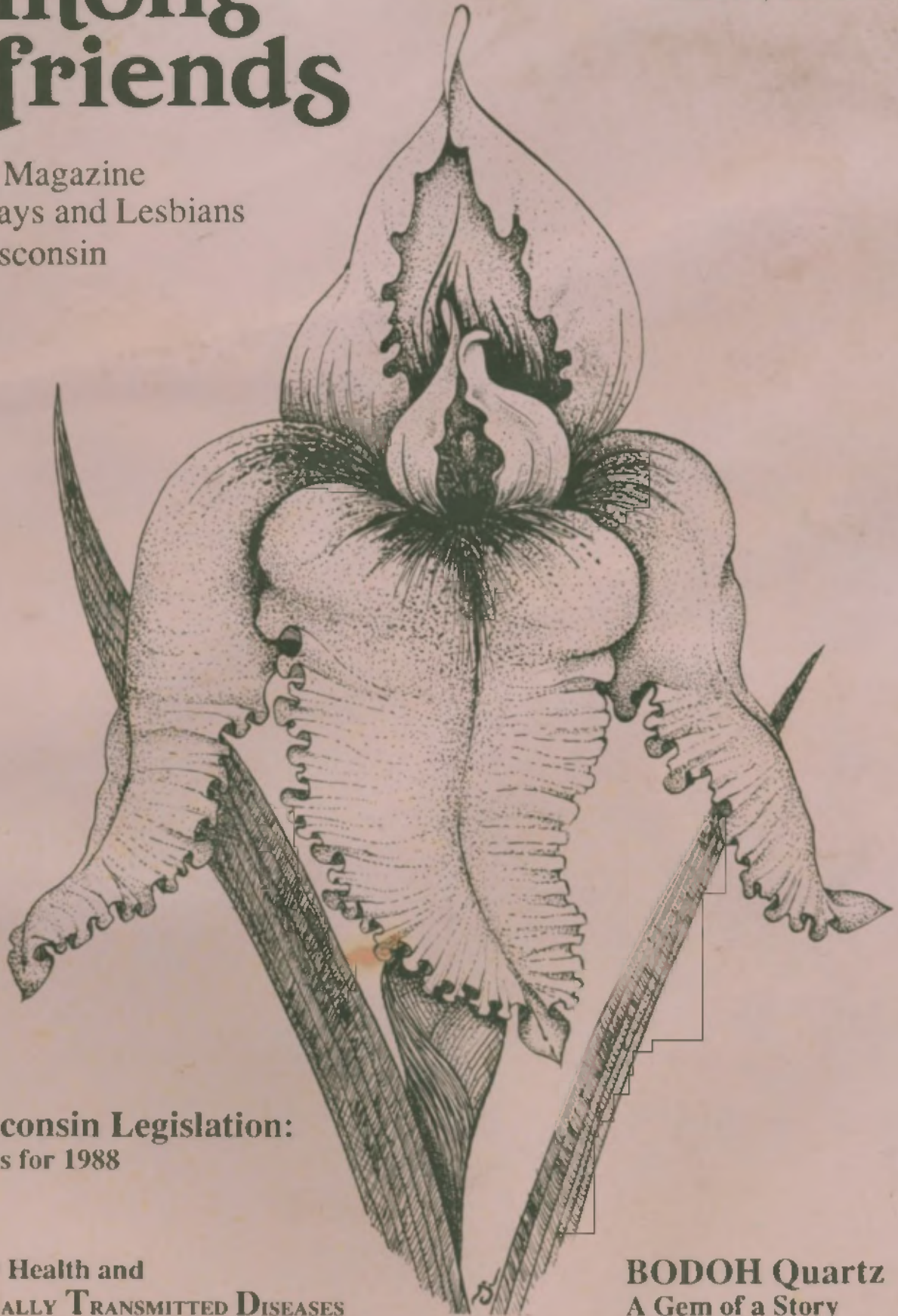


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## Jesse Jackson '88

### Defending Lesbian and Gay Rights

Of all the presidential candidates from either party, Jesse Jackson is the only one who has come out in defense of rights for lesbians and gays. Specifically, he has had the following things to say:

"Throughout the US, lesbians and gay men live with the daily fear of discrimination because of their sexual orientation. Due to bigotry and fear exacerbated by AIDS-associated hysteria, gay people have been kicked out of their homes, fired from their jobs, denied health and life insurance, and assaulted on the street. We must end this discrimination and violence. We must recognize the diversity of the human family and affirm the humanity and the legal and civil rights of everyone.

"In order to defend the rights of lesbians and gay men, I propose to support the current Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill in the US Congress. I support ... a Presidential Order banning anti-gay discrimination in the federal government and the military. I oppose immigration policies which discriminate against lesbians and gay men.

"The right to privacy must be guaranteed. No government - be it a local, state or federal, has the right to regulate the private sexual behavior of consenting adults. The government has no place in the bedrooms of its citizens - be they homosexual or heterosexual.

"The humanity of lesbians and gay men must be recognized and their rights fully respected. In Minnesota, a young woman lies in a hospital bed forbidden by the courts to see her longterm [lesbian] partner. That is not right. I support the rights of lesbians and gay men to child custody. Mothers and fathers must not be stripped of their custody rights on the basis of sexual orientation. The love and quality of care provided to the child should be the basis for such a decision, not a person's sexual orientation. I support lesbian and gay partners being afforded other benefits granted to heterosexual couples, such as health care."

Vote for Jesse Jackson in 1988.

## University Organizes Gay Archives

ITHACA, NY - Cornell University is cataloging books, personal papers, videotapes and periodicals with names like "Mom, Guess What!" and "Fag Rag," hoping its new gay archives will help bring the study of human sexuality out of the academic closet.

The materials, comprising one of the nation's most extensive collections on homosexuality, are nearly all gifts from the Mariposa Education and Research Foundation, founded in 1979 by physiologist Bruce Voeller, who felt that universities were neglecting human sexuality.

The basic endowment for maintenance of the archives, \$824,000, came from the estate of David Goodstein, a Cornell alumnus who became wealthy on Wall Street and later published the national gay magazine, *The Advocate*, until his death in 1985.

In the collection is material from Anita Bryant's battle with gay activists over a gay-rights amendment in Florida. "The militant homosexuals are at it again!" her mailed circular reads.

The fifty or so periodicals in the collection include both well-established ones such as *The Advocate* and lesser known and foreign materials from France, Germany, and Norway.

The Mariposa collection's only rival in size and breadth is at the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University. But the Cornell collection differs in stressing sexuality in its political, historical, and social context, rather than focusing on clinical aspects.

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## Forward in Unity: Lesbian/Gay Conference

University Lesbians and the University Gay Community of the University of Minnesota are sponsoring a grassroots gay and lesbian leadership conference at the Univ of Minn in Minneapolis.

The conference, which will begin on the evening of Friday, May 13 and continue until noon on Sunday, May 15 has three goals:

1. to provide skills, resources, and opportunities for networking
2. to experience the empowerment of the wealth of cultural resources available in the lesbian and gay community
3. to build on the momentum generated by the March on Washington.

Registration for the conference is \$100 and participants are responsible for their own housing, though assistance may be available. For information, contact Forward in Unity, PO Box 300171, Minneapolis MN 55403. The deadline is May 1, 1988.

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# Alternative Family Bill In Danger of Defeat

MADISON - Proposed alternative family rights legislation is in jeopardy unless stronger Madison community support is shown, say sponsors and lobbyists for the bill.

Alderspersion Jim McFarland (Dist 8) is the chief sponsor for the ordinance which would grant alternative families some of the same rights and benefits afforded to traditional families. He expressed his concern over the poor reception the bill has received from both the City Council and Mayor Joseph Sensenbrenner, who has criticized the legislation, saying it will be too costly.

"I was surprised that he took the lead in opposition and came off so strongly," said McFarland, "mainly because he had

indicated he would support some kind of proposal."

As originally proposed, the legislation would provide the same family health insurance coverage to city employees who are members of alternative (lesbian, gay, or heterosexual) families as are currently provided for employees who live in traditional families. All public and private employees in Madison would receive the same sickness and bereavement leave benefits.

The ordinance would also prohibit discrimination against members of non-traditional families in housing, public accomodation, and employment.

Although the proposal is being attacked on the basis of financial cost, Barbara

Leitner, of the Madison Institute for Social Legislation, claims that paying for health insurance for the city's alternative families "would cost each resident in the city of Madison about 30 cents a year." She feels instead that the real reason the proposal is meeting with opposition is that, "It is a morality issue. They [the City Council] would rather not take on something so controversial."

Both McFarland and Leitner think the bill may still stand a chance if sufficient support is shown. They urge Madison residents to contact their alderpersons and the mayor's office. The mayor's office may be reached at 266-4611; for those who may not know who their alderperson is, call the City Council, at 266-4071.

## AIDS Conference in Madison

A two-day conference investigating the medical, neuro-psychiatric, legal and ethical issues of AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses is scheduled for April 21-22 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison.

Sponsored by UW Hospital Dept of Psychiatry, The Center for Affective Disorders and the AIDS Education Project of the American Psychiatric Association, the conference will be presented by nationally prominent physicians, scientists and attorneys working with various aspects of AIDS. Although intended for an audience of medical professionals, non-medical personnel are invited and encouraged to attend. The fee for non-professionals is \$125. For more information, telephone Terese Ross at (608) 263-6129.

## Bowlers Wanted!

MIL-MA-IDS (Milwaukee and Madison against AIDS) is a nine pin, no tap bowling tournament used to raise funds for the AIDS organization in the city that hosts the tournament.

This year, the tournament is being hosted by Madison's Bette Davis Bowlers. The date of the tournament is Saturday, April 23, and the entry fee is \$20.00. Bowling will be held in Sun Prairie with a buffet to be held at the "New Bar" in Madison.

The cost of entry entitles participants to bowl in the tournament, be eligible for door prizes, and attend the buffet. Also included in the entry fee is a direct donation to the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

If you have put off entering the tournament, or did not know about MIL-MA-IDS, openings are still available. Send your name and address, and your bowling average to Robert N Doornek, 5546 Century Ave #2, Middleton WI 53562, or call Bob at (608) 831-4038.

## Government Work Rules For AIDS Termed Fair

WASHINGTON - The government has issued guidelines for dealing with federal employees infected with HIV. According to Dr Robert Windom of the Department Health and Human Services, the new regulations are in keeping with the public health services concerns regarding anti-discrimination.

In a memo which accompanied the guidelines, Constance Horner, director of the Office of Personnel Management said, "The federal government as an enlightened and compassionate employer concerned with the health and welfare of its employees, has an obligation to show the way in addressing the realities of the AIDS epidemic."

"The kind of non-sexual, person-to-person contact that generally occurs among workers and clients or consumers in the workplace does not pose a risk for transmission of AIDS."

The guidelines instruct supervisors and fellow workers to treat HIV-infected workers "in the same manner as employees who suffer from other serious illnesses." Fellow employees who disrupt agency functions by refusing to work with an HIV-infected person could be subject to "appropriate corrective or disciplinary action" under the guidelines.

## Lesbians, Gay Men March in Dubuque

DUBUQUE - Lesbians, gay men, and supporters will return to the streets of Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, April 30 for the second annual lesbian/gay pride march, following last year's event at which marchers were harassed and pelted with obscenities, epithets, and eggs. Dubuque police officers took no action to intervene while anti-gay counterdemonstrators nearly turned the peaceful pride march into a riot.

"This year will be significantly different," said Ginny Lynns, a Dubuque organizer of the march. "We're inviting people from the Upper Midwest region to stand with us." Lesbians and gay men from the surrounding states of Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Minnesota are urged to attend to rebuke local bigotry and prejudice and march for justice and freedom in Dubuque.

The march is scheduled to begin from Washington Park at 1:00pm. For more information, contact Ginny Lynns at (319) 583-9018, or write to NOW-FLAG, PO Box 495, Dubuque IA 52001.

## Born to Bowl Fundraiser in Minnesota

Goodtime Bowling and Paul Bunyan Invitational have combined efforts to sponsor "Born to Bowl," a fundraiser for the Minnesota AIDS Project. The event is scheduled for May 1, 1988 at Midway Pro Bowl in St Paul.

Bowling begins at noon and continues until all bowlers are finished. There will be an awards ceremony and light buffet at the Town House Bar following the tournament.

This is the event's third year, and bowling is strictly for fun and a little friendly fundraising. A wild red pin in the head position earns a bowler \$2.00 for a strike (but if you don't make the strike, consider donating a dollar to the fund).

Entry fee of \$20.00 covers bowling and shoe rental, with the remainder donated to Minnesota AIDS Project. Entry forms are available at Minneapolis and St Paul gay and lesbian bars or by writing to PO Box 8405, Minneapolis MN 55408.

## Monday Night Dance Club Looking for New Name

STEVENS POINT - After long deliberation, the Monday Night Dance Club of Stevens Point has decided to opt for a new name. Motivation for the decision lies in the fact that the club now serves the gay and lesbian community on Friday and Saturday as well as Monday.

As *Among Friends* goes to press, suggestions are being solicited and the new name will be voted upon on April 5, the club's 5th Anniversary.

## MAP Moves

MILWAUKEE - The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) relocated its office on March 7, 1988.

The new location is 315 West Court Street, directly across from the Schlitz Brewery complex and directly south of the Golda Maier School.

MAP's new mailing address is now: Milwaukee AIDS Project, 315 W Court St, Milwaukee WI 53212.

## Authors to Visit A Room of One's Own

MADISON - The month of April will be a busy one for "A Room of One's Own" bookstore, as four different women authors come to visit and sign books.

On April 7, Dr Linda Gordon will be autographing her new book, *Heroes of Their Own Lives*. Friends, students and the interested public are invited to attend the reception from 4:30 to 6:00pm.

Barbara Wieser and Hazel Rice will be reading excerpts from *Rivers Running Free: Stories of adventurous women*, a collection of writings which Ms Wieser co-edited and to which Ms Rice contributed. The event is free and open to the public on April 14, from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

Cartoonist Alison Bechdel will be signing copies of her latest book, *More Dykes to Watch Out For*. Anyone interested in meeting the quick-witted artist is invited to attend, April 30, from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.

## Somebody's Job

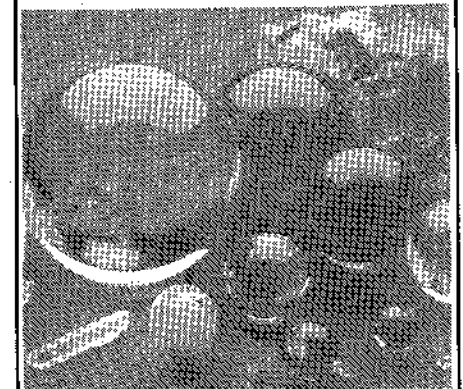
This is a story about four people, Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody thought Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Somebody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Anonymous

## "Our Bar" Opens in Racine

RACINE - A new bar opened in Racine on April 1st. *Our Place*, located at 1216 Douglas Ave, celebrated its debut with a party that featured a light show, and dancing to DJ controlled sound. The bar plans on special events in the near future including a Madison Bar Crawl and Bartender exchange.

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## Beacon Light Farm Cares for AIDS Patients

NELSON, WI - Beacon Light Farm is a secluded and peaceful place high on top of a Wisconsin bluff, offering a magnificent view of the Mississippi River and Minnesota hills beyond. It is the home of Jim and Gloria Smit, who, with their three children, run a small dairy operation and soon will be providing longterm care to persons infected with HIV.

Gloria is a graduate of Chicago City Colleges, a registered nurse with wide experience in hospital and nursing home care. Jim holds a degree in psychology from Northwestern University and has worked as a counselor. Together, they have a deep commitment to helping people who have been forced to cope with the realities of the AIDS epidemic.

The home presently has a four-bed capacity, and expansion is already being planned. It is anticipated that care will be sought by individuals who vacillate between getting around and caring for themselves, and being bedridden and requiring nursing care. The facility will be licensed for both forms of care in order to satisfy private and government insurance requirements.

Emotional and spiritual needs will be addressed in daily group sessions, and on a regular one-to-one basis. Indoor and outdoor activities will be planned according to the seasons and individual needs of residents. Visitors will always be welcome and overnight living arrangements will be available on a day-to-day rate.

If you or a family member, lover, or close friend are in need of longterm care or anticipate such a need, you or your social worker can get more information and arrange a visit by writing or phoning Beacon Light Farm, RR1 Box 232, Nelson WI 54756; (608) 685-3686.

### Accompanist Wanted

The United Fruit Company and Tossed Salad Singers need a piano accompanist to rehearse and perform with them. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, 7pm-9pm, at the St Francis House, University Ave, Madison. Call David: 241-2500.



Scenes from Monday Night Dance Club's February benefit for the Center Project. Clockwise from upper left: Andrea; Katrina; Betsy; Cassie, Bob and DJ.

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## Speaking Out for the Rights of Urnings *ULRICHS: The Life and Works of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs*

by Hubert Kennedy, Alyson Publications.  
\$9.00 (paper), \$18.00 (cloth)

Karl Heinrich Ulrichs was the first man in modern times to publicly acknowledge his love for other men. He went further and pressed for legal reform that would decriminalize that love. His writings on behalf of "Urnings" (the word *homosexual* was coined later, by one of his contemporaries) began in the 1860's and continued for twenty years. Ulrichs even tried to establish a "Union" with goals which included bringing Urnings out of isolation and uniting them in solidarity, championing their human rights, and publishing writings for and by Urnings. Hubert Kennedy's book, *Ulrichs*, is the first full-scale biography of this courageous pioneer.

The following excerpt from the biography describes Ulrichs' attempt to read to the 1869 Congress of German Jurists a proposal that would have decriminalized homosexual behavior:

The chairman then read Ulrichs' request to speak and called for a vote on "whether Herr Ulrichs should be recognized for this purpose." Already there were isolated votes of "No, no!" Still a strong majority cried, "Yes!" Thus, the assembly of more than five hundred German jurists, including elected representatives and a Bavarian prince, gave their full attention as Ulrichs mounted the steps of the speaker's platform "with breast pounding" and began to read...

"This proposal is directed toward a revision of the current penal law, in particular toward the final repeal of a special, unjust penal regulation that has come down to us from earlier centuries, toward the abolishing of the persecution of an innocent class of persons that is inclined in this penal regulation.

"It is at the same time a question of establishing ... a legal uniformity not present in Germany, since Bavaria and Austria, on the one side, both reject this persecution, while the rest of Germany stands diametrically opposite.

"Finally, it is also a question of damming a continuing flood of suicides, and that of the most shocking kind. ...

"It is a question, gentlemen, of a class of persons that indeed in Germany is numbered in the thousands, a class of

persons to which many of the greatest and noblest intellects of our and other nations have belonged...."



...a class of persons... to which many of the greatest and noblest intellects of our and other nations have belonged...

At this point, there were expressions of astonishment and scorn, and isolated cries of "Stop!"

"... which class of persons is exposed to an undeserved legal persecution for no other reason..."

Here there was a storm of "Stop! Stop!" from one side of the hall. The chairman wanted to put to a vote this loud call to stop. Ulrichs then said, "Under these circumstances, I give up the floor and lay my protest on the table." From the other side of the hall there were now equally loud shouts of "No, no! Continue, continue!" Ulrichs then continued, pronouncing the following words with special emphasis:

"... which class of persons is exposed to an undeserved legal persecution for no other reason than that mysteriously disposing Nature has planted in them a sexual nature that is the opposite of that which is, in general, usual."

Now there was a roaring noise and tumultuous interruption on the side from which the earlier cries to stop had

come. At this point, Ulrichs laid his pages on the chairman's table and left the speaker's platform.

The excitement did not die down so quickly, however, and Ulrichs heard some people asking others what it was all about. He could hear that the answers mostly hit the mark - with some exceptions. Some thought he wanted to give free rein to any kind of "crime of the flesh" whatever: incest, rape, adultery, etc. And two members even came up to him in the hall and accosted him with, "You were the speaker just now. Just tell us please, what kind of race that is, which is exposed to such persecution?" ...

... Ulrichs no doubt would have preferred to get away from it all at this point, but he was determined not to do anything that could be interpreted as weakness or shame. Consequently, he attended the closing banquet that afternoon, and went on an outing the following day. On both occasions Ulrichs noticed that there were some who avoided him. But he commented, "In contrast, however, was my satisfaction in having others freely and loyally join me in conversation."

The next day he immediately began writing up a brief account of the event...

Hubert Kennedy's biography of Ulrichs' makes for engaging historical reading as he introduces contemporary figures of the time and excerpts from letters and other writings that offer insights into the determined, brilliant man who dared to speak for the rightness of his love. ♦

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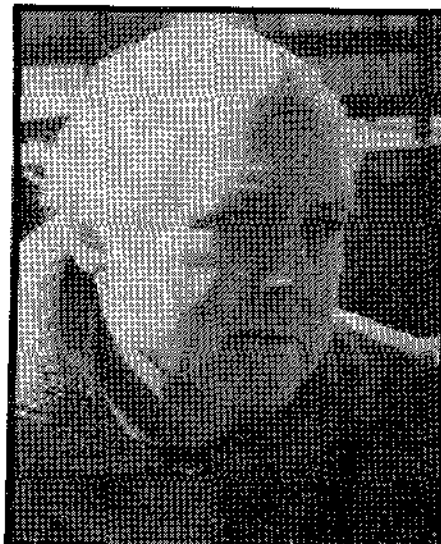
# A Visit With Hubert Kennedy

Asa Ralubat

*Hubert Kennedy is an internationally recognized scholar in the history of mathematics, and has had a longstanding interest in German gay history. His most recent book, Ulrichs, is about the life and writings of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, an early gay liberationist.*

Hubert and I are in his sunny apartment in the Castro area of San Francisco, seated at a small table surrounded by the circular bay windows that are so typical of this city. I'm here to learn about his new biography of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs...

*Hubert, when I last talked with you two years ago in Providence, Rhode Island, you had just translated the German novel, The Hustler, by John Henry Mackay. Has Ulrichs become a new interest of yours since moving to San Francisco?*



Hubert Kennedy, Author of ULRICHS

No Asa. In fact, I have been interested in Karl Heinrich Ulrichs for some ten years. The writings of Ulrichs on the subject of homosexuality were reprinted in 1975 in one large volume of the Arno Press Series on Homosexuality, and Jonathan Katz, editor of that series, urged me to read it and write an article about him. That article appeared in two parts in *The Body Politic* (Toronto) in the spring of 1978. Katz knew of my interest in German gay history.

*So Ulrichs was German. When did he live?*

He was born in 1825 in the northwestern part of Germany, but he spent the last fifteen years of his life in Italy, where he died in 1895.

*You also speak Italian. Did this help you in your research?*

Of course. And in 1983 I also visited his grave in L'Aquila. The tombstone is broken into three pieces and the inscription is almost illegible now. But some Italian gay historians want to restore it.

*Did you also visit the place where he was born?*

That was in Aurich in East Friesland, or rather on the outskirts of that town. I was there in 1977. The house where he was born is no longer there and his father's small estate has been rebuilt as a residential area. But the Church Registry was very helpful and I was able to inspect the record of his family's baptisms and deaths.

*But in the biography, you concentrate on his theory of homosexuality, don't you?*

I have tried to give a full explanation of it, showing how he developed it and what the influences were. Ulrichs was a strong and colorful personality, however, and it has been a real

pleasure to discover that he not only talked about his kind of love, but practiced it, too. So I have tried to show all sides of his personality.

*How did you learn this? Have other biographies of Ulrichs already appeared in Germany?*

No, this is the first full-scale biography of him. But when Ulrichs began to develop and write about his theory in the 1880's, he knew few other homosexuals, so he often used himself as an example.

*What sort of a theory did he develop?*

Ulrichs is the inventor of the so-called "third sex" theory of homosexuality: that the male homosexual has a woman's soul confined in a man's body, and that the opposite is true for a lesbian.

*Do you accept this theory?*

No, I don't. But it is very important historically and influences our thinking about gay people to this day. In the context of the time - and remember, this was well over a century ago - the theory was certainly progressive. It allowed Ulrichs to overcome the idea that his love was a sickness and a crime, and to come out to his family. On August 29, 1867, he even spoke out for the rights of gay people at a Congress of German Jurists in Munich. That event may be considered the real beginning of the modern gay rights movement.

*Was Ulrichs a lawyer, then?*

Yes, or rather, he *had* been an attorney in the civil service of the Kingdom of Hanover; in his last position, he was an assistant judge in an appellate court. But, although he retained his title and membership in the Congress of German Jurists, he resigned his civil service position in 1854 after hardly more than six years of service.

*What was the reason for that?*

That is a mysterious point that I hope can eventually be cleared up. There are indications of an attempt to blackmail him because of homosexual activity. He must have resisted this, and he may have left the civil service while he could do so with a clear record. I give all my evidence for this in the biography.

*Continued*

## Hubert Kennedy, continued

*Was he ever convicted of homosexual acts?*

No, but he was twice sent to prison for publicly protesting the invasion and annexation of Hanover by Prussia in 1866. It was after he was released for the second time in 1867 that he spoke out for gay rights in Munich.

*But didn't he publish under a pseudonym?*

He used the name Numa Numantius for the series of five booklets that he published between 1864 and 1865, but for the other seven booklets published after the Jurists' meeting in Munich, he used his own name.

*I've heard that someone else coined the word 'homosexual.' Is that true?*

Yes. The writer Karl Maria Kertbeny, a German-Hungarian, first published the word in an anonymous pamphlet in 1869, but he had used it at least a year earlier in his correspondence with Ulrichs. Ulrichs, however, had already coined another word, 'Urning,' and that's the word he always used.

*Did other gay people also correspond with Ulrichs?*

Other gay people? There is no evidence that Kertbeny was homosexual; at any rate, he denied it in that pamphlet. But yes, many gay men wrote to Ulrichs after reading his booklets.

*I know that the first gay rights organization was founded in Berlin in 1897 by Magnus Hirschfeld. Why didn't Ulrichs do this?*

He tried. At least he drafted "By-laws for the Urning Union" in 1865; but there is no evidence that such an organization was ever founded. Nor was he able to continue the gay journal he started in 1870: it had only one issue. By the way, a copy of the "By-laws" in Ulrichs' handwriting was found in the Hungarian National Library by my friend Manfred Herzer while he was researching the writings of Kertbeny. Herzer also furnished me copies of many other useful documents. And I want to mention also the help of my dear friend Menso Folkerts, who took me to Aurich in 1977 and deciphered the difficult handwriting in the Church Registry. Folkerts is now translating the biography into German.

*Ulrichs' publications must have been expensive. Did he make a profit on them?*

By no means. In the first place, he gave away many copies. For example, he sent a copy of the one with the speech he tried to make at the meeting in Munich - he was shouted down then and not allowed to finish - to all 500 members of the Congress of German Jurists. Besides, the booklets did not sell well. Only the one that analyzed the sadistic murder of a boy in Berlin in 1869 sold out and had a second edition.

*But if Ulrichs gave up his position in Hanover in 1854, how did he support himself? Did his family have money?*

Ulrichs' father was also in the civil service of Hanover as an architect, but he died when Ulrichs was a child. Ulrichs' inheritance from him probably financed his studies. After leaving state's service in 1854, Ulrichs lived very modestly, supporting himself in part as a free-lance journalist for a national German newspaper. For a while, he was also the private secretary of a diplomat to the German Confederation in Frankfurt.

*You mentioned that he spent the last fifteen years of his life in Italy. Did he also try to promote gay rights there?*

No. When he left Germany in 1880, it was because he was discouraged at his lack of success in trying to get the anti-homosexual law of Germany changed. Italy had no such law. In Italy, he devoted himself to a new cause: the Latin language. He published a little journal written entirely by himself in Latin.

*Hubert, why did Ulrichs' booklets have so little effect in Germany?*

Why is there homophobia today, Asa? But in fact, Magnus Hirschfeld did take over Ulrichs' theory and develop it into his own theory of sexual intermediates. Hirschfeld also admired, as I do, the courage of Ulrichs, who so bravely, and nearly single-handedly, fought against the prejudice of his time. My friend, David Thorstad, has called Ulrichs the "grandfather of gay liberation," and indeed he was.



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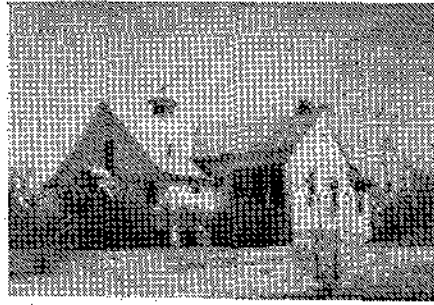
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Ron Bodoh and Larry Henke's Relationship Was Founded on Stone

# BODOH QUARTZ



BODOH's new headquarters, 488 Albion Rd in Albion, Wisconsin

Tucked away in the tiny rural town of Albion, Wisconsin, a Civil War period schoolhouse has been brought back to life as the office, workshop, and outlet for rare, beautiful, and fascinating pieces of art and jewelry. The grand opening of BODOH Quartz on February 27, 1988 was the realization of a dream after a twenty-year struggle for artist Ron Bodoh, who is now recognized and respected nationally for both his quartz expertise and his exquisitely unique, carved, quartz crystal balls.

Bodoh was joined in 1983 by his partner, Larry Henke, whose talents in the design and crafting of fine jewelry have made possible the company's expansion through the addition of gem and crystal jewelry items. They have also begun to carry a wider range of imported carved figurines and their own line of quartz crystal desk ornaments.

Both Ron and Larry emphasize the fact that real crystal is actually a naturally occurring mineral. "Most 'crystal' today is made from leaded glass in imitation of items once produced from carved quartz when demand became greater than the supply of raw materials and the ability of craftsman to produce," they explain. "We can appreciate the glass for its own beauty - certainly some of it is wonderful - but it is not authentic crystal."

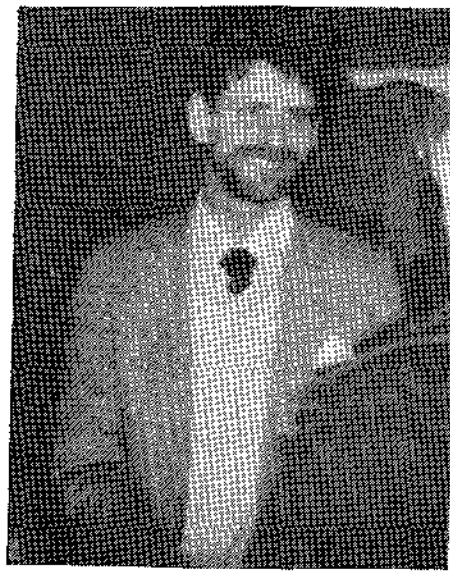
Ron first began trying to revive the lost art of carving crystal balls from natural quartz in 1968. Through trial and error, he and his brother developed tools and techniques for shaping the rough stone crystals found in nature into the sparkling treasures that have become deeply rooted in magical and mystical lore.

Twenty years later, Ron can reflect on the high and low points of his teenage hobby, now a profitable mail-order, wholesale, and commission retail business. He began selling some of his pieces through stores in his home town of Menomonie in 1969. It was also then that he began contacting collectors and gem specialists, taking orders over the phone. The business went into a lull during the 1970's, as Ron pursued degrees in accounting and art. His watercolor paintings and a variety of odd jobs helped finance him through this period. Meanwhile, he acquired a huge quartz crystal which he planned on cutting and carving.

In 1976, he transformed that crystal into the world's third largest natural flawless quartz crystal ball. It weighs about 15 pounds and is the equivalent of a 2016 carat gem! In 1983, he sold the ball for \$40,000 to a private collector.

Had he used his crystals to predict the future, Ron would have seen that 1983 was to be a very good year personally and professionally. With the sale of the huge stone, he was able to begin really investing in his business. When he met Larry Henke, things got even better.

Born in Chicago, but raised in Green Bay, Larry entered UW-Madison in 1976 with the intention of becoming an electrical engineer. He found that the



Ron Bodoh

field did not allow enough room for his creative talents, and switched to theater design and set construction.

Larry's skills and talents gained rapid recognition. In 1980, he entered an apprenticeship with the Opera Company of Boston. He went on to become a technical director for the Indianapolis Opera Company and the Houston Grand Opera. When the Reagan administration cut the National Endowment for the Arts in 1981, major theater companies were forced to cut salaries back so far that many positions paid too little to cover living expenses. Larry chose to come back to the University in Madison.



Larry Henke and Patti Roth of "Mimosa" at the Grand Opening reception

His sometimes elegant, sometimes playful and sometimes dramatic sets and lighting became familiar throughout the city and surrounding areas. American Players Theater, UW Opera, the Hotel Washington, and other groups with special events took advantage of his talent. He became the Technical Director for the UW Opera, but once again, the bottom fell out when a grant from the Oscar Mayer Foundation provided for the renovation of Old Music Hall and Larry's position was suspended for a year.

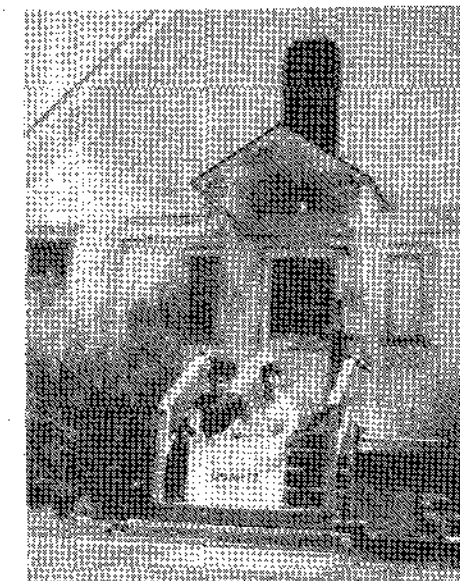
A mutual acquaintance introduced Ron and Larry in 1983. Serendipity. The quartz business had grown enough that

Ron was working elsewhere only part-time, but it wasn't quite stable enough to be a fulltime proposition. It was at a difficult point of being more than one person could handle, but Ron hadn't yet found anyone to take on as a partner. It was Larry's infusion of skills that helped to create a new, upscale "look" for the business from the ground up - expansion into jewelry items as well as improved marketing brochures and advertising.

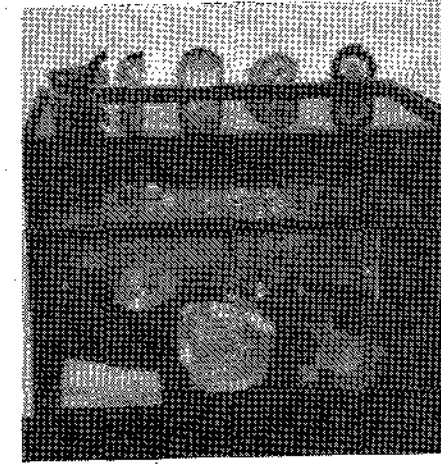
The business grew, their relationship grew, and the business grew even more. Since 1983, BODOH Quartz sales have doubled or tripled yearly! The business now employs six other people, fulltime and parttime to handle production, packaging, shipping, and sales.

In 1984, Ron and Larry began looking for a home. They found an abandoned old 19th century farmhouse in the small town of Albion and bought it for the price of a car. The place was structurally sound but uninhabitable, except by a family of raccoons who had taken over the ceiling area. Larry's knowledge and skill as a carpenter shine throughout the home today, as the two men continue to renovate, add on, and landscape the property. Scattered throughout the rooms are Ron's paintings, raw crystals and carvings. Trying to repair the home and run a business placed a strain on their relationship, but a shared dream kept them working and living together.

As far as they know, Ron and Larry's personal life has remained a non-issue among straight people living in Albion. People have been friendly and helpful,



Larry and Ron take a break from interior renovation - "Next the outside..."



Carved crystal balls, raw quartz crystals and jewelry are among BODOH's items

and never questioned their relationship. This has been helped in part by their individual natural ease, realistic outlook and common sense approach. "We don't view ourselves as a 'gay business', just a business - with owners who happen to be gay," says Larry. "The community has been very responsive in helping us; they were glad to see us bring a new business into town."

By 1987, BODOH Quartz had begun to overrun their home - a daily arrival of employees in every room, production lines in the kitchen, and telephones ringing off the wall. It was time to move the work space out of their private space, and once again Ron and Larry started to hunt for a building.

A wonderful old schoolhouse located a few blocks from their home provided the ideal location, but it was not listed for sale. On a chance, they made inquiries anyway and found that the man who owned the building actually was considering selling. They made an offer that was accepted, and the renovation work began again!

Now that they've opened their new headquarters, what do the partners behind BODOH Quartz have in mind for the future? They already ship to about 1,000 wholesale accounts across the country and have showrooms in Minneapolis and New York, in addition to their regular private mail-order and off-the-street retail buyers.

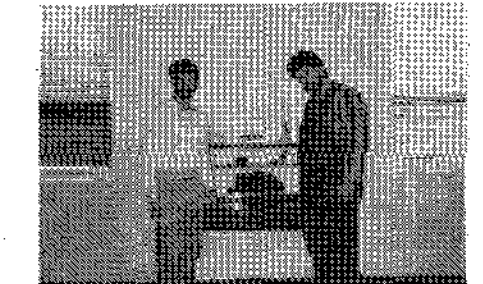
The "New Age" trend and interest in things "natural" have helped boost their business. Products such as raw crystal clusters, crystal jewelry, and "meditation" or "health" stones are increasing in popularity. Right now, Ron and Larry

want to continue expanding their line of products, but hope to be able to keep business growth from escalating quite as rapidly as it has been.

"We want to be able to control and manage its growth. Too many small business fail or are sold out because they become more than the owners can handle," says Ron.

Museum shops are probably the next outlet BODOH will try to pursue for marketing quartz crystals and gem products. Ron and Larry are also excited about a potential deal with a department store chain.

The powers attributed to quartz and related crystals and gems may be the stuff of legend, myth, and magic, but for Ron Bodoh and Larry Henke, their simple beauty and allure have brought success, happiness, and maybe even a little magic at that!



Ron Bodoh and Larry Henke

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## Wisconsin Legislative Review 1988 Gay/Lesbian Issues

• **Gay Bashing:** The Assembly has unanimously approved increased penalties for gay bashing and other crimes motivated by bigotry. This sends the message that, in Wisconsin, we consider "hate crimes" to be especially offensive.

The state has an interest and a duty to protect minorities from harassment. Despite the gains in civil rights during the past few decades, violence still rears its ugly head in the form of race hatred, religious intolerance and gay bashing.

Assembly Bill AB 599, with more than twenty legislative co-authors, establishes penalty enhancements for violence that is motivated by prejudice against any group or individuals due to their minority group status. Fines would be increased up to \$10,000 and prison sentences may be increased up to five years.

• **Right to Privacy:** The legislature is considering a one-word amendment to the constitution to give citizens a right to privacy. The word "privacy" cannot be found in Wisconsin's Constitution.

As society and technology advance, the opportunity for and interest in a variety of personal intrusions increase. There exists today, therefore, an overriding public interest in defending the right to be left alone.

While lawmakers have established the principle of a right to privacy through various statutory and tort protections, those references fail to provide the necessary framework for the courts, the legislature or the public.

AJR 95 would add privacy to the list of inherent rights - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - guaranteed in the opening words of the Wisconsin Constitution. Similar protections in other states have proven useful in defending sexual privacy and abortion rights.

• **ROTC:** The UW-Madison has resolved, in part, their struggle with the issue of ROTC programs and their conflict with state law and University non-discrimination policies. The Faculty Senate is pursuing a change in military regulations that allow exclusions based on sexual orientation, and a recent federal appeals court ruling should help accomplish that goal. However, the Faculty Senate stopped short of the ultimate enforcement mechanism - removing ROTC programs from campus - and instead will collect statistics and monitor the program's non-compliance with state law.

• **AIDS Insurance Coverage:** State law prevents insurance companies from requiring the AIDS antibody test as a condition of providing health insurance or in determining insurance rates. The Governor's plan to remove this prohibition would violate confidentiality guarantees and leave an entire class of people without health care coverage.

While the HIV test is increasingly becoming a reliable diagnostic tool, we must assure that anti-discrimination and privacy protections exist. Even more important, funding for the care and treatment of AIDS victims and full health insurance coverage must be guaranteed as a necessary prerequisite to the use of the antibody test for insurance purposes.

• **Open Housing Loophole:** Though still in committee, AB 486 would allow housing providers to discriminate in the rental of four or fewer units in an owner-occupied single family residence. It is direct conflict with the state policy objective of providing maximum housing choice to qualified individuals.

In effect, this bill says it is okay to discriminate against people on the basis of their protected class status in certain circumstances. Passage would open the door for other exceptions, since the bill actually allows discrimination.

• **Alternative Families:** Community organizers in the City of Madison have proposed a local ordinance to extend protected class status to couples in an alternative family. The ordinance would extend public employee benefits to alternative family members and redefine residential zoning districts. Religious, women's, labor, elderly, and low-income groups have joined with lesbian and gay supporters to back the ordinance package. State legislation is also being considered to help define the legal and economic commitment entered into by non-"married" couples.

• **Rawhide is Tabled:** The "Rawhide Bill" has been permanently set aside by the legislature in favor of a "creative alternative" that protects the integrity of the state's civil rights law.

Rawhide's proposals (SB 301 and AB 527) would have created exceptions to Wisconsin's Fair Employment Act by allowing discrimination against three protected classes: sexual orientation, marital status and religion.

Instead, the legislature approved a clarification of existing law which allows legitimate religious associations to grant preferential hiring treatment to members of their own creed.

The change allows the hiring preference where a bona fide occupational qualification exists, and if the job description demonstrates that the position is clearly related to the religious teachings of the association.

AB 916 was drafted with advice from leaders in the lesbian and gay community and is based on provisions outlined in a recent US Supreme Court decision.

• **Domestic Violence Bill:** A bill, AB 224, requiring arrest in cases of domestic abuse has been given final approval by the Assembly and is expected to be signed into law by the Governor.

The new law includes this provision: Mandatory arrest of an alleged domestic abuser if police have probable cause to believe a crime has been committed and if (a) the officer believes there is a possibility that violence against the victim could continue; or (b) there is evidence of any physical injury to the victim.

"Domestic abuse" means any of the following engaged in by an adult person against his or her spouse, former spouse or adult relative or against an adult with whom the person resides or formerly resided: 1) intentional infliction of physical pain, physical injury or illness, 2) intentional impairment of physical condition, 3) a physical act, or a threat in conjunction with a physical act, which may cause the other person reasonably to fear imminent engagement in the conduct described above.

The arrested person must be taken to jail, and as a condition of release must sign an order barring contact with the alleged victim for 24 hours following the arrest. The victim may waive this order. Violation of the no-contact provision could

result in a \$1,000 fine, and an abuser who commits another domestic abuse offense during the 24-hour period would be subject to a penalty increase of up to two additional years in jail if convicted.

Evidence from various studies and communities has shown that arrest is the law enforcement response most likely to reduce repeat offenses by domestic abusers.


• **Anti-Porn Law:** The State Assembly has approved a compromise measure that would outlaw certain forms of "obscene material" from Wisconsin. The new law would prohibit material that depicts sexual conduct involving sado-masochistic abuse, bestiality, necrophilia or human excretion.

It would be a Class D felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or five years in prison, to sell obscene material, possess the material with intent to sell, produce the material, or participate in a performance.

To be prosecuted, a county district attorney would have to refer the matter to the state attorney general.

(Anti-porn Bill: *Wisconsin State Journal*, Doug Mell)

For more information on these bills or other pending legislation, consult the Legislative Hotline, listed in the Resources Section, under Madison.



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## The Always Anonymous Beast

Lauren Wright Douglas, Naiad Press. 210pp, \$8.95 (paperback).

Reviewed by Francine D'Azzio

*The Always Anonymous Beast* is the first published work of Lauren Wright Douglas. Potentially, this book marks the beginning of a new series of lesbian-feminist detective novels, with the debut of a thoroughly likable, quirky heroine - Caitlin Reece: freelance detective and sometime "thug."

The story is set in Victoria, British Columbia, which is located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, just northwest of Seattle. Douglas introduces us to the beauty of this seaside city throughout the book, sending us through its diverse neighborhoods and giving us a good sense of coastal living in the Northwest.

Val Frazier is Caitlin Reece's latest client. As the star anchorwoman for a local television station, Val calls on Caitlin when she finds herself being blackmailed by someone has discovered her relationship with Tonia Konig.

Tonia is a lesbian-feminist professor, highly acclaimed for her work on non-violence. Naturally, she is appalled and disturbed by Caitlin's line of work and the methods resulting in her success (especially the use of her trusty .327 Magnum). She becomes additionally upset with her own helplessness and desperate need for Caitlin, whom she considers a vicious "thug."

The plot thickens as Caitlin stalks the blackmailer through the streets of Victoria and begins to unravel the many layers of danger surrounding Tonia. It intensifies as Caitlin finds herself lusting over Tonia, thereby compromising her professionalism for a woman who despises everything she stands for.

As a relative newcomer to lesbian-feminist detective novels, I found Caitlin Reece a delightful character. We learn of her serious case of burnout following a seven-year stint as an investigator for the Crown Prosecutor (a Canadian equivalent of District Attorney). Her experiences help to combine an air of toughness and humor in her character which enable her to defuse perilous situations. I especially love her John Wayne styled "bite-the-bullet-where's-the-whisky" responses to pain and danger while remaining acutely aware of her limitations.

Caitlin is also a wonderful compromise between junk food addiction and an absolute reliance on her eerie psychic abilities. Her family had a history of "female madness" which she eventually realized was the gift of premonition.

*The Always Anonymous Beast* is by no means a deep intellectual effort, but who cares? It provides quick, fun reading, and is just the book for a long flight or a day at the river.

### Gay/Lesbian Trivia

#### Lesbian Writers

by Jeff Kirsch

Match the descriptions with the correct names.

1. British author of *Passions Spent* who spent some of her own on Virginia Woolf.
2. Georgia novelist born Lula C Smith, who took her middle name as her first and her (gay) husband's as her last.
3. Belgian-born French writer in whose novels are many gay male characters, she took her *nom de plume* from her surname Crayencour, fashioning it into an imperfect anagram.
4. Belgian-born English-language author of over 35 books, she came out in her 1964 novel, *Mrs Stevens Hears the Mermaids Singing*.
5. Popular personality and "southern" writer of bestsellers, often lately devoid of lesbians.
6. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, in her youth she spent years dressed as a man, and before her death burned all her love letters and forbade in her will that her fiction ever be brought to the screen.
7. A self-diagnosed "genius" who strove to make others respect her diagnosis, she thought male homosexuality unnatural, but had no problem with lesbianism, though she never talked openly of her own most famous relationship of the century.
8. New Jersey-born writer turned Canadian citizen and author of *Desert of the Heart*, which became the 1986 film, "Desert Hearts."
9. Recently deceased South African-born author whose historical fiction dealt with gay relationships in the classical era.
10. Author of the first "modern" lesbian novel in 1928; Great Britain tried to ban the book on grounds of obscenity.

- A. Rita Mae Brown
- B. Mary Renault
- C. Carson McCullers
- D. Willa Cather
- E. Gertrude Stein
- F. Radclyffe Hall
- G. Jane Rule
- H. May Sarton
- I. Marguerite Yourcenar
- J. Vita Sackville-West

#### Playmates

My heart is a toybox,  
too eagerly shared.  
It holds a random collection  
of toy-soldier-brave hopes  
and once fire-engine-bright daydreams  
with the paint chipped off,  
and the fragile shells of  
unfulfilled wishes  
which, when held to the ear,  
echo the sea-sounds of my soul.  
I've offered my toys to many;  
"They're ugly!" I've been told --  
though to me, because they're mine,  
they are precious.  
I could never understand  
why others did not find them so.  
And frightened and alone,  
I'd go on to the next.  
And then you stumbled into my life,  
little-boy kind,  
with your own little box of toys  
nearly as battered as my own.  
Shy, we spread our toys on th ground,  
and each saw in the other's joys  
wondrous bits and pieces  
and sparkly things  
that we could use to build a wall  
against the world.  
But because we are sometimes frightened,  
and because we do not always see  
the same things in the same way,  
we each may be tempted  
to pick up our toys and move on --  
even knowing that a love like ours  
will probably never happen again  
in all the rest of our lives.  
So let us sit together,  
and play.  
Not just for awhile,  
but until it is time  
for us to go.

F Roger Margason

5-A, 6-D, 7-E, 8-G, 9-B, 10-F.  
Trivia Answers: 1-I, 2-C, 3-I, 4-H.

## Gay Spirit: Myth and Meaning

Mark Thompson, St Martin's Press. 1987. \$18.95

Reviewed by Greg Zak

The premise behind the fascinating articles collected in Mark Thompson's anthology, *Gay Spirit: Myth and Meaning*, is that "Gay difference arises not from sexuality, but from a deeper, more spiritual place," that gay is good in and of itself, and need not try to fit itself in or blend with the prevailing social structures.

For those of us who have asked ourselves, "Why am I different?" some of the answers found by the authors through their own long and often painful searches may be unsettling in their implications. In effect, we are asked to look within and then redefine ourselves on our own terms and not those of a homophobic society.

Despite the major political inroads gay activism has achieved since Stonewall, the consensus here is that the initial vision of the gay movement, one of creative affirmation, has dimmed in the subsequent struggle to be accepted into the mainstream of society. Don Kilhefner writes that we are still operating within the hetero-male culture's myth of the homosexual, a myth that "painfully shaped and controlled our unfoldment as a people during the past century as we internalized its negative implications of sin and sickness." We reinforce that myth by defending ourselves as "no different from anybody else except for what we do in bed," rather than accepting the fact that gay consciousness is richly different from the dominant culture in which we find ourselves groping for assimilation. Even our attempts at developing a positive gay identity, Kilhefner writes, "are really aimed at learning more positive ways of coping with the homosexual myth structure in which we still find ourselves enmeshed."

*Gay Spirit* then, charts new ways to perceive and honor our "engagement with the consciousness of difference," in Thompson's beautiful phrase. But what does it mean? Judy Grahn reminds us that we provide alternative thought structures for others, mirrors for society to know itself. "We continually reveal to society the content and changeability of its imagery, the variety of possibilities, and finally (when we are really

cooking) we may even venture forth with the idea that all imagery is an illusion."

In his wonderful essay on "The Angels of Light," the San Francisco drag queens who put together glittering irreverent theatre, Thompson relates the story of the troupe's founder, Hibiscus, whose intensely lived performer's life makes one want to reassess the ephemerality of such art and put it into truer perspective as outrageous magic that healed, a shaman's magic that went beyond the boundaries of sex roles to bridge worlds. To Hibiscus, who died from AIDS in 1982, gayness was a gift. "I think that people who are gay verge on being angels, or wayward angels," he said.

Wayward angels or isophyls? The late Gerald Heard coined the latter nomen to describe us: "Evolution's most successful type for prolonging the unspecialized condition of adolescent openness and creativity." He noted an inherent talent we have to remain flexible and not locked into the ways of the past. In his essay on Heard, Jim Kepner writes that "such adaptability is best preserved by maintaining the habits of play, by feelings of communal kinship - tribalism - unlike the exclusive, selfish love that closes off the nuclear family from the community."

Harry Hay, founder of the Mattachine Society, defines this sense of communal kinship as subject-subject consciousness rather than the subject-object consciousness of the hetero-male culture around us. We have a unique potential within us, says Kilhefner, "to experience nature and other beings not as 'objects' to be manipulated and mastered, but as 'subjects' like ourselves, to be respected and cherished."

And yet we are strangers to that powerful Eros that underwrites our existence when we try so hard "to minimize our differences from heteros as an act of survival" instead of "maximizing our differences from straights as an act of love - to ourselves and them." Not *We versus They*, says Kilhefner, not elitism, but, "We must begin a radical new process of self-discovery that starts with what is inside of us; we must begin to discover who we really are, and we must begin inventing a language capable of revealing these essential differences to our dominant culture."

Suggested in this collection of essays is a different kind of "coming out," one that I don't pretend to completely understand, but it has roots, certainly, in Walt Whitman's visionary gaze:

You shall possess the good of the earth and sun - there are millions of suns left,

You shall no longer take things at second or third hand... nor look through the eyes of the dead, nor feed on the spectres in books,

You shall not look through my eyes either, nor take things from me,

You shall listen to all sides, and filter them from yourself.

"Where can I get the courage to act from my own inner core?" Judy Grahn asks for all of us. How do we begin to share our gay dreams with each other, and the world? Editor Thompson recounts a gathering of radical fairies he attended in the Arizona desert where he renewed his own spiritually rooted connection to others also seeking the inner meaning of "gay." Warm with gentle ritual and loving affirmation, I read it with a heart-tug of emotion and wistful longing, for it seemed that such a coming together was really a "coming home again." It would be sad if you finished *Gay Spirit* still feeling that pain and misery are more real than visions of Brigadoon.

"This is our spiritual occasion," writes Aaron Shurin, "that we are a people who define our identities by the fact of love. In calling ourselves gay, we say that love is central, and after the shame and guilt, and yes, after the anger, love remains a word we can speak unabashed while others cringe at its too-telling power. We are the subjects of the power of love."

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### "Nothing to Hide" Schedule

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- April 6 1987 Black and White Men Together National Conference
- April 13 Politics: Representative Robert Kastenmeier, Town meeting, 2/15/88
- April 20 Training the Artist for the 21st Century
- April 27 Women's Show: Maxine Hong Kingston, "Mothers and Daughters"

# Your Health and STDs

During the past several years, news and concern about the AIDS epidemic and the "killer disease of this century" has been a front page topic. Education about the prevention of this tragic disease is needed - and fears about its spread are valid. The reality of AIDS however, is that most of us will probably not be directly exposed to HIV and we will not die from the disease. In our haste to breathe a sigh of relief at that comforting thought, let's not forget that AIDS is only one of many sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). We are highly susceptible to contact with these, especially if we are not involved in a longterm, monogamous relationship.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases recommends that all people become better informed about STDs and their transmission. Also known as venereal diseases, STDs are among the most common infectious diseases in the United States today - at least 20 STDs have been identified and they affect more than 10 million men and women in our country each year.

It is important to understand these five basic facts about STDs:

1. **STDs affect men and women of all backgrounds and economic levels.** However, they are most prevalent among young people and teenagers.
2. **The incidence of STDs is rising,** in part because young people are sexually active earlier; sexually active people today are more likely to have more than one sex partner or to change partners frequently.
3. **Many STDs initially cause no symptoms.** When symptoms do develop, they may be confused with those of other diseases not transmitted through sexual contact. Even when an STD causes no symptoms, an infected person may be able to pass on the disease to a sex partner.
4. **Health problems caused by STDs tend to be more severe for women than for men.** Some STDs may cause pelvic inflammation, infertility, or tubal pregnancy (which can be fatal). STD infections may be associated with an increased risk for cervical cancer. A pregnant mother may pass STDs on to her baby before or during birth.

5. **When diagnosed and treated early, almost all STDs can be treated effectively.** Some highly resistant strains of the bacteria which causes gonorrhea now require higher doses or new drugs to treat them. AIDS is currently the most serious STD for which there is no known effective treatment or cure.

The most common STDs in the United States today are briefly described in the following sections. If you are sexually active, especially with multiple or anonymous sex partners, be aware of warning symptoms for these diseases and seek medical attention immediately.

## Chlamydia

Chlamydial infections are now the most common of all STDs, with an estimated 3 to 4 million new cases each year. They often have no symptoms at the early stages and are diagnosed only after complications have developed. When symptoms do develop, they may include itching or burning in the genital area (especially during urination), a discharge from the vagina or penis, and pain in the abdomen (women) or testes (men). Once diagnosed, chlamydial infections are treated with antibiotics like tetracycline.

## Genital Herpes

Approximately 30 million Americans (about 1 in 9) suffer from this incurable viral disease. The major symptoms of herpes infection are painful blisters or open sores in the genital area. These may be preceded by tingling or burning in the legs, buttocks, or genital region. The sores usually disappear in a couple weeks, but the virus remains in the body, and the sores may recur unpredictably from time to time. Genital herpes is treated with acyclovir, which helps to control the symptoms, but does not eliminate the virus.

## Genital Warts

Also known as venereal warts, these are caused by a virus similar to that which causes common skin warts. Genital warts usually first appear as small, hard, painless bumps in the vaginal area, on the penis, or around the anus. If untreated, they may grow and develop a fleshy, cauliflower-like appearance. Genital warts have also been associated with increased risks for certain types of cancer. Treatment is usually through the application of a topical solution (applied

to the skin), or by freezing. Large warts may have to be surgically removed.

## Gonorrhea

Nearly 2 million cases of gonorrhea occur in the United State each year. The most common symptoms are a discharge from the penis or vagina and difficulty or a painful burning sensation when urinating. Historically, penicillin has been used to treat gonorrhea, but more resistant strains may require heavy doses or a combination of drugs in order to be effective.

## Syphilis

Syphilis appeared to be on a downward trend in this country due to better methods of detection and control. However, some researchers believe that AIDS may actually be caused not by HIV, but by a severe form of syphilis - tertiary syphilis - and that the HIV virus is merely taking advantage of the weakened immune system. The classic first symptom of syphilis is the chancre ("shank-er"), a *painless* open sore that usually appears on the penis or around or in the vagina. If left untreated, syphilis may advance to more severe stages, infecting the rest of the body and after many years, may even affect the brain. Penicillin remains the drug most commonly used to treat syphilis.

## ◆ Preventing STDs ◆

Although there is no sure way for a sexually active person to avoid exposure to STDs there are ways to reduce the risks. A person who decides to engage in a new sexual relationship should:

1. Be direct and frank about asking a new sex partner whether he or she has an STD, has been exposed to one, or has any unexplained physical symptoms.
2. Learn to recognize the physical signs of STDs and inspect a sex partner's body, especially the genital area, for sores, rashes, and discharges.
3. Always use a condom during vaginal or anal intercourse.

## If You Think You Have An STD

Anyone who is sexually active with someone other than a longterm, monogamous partner is at risk for STDs. Have regular checkups and tests, even if no symptoms are present. If you suspect you have an STD, notify all recent sex partners and urge them to get a checkup. Follow your doctor's orders and complete the full course of medication prescribed. Be sure to get a follow-up test to see that the treatment was effective. Avoid all

sexual activity while you are being treated for an STD.

Sometimes people are too embarrassed or frightened to ask for help or information. Most STDs are readily treated and the earlier a person seeks treatment and warns sex partners about the disease, the less likely the disease is to do serious damage.

Private doctors, local health clinics, and family planning clinics have information about STDs; the American Social Health Association has a national toll-free, and anonymous telephone number, 1-800-227-8922, which is a referral service to clinics and private doctors who provide treatment for people with STDs.

## Personals

**GWM, 62, 5'9", 195#, white hair and moustache.** Hairy, masculine, like outdoors/nature, gardening, travel, classical music, cuddling, quiet times. Am non-smoker. Seeking Black masculine gentleman, 45+, for traveling companion and sharing life - good times and bad. Prefer someone from upper midwest. No drugs or hustlers. Among Friends, Dept K24, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

**Nature-loving Lesbian, 34,** very caring and sensuous, seeks other lesbians (not bi's) for intimate friendship, or more. I'm vegetarian, don't smoke or drink. I like being both active and cozy; why not see what interests we share? Among Friends, Dept R03, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

**GWM, 27, 6'2", 185#.** I'm looking to meet men 18-29 to hopefully start an honest relationship with. I'm financially comfortable and into movies, golf, summer, dining out, remodeling, and social fun. Live in Oshkosh area. Don't hesitate - just drop a line and send your phone number to Among Friends, Dept B23, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

**LESBIAN** into organic gardening seeks modest country living space with same in exchange for work. I'm quiet and a non-smoker. Please respond to Among Friends, Room 703D, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

## HOW TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD

1. **Compose your ad.** What do you want to say? Are there any standard abbreviations you can use to make your ad shorter and quicker to read? Please note that sexually explicit words are not acceptable, nor will we print ads submitted by or directed at minors. We reserve the right to edit, rewrite, or reject ads.
2. **Choose type.** Do you have a main title or words you want emphasized? Let us know to print them in CAPS or Bold.
3. **Get a Box Number.** We wish to protect your privacy and avoid possible harrassment. If you already have a PO Box, you may use that address. If you do not have a PO Box, we **must insist** that you ask for an Among Friends box which will cost \$2.00/month for mail forwarding to your home address. We will assign you a box and include its number in your ad. Personal telephone numbers will not be published. All addresses are confidential.
4. **Fill in the form below.** We must have the information asked for on the form, should we need to contact you or verify information given in your ad.
5. **Calculate the cost.** PERSONAL ads are FREE. All other ads cost 15 cents per word, 20 cents for bold type or capitals, with a minimum charge of \$2.00 per ad. Phone numbers (must be business), PO Box numbers, abbreviations, and zip codes each count as 1 word.
6. **Clip and send.** Clip out the completed form and send it with a check, money order, or paper cash (no coins, please) for the cost of your ad, if any. Ads are run only during the month in which they are submitted. If you want to run an ad for more than one month, you must resubmit it. Address and mail your ad by the 20th of the month to:  
Among Friends Classifieds, PO Box 426, Madison WI 53701.

### AMONG FRIENDS CLASSIFIED ADS

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Need an AF box? Yes No Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that I am 18 years of age or older,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All information on this form must be completed for us to print your ad.

## AREA RESOURCES

### Northern Illinois

#### 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,**  
3500 Kingman Blvd, IA 5031; (515) 279-7312
- Bars **Brass Garden, (M/W)**  
112 4th Street SE, IA 50315; (515) 243-3965
- La Cage, (M/W)**  
416 E Walnut, IA 50309; (515) 243-9025
- 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 AI-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
- Support **Black and White Men Together,**  
PO Box 40272, St Paul MN 55104;  
(612) 343-0063
- GAMMA, (social and sport events)**  
PO Box 9536, Mpls MN 55440  
Publication: *Gamma News*

### Wisconsin

#### Statewide

- Publication **Among Friends, (G/L newsmoonthly)**  
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
- Fort Atkinson**
- Old Fort Lounge,**  
10 E Sherman Ave, WI 53538; (414) 563-8711

### Green Bay

- Bars **Brandy's, (M)**  
409 S Washington; (414) 432-3917  
**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/levi)**  
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 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 **Back East, (M/W, rear door)**  
Restaurants 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**

### Menomonic

- Support **Gay Community, UW-Stout, WI 54751**
- Milwaukee (414)**
- Bars and **Angelo's Mint Bar II,**  
Restaurants 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/levi)**  
209 E National Ave; 643-6900  
**C'est La Vie, (M, w)**  
231 S 2nd Street; 291-9600  
**Club 219, (M, w, dancing, leather/levi)**  
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/levi)**  
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 **Milwaukee AIDS Project,**  
Info 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/levi cycle club)**  
PO Box 166, WI 53212  
**Black and White Men Together,**  
PO Box 12292, WI 53212; 265-8500  
**Castaways M C, (cycle club)**  
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  
**GAMMA, (sport/social events)**  
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,**  
Star Route, WI 54896; (715) 332-5236



P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701  
1127 University Ave., Room B103

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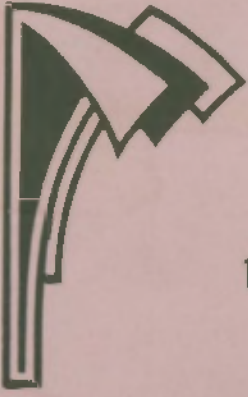
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