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The Wisconsin Light

Nelson: MAP Not At Fault For No Cryptosporidiosis Report To City

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Executive Director Doug Nelson, expressed strong disagreement with Milwaukee Commissioner of Health Paul Nannis's suggestion that MAP had failed to submit data on Cryptosporidiosis among AIDS patients to the Milwaukee Health Department in a timely manner.

Nelson's strong statement was made during a long and intense week of MAP involvement with Milwaukee's water contamination crisis.

"Nannis is subtly suggesting that earlier information from MAP would have altered the scope of Milwaukee's water crisis and," Nelson declared, "nothing could be further from the truth."

The issue has been widely reported in the local news media and recently resulted in a *Milwaukee Sentinel* editorial that was sharply critical of the situation.

"The editorial was highly inaccurate and drew false conclusions that are terribly misleading," Nelson said.

MAP Reports the Facts

Nelson explained that the MAP data on Cryptosporidiosis came from its involvement in a national clinical drug trial network and reflected physician-reported cases of enrolled HIV patients who had been diagnosed with the parasite. The data was compiled over a two and one half year period and revealed 15 cases in Milwaukee.

"Because Cryptosporidiosis is a common illness throughout the country among people with AIDS, there is nothing about the 15 cases in Milwaukee over a two and one half year period that would lead any of our participating physicians or staff to conclude that this data represented a public health threat," Nelson said.

"There would be no statistical basis for such a conclusion," Nelson added.

Nelson explained that people with AIDS commonly acquire parasitic, bacterial and viral infections at a much higher rate due to their weakened immune system than individuals with healthy immune systems.

Nelson said that because of these higher rates of infection, it is entirely inappropriate to conclude that a broader environmental threat to the public health exists.

"More importantly, we (MAP) did not retrieve this data from the national data base until the City announced that Milwaukee had a water contamination

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Madison's Baldwin and Wagner To Receive National Honors in D.C.

[Washington, D.C.]—Wisconsin's State Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Dane County Supervisor R. Richard Wagner are among the history-making openly Lesbian or Gay officials who will be honored at a special luncheon during the weekend of the March on Washington. Top Clinton campaign advisor James Carville will be the featured speaker at the April 25 event at Washington's Capital Hilton, which is sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

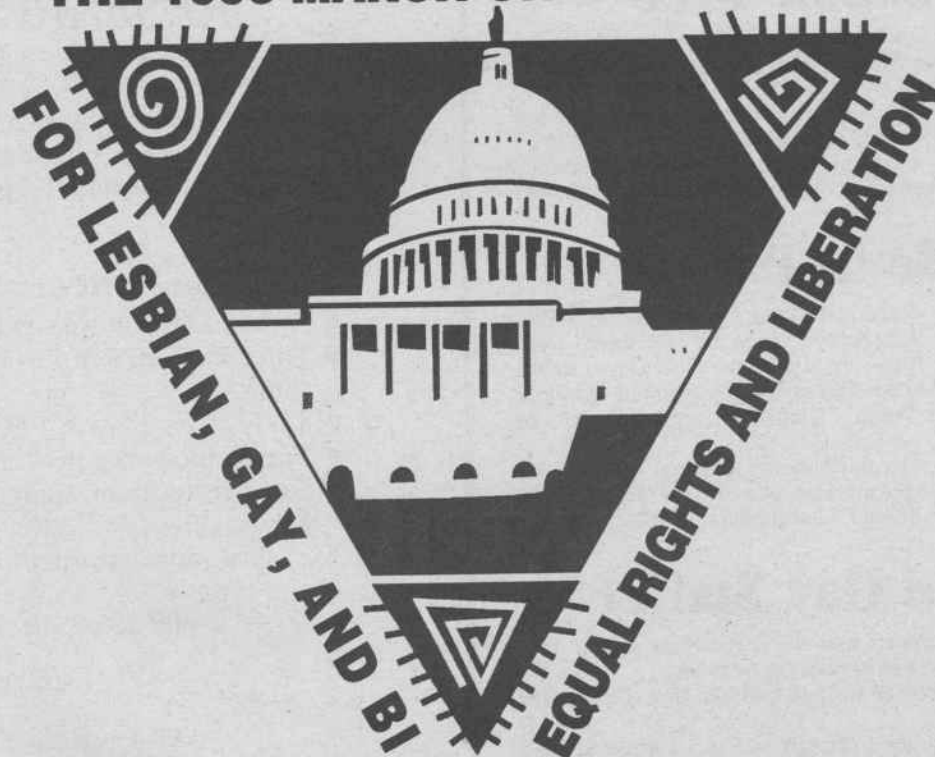
"The events of these past few months have only magnified the importance of having our own represent us," said Victory Fund Executive Director William Waybourn.

Baldwin and Wagner will be in extremely distinguished company. The event, which Waybourn describes as "a recognition of firsts for our community," will also honor Congressmen Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, HUD Assistant Secretary Roberta Achtenberg, Top Clinton Advisor Bob Hattoy, and state legislators, school board members, city and county officials, and appointed officials from throughout the country.

Baldwin, who has been a leader in the National Network of Openly Gay and

Unrelated People Not Protected Against Housing Discrimination

THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON



Milwaukee's Water Crisis Having Serious Impact On People With HIV

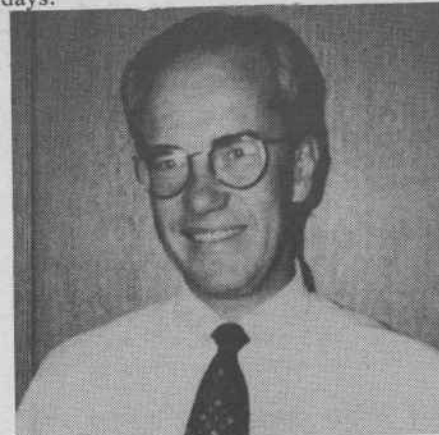
[Milwaukee]- In response to Milwaukee's water crisis, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) conducted an emergency survey of all 700 of MAP's clients. MAP has reported that nearly one half, 48%, have had significant and severe symptoms of the intestinal illness that has been rampant throughout Milwaukee.

"Milwaukee's water crisis is having a devastating impact on people with HIV and we are terribly concerned about the continuing harmful effects on our clients as the next few weeks go by and the incubation period for Cryptosporidium runs its course," said Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director.

Nelson added, "Almost all of our clients with symptoms report having severe conditions of diarrhea and cramping which are often combined with fever, dehydration, vomiting, muscle aches and weight loss."

Nelson reported that the MAP survey

which was conducted on Monday and Tuesday, April 12 and 13, found that 35% of the clients had seen their physician about their symptoms within the past three weeks. On average, clients reported experiencing symptoms for at least 7 days.



Doug Nelson

As *Wisconsin Light* went to press, 12 of MAP's clients were hospitalized with severe diarrhea and dehydration.

Nelson also reported that over the past week, three of MAP's clients had passed away, exhibiting severe conditions of diarrhea and dehydration which are similar to the symptomology of Cryptosporidiosis, although an official diagnosis had not been made.

"From the beginning of this crisis, I have said that the AIDS community is at risk for the greatest amount of harm and our worst fears seem to be coming true," Nelson said.

Operation Helping Hand

In response, MAP has begun a special initiative called Operation Helping Hand which is providing extra ordinary service to MAP clients who are ill with Cryptosporidiosis infection.

"The MAP Food Pantry has become the hub of clean water distribution. Over the past few days we have distributed more than 4,000 bottles of clean water to people with HIV and AIDS," Nelson said.

"This wouldn't be possible without the quick response of Miller Brewing Company which, once again, is coming through for us when we need them," Nelson said.

Nelson said that MAP social workers

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News Analysis by John Quinlan

[Madison]- In a highly controversial ruling on April 13, the Wisconsin Supreme Court held in a 4-3 decision that unmarried people do not have the same protections as married people from housing discrimination. A "very wide loophole" in the law has been created, civil rights leaders fear, that may be used against Gay men and Lesbians — and a wide range of other people who don't live in a household where everyone is legally related to each other — by Wisconsin landlords who wish to discriminate against them.

Protecting unmarried people from discrimination "is inconsistent with the public policy of this state which seeks to promote the stability of marriage and family," wrote Justice Donald Steinmetz in the majority opinion. Expanding upon that reasoning, a conservative majority on the court declared that unmarried cohabitants who sought protection from housing discrimination under a Dane County law could, in fact, be discriminated against.

Following the majority's logic, one of the implications of the decision could be that while individuals might be protected under the law, Gay and Lesbian couples might not be protected from discrimination. The decision, which is based on a challenge to sections of Dane County's Fair Housing Ordinance, also calls into question a local government's right to pass discrimination laws that are stronger than those of the state.

In a strongly worded dissent, Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan had harsh words for his colleagues who were in the majority. "I conclude that today's holding misconstrues existing law and, without legislative sanction, unwisely engages in... moralizing from the bench," he wrote. Heffernan was joined in his dissent by Justices Shirley Abrahamson and William Bablitch.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) told the *Light* that she finds the majority's reasoning about a perceived threat to the stability of so-called traditional families to be absurd. "Nothing about renting to cohabitants undermines families or marriage," she said. "Recognizing that families exist in a wide variety of forms — including Lesbian and Gay families — does nothing to infringe upon or weaken the institution of marriage."

Baldwin noted that, in addition to Gay men and Lesbians, the ruling could also affect students, people who need to live with unrelated roommates in order to save money, people who need to live with attendants, and a wide variety of others. Ironically, she noted, many of her fellow legislators who share housing with each other while in Madison — conservative and liberal alike — could also be denied housing if the ruling stands. With all of this in mind, Baldwin believes that state legislation remedying the situation would receive broad bi-partisan support.

The case before the court involved a Sun Prairie landlord accused of violating Dane County's Fair Housing Ordinance, which contains language offering protections from discrimination based on a person's "marital status."

The case began when two groups of people had attempted to rent two three-bedroom apartments from landlord Dwight Norman. Three single women wished to rent one unit, and two unrelated women and the two children of one of the women wished to rent another unit. Norman told the women that he would rent to them individually, but that he had a policy that he "would not rent to groups of unrelated individuals."

When the women took Norman to court, a Dane County judge initially ruled that there was not probable cause to believe that discrimination had occurred. That decision, however, was overturned by the

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Directory Lists Gay Youth Groups

[New York, NY]- The Hetrick-Martin Institute has published **You Are Not Alone**, the first national directory of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth organizations in the U.S. and Canada. The 60-page resource book lists more than 150 agencies providing counseling, emergency shelter, medical care, support groups, social events, and other services.

The Hetrick-Martin Institute, founded in 1979, is a nonprofit social service, education, and advocacy organization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and homeless/runaway adolescents and all youth for whom sexuality is an issue.

Copies of **You Are Not Alone** can be obtained from the Hetrick-Martin Institute, 401 West Street, New York, NY 10014. The suggested donation for the book is \$5.

Studds Co-Sponsors AIDS Bill

[Washington, D.C.]- Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) on March 30, signed on as an original co-sponsor of the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Act of 1993. Studds, a long-time advocate of increased federal efforts at AIDS prevention, is a member of the House Subcommittee on Health. The bill's principal author is Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA).

The bill authorizes more than \$700 million for federal and community-based prevention activities, including counseling, testing, referral and partner notification programs, public education programs and adolescent and school-based programs.

Dementia Article Available Free

[San Francisco]- An article on dementia and neurologic disorders, based on an interview with neurologist and AIDS expert Elyse Singer, M.D. is available free from **AIDS Treatment News**. Anyone can obtain a copy by calling 1-800-TREAT-1-2 (or 1-415-255-0588; both numbers answered 24 hours a day) or by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to: AIDS Treatment News, P.O. Box 411256, San Francisco, CA 94141.

The article reassures readers that true AIDS dementia is uncommon; less serious neurologic problems are more frequent. But in either case, the nerve cells are not infected by HIV, so recovery is possible.

Gay Jews May Not Be In Parade

[New York, NY]- In a controversy eerily similar to the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade brouhaha, a New York Gay Jewish organization may be excluded from participation in a Salute To Israel parade in May. However, unlike the Irish Gays, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum told the **Washington Blade** that she believes her group would not file a lawsuit if turned down by the American Zionist Youth Foundation, organizers of the parade.

Yael Dayan, labor deputy of the Knesset — Israel's parliament — issued a statement saying that "Israel would love to be saluted by the American Jewish Gay and Lesbian community. I find it unacceptable not to accept Zionist identification and support for reason of sexual orientation."

Indiana Senator Fired Gay Staffer

[Washington, D.C.]- Atlanta's **Southern Voice** reports that a Gay man has alleged that he was fired from the staff of Sen. Dan Coats (R-IN) in 1990 because he is Gay.

Glenn O. Hatmaker also said that one of Coats' senior staffers told him that the Senator ran a "Christian office" with no place for Gays.

When contacted, Mark Souder, now the deputy chief of staff in Coats' office, denied having said any such thing to Hatmaker. Coats is a leading opponent of President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on Gays in the military and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Princeton Halts Boy Scout Donations

[Milwaukee]- Princeton University has announced that it plans to end its annual donations to the Boy Scouts through United Way because the youth organization bars Gays and atheists. Blake Lewis, national spokesman for the Scouts, said that loss of contributions from a handful of organizations won't push the Scouts to change their exclusionary policy.

AIDS Patient Can't Address School

[Baltimore, MD]- A Maryland superintendent has banned Gary Donaldson, a Gay man living with AIDS from speaking at a high school assembly because some might consider his message "X-rated." The superintendent of Washington County Schools, Way Gersen denied that the ban had anything to do with the fact that Donaldson has AIDS. "It's the content of his message," Gersen said. Gersen denied that there were any Gays among the school's 800 students.

Court-Martial May Be Postponed

[Washington, D.C.]- The court-martial of an American sailor charged with murdering a Gay shipmate may be postponed following a defense request, the Navy said on April 1.

At a pretrial hearing at the U.S. Yokosuka Naval Base south of Tokyo, military judge Cmdr. David P. Holcombe agreed to consider pushing back the April 27 starting date, the Navy said in a statement.

Airman Apprentice Terry Helvey, 21, of Westland, MI, is charged with murder and faces the death penalty if convicted. Petty Officer Allen Schindler, 22, of San Diego was beaten to death on October 27, 1992, in a public restroom near the U.S. Sasebo Naval Base in southwestern Japan. Helvey has yet to enter a plea.

Steinem Supports End to Ban

[New York, NY]- Feminist Gloria Steinem and Gay activists joined a nationwide campaign to end the ban on Gays in the military. An audience of about 175 that included Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger turned out to hear Steinem urge the group to "become part of a national network caring about the foremost civil rights issue of our time."

Steinem said the past 10,000 years of human history was a period of "patriarchy, racism, and homophobia." All these must be overcome, she said.

Lawsuit Aimed At AIDS Coverage

Minneapolis A lawsuit has been filed in federal court in an attempt to stop self-insured health plans from putting special limits on AIDS coverage.

The suit was filed March 17 against the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and its St. Paul Electrical Construction Medical Reimbursement Plan by the University of Minnesota Hospital and the estate of a St. Paul electrician who died of AIDS.

The lawsuit claims the union's health plan violates the Americans with Disabilities Act because it limits coverage in AIDS cases to \$50,000 while it pays up to \$500,000 for other illnesses.

Colorado Repeal Delayed

[Denver, CO]- The legislative bill that would repeal Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 was delayed by the legislature's need to consider the state budget.

The legislative repeal effort is being led by State Sen. Regis Groff (D-Denver), the only Black and one of the most liberal members of the Senate.

To get on the 1994 ballot, Groff's bill must get a majority of the nine-member Senate Veterans and Military Affairs committee, then two-thirds votes in both the Senate and the House. Most observers see almost no chance for passage.

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

Milwaukee's June 12-13 PrideFest Needs Volunteers for Events

[Milwaukee]- The PrideFest 93 Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help put on this year's event.

The Committee needs people to help with the set up of the festival, as well with sales of merchandise, food and drink tickets, bartending and helping with the Pride Parade.

This is a great opportunity to help with Wisconsin's biggest and best Lesbian and Gay event. Volunteer shifts are four

hours in length and all volunteers will receive a complimentary meal and two free drink tickets.

Anyone who has volunteered in the past can tell you that it doesn't involve a lot of hard work and is fun. Its also a great way to meet new people.

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Minnesota Becomes Eighth State to Protect Rights of Gays

[St. Paul]- On Friday, April 2, 1993, Minnesota became the 8th state to extend civil rights to Gays and Lesbians when Governor Arne Carlson signed into law legislation aimed at protecting homosexuals against discrimination in housing, employment and education effective August 1, 1993.

The Governor's action came after the Minnesota Senate passed the bill 37-30, on April 1.

Other states to extend civil rights protection to Lesbians and Gays are: Wisconsin, California, Connecticut, Hawai'i, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Vermont.

State Independent-Republican chair Bob Weinholzer said signing the bill would cost the first-term governor considerable popularity within his party, which has been dominated by religious conservatives.

Carlson has long been at odds with most party regulars because of his support for Women's Choice and because he ran against the Party's endorsed gubernatorial candidate in 1990. It is widely expected that Carlson will seek re-election next year.

The new law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in the areas of housing, public and private employment and education.

However, four amendments mute the bill's impact: Same-sex marriages are specifically forbidden; owner-occupied dwellings of two units are exempted; religious institutions are exempted; and groups providing services to youth are permitted to discriminate.

In Other States

New Mexico's House Judiciary Committee on March 18 tabled a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill after it had cleared two Senate committee hurdles and passed on the Senate floor. This effectively kills the bill for the year.

Governor Bruce King had made it clear that he did not want the measure to reach his desk. "We have a homosexual friend that we love," he said, "but we do not condone his lifestyle."

In Maine, Gay and Lesbian activists cheered as a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill was reported out of committee with a huge vote margin on April 8. The Maine Senate is expected to act on the bill the week after Easter.

A Christian right group, Concerned Maine Families (CMF) distributed copies of the anti-Gay video, **The Gay Agenda** to the members of the Judiciary Committee. A referendum question to repeal the civil rights bill has been filed in anticipation of the law's passage. CMF leader Carolyn Cosby said that if the bill were to pass, "a lot of people might be tempted to say they're Gay" to gain the bill's benefits.

In nearby Rhode Island, openly Gay Sen. Will Fitzpatrick and the Rhode Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights lobbied their civil rights bill through the Senate Judiciary committee on April 6. The committee approved the bill by a vote of 11-6 and sent it on to the Senate where a vote is expected in mid-May.

Although the governor is supportive, the bill's major obstacle is expected to be the conservative House Judiciary Committee.

Gay and Lesbian Nebraskans gave persuasive testimony on a fair employment bill that was voted out of the Senate Business and Labor committee by a 4-3 vote on March 22. The bill, which outlaws discrimination in employment for Lesbians and Gays, won the support of the Equal Opportunity Commission of the state.

The West Virginia coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights lobbied for its comprehensive civil rights bill, but it was not given a hearing by the House Judiciary Committee before the end of the session.

New York and Washington State also have bills pending that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, while Hawai'i has a bill in the legislature that would expand its current statewide Gay and Lesbian civil rights law.

Lawrence University to Host Gay Awareness Days April 30-May 2

[Appleton, WI]- Lawrence University of Appleton, Wisconsin, will be holding their annual B-GLAD (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days) conference April 30 to May 2, 1993. The conference is for people concerned with Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

To kick off the weekend event, a Ball Bizarre will be held April 30, Friday evening. Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, May 1, there will be workshops, including: Internalized Homophobia; Hate Crimes; Sexuality and Art; and Lesbian Fiction, among others. That evening, keynote speaker Kevin

Volunteers Sought To Help MAP With Its Clients

[Milwaukee]- Due to a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance from the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the agency will be sponsoring two special programs set for Thursday, April 29 and Thursday, May 13 for those interested in volunteering. Each will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The sessions, specifically designed for the Gay and Lesbian community, will be offered at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, Milwaukee. Please call Neil Albrecht at (414) 273-1991 to register or for more information.

Study Needs Gay Fathers With Adult Children


[Chicago]- Two Chicago-based researchers are beginning a study of Gay fathers with adult children. They are seeking Gay men with at least one child 18 or older. The sexual orientation does not matter. Participation requires a phone interview, and participants will receive a small stipend. Confidentiality is assured.

Call the Family Studies Laboratory at Northwestern University, collect, at (708) 491-4239.

Berrill, a training and organizing consultant with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, will speak on Progress and Backlash: The Lesbian and Gay Movement in the '90's. Following Berrill's address, **Edward II**, a 1992 film about one of the Gay kings of England, will be shown. There will be a \$1 admission charge for the film.

Coinciding with the conference, 850 panels from the AIDS Quilt will be on display at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh throughout the weekend. Lawrence University will provide free transportation to the stadium.

Registration fees are as follows: Early registration for students is \$15, and non-students is \$20. Registration at the door will be \$18 for students and \$23 for non-students. Free student housing is available, but limited, so early registration is encouraged. For further information, contact Jessica at (414) 832-7563.



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Stand Up Against Hatred: Come Out To Support Scheel House On April 19

Proponents of Madison's Rodney Scheel House made some major strides on April 13 toward replacing fear with understanding. As noted in our cover story last issue, some of the potential neighbors of the project, which will provide affordable housing for people with AIDS, responded with angry threats and homophobic invective when told of the project.

At a special community forum held in the neighborhood on Madison's east side, the project's future neighbors got answers to their questions. Madison AIDS Support Network board and staff are to be commended for their thoughtfulness in organizing an event that encouraged person-to-person discussions, allowing concerns to be aired while avoiding the kind of circus-like confrontational atmosphere that can often characterize such events. Neighborhood residents were greeted at the door and encouraged to visit educational displays that showed what the housing will look like, and many were impressed with how its physical attractiveness and landscaping will actually add to the neighborhood. Through one-on-one contacts and in colorful displays, they were introduced to the full diversity of people who will live there. Some of those potential neighbors who complained the loudest did not attend. But of those who did, while a few still had complaints, many others seemed genuinely impressed by the project.

After many years of hard work, a few last hurdles must still be overcome. It's vital that we mobilize support for this important project. On Monday, April 19th at 6 pm, the matter comes before the city's Plan Commission at a public hearing on the second floor of the City-County building. Residents of Madison are strongly encouraged to stop by the hearing to register in support of the project. (This involves signing a simple form; there's no requirement that you speak.)

This is a crucial meeting — if the Plan Commission approves of the project, its decision could only be overturned by a 2/3 vote of the Common Council, which is unlikely. You can also call your alderperson at (608) 266-4071. Your vocal support in the face of a vocal opposition is extremely important: for further information on how you can help, call MASN at (608) 238-6276.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Holocaust Museum to Honor Gays Who Died at Hands of Nazi

On April 23 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a ceremony memorializing Gay people who died in the Nazi concentration camps. The ceremony will be held at the new United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW (formerly 15th St., SW) in Washington, D.C. Though I will be in Washington then, I am not at all sure I can attend.

The thing is, you see, is that I've talked to Gay survivors of those and other camps and I have yet to come to terms in myself with what they told me.

At the March On Washington, I have no doubt, that the Pink Triangle will be seen everywhere. And if people know their history, there will be Black Triangles too such as the Nazis used to mark Lesbians.

We wore those triangles when they tore us from our families, ripped us from our lovers and subjected us to the most sadistic kinds of brutality it is possible to imagine.

Outside the camps, they hunted us down as if we were so many sparrows being driven before a diabolical storm. They beat us without mercy. They burned our bars and clubs down around our heads.

In the camps, when those who guarded us got bored, they shot us for fun and laughed as they watched us die. They tortured us, they hung us, they raped us in front of our lovers and said they were engaging in bestiality by doing so

because we were animals.

To separate us out, they made us wear those triangles, sometimes literally sewing them to our chests; triangles that were larger than any of the others because we were to be singled out for special treatment like having our testicles or breasts cut off and fed to the dogs.

No church protested, not the Catholics, not the Protestants, not anyone. And after the war, no pope, no bishop, no priest or minister asked our forgiveness. After the war, those of us who had survived in the camps were forced by the Allies to serve out the sentences imposed on us by the Nazis.

On the other hand, maybe I will go. If I do, it will be to honor 27 men, Gay survivors, who I met and talked with and got to know a little bit. They lived through their memories, those horrible, searing memories as they talked. They lived through those horrors one more time with me so that they wouldn't be forgotten; so what they went through wouldn't be forgotten.

In so many ways, those survivors formed me. And yet, you know something? To this day, I have not come to terms with them inside myself and I don't think I ever will.

So, yeah, I'll go to the Museum and then, on Sunday, I'll march. Maybe Hans and the rest I talked with will be there too. Do you think?

LETTERS

Kodak Alert

TO THE EDITOR:

I don't know if anyone has mentioned the Kodak situation before. Kodak employees currently have a Gay and Lesbian network on the company's LAN computer system. The Fundies have found out about this and are trying to pressure Kodak to shut it down.

A very easy step can be taken to support GALS at Kodak and to fight against the Fundies. Any weekday, call 1-800-242-2424, the Kodak customer line, and tell them you support the right of Kodak GALS to have their network on the company's computer LAN. Also tell them you will look favorably on Kodak products if the company supports its employees.

— Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee

Help Maine

TO THE EDITOR:

Another referendum in Maine? Yes, in November, 1993. Maine is taking the brunt of the Right's strategy of targeting rural states. This time it is Lewiston, Maine's second largest city, just the kind of place where the "No Special Rights" argument might work.

Lewiston is predominantly Franco-American, blue collar and Catholic. At the turn of the Century it was a thriving textile mill town, which was the center of New England's shoe industry. Today, after the transfer of most of those jobs overseas, Lewiston has one of the highest unemployment rates in Maine.

A victory in a blue collar, ethnic city like Lewiston is key to breaking the back of

opposition to Gay and Lesbian candidates and civil rights in Maine. The right wing is awaiting the outcome of this election before deciding to press ahead with a statewide referendum on our rights. A positive vote from a Franco-American, Catholic city like Lewiston, will send a message to the leaders of the right here in Maine and across the country.

We are ready. As we were last November when the Gay and Lesbian community of Portland successfully defended their new civil rights ordinance against the referendum forced by the Right. But Lewiston is not Portland. Portland is the most liberal city in Maine; Lewiston is one of the most conservative. Though it will be harder to win in Lewiston, the victory will mean even more when we do.

That's why we need Wisconsin's help. Your contribution will be our EMILY (Early Money Is Like Yeast). A winning campaign will cost \$100,000. Please send a generous contribution to: Equal Protection Lewiston, P.O. Box 7804, Lewiston, ME 04243-7804.

— State Senator Dale McCormick
Lewiston, Maine

'Bayou Boy'

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to inform consumers in Wisconsin that a book bearing my name and the title *Bayou Boy*, currently being issued by Badboy Books, is not a reprint of my *Bayou Boy and Other Stories* which was issued by Gay Sunshine Press in 1985.

The book issued by Badboy Books has been censored by the publisher.

Although all books are changed slightly in the publication process for technical reasons, editing a book to alter its substance is properly called censorship whether it is done for legal or

for commercial reasons. I would never have consented to the censoring of this book if I had been told that was the publisher's intention.

When a book has been issued before, producing an expurgated version is doubly wrong: not only has the work been censored, but also some consumers may be disappointed to discover that they have not purchased the original.

Although I had no control over these events, I am deeply ashamed that my name has been associated with this attempt to foist damaged goods onto the public.

— Lars Eighner
Austin, Texas

State Legislators Urge End To Ban On Gays In The Military

[Madison]— Twenty-two state legislators — including the President of the Senate, the Assembly Speaker, and the Assembly Majority Leader — joined with Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian state legislator, Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), in sending a clear message to all ten members of Wisconsin's current Congressional delegation. That message: "We are writing to urge you to support President Clinton's efforts to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military service."

Rep. Baldwin, Assembly Speaker Walter Kunicki (D-Milwaukee), Senate President Fred Risser (D-Madison), and Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) joined two prominent Republicans — Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Rep. Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha) — in circulating the letter.

State legislators from Superior to Racine responded by signing on to the letter, which was sent to Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, and the eight sitting Wisconsin members of the House of Representatives, at the end of March. (The First Congressional District seat is vacant due to Les Aspin's new duties as Secretary of Defense, which include implementing the new policy.)

"We believe that patriotic Americans should be allowed to serve their country regardless of their sexual orientation," the letter stated. "We are concerned that the current Defense Department policy is overly broad. We believe that discharge decisions should be conduct-based and should focus upon behavior which might interfere with military effectiveness. Such conduct-based rules should be applied evenly and without regard to sexual orientation."

The letter goes on to quote Wisconsin Adjutant General Jerald Slack, who said last year that as long as National Guard members perform their jobs and abide by rules of conduct, there should be no discrimination based on sexual orientation. "We could not agree more," the legislators wrote. "Each of us have Gays and Lesbians in our districts who could serve this great country with honor and distinction."

"We strongly support the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation," the letter concluded. "Discrimination based on sexual orientation is no more tolerable than discrimination based on race, sex, nationality or religion. As our representatives, from the first state in the country to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, we urge you to support President Clinton's proposal to end discrimination now occurring in the military."

The remaining signers were Democrats. They included Sen. Brian Burke, Sen. Gwendolynne Moore, Rep. Peter Bock, Rep. Shirley Krug, Rep. Barbara Notestein, Rep. Rosemary Potter, Rep. Antonio Riley, and Rep. Leon Young (all of Milwaukee); Rep. Jeannette Bell (West Allis); Rep. Frank Boyle (Superior); Rep. Stan Gruszynski (Stevens Point); Rep. Doris Hanson (McFarland); Rep. Kimberly Plache (Racine); and Representatives Spencer Black and Rebecca Young (both of Madison).

Twenty-three Republicans and one Democrat signed a counter-petition drafted by freshman Rep. John Patrick Dobyms (R-Fond du Lac) opposing the lifting of the ban. (The Republican leadership did not sign on to the petition.) "We support every American's civil rights," the Dobyms letter stated. "However, this change, if adopted, would force many Americans to live in an environment that is not only socially unacceptable to them, but personally upsetting." It continued by saying that "soldiers follow the orders of the civilian leadership, but this change is tantamount to ordering them into an environment that is possibly both mentally and physically harmful."

Public Support Grows In Lifting Ban Against Gays In Military

[Washington, D.C.]—On April 2, 1993, the Campaign for Military Service released the results of a national poll conducted March 27-31, 1993 which shows public support strengthening for President Clinton's proposal to lift the current ban against Gays and Bisexuals in the military.

47% of those responding felt "the ban should be lifted to allow homosexuals to serve in the military," and 40% felt "we should continue to prohibit homosexuals from serving in the military," while 13% were undecided.

Of those supporting the President's position, 31% were strongly supportive, 13% were somewhat supportive and 3%

Marines Acquitted In Charges Against 3 People

[Wilmington, NC]—In an update to a story carried in the February 18-March 3, 1993 issue of *Light*, three Marines were acquitted Tuesday, April 13, 1993 in Wilmington, NC of charges that they assaulted three people at a Gay bar.

The incident occurred on January 30, 1993 when the three Marines allegedly dragged a Gay man, Crae Pridgen, from a Gay bar and beating him while shouting anti-Gay slurs.

Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson said the state had failed to meet its burden of proof. Lance Cpls. Walter Watkins III, 26, Patrick Cardone, 23, and Colin Hunt, 20 were charged with three counts each of simple assault.

According to the Marines' testimony, they had stopped in the bar so that a girl who was with them might use the bathroom. The Marines said that while they waited, they were taunted by patrons.

There was a scuffle. A bar employee, Harold Bradley, testified that the fight escalated when Pridgen rushed up to the front of the bar.

Pridgen said that he was trying to leave the bar. Bradley testified that if Pridgen "had stayed where he was, there wouldn't have been a fight." Bradley characterized it as "a regular bar fight."

were leaning towards support.

Of those opposing the President's position, 30% were strongly opposed, 6% were somewhat opposed, and 4% were leaning towards opposition.

Encouraging Results

"This poll is very encouraging," said Thomas B. Stoddard, Coordinator for the Campaign. "It demonstrates to Congress that support for the President's position of abolishing this discriminatory policy is growing."

The results were even more encouraging when respondents were asked if they supported discharging members of the military whose same-gender sexual orientation becomes known, and have not violated any rules. 69% opposed discharge, 22% supported discharge and 10% were undecided.

The questions were asked during a nationwide survey of 1004 registered voters conducted by Mellman and Lazarus, Inc. for the Campaign for Military Service. Respondents were selected by random digit dialing techniques to ensure an unbiased sample. The statistical margin of error for the sample is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points on each number.

May 1 Ecumenical Service To Be Held For Faithful

[Milwaukee]—There will be an Ecumenical Celebration worship service of reconciliation and affirmation on Saturday, May 1, 1993, at 3:00 p.m. at the Albright United Methodist Church, 5555 W. Capitol Drive in Milwaukee. Terry S. Underberg, a former United Methodist pastor, now coordinator of the newly formed Affirmation support group, will be presenting the message: "If Not Now... When?" The Cream City Chorus will be providing several special music selections.

Other participants include the Milwaukee District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church and representatives of the Metropolitan Community Church, Catholics Integrity/Dignity and others.

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MUSIC IN THE PARK— The Reggae group, "David Robinson and Road Damage" will be among the many entertainers performing at this year June 12-13 PrideFest in Milwaukee.

'Road Damage' To Bring Reggae Music to June 12-13 PrideFest

[Milwaukee]— Milwaukee's premier Reggae group, David Robinson and Road Damage (formerly known as The X-Cleavers) will be bringing their high energy Reggae sound to the PrideFest 93 Main Stage on Sunday June 13th.

Over the years the band has built a strong following. Due to its "roots" image Road Damage has been called Milwaukee's "real" Reggae band. Anyone who has seen them perform knows why.

David Robinson has brought his Jamaican roots with him. Heavily influenced by Bob Marley and Jimmy Cliff, Robinson brings an authentic touch to the band that it is lacking in other groups.

One reviewer of Road Damage wrote, "In many cities if you find yourself wanting to hear reggae you have to put on a live recording. A lot of bands who say they are reggae are just wannabees, but Road Damage is about as real as you are going to get..."

Road Damage is known for playing more than the typical reggae covers that other reggae bands rely on. Road Damage plays its own original music as well other reggae music that typically gets overlooked.

PrideFest Chair, Bill Meunier is

especially excited about Road Damage's appearance. Meunier also chairs a Church festival and he has booked the band (in its X-Cleavers form) for eight straight years. "They never fail to get the crowd excited," said Meunier, "They really enjoy performing and the energy they bring to their music gets transferred to the crowd. You can't watch these guys and not want to get up and dance."

The band members, none of whom are Gay, are very supportive of Progressive causes. They are well known for doing benefits for a wide variety of groups. They decided to play at PrideFest because of their belief that all people are entitled to be treated with dignity. Band member Terry Tanger summed it up for the group saying, "We believe in the basic right of all people to be treated with respect. We are honored to be asked to contribute to an event that helps Gays and Lesbians feel good about themselves." He adds, "David is really excited to be playing at this event. He hates discrimination and prejudice in all of its forms. Being black and from Jamaica he been the victim of some of the same problems Gays and Lesbians have had to face."

David Robinson and Road Damage will perform on the PrideFest main stage at 1:15. Don't miss them.

Annual Bloomington Women's Music Festival Set for June 3-6

[Bloomington, IN] — Jamie Anderson, the Washington Sisters, Alix Dobkin, Suede, Teresa Trull and the Linda Tillery Band are among the artists scheduled to perform at the 19th annual National Women's Music Festival. The event is set for June 3-6, 1993 on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington, Indiana.

Sue Fink will emcee the Mainstage concerts which will also include performances by poet June Jordan, comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer as well as Japanese choreographed dancing by Sawagi Taiko. Performer showcases will feature Jess Hawk Oakenstar, Susan Herrick and Pam Hall. Yer Girlfriend will play the Friday night dance while Maile Klein and Maria Hodgini will preside over country-western two-step and line dancing on Saturday.

Angela Davis is the opening night guest speaker. NOW President Patricia Ireland, writers Lee Lynch and Ann Allen Shockley, and spiritualists Z Budapest and Ruth Barrett will also make presentations.

The festival includes a women's art exhibit, original theatre productions, a film/video series, sports and fitness events including a 5K run and dozens of workshops on women of color, health, money, legal issues, politics, religion, sexuality and more.

The National Women's Music Fest is a

largely indoor event held in buildings and auditoriums at Indiana University. Dorm space can be reserved. There is also easy access to local hotels and restaurants. An accessibility service is there to assist the disabled. Childcare is also available for those who pre-register.

A full 4-day festival pass costs \$130 if paid by April 30. Rates are scaled downward for shorter stays. For a registration form, call (317) 636-7382 Monday or Thursday evenings between 6 and 8 p.m. Or write to: NWMF, P.O. Box 1427, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

'When Your Smiling' Now to Open April 16

[Milwaukee]— Theatre X has announced that the dates of its production of **When You're Smiling** has been changed to April 16 to May 2.

In other news from Theatre X, Late Night Theatre X will present **Sermon Of The Month**, a one-man show written and performed by Dan Hanrahan on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 p.m. Doors will open at 10:00 p.m. following the 8:00 p.m. performance of John Schneider's new play, **When You're Smiling**. For ticket and other information, call Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

Tim Miller Bares Himself Both Emotionally and Physically At UW

By Christopher Celi

[Madison]— Tim Miller bared himself emotionally, as well as physically, at two intimate performances in the UW-Madison Music Hall the weekend of March 27-28.

Miller, who gained notoriety in 1990 for being part of the "NEA Four," a group of performance artists who were denied funding by the National Endowment for the Arts because of the "controversial nature of their work," was in Madison as part of a two-week artist residency as a guest of the UW-Madison Dance Program.

The weekend performances of his newest piece, "My Queer Body," which Miller began work on in 1991, were the climax of his productive stay.

The piece is an open dialogue between Tim and his body, during which he recounts the experiences, both beautiful and painful, that his body has recorded.

These memories range from the bliss Tim's lips and skin found for the first time next to the body of his high school boyfriend to the agony felt by his head, hands and legs when battered LAPD cops at a protest of California's homophobic governor.

A Pain-Ridden Heart

But it is perhaps Miller's heart that has had to endure the most pain, as it has suffered the effects of the AIDS epidemic has had on his loved ones. Miller has not only lost three lovers to the disease, but

he said the corpses of the other friends he has lost to AIDS "would cover the stage."

There were many light moments to the performance, however, such as when Miller described the struggle involved in simply being himself as a lone queer sperm struggling to reach the egg before his unfriendly competitors, all the while eluding "a Jesse Helms sperm" which tried vehemently to stop him.

Naked To The World

But the most poignant moments were when Miller broke the barriers between performer and audience. He created an unprecedented level of intimacy with the 400-plus attendants when he switched from performing on stage to speaking directly into the eyes of an audience member while sitting naked in her lap. At that range, the emotional and physical buffer zone the audience has disappears and, as he put it, "things get a lot messier."

In an optimistic look to the future, Miller ended his performance by envisioning himself as "Performance Artist Laureate," speaking at the inauguration of the first African American Lesbian U.S. President. With the nation as his audience, Miller uses the opportunity to give a beautifully vivid account of Gay lovemaking, reminding us of the pleasures that a human body, queer or otherwise, can and should be allowed to experience.

Wisconsin Writer Selected As Finalist For Book Award

[Rice Lake, WI]— Wisconsin writer Karen Kringle's first novel, **Vital Ties**, has been selected as a finalist in the literature category of the 1993 American Library Association Gay and Lesbian Book Award. The award is given annually to English language books of exceptional merit relating to the Gay/Lesbian experience.

The five finalist titles in the literature category were selected by a committee of academic and public librarians from across the U.S.

Midwestern Lesbian Bond

Kringle, a full-time dairy farmer, brings both the Gay/Lesbian community and the larger Midwestern community to life. The book is a historical foray into the rural farming communities of Wisconsin, tracing 30 years of expanding feminism and heightened awareness of Gay sexuality as seen through the eyes of two independent women farmers, Lee and Clair

Vital Ties follows their sometimes stormy, sometimes even-keeled relationship with family, friends and each other through marriages, births, deaths and three decades of farming life.

Paula Langguth of the **Lambda Book Report**, calls Kringle "a master storyteller" as she spins her tale of plots and counterplots into a pretty, if uneven, web. As she matures in her craft, Kringle could become one of our community's finest writers of serious Lesbian fiction.

Kringle's novel was published by Spinsters Ink of Minneapolis in October, 1992. For additional information, call (612) 377-0287.

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Loey Nelson and 'Carnival Strippers' at PrideFest June 13

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee proudly announces that Loey Nelson and her band "The Carnival Strippers" will be performing at PrideFest 93.

Nelson who is also known as Mayor John Norquist's sister and her band will bring their unique sound to PrideFest on Sunday, June 13th.

Nelson has a critically acclaimed album, "Venus Kissed the Moon" to her credit. The album's release was followed by a highly successful concert tour.

Besides Ms. Nelson, the band includes, Mike Hoffman, Keith Brammer and Kirk Mc Farlin.

Bassist Keith Bammer spent ten years as a member of Die Kreuzen, releasing four albums and touring the U.S. and Europe. Hoffman is a veteran of many bands including, Yipes!, E.I.E.I.O. and Semi Twang. Mc Farlin has played and recorded with many different bands including Ecotour, which released two highly regarded albums and built a strong following.

It is this diversity which has been a boon to the Strippers. That, combined with their cumulative years of experience in the music industry, gives them both the talent and skills necessary to make a significant impact with their music.

It's almost impossible to categorize this group. They combine elements of rock, country, pop, blues and folk. Critics say that The Strippers treat each song as a separate entity to be approached and executed with care and attention to detail.

"One of the most exciting elements of this band is its ability to take its music to new heights in live performances," said PrideFest Chair Bill Meunier. "The Strippers are not content to just stand there and play their songs. They put on an exciting show."

For a while the Carnival Strippers were held together by Nelson's long commutes and long distance telephone calls. But after three and half years of living in New York, Nelson has returned to Milwaukee.

Meunier is hoping that the band's Madison followers will make the trip to see them in Milwaukee. "The group always plays to sell out crowds in Mad Town," said Meunier.

Meunier believes that after their performance at PrideFest the Carnival Strippers will win an even bigger following in Milwaukee. If their past performances are any indication, there is every reason to believe he is right.

The Carnival Strippers are scheduled to play the PrideFest Main Stage at 5:00.

'Learned Ladies' Opens April 30 In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only storefront theatre, closes its seventh season by staging Moliere's battle of the sexes, **The Learned Ladies**.

The Ensemble will present the production Thursdays to Sundays, April 30 to May 30 at The Boulevard Theatre, 2250 Kinnickinnic Avenue.

This classical comedy, directed by the Ensemble's general director, Mark Bucher, has been updated to a present-day backwater Texas town. The Ensemble's resident designer, Jim Ross, has created a country ranch setting in the Ensemble's intimate studio theatre.

Also, the Ensemble will continue its Charity Benefit Series by staging a project to be announced to benefit a local women's support center.

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Cris Williamson and Tret Fure To Perform In Chicago May 7-8

[Chicago]- Unison: Windy City Lesbian and Gay Singers, Chicago's newest mixed chorus, is bringing Women's music pioneer Cris Williamson and Tret Fure to town for a joint concert on May 7 and 8 at Preston Bradley Center.

Williamson is regarded as one of the most beloved artists in independent music today. Her timeless album classic, **The Changer and the Changed**, remains one of the top-selling independent albums of all time and continues to be the best-selling Women's music album in history.

Williamson and Olivia Records, the label she helped to found, recently celebrated the **Changers** 15th anniversary with a concert tour throughout the nation that culminated with a concert at Carnegie Hall, her third engagement at that esteemed venue.

Tret Fure

Time Turns the Moon is the latest album by Tret Fure, the folk/rock singer/songwriter appearing with Williamson and Unison on May 7 and 8. Though Fure has appeared often with Williamson, she has an active solo career. **The Washington Post** called Fure "remarkably adroit at...capturing the emotion of the moment, tears as well as laughter."

Unison was created by Windy City Performing Arts (WCPA) last Fall as a way to bring together Lesbians and Gay men through music. WCPA organization which runs the 14-year-old Windy City

Chorus.

Unison, under the direction of Richard Garrin, will perform with Williamson and Fure on several numbers and also do a separate set including such varied pieces as **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, **Healing River**, **I Hear America Singing**, and **Three Gems of Deeply Metaphysical and Highly Significant Philosophy**.

Williamson and Fure will sing some of their most famous songs and also newer works.

Unison was a big hit at its premier with Windy City Gay Chorus last December. Now numbering over 50 singers, the group is committed to performing diverse music of many cultures.

Tickets are available at the following outlets: Unabridged Bookstore, 3251 N. Broadway; People Like Us Books, 3321 N. Clark; Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark; The Lucky Horseshoe Lounge, 3169 N. Halsted; and at all Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone or call: (312) 902-1500 or the WCPA office at (312) 404-9242.

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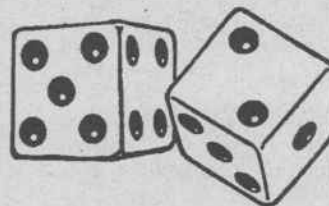
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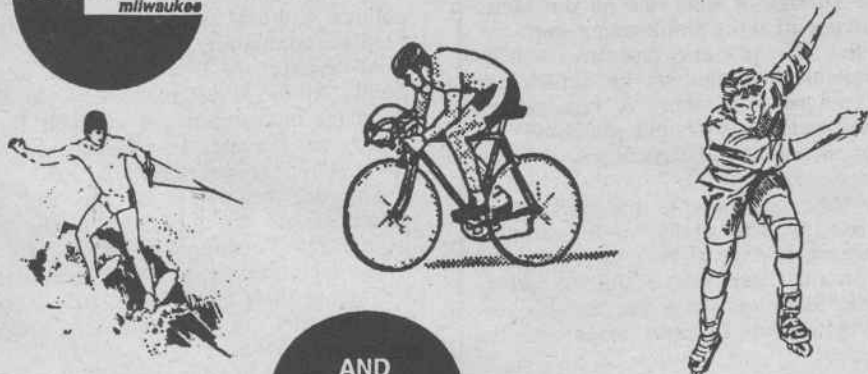
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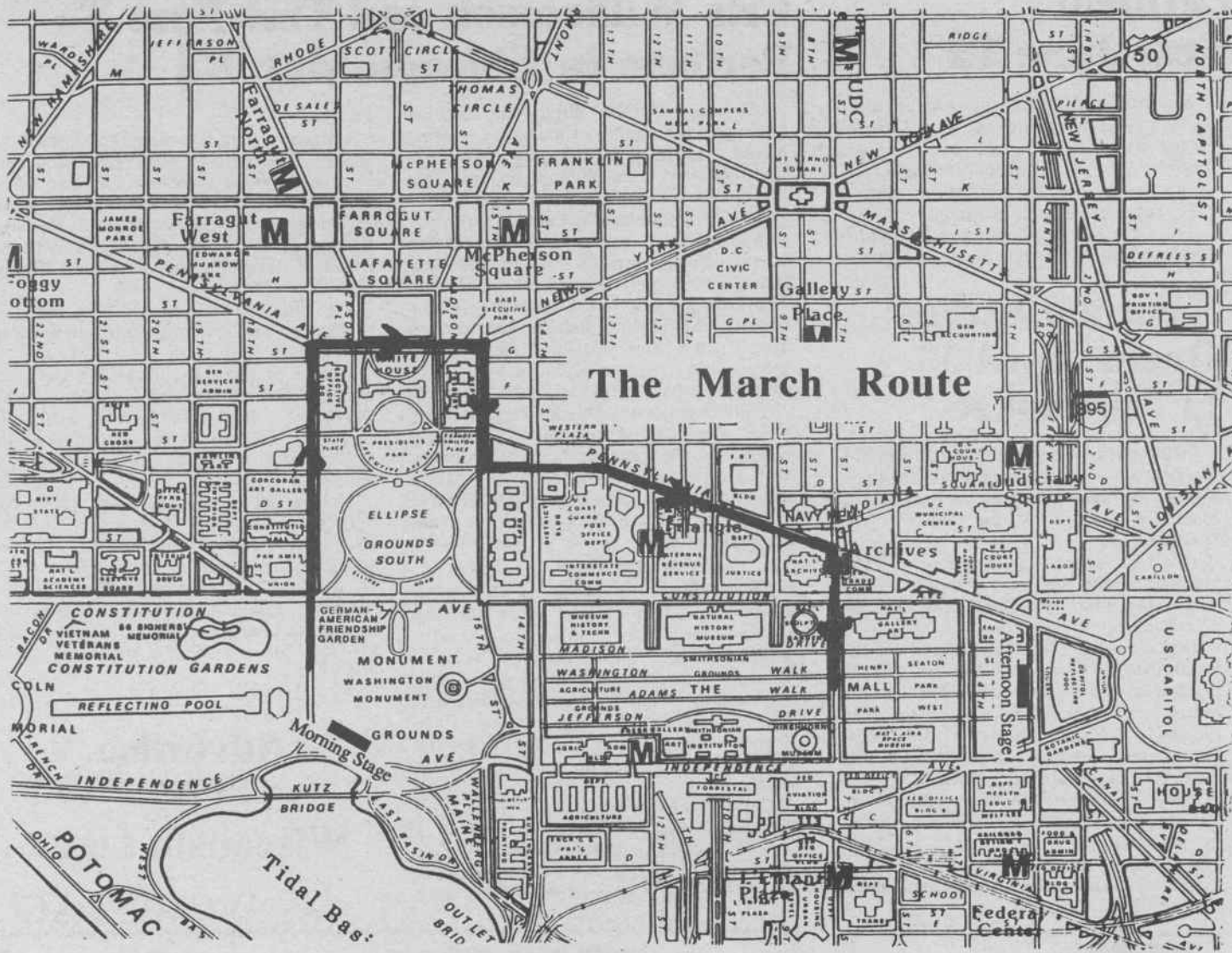
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April 25 March In D.C. Will Be Largest Civil Rights Gathering Ever

[Washington, D.C.] While President Clinton has been invited to participate in various March on Washington events, White House spokeswoman Jes Sarmiento told *Light* that the President has yet to reach a decision about what invitations to accept or whether to accept any at all.

Events include such things as a Run With Bill, sponsored by Gay Games. This is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, to take place at 10:00 a.m. on the Ellipse in front of the White House. Runners from all over the country have been invited to jog with the President.

Another invitation, extended to Clinton last December, was for him to speak to the marchers at the Washington Monument.

Sources elsewhere in Washington, told *Light* that the President is waiting until the weekend (April 17-18) before making up his mind.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a source said that the President is waiting to find out the mood of the marchers. If it is an "angry protest kind of march" he will not attend. However, if the mood is "up-beat and celebratory," the President "probably" will participate, although in what fashion no one would say.

The Largest Civil Rights Gathering In History

From Lesbian/Gay publications as well as the press office of the March on Washington (MOW) itself, the forecasts are that this will indeed, be "the largest civil rights gathering in United States History." March On Washington (MOW) officials say that they know of 1,000 buses that have been chartered around the nation. In addition, all flights into Washington's National Airport are sold out on both April 23 and 24 while flights on April 21 and 22 are at more than 50% capacity.

As was hoped, the Mall will be available for the March. The eleventh hour approval of the Mall permit was due in large part, MOW said, to the intervention of Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) and his staff.

The Park Service had initially refused the permit because of repairs they said that were necessary after the presidential inaugural in January.

MOW was willing to give a financial guarantee of \$300,000 for Mall restoration. Billy Hileman, MOW Co-Chair said that "This was a special situation because of the existing damage caused by the Inaugural festivities. In no way does the March support the implementation of permit review standards which would hinder groups with limited financial access from conducting demonstrations and rallies in public places.

ACT UP At the March

ACT UP Milwaukee has announced the ACT UP events that will take place March weekend. On Wednesday, April 21 there will be an AIDS Cure Now benefit at Tracks Nightclub in Washington. The location is 1111 First Street, S.E. (Navy Yard Station on the Metro Green Line).

On Thursday, April 22 at noon there will be an AIDS Cure Now demonstration. This will be a march from Dupont Circle, down Connecticut Avenue to the White House.

On Friday, April 23 there will be a Lesbians with HIV/AIDS demonstration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Building.

On Saturday, April 24 at noon, there will be Hands Around the Capitol. Members of ACT UP from across the country will encircle the Capitol building in an act of civil disobedience to demand that Congress "wake up" to the AIDS crisis.

March Day

On March Day, Sunday, April 25, marchers assemble in their contingents along 17th Street N.W. **Note:** Remember that Wisconsin is 87th in the line of march.

March Step off time is at noon.

The Miami Beach Police Department has announced that eight of its uniformed police officers, carrying the Police Department banner, will lead the Florida contingent. The officers are taking vacation days to participate in the March.

The March will proceed north on 17th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue. It will turn to go past the White House, down Pennsylvania Avenue to 7th Street and then back to the Mall.

After the March, there will be speakers at the Rally Stage. Among these will be the Rev. Jesse Jackson, long-time fighter for the civil rights of all people.

Party, Party, Party

There is no space here to list all the parties, dances and gatherings to be held in connection with the March. However, one of the grandest of them will be the Washington Gala held to help defray the \$800,000 price tag on the March.

The Gala will be held Saturday night, April 24, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City. It will be keynoted by Rev. Jackson. The 400 tickets to the Gala range in price from \$250 to \$500. MOW people say they are going fast.

The National Women's Ball aka The Lesbutante Ball, will be held on Friday, April 23 at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, N.W. from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. For ticket info call (202) 331-0066.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund will hold a brunch in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton on Saturday, April 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. The brunch will honor openly Lesbian/Gay public officials. Keynote speaker will be James Carville, the chief strategist of the Clinton/Gore Campaign.

Parking And Transportation At The March

[Washington, D.C.] Buses from 25 states including Wisconsin arriving for the March On Washington are being asked to park in the RFK Stadium parking lot. The cost is \$10 per bus. To get to the March assembly area, use the Orange or Blue line on the Metro and get off at the Smithsonian stop.

Round trip Metro fare-cards will be available at tables set up outside the Metro subway stops. A bus captain from each bus should purchase the tickets for all the passengers on their bus.

When returning to the parking lot from the Mall rally, it is strongly recommended that you use the L'Enfant Plaza Metro stop to get to RFK Stadium, since the Smithsonian and Federal Triangle stops will be packed.

If you or anyone on your bus has limited mobility and may need transportation from the bus to the Metro stop, call 1-800-832-2889 and ask for Anita.

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Madison's Ten Percent Society 10 Years Old

[Madison] Celebrating ten years of fighting for the rights of Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals, the UW-Madison Ten Percent Society presents the Spring Out and About series beginning Monday, April 19 and continuing for two weeks. The Out and About series includes political, cultural and social events for the Madison community.

All events are free and open to the public. All are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters are available for all events on request. For this service call (800) 947-3529, or at (608) 262-7365.

The two highlights of the Out and About events are a bus trip to the 1993 March On Washington, and a talk by guest lecturers Craig Dean and Patrick Gill about their current law suit to force the District of Columbia to legally recognize their marriage.

The bus to Washington will leave the Memorial Union on Friday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Dean and Gill will speak on Wednesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m. in B25 Law and at 7:00 p.m. in 3650 Humanities.

Other events include a film about women of color and many other events. For more information, call the Ten Percent Society at (608) 262-7365 or (608) 284-0402.

Wisconsin Marchers To Meet in D.C.

Because of potential last minute alterations to MOW's line-up procedure, *Light* and *In Step* have decided to ask all Wisconsin participants to meet at the park across from Constitution Hall located at 17th N.W. and C Street N.W. The papers ask all Wisconsin Marchers to meet at that location between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on March Day, April 25. By 10:00 a.m. we should be able to find out our exact line-up location and we will then proceed to that assigned spot.

There will be highly visible banners Milwaukee, Madison and Wisconsin banner designating our location.

ACT UP Invites Lawyer To April 26 Meeting

[Milwaukee] In light of the range of activities planned around the March On Washington (MOW), including MOW's scheduled civil disobedience at the Capitol, Monday, April 26, ACT UP Milwaukee is sponsoring the appearance of a local civil rights lawyer at its April 19 meeting.

Anyone interested in legal matters surrounding the March is invited to attend. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19. ACT UP meets in the hall of All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Avenue. Contact (414) 769-8708 for more information.

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TEEN TALK— Stuck In Wyoming With No Money

By Jose Delgado

I'm sitting in school right now with a little extra time on my hands, so I thought I'd at least get started on my article. I haven't had the time to write lately.

In my last article, I left off when my car broke down in Wyoming while I was trying to drive to California. I didn't even have enough money to get my car towed off the interstate.

The only person I could think of calling was my boss. I knew my dad would probably have left me out there to die. I had come out to my boss because someone had told me he was Gay too. But it turned out that his religion is totally against homosexuality.

When I finally got hold of him at work, I found out that he had been looking for me that whole week because I hadn't shown up for work. I asked him if he could go to my house and get the title to my car so I could sell it for some money to catch a bus. I wasn't planning on coming home, but I didn't mention that to him.

His plans were to get me back to Milwaukee that night, so he called everywhere to try and make it happen.

He wired me \$100 for a tow truck and for something to eat. I should mention that I hadn't eaten the whole time I'd been on the road.

When, finally, I got the money, I thought of just catching the next bus to California. As it turned out, the bus was an hour late because of a blizzard. When I told my boss that, he got me a seat on a charter plane that would take me to Denver. From there, I could catch a flight to Milwaukee.

Now the problem was to get to the charter. Because of the weather, I figured I'd have to spend the night where I was. But then, someone using the phone next to me heard that I needed a ride and offered me one since he was going that way anyhow, he said.

The guy was a traveling salesman. He had a copy of *Playboy* on the front seat of his car. Since I had an hour's ride ahead of me, I opened the magazine. I read all the articles, but skipped the pictures of all the naked ladies.

I caught the charter with plenty of time to spare. In Denver, waiting for the flight to Milwaukee, I wondered around, looking

for someplace to smoke and wondering if any of the guys going to San Francisco were Gay. I thought I saw a few who were.

Before I knew it, I was in Milwaukee. My boss met me at the airport and gave me a room for the night. I even made it to school the next day.

I decided I wasn't going to move back home — even though my dad said he wouldn't kick me out. I did go to get the rest of my stuff, but found that my dad's girlfriend (B*tch) had gone through my room and thrown half of it out. She'd given my CD player and half my CD's to her son. She denied it, but my dad knows she did it. I told her off and left. I still talk to my dad every once in awhile and go home to see my baby brother and sister.

I lived with my boss for a while, but then the "other person" in his life found out I am Gay and said, "Either I leave or he does!" So I left. Still, my boss must have cared about me to take me into his home, rent-free. They say he's Gay, but I'm not convinced of it. If he ever even thought of trying something with me, I would never talk to him again.

So, now I'm living with a very good friend and I pay my rent. I was part of the family already, so I've fit right in. My only worry now is to graduate in June. I hope my financial aide comes through so I can go to college in the Fall.

If everything works out right, I'll be going to Washington for the March. I'm taking one of the Lambda Rights Network vans and I'll stay with Mike L. and his kids while I'm there. I can't wait to go. You'll sure hear all about it when I get back.

I'm having a nicotine fit right now, so I have to let you go. Keep yourself SAFE and CLEAN. PEACE!

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'Positively Gay' Book Sent To Congress and Joint Chiefs

[Berkeley, CA]—"A large part of our problem before 1980 was our very invisibility," writes Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) in the forward to *Positively Gay*. The book was edited by Dr. Betty Berzon and has recently been published in a new edition by Celestial Arts/Ten Speed Press. A copy has been sent to every member of Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide them with accurate information as to who the Gay and Lesbian citizens of this country are.

The award-winning book offers information on such varied aspects of Gay life as building successful partnerships, reconciling religious dilemmas, achieving job security, being a Gay or Lesbian parent, aging gracefully, being Gay and of a minority, living with AIDS and the brave new world of Gay and Lesbian youth.



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And The Winners Are...

By Jamakaya

ELEANOR'S THE TOPS: A survey of 100 college professors across the US conducted by the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York concluded that the most influential woman of the 20th century was — no surprise here — Eleanor Roosevelt.

More than thirty years after her death, Eleanor's stature just continues to rise. Hillary Clinton recently confessed that during trying times on the campaign trail she often spoke to Eleanor and sought her advice! Stay tuned for the second volume of Blanche Wiesen Cook's feminist bio of Eleanor, due out later this year.

The rest of the top ten "Most Influential Women" included: social reformer and Nobel Peace Prize winner Jane Addams; civil rights activist Rosa Parks; birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger; anthropologist Margaret Mead; feminist writer and theorist Charlotte Perkins Gilman; author and NOW founder Betty Friedan; former Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan; educator and reformer Helen Keller; and ERA author and advocate Alice Paul.

Also honored for achievement in their specific fields were Willa Cather in Literature, Rachel Carson in Science, Babe Didrickson Zaharias in Sports and Georgia O'Keeffe in Art.

Can you guess which women among those listed were probably Lesbians? (There are at least four, maybe more.) If not, you obviously need your Lesbian I.Q. enhanced! There are still a few openings in Pat Calchina's Lesbian Herstory class at Milwaukee's Counseling Center. Call (414) 271-2565.

GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS: The Los Angeles and New York chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) presented their annual media awards in late March. Among the recipients were Roseanne and Tom Arnold, singers Elton John and Garth Brooks, and columnists Liz Smith and Anna Quindlen.

Roseanne won as Outstanding Comedy series. This season, an ongoing subplot about a lesbian relationship between rubber-faced Sandra Bernhard and glamorous Morgan Fairchild elicited plenty of consciousness-raising chuckles about stereotypes of Lesbians.

Anyone with a tinge of lavender in their blood knows the show's real dyke potential is in the younger daughter, Darlene (Sara Gilbert). But Darlene, alas, has been undergoing her sexual awakening with a boyfriend. Sigh...

Other shows honored by GLAAD were **Melrose Place**, which includes a Gay character, Matt, among its regulars; **One Life to Live**, the daytime soap that featured a major plotline about a Gay teen and his hometown's anti-Gay hysteria; and **Doing Time on Maple Drive**, a compelling drama about a young man coming out to himself and his family.

Garth Brooks won for his song "We Shall Be Free" with its pro-Gay lyrics and for his Gay-friendly statements to the media. His sister's a Lesbian. Elton John won for his video, "The Last Song," about the emotional reunion between a father and his son, who is dying of AIDS.

Gossip maven Liz Smith won for incorporating Gay items and pro-Gay views in her widely read column as did Anna Quindlen for her consistently sensitive views on domestic partnerships, Gay bashing, AIDS, Gays in the military, etc. Quindlen's column on last year's referendum in Oregon was called "Putting Hatred to a Vote."

"CICELY" GETS A PEABODY: Last year's season finale of **Northern Exposure**, which told the touching tale of the Lesbian couple who founded Cicely, Alaska has won a prestigious Peabody Award. The series had previously won a Peabody for overall excellence in writing and production. The newest award for "Cicely," lauded the show's creators for "surpassing excellence" and reaching near "perfection."

So it wasn't just our own blind Lesbo-mania that made us love that episode so much! By any measure of artistic or dramatic quality, it really was something special. Cicely and Roslyn will live in our Lezzie hearts and in all of pop culture as well.

HOMETOWN DYKE MAKES GOOD: Former Milwaukeean Sadie Benning continues to draw rave reviews for her video shorts made with her nifty \$200 Pixelvision camera. She was recently interviewed by the **New York Times** and was featured in the April issue of the



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glossy film magazine **Premiere**. Just 19, Benning's works have been shown at the San Francisco, New York and Chicago Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals, the Museum of Modern Art and international fests in Rotterdam and Berlin.

Local yokels who more often than not left screenings of her work scratching their heads and wondering "What the hell was that all about?" or "Can't she keep the camera in focus?" are thrilled but somewhat perplexed by Benning's growing fame. But Sadie is apparently taking it all in stride. About recent overtures from Hollywood producers, Sadie told the **Times**: "It's too weird to talk about."

OSCAR HONORS A FEW GOOD WOMEN: The Academy Awards ceremony this year was worse than ever: badly scripted with vulgar production numbers and an inordinate amount of sexist humor soiling the already hypocritical "Year of the Woman" theme. But at least two dazzling women managed to transcend the proceedings with classy acceptance speeches.

When the wonderful Emma Thompson accepted her Oscar for **Howards End** she managed, without a trace of irony, to make a simple plea for equal time and respect for her sex: "I would like, if I may, to dedicate this Oscar to the heroism and the courage of women and to the hope that it inspires the creation of more true screen heroines to represent them." Hear, hear!

I was first somewhat annoyed with Elizabeth Taylor's acceptance of her Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award on behalf of "all the men, women and children with AIDS...the real heroes of the pandemic." It seemed awfully accessy to me and I'm getting a bit sick of overexposed celebrities constantly getting awards for their AIDS work. But Liz certainly redeemed herself with the rest of her eloquent message:

"Tonight, I am asking for your help. I call upon you to draw from the depths of your being to prove that we are a human race, to prove that our love outweighs our need to hate; that our compassion is more compelling than our need to blame; that our sensitivity to those in need is stronger than our greed; that our ability to reason overcomes our fear. And that, at the end of each of our lives, we can look back and be proud that we have treated others with the kindness, dignity and respect that every human being deserves."

Not a bad message for a billion people to hear. Take the Oscar home, Liz. And thanks.

Support Group For Partners Of HIV Positive Men Set

[Milwaukee]- Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) announces a weekly support group for lovers and partners of Gay men who have tested positive for the HIV virus. The group meets on Wednesday each week from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the second floor of BESTD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady Street in Milwaukee.

BESTD invites any lover, partner or caregiver of a Gay HIV positive man to attend the group. Since the format is informal, interested persons can begin at any time and attend as their schedule and needs permit.

Ross Walker, President of BESTD, is facilitating the group until the participants select a peer to fill this role. Walker stated that the initial informational meeting on March 31 was well attended and that the group decided to meet weekly.

For further information, call Walker at (414) 353-4798 (Mornings are best).

Dykes To Watch Out For



Open Appeal Begins To Mobilize Support To End Military Ban

By Miriam Ben-Shalom

Each year, an average of 2,000 patriotic servicemen and women are denied the right to fulfill their military careers because of prejudice focused on the private matter of sexual orientation. The cost to the taxpayer for these dismissals is at least \$100 million a year, but the cost to the concept of American freedom cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Most tragically, service men and women who choose to openly identify their sexual orientation, have often been subjected to harassment and violence. And this open brutality has spilled beyond the military bases into the civilian sector with recent news of servicemen following the military policy of prejudices to unjustified extremes.

There is very real hope for a long-overdue change. President Clinton has reversed years of dreadful Executive Branch approval for this state-sanctioned prejudice by openly calling for an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military.

However, a brilliantly orchestrated campaign by right-wing political factions and old-guard military elite caused a backlash which forced the President to postpone an official decision on lifting the ban until Summer. The pro-ban forces have their guns in place; those who

oppose the ban need to respond in kind.

The Hotline

To help ensure this vision of fairness and justice, one patriotic individual is mobilizing a national grassroots campaign to let Washington know that the continuation of the ban is morally wrong. Ed Bailey, marketing director of a Washington, D.C. nightclub called Tracks, has organized a toll-free Hotline which allows like-minded people to voice their disapproval of this unfair military policy.

By phoning 1-800-258-2222 and asking for **Hotline Operator #9355**, callers can send high-impact messages to their two senators and congressional representatives urging Congressional support for the lifting of the ban. The cost of this call is only \$8.75, which can be billed to either the caller's credit card or telephone bill.

There is no place in America for hatred and prejudice. By calling this special hotline and voicing your opposition to the continuation of the ban, you will be doing your patriotic duty which future generations will with pride.

Editor's Note: Wisconsin's Senator Herb Kohl especially needs your calls and letters. As of this writing, he is still sitting on the fence.

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state Court of Appeals, which found in a strongly-worded decision that discrimination had occurred. That decision, in turn, was overturned by the April 13 Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling.

In the majority opinion, Justice Steinmetz argued that Norman was not really discriminating against the women because he would have rented to any one of them individually. It was their decision to live together with unrelated people that was the basis for the denial of their housing. Their "conduct," not their "status," was at issue, and this is something that was not intended to be covered under the law, he said.

Chief Justice Heffernan rejected this notion in his dissent. "The majority is oblivious to the fact that such an analysis subjects only those 'cohabitants' who are single to policies such as Normans'. For unlike singles, married persons who 'live together' are not affected by the rental policy. Given that no difference exists between the conduct of living together of the two groups, the discriminatory impact can be attributed only to the parties' 'marital status.'"

Throughout his dissent, Heffernan berates the majority for citing cases with no relevance to the matter of marital status discrimination (including cases based on fornication statutes that were repealed in 1983), and for relying on a definition of "cohabitation" that is out of touch with contemporary mores. Baldwin concurs, noting that Steinmetz makes continued reference to the state's Family Code, "which has nothing to do with discrimination law."

"If they had relied on the preamble to the state's discrimination statutes, they would have found that the state legislature intended for those types of protections to be extended to all citizens of Wisconsin," Baldwin said.

Landlord Norman has had six housing discrimination complaints filed against him recently, including two based on racial discrimination. He has been outspoken in the local press in his opposition to fair housing laws, claiming that he should be able to refuse to rent to whomever he chooses based on his personal and religious beliefs.

Speaking in the Wisconsin State Journal, Norman's attorney, David Rohrer, said that the decision protects the rights of Norman and other landlords "to promote family values." Rohrer predicts that with this precedent, Norman will now win a case in which he refused to rent to an unmarried heterosexual couple on the grounds that it violates his beliefs as a Roman Catholic.

Rep. Baldwin strongly disagrees with this reasoning. "If you choose to be a landlord, you choose to be a businessperson," noting that this carries with it certain responsibilities, including an obligation not to discriminate.

"This particular landlord wanted to impose his religious beliefs in the course of his business," she said. "I'm fearful of what the extension of this logic could be. Will employers now be able to refuse employment based on their perceptions of an employee's conduct in his or her personal life?"

As a Dane County supervisor, Baldwin sponsored and helped draft Chapter 31 — the 1987 Dane County Fair Housing Ordinance upon which the case is based. She questions Justice Steinmetz's assertion that the ordinance went too far in its definition of marital status, in violation of state statutes, noting that state law clearly allows local governments to enact discrimination laws that are more inclusive than those of the state. "I believe that Dane County had clear authority to enact Chapter 31 as it was before this opinion."

At the time when the county ordinance was drafted, there were mixed precedents in terms of whether the state's existing marital status protections applied to unmarried individuals (as opposed to married, divorced, or separated individuals). With this in mind, Baldwin and other fair housing advocates, working with then Sup. Stuart Levitan, the measure's principal sponsor, insisted on inserting language in the county law that specifically included unmarried persons.

Civil rights advocates have long argued that Wisconsin law must be changed in order to explicitly include unmarried people under marital status protections. Ironically, this ruling, with its sweeping negative implications affecting diverse groups of people, may result in legislation that achieves just that.

Dane County is expected to ask the Wisconsin Supreme Court to reconsider the ruling or to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, reconsiderations are rare, and the high court does not usually take cases

involving state and local laws. In all likelihood, the inequity will have to be addressed through legislative remedies.

In the short-term, a gaping hole in the law exists in terms of our protections under the law as Gay men and Lesbians. An optimist would point out, however, that because this decision affects so many people, it could involve building a broad-based coalition that could be mobilized in order to eventually address the bigger picture. It could provide a foundation for Gay and Lesbian rights legislation that moves us closer to our goal of equal recognition of our rights and our families under the law.

For more information on what you can do to help, contact Rep. Baldwin's office at (608) 266-8570 or the United at (608) 255-8582.

Editor's note: This article's author is a past president of the Fair Housing Council of Dane County, and in that capacity, worked with the Dane County board to draft and pass the Dane County Fair Housing Ordinance.

Ben-Shalom Joins Military Staff

[Washington, D.C.]—Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom, President of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA), has joined the staff of the Campaign for Military Service, Wanda Williams, the Campaign's grass roots coordinator announced on April 9.

Ben-Shalom, long-time activist for Lesbian and Gay civil rights, will coordinate Veterans Affairs for the Campaign, working out of her Milwaukee office.

"We are proud to be working with Miriam," said Williams. "She is uniquely qualified to organize the Gay and Lesbian veterans' community, in addition to bringing her knowledge and expertise to the Campaign."

The Campaign for Military Service is a broad-based effort to support President Clinton's proposal to lift the ban against Gays and Lesbians in the military. For more information, call (202) 785-8012.

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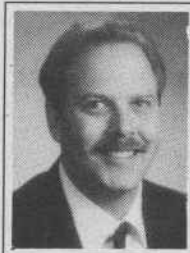
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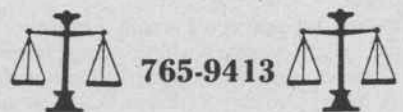
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History Made As Progressives Win Big In Madison Elections

News Analysis By John Quinlan

[Madison]- April 6th was a day filled with echoes of last November's victories for candidates supported by the Gay and Lesbian community.

Voters elected Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian judge, rejected a candidate of the Religious Right for State School Superintendent, re-elected a progressive Dane County Executive and retained a progressive majority on the Madison School Board and Common Council.

A pro-gay candidate has survived the Democratic primary and entered a tough race for Les Aspin's old Senate seat.

However, with the loss of the Wisconsin State Senate to a Republican leadership that is largely hostile to our community, we were reminded that many difficult fights lie ahead.

Gaylord Wins Big: Makes History

Madison voters made history by electing Shelley Gaylord as Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian or Gay judge. Gaylord overwhelmed opponent Tom Dixon by winning with a decisive 59 per cent of the vote. On the road to victory, she received the almost unprecedented endorsements of seven Dane County judges and much of the county's political leadership. Her victory is doubly historic in that she is the first person elected to a four year term in the newly-created post of Madison Municipal Judge.

Gaylord has received national recognition for her pioneering legal work on behalf of Gay and Lesbian families during a 13 year career as a Madison attorney. Her long history as a community leader included an appointment as Family Law chair of former Gov. Tony Earl's Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The significance of the openly Lesbian nature of Gaylord's candidacy did not receive coverage by the mainstream media prior to the election. However, in interviews with the *Light*, Gaylord made it clear that she will be a vocal and visible leader for our community. "Pretty much anytime I've served in any role, whether it's been explicitly Gay or Lesbian-related or not, I've brought up Gay or Lesbian issues," she said last month. "Otherwise, people forget. They tend to think of things in exclusively heterosexual terms."

On the day following the election, Madison's *Capital-Times* noted in an article describing her victory that Gaylord is a Lesbian. It's not something you talk about all of the time — only when it's relevant, she told reporter Pat Schneider. However, she believes that her experiences as a Lesbian may help her in her new job. For example, it may help her in understanding and accepting some of the experiences underlying the conflicts that might be behind a teen's truancy. "It's important that we do not have a judge who is judgemental," Gaylord told the paper.

Despite a hectic schedule in the days prior to her taking office in early May, Gaylord told the *Light* that she will be attending the March on Washington. She will be honored, along with State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and other successful candidates supported by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, at a special Washington luncheon on Saturday, April 24.

Madison School Board: Incumbents Triumph

Progressive school board incumbents Carol Carstensen and Peter Williams won re-election by margins of nearly 3 to 2. Carstensen and Williams have a demonstrated record of reaching out to Gay and Lesbian educators and families, and were vocal in denouncing homophobic statements made by their opponents when running for their first term in office three years ago. Despite victories in each of the last two elections, the archconservative CARE committee candidates were blown out of the water this year.

Victory did not come easily, however. Unlike past years, when progressive candidates underestimated how well organized the Religious Right could be in the relatively low turn-out school board elections, Carstensen and Williams launched solid campaign efforts this year. In this case, their "stealth" opponents were revealed for the conservative ideologues that they are.

The victory comes at a crucial time for Gay and Lesbian families, educators and youth. After several years of progress in the late '80's, conservative victories in recent years had created a return to a climate of fear in the schools, many staff members have told the *Light*. Homophobes have been given free reign, while supporters of Gay and Lesbian

rights have reason to fear repercussions if they go public. Parents report that since the backlash surrounding the issue of Gays in the military, the game "Smash the Queer" and other homophobic-based violence and harassment have become increasingly commonplace in Madison schoolyards.

Following a mid-March meeting with newly-appointed Madison School Superintendent Cheryl Wilhoyte, a coalition of Gay and Lesbian parents and educators told the *Light* that they believe that important work can now resume to make the Madison schools a place where respect for Gay and Lesbian families and individuals is supported and encouraged. A lot of hard work lies ahead.

However, had voters elected a majority of CARE candidates to the school board, there would have been little hope for progress, Gay and Lesbian-supportive school professionals say. It's extremely important, however, that this year's success doesn't lead to next year's complacency, they emphasize. The mobilization of the Gay and Lesbian community and our allies made a major difference this year, and must continue to make a difference in years to come.

Progressives Hold Ground on Madison Common Council

Progressive forces won some and lost some in races for Madison's Common Council. However, it appears that support remains strong for a measure that would strengthen Madison's Alternative Family Ordinance.

Support had been building for a measure that would grant spousal-type health insurance benefits to Gay and Lesbian partners of city employees. In a compromise that appears to have secured the necessary votes, the measure is contingent on convincing the city's health insurance carriers to provide such coverage. In recent months, many moderate members who had been sitting on the fence have signed on to the proposal, describing it as "a simple matter of equity."

While the measure would apply only to employees of the City of Madison, Gay and Lesbian rights advocates say that it would set an important precedent that would likely be followed by many private employers.

In one measure of progressive success in the Council elections, six of eight candidates supported by Progressive Dane, a newly-formed coalition that includes Gay and Lesbian activists, won election to the Council.

However, in a race that represents a loss of a progressive seat, incumbent Ald. Christine Larson, a major proponent of Gay and Lesbian rights, was narrowly defeated by conservative challenger Matthew Connolly in the 8th District. Connolly had used Larson's support of police efforts to crack down on underage drinking and destructive behavior at Langdon St. fraternities in the campus area district against her.

In the other defeat for a Progressive Dane candidate, Labor activist Lynn Michaelis failed in his effort to unseat moderate Ald. David Schneider in the far east side Dist. 15.

Progressive Dane's Ald. Bert Zipperer (6th Dist.), a major proponent of the city's Alternative Families ordinance, won re-election to a third term by a 5 to 4 margin in a hard-fought race with community activist Becky Steinhoff. The near east side district contains the city's largest percentage of Gay men and Lesbians. Steinhoff, while progressive, was seen as aligned with the city's political establishment, while Zipperer defines himself as more of a political maverick.

Progressive Dane-endorsed incumbents Ken Golden (Dist. 10) and Napoleon Smith (Dist. 13) ran unopposed. Smith, an early supporter of Rep. Tammy Baldwin who represents much of the south side, is likely to be the Council's next vice president.

Two Progressive Dane-endorsed newcomers to the Council will replace longtime moderate council members on Madison's west side. Community Activist Jean MacCubbin (Dist. 11) and Rev. Tim Kehl (Dist. 7), a peace and civil rights activist who is the pastor of a Gay-affirming congregation, are expected to be proponents of Gay and Lesbian rights legislation.

In other races: openly Gay Ald. Ricardo Gonzalez, activist and owner of the Cardinal Bar, won re-election to his third term, defeating another openly Gay candidate, university activist David Wilcox, in downtown Madison's Dist. 4. And Paul Rusk, a progressive activist and

former aide to former Congressman Robert Kastenmeier, narrowly lost in an election with a conservative candidate in a race to replace one of the Council's most conservative members, former Ald. Larry Olson, who is now on the Dane County board.

For the most part, other council seats remained in the hands of incumbent candidates or were won by new candidates whose records are similar to that person's predecessor. While about one-third of the Council will be new, one of the highest percentages in years, the ideological mix on the 20 member Council seems to have remained about the same or is perhaps even slightly more progressive than before.

To the relief of progressives throughout the city, a city referendum on the banning of handguns (which was narrowly defeated) did not seem to skew the election in favor of conservative candidates. However, it's difficult to measure its true effect because there were massive get-out-the-vote efforts on the part of progressives in anticipation of a large conservative turnout.

Phelps, Janssen Win County Races

Dane County Executive Rick Phelps won easy election to his second full four year term by a margin of almost three to one over conservative challenger Bill Howard. Phelps has been a proponent of Gay and Lesbian civil rights and funding for programs for people with AIDS.

Andy Janssen (Dist. 5), who has indicated his strong support of Gay and Lesbian rights, and the rights of people with disabilities, won handily over conservative incumbent Stephen Todd in a special county board election in his west campus district. While conservatives on the board still hold the several vote majority they won in last year's election, Janssen's victory puts progressives one vote closer to winning back a majority in next Spring's elections.

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Leatherman's Diary— A Historical Perspective Into S&M

By Dieter Fuchs

"Sado-Masochism"—the practice within the SM community that involves a dominant-submissive relationship; the giving and receiving of pain that is pleasurable to both parties; and the acting out of a fantasy scene that involves role-playing — has a historical, philosophical and spiritual component as well as those components previously outlined.

In this column, I'd like to develop the historical significance of the term "SM" by sharing what I know about our pioneering founders: the Marquis de Sade and Ritter Leopold von Sacher-Masoch.

The Marquis de Sade, a French nobleman who died in 1814, pioneered a genre of novels of extreme sensuality that were largely concerned with torture, bondage and discipline. The best known of these are *Justine* or *The Folly of Virtue* (1791), and *Juliette* or *The Triumph of Vice* (1796).

The Marquis chose to drug female prostitutes and enslave them, forgetting thereby, Rule #1: genuine SM must be consensual.

The cries of de Sade's victims overruled his good sense, and he spent much of his remaining life behind prison bars and the walls of a mental institution.

Sacher-Masoch

Sacher-Masoch, an Austrian academic, began writing novels and short stories in 1870 on the theme of men who desired to have women inflict pain on them.

His most famous work, *Venus in Furs*, established for all time the essential implements of masochism: bondage

devices and the basic whip. However, it remained for us 20th Century Leathermen to augment the basics with other "toys." We have many contraptions to restrain our slaves — i.e. favorite Marines, fellow blond-haired German-Catholic "Aryans," (you fill in the blank), for some serious bondage and discipline.

Despite the apparent shortcomings of de Sade and the fact that Sacher-Masoch's writings were somewhat "hetero," we need to remember that it was they who, for the first time in history, recorded SM fantasies.

(Or maybe it was the biblical writer who wrote "Spare the rod, spoil the child." Maybe the "holy" (sic) bible was the first to record an SM trip?)

Well, Sirs, little Dieter bids you adieu until next time. It's time to go put some Wagner on the stereo, light a candle to the "Divine Marquis" and find a way to "call to mind" my "need for forgiveness" for that nasty comment I made about Ye Old Testament. Perhaps if I pray hard enough, the Grand Inquisitor will send Dolph Lundgren and Jean-Claude Van Damme in my dreams for some "Double Impact" B/D as my penance. Mea Culpa.

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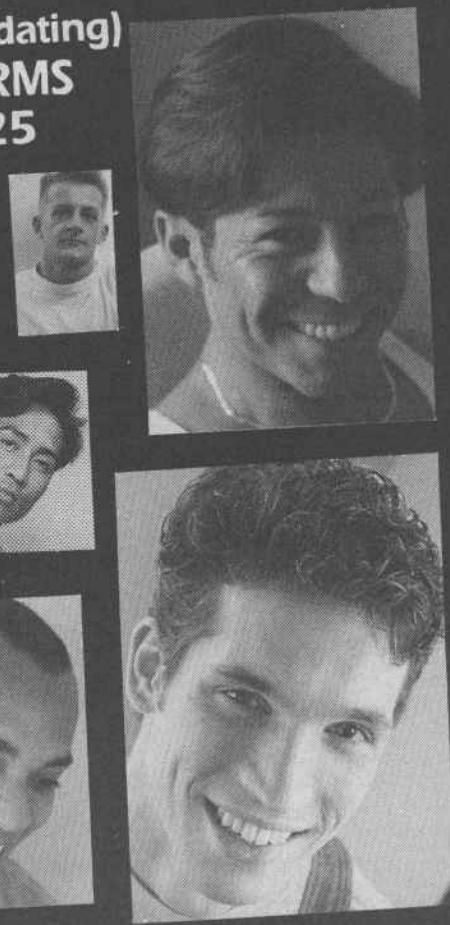
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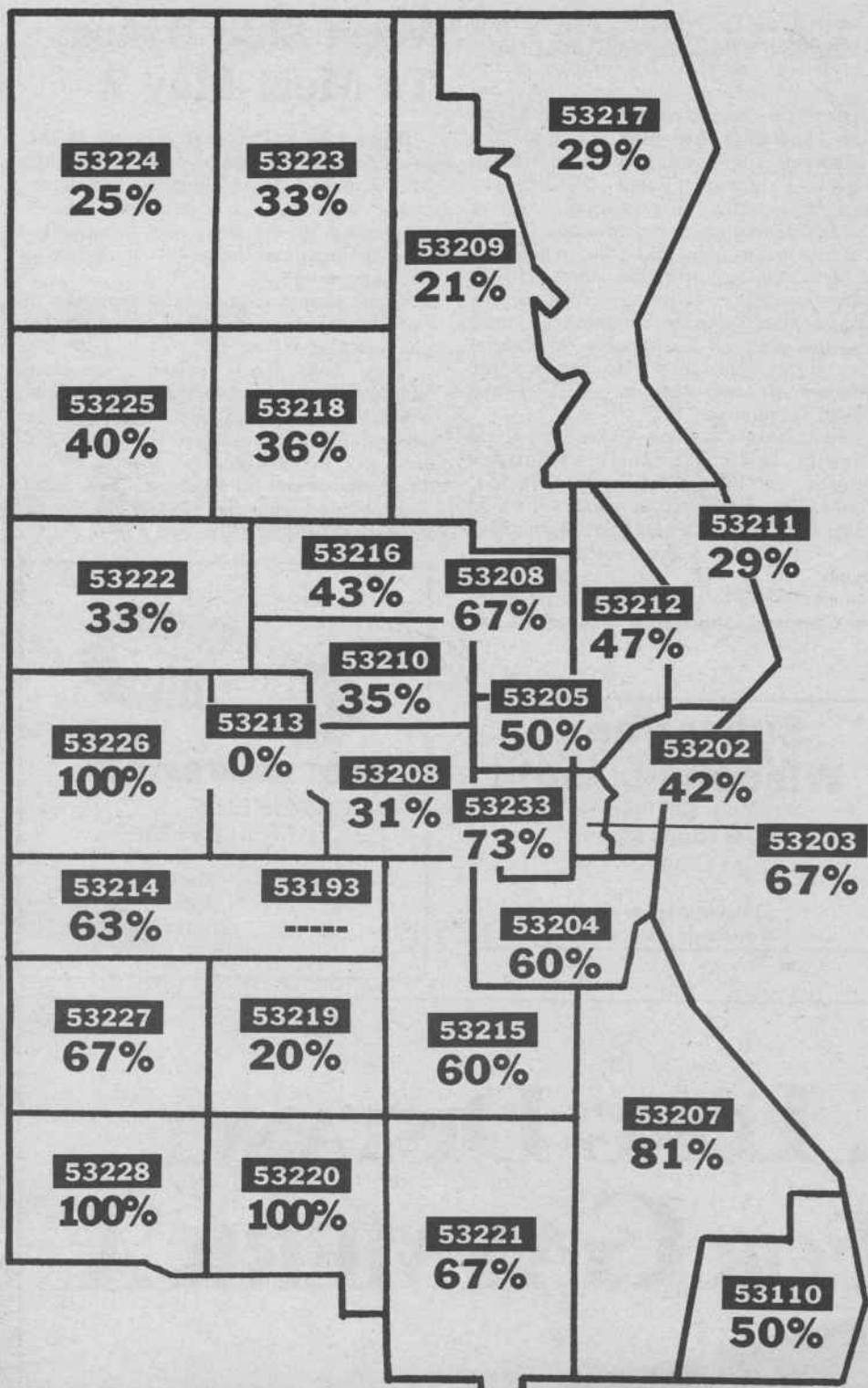
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WATER PROBLEMS— This map shows by zip code areas the percentage of Milwaukee AIDS Project clients surveyed (total 404) who have reported experiencing cryptosporidiosis-related symptoms in the past three weeks.

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are scheduling medical appointments for clients who are ill and that the MAP support staff is transporting clients to appointments and is delivering clean water and food baskets to home-bound clients who are ill.

"We have set up a Cryptosporidium Hotline [414] 273-2437 which is staffed by our medical advisor and nursing staff which will provide immediate answers about the water crisis and Cryptosporidium infection," Nelson said.

Nelson expressed grave concern about the continuing harmful effects of Milwaukee's water crisis on people with AIDS who have severely compromised immune systems.

In a letter to Milwaukee Health Commissioner Paul Nannis, Nelson called upon Nannis to establish an AIDS/HIV Task Force to advise the City Health Department on the development of appropriate policies on water purity standards and on necessary precautions against contaminated water for people with AIDS and others with severely compromised immune systems.

"I respect the enormous amount of work that Commissioner Nannis and his staff have done over the past week to manage this crisis," Nelson said. "But we need additional attention to be focused on the critical issues this crisis presents to the AIDS community in Milwaukee."

"There are many public policy issues that need to be addressed by the City that require the expertise of professional and community AIDS activists who are on the front lines of the HIV epidemic," Nelson stressed.

He recommended that Nannis include on the AIDS/HIV Task Force representation from the State Department of Health and Social Services, MAP, physicians who are AIDS caregivers and individuals with AIDS and HIV disease.

"It is with the greatest sense of urgency that I ask you to establish this Task Force because Milwaukee's water contamination crisis is continuing to have a devastating impact on the AIDS community," Nelson urged Nannis.

"The Milwaukee AIDS Project is prepared to help you in every way," Nelson wrote Nannis.

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crisis. Contrary to the assertion of Nannis and the Milwaukee Sentinel, we didn't have this information months ago and therefore had no ability to communicate it to the Health Department even if it had been statistically significant," Nelson said.

Nelson explained that "Once we learned of the water crisis and the speculation that Cryptosporidia was a possible source of contamination, we immediately accessed as much data as we could and believed that it was important to release it publicly to contribute to the community dialogue on the crisis. Our intent was to be helpful and I am disappointed that there has been so much misinformation on what was clearly a sincere effort by MAP to help resolve the crisis."

City Funding, Not the Issue According to MAP

In spite of the contention of the Milwaukee Sentinel editorial, Nelson asserted that the amount of AIDS funding provided by the City of Milwaukee has "absolutely nothing to do with this issue."

"We are embroiled in a water crisis that is a public health disaster for people with AIDS and MAP is intensely focused on meeting the needs of its clients and on establishment of appropriate public policy related to the water crisis," Nelson said.

Nelson said that he did not deny that all of us who are AIDS activists in Milwaukee are "extremely disappointed" with the low level of City AIDS funding. But "honestly, I couldn't care less about AIDS funding until after we resolve Milwaukee's water crisis and our interaction with the City Health Department is singularly focused on achieving that end."

Nelson said that there "is no organization in Milwaukee" that cares more deeply about people with AIDS. The incredible "insinuation" that MAP would withhold data that would help protect the lives of people with AIDS and HIV "astounds me."

Nelson added that "The long history and intense passion of MAP in its crusade against the AIDS epidemic totally contradicts that suggestion."

State Senate Falls To The Republicans; Barca in Congress Race

News Analysis By John Quinlan

While cheering the victory of Joe Wineke in the Madison area, Democrats had ample reason to mourn on April 6 with the loss of David Cullen in Milwaukee and Jerome Dachel in Chippewa Falls. Two out of three losses in the special State Senate races meant that the Democrats had lost their powerful leadership positions in the State Senate.

Wineke pulled off a 53-47 win in a race where many thought that the momentum had shifted toward former Dane Co. Executive Jonathan Barry. State Rep. Peggy Rozenzweig's margin of victory over Democrat Cullen in west Milwaukee and nearby suburbs may have been provided by the presence of a hotly contested school board referendum in her home base of Wauwatosa. (She won by a 54-46 per cent margin.) Dachel was trounced by reactionary Republican Zien by a margin of 41 to 59 per cent.

What a difference one seat makes. With their newly-found 17-16 majority in the State Senate, Republicans now control the valves in all of the major committees in the legislature's upper house that serve as the pipelines for pending legislation. While Democrats still hold a small majority in the Assembly, the change represents a major victory for Gov. Tommy Thompson.

Under the Democratic leadership, many conservative initiatives were never allowed out of committee. All of that has now changed with the Republican majority. Women's groups fear that it represents new chances for anti-choice legislators to advance their agenda. Civil libertarians fear the re-introduction of death penalty legislation. And civil rights leaders — particularly those in the Gay and Lesbian community — foresee a new leadership that is inherently hostile to the needs of their communities.

The shift also represents the layoff of more than a dozen Democratic staffers in the Senate. (Belonging to the majority party usually means being the chair of committees and, therefore, being entitled to extra staff members. When your party loses control, you lose your chair — and a staff member loses their job.) To add to the indignity of it all, Senate Dems must now move to smaller offices on the top floors of the Capitol.

The Senate "coup" was evidence of the politically adept machinations of Gov. Tommy Thompson at his "best." Ironically, two of the seats that were up in the special election had belonged to Democrats who succeeded at winning higher office — newly-elected U.S. Senator Russ Feingold and U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett (D-Milwaukee). Thompson then created the Senate takeover opportunity by offering former Chippewa Falls Democratic Senator Marvin Roshell a deal he couldn't refuse — a post in Thompson's cabinet that meant a significantly higher pension.

With half of the State Senate seats up for election in November 1994, Democrats hope that their tour of duty as the minority party is a short one.

State Superintendent Race: Benson Over Cross

Moderate John Benson beat archconservative candidate Linda Cross by a decisive, but too close for comfort, margin of 53 to 47 per cent in the race to become Wisconsin's next State Superintendent of Schools. Cross seemingly came out of nowhere to achieve a second place finish in February's primary. Her candidacy attracted big money from the national Far Right and unprecedented national media attention. Until recently, she had been leading in the polls.

At the eleventh hour, Cross made the bizarre accusation in a televised statewide debate that Benson had protected child molesters who held teaching jobs while a top manager at the Department of Public Instruction. For Gays and Lesbians, her inflammatory, "damn the facts and full speed ahead" rhetoric was a frightening preview of what four years of a Cross administration might have looked like. As an adherent of the politics of the Religious Right, Cross would quite probably have pulled out all of the stops in portraying Gays and Lesbians as a threat to the traditional family.

Despite expressing great relief about her defeat, progressive leaders remain alarmed at Cross's broad base of support — particularly in traditionally progressive areas like Milwaukee County where Benson won with only about a 10,000 vote margin out of hundreds of thousands of votes cast. A lackluster campaign on the part of Benson explained some of Cross's

success. However, as Wisconsin NOW President Margaret McMurray noted on March 23rd, "Linda Cross is a stealth candidate of the Far Right who hopes to fly under radar to avoid detection of her extreme policies."

The collective political radar of the Wisconsin electorate almost didn't detect this one. It's clear that progressive forces need to do a better job at developing a political "technology" that counters future "well-cloaked" candidacies.

Barca Faces Neumann in Race for Congress

With the special May 6th general election less than a month away, State Rep. Peter Barca (D-Racine) has hit the ground running in his media battle against Republican Janesville millionaire Mark Neumann. Their campaign ads are becoming pervasive on Madison and Milwaukee T.V. in a race for Defense Secretary Les Aspin's old seat that has attracted national attention. Some view it as initial test of the popularity of the Clinton administration's policies.

In what had been expected to be an extremely close race, Barca won handily over former State Rep. Jeffrey Neubauer, winning by an almost two to one margin in the Democratic primary. Neumann, who spent almost one million dollars of his own money against Aspin last fall, easily defeated Whitewater Rep. Charles Coleman by a three to one margin in the Republican primary. He is believed to present a formidable challenge to Barca.

Both Barca and Neubauer (who recently resigned as state Democratic party chair) had actively solicited the support of the Gay and Lesbian community. As we reported in the last edition of the *Light*, both candidates had also asked for the support of the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), an organization that offers support to Gay and Lesbian-supportive candidates.

Barca is now likely to be the beneficiary of a \$5,000 contribution from HRCF. Barca has a perfect voting record on Gay and Lesbian issues in the state legislature and has pledged his support for federal Gay rights legislation. He has a large number of supporters in the Gay and Lesbian community.

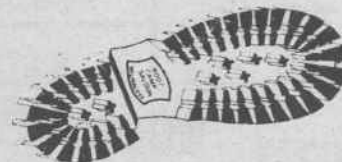
Wisconsin's First Congressional District skirts Wisconsin's southern border including Kenosha, Racine, Janesville and Beloit. In what will be an exceptionally low turn-out election on May 6th — it's the only thing on the ballot — every vote will count. For more information or to volunteer, call the Barca for Congress campaign at (414) 554-6300.

West Side Dykes To Meet May 2

[Milwaukee]- The next meeting of the West Side Dykes will be held on Sunday, May 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m. For the first hour, there will be introductions, what's happening in the women's community, job openings, and things that we'd like to see happening.

In the second hour, those attending will break up into different groups for conversation or games.

West Side Dykes exists to promote neighborliness, networking and social activities among Lesbians. Meetings are always the first Sunday of the month and are open to all dykes living west of the Lake and east of Madison. For more information, call Julie: (414) 778-1269, or Mimi at (414) 445-4179.



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