further, Clarenbach said, the intent of the law is clear.

"In his decision, Judge Dykman chose to look at a very narrow piece of legislative history of this law and then misconstrued it. I find that to be a grossly irresponsible attempt to undermine the objective of the law — to protect people from unwanted disclosure."

Clarenbach added that he pledges to revisit this issue in the legislature. "If we have to pass a law that even Judge Dykman can understand, we will do it," he added.

Judge Dykman is up for re-election in April. He serves in the Fourth District Court of Appeals in central and western



Jerry Johnson

CAPITOL CITY AWARDS NIGHT— Madison's Frontiers Men's Group held their annual Service and Leadership awards banquet on March 21st at Alioto's restaurant. This year's recipients were: David Runyon (left) Volunteer Service; John Neess (right) Community Service; and Leon Rouse (not present) Leadership.

Wisconsin, including Madison.

Forced AIDS Testing

In a related decision, the same Court of Appeals upheld a ruling of Dane County Circuit Judge Susan Steingass that judges don't have the power under state law to compel people to be tested for AIDS without their consent.

A Madison man who was bitten by a woman who claimed to have the AIDS virus can't force her to get a blood test for the disease, the Court of Appeals decided in late February.

Bob Syring, a social worker at the Dane County Department of Human Services, had asked Steingass to order an agency client to get a blood test after the woman bit him on the arm in 1987.

Syring testified that he was afraid the woman might have been exposed to the disease because of her homeless lifestyle and history of being sexually assaulted. He said he and his wife have delayed

having children because of their fear that Syring might have been exposed to the AIDS virus.

"Emergency personnel and health care workers are particularly concerned about this issue," Clarenbach said. "Their work puts them in regular contact with people who have AIDS, hepatitis or other serious diseases."

"I realize that the crisis in this country occasioned by the AIDS epidemic places courts and citizens in situations for which our legal structure seems ill-suited," Steingass wrote. "Perhaps this is one such situation."

"But, be that as it may, our Legislature has spoken in reasonably unequivocal terms about its cherishment of the right of individuals vis-a-vis AIDS testing and release of results," Steingass said.

Clarenbach predicts the legislature will revisit the issue of testing without consent in the near future.

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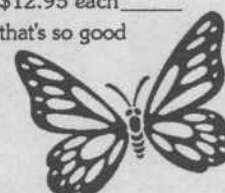
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