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Galvanize Making Plans for 1994 Madison March

[Madison]- GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, will host an organizational meeting on Sunday, August 22, 1993, at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center in Madison from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to develop a Board of Directors as well as to determine a timeline of events.

The 1994 March in Madison will mark the 5th Anniversary of GALVANize as well as the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. Anyone interested in joining the 1994 March Board of Directors, or in volunteering is encouraged to attend. The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center is located at 336 W. Dayton Street in Madison. For further information or questions, call: (608) 256-4289, or write P.O. Box 1403, Madison, WI 53701.

June 26, 1994 Stonewall 25 March Expected to Attract Over One Million

[Milwaukee]- The week of June 18 to 25, 1994 promises to be the biggest and best in Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual history. During that week, New York City will play host to both Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 Celebration, the latter commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion which began the Gay rights movement in 1969. This will include the International March On the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People. Plans for this mammoth congregation are moving ahead apace.

This past weekend in Milwaukee saw the meeting of the Stonewall 25 Steering Committee. Seventy one people from all over the country gathered on the campus of UW-Milwaukee to elect new officers and formulate plans.

Elected as Committee co-chairs were Franklin Fry of New York City, Pat Norman of San Francisco and Nicole Ramirez-Murray, a drag queen as she likes to call herself, from San Diego.

Among the Executive Committee members elected were Eve Oxendine of New York City, Hubert Alexander of Atlanta, Georgia and Flora Piterak of New Hampshire.

The Milwaukee meeting also included a meeting of the Midwest Delegation. Nine people were present at the Friday gathering, among whom were Mike Lisowski, Kitty Barber and Ron Geiman.

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place on October 23, 1993, in Boise, Idaho, site of the terrible anti-Gay witchhunt in the 1950's. People were imprisoned, beaten and driven out of town for the "crime" of being Gay.

A Grand Celebration

As things stand now, New York City Police say they fully expect one million plus people. This, in contrast to the D.C. police before the March On Washington who said the expected only 250,000.

On Saturday, June 25, there will be a candlelight vigil in Greenwich Village ("The Village") on faded Christopher Street in front of the location of the Stonewall Inn where Lesbians, African American and Hispanic drag queens began it all so long ago. For the first time in history, we raised our heads. We have not lowered them again.

There are plans afoot for purchase of the site and turn it into a national monument commemorating and celebrating all who struggle for freedom and dignity.

On Sunday June 26, there will be a march on the United Nations for Gay Rights. Untold numbers of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals will be coming from all over the world to march.

The demands of the March include a call upon the U.N. and its member states to take all necessary action to assure that the promised of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, crafted in great part by Eleanor Roosevelt, not be denied Lesbian,

Needle Exchange Program to Begin This Fall in Milwaukee

Confusion Defines The Meaning of 'Compromise' On Military Ban

By Bob Roehr

"Even hand-to-hand combat gets you thrown out" is the way Tonight Show host Jay Leno described the new regulations governing Gays in the military announced by President Clinton on July 19. That may not be much of an exaggeration. Even the experts are divided over what it means.

Three things are certain about the "compromise": That it pleased virtually no one; that, aside from the Joint Chiefs

of Staff, no two other people seem to agree on what the ground rules for implementation really are or mean; and that the issue is going to be with us for some time to come.

Clinton said that the compromise no longer bars Gays and Lesbians from the military based solely on status. The Catch-22 is that talking about being Gay carries with it the presumption that one has acted upon it. The rules for discharging homosexual conduct have been left in place.

Later Monday, on Nightline, host Cokie Roberts asked Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, "Doesn't it (the new policy) mean someone is guilty until proved innocent?" "No, only if you speak," was the Orwellian response.

Aspin to Gays: "Stay Out!"

The details weren't exactly clarified in Congressional testimony over the next few days, but the tone certainly was.

Appearing before Senator Sam Nunn's (D-GA) Senate Armed Services Committee, Aspin defined what the policy boils down to: "People should not talk about this. They should not say they are Gay...I believe that basically if a person is homosexual, they would be much more comfortable pursuing a different profession than the military profession."

Senator John McCain's (R-AZ) reaction to the testimony was to label the compromise "a large, large lawyers' relief fund." He called the policy a "legal minefield."

Protests and Arrests

The outline of Clinton's decision had been predicted for weeks, perhaps months. Reaction from the Gay and Lesbian community was predictable:

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Gay and Bisexual people not to people who have AIDS or are HIV positive.

As of now, the march will go down First Avenue, past the U.N. itself.

There will be a grand rally on the Great Lawn in Central Park from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. to be followed by a concert. Plans are now for the concert to headline Elton John.

And then, there will be fireworks with the words "STONEWALL 25" spelling out in fiery lights high above the crowd and city. Seldom before, if ever, will Gays be in such evidence, so prominently displayed. If this is anything, anything at all, like the March On Washington, the feeling will be indescribably euphoric.

There will be a vast array of other activities besides the International March and Rally. Events going on in New York at the same time include Gay Games IV, the annual International Lesbian and Gay Association conference, the Stonewall History Project, the Gay and Lesbian Bands of America Concert on June 23 and a mass Worship Service organized by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. And these are only a few of the things that will be happening for Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals in that star-studded week.

Wisconsin State-Wide Meeting

According to Gary Wells, there will be a state-wide meeting of people from all over Wisconsin to further plans for the Midwest part in the International March. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21, 1993. As we go to press, no location has been determined, but Wells said to call him for further information. The number is: (414) 264-2740.

Make Your Plans Now

According to the folks at Bottom Line Travel, demand for accommodations in New York for Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 Celebration are "steady, but not crazy yet." Packages are available. Room rates at good hotels are remarkably reasonable, so plan now.

Believe it. If you missed the March On Washington last April, don't miss this one. If you were in D.C. then, you will absolutely want to be in New York.

By Sue Burke

After two years of study, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is ready to begin a needle exchange program sometime this fall.

The program would allow people who use illegal injected drugs to trade used hypodermic needles for new, sterile ones. Because hypodermic needles can be hard to come by, drug users often share and reuse their needles, a practice that can spread HIV.

MAP hopes the needle exchange program would reduce the transmission of HIV and would give drug users greater access to drug treatment programs. MAP also wants to work with other community health groups.

At a meeting with representatives of some of those groups at Milwaukee's City Hall July 28, Doug Nelson, MAP Executive Director, won general support for the program and made plans to bring a more detailed outline of the needle exchange part of the program to another meeting in September.

However, community groups found one major hurdle to MAP's plan: Milwaukee's drug treatment programs can't handle any more clients. Most have waiting lists months long.

In addition, the groups at the meeting identified specific failures in those programs and general failures in the public health care system.

"The providers aren't there and the public dollars aren't there" to provide adequate drug abuse treatment, said Tammy Stark of the HIV Services Consortium. Addicts who have finally decided to kick their drug habit have trouble waiting six more months until they can get into treatment, she said.

Pat McManus, Executive Director of the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, agreed that a needle exchange would decrease the transmission of HIV but said it attacks only a symptom of drug abuse,

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Act Up Madison Protest Demands Manhattan Project for AIDS Cure

[Madison]- On Saturday, July 31, 1993, 25 members of the Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and New York chapters of ACT UP demonstrated outside UW-Madison's Van Hise Hall where a high-level meeting of 35 of the nation's leading AIDS leaders and activists was taking place.

Participants in the meeting included the Federal Government's two most prominent AIDS researchers, Robert Gallo and Dr. Anthony Fauci, Christine Gebby, President Clinton's new AIDS czar, AIDS activist Larry Kramer, among others.

According to ACT UP Milwaukee, meeting organizers had shrouded the event in secrecy. ACT UP chapters only learned about it from an "inside source."

Participants emerged from the two-day meeting to declare that the public and private sectors must come together to advance AIDS research.

ACT UP was demonstrating to underscore the need for a new national effort to find a cure — not merely treatments — for AIDS on the scale of the Manhattan Project, the all-out government effort that produced the first A-bomb.

According to John Riley of ACT UP New York, "Unless we find a cure, AIDS will be the Plague of the 21st Century. By the year 2000, forty million people world-wide will be infected with the virus. By 2010, that figure will jump to 140 million.

To meet this crisis, ACT UP has

proposed The McClintok Project named after Barbara McClintok the 1983 Nobel laureate who was often shunned by her colleagues for her non-traditional research.

According to ACT UP, the McClintok Project would have as its goal "finding a cure for AIDS and discovering how the disease develops in humans as opposed to test tubes. The Project would include founding a McClintok Institute to bring together AIDS researchers from around the world. The focus would be to identify all promising cures and oversee their quick and adequate testing. The proposed institute would have full control over AIDS research, public and private, be responsible to President Clinton, and be administered by a "Special Assistant on AIDS."

The McClintok Project was discussed at the Madison meeting, but no decision was reached about its implementation.

However, the participants did agree that private fundraising efforts must play a larger role in AIDS research. The reason is because the AIDS crisis is too "grave and imminent" to rely solely on the government.

"It's very interesting how little of this meeting was spent (talking about) the (Clinton) Administration," said Kramer. "We've given up hope on the Administration being a partner." Kramer added that the meeting had restored his hope that the scientific and activist communities were finally exchanging ideas.

Another such meeting has been scheduled for September in Boston.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Black Lesbians and Gays to March In Country's Largest Parade

[Chicago]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced on July 30, a settlement of the suit it filed on behalf of the Chicago-based Ad Hoc Committee of Proud Black Lesbians and Gays (PBLG) that had alleged unlawful sexual orientation discrimination in the denial of the group's application to participate in Chicago's 64th Annual Bud Billiken Parade and Picnic, which is billed as the country's largest parade and is based in the African American community.

"Lambda is delighted that the first case handled by the new Midwest Regional Office has resulted in PBLG marching under the official banner of the Ad Hoc Committee," said Patricia Logue, Managing Attorney of the office. "The inclusion of PBLG in the parade affirms the equal place of Lesbians and Gay men in our communities."

Chicago Selected as First Site For Victory Fund Candidate Training

[Washington, D.C.]- The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund announced on July 30 that its first Training Institute for Candidates and Campaign Managers will be held in Chicago on October 1-3, 1993.

The Victory Fund will offer non-partisan training to Gay and Lesbian leaders who are seriously considering entering the electoral arena. Tuition is \$100, less than 25% of the actual cost of the training. For more information, call the Victory Fund at (202) VICTORY.

Study Says Poppers Damage T-Cells

[San Francisco]- The San Francisco Examiner reports that in the nation's first study of the effect of "poppers," or nitrites, on the immune system, researchers from the National Institutes of Health found that chronic exposure to the drugs, even at infrequent intervals, seemed to produce alterations in T-cell lymphocyte function.

Nitrites are enjoying a resurgence in popularity since they were first linked to AIDS and then banned by the federal government in 1988.

The new study of 18 young Gay men found that in halation of nitrites produced depression of the immune system, particularly lymphocytes called "natural killer cells." There was very gradual recovery after inhalation stopped.

Gay Games IV Honors Navratilova At Madison Square Garden

[New York, NY]- For the first time ever, the words "Lesbian" and "Gay" appeared on the marquee at Madison Square Garden, promoting a tribute to Martina Navratilova that also benefited the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival. ABC-TV's Dick Schaap and Billie Jean King headlined "The Lesbian and Gay Tribute to Martina Navratilova" on July 28.

Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival is open to all. More than 15,000 athletes and thousands of cultural participants will compete in 31 team and individual sports and a variety of cultural activities. Gay Games IV will take place June 18-25, 1994, in locations throughout the New York City metropolitan area.

Streisand and Close Produce Film

[Seattle, WA]- Barbra Streisand and Glenn Close will produce a TV movie about Margarethe Cammermeyer, the Army colonel forced out of the Washington National Guard after disclosing she is a Lesbian.

Close will portray Cammermeyer in the two-hour film, scheduled to air in the Fall of 1994, said in a release from Los Angeles on July 28.

Cammermeyer, 51, was a 26-year veteran and chief nursing officer for the Washington National Guard at Camp Murray near Tacoma when she was forced out of the service in 1992.

She said from her home in suburban Des Moines that she has been "almost overwhelmed" by people wanting to do film versions of her story. She said she has been assured she will be involved in the filming and hopes to work with scriptwriters.

Colorado Loses Huge Church Confab

[New York, NY]- The 1997 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, one of the 25 largest conventions in the U.S., will be held in Philadelphia. But it would have been in Denver had it not been for the concerted efforts of Integrity, the Lesbian and Gay justice ministry of the Episcopal Church. The Episcopal Church, whose convention will draw some 10,000 people, went through a wrenching experience at its 1991 convention in Phoenix before Arizona approved a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Integrity raised the specter of the church facing the same difficulties in 1997.

Minneapolis To Host National Lesbian Golf Tournament in August

[Minneapolis]- The first annual National Lesbian golf tournament is set for August 19th and 20th in Minneapolis. Women's Golf Tours (WGT) is a Minneapolis-based company that is setting up this 36 hole event. WGT is also planning other Lesbian golf events throughout the U.S. and other countries.

The August event is open to all golfers of all abilities. The Minnesota Classic and the LPGA Tour Event will be in Minneapolis at the same time.

For more information on this and other women's golf tours, call, 1-800-373-7244.

National Holocaust Museum Hosts Gay/Lesbian Fundraising Meeting

[Washington, D.C.]- Forty representatives from the Gay and Lesbian community, including leaders from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, attended the first fundraising and outreach meeting targeted to that community on June 16 at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Miles Lerman, the new chair of the Museum's Memorial Council, spoke of the need to become involved with the Museum.

"I don't care where the prejudice grows, whether it's against Jews, Blacks, Jehovah's Witnesses or Gays — it doesn't make any difference. Hate is hate. Our job has just begun. We need to reach out to all America," Lerman said.

Estimates of the numbers of Gays and Lesbians killed by the Nazis because of their sexual orientation range from 50,000 to three million people between 1933 and 1945. One Jewish survivor reported "The Pink Triangles died like flies in a few weeks."

After the war, under the Allied military government of Germany, Gays who survived were forced to serve out their terms of imprisonment, regardless of time spent in the camps.

Unlike Jews and other victims, Gay people could not receive "wiedergutmachung" (restitution) payments since West German courts decreed that Gays were "criminals under the Nazis" and thus were not eligible for such payments.

Furthermore, under the laws defining genocide, the killing of Gay people was not considered a crime against humanity.

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.

HIV, AIDS, Safe Sex Awareness Cable Program Continues

[Milwaukee]- "BestD Clinic Answers Your Questions" will continue for thirteen more weeks on MATA cable, Channel 47, according to Bob Ambelang, Clinic Director. The format of the program is to provide information on HIV, HIV transmission, AIDS and Safer Sex practices to viewers of the program and to answer the specific questions of callers on the live call-in program.

"It is tragic that most people do not understand how this virus is transmitted," said Ambelang. "Many people feel because they occasionally use

a condom, they are safe. There is no such thing as SAFE! Our program tried to get that point across. We don't moralize or pass judgments. Sex is happening, it is happening in and outside of heterosexual marriages, it is happening among the Yuppies and it is happening among teens. Many individuals, even those within the supposedly knowledgeable Gay population are putting themselves and their partners at risk due to a misunderstanding of the basic fundamentals of transmission. We want to end this as soon as possible!"

The program airs every Thursday night on MATA Channel 47 at 7:00 p.m. and is rebroadcast at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. Further information or suggestions can be handled by calling the Clinic at (414) 272-2144 during regular hours, 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The Clinic is located at 1240 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Commitment '93 Round-Up Confab Set in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Commitment '93 is the Eighth Annual round-up by Milwaukee and Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian A.A. groups with participation by Al-Anon, N.A. and several other 12-step groups. The weekend conference provides a time and place for the Gay and Lesbian community to come together to share our struggles and our triumphs in overcoming alcoholism and other addictions.

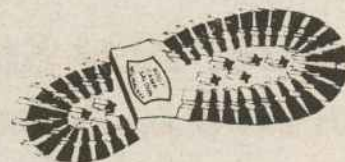
The main events include four keynote speakers representing A.A., Al-Anon, and S.A.A., and over 18 workshops on topics such as the 12 Steps, Recovering Couples, Denial, Working an Honest Program, Shame and Guilt, etc. In addition there's a Friday night musical play (*Our Inside Story*), a Saturday night dance and a Sunday brunch all included in the registration price of \$30 (before August 28; \$35 after). A Saturday banquet is offered for an extra \$20.

This year's theme, *Blueprint for Progress*, reflects the 12-Step focus on hope, growth and promise. Recovery from all addictions comes from a willingness to work for progress, not perfection... and every program offers us the tools for reaching our goal.

For more information, registration forms or just to get acquainted, stop in at the Galano Club, 2408 N. Farwell, or call Darryl F. at (414) 962-3821 or Linda B. at (414) 353-7727.

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Flirtations Concert Highlights Eighth MAPfest On September 5

[Milwaukee]- "The Fabulous Flirtations" (as they are known to their fans) have been thrilling audiences across the continent with their unique and saucy blend of politics, musical artistry and humor since their first street corner appearances in Greenwich Village in the Spring of 1988. Now, they are coming to Milwaukee for a special indoor concert at MAPfest on Sunday, September 5. They are being sponsored, in part, by Wisconsin Light, In Step, and Al Thomas' Triangle Bar.

The "Flirts" in the opinion of reviewers from the Los Angeles Times to The Philadelphia Inquirer are the best of the best. When the boys without a band act up, irreverently retouching oldies such as "Mr. Sandman" with a twist and a tweak, it's possible to forget that the original versions used musical instruments.

They have made mainstream reviewers sit up and take notice that they are Gay and happy about it. This is refreshing in a time when so many performers are disguising or denying their sexual orientation.

Blomberg & Mahaffey

Opening for the Flirts will be Milwaukee's own Blomberg & Mahaffey, a comic duo that have written and performed music together for over 10 years. Their original music spans many musical styles, from ballads to political and social satire.

Blomberg and Mahaffey who describe themselves as "Just a couple of Milwaukee teachers" have appeared at Cafe Melange for more than three years where they presently do a monthly performance of timely satirical parody and original pieces. They perform many benefits, women's and children's causes, with a blend of comedy and original contemporary music.

Games, Food, Raffles

MAPfest will include over a dozen game booths with prizes, tantalizing festival food and beverages and a giant raffle. Miller Brewing Company has graciously donated beer for the festival.

Raffle tickets are available now from MAPfest committee members and at MAP. Raffle prizes include a TREK bike, JVC CD Boombox and a grand prize trip to New York City for Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 Celebration, courtesy of Bottom Line Travel. Mini-raftles for "baskets of booze" will also be held throughout the day.

The MAPfest Marketplace will expand this year to cover both the Chestnut Grove and fountain areas on the PAC grounds. New additions to the Marketplace to date

include One World Clothing, Well-Dressed Wall, Alternative Connections, The Golden Griffin (Gay jeweler), the Back Door, several artists and many vendors from last year including Goldi, Pride of Milwaukee, Victor/Viktoria and others.

Several community organizations such as Wisconsin Light, the Cream City Foundation and GAMMA will also sponsor booths. Vendors still interested in participating are encouraged to contact MAP soon.

Entertainment

The Peck Pavilion stage and a second outdoor stage on the riverfront, will provide entertainment all day long. The Peck Pavilion stage will highlight the Ladies of the Valley, Rufus, The Shoreline Dancers, Dianna Jones Band and a regional drag show featuring "girls" from all over the state.

The open air Riverfront Stage will feature Rufus, Comedy Sportz, The Dog Show, Celebrity Pie Toss and the Michael Drake Calypso Band.

The annual Dog Show features costumed canines competing in various categories including "nelliest," "best coifed" and "butchest."

In cooperation with HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament), the HIT Pie Toss will be a joint effort for the first time with MAP (with proceeds split between the two groups). "Lucky" special guests and celebrities will be asked to "stick their necks out" of a backdrop and allow themselves to be bombarded with piled-high cream pies. The highest bidders will then have the opportunity to "pie" the guest.

Times, Prices and Places

The Flirtations' concert will be at 3:00 p.m. in the PAC's 450 seat Vogel Hall. Reserved seat tickets are on sale now either at MAP (414) 273-1991, or the PAC Box Office (414) 273-7206. The \$15 tickets include admission to MAPfest.

General Admission to the Festival is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. There is a dollar off admission with a donation of 3 non-perishable food or personal hygiene items at the gate.

Dozens of volunteers are needed to make MAPfest '93 a success. Those interested are urged to call MAP at (414) 273-1991.

MAPfest is produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin as a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project—Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project—Eau Claire and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

Black Groups Plan Joint Picnic In Milwaukee on August 22

[Milwaukee]- Ujima will have a discussion group on the aftermath of Tina Terry's murder (owner of Tina R-T-R Bar) and violence in the Gay community on Saturday, August 21, 1993 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Avenue. For more information, contact Rod at (414) 277-7671.

Midsummer Jam

Ujima, along with Men of All Colors Together (MACT) and Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) will be co-sponsoring "Midsummer Jam Picnic" on August 22, 1993.

It's an opportunity to find out about these three new organizations, find out how you might get involved, meet some new people and enjoy a Summer day in Milwaukee. Food and beverages will be provided free of charge.

If you are tired of the same old thing, come join in the fun on August 22, 1993. The picnic starts at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at Kern Park, 3600 N. Humboldt. If you have any questions or need directions, contact Veral at (414) 347-0580 or Dave at (414) 527-4296.

Legal Defense Group Opens Office in Midwest

[Chicago]- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund — the nation's leading non-profit legal advocacy group for Lesbians, Gay men and people with HIV/AIDS — announces the opening of its second regional office, based in Chicago.

Lambda was the first national Lesbian and Gay organization to have offices on both coasts — the National Office was founded in New York in 1973 and Lambda's first regional office, the Western Office in Los Angeles, opened in September, 1990. The opening of the Midwest Regional Office in Chicago marks another historic first, as Lambda is currently the only national Gay and Lesbian non-profit organization with a midwestern base.

Patricia M. Logue had been chosen as the Managing Attorney for the new Midwest Regional Office, which is located in Chicago's Palmer House Hotel. She will be joined by Program Assistant Mona Noriega. Logue, who served on Lambda's Board of Directors for four years, was most recently a staff attorney with Business and Professional People for the Public Interest in Chicago.

Noriega, who most recently worked at Chicago's Lesbian and Gay newspapers Outlines and Nightlines, has also served as director of Latinas in Illinois and has been active in Latinas Lesbianas en Nuestra Ambiente.

Lambda's Midwest Regional Office will bring test-case litigation and sponsor educational forums in the midwest states on the range of sexual orientation and HIV/AIDS issues.

"The national Lesbian and Gay rights organizations have been very focused on the coasts," said Logue. "Meanwhile, tremendous progress has been made and sophisticated leadership shown by many midwestern Lesbians and Gay men, largely on their own initiative. Lambda's new Midwest Office will not only bring Lambda's exceptional resources to bear here, but also will help infuse the national movement with the benefits of our regional expertise."

Lambda's new Midwest office is located at 17 E. Monroe, Suite 212, Chicago, IL 60603. Phone: (312) 759-8110.

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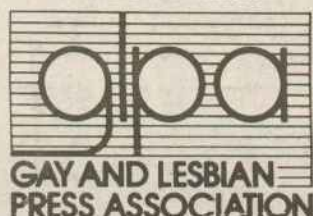
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EDITORIAL

County and City of Milwaukee Must Take Lead For Light Rail System

Oil is a finite resource. Every year, there is less of it than the year before. America cannot "live on its own" when it comes to oil now. In the future that won't change and will only get worse. Like it or not, in a not too far distant time, no matter where it comes from, oil is going to run out.

To address this problem, we offer two solutions. One is that the city and county of Milwaukee move with all deliberate speed to the construction of a modern light rail system with trunk lines to the other counties to the north and west. Let a system like this feed into a hub at the Amtrak Station, forming a regional transportation web as in Washington, D.C. with the buses operating on feeder lines to make one integrated whole.

Expensive, yes, but the other counties must be led to see that it is their economic interest to help pay for such a system. As cars become more and more expensive to drive (and they will), those areas unconnected to a transportation web centered on light rail, will find themselves losing population and businesses as people move back to the center city or cluster around transportation hubs.

Secondly, we strongly support raising state and federal taxes on gasoline. We suggest an ultimate tax of five dollars a gallon spread out over the next five to ten years. The revenues to be used for, among other things, mass transit.

The future of a modern, metropolitan economy lies in light rail transit. Other cities and regions have seen that and done something about it. Milwaukee must not be left behind.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

They Have Blood On Their Hands

By Terry Boughner

Not too long ago I had a phone conversation with a man I know fairly well. Jerry does too. He lives in a small town here in Wisconsin. He is Roman Catholic, born and bred, and is, as they say "A little to the right of Pope Innocent III," especially when it comes to homosexuality.

For reasons which I need not go into here, he and I got into a discussion about being Gay. I decided to start with the bible, since I knew his prejudice against us, like so many others, was rooted in Scripture and nourished by the Church.

I started in with the Hebrew bible, beginning with Genesis and the story of Sodom, when suddenly I began to wonder if he knew what I was talking about? No, it couldn't be, I told myself. He was always talking about the bible.

A little later, when I mentioned Leviticus, for all of him, it could have been a social disease.

Finally, I asked him if he'd ever read the bible, any of it? He told me, no, he hadn't, but had been thinking that someday he should. What he knew, that on which his prejudice was based, was what the priests and nuns had told him.

Maybe his case is rare, but somehow I don't think so, not from what I hear the bible thumpers say. Constantly, they throw the bible passages around, but always when you push them to it, they've only read it in English, Elizabethan English, at that.

The King James version's language may be beautiful, but it's a very poor translation. In fact, like the guy I was talking with over the phone, better not to have read the book at all, than not to do the work necessary to properly understand what it says.

And don't tell me, as some do, that they don't have time to learn Greek and Hebrew — or the languages are too difficult or something like that. Hogwash! If your bible means that much to you; if you can use it, as the religious right does, as a source for hate, then you can put the time in — and the work. If not, then shut up about it and learn how to love and accept people for who and what they are.

Incidentally, I'm not sure what excuse the men of the Vatican have. Rumor has it that they're supposed to have some intelligence. But then Rome has never been too swift when it comes to love and toleration.

All this leads me to another story, which I think fits in. While Jerry and I were in Chicago for the Gay Pride Parade, we had dinner with two friends of ours, Frank and Arnold.

Arnold mentioned a rabbi talking about the myth of Sodom. Properly read and understood, the story was not about homosexuality, but about inhospitality and intolerance. Those were the sins of Sodom.

As the rabbi said, the conclusion was therefore, inescapable. The real "sodomites" in modern America are not Lesbians and Gays. The real sodomites are people like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Pope John Paul II and the men of the Roman Curia who trample on hospitality and toleration with impunity. (Don't worry guys. I really love you. It's your sin I detest.)

The problem is that like the guy here in Wisconsin and millions of others, people either don't read the bible at all or have no idea what it actually says.

One last and very personal note: Rev. MacMillan. When Stanley killed himself

because of your stupidity and/or ignorance in using the Sodom myth to condemn homosexuality, it was you who were the sodomite, not him.

The problem with these religious sodomites, from Rome to California, is that they have blood on their hands.

LETTERS

Gays in Military

TO THE EDITOR:

Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, while claiming to be clarifying President Clinton's new policy on Gays in the military, has deleted one significant section. According to the Associated Press, "Missing from the committee's policy is the Administration's requirement of equal enforcement for heterosexuals and homosexuals of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), which outlaws sodomy."

That omission by Senator Nunn's committee clearly shows the hypocrisy in the military's current policy: it does not want to enforce its own Uniform Code of Military Justice against heterosexuals.

During Desert Storm, a male army officer forced a female into an act of sodomy. The Army at first dismissed it as "consensual," but after the woman fought the decision, the Army pursued it and the male officer confessed. According to the UCMJ, even a "consensual" act should have been grounds for discipline, but the Army ignored its own rules of conduct. We only heard about this incident because it was, in fact, a rape, and because the woman had the courage to demand justice. One wonders how many other, unpublicized instances of non-enforcement there were, and, indeed are, every day.

Allowing Gays into the military is not just about Gays, but about equality and decency.

We have seen Senator Nunn's military code of "honor" at work in the Tailhook affair: in both the testimony to prosecute those accused. We see the same code at work now in Senator Nunn's legislation, which in effect says heterosexuals are free to ignore the UCMJ and carry on as before.

I'm afraid women in the armed services are in for a rough time. Maybe they can somehow learn to stay in some "closet."

— Al Gellersbach
Milwaukee

More Military Reform?

TO THE EDITOR:

As you know, I disagree with President Clinton's decision to modify his pledge to lift the ban on Gay and Lesbian service in the military.

Military discharges and discipline should be based on conduct, not sexual orientation or status. Furthermore, all prohibitions against sexual misconduct in the military should be equally enforced regardless of whether the sexual misconduct was heterosexual or homosexual.

Even though I am disappointed with the compromise, I am hopeful that it will lead to further reform in the future.

— Russ Feingold
U.S. Senator — Wisconsin

Editor's note: Senator Feingold asks that if you have any questions or comments about this or any other issue, do not hesitate to call him.

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Sign Interpreters

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE COMMITTEE:

What if there were no Pride Festivals?

It would be a great loss to our community. We wouldn't have this chance to celebrate, to share and to show Milwaukee that we're proud

of who we are. For me, there was no Pride Festival.

This is my fourth year of attending. I have never been satisfied with the celebration because I have never been provided with a sign language interpreter. I have been in the crowd, but never been included.

They're laughing, I am not.

They're having fun, I am not.

They're enjoying the show, I am not!

I go to Chicago and feel I'm part of the Pride Festival, because every year they provide full-time sign language interpreters. Yet in my own hometown, I am an outsider.

I was told they don't have the money to pay for interpreters and volunteers are hard to find. But I saw a big sound system that must have stretched into thousands of dollars. I have contributed money to fundraising efforts for Pride Day. But where they cut their budget, they cut me off!

There's money out there! Other organizations provide interpreters for their events. It is time the Pride Committee stops making excuses and empty promises and finds a way to make it happen.

I have talked to several members of the Pride Committee in the past. They express willingness to provide interpreters, but also give a long list of problems and excuses as to why they can't. I suspect that the responsibilities fall upon someone who has responsibilities as well and who may not have all the information or resources they need to work things out.

It is time we made the Deaf Gay and Lesbian community a priority! I propose that a committee be set up to insure that next year's Festival provide access that we deserve.

I am willing to serve on that committee and can suggest other people who also would be.

— Michael Hinderer
Milwaukee

PrideFest Replies

An Open Letter to Mike Hinderer:

We were very disappointed in our inability to secure interpreters for the deaf. We cast a wide net in our attempt to find them.

Among those contacted were sign language teaching programs, several entertainment groups who use interpreters, and individuals familiar with interpreters in Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay. Unfortunately, we were not able to find any volunteers.

We were told that if we had interpreters they would need copies of all the music and speeches well in advance of the festival so they could prepare. That would have been impossible since most of the performers don't decide on what to include in their performances until shortly before they give them.

Even if we could have overcome that problem we had another one. We were also told that if we could not find volunteers we would have to spend approximately \$1,500 to hire interpreters.

We were unwilling to do that for several reasons.

We didn't have the funds. PrideFest came within an eyelash of being canceled. Only the support of the Cream City Foundation and Gay People's Union kept it alive. Up until about 6 weeks before the celebration almost all of our effort was focused on raising money.

We had just retired a massive debt left over from MLGPC's 1991 celebration. We were not willing to risk our new PrideFest organization going into debt and spending the next two years trying to climb out of the hole we dug for ourselves.

We decided that we would not commit ourselves to ANY expenditure of funds unless we had the money in hand. All of our financial decisions were based on using our limited resources for the greatest number of people.

We have a policy of not paying anyone. We can hardly ask entertainers who normally perform for pay to work for free while others standing next to them on the stage are getting paid for interpreting that work.

Nor could we ask the many non-entertainers who used their skills for free to spend more time raising money so others could get paid.

Co-Chair Roberta Niggemeier is a food service professional. Co-Chair Bill Meunier has run festivals as a professional and as a volunteer. Neither are paid anything for the hundreds of hours they put in. Our Stage Manager, John Schneider, and our Entertainment Co-ordinators Scott Stewart and BJ Daniels among others also donated skills they are normally paid for.

During the festival we were told by an individual that we should have spent more of our time raising funds so we could have hired an interpreter. Why should we as volunteers be told to give more time (which like money we really didn't have) while festivals with paid staffs and far more resources, are not being challenged for their failure to provide interpreters?

Summerfest and the State Fair do not provide interpreters for the deaf. Why have they not been publicly challenged (as we are) for their failure to do so?

Certainly we understand Mr. Hinderer's frustration with not being able to enjoy the event to its fullest. We are extremely sorry about the situation. We want EVERYONE to be able to enjoy the festival. We hope that he understands that these are not 'excuses,' as he put it, they are valid reasons.

Mr. Hinderer is incorrect in stating that we have not had interpreters in the past. We did secure interpreters last year getting two volunteers from the audience when our scheduled interpreters were unable to attend. They remained on stage for a good part of (but not all of) the festivities.

We are including the need to find interpreters for the deaf in our plans for next year's event. We hope to find people more willing to donate their time than was the case this year. If anyone wishes to help us secure volunteer interpreters we urge them to please call the Pride Line 272-FEST.

Hopefully next year the deaf members of our community will be able to fully share in PrideFest. Whether or not that occurs will depend on whether or not anyone is willing to help make sure that it happens.

— PRIDEFEST INC.
Roberta Niggemeier
Bill Meunier, Co-Chairs

Standing Alone In La Crosse To Protest the Gay Military Ban

By Bill Steffenhagen

[La Crosse, WI]- Upset over the President's (then) impending decision about Gays in the military and frustrated by the silent complacency of the La Crosse Gay community, Darren Foster, a pre-law student, Editor of the Viterbo College *Lumen*, and my lover, stood alone in protest on a hot, sunny Friday morning. It was June 16. With a sign he had hastily assembled the day before, wearing quasi-military clothing and a black bandanna for a gag, he paced the square in front of the La Crosse Post Office for four hours, a silenced symbol of injustice.

His sign read, "Don't ask. Don't tell," and "Unfair to all USA Troops." It included photos of Barry Goldwater with his "shoot straight" comment and Allen Schindler's mother at the Washington March.

The flip side carried a photo of President Clinton playing a sax at one of his inauguration events and the words, "You blew it Bill," and "What Promises Will Be Broken Next?"

Darren is a body-builder. His handsome physique and his striking quasi-military appearance drew a lot of attention. Most comments he received were supportive. The single exception was the passing of two yuppie types who muttered, "Now they want BJ's in the service." (As if the boys have ever been so deprived.)

There was an amusing incident with a mother and her little boy. The boy asked Darren if he was in the Army. Darren told him, "No," adding that they "wouldn't let me in." At that, the mother made a swift escape with the boy in tow. Darren never has attempted to enter military service, but that mother, no doubt, had some explaining to do.

A local radio station interviewed Darren the day before and aired his comments several times over the following 24 hours. The *La Crosse Tribune* interviewed him on the site and ran a small story that Saturday.



Nervous at first, Darren quickly became a dignified symbol of our cause, saying afterward, "It was fun. Somebody had to do it." He did us proud.

Editor's Note: Darren Foster is a former writer and columnist for *Wisconsin Light*.

Milwaukee Has New Residence For People Living With AIDS

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- An old convent is not exactly the most cheery place in the world. This one is different. It is the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new independent living environment for women and men living with HIV/AIDS, and with a lot of hard work and sweat from hard-working volunteers, the once austere halls and barren rooms have been made full of light and sparkling colors. The nuns would be amazed and, perhaps, pleased.

Now, there are five people who make the residence their home. Soon, there will be 35 women and men there.

Each person has their own room, decorated (paint included) to suit themselves. Colorful quilts are on the beds. The rooms have their separate collections of mementos and treasures that give to each one an individual touch.

There is nothing about the place that is "institutional." Everywhere you look, there is an abundance of plants, including pots of herbs sitting in sunny windows. Each floor has a smoking room. (I was pleased by that, naturally.)

The dining room (a sign on the wall said it was "Blanche's Cafe") is large and airy, a thoroughly pleasant place to eat and relax with people who are your support group and your friends. The tables and chairs, I was told, were donated by Rocky Rococo.

There is a coin operated laundry, a commodious lounge/rec. room with carpeting and furniture from the Park East Hotel. There is also a game room complete with weights (and a lot of machines I couldn't begin to identify), a pool table, darts and much else.

While residents receive no medical care there, they do receive caring support from the 7-day-a-week, round the clock staff, and from each other. I was warmly impressed with the easy, friendly camaraderie that I saw there; that seemed to be part of the warp and woof of life. It felt good to be with them. They made me feel at home. But then, this was their home and I was the guest.

The residence is located on a quiet, shady street among comfortable little homes. At the end of my tour, I sat with the residents and MAP staff, having coffee, smoking (at least most of us). There was a pot of parsley growing in the window.

I was curious. I asked how the neighbors had reacted to people living with HIV/AIDS in their midst.

It was great, one resident told me. People from across the street and down the way send in plates of fresh-baked cookies and cakes and other food left over from family celebrations. The neighbors wave and say hello, ask how they're doing, that sort of thing.

To qualify for residency, people must be HIV symptomatic or have an AIDS diagnosis, be in need of housing due to financial difficulties, be a permanent Milwaukee county resident and be able to live independently. Resident fees are based on each individual's financial situation.

For further information, call Steve Steinhauer at MAP, (414) 273-1991.

One thing more. There is a need for fans and for potted plants. If you can help out, call Steve Steinhauer at MAP (the number above) to make arrangements for delivery.

Normal Gays/Lesbians: The Danger Of 'Wonder Bread' Homosexuality

By Maytee Aspuro

I was one of the many who proudly marched in Washington. Throughout my four-day stay in D.C., as well as afterwards, I made a point of reading, listening and watching the respective print, radio and video media coverage. Other than the controversy regarding how many Lesbians, Gays, Bi's and our supporters filled the streets, there was one insidious thread of propaganda that slowly became apparent. What was disturbing was that the message was ours in the making and it rose from a segment of the Gay and Lesbian contingency who spoke with sincerity and near-sightedness.

Over and over again, I heard and read quotes of Gays and Lesbians describing themselves as "normal" Gays and Lesbians. The constant statements of normality inferred the belief that Gays are not normal. The distinction raised between normal and abnormal Gays and Lesbians was also inferred to be obvious to anyone of sane mind.

We all know who the abnormal Gays and Lesbians are. They are the drag queens, the leather dykes, the S/M advocates and the topless amazons. They are those who challenge conventional thinking. Conventional thinking being the heterosexual, white, male, christian perspective which has constantly put our country on the edge or over the precipice of oppressive moral footing.

A Wheat Bread Lesbian

A wheat bread Lesbian such as myself (I am Hispanic) was left disconcerted by how quickly I saw photographers and video operators focus on the more flamboyant and those who reside on the margins of what even our community is comfortable with. But that uneasiness stems from the knowledge of the Right's readiness to judge us. My uneasiness was not because I was ashamed of those who are willing to challenge society or because I do not want to be included in the same descriptive breath as they.

When I was growing up, I remember the Wonder bread ads about how wholesome and good it was for me. Every grain of nutrition was bleached out of the flour. It was artificially fortified with vitamins and minerals because all that came naturally was removed. Taking the bread and adding water created a paste good for building everything but a healthy body.

I am convinced that the "mainstream" Gay and Lesbian community is starting to live on a steady diet of Wonder bread. If this continues, there will be little left of our natural grains and that will be a self-imposed destruction that I wish nothing to do with.

I took four rolls of film during the March. I took pictures of women who dressed and looked like me; I took pictures of women who exposed their bodies proudly; I took pictures of men who were beautiful cross dressers; I took pictures of women who claimed I would burn in Hell. I shared these pictures with my best friend's parents. They felt that those who broke convention were hurting our cause. I reminded them that those who broke convention have historically carried the burden for our rights. I will not forsake my heroines and heroes. I will not turn my back on them by distinguishing myself as a "normal" Lesbian.

An April day in Washington, D.C. does not a country change. Nor does it truly

infuse a movement with pride when a Lesbian looks to another Lesbian or when a Gay man looks to another Gay man without mutual respect for a common cause.

Next time anyone of us has the desire to describe themselves as "normal," remember how it felt to discover that you were not like everyone else. Remember how you first whispered the descriptive Gay or Lesbian to yourself. Remember your first, second and continuous coming out process. Remember questioning the security of your job. Remember that all but a few of us can receive partner benefits. Remember the latest of the Supreme Court rulings. Remember what Helms and Robertson say about all of us. Remember and then tell me if you can truly say that such a reality is "normal." Remember and consider if such a life experience leaves you with the same values and perspective as a heterosexual no matter how emphatic they may be.

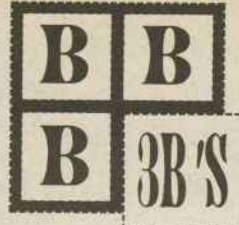
I am a vanilla, middle class, conventionally minded 34 year-old woman. But neither am I nor are my Lesbian and Gay friends "normal." If ever I do become "normal," I pray a friend will have mercy on me and put me out of my misery. I stopped eating Wonder bread when I became aware of its emptiness. I am not about to go back to it now.

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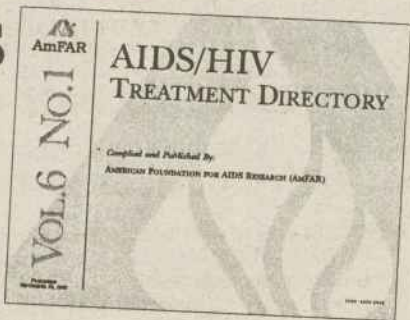
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Passion and Loyalty Conflicts Dominate 'Un Coeur en Hives'

By Woodrow Thalberg

Un Coeur en Hiver [A Heart in Winter] is a new film by French director Claude Sautet. Daniel Auteuil plays a luthier, a maker and repairer of classical string instruments. Andre Dussollier plays his worldly business partner, Maxime. Emmanuelle Beart is Camille, a rising violinist of great talent.

Stephane and Maxime once had a deep personal relationship. Now it is primarily professional and routine. Camille lives with her possessive agent, Regine. The underlying homosexuality of these two relationships gets only passing attention. Stephane states he once loved Maxime and Regine goes on a jealous rage when Camille moves out to live with Maxime. Not long after moving in, she becomes attracted to his mysterious partner who, in turn, becomes her muse.

The acting here is superb. Daniel Auteuil is a human chameleon. It is difficult to believe he is the same actor who played an ugly, evil, land-grabbing peasant opposite Beart in **Manon of the Spring** a few years back. Dussollier, Beart and numerous supporting players are equally fine.

There are many themes at work here, yet the conflicts between passion and personal loyalty seems to dominate in a complex script that would never see the light of day in Hollywood.

For anyone who loves classical music, musicians and the instruments, this is a must-see film. Anyone who dreads

foreign language films where philosophy of art is debated at length should stay a long way away.

Un Coeur en Hiver opens August 6 at the Oriental in Milwaukee.

'SportsDykes' To Celebrate Lesbian Experience

[Annandale, NY]- **SportsDykes** will be a collection of 20 to 25 literary pieces that explore, define and celebrate the Lesbian sports experience. Fiction, nonfiction, essays, personal narratives or interviews are all accepted. No poetry please.

These narratives should explore all aspects of Lesbians at play, both on and off the field. Sport, in this collection, is loosely defined to include any physical activity that involves the body: soccer to karate, football to snowboarding and every activity in between.

Manuscripts should be typed, double-spaced and numbered. 10-15 pages are ideal. Previously published material is fine. Please include a brief biography and an SASE. All submissions should be received by September 1, 1993. **SportsDykes** will be published by St. Martin's Press in 1994.

Send all manuscripts to: Susan Fox Rogers, Box 23, Bard College, Annandale, NY 12504. Any questions? Call (914) 687-4102.

XSIGHT! Performs at Danceworks

[Milwaukee]- Danceworks will present the Milwaukee debut of Chicago's XSIGHT! Performance Group on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11, at 8:00 p.m. The program will include new work created on Milwaukee dancers by XSIGHT! member Brian Jeffery during an August workshop at Danceworks.

Although Jeffery's popular choreography has been presented at UW-Milwaukee during the past several seasons, this will be XSIGHT!'s first company appearance in Milwaukee. XSIGHT! combines the creative forces of Jeffery, Timothy O'Slynn and Mary Ward, internationally celebrated and award-winning artists. Dissolving the barriers between dance, theatre and performance art, XSIGHT!'s work appeals to a wide audience. Call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191 for ticket, reservations and other information.

Madison Kiroga Dance Theatre

[Madison]- Kiroga Theatre, Madison's newest "on the edge" performance art/dance theatre group will present an evening of Dance Theatre premiering new works by Artistic Director Kiro Kopulos. Performances will be on August 27, 28, 29 at 8:30 p.m. at Kanopy Theater, 315 N. Henry Street. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Kiroga's work has been described as "...nonlinear expressionism, of the sort

familiar to observers of Japanese Butoh Theater or the recent German Tanztheater." The performance will be a synthesis of the intersection of the arts, the intersection of breath, voice and movement, the intersection of the old and the new.

Kiroga's ever-changing/evolving cast of performers will include Performance Artist Virginia Rose, Actors Lyn Marie Neuenfeldt and Moira Cue, Dancers Suzanne Baas and Jim Shelton. An original musical score will be composed and performed by Tom Powell, Arthur Durkee and Andrew Rohn. **Accidental Dialogue**, Kiro's latest sketch, will be featured in the concert as well as other new works and old works reworked.

For more information call (608) 255-9862.

Dance Group Seeks New Members

[Milwaukee]- Foothold Dance Performance will be holding auditions for new artistic members on September 8 at 7:00 p.m. at Studio 110, Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E. Knapp Street, in Milwaukee.

Foothold is an umbrella organization for professional independent performing artists interested in collaborating with other artists and in producing their own work. Foothold offers studio space, administrative and production assistance to its membership.

Interested persons should attend the new member audition. Please bring a current resume and a work sample. For more information, call: Tom Thoreson at (414) 278-0717.

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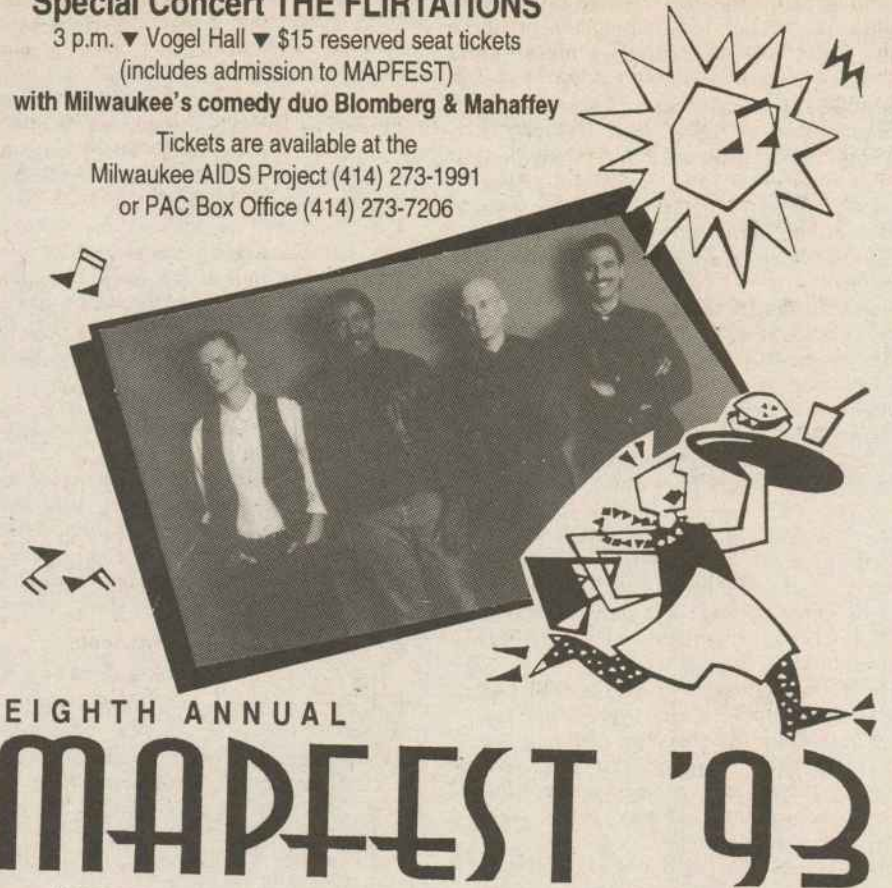
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AfterWords Bookstore to Open Espresso Bar August 6

[Milwaukee]- Everyone at AfterWords, Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay bookstore, would like to express their appreciation for a sensational Grand Opening on July 9th and an equally great first month of operation.

On August 6th, to celebrate the completion of the Espresso Bar and the start-up of the food and beverage service, AfterWords will host a Second Grand Opening.

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Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival Set for Sept. 11

[Duluth, MN]- Aurora: A Northland Lesbian Center, is proud to announce that the Fourth Annual Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11, 1993.

Special performances this year will include Alix Dobkin, Destiny, Farrell Quinn, Three She's to the Wind, Polkestra, Home Made Jam with Roxx, Rosanna Hudgin, Kathy Heltzer and others.

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This year, the camping area has been

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Editor's Note: We urge everyone to give AfterWords their support. We think that the bookstore is a valuable and long-needed resource for our community.

moved further north to three sites that are womyn-owned. Added activities include a camp bonfire following the Festival, saunas, fishing, boating, woodland hikes and a Sunday brunch.

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Tickets for the Festival are on sale through Aurora: A Northland Lesbian Center. Send \$15 per ticket (\$10 for seniors) and a SASE to: Aurora: A Northland Lesbian Center, 8 North 2nd Avenue East, Suite 210, Duluth, MN 55802.

appear "moderate." Witness the abandonment of the HIV-positive Haitians in their Cuban concentration camp. Witness Lani Guinier and the long trail of abandoned women nominees. Witness the months of delay in naming an "AIDS czar," and witness the bureaucrat he named. And witness his first Supreme Court nominee, who refused to hear a Gay sailor's lawsuit against the military.

"I have a vision for America," said candidate Clinton, "and you're part of it." Yeah, the part to provide his margin of victory and then disappear until '96. Bill Clinton lied to us, cheated us and stole our votes.

The Right Stays Focused

And while we've allowed ourselves to be preoccupied by the military, what else has been going on? Well, seven localities in Oregon passed anti-Gay referenda. Oregon and several other states are gearing up petition drives for anti-Gay referenda in 1994. The founder of Colorado for Family Values has taken his bigotry campaign national. And most frightening, in the name of Gay rights, the California Supreme Court has invalidated all of that state's local Gay rights laws. We were too busy playing soldier to notice.

Calling Our Own Shots

It is time to stop pinning our hopes on a national "leader" who sells us out at every opportunity. It is time for us to stop allowing others to set our political agenda. We must return to the grassroots level that was the birth of our movement.

It is appalling that there are only two openly Gay legislators on the Federal level, neither of whom was initially elected as openly Gay. It is ridiculous that here in Wisconsin we expect one open Lesbian to be willing and able to speak for all of us in the Legislature, as admirable of a job as she does. Out of the tens of thousands of elected and appointed government positions, open Queers lay claim to about 160 or them. That is pathetic.

We are arguably the brightest and the best in the nation, and we can't count on anyone else to look out for us. Some 6,265,000 Queer votes were cast for Clinton in November. Those 6.3 million people must use those Queer votes to elect our own to positions of power. Why are we delaying? Are we afraid the majority will take away our civil rights if we stand up to them? Are we afraid they will stand idly by as we die? Are we afraid they will attack us, kill us? That's what they're doing now! We literally have nothing to lose. Get angry. Get results. Don't get conned again.

OBITUARIES

Arlyn Jeffrey Kampen



Arlyn Kampen poses with one of his "Big Cool" 1991 Winterfest ice sculptures.

Award-Winning Snow and Ice Sculptor

[Milwaukee]- Well-known local artist and award-winning snow and ice sculptor Arlyn J. Kampen died on July 21, 1993 from complications due to AIDS. He was 46 years-old. In recent years, Arlyn's life-sized snow sculptures were a popular attraction at Milwaukee's WinterFest and delighted thousands of people who attended the annual event.

In January, 1993, Arlyn captained a three-man snow sculpting team which went on to win The 1993 United States National Snow Sculpting Competition in Anchorage, Alaska. He designed the winning sculpture "Equine Spirit" which qualified the team to represent the U.S. at The Olympic Arts Festival to be held in conjunction with The 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillhammer, Norway.

In addition to his success in Alaska, Arlyn won numerous snow and ice sculpting competitions held in Ontario; and The 1991 United States National Snow Sculpting Competition held in Milwaukee. In 1988, he designed and decorated the "Worlds Largest Wedding

Cake" made from snow. Arlyn worked as a professional ice carver with Home Town Ice, Inc.

Born near Melrose, Wisconsin, Arlyn graduated from Black River Falls High School and honorably served in the U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969. He later studied art at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design.

Arlyn was very active throughout the community, with strong connections to Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian recovering fellowships, serving a term on the Galano Club Board of Directors. Arlyn enjoyed theatre and was a cast member for several years with The Fest City Singers, including service on that group's Board of Directors as well.

Arlyn is survived by his mother, Dolores; siblings Michael and Vicky; team members, Bill Hackbarth and Paul Hess; and countless friends and "family" whose lives he brightened.

A "Celebration of Life" honoring Arlyn will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31 at The Villa Terrace, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue on Milwaukee's East Side.

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The Long Anticipated Recognition Of Gay Genes Won't Stop Prejudice

Commentary By Tim Campbell

In the July 26 issue of *Time Magazine*, science writer and opera critic William A. Henry III, declares that "To Gays themselves, homosexuality is neither a choice nor a disease, but an identity, deeply felt for as far back as their memory can reach. To them, it is not just behavior, not merely what they do in lovemaking, but who they are as people, pervading every moment of their perception, every aspect of their character."

Henry's statement is certainly true for me and for many Gays, particularly for those of us who accepted our Gayness relatively early in life and found a Gay community in some large city where we made our homes.

That statement is, however, probably not true for those Gays who did not accept their Gayness and who did not find a big city Gay community to call home. Some thirty years experience as an openly Gay man in both rural and urban settings convince me that most Gay men fall in this latter category. Their sense of Gay identity is ambivalent to say the least.

Henry's statement raises this important question however: Will the majority of those who engage regularly in homosexual behavior suddenly come to see homosexuality as an identity now that science has associated it with some chromosomes? I doubt it. Science has little effect on people's systems of avoidance and denial. No, Gays without a sense of Gay identity are more likely to claim that "screamers" have Gay chromosomes but that they themselves don't. They may even insist louder than ever before that they are "just like everybody else" in everything but their sexual behavior.

Whatever happens on that score, it's worth noting that it didn't take genetic scientists to figure out that at least some Gays have unique genes. Many American families sense special characteristics (read "genes") early in a Gay child's life. Cross-cultural studies in human behavior note that almost all social groups perceive the distinct characteristics (read "genes") of Gay members and develop a way for dealing with that variation in makeup.

The problem in contemporary American culture vis a vis Gays is not a lack of science, but a deeply entrenched fear of sex. Americans can't deal with homosexuality — that's precisely why they dump on homosexuality.

Sex Doesn't Start with Marriage

Perhaps the clearest sign of fear of

Colorado Boycott Must Continue Until Amendment 2 Is Overturned

Commentary By Duncan Osborne

On July 19, the Colorado Supreme Court upheld a preliminary injunction that prevents Amendment 2 from becoming law in that state. The majority, voting 6-1, issued an opinion that was heartening for those of us who have been battling Amendment 2 since it was passed last November 3. Its language seemed to say that Amendment 2 would inevitably be found unconstitutional and dispatched to the history books as one more sad footnote on anti-Gay prejudice. There can be only one response to such a welcome development. Boycott Colorado!

Since January 15 when Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless issued the preliminary injunction, a piece of paper has stood between Colorado's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and the prejudice that this unjust law will sanction. Now that Colorado's Supreme Court has upheld that injunction, that same piece of paper remains the only line of defense against Amendment 2. Those who championed this measure will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on this recent decision. The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community has never won justice in that court.

The repudiation of Amendment 2 was, for many, an intoxicating experience. To remedy that, read the opinion of Colorado Supreme Court Justice William Erickson who voted in the minority.

Judge Bayless enjoined Amendment 2 because it infringed on a fundamental right "not to have the state endorse and give effect to private biases" respecting "an identifiable class." In fact, Justice Erickson says, the U.S. Supreme Court specifically refused to recognize homosexuals as a class in the most offensive 1986 case, "Bowers v. Hardwick."

The Colorado majority concluded that Amendment 2 infringed on another

heterosexual sex in our culture is the absence of any form of sexual initiation rites. While marriage ceremonies may have served this function at one time, young people now-a-days generally become more sexually active at least a decade before they start thinking about marrying. Nevertheless, we continue to pretend in many ways that sex starts with marriage.

Another important sign of Americans' fear of homosexual sex is the difficulty most parents and teachers find in talking to youngsters about sex. President Clinton's "Don't ask, don't tell!" formula was not generated in a vacuum, it is a succinct statement of the American attitude toward sex — we'd rather not talk about it. That's sad indeed.

The fear of sex reaches neurotic proportions in institutions like the American Roman Catholic Church and the U.S. Army which pretend that all sexual issues have been eliminated once the two predominate sexes have been segregated and an injunction against homosexuality has been solemnly promulgated. Are these people vicious or just simple? Why do we continue to put young people under their authority? That's preposterous.

A Heterosexual Crisis

As a nation, we shake our heads like Humpty-Dumpties when pregnancies happen at 10 and 11, when teen-agers go out on sexual wildings, when rape and domestic violence statistics soar off the charts, when young girls don't bother to get married or set up a household before getting pregnant and when a third of marriages end in divorce.

Unfortunately, all these heterosexual tragedies, which add up to a heterosexual crisis, are due, at least in part, to our reluctance to talk about sex. But the bottom line is a heterosexual crisis is happening here because Americans fail to deal realistically with the heterosexual needs of the majority.

In such a context, the long anticipated recognition of Gay genes by scientists will have little effect on anti-Gay prejudice. Frustrated heterosexuals as well as shame-based homosexuals will hold onto anti-Gay prejudice as long as they are miserable themselves. That's inevitable.

Ultimately, the best way to bring about acceptance of homosexuality is through acceptance of heterosexuality. We need to take the focus off the cause of homosexuality for a while and put it on finding a "final solution" to heterosexual problems. Only then will Gay tolerance increase significantly.

fundamental right — "the right to participate equally in the political process." Justice Erickson says that no court in America has recognized this right. According to Justice Erickson, the Colorado High Court majority has created "new fundamental rights based on selective language from prior Supreme Court decisions."

I do not know how Justice Erickson feels about Amendment 2, but he raises some compelling technical issues. I do know that before July 19, many of us who opposed Amendment 2 felt that the Colorado Supreme Court would lift the injunction because to do otherwise would be to create new law that would not pass muster in higher courts: The Colorado Supreme Court left the injunction in place and Justice Erickson says they did it by writing new law. I fear he will prove to be entirely right.

We must boycott Colorado! We must not place our faith in a federal court system that has never delivered justice to Gay men, Bisexuals and Lesbians. That is where our opponents will take this case and they have certainly learned from their defeat. Try this vile law at the ballot box! Force voters in Colorado to put this initiative on the ballot and defeat it.

Editor's Note: Duncan Osborne is a member of New York! Boycott Colorado, a direct action group that is working for the repeal of Amendment 2.

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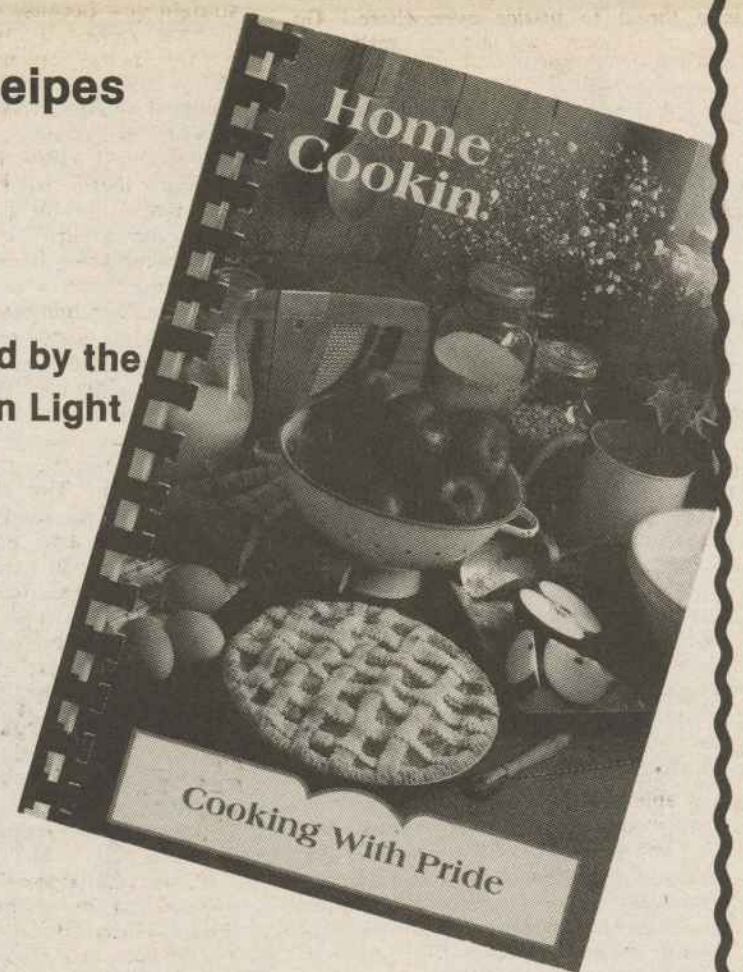


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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

More Quotes Of A Considerably Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

I've got a bevy of queer quotes to share — some fresh, some that have been moldering away on my desk for months. Enjoy!

A CNN reporter recently asked Supermodel RuPaul how s/he wanted to be addressed. The fun-loving RuPaul said: "Baby, you can call me he, you can call me she. You can call me Regis or Kathi Lee."

A letter to San Francisco's Bay Area Reporter answered a similar question this way: "You can call me queer, Gay, Lesbian, fag, homo, dyke, sissy, bulldagger or pansy — just never call me straight!"

k.d. lang in her much touted Vanity Fair interview: "When I was five... I was playing with two little boys, and they said they were going home to their wives. I said I was going home to my wife, too. They said, 'You can't have a wife!' I said, 'Yes, I can.' I remember that really clearly. My earliest memories are of being attracted to women."

k.d. thinks many different elements may contribute to making people Gay. As for herself, "I don't know why I'm Gay. I find women more enticing, both emotionally and sexually." Sounds right to me...

"I really pride myself on being 100 percent woman, but with this great luxury of pulling from both sides equally," says k.d. "I hesitate to use the word 'androgynous,' because it's overused and misunderstood, but androgyny to me is making your sexuality available, through your art, to everyone. Like Elvis, like Mick Jagger, like Annie Lennox or Marlene Dietrich — using the power of both male and female."

Coretta Scott King rallied to our side demanding an end to the Pentagon ban at a dramatic press conference at her husband's graveside: "I strongly believe that freedom and justice cannot be parceled out in pieces to suit political convenience, as my husband, Martin Luther King Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' On another occasion he said, '...Justice is indivisible.'"

"Like Martin, I don't believe that you can stand for freedom for one group of people and deny it to others... I might also add that many Lesbians and Gays supported the African American freedom struggle, and I am not going to turn my back on their movement for freedom and dignity." Thanks, Mrs. King!

"I've been called a nigger, I've been called a faggot. And I can tell you the difference in one word: None." That cogent comment was by Phill Wilson of the Gay and Lesbian Black Leadership Forum.

At the recent Steering Committee meeting in Milwaukee, Dyke activist Pat Norman, co-chair of Stonewall 25 which is organizing next June's International March on the United Nations to Affirm the Human Rights of Lesbian and Gay People, patiently explained:

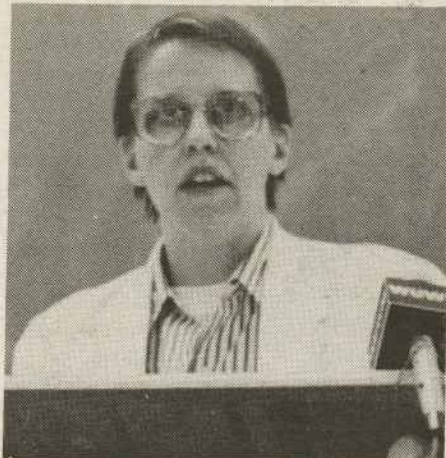
"When we stand up and say we are a global movement, we must be there to work out the racism and classism and sexism that continue to oppress us. That's what the global movement in many ways involves. Our consciousness needs to expand to include that. There is no acceptable oppression at all."

(A few white boys at the meeting just didn't get it and could be heard crying "Reverse discrimination!") at the committee's requirements that 50% of regional delegates be women and at least 25% be people of color.)

Nicole Ramirez Murray, another Stonewall 25 co-chair, spoke passionately about ensuring that the drag and transgender communities are given their proper place in the Stonewall 25 celebration:

"I stand before you today in my best red, six inch 'come fuck me' pumps to remind you that our 'homosexual Boston Tea Party' was made up of drag queen prostitutes, street hustlers, welfare recipients and some very badass bull dykes. Yes, those people that in many people's minds then and today are considered the low side of our community. But I stand here today to remind you that these people were our movement's true revolutionary heroes and they must, they will be remembered!"

Last February, 100 Gay protesters faced off with a much smaller group of skinheads in Orlando, Florida. When the



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Nazis yelled "Seig Heil!" the queers shot back: "Seek help!"

The Simpsons creator Matt Groening told the New York Times he is often asked about his "Life in Hell" cartoon characters Akbar and Jeff. "People always ask, 'Are they lovers or brothers or both?' And I always say, 'Whatever offends you the most.'"

"Sommersby is so close to me in so many ways," said Jodie Foster, baring her soul perhaps more than she realized in Premiere.

"In a time where women couldn't even sign their names to property, and where a woman had to say, 'Well, I guess this is the best that I can hope for,' she found authenticity in a lie. She made a lie in order to protect her authenticity. This is a way for an unconventional woman in an extremely conventional time to be an authentic person — which, I think, is really extraordinary. Another way of surviving intact."

Like Jodie, Orlando writer/director Sally Potter is also keeping mum about her sexuality. When Gay critic Steve Warren asked her point blank if she's a Lesbian, Potter had this wonderfully enigmatic response: "My sexuality is as complex as Orlando's." Uh-huh.

Meanwhile, tough talking rapper Ice-T is becoming Gay-friendly. He told People: "As far as Gay people go... I'm not getting anything out of disrespecting them. That's their way of life. I really got no problem with it. I'm straight and that's it. I don't even like using the word straight now because that insinuates that they are crooked, you know?"

"You gotta remember," said Ice-T, "when you're coming from the ghetto, manhood is at a premium; that's just survival standards. The tough guy survives, so you're taught to prey on anything that's weaker. So you can't expect a lot of these hip-hop kids who have grown up in the projects to understand being Gay. What happened to me is that I had to grow up and learn to travel and see life, but when you're living in the 'hood, you don't see shit."

QUEER QUOTES HALL OF FAME: Teresinha Gomes is a cross-dressing Portuguese woman who married another woman and who lived for 17 years disguised as the distinguished war veteran Gen. Tito Anibal de Paixao Gomes. Her true sex was only discovered when she was arrested for failing to pay back some loans. Given a suspended sentence, Gomes, dressed in a double-breasted suit and tie, offered this classic queer quote while leaving the courtroom: "Clothes don't make the man."

Philadelphia To Host Softball World Series

[Pittsburgh, PA]- The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association (NAGAAA) 1993 Softball World Series will be held in Philadelphia from August 17 to August 21. The principal national sponsor is Miller Lite Beer. Quibell Water is a national co-sponsor.

Opening ceremonies will be held on Monday, August 16 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art's Eakins Oval with Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell as the featured speaker. According to Nancy Pribich, NAGAAA Publicity Chair, Philadelphia officials estimate that the impact on the city's economy will be in excess of \$2.5 million.

An important part of the Series is fundraising for AIDS. This year part of the AID Names Project Quilt will be on display and will benefit from various fundraising activities.

The NAGAAA Variety Show will benefit MANNA, an organization that provides daily meals to AIDS patients.

For further information, contact Nancy Pribich at (412) 362-1247.

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not drug abuse itself. "Policy and funding become the issue" in the fight for effective health care programs, especially those meant to serve minority communities, she said.

In fact, she warned, poorly designed and implemented programs can be more devastating to the African-American community than doing nothing.

Doug Johnson, of STD Specialties Clinic, said that addiction was the paramount problem for drug users. "Until we get that solved, we can't do anything about the AIDS issue."

Although the city of Milwaukee has no official position on a needle exchange, Paul W. Nannis, city health commissioner, said the city was interested in MAP's proposal both as a way to cut down the transmission of HIV and to keep needles out of the garbage, where they could injure or infect city sanitation workers.

No one at the meeting questioned the urgency of the problem of drug abuse and HIV transmission. State Division of Health figures estimate that about 9,000 people in the Milwaukee area are infected with HIV.

Nelson said MAP's street outreach workers have estimated that Milwaukee has 5,000 active injection drug users and 100 drug houses.

These outreach workers also learned that half of these drug users share

needles regularly, and of these, half do not disinfect their needles with bleach, although the outreach workers distribute bleach to drug users. Slightly more than half these drug users also do not use condoms during sex.

This research, Nelson said, uncovered "exceptionally high risk behavior that is occurring among injection drug users and their sexual partners."

Although anyone can buy hypodermic needles in Wisconsin, 11 states outlaw their sale without a prescription in an attempt to discourage illegal drug use. In Wisconsin, some pharmacies use intimidating tactics, such as sign-in books, to discourage hypodermic purchase.

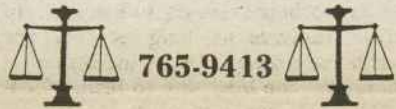
Still, 33 American cities have begun needle exchanges, and Nelson cited research to show that these programs are effective, do not increase drug use, help get addicts into treatment programs and benefit neighborhoods by keeping used needles out of litter or the gutter.

These programs, however, remain controversial. Federal funds cannot be spent on needle exchange programs, and in some cities, AIDS activists have begun illegal needle exchanges. Only half the known programs are legally sanctioned.

In New York, an experimental program was shut down because African-American leaders there thought the program did not seem to change addicts' behavior and was a "sop" being offered in place of stronger drug treatment programs.

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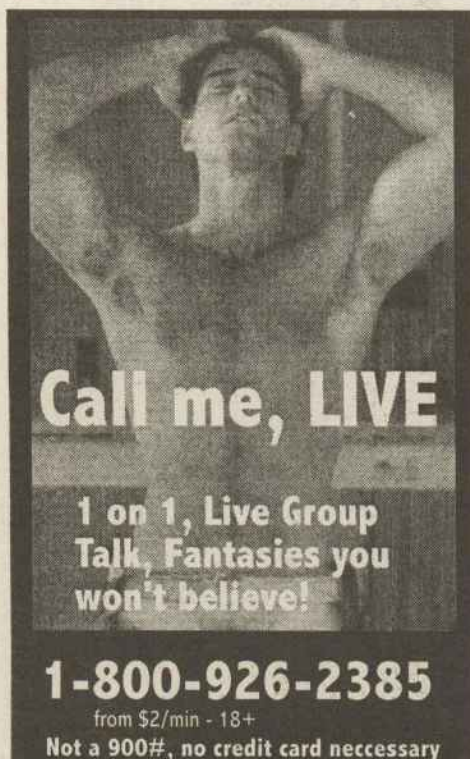
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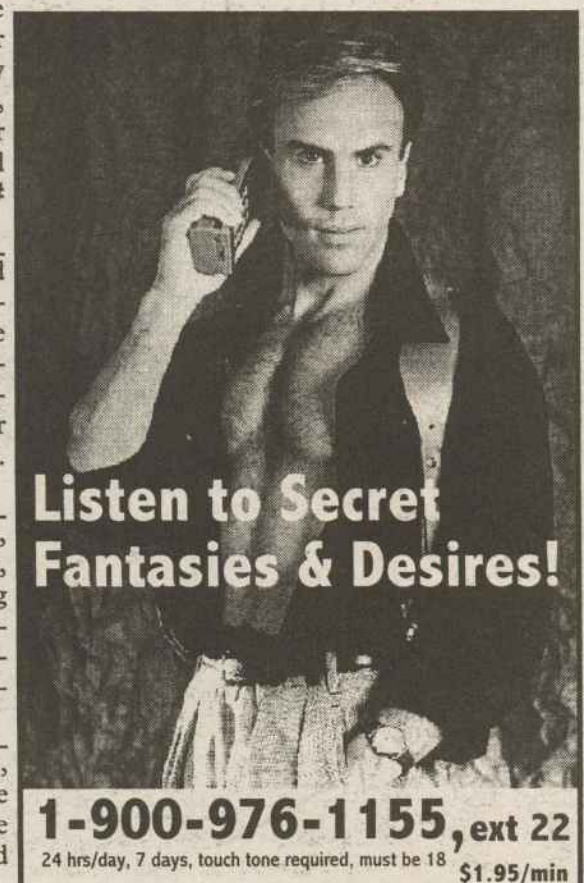
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'Transgender Journal' To Explore Little Understood Community

By Samantha

My name is Samantha and I am a transsexual. I have been invited by the editor of *Wisconsin Light* to write some articles about the TS community. While I cannot speak for everyone who is transsexual, I hope to give you an accurate depiction of my own experience and that of my friends.

Let me first say that, although the Gay community and the transsexual community share the same difficulties with so-called "straight society," transsexuals differ in that we feel ourselves afflicted by our own bodies: we suffer from a disorder that can be ameliorated only through counseling, hormone therapy and surgery. Even if through some miracle, we were to gain universal approval, we would still suffer anguish until our physical gender was altered to match our inner selves.

I hope I can make it clear to *Wisconsin Light* readers that transsexuals are not weirdos, not merely fodder for *Geraldo* watchers, although few people encounter us except through tabloid television.

We don't skulk around wearing bouffant hairdos, waiting to pounce out of a dark corner in Gay bars upon unsuspecting victims. We are quiet, sensitive people who want to live our lives in peace with our neighbors. The last thing we want is to draw attention to ourselves.

The dilemma for transsexuals is that we must choose between being perpetually miserable or accepting treatment requiring us to come out of the closet in an obvious manner which exposes us to ridicule, employment discrimination, and even bodily harm.

And so, in order to avoid the blatant

cruelty misinformed people in this country level toward those whom they perceive as deviant, we transsexuals hide in the gender roles expected of us. I know of no transsexual who has not fought long and hard to adjust to the body in which he or she was born. We try to conform, not just to avoid public censure, but to spare our families confusion and pain.

The inevitable result of such conformity is deep mental agony, leading to all kinds of self-destructive behavior. Our choice, then, to shift our sexual identities is a matter of survival and not merely a question of preference.

Transsexuals who opt for treatment of their condition face a whole new set of problems beside the interpersonal ones I have just outlined. At present, no insurance company or government agency provides for the overwhelming expense of therapy.

Although medical evidence clearly indicates the life-saving necessity of hormone and surgical treatment, insurers regard sexual reassignment as either experimental or solely cosmetic. I think they refuse to cover transsexual therapy because it is unprofitable to do so. The government offers us no help, perhaps because we are a very small and quiet minority.

In future articles, I will present in more depth some of the legal and financial difficulties transsexuals must overcome in pursuit of gender reassignment, as well as further delineating more personal issues. I welcome your comments and will try to answer any questions you may have.

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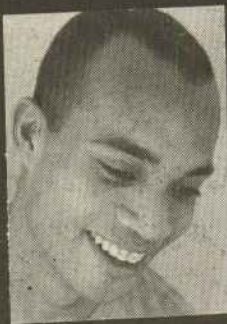
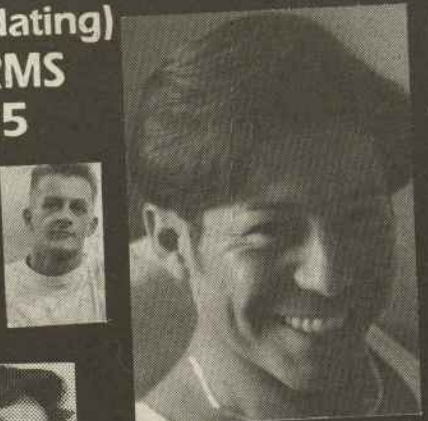
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Milwaukee's Ben-Shalom Arrested at White House Military Protest

COMPROMISE

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scathing sound bits denouncing the "betrayal;" spasms of uncoordinated anger in the streets in scattered locations across the country, none of which garnered serious notice by the media or national public attention; and the obligatory civil disobedience in front of the White House.

On Friday, July 30, a demonstration was held in front of the White House, organized by the Campaign for Military Service (CMS). The news release handed out by the National Organization for Women (NOW), a member of CMS, said that "approximately 50 demonstrators expected to be arrested," among them Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom. Ben-Shalom, along with David Mixner and NOW's President Patricia Ireland, were in the final count of the 28 placed under arrest.

From this reporter's view, all the arrests by the Park Police seemed carefully rehearsed and strikingly polite. All were released several hours later.

ACT UP counter-protested across the street. Their handout labeled Mixner, a former Clinton advisor, a "Queersling" and a "con man who sold out more than 50,000 Queer lives to get his buddy Bill elected President."

Mixner, ACT UP said, "sugar coated Clinton's 12 year record of death as hundreds of Arkansans died of AIDS while Slick Willie watched and did nothing."

Mixner described his formerly close relationship with the President as "tense." Mixner claimed that CMS had 45 votes lined up in the Senate (to turn back a veto override) "if the President did the right thing."

Mixner placed the blame squarely on the President's shoulders. "My understanding is that the buck stops at the President's desk, that Aspin works for the President. If the President wanted cover, where I've been involved in politics for 34 years, it's real simple. You say, 'Mr. Secretary, this is the result I would like. Thank you.'"

ACT UP would later say that the protest was "obviously organized with the help of the White House." This does not seem credible.

Sources say that earlier, George Stephanopoulos, Presidential Advisor, called Gay leaders to the White House and told them that the criticism of Clinton "must cease" if they expected anything at all from the Administration in the future.

CMS Calling It Quits

On July 29, CMS head Thomas B. Stoddard, announced that CMS would close down operations on August 13.

"We lost this battle," Stoddard said, "but the fight will continue. The Campaign's work over the past six months has helped chip away at the foundation of America's last form of bigotry."

"We waged a vigorous campaign, but by the end we had lost our candidate," Stoddard said.

What the Gay reaction did not include was any contingency or follow-up plan to mobilize the community as a whole in some form of political action. Instead, the national leadership has fallen back on what many of them are trained for — action via lawsuits.

Charging that it violates the most valued principles embodied in the U.S. Constitution, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on July 27 filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the new policy.

The suit, filed in Federal District Court in the District of Columbia on behalf of seven active duty and reserve service members, alleges that the new policy violates the First Amendment and Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution as well as a section of the Unified Code of Military Justice. The suit names Aspin as the defendant and asks the court to find the new policy unconstitutional and to stop the Department of Defense from enforcing its new laws.

Faith In Ginsburg

Many Lesbian and Gay leaders and others are putting their faith in recently confirmed U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. They take comfort in Ginsburg's response to a question from Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) when she said, "Rank discrimination against anyone is against the tradition of the United States and it is to be deplored."

Ginsburg later told the Judiciary

Committee that sexual orientation was a "burning question that most likely will come before the Court" and refused further comment as she has done with other such questions.

The view here is that Lesbians and Gays can certainly view these comments as sympathetic. However, they should not assume that Ginsburg will agree with them on a remedy. One must remember her preference as a litigator for small steps, and her record as a sitting judge constricted by precedent and social acceptance.

She may, Gay leaders here think, end up believing that the Clinton compromise is about as far as things should go for the time being.

The Rand Report

Off on a side stage a battle was festering over the Rand Report, a study on implementing lifting the ban commissioned by the Pentagon from the private think-tank, the Rand Corporation, delivered several weeks earlier.

The report itself has not been made public, but its basic conclusions and recommendations have been circulating since it was delivered. It mirrors a string of reports which viewed positively military service by Gay people. All of them have been ignored. The Rand Report is no exception.

Enter now Patricia Schroeder (D-CO), member of the House Armed Services Committee. She wants the Rand Report released so that members of Congress

can review it before voting on codification of the compromise. According to one source, she has not been successful despite "some really confrontive conversations" with the Pentagon and the White House. "It's clear they don't want it to come out before or during the vote," Schroeder said.

The ACLU has filed a Freedom of Information Act request to force the Pentagon to give up the report. Even if successful, the impact is likely to be minimal.

Most members of Congress will be voting this issue on the basis of conscience or politics and not the merits of the issue. Few are likely to be moved by facts or analysis. The legislation should pass both Houses of Congress as part of the Appropriations Bill.

In The Courts

Ultimately where all this will end up is in the courts. It never really left there anyway, but merely went into the background in January as the spotlight

shifted to Clinton with his announcement that he would lift the ban and to Sam Nunn with his reaction to that announcement.

The very ambiguity of the compromise — the wide discretion permitted commanders in the field — is a return to the pre-1982 policy which the courts then found in need of clarification. That may be the basis upon which the entire ban is eventually lifted by the courts.

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