First Gay/Lesbian Bookstore to Open On Milwaukee's East Side on July 9

[Milwaukee]: We would like to take moment to introduce you to AfterWords, Milwaukee's first Gay/Lesbian Bookstore and Espresso Bar, due to open Friday, July 9th, 1993. The location for AfterWords is 3720 E. Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee's East Side.

While most larger metro areas have long been home to Gay/Lesbian bookstores, the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Community has needed to rely on general, independent bookstores for Gay and Lesbian materials. As gay and lesbian materials and materials catering to gay and lesbian customers will be provided with superior service through the largest variety of selection possible, the AfterWords store and the store's commitment to the community.

AfterWords staff will provide complete customer service, including free gift wrapping, special ordering and gift certificates.

To compliment the bookstore, AfterWords will feature a featured book EACH month with a complete selection of specialty coffees and various baked goods and other snacks that can either be enjoyed on the premises or taken out.

Qualifying and documentation, call Carl M. Szymaszewski, Manager, at (414) 963-9089. AfterWords will hold their Grand Opening on July 9, 1993. Please be there.

President Clinton Nearing Decision On Gay Military Ban Changes

[Washington]: President Clinton's announcement last week that he would "back a compromise along the lines of Sen. Moos' bill," in essence, "saw the end of the discussion" that had essentially leave the question of gay, lesbian and bisexuals in place with nearly universal condemnation.

Reaction from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGTFT) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/USA) were all very critical of the President's announcement.

For example, Thomas B. Stoddard, co-ordinator for The Campaign for Military Service (CMS), condemned the "don't ask, don't tell" proposal, saying: "We were not satisfied, however, that the national debate has at least moved from whether to life the ban to how."

Stoddard, however, noted that Clinton would "put aside or dilute his commitment" that he made nearly two years ago.

Lifting the Ban

Meanwhile, several sources on Capitol Hill speaking on condition that they not be named, told Light that an announcement concerning the ban is coming very soon. The sources told Light that the President's report is to be submitted to the Department of Defense (DDO) report to the Gays in the military. As of this writing (June 9, 1993), these reports are both on the desk of the Secretary of Defense Aspin.

The sources say that the Rand report is "much closer to the least inclusive version, DOD's report, written by a panel of military, business and others, is closer to the Nunn plan.

According to David Smith of CMS, what will happen next, either this week or next, will be for Sec. Aspin to issue a statement of support for the President's report. Aspin, according to sources, will be the next to be lifted.

The question, when it is made, will have the backing of Gen. Colin Powell and the Joint Chiefs. It is this statement that "reduces the possibility," Smith said.

"It is the next important step.

With the President rubber stamp Aspin's recommendations? Smith said that it was difficult to tell. "The situation is so fluid," he said. "It's changing all the time."

The sources agreed with Smith, one Capitol Hill source said that the push to lift the ban should not have come when it did. "People should have waited until the President was stronger," they said.

"Now it's all baked up with a lot of politics that have nothing especially to do with lifting the ban."

Controversy Over Early AZT Usage Divides Berlin AIDS Conference

First Residents Move Into Second AIDS Home In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]: Residents have begun moving into the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) new, independent living environment on Milwaukee's northeast side. The facility, which once served as a convain, will now provide, comfortable housing for men and women living with HIV disease and AIDS.

The facility features private bedrooms, a recreation room, living room, large kitchen, and several oversized bedrooms. The community setting strives to address residents' physical, recreational and emotional needs, but does not provide medical services. Except for two rooms designated as smoking areas, the facility is smoke, drug and alcohol free.

A housing coordinator is available to the daily needs of residents, including coordination meals, maintenance requests, emotional support, and transportation services.

To qualify, residents must be HIV symptomatic or have an AIDS diagnosis, be in need of housing due to financial difficulties, be a permanent Milwaukee county resident and be able to live independently. Residents are based on the availability of rental and low-income matching funds.

MAP's comprehensive housing program includes $24,000 housing allowance for approximately 50 individuals and families affected by AIDS, covering the cost of operating an early transitional living facility with a capacity of 16 residents. Open to former referral systems for roommates and landlords.

MAP is in need of all varieties of housing information for low-income living facility. Donations should be directed to Kathy Prodehl at (414) 461-7677.

MAP Receives Grants

In other news from MAP, the agency that received a $5,000 grant from the Glenn and Gertrude Hamphrey Foundation, Inc. to provide for the exploration of the agency's Food Services and Transportation Assistance Program for people living with AIDS and HIV disease.

The grant will be used to support operation of MAP's new mini-van, a 1990 Chevrolet Lumina, which "has been purchased by the agency in response to the demand of clients offering the Food Services and Transportation Program.

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[Milwaukee]: By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]: "Angry, Unhappy, Protesting and Confusing." These are the words Doug Nelson who has attended the International Conference on AIDS being held in Berlin.

Nelson, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), said that the major debate, the "scientific controversy and confusion" was over the results of the Concordade Study and the American response to it. The results of the Study were reported at the Berlin Conference on the morning of June 8, 1993.

The results of the Concordade Study, done in Great Britain, was a 4-year study that compared the effects of AZT and other drugs on the survival of children with AIDS. Nelson, said that the results have had a "powerful effect on the Conference.

The motion for the Concordade Study was cast a shadow of the early death of his partner, AZT, Nelson said.

"I, and other scientists point out, that Concordade studied AZT, not the, The British study was designed to test AZT when used in combination with other drugs when used with other drugs in other countries, Americans, Nelson said, are raising the question of the survival of children with AIDS in the direction we are heading.

"That is the debate in this whole conference," Nelson said. "There is no consensus on any conclusion. The scientific community is now divided."

Nelson added that to him and others attending the conference, it was "frustrating in the extreme. The controversy demonstrates to me that this epidemic, there are no answers. We have only questions.

Fauci Speaks to the Conference

On Tuesday, June 8, 1993, Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institutes of Health, Office of AIDS Research, spoke at the conference, speaking to Nelson, Fauci said that he has been involved with shows that in the first years of AIDS, replication of the virus is very high in the lymphatic system.

Fauci also reported that his studies on the immune system activation is profound in the first 12 weeks. Activation of a profound way makes the T cells more able to attack the virus.

Nelson said that its a catch-22. We have to find way to maintain the immune system without triggering a profound response, while also losing a person more open to infection.

Nelson said that Fauci gave no answers, no way to do this. "This is the great controversy," Nelson said, "How do you protect the immune system and at the same time not push it responsive to the virus?"

"My sense is," Nelson continued, "at this time, we don't have the scientific gridlock on HIV research." That, he said, would be "dismaying.

"It is frustrating to me, the U.S. and other developed countries that have "have both the knowledge as well as the resources to develop a vaccine to prevent the disease."

See Your Doctor

Nelson wanted it to be clear that his clients on drug therapy should be "immediately" talk with their physicians.

"In 13 years of AIDS, there are no answers. We're back in ground zero," he said.