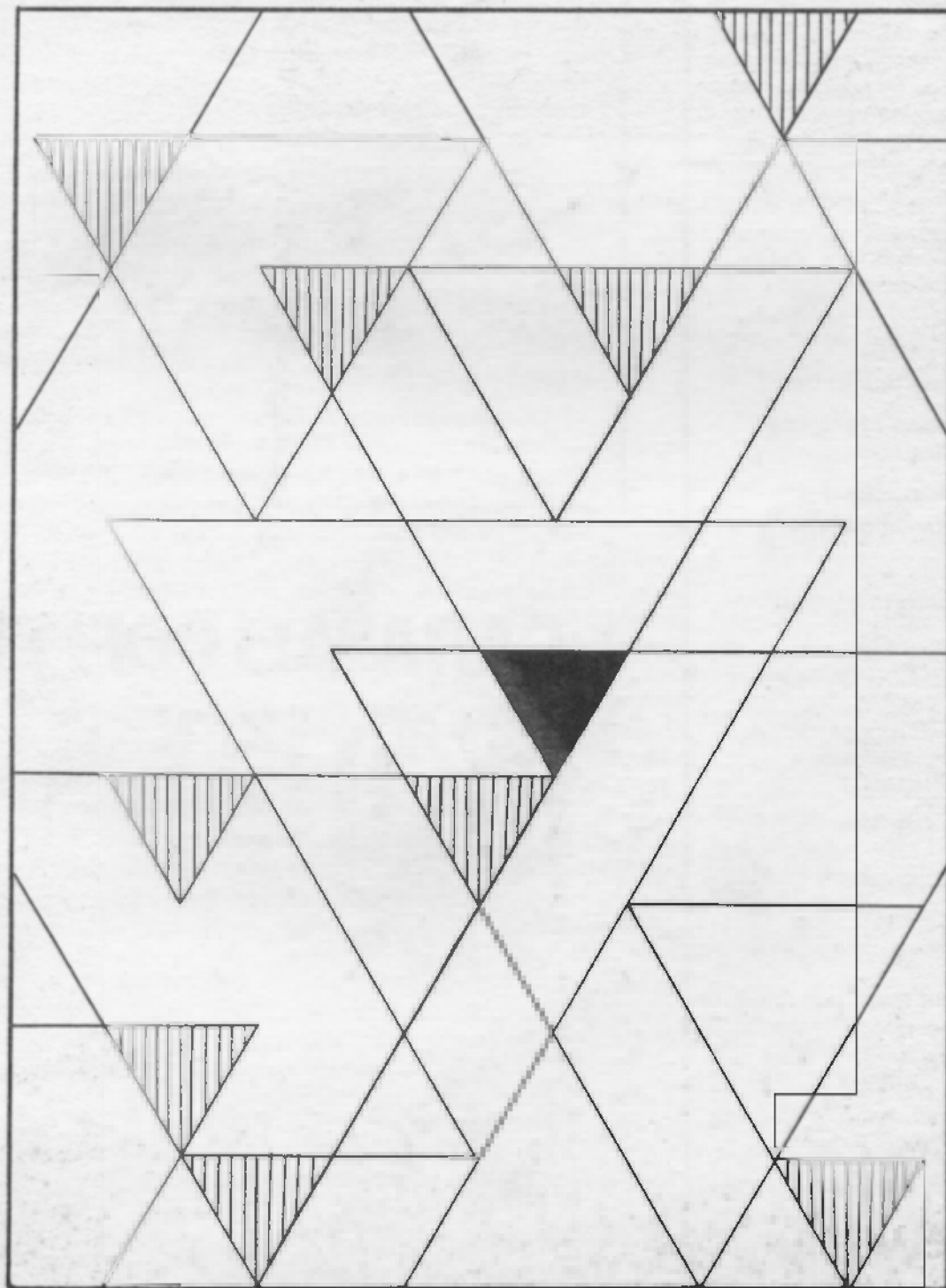


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Congress Ignores Homophobia, Restores Rights

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee in support of civil rights for gay men and lesbians, congratulated Congress for overriding the presidential veto of the Civil Rights Restoration Act.

"Congress is to be commended for keeping faith with the essential values of our country that would guarantee basic civil rights to all citizens," said Victor Basile, Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director.

"We know the tough truth - that we cannot legislate away all discrimination against women, against the disabled, against people of color, against the aging. But the Civil Rights Restoration Act does place legal limits on discrimination within our public institutions," said Basile.

Defeat of President Reagan's veto brought with it defeat of homophobic arguments used to fight the override. A mailing from the Rev Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority claimed the Act would jeopardize "religious freedom and traditional moral values" by forcing churches "to hire a practicing active homosexual drug addict with AIDS to be a teacher or youth pastor, etc."

The irony is that sexual orientation is not a protected category in the Civil Rights Restoration Act. Leaders in the civil rights movement for gay men and lesbians are lobbying hard to extend anti-discrimination protections to members of their community, thus far without success.

"Falwell and his 'Majority' clearly used the Civil Rights Restoration Act as another opportunity for gay-busking and for advancing their private agenda without comprehending the real nature of the legislation," said Basile.

Televangelist Jerry Falwell's attack on the Civil Rights Restoration Act was not only false. Worse than his distortion of truth was Falwell's appeal to hate, fear and ignorance.

"Jerry Falwell got caught with his pants down. He lied and the whole world knows it," said Basile.

Gay Organization Now Ninth Largest Independent PAC

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund is now the ninth largest independent PAC (political action committee) in the US, and the 24th largest overall. There are currently 957 independent PACs and 4,165 total.

"These impressive rankings prove that lesbian and gay political influence continues to surge," said a spokesperson for the Campaign Fund.

With more than 20,000 active donors and more than \$1 million in funds raised in 1987, the Campaign Fund ranks with such powerful rival independent PACs as the National Congressional Club (pro-Helms), the National Conservative PAC, and the Fund for America's Future (pro-Bush), all in the top ten.

Helms' AIDS Amendment Defeated

WASHINGTON, DC - Senator Jesse Helms was shunned by his colleagues in the Senate when an AIDS-related amendment he offered to a labor bill was voted down. The occasion was consideration of S. 79, the High-Risk Notification Act, requiring employers to be notified if they are at high risk for occupational disease.

Last year, the House of Representatives passed this legislation, including language that redesignated all health care workers as at risk for HIV infection.

The Senate voted 45-33 to table similar language when it was offered by Senator Helms. This is the first time the Senate has tabled a Helms amendment on AIDS since rejection of marriage license testing in May, 1987.

"We applaud Congress for keeping faith with sound public health policy on AIDS," said Carlton Lee, Congressional Liaison for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "We are making progress in raising the consciousness level of Congress on AIDS issues. Members should draw on the same wisdom when they consider S.1220, the 'AIDS Research, Education and Care Act.'"

Senate Approves \$1 Billion Plan to Combat AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC - On April 29th, the US Senate, by a vote of 87-4 approved an education, treatment, and research program of \$1 billion to combat AIDS.

The bill, submitted by Sen Kennedy, allocates \$590 million for AIDS education, treatment and care. An additional \$400 million is to be spent for accelerated research, especially on vaccine related work. The measure now goes before the House and is expected to pass with little opposition. President Reagan has indicated his willingness to sign it into law.

A leading opponent to the appropriations bill was Sen Jesse Helms, a conservative Republican from North Carolina, who objected on the grounds that Federal monies should not be used in such a way as to seem to promote, "directly or indirectly" homosexual sexual activity.

Civil Rights March Should Include Gays

WASHINGTON, DC - In a joint letter to Cosmo Scout King and Rev Joseph B Lowery, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays called for the inclusion of lesbian and gay civil rights in an upcoming national march being planned by the civil rights community. The Martin Luther King Jr Center for Non-violent Social Change has issued a call for a National Mobilization Rally on Washington on August 27, 1988 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic march led by Dr King in 1963.

The NCBLG and NGLTF letter expressed the organizations' support for the demonstration and urged "that the March be inclusive of all minorities - including the ten percent of the nation's population that is lesbian and gay. The call for the March must recognize the need for broadening civil rights protections to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Group Pledges \$8 Million Against AIDS

NEW YORK - In what even philanthropy officials acknowledge is a delayed response to the AIDS epidemic, the Ford Foundation announced a major effort to finance care for people with AIDS and to assist their families.

Other philanthropies and corporate donors are joining the foundations in setting up the National Community AIDS Partnership, which will channel funds to hundreds of local organizations around the country, many of which are struggling with fragile financing to provide housing, day care, counseling and other services.

The partnership will also finance preventive education to curb the disease's spread.

Initially, the Ford Foundation will contribute \$2 million to the partnership. Much smaller sums at the outset are coming from philanthropies in the national partnership: the Kaiser Family Foundation, \$200,000; the Rockefeller Foundation and Gannett Foundations, \$100,000 each; and the Xerox Foundation and the Aetna Life and Casualty Foundations, \$50,000 each annually for two years.

However, the partnership seems assured of at least \$8 million as it begins, as community foundations in nine regions have agreed to raise \$100,000 to \$500,000 and match the sum coming from the national partners. More community foundations will join later this year, extending work to additional regions.

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Results of NGLTF Political Survey

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has conducted the first large-scale survey of the Presidential preference of gay and lesbian voters. Of 9,700 surveys which were mailed out, 2,347 (24%) were completed and returned.

Those who responded were in favor of Jesse Jackson by a substantial margin - 36%, as compared to Dukakis with 22%, Simon, 12%, and all other candidates (Democratic and Republican) only 5% or less.

"Jackson's strong support among our members reflects his outspoken and visible identification with the gay/lesbian community's agenda," observed NGLTF Executive Director, Jeff Levi. "Dukakis' relatively strong showing probably results from a good AIDS policy and general support for anti-discrimination policies - despite a controversial Massachusetts foster care policy which disfavors gay/lesbian parents."

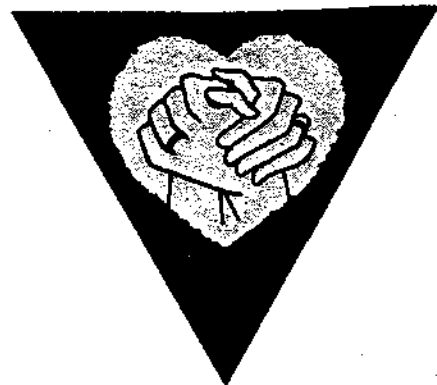
The survey also asked respondents to rate selected gay/lesbian issues. The ten issues which ranked as of most concern were:

Gay/Lesbian Issues, 1988	
1) Federal gay/lesbian rights laws	25%
2) Funding for AIDS research	20%
3) Extension of family benefits for gay/lesbian family units	12%
4) Federal medical insurance for uninsured people with AIDS	9%
5) Funding for AIDS education	7.3%
6) More government appointments of openly gay/lesbian people	7%
7) Federal action against anti-gay/lesbian violence	6%
8) Anti-AIDS discrimination laws	5.9%
9) Executive order banning discrimination	4.5%
10) Revision of immigration exclusion of gay men/lesbians	3%



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Couples, Inc Adopts New Logo

LOS ANGELES, CA - Couples Inc, the National Organization for Family Diversity, has adopted a logo to represent them as a couples' rights group. The new logo was designed by Deborah Hanan, a graphic artist and calligrapher in West Hollywood, California, and the individual responsible for the development of the poster used in The Wedding at the October March on Washington.

The new logo for Couples Inc includes two intertwined hands both wearing wedding bands representing a committed relationship. The hands are superimposed on a lavender heart symbolizing love and in keeping with the group's slogan, "Love makes a family. Nothing else, nothing less." The heart is completely surrounded by a pink triangle, the Nazi symbol for homosexuals in the concentration camps during World War II. The triangle is used to show that today gay and lesbian families are surrounded by the repression and homophobia of society.

Couples Inc is a single issue political advocacy organization believing that same-sex couples and other gay and lesbian families should be entitled to the same rights and privileges as married heterosexual couples. To reach Couples Inc, write PO Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or call (213) 550-7549.

House Members Raise Opposition to Inclusion of Sexual Orientation in Hate Crimes Bill

WASHINGTON, DC - On April 20, 1988, Rep George Gekas (R-PA) and four Republican members of Congress filed a minority report to the House Judiciary Committee's report on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act (HR. 3193) urging that sexual orientation be removed from the bill.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act would mandate the collection of statistics on crimes that are motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation and ethnicity. The House Judiciary Committee voted 21-13 to support the bill and report it to the House for action.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force expects the bill to reach the House floor in late May. NGLTF and a coalition of 53 religious, feminist, professional and civil liberties groups have secured 109 co-sponsors in the House. A companion bill in the Senate (S. 2000) has 6 co-sponsors to date.

Rep Gekas has led two previous attempts to remove sexual orientation from the legislation while it was in committee. Both attempts failed. The filing of the minority report assures that another attempt to delete the provisions will be made during floor consideration of the bill. The other signers of the minority report are: Rep Bill McCollum (R-FL), William Dannemeyer (R-CA), Howard Coble (R-NC), and Lamar Smith (R-TX).

The Gekas minority asserts that "It is not a federal obligation to protect citizens in their sexual orientation." Despite a recent Department of Justice study which found gay people to be the most frequent victims of hate violence today, the Gekas report disputes the prevalence of anti-gay violence.

NCBLG Headquarters Moved to Detroit

WASHINGTON, DC - The Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays has announced the relocation of its national headquarters from Washington DC to Detroit MI, effective May 16, 1988.

NCBLG is this country's only national Black gay and lesbian organization and has been in existence for ten years. Through local chapters established nationwide, NCBLG provides an active support system for Black lesbians and gays, and works with other organizations to combat homophobia, racism sexism, and other forms of oppression. In addition, NCBLG is dedicated to the implementation of programs designed to address issues of special interest to Black lesbians and gays, and to the education of the Black community at large about gay and lesbian concerns and realities.

NCBLG's new office will be located at 19641 West Steven Mile, Detroit MI 48219.

Grassroots Efforts Strengthened by Merger

WASHINGTON, DC - The Fairness Fund, a two-year old gay/lesbian grassroots mobilization group, has merged into the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee working to secure full human rights for gays and lesbians and responsible federal policies to fight AIDS.

"By joining forces with the extraordinarily successful Campaign Fund, we give added visibility, clout and resources to our important grassroots initiative," said the Rev Troy Perry, Co-Chair of the Fairness Fund's National Mailgram Campaign and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC).

Fairness Fund constituent mobilization, in the form of thousands of letters, mailgrams and calls, will in turn dramatically enhance the Campaign Fund's lobbying on Capitol Hill and improve chances of making legislative gains on AIDS and fairness issues.

Although the Campaign Fund has "smart, articulate lobbyists and generous donors," according to Executive Director Vicotr Basile, it is the grassroots support that ultimately sways legislators. The Fairness Fund has a "proxy system" through which its subscribers can dial an 800 telephone number to have an authorized mailgram sent to a legislator when constituent pressure is needed.

Contact the Fairness Fund in writing, PO Box 1723, Washington DC 20013, or telephone (202) 347-0826.

The combined efforts of the Fairness Fund and the Human Rights Campaign Fund guarantee strong gay and lesbian representation in national legislative matters.

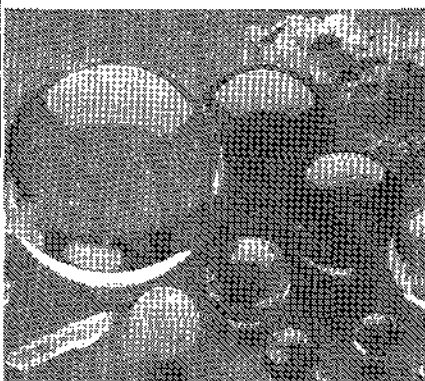
No March - No Money

Gay men and lesbians are encouraged to let the publishers of the country's major news magazines know that their lack of coverage of the March on Washington was disgraceful.

Protests can be registered by gathering the pre-paid subscription postcards found in every issue of *Newsweek*, *Time*, and *US News and World Report*. Each of the cards may be sent anonymously, but across the face of the card, individuals should write the phrase, "No March - No Money" to register their protest. The financial cost to the companies of these cards is about 39¢ each.

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"Couples, Inc" Honors Gay and Lesbian Families

LOS ANGELES, CA - In recognition of the love and commitment represented by lesbian and gay families, Couples, Inc - "the national organization for family diversity" - has designated May 8, 1988 as Parents Day. That Sunday, which is traditionally Mothers Day, will be marked by celebrations in several cities.

"We plan to honor gay fathers and lesbian mothers for the love and care they give their children," said Walter Wheeler, president of Couples. "Same-sex couples make up a large and mostly quiet segment of the lesbian and gay community. While many of these couples are raising children, there are also large numbers of lesbian and gay parents without partners."

13,000 to 21,000 IV-Drug Users Statewide!

MADISON, WI - There may be between 13,000 and 21,000 IV-drug users statewide according to a representative of the state task force on drug abuse.

Although the exact number of IV-drug abusers is not precisely known, the lower number is a Federal estimate, while the upper limit is an estimate of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse.

At a recent HIV Infection Advisory Council, this gave Council member Jay Hatheway cause for concern as he pointed out that we may be sitting on a time bomb if HIV is introduced into this population.

HIV Council members who already work with IV-drug users expressed the same concern, and were quick to point out the need for increased counseling in the areas of HIV transmission among this population. It was pointed out that while drug counselors are not presently prepared to take on the additional responsibility of HIV counseling, they would welcome closer cooperation between all agencies coping with AIDS, HIV and IV-drug abuse.

The Other Credit Card

An agency known as Working Assets is offering a Visa credit card service to those who wish to join the protest against standard Visa cards. In response to actions of the US Olympic Committee against the organizers of the Gay Games (formerly the Gay Olympics), the Working Assets money fund has donated to three gay and lesbian rights organizations.

The three groups, National Gay Rights Advocates, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, each received \$1,000 from the Working Assets corporate fund.

Working Assets, which calls its card "the credit card with a conscience," regularly donates 5¢ of each transaction to non-profit organizations, including Equal Rights Advocates, the National AIDS Network, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Working Assets may be contacted at 230 California St, San Francisco CA 94111.


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STEVEN'S POINT, WI - The Monday Night Dance Club of Steven's Point has changed its name to "MNDC Plus."

At the Club's 4th Anniversary party on April 4, an overwhelming majority of members voted for the new name which not only maintains the recognition the Club already has, but also reflects the fact that MNDC is not "just for Mondays" anymore.

The party was well attended, with free food, door prizes and entertainment by performers Miss Andrea Scott and Miss Tammi Capri.

MNDC PLUS Plans Memorial Day Picnic

STEVENS POINT, WI - On Monday, May 30th, the Monday Night Dance Club Plus of Stevens Point will hold its annual Memorial Day Picnic from noon until 7:00 pm. The party will then move to The Flame. Free tunes, games, food, beer, and pop. Locale to be announced by contacting the MNDCP at PO Box 1016, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

Beginning June 19th the management of the Platwood Club, Stevens Point, begins opening on Sundays at 3:00 pm for the summer. Sunday afternoons will offer you a choice of volleyball, dancing, drinking, and socializing. There is no cover charge.

CCF Directory of Gay/Lesbian Organizations

MILWAUKEE, WI - The Cream City Foundation of Milwaukee is in the process of developing a complete organizational directory for Wisconsin, according to their Public Relations Chair Bob Melig.

The directory would be used at the Foundation Community Center to answer phone calls and assist those who stop in. In addition, it will be circulated only to gay/lesbian organizations for their confidential use.

The CCF asks for your help by doing the following:

- 1) Send current brochures for their referral file.
- 2) If there are no brochures, compile a brief description of your organization, meeting times, dues and whatever particulars are available about the organization.
- 3) Include the CCF on your organization's mailing list.

The Cream City Foundation can be reached at CCF, PO Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0204, or by phone at (414) 276-2204.

PWAs Get A Home In Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, WI - The growing number of AIDS cases in Wisconsin has brought with it a growing need for housing alternatives to accommodate those living with AIDS. In attempts to meet this need, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin purchased a home on the north side of Milwaukee to be used as an independent living center.

Although planners will not make the address public, they are already contacting neighbors about the home.

"We are working with neighbors to get their cooperation," said Susan Dietz, director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. "We have had positive responses" from neighbors, said Dietz. Asked if there had been any negative response, she said, "There is no negative response that I can describe to you." Dietz said the AIDS Resource Center would act only as a landlord for the duplex, providing no medical or support services in the home.

Currently, in Wisconsin, if a person has AIDS and can no longer live on his or her own or needs a place to stay for a short time, the only option is a hospital or hospice facility; both of which are extremely expensive and very impersonal.

"The two-story home, designed to accommodate those who, with a little support, can be fairly independent, offers all the niceties of a peaceful, dignified, beautiful home at a minimal price," according to Dr Karen Lamb, co-chairperson of the board of community advisors of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Purchase of the house was made possible by funding from Milwaukee corporations and labor organizations.

Although the house is scheduled to receive its first clients in May, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is still in need of many things before the independent living center can open its doors. Besides monetary, their needs include furniture, large and small appliances, carpeting and food.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin operates the Milwaukee AIDS Project and will soon open a project in the Racine-Kenosha area.

For more information about the Resource Center, contact the Milwaukee AIDS Project at 414-273-AIDS.

InStep, ARCW and the Milwaukee Journal

Governor Thompson's HIV Council Meets

MADISON, WI - On April 29, the Governor's HIV Infection Advisory Council met for the second time at the Concourse Hotel in Madison.

After preliminary remarks by the Chairperson, Dr Jerome Gunderson, and approval of the minutes of the last Council meeting, committee proceedings began with a morning full of reports from the health professions. Representatives of the medical, dental, nursing home, AODA counselor, and emergency responders fields presented the council with information regarding on-going AIDS and HIV education. The focus of the reports was education and prevention within the respective professions.

The afternoon session consisted of numerous reports dealing with school based and community education programs. Curriculum development, the State Media AIDS Campaign, business and industry training, public employee training, high-risk education, minority education, and special outreach efforts to the homosexual/bisexual population of Wisconsin were the focus of presentations to the council. Discussion was generally limited due to time constraints, and council action was limited to a general endorsement of the on-going activities of each of the represented professions.

The only sign of potential discord came when Craig Parshall delivered a talk on behalf of the Concerned Women of America. Introducing himself as the husband of a "Concerned Woman of America," Mr. Parshall outlined high school curriculum goals which stressed the family, abstinence, and monogamy as messages relevant to AIDS prevention and education. Family values were stressed as a potential vehicle to curbing the spread of AIDS; homosexuality was not discussed, nor were specific education measures directed to gay and lesbian youth.

The Council adjourned after a brief discussion of the day's reports, some recommendations to the health care professionals regarding HIV prevention, and a reminder that the next meeting was scheduled for July, 1988.

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1988 Chicago Gay/Lesbian Pride Week

The 1988 Chicago Gay and Lesbian Pride Week will begin on Friday, June 17 and end on Sunday, June 26 with the 19th Annual Parade and Rally. The theme for the parade, as well as for Pride Week as a whole is "Rightfully Proud." This theme was selected at the International Association of Lesbian/Gay Pride Coordinators Conference held last Fall.

A new logo design, which reflects the theme, will be used on all buttons and posters. Buttons will go on sale in May at community businesses in Chicago. For the third year in a row, the Gay Pride Flag will be displayed in parades from coast to coast, including Chicago. For the fourth year in a row, the parade will be listed as an official city event in the "Neighborhood Festivals" brochure which is published and widely distributed by the City of Chicago Department of Special Events.

For more information, contact the Gay and Lesbian Pride Week Planning Committee, PO Box 14131, Chicago, IL 60614, 312-348-8243.

The United Celebrates 10 Years

MADISON, WI - The United, an agency serving gays and lesbians, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

The group was founded in 1978 to protect Madison's city ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. The United evolved into a broader group "to work toward the establishment of a safe, positive environment for all lesbians and gay men," said Doug Bauder, the organization's new coordinator.

There are 20 volunteers, both male and female, who work in the group's office at 1127 University Ave. More than 1,250 clients used the group's counseling and other services last year.

The United also provides speakers for schools and other groups, and has a library of more than 600 books dealing with gay and lesbian issues.

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Logo for Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride

MILWAUKEE, WI - The logo design for Milwaukee's first Lesbian/Gay Pride celebration has been completed and submitted to the Pride Celebration steering committee for application on T-shirts, banners, and assorted paraphernalia associated with the production of the Pride celebration.

The artwork was conceived and produced by SHAFER DESIGN, a Milwaukee-based graphics and illustration studio which has been proudly serving our Lesbian Gay community since its inception in 1985. Some clients include Meridian Music Distributors, Iceberg Records, Lambda Rights Network, Hurricane Productions, Grapevine, and Cream City Foundation.

Mary Shafer, proprietor and principal designer of Shafer Design, stated that she was pleased to be able to serve the community once again by donating the time, labor, and materials to the Pride committee on this job.

Lionheart to Perform in Madison & Milwaukee

MADISON, WI - Lionheart, a Chicago based gay acting group, will perform in Madison and Milwaukee during May.

Lionheart's purpose is twofold: to provide an opportunity for Chicago area gay playwrights to produce their plays and to raise money for gay service organizations. The Lionheart idea was conceived en-route to the 1979 Gay Rights Parade in Washington. Rick Paul, a professional scene designer from

Chicago was the driving force for getting Lionheart on the road to success. The group has performed in bookstores, parks, schools, theatres, and bars around the country and the world. As of late, Lionheart had been performing on and off around the Chicago area.

While in Madison and Milwaukee the group will perform a series of three one-act plays. The group's repertoire will begin with a play entitled *A Layman's Guide to Safe Sex*. The play was written by Jeff Hagedorn (who also wrote *One*, the first AIDS play in the nation) who is a playwright from Chicago. *Layman's Guide* is a witty and detailed "handbook" on how to make love, not death. Within *Layman's Guide* you will find the do's and don'ts of loving in both straight and gay combinations. A second play, *Dykes Who Date*, portrays a woman in the midst of a life crisis while being interviewed at a video dating service. The play is serious and insightful. Written by Susan Lersch, it manages to address fundamental questions of life and its uncertainties. The final play that Lionheart will perform is entitled *Nobel Intentions*. Written by Lawrence Bommer and Rick Paul, the play manages to address the area of research and AIDS. Are researchers motivated by human "good-will" intentions or are they just out to see who can get the Nobel prize first? Lionheart's stop in Madison and Milwaukee will bring the premier performance of this recently written play.

In Milwaukee, Lionheart will perform on Friday, May 20th at 10pm at The Ball Game, located at 192 S Second St. Donation is \$4.00. The proceeds will benefit the Brady Street Clinic. For more information, contact Bob at 273-2950.

Lionheart will perform in Madison on Saturday, May 21st at 8pm at the Madison Senior Center located at 330 W Mifflin St. Donation is \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit The United - Madison's only lesbian and gay social service agency. Tickets can be picked up at the United office, A Room of One's Own, Four Star Fiction and Video, Orange Tree Imports, and Begonia's Books and Bakery. For more information, contact the United at 255-8582.

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The United Fruit Co and The Tossed Salad Singers rehearse Thursdays 7-9pm, 1001 University Ave, Madison.

MADISON GAY THEATRE PROJECT



Jim Roy and Victoria Thomas
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MADISON, WI - After a slim schedule in 1987, the Madison Gay Theatre Project has this year expanded its productions, is back on its feet, and is ready to go.

According to Artistic Director Darrell Wagner, three productions are slated for the remainder of 1988. First up will be two one-act plays to be presented May 13, 14, 20, and 21 at the Neighborhood House on South Mills Street in Madison. The two plays are Edward Albee's *Zoo Story* and an original work, *Married, Filing Separate*, written by Wagner and Ben Doran, Director of Audience Development for MGTP. Their play, centering on a university student and a "working guy" who is also a drag queen, deals with the former's acceptance of his sexuality and deciding whether to take his lover to a family wedding.

Following the one-acts, next up on MGTP's schedule is Noel Coward's *Design for Living*. Auditions are scheduled for July 21 and 23. Performances - one of which will form part of the Festival of the Lakes - will be September 2, 9, 10, 16, and 17.

The final production of the year is tentatively scheduled to be Jane Chambers' *A Late Snow*. Auditions are to be September 29 and October 1, performances November 11, 12, 18, and 19. The cast will be comprised of eight women and Wagner is still seeking a woman to direct the play. Those interested in directing, as well as in volunteering for MGTP in any capacity, may call Wagner at (608) 271-1352.

MGTP's schedule also leaps into 1989; on February 26, it will sponsor the annual Mr/Miss Gay Madison Pageant, as it has done since 1983.

MGTP was founded in 1982 by Michael Bruno and Wagner, who earned a BA in theatre from UW-Whitewater, with an emphasis on costume design and directing as well as a minor in vocal performance. MGTP soon moved away from stand-up comedy (Bruno's forte) into "regular (gay) theatre," according to Wagner. Early presentations included Robert Patrick's *The Holy Hooker* and *The Nice Girl* at the Isthmus Playhouse, and *Three Plays for a Gay Theatre*, by playwright and novelist Richard Hall, presented at the Marquette Neighborhood Center. Wagner describes these performances as "far from the best we've done," but adds that "they gave us a decent foundation."

Wagner says that the company hopes to do more "mainstream plays" with gay characters or plays which can be given a different perspective on the original script. An example of the latter was MGTP's performance of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, in which MGTP interpreted the text and relationships differently.

A recent audience survey also indicates that potential theatre-goers want to see more specifically gay themes, controversy and works about being gay in the Midwest. Wagner notes that the latter are particularly difficult to find, one reason for which he and Doran wrote their own play.

Wagner says that the company actively solicits scripts and has received many from New York and Chicago. "We try to combine what's being written with what we can do." But problems, such as cast size and prohibitively large royalties, often crop up. And these aren't the only difficulties for Wagner. A scheduled 1987 production of *Gertrude Stein, Gertrude Stein*,



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Gertrude Stein had to be canceled when a hold was put on releasing scripts; the first scheduled production of *A Late Snow* had to be nixed when difficulties ensued with the executrix of Jane Chambers' estate.

Even when plays have made it to the stage, things can go awry - "typical theatre stories," Wagner says laughingly. After unloading the set for *Virginia Woolf* in a -44° windchill factor, MGTP had to cancel two of its three performances when the audience numbered but one person. When the play was finally presented, an actress' knee "gave out," forcing her to remain seated on a sofa for the duration of the performance. On another occasion, a lighting technician fell asleep during a performance and the lights failed to go down at the play's end.

MGTP now has a core of "four or five" regularly participating volunteers. While the number is small, Wagner is nonetheless pleased, not surprisingly for those who know that Wagner himself essentially was the Madison Gay Theatre Project for most of its first four years. Like almost all gay organizations, however, MGTP still seeks new talent and energy.

Like some other Madison theatre companies, MGTP falls outside the mainstream. Rehearsals, Wagner explains, have taken place at such off-beat sites as on railroad tracks, in malls and grocery stores in Milwaukee, and in Madison's Vilas Park Zoo, one of the group's "favorite places." Of "zoo rehearsals," Wagner comments, "We get lots of looks, fun things happen and we get a good reception. Madison is an okay place to do such things."

Partially at the suggestion of others in the Madison theatre community who thought the company "limited itself" by its name, MGTP has adopted a second acronym, AUI, which stands for "Acting Under the Influence." The name has sparked a mixed reaction. While MGTP thought of the name "philosophically, to represent the social structure and relationships we're in, everyone thought it meant we were on drugs," Wagner says. The company now uses AUI in large letters, followed by MGTP in smaller type, trusting that "one name clarifies the other."

Doran, a recent addition to AUI/MGTP, received a BA in Journalism at UW-Whitewater, where he met Wagner. Doran first starred in MGTP's performance of James Kirkwood's *P.S. Your Cat Is Dead*. "To try out was my first challenge and I enjoyed working with a small number of hard-working people," says Doran. Today, his main challenge is "to find our audience and find out what they want to see."

AUI/MGTP has largely "financed itself," though it has received what Doran calls "semi-major" revenue from the Coat Check at Rod's and the New Bar. It recently received a \$100 grant from the New Harvest Foundation to print a brochure for 1988.

The company's most recent "major achievement," according to Wagner, was its performance of *One* at the 1987 Wisconsin Theatre Association Convention in Superior. "It gave us credibility," says Wagner. The group first performed the play, which deals with AIDS, as a benefit for the Madison AIDS Support Network.

"Credibility is necessary, but reaching our audience is the bottom line," adds Doran. This goal is what AUI/MGTP most hopes to achieve in 1988.

THOUGHTS On That Simple Band of Paranoia

Roger Margason

All right, class, here's your homework assignment for tonight: I want you to watch television from the time you get home until the time you go to bed. Forget the programs - just concentrate on the commercials. I want you to mark down the number of men you see wearing wedding rings on these commercials.

I'll caution you in advance: you'll need a big sheet of paper. And a lot of pencils. Why? Because I am willing to wager you a considerable sum of money that, unless the commercial specifically involves a dating situation (a man dating a woman, of course, you silly), chances are 7:10 or 8:10 that the man will be wearing a wedding ring, even if the blessed state of matrimony has nothing whatever to do with what's happening on-screen. If the man is portraying a business executive or anyone in a position of authority, the odds move up slightly, to nearly 9:10. But, if there is an adult male featured in interaction with a child, the chances are 9.5:10 to 9.9:10 that his wedding ring will be conspicuously in view.

The point being made with all the subliminal subtlety of a sledgehammer blow to the forehead is not so much that the man just happens to be married (in real life, probably fewer than 50% of married men wear wedding rings) - it's to be damn sure you know that this is a man worthy of your trust; a family man; and most importantly, a *heterosexual* and therefore a REAL MAN, not some f...ing faggot!

For has not that paragon of wholesome family virtues, the Reverend Jimmy Swaggart, told us himself that if God had meant for there to be homosexuals, he would have created Adam and Steve? (Oh, that Jimmy, he is a card, he is!) Jimmy wears a wedding ring, you can bet your sweet life, and we all know what a real man that makes him, don't we? But I digress...

The traditional wedding ceremony considers a wedding ring to represent the unbroken circle of eternal love, or some such thing, and a great many gays and lesbians involved in relationships wear wedding rings for this reason. A good many more, however, wear them for protective coloration - a variation of the punch line from the old fox-in-the-henhouse joke: "Ain't nobody in here but us chickens!"

I don't know that good old Siggie Freud ever laid it out in so many words, but the sexual symbolism of rings is just a tad obvious: the finger represents the... well, you know; the ring represents the... well, you know! I figured that one out for myself by the time I was ten, which probably explains why, to this day, rings make me slightly nauseous.

Madison Avenue, in its eternal search for ways to cram the strongest possible symbolism into the simplest possible image, was quick to recognize everything the wedding ring really represents in a society as sexually paranoid as our own. (And what odds would you give me that every single male actor over the age of 21 who acts or hopes to act in a TV commercial, be he married or single, straight or gay, has a wedding ring as an essential part of his wardrobe?)

You may have noted that we've said nothing of the women in television commercials. The reason is simple enough. Madison Avenue mirrors the Great General Knowledge of our society: there are only two kinds of women - 1) single women who date (yes, date men! Pay attention!) and 2) women who are already married (to men), who all, of course, wear wedding rings. If you ever see a woman over 30 on a TV commercial who is neither portrayed as dating nor shown wearing a wedding ring, give me a call.

Lesbianism, for some strange reason, does not present the same Horrible Threat to the Very Underpinnings of Our Civilization as does male homosexuality. This is probably because western culture has never really taken women seriously enough to have considered them much of a threat to anything. And if there are a few women out there who think of themselves as lesbians, it's only because they've never been with a REAL MAN.

Television commercials, of course, are merely the most blatant example of wedding ring paranoia. Just walk into any bank. Notice how many of the male executives and junior executives sport wedding bands - often wide enough to nearly reach from knuckle to knuckle so as to be seen and identified from a great distance. Or try an insurance company, paying particular attention to those men dealing with the public: claims adjusters and salesmen. Or almost any salesman, for that matter.

My question is simple: What is with these people??? Why do they, with great moral indignation and outrage, see gay and lesbian demands for basic human rights and dignity as "flaunting" our lifestyle while the fist they shake in our faces prominently displays a wedding ring?

What is there about homosexuality that intrigues and threatens heterosexuals so? Do they think we're out to take over the world? God knows, they've got us outnumbered and are busy breeding billions and billions more of themselves (and, of course, us). Why do they become absolutely rabid over the fact that gays and lesbians do not "procreate" while at the same time they decry the very real threat of overpopulation they themselves have created?

Some day, we may have the answers. But for now, let's just all put on our wedding rings and get out there and mingle!

David Clarenbach - ISSUES & COMMENT Wisconsin Law: HIV ANTIBODY TESTS


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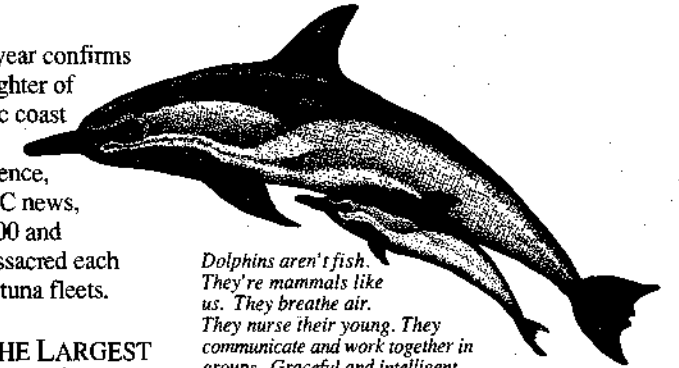
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David Clarenbach is the Speaker Pro Tem of the Assembly, and a State Representative from Madison.

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Dreams and Swords

Katherine V Forrest
Naiad Press, \$8.95 (paperback)

Reviewed by Francine D'Azzio

I like to read short stories. I like to observe the depth and latitude an author possesses and how she or he maintains a common theme or thread to her or his work. Short stories also come in handy if the reader gets hung up on a yawner - skip right on through to a new story and hope that the author can recapture one's attention.

Dreams and Swords is a diverse collection of short stories written by Katherine V. Forrest. Ranging from detective to science fiction by definition, Forrest weaves gay/lesbian related themes throughout each.

"Jessie" is a Kate Delafield story. Delafield is a Los Angeles Police Department detective who stars in two earlier Forrest novels, *Amateur City* and *Murder at the Nightwood Bar*. In "Jessie," Kate sets out to assist her friend, Sheriff Jessie Graham, solve the disappearance of Kate's old buddy and work partner, Walt Kannon. Along with good detective nosework (and just as interesting), the story parallels the ironic tragedy of Velma Kannon's life and what the reader must assume many "long time wives" lives to be.

Anyone who's ever felt the frustration of a helpless, powerless and miserable situation and the carefully groomed system of injustice in our world (and who hasn't) will enjoy the sweet, ironic twist to "Force Majeur." Joan Bronson Randall is a lesbian hopelessly trapped in a fraudulent marriage who finds things getting increasingly more miserable and frightening as her father lies dying in a hospital. Instead of finding escape and relief, the death of her beloved father leads her more deeply into despair and desperation. Enter Mr Irony.

The longest and most compelling work in *Dreams and Swords* is the mysterious and erotic, "O Captain, My Captain." In this science fiction adventure, Lieutenant Harper accompanies space transport Captain Drake on a routine two-woman voyage to the Antares asteroid belt. The ensuing four-month journey becomes an odyssey into passion and danger as Harper unfolds the true identity of the beautiful and sensual Captain Drake.

This novella contains quite a few tasteful and erotic love scenes - my favorite being the lovemaking done in the gravity-free space of the Antares asteroid belt. This creates an opportunity for all sorts of original and innovative sexual positions which proved to be quite entertaining.

Perhaps I should have prefaced this review by stating my vague indifference toward Katherine Forrest. Aside from her Kate Delafield novels, I have found her to be a tad dull. I approached her latest work with renewed hope and tried to forget my previous negative experiences. Unfortunately, the end result was the same. She still doesn't do it for me. Sure, there were a few stories that entertained me, but none that left me breathless with anticipation (aside from all that aforementioned tumbling in space). In short, the suspenseful didn't suspend and the erotic didn't inspire.

As I said at the beginning of this review, it must be difficult to be consistent when writing short stories. I must sadly admit that for this reader, Forrest had my mind wandering and my eyes scanning ahead now and then to see how many pages were left to *Dreams and Swords*.

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Gay/Lesbian Trivia

Jeff Kirsch

"Films of the '80s"

1. The film *Improper Conduct* examines the treatment of gays in:

- a) Argentina b) Cuba
c) Nicaragua d) East Germany

2. *Desert Hearts* is about a lesbian relationship which takes place in 1959 in:

- a) Salt Lake City b) Las Vegas
c) Santa Fe d) Reno

3. The Mexican gay film of *Dona Herlinda and Her Son*:

a) has never been released commercially in Mexico

b) has a straight actor playing the leading gay role

c) takes place in Guadalajara

d) all of the above

4. *The Death of Mikel*, in which a mother murders her gay son, is in which of the following languages?

- a) Basque b) Serbo-Croatian
c) Rumanian d) Greek

5. *My Beautiful Laundrette* depicts a gay relationship between a South London punk and:

- a) a Russian b) a Pakistani
c) an Egyptian d) a Filipino

6. Director Jill Godmilow, in her treatment of Gertrude Stein and Alice B Toklas, *Waiting for the Moon*, said she:

a) intended to portray all men as sexists

b) wanted to avoid the topic "lesbianism"

c) made a "pre-feminist" film

d) all of the above

7. Which of the following "gay" films - all homophobic to some extent - was not produced in the United States?

- a) *The Decline of the American Empire*
b) *Personal Best* c) *Partners*
d) *The Dresser*

8. *Prick Up Your Ears* is the film treatment of the life of gay British author:

- a) Noel Coward b) Joe Orton
c) E M Forster d) W H Auden

9. *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, for which William Hurt won an Oscar for his portrayal of the gay protagonist, is based on the novel by Latin American author:

- a) Gabriel Garcia Marquez
b) Manuel Puig
c) Carlos Fuentes
d) Jorge Luis Borges

10. Which of the following films does not have a lesbian theme or character?

- a) *Lianna* b) *Deathtrap*
c) *Windows* d) *Silkwood*

Mama's Boy

Bev Arthur and Martin Arthur.

Strawberry Hill Press, San Francisco CA
216pp, \$9.95 (paperback)

Reviewed by Jeff Kirsch

In point, counter-point fashion, Bev Arthur and Martin Arthur, a mother and her gay son, recreate their lives in this insightful and often dramatic narrative that points up how truth, at times, can be stranger than fiction. Set largely in small-town Iowa, *Mama's Boy* explores the intra-family relationships, especially of mother and son, in what started out as a "typical" family around 1950.

Things go awry soon enough. Husband number one is an alcoholic and, in a drunken stupor, falls asleep with a cigarette and dies in the ensuing fire - fortunately, just after Bev has moved herself and her two children out of the house.

After a stint living with her parents, Bev remarries - a teetotaler this time - and the family moves across the state, before he takes them to Idaho. After a short while there, he admits to a compulsive gambling problem, ships them back to Iowa, and goes to Las Vegas himself. He returns, they resume a routine family existence again, then one day he disappears off the face of the earth. Presumed by the local authorities to be dead, kidnapped or murdered, he is located on the West Coast some time later, having run off with a local "barmaid."

The children, now numbering three, are shuttled from house to house, shunted from school to school, as Bev aims for financial solvency, living with her parents between husbands. Enter husband number three, Lon Arthur - neither a drunk, nor a gambler, nor a womanizer - who comes with his own ready-made family of two children. The new Mrs Arthur, Bev, bears him two more (the total count is up to seven, for those who are trying to keep track!).

The happy family seems ready to live a "normal" existence. Normalcy, to Lon Arthur's thinking, means that boys should be "he-men." You can guess the result: Marty is abused verbally, when not physically, for being "different," if not insubordinate. As a plot to attract attention from the now numerous family, he takes to shoplifting.

Marty escapes finally, going off to college and spending a year of his studies in Mexico. There, he discovers a friend of his is gay and, only back in the States, comes to terms with his own homosexuality. He brings home his lover, Steve, without identifying him as such. Marty is afraid to come out to his mother, fearing she'll be caught in the middle between him and his step-father, now in ill health. Bev, on her own initiative, fears that Steve is leading her son astray and writes Marty to that effect. The letter's implication is clear. He writes back and comes out to his mother.

Within several years, Lon Arthur is dead and Marty's relationship with Steve is over. Mother and son can finally communicate more frankly. At moments dispassionate and always level-headed, in *Mama's Boy* Bev weaves her way through her stormy life, admits she was unable to reach out to her son and see the pain he suffered. Marty explores his dislike for his step-father, his resentment toward his mother, his own feelings of being gay. Finally mother and son reconcile, accepting each other for who they are.

Although at times analytical, their story is told largely in novelistic fashion and becomes almost a dual-perspective novel as well as approximates a pseudo-sociological study of the family, not withstanding the necessary biases of the narrators. At the same time, it's a work of healing - not so much the process thereof, but an example of survival, of how others can heal, too.

Mama's Boy has as one of its intents an exploration of family circumstances that might have caused Marty to be "different," might have contributed to his homosexuality. This statement, perhaps naive on the son's part, in no way diminishes the profound effect of this book. Bev's concluding statement, more realistic, bears repeating:

If I had recognized my son's dilemma earlier, could I have made things easier for him, at least at home? Had I known more about homosexuality, would I have feared it less? Accepted it more easily? In my ignorance, my silence and unwillingness to talk about it only perpetuated my fears. Maybe another mother, sister or brother, father, friend will read this book and know that we're only afraid of the unknown.

Mama's Boy is an excellent book for parents to read, written in a less "dogmatic" vein than many of the "how-to" books for parents on accepting homosexuality. Not only this, it's a compelling narrative in itself, of interest to many. Published by a small press and the recipient of little media attention, *Mama's Boy* is one of those "small" gay books, a "sleeper," if you will, which guaranteed to be rewarding, deserves a much wider audience.

Strawberry Hill Press may be contacted at 2594 15th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127.

Lawrence University Begins AIDS Education Campaign

APPLETON, WI - A comprehensive AIDS education campaign has begun at Lawrence University. Every student, staff member, and faculty member received an AIDS brochure from the American College Health Association and the Statement on AIDS and Associated Conditions from the Lawrence AIDS Task Force. President Richard Warch sent a letter with the brochures to introduce the campaign and urge all members of the university too attend a convocation featuring Dennis Maki, MD, of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics in Madison.

In his letter, President Warch stated that "[t]he university believes education is the most effective way to prevent the further spread of the disease." He concluded his letter with a request of all Lawrentians: "For your protection and for the protection of others, I urge you to become knowledgeable about AIDS and to act responsibly on the basis of that knowledge."

Members of Lawrence University Gay and Lesbian Alumni (Lawrence GALA) had been critical of the university's lack of response to the AIDS crisis. The Task Force, appointed by President Warch at the beginning of 1987, took almost a year to issue any statement or begin any type of education program.

Lawrence GALA will seek further steps, including the installation of condom machines in every bathroom of every dormitory and in common areas used by students, and the scheduling of regular meetings and presentations of AIDS-related topics.

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Nothing to Hide Schedule - May 1988

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Greetings, my dears. Your Auntie Max has a thrill she'd like to share with you. You should all feel greatly honored, because when it comes to sharing thrills, your dear Aunt tends to be a tad selfish - when you get thrills as seldom as I do, you become a bit miserly with them! But, oh my, I'm drifting from the point already...

If you've not previously been fortunate enough to have contact with persons of title, you may now tell your companions that you have. Your Auntie Max has been honored with the appellation of "Coquette of Etiquette." Isn't that grand! Of course the title comes with no land grants or servants, but it sure dresses up the signature! Well, enough of blowing my own horn (I'm not a contortionist), and back to the more mundane matters at hand.

A delightful female acquaintance of mine in a larger Wisconsin city asked that I address the topic of "Pubbing." At first, I thought there was an aspect of gay life with which I was unfamiliar. I didn't know whether she was referring to something done in the boudoir or at the dinner table - tell me, have you ever been "pubbed"? (Rhymes with "rubbed"; not "pubed" which goes with lubed!) Imagine my embarrassment when I asked her what she was talking about and it turned out to be simple bar etiquette. Actually, I'd have preferred it to be something best done in private - at least then we'd have had a legitimate excuse to perform an in-depth probe. (We do so enjoy probing. It's *much* more fun than high tea!)

When you enter a drinking establishment, politely greet any of the patrons with whom you are acquainted. A greeting consists of a friendly salutation and perhaps a kiss or embrace. Groping is *not* considered a greeting. It's an invitation. And invitations are not extended within the first ten minutes, no matter how badly one wants to extend them. Besides, that's the reason God created stationery and dark corners.

Proceed to ask your companions what they'd like (to drink) and ask the barkeep to get them for you. One should always drink with companions. If you don't, people will think you're out simply to pick up playmates. Even if this is the case, we don't want people thinking us easy. Your friends can also provide a sobering effect on your judgments. Even

your Aunt has been attracted to some rather disreputable characters after a glass or two of the old elderberry.

On choosing a beverage, please select something that does not have you running to the restroom every ten minutes. Auntie Max knows all about the unseemly sorts that frequent this room and hopes you have the good sense not to pay them attention. This room was built with one basic purpose in mind. Keep in mind *your* purpose here. Remember what your mother always told you in public places: Look, but don't touch. She knew what she was talking about!

If by chance you should happen to meet someone to whom you are attracted, avoid public displays of your physical affection. This is not something that requires spectators. Your audience will consist of the unseemly sorts who were "spectating" in the restroom - of course, *polite* persons will avoid your spectacle! If you indulge in this kind of behavior, you're advertising the wrong message to the wrong crowd.

In situations where you find yourself attracted to someone, I suggest flirting. By this I don't mean brazen overtures which show you to be easy. I'm referring to the lost art that perplexes your admirers. Be subtle. In flirting, the first rule is subtlety. The flirtee should never be quite certain of your intentions. If you've interested him or her, stirred up his or her curiosity, you've accomplished your goal.

Above all, *enjoy yourself!* Your primary goal is to be entertained. I know you'd probably prefer champagne, candlelight, and romantic music, but sometimes cheap beer, dark corners, and a jukebox are as much or more fun. Enjoy the music, the drink, and the camaraderie. Other pleasures may be enjoyed later in the evening - or not - but don't make them your focal point for going out.

Until next issue, adieu my dears,
Auntie Max, "Coquette d'Etiquette"

P.S. If you've had a cheap, tawdry fling in a dark and dank bar, Auntie Max would love to hear about it - purely for reasons of research, of course! Be sure to write a *very* detailed narrative. After all, I need to know all the intimate details if I'm to advise you!

The *Hag Rag*, Wisconsin's lesbian newspaper is a bi-monthly publication which focuses on news, non-fiction, political analysis and commentary of interest to lesbians and feminists. We welcome submissions dealing with racism, lesbophobia, separatism, class and economics, feminist analysis, the worldwide lesbian conspiracy, linguistics. Subscriptions: \$9/year individual (\$15 sustaining), \$20 institutional, \$1.75 sample copy. Free to incarcerated dykes. Write PO Box 93243, Milwaukee WI 53203, USA.

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The 14th National Women's Music Festival will take place June 3-5 in Bloomington, IN. Contact NWMF, PO Box 5217, Bloomington IN 47402.

Personals

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Professional, lesbian, 40's, feminist, sensitive. Looking to meet educated, androgynous, athletic lesbians living within 100 miles of Neenah. Among Friends, Dept B-01, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

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AREA RESOURCES

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- Rockford**
 Bars **Mr C's Disco, (M/W)**
 528 7th Street, IL 61104; (815) 962-2380
 Office: 513 State Street, IL 61104; 965-0344
- Religious **Integrity/Rockford, PO Box 4104, IL 61110**
 Office: 412 Church Street; (815) 964-5514
 Publication: *Walk A Mile In Our Shoes*
- MCC Rock River Parish,**
 4848 Turner Street; (815) 275-5609
 or 472-8708, Sun after 8pm

Iowa (selected)

- Ames**
 Bars **Lucullan's Party Bar, (G/L on Mon)**
 400 Main St, IL 61104;
- Support **Gays and Lesbians of Ames,**
 PO Box 2283, IA 50010; (515) 292-7000
 Publication: *Resource Directory*

- Cedar Rapids**
 Bars **Warehouse, (M/W)**
 525 H Street SW, IA 52404; (319) 365-9044
- Religious **MCC c/o People's Unitarian Church,**
 600 3rd Ave SE, IA 52401; (319) 393-7974
- Support **Gays of East Iowa;**
 (319) 365-5436 or 383-8025

- Davenport**
 Bars **Club 506, (M/W, juice bar)**
 506 Brady Street, IA 52801; (319) 323-2072
- Religious **Dignity/Quad Cities, PO Box 2224, IA 52809**
Metropolitan Community Church (MCC),
 PO Box 4095, IA 52808; (319) 322-5055

- Des Moines**
 Archives **A Mind of Your Own, Nonsexist Library,**
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- Bars **Brass Garden, (M/W)**
 112 4th Street SE, IA 50315; (515) 243-3965
- La Cage, (M/W)**
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- Surprises, (M/W)**
 2016 Forest Ave, IA 50311; (515) 288-2016
- Support **Gay Coalition of Des Moines,**
 PO Box 851, IA 50314; (515) 279-2110
 Publication: *Des Moines GC Newsletter*
- Gay and Lesbian Resource Center;**
 (515) 277-1454

- Dubuque**
 Bars **DJ's Bistro, (M/W, rear door)**
 951 Main Street, IA 52001; (319) 588-3131

- Religious **Dignity, PO Box 1424, IA 52001**
- Support **Dubuque Lesbian/Gay Support Group,**
 PO Box 1424, IA 52001

- Grinnel**
 Support **Grinnel College Gay Community,**
 PO Box 805, IA 50012; (515) 236-2500
 Publication: *Just Shy*

- Iowa City**
 Bars **6:20, (M/W)**
 620 South Madison; (319) 354-2494
- Support **Gay & Lesbian Academic Union,**
 PO Box 3396, IA 52244; (319) 351-3557
 Publication: *GLAU Bulletin*
- Gay People's Union, University of Iowa**
 Memorial Union, Activities Center, IA 52242;
 (319) 353-7162
 Publication: *Gaily Iowan*
 Switchboard: Gayline; (319) 353-7162

- Mason City**
 Support **Gays and Lesbians of North Central Iowa,**
 PO Box 1092, IA 50401;
 (515) 923-3939

- Sioux City**
 Bars **Rowdies, (M/W)**
 1127 4th Street, IA 51101; (712) 277-9115

- Waterloo**
 Bars **Dutch Mill,**
 823 Franklin, IA 50703; (319) 234-9403

Minnesota (selected)

- Statewide**
 Publications **Equal Time, 711 W Lake Street #504,**
 Minneapolis MN 55403; (612) 823-3836
- The James White Review, PO Box 3356,**
 Traffic Station, Minneapolis MN 55403
- Religious **Lesbian/Gay Interfaith Council**
of Minnesota, PO Box 8503,
 Minneapolis MN 55408; (612) 874-9192
- Support **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**
(PFLAG), PO Box 908, Burnsville MN 55337;
 (612) 474-3739

- Alexandria**
 Support **Friends Together**
 PO Box 982, MN 56308

- Duluth**
 Bookstores **A Woman's Bookstore, (L/G/Fem books)**
 8 N 2nd Ave E #208, MN 55802;
 (218) 722-8532

- Radio **Wise Woman Radio (KUMD, 103.3FM),**
 130 Humanities Bldg, Univ of Minn at Duluth,
 MN 55812; (218) 726-7181

- Support **Gays and Lesbians of Duluth/Superior,**
 PO Box 6044, MN 55806

- Fergus Falls**
 Support **Free Spirit, PO Box 39, MN 56537**

- Grand Forks**
 Support **Greater Grand Forks Gay/Lesbian**
Community, c/o 117 10th Ave NW,
 East Grand Forks, MN 56721;
 (218) 773-1286

- Minneapolis and St Paul**
 Alcohol **Lambda Sobriety Center,**
 Abuse 2217 Nicollet Ave, Mpls MN 55404;
 (612) 874-7430 or 922-0880
- Lesbian Al-Anon,**
 at 1900 Nicollet Ave, Mpls MN 55403;
 (612) 871-7400 or 920-3961
 at 2104 Stevens Ave, Mpls MN 55404;
 (612) 871-2603 or 920-3961

- Archives **Quatrefoil Library, 1619 Dayton Ave, St Paul**
 MN 55704; (612) 641-0969

- Bars and **Brass Rail Lounge, (M) 422 Hennepin Ave,**
 Restaurants Mpls MN 55401; (612) 333-3016

- Cloud Nine Express, (M/W)**
 829 Hennepin Ave, Mpls MN 56403;
 (612) 339-4135

- Gay Nineties / Happy Hour, (M/W)**
 408 Hennepin Ave, Mpls MN 55401;
 (612) 335-3366

- Ladies Night, (W) 1183 University Ave W,**
 St Paul MN 55104; (612) 646-2288

- Nineteen, (M/W) 19 W 15th Street,**
 Mpls MN 55403; (612) 871-5553

- Ruby's Gem Cafe, 2827-1/2 Hennepin Ave S,**
 Mpls MN 55408; (612) 871-1441

- Rumors, (M/W) 490 N Robert Street,**
 St Paul MN 55107; (612) 871-0703

- Townhouse, (M/W) 1415 University Ave,**
 St Paul MN 55104; (612) 646-7087

- Y'All Come Back Saloon, (M)**
 830 Hennepin Ave, Mpls MN 55403;
 (612) 332-0835

- Baths **Three Fifteen, (24 hrs)**
 315 1st Ave, Mpls MN 55401; (612) 332-5081

- Bookstores **Amazon Bookstore, (L/Fem)**
 1612 Harmon Place, Mpls MN 55403;
 (612) 338-6560

- A Brother's Touch, (G/L/Fem)**
 1931 Nicollet Ave, Mpls MN 55403;
 (612) 872-1412

- Counseling **Gay and Lesbian Counseling Program**
(FCS), 414 S 8th Street, Mpls MN 55404;
 (612) 340-7444

- Legal **Minnesota Gay and Lesbian Legal**
Assistance, PO Box 75224,
 St Paul MN 55175; (612) 870-9193

- St Paul Human Rights Commission,**
 Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 515 City Hall,
 15 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul MN 55102

- Publications **GLC Voice, 1517 La Salle, Unit E,**
 Mpls MN 55403; (612) 872-8325

Wisconsin

- Statewide**
 Publication **Among Friends, (G/L newsmagazine)**
 PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701;
 (608) 255-3349
- Hag Rag, (Lesbian bimonthly)**
 PO Box 93243, Milwaukee WI 53203;
 (414) 372-8850 or (608) 255-1227
- Wisconsin Light, (G/L newspaper)**
 1843 N Palmer, Milwaukee WI 53212;
 (414) 372-2773
- Hotlines **AIDS Atlanta; (404) 872-0600**
Centers for Disease Control;
 (800) 447-2437 or (800) 342-AIDS
 (M-F, 9-7pm EST)
- Legislative Hotline; (800) 362-9696**
Milwaukee AIDS Project; (800) 334-AIDS
National Gay Task Force; (800) 221-7044
 (M-F, 3-9pm EST)
- New York Gay Men's Health Crisis;**
 (212) 807-7035
- Legal **Equal Rights Division; (608) 266-6860**
- Appleton**
 Bars **1101 West, (M/W, dancing)**
 1101 W Wisconsin Ave; (414) 733-9839
- Pivot Club, (M/W, dancing)**
 4815 W Prospect; (414) 730-0440
- Support **GAL, Lawrence University,**
 115 S Drew St, WI 54911
- Lawrence University Gay and**
Lesbian Alumni (Lawrence GALA)
 Old Chelsea Station, PO Box 234,
 New York NY 10011
- Ashland**
 Gay and Lesbian Support Group,
 1411 Ellis Ave, Box 247A, WI 54806
- Eau Claire**
 Bars **Maggie's, (M/W)**
 505 S Barstow, WI 54701; (715) 832-1457
- Support **UW-Eau Claire Gay/Lesbian Organization,**
 UW-Eau Claire, Union Box GLO, WI 54701
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Brandy's, (M)
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Loft, (W, dancing)
2328 University Ave; (414) 468-9968
Nepalese Lounge, (M/W, dancing)
515 S Broadway; (414) 432-9646
Who's, (M/W, rear door)
720 Bodart; (414) 435-5476
- Clubs
Argonauts of Wisconsin, (leather/lewi)
PO Box 1285, WI 54305
- Religious
Angel of Hope MCC Church,
PO Box 672, WI 54305; (414) 437-3816
Dignity, PO Box 2283,
WI 54306; (414) 739-8030
- Support
Center Project (testing)
824 S Broadway, WI 54303; (414) 437-7400
Concerned, (referrals) PO Box 1087, WI 54305

Hurley

- Lodging
Lambda House, (bed and breakfast)
PO Box 20, Pence WI 54553; (715) 561-3120

Kenosha

- Club
Club 94, (M/W, dancing)
9001 120th Ave; (414) 694-1597

La Crosse

- Bars
Loveboat, (M/W)
411 S Third Street; (608) 784-4420
Memories, (M/W)
314 S Fourth Street
Tattoos II, (M/W, dancing)
1552 Rose; (608) 784-5833
- Support
La Crosse Area Gay Association (LAGA),
PO Box 2561, WI 54602-2561
Publication: *CrossCurrents*
- Publications
Leaping La Crosse News,
PO Box 932, WI 54602-0932
New Beginnings
PO Box 25, Westby WI 54667-0025

Lake Geneva

- Lodging
Eleven Gables Inn on the Lake, (resort)
493 Wrigley Dr, WI 53147; (414) 248-8393

Madison (608)

- Bars and Restaurants
Back East, (M/W, rear door)
508 E Wilson; 256-7104
Cafe Palms, (restaurant)
636 W Washington; 256-0166
The New Bar, (Mixed, video, dancing, upstairs)
636 W Washington; 256-8765
Rod's, (M, rear basement)
636 W Washington; 255-0609
Shamrock, (Mixed, restaurant)
117 W Main; 255-5029
- Bookstores
A Room of One's Own (Fem/L/G)
317 W Johnson; 257-7888
Four Star Fiction and Video (G/L; sci-fi)
315 N Henry; 255-1994

- Pic-A-Book (Mixed, alternative)**
506 State St; 256-1125
- Culture and Media
Gay Men's Chorale;
251-1509, ask for Reynold
Gay Theatre Project,
PO Box 726, WI 53701; 251-6489
Nothing to Hide, Weekly TV Program, Cable 4,
(Wed, 9:30pm); 241-2500
- Hotlines
All Gays Crisis Line; (608) 255-4297
Legislative Hotline; (608) 266-9960
- Religious
Integrity/Dignity
at St Francis House, 1001 University Ave.
PO Box 730, WI 53701; 256-8204 or 836-8886
- Support and Social
Adolescent Group for Children of Gay
Parents, Donald Cooper at
Madison Psychotherapy Associates; 251-0839
AIDS Info (Division of Health),
Holly Dowling; 267-3583
Bette Davis Bowling League;
Bob at 831-4038
Blue Bus STD Clinic,
1552 University Ave; 263-7330
Crossdressing Support Group
(at The United); 255-8582
Democratic Party Lesbian/Gay Caucus,
255-5172 or 273-4483
Equal Opportunities Commission,
City County Bldg #500; 266-4910
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous,
1021 University Ave; 257-7575
Gay Fathers Support Network; 257-7575
Gay Issues Audio Tape; 263-3100, tape #3333
Gay/Lesbian Teens;
Dan at 241-4399 or Jane at 271-0270
Gay Men Over Thirty Support Group;
Larry at 244-8690
Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous &
Lesbian Al-Anon,
406 N Pinckney on Fridays at 6:30pm
Lesbian Informal Drop-In Support Group;
255-8582, (12 - 4pm)
Lesbian Mothers Support Group; 249-0434
Lesbians of Color; 255-8582, (12 - 4pm)
Lizards, Support Group for Lesbians Over 30;
Jane at (608) 592-4534
Madison AIDS Support Network,
PO Box 731, WI 53701; 255-1711
Madison Gay/Lesbian Center,
PO Box 1722, WI 53701
Office: 1127 University Ave, B104; 257-7575
Madison Institute for Social Legislation,
935 Jennifer St, WI 53703; 256-6475
Madison NOW Lesbian Rights
Task Force; 255-3911

- Madison Wrestling Club,**
PO Box 8234, WI 53708
Mixed Lesbian/Gay Alcoholics
Anonymous; 255-8582
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(PFLAG), PO Box 1722, WI 53701;
271-0270 or 257-7575
Police Liaisons to Lesbians and Gays;
Alix Olson, Donna Winter,
or Jim Witalison at 266-4248
Straight Partners of Gays, Lesbians, and
Bisexuals Support Group;
Marsha at 255-0914
Ten Percent Society, Gay and Lesbian Students
Box 614, Memorial Union, UW-Madison,
WI 53706; 262-7365
The United, for Gay/Lesbian Social Change,
PO Box 310, WI 53701; 255-8582
UW Gay Assistance, Dean of Students Office;
263-5700
Volleyball, Team and Social; Jeff at 251-8716

Menomonee

- Support
Gay Community, UW-Stout, WI 54751
- Milwaukee (414)**
- Bars and Restaurants
Angelo's Mint Bar II,
819 S 2nd Street; 645-8330
Ballgame, (M, w)
196 2nd Street; 273-7474
Beer Garden, (W, m, food)
3743 W Vliet Street; 344-5760
Boot Camp, (M, leather/lewi)
209 E National Ave; 643-6900
C'est La Vie, (M, w)
231 S 2nd Street; 291-9600
Club 219, (M, w, dancing, leather/lewi)
219 S 2nd Street; 271-3732
Dance, Dance, Dance, (M, w, dancing)
801 S 2nd Street; 383-8330
Fannie's, (W, m, dancing, food)
200 E Washington Ave; 643-9633
Grand Ave, (G/L Sun nights only)
716 W Wisconsin Ave; 271-9525
Hot Legs, (W, m, video, dancing)
814 S 2nd Street; 645-8572
Jet's Place, (M/W)
1753 Kinnickinnic Ave; 672-5580
La Cage, (M, w, video, dancing)
801 S 2nd Street; 383-8330
Loose Ends, (Mixed, food)
4322 Fond du Lac Ave; 442-8469
M&M Club, (M, w, food)
124 N Water Street; 347-1962
Phoenix, (M, w, dance)
235 S 2nd Street; 278-9727

This Is It, (M)

- 418 E Wells Street; 278-9192
Wreck Room, (M, leather/lewi)
266 E Erie Street; 273-6900
Your Place, (M, w, dancing)
813 S First Street; 6747-0130
- Baths
Club Milwaukee, (M, rear)
704-A W Wisconsin Ave; 276-0246
- Clinic
Brady East STD Clinic, (Best)
1240 E Brady Street; 272-2144
- Culture and Media
Cream City Chorus,
c/o 124 N Water Street, WI 53202; 277-0434
Fest City Singers,
PO Box 11428, WI 53211; 476-SING
Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable,
PO Box 239, WI 53201; 277-7671
- Medical Info
Milwaukee AIDS Project,
PO Box 92505, WI 53202; 273-AIDS
National Coalition STD Services,
PO Box 239, WI 53201; 277-7671
Professionals for Alternative Lifestyles,
PO Box 239, WI 53201; 277-7671
- Publications
InStep, (local news, bar events)
225 S 2nd Street, Milwaukee WI 53204;
Wisconsin Light, (G/L newspaper)
1843 N Palmer, Milwaukee WI 53212;
(414) 372-2773
- Religious
Christian Gay OK,
PO Box 93433, WI 53202; 933-3662
Dignity, PO Box 597, WI 53201; 444-7177
Integrity, PO Box 10109, WI 53210; 871-7417
Lutherans Concerned,
2511 N Farwell, Unit L, WI 53211; 963-9833
New Hope MCC Church,
PO Box 93913, WI 53202; 442-7300
- Support and Social
Alcoholics Anonymous (request gay meeting);
272-3081
Beer Town Badgers, (leather/lewi cycle club)
PO Box 166, WI 53212
Black and White Men Together,
PO Box 12292, WI 53212; 265-8500
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PO Box 15152, WI 53215
Cream City Business Association,
PO Box 92614, WI 53202; 372-2773
Cream City Foundation,
PO Box 204, WI 53201-0204
Galano Club, Alcohol Free Recovery Club,
1428 N Farwell Ave; 276-6936
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PO Box 1900, WI 53201
Gay Community at UW-Milwaukee,
Student Union, Rm E364; 963-6555
Gay Hotline, (referral, events); 562-7010

Gay People's Union,
PO Box 208, WI 53201; 562-7010

Gay Youth,
PO Box 09441, WI 53209; 265-8500

Grapevine, (women's group)
2211 E Kenwood; 964-6117

Holiday Invitational Tournament,
(G/L bowling) c/o 144 N Water St,
WI 53202; 278-8686

Metro Milwaukee Friendship Group,
PO Box 71012, Shorewood WI 53211-7112

Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers,
PO Box 08236, WI 53208; 871-2362

Saturday Softball Beer League,
PO Box 92605, WI 53202

Silver Star, (cycle club)
266 E Erie, WI 53202

Mineral Point

Lodging **Chesterfield Inn, (bed and breakfast, restaurant)**
20 Commerce Street, WI 53565;
(608) 987-3682

Norwalk

Social **Wisconsin Womyn's Land Co-op (WWLC),**
Route 2, Box 42, WI 54648; (608) 269-5301

Oshkosh

Support **Lambda Connection;**
(414) 424-1491, ask for TLC representative

Platteville

Support **Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA),**
PO Box 249, WI 53818

Racine

Bars **Jo Dee's, (M/W)**
2139 Racine Street (Hwy 32); (414) 634-9804

Support **Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine,**
625 College Ave, WI 53404; (414) 634-0659

Steven's Point

Support and Social **First Call for Help,**
PO Box 457, WI 54481; (715) 345-5380

Monday Night Dance Club,
PO Box 1016, WI 54481

UW-Steven's Point People's Union,
Slap Box 30, WI 54481; (715) 346-3698

Superior

Bars **Main Club, (M, dancing)** 1813 North 3rd Street,
WI 54880; (715) 392-1756

Trio Bar, (W) 820 Tower Ave, WI 54880

Wascott

Camping **Wilderness Way, (women only camping),**
PO Box 176, WI 54890; (715) 466-2635

Waukesha

Support **Window to the World Services,**
PO Box 632, WI 53187

Winter

Lodging **Flambeau Forest Resort,**
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