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### RIOT POLICE CREATE VIOLENCE

ATLANTA MAYOR YOUNG APOLOGIZES TO DEMONSTRATORS



Atlanta riot police and prison guards recruited for riot duty marched by the dozen, shocking and

frightening conventioneers.

#### Matt Flynn Runs for Congress In Fifth District

Matt Flynn is running for Congress, seeking to represent Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District, in what is essentially a two-man race.

He is a young man, born October 3, 1947, with a relaxed, yet intent, Kennedy look about him. He reminds one somehow of Michael Dukakis, of John Norquist and Dave Schultz. These, like Flynn, are of a younger generation who Milwaukee and America seem, in this election year, to be turning to in a desire for change.

This move toward younger, newer faces is important, for it has happened several times before in American history and ushered in a new era of optimism and growth.



Matt Flynn

For example, Andrew Jackson in the 1820's and Theodore Roosevelt in the first decade of this century. It is in the nature of a changing of the guard. The old guard has done well — in some cases — but, regardless of well or ill, there is a sense, a feeling, that its day is done and it is time for those who are new.

Flynn attended Yale, taking a B.A. in 1969. He served in the Navy and was honorably discharged in 1972 as a Lieutenant (j.g.). He then attended the University of Wisconsin Law School from which he graduated magna cum laude with a J.D. degree in 1975. He currently is a partner with the law firm of Quarles & Brady in Milwaukee.

He sits, relaxed, in his campaign headquarters at 51st and Bluemound, a friendly smile on his features. What about increased funding for AIDS research, he is asked, thinking about the emphasis placed on it at the recent Democartic National Convention.

Without hesitation, he replies, "I'm a strong supporter of increased funding." He shakes his head. "Society must find a cure," and, he continues, indicating that, in his opinion, society has a duty, an obligation to find that cure and to help those living with AIDS in the meantime. In this regard, he voices strong admiration for Dr. Karen Lamb for her work and dedication. "You know," he adds, "I'm an optimist, I believe that a cure (for AIDS) will be found." One can only hope he's right.

What does he think of President Reagan's reaction to the report of his commission on AIDS?

Again, Flynn shakes his head and his expressive eyes line with disapproval. "The signal he sent was very hurtful," he replies. "But then, he (Reagan) is not a leader on this or any other issue."

Without reservation, Flynn supports a national Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill. Also, he would have no problem whatever with TURN TO FLYNN, PAGE 14

## "Final" Goals Report Rejected

A meeting of the Goal Setting Committee was held on August 9 at Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation Community Center. Nine people attended the 6:00 p.m. gathering.

The Committee is an all volunteer group. Its purpose is to formulate goals for the entire Gay/Lesbian community for the next decade.

One of the main items of business was the discussion of a document which, according to the copy obtained by **Light**, is titled "Proposed Final Draft." The subtitle reads, "Lesbian/Gay Goal Setting Project, 1989 and Beyond." No author is listed.

The 12 page document is divided into a lenghty introduction followed by a section titled "Issues Impacting the Lesbian/Gay Community" and one called, "Lesbian/Gay Primary Responsibility." Within these two subsections are 12 goals which it is stated in the introduction, were the top 12 of many developed by the committee over a three month period.

It is noted also in the introduction that while "150 people were invited into the TURN TO GOALS, PAGE 14

#### demonstrations punctuated the warm Southern air bringing a refreshing wind of activity to the week. The largest of these demonstration took place on Sunday, July 17, when about 2,500 people gathered for a protest called

While the Democratic Convention some-

times got lost in hoopla, argument and staged performance, three Gay/Lesbian

place on Sunday, July 17, when about 2,500 people gathered for a protest called "Stop AIDS, Stop Violence, Stop Discrimination... This is America." It was held in the two acre parking lot known as the Free Speech area, a place well out of hearing of the Omni, the Convention Hall itself.

The event, sponsored by the Atlanta group Legislate Equality for Gays and Lesbians (LEGAL) included as speakers Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.) and several Atlanta city officials. The moderator was Ray Hill a Houston Gay activist.

With the major media in attendance (Channel 6 from Milwaukee among them), the crowd listened as the Reagan Administration was condemned for not doing enough to combat AIDS and ending anti-Gay discrimination.

The following day, Monday, July 18, saw the Die-In (see article, this issue).

Later, that afternoon, about 30 members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) sponsored a "kiss-in" on a street just outside the Free Speech site on the sidewalk in front of the headquarters of the Cable News Network.

According to what police said later, that sidewalk had been designated as a thoroughfare to the Convention Hall. Thus, only those with proper credentials could use it.

Neil Broome, an ACT-UP organizer, later told Light that ACT-UP's position was that the sidewalk was a public way on which anyone had a right to petition delegates.

When ACT-UP members began to kiss and hand out leaflets titled "Why We Kiss," 75 police riot squad members arrived to drive the group back to the Free Speech area.

As Light found out, the riot squad was made up of police taken from their normal duties as guards in prisons all over Georgia.

They came in lock step, faces covered by clear masks, shields held in front of them and began to shove the assembled Gays and Lesbians back toward the outer-most barrier around the convention complex.

For reasons unknown, the police then permitted the demonstrators to return to the sidewalk where they had been. Again, the riot police appeared, shoving the Gays and Lesbians back, pushing some of them against metal barricades that had been set up to control traffic. While there were no injuries, one reporter claimed that his camera had been damaged. This could not be verified.

Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young had been notified of the altercation and denounced ACT-UP. Young, who himself was a veteran of civil rights demonstration in the '60s, was reported to have said that "With a name like that, (ACT-UP) they were obviously trouble makers." He was also quoted as saying in reference to the Die-In that "If people want to lie on the ground and fry themselves, that's their business."

ACT-UP members immediately demanded a public apology from the mayor to "the entire Gay community" for what they called "the reprehensible" actions of the police at the Kiss-In. Young's staff hurriedly and with obvious embarrassment, explained in a public statement that the mayor had not been briefed on the Die-In or the Kiss-In and that he would meet with Lesbian/Gay leaders and review TURN TO POLICE, PAGE16

#### Army Refuses to Reenlist Ben-Shalom Despite Court Order

Mirian Ben-Shalom, of Milwaukee, an openly Lesbian woman, who won a seven-year battle to be reinstated as a U.S. Army Reserve sergeant, has won her battle for reenlistment. This is according to Federal Judge Myron L. Gordon in a ruling handed down Thursday, August 4.

Ben-Shalom is a sergeant with the 5091st Army Reception Batallion at 4828 W. Silver Spring Drive in Milwaukee.

Her struggle with the Army for her rights as a Lesbian has been a long one. She was discharged in 1976 for being open about her sexuality. At that time, a federal judge ordered the Army to reinstate her. However, the case dragged on for seven years as the Army aruged that it should be required only to correct her work records and give her back pay in lieu of reinstatement.

In 1987 a Federal Appeals Court ruled that Ben-Shalom must be reinstated. The Army, having lost, complied.

Her current enlistment will expire on August 11 of this year. Judge Gordon in his decision said that re-enlistment was being denied for the same reason that she had been discharged i.e. that she was an open Lesbian.

The Army had argued that it needed to distinguish military personnel on the basis of their sexual orientation to maintain discipline, foster trust among personnel, preserve the integrity of rank and command, maintain public acceptability of the military and prevent security breaches.

Gordon wrote that the Army's stated institutional goals were not "rationally served" by denying re-enlistment.

As we go to press on August 10, Ben Shalom told Light that the Army has refused to re-enlist her. Instead, the army wants to extend her current enlistment indefinitely without removal of the bar to reenlistment. Light has learned from reliable sources that at least one of the U.S. Dept. of Justice' attorneys believes the Army in this decision is not in compliance with the restraining order. The attorney in question expressed his unhappiness with the current decision.

## Project Equality Fights Discrimination at Cash Register

By Sue Burke

"I guess I'm kind of naive. I never thought someone would want to murder me because I work for civil rights," said Betty J. Thompson.

She described a recent threat against her more calmly than she described threats and injuries to others, as if the troubles of others were more important.

Thompson, 49, is executive director of Project Equality of Wisconsin. She was interviewed in the organization's small suite of offices on Milwaukee's Lower East Side, where a staff of three works to keep employers from discriminating.

Thompson has worked in social justice all her life, marching with Father James Groppi, and trying to improve welfare rights. She was working with youth for the Council on Urban Life when she was urged to fill the vacancy of Project Equality executive director. She replaced Helen Barnhill, now a Republican candidate for the 5th district Congressional seat.

Project Equality was founded 25 years ago by the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. The Wisconsin branch began 20 years ago after the civil rights riots when a group of clergy came together to see what they could do about unemployment among blacks, Thompson explained. The focus grew.

Project Equality is "unique, the only national non-governmental, non-profit equal employment opportunity program," Thompson explained. Its services are paid for by religious judicatories — Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Unitarian.

Its intent is to achieve equal employment and affirmative action through the use of its members' purchasing power. The purchasing power of religious institutions in the United States is second only to the federal government, she said.

It publishes a national guide, "a positive guide," for religious and related institutions naming firms that provide Project Equality with an annual equal employment opportunities report — and the reports are monitored.

One thousand buyers guides were distributed last year to its members, who consider themselves "consumers with a conscience," Thompson explained.

Project Equality also provides technical assistance to employers, and is usually a "welcome appearance" in contrast to the federal government. The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission acts on complaints. Project Equality tries to act for prevention.

It provides "not just the legal, but the whole moral argument for equal employment for all minorities — ethnic groups, women, handicapped people, Vietnam vets, older adults." It has workshops on "all of the 'isms," "she said with a laugh.

Project Equality spearheads meetings when hate groups come to town. Thompson is particularly troubled by groups, often white supremacist groups, who use religious affiliation and target youth with comic books and other materials depicting whites fighting against Blacks and Jews. "Whenever we hear about this, we try to organize to dissolve these groups," she said.

In Wisconsin, sponsoring groups include the America Baptist Churches of Wisconsin; Catholic Archdioceses of Milwaukee, La Crosse, and Madison; various synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Amercia, as well as groups of the Episcopal, Jewish, Unitarian, Methodist churches and the United Church of Christ, and others.

Project Equality is trying to reach out to other kinds of religious members, such as Moslem, Bahai, and Quaker, Thompson said.

Thompson was tired from traveling. In June, many synods and denominations have their annual conventions. Thompson had been presenting workshops on topics like Indian treaty rights, trying to dispel myths and stereotypes. Conferences respond by passing resolutions on issues like pay equity and sexual harassment.

Sometimes it may seem that religious life is separate from day-to-day activities, Thompson said, "but you and I are members of a church. Many people who belong to churches hold significant and influential jobs and offices during the week.

Project Equality also has action focuses.
Recent focuses were on department stores including Gimbel's, Marshall Field's, and K-Mart, with friends and members of the organizations circulating postcards for individual shoppers to sign. It took five

years and help from the Milwaukee Jewish Council to get Boston Store to join, Thompson said.

A grocery store action focus brought Sentry Food Stores and Schultz Save-On Stores on board as participants last year.

Banks and savings and loans will be Project Equality's next focus. Already, a member of the Project Equality board of directors, who is also the member of a church undertaking a half-million dollar renovation project, has successfully urged the South Side bank handling the account to join Project Equality.

When Thompson first took the job as executive director, she thought, "with all the churches behind me, this could really be exciting."

She found that churches were not always the furthest ahead in equality, and her job became "making the church be the church."

"As a Black woman at religious conventions, I generally have to preface my remarks that while I am not an ordained minister and have no position in any denomination, I view my work as a special mission."

It can be hard, Thompson said, to deal with racism every day. "Sometimes I have to laugh to keep from crying." While she was speaking at one church, she said, a member stood up and challenged her about "nigras," and carried on with stereotyped descriptions and epithets.

"I really dislike it when I see people who profess to be Christians using Christianity as a means to separate people by races and

Project Equality tries to describe "what works and what hurts," and to show how "we can be an inclusive society."

It teaches about issues such as pregnancy and maternity leave, or how it can happen that a "Black man is let go for reasons that a white man might not even be reprimanded for."

In Wisconsin, 700 employers participate, "from ma and pa operations to major corporations, from bakers to bankers," including such large firms as First Wisconsin and Northwest Mutal Life Insurance

On-site visits include religious employers. They can be even more difficult than businesses, Thompson said.

As with businesses, she tried to "accept them where they're at," but it is harder than she had thought. "I didn't realize how far behind many of the members are."

"One of the problems we hear more about now is sexual harassment, even in churches." In the past, this might have been ignored. Now, Project Equality is able to bring firsthand to the employer the pain and hurting women have had from harassment

"Women and minorities are still at the bottom of the ladder," usually in office and clerical positions, Thompson said. The only group to have made major progress lately are white women.

Age discrimination complaints have also increased from people who reach "the magic age of 40" and suddenly have trouble at work.

Project Equality was asked for an opinion by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and others groups on a state law recently enacted by the urging of Rawhide Boys Ranch, allowing discrimination against Lesbians, Gay men, and others. Project Equality stated:

"This act is clearly not consistent with the strong interfaith support Project Equality receives in working with religious affiliated institutions that are major employers in the health care, education and social service fields. What action to take to close this shameful loophole will soon be decided and Project Equality will keep its members informed."

Thompson said the statement "is really related to the law. We're getting a lot of flack for the one statement we made. We would feel the religious community would want to be a leader, not a follower."

For Lesbians and Gay men, her advice to employers is only "deal with them the same as you would deal with anyone else. The only problems you should have with them should be job-related."

"We certainly encourage our religious denominations not to discriminate on the basis of sexual preference."

But overall, discrimination continues, and may only be more subtle. "The clock seems to be turning back. We have a long way to go."



A portion of the Wisconsin delegates at the Omni Center during the Democratic National

#### NOW Supports Gay Issues; Advocates Women's Rights

By Sue Burke

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is "one of the feminist organizations that's willing to be a little mouthy," according to Karen Godshall, president of Wisconsin NOW. "It's one of the feminist organizations that's most willing to take positions without worrying if they're mainstream positions."

For example, NOW was the first to call for Mary Kohler's resignation from the Wisconsin Women's Council after she circulated a letter to members about her trip to South Africa.

Wisconsin NOW members met at the end of July in Pewaukee for their state conference, and voted to try to end sex discrimination in insurance, to support state Supreme Court Justice Shirley Abrahamson for re-election, to lobby for more state funding for rape and domestic abuse programs, and to support Indian Treaty Rights.

The Lesbian Rights Task Force, led by Diana Wright of Beloit, will distribute information about the stands on Gay and Lesbian issues by candidates in the November election, will try to win Congressional support for a national Gay rights bill, will provide educational programs, and will attend a NOW national Lesbian rights conference in San Diego, Cal., in October.

NOW is "fighting restrictive brush fires" in access to abortion and birth control, Godshall said. Medicaid funding for abortions was just lost in Michigan by a special referendum, and Wisconsin NOW is urging its members to go to Michigan to work and its political action committee to send money.

NOW is still developing its position on surrogate pregnancies, she said, but is committed to leading the fight for a woman's right to control her own body.

During the fight for the equal rights amendment, Wisconsin NOW's membership peaked at about 4,000, Godshall said, and has about 2,500 members currently. There were about 60 members at the conference.

During the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) years, she said, NOW and the ERA were closely linked that people joined NOW to support the ERA. There is no single galvanizing issue for feminists these days, she said, and there are more organizations for single issues.

"People have more choices these days," she said, but NOW remains broad based.

NOW is continuing to work on the ERA as a priority, leading a citizen cosponsor petition effort to re-introduce the ERA to Congress. But in Wisconsin, Godshall said, many state issues have replaced the single national ERA as a focus for the organiza-

NOW wants to "flood" state and local election ballots with women candidates, she said, with help from its own political action committee and the Fund for a Feminist Majority, started by Ellie Smeal, former national president of NOW.

Wisconsin NOW has more PAC money than ever, with about \$5 for every member, she said. Since it is given to local campaigns, which tend to be low-budget, "it can go pretty far."

NOW will work for an end to sex discrimination in insurance with other organizations, Godshall said, including the Women's Political Caucus, the Wisconsin Women's Network, Business and Professional Women, and the Wisconsin Women's Council.

Montana has had non-gender-based insurance in auto, health, disability income and life insurance since 1985, according to a NOW fact sheet, and rates there have gone down for 84% of Montana insurance purchasers.

Godshall was re-elected state president at the conference. Other officers were Dene Bourn of Madison, action vice president; Ann Mortier of Appleton, executive vice president; Mary Jonker of Kenosha, secretary; Jeanell Daily of Madison, treasurer; Bonny Nelson, legislative coordinator; and Mariann Ritzer of Stevens Point, publicist.

Denise Matyka, a former Wisconsin NOW president, was honored as NOW's feminist of the year. She had joined NOW in 1980 and worked in Uthan and Oklahoma for the FRA

Matyka, of Madison, is currently on the staff of the Madison Rape Crisis Center, Community Shares of Wisconsin and Community CHIP.

At the conference, Douglas La Follette, a candidate for U.S. Senate, and representatives Tony Earl and Ed Garvey spoke at a luncheon forum. In response to a question, La Follette said he would support a federal Gay and Lesbian rights law, while representatives of the other candidates said they believed Earl and Garvey would.

All three candidates would support Medicare funding for abortions and the proposed federal Act for Better Child Care

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#### EDITORIAL

#### Vote: Earl, Flynn, Becker, Eisenberg

An important Primary election will be held in Wisconsin on Tuesday September 13th. With the ongoing AIDS crisis, rising violence directed against Gays and Lesbians and increased discrimination EVERY election is important.

Three very good friends of the Gay and Lesbian community are running, Tony Earl, Matt Flynn and Dismas Becker.

TONY EARL is locked in a tight battle for the Democratic Senate nomination. Earl did a great job advancing our issues as Governor. He will be the kind of spokesperson we need in

MATT FLYNN is our choice for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth District. While we thank Jim Moody for his past support, our choice of Flynn is based on our belief that he will be more outspoken on our issues than Moody has been. We have intended to endorse Fred Kessler but his withdrawal leaves Flynn as the best choice.

DISMAS BECKER is also in a tight primary fight for the State Senate seat given up my Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist. Becker was the original sponsor of our Wisconsin Gay Rights Law. His concern for equality, justice and dignity of all people warrants our full

Last but certainly not least Light heartily endorses ALAN D. EISENBERG for the position of Milwaukee County Clerk. Not only is Mr. Eisenberg emminently qualified to hold that office, but he is perahps the most pro Gay/Lesbian of any candidate running for this or any other office. If we need a friend, we can count on Eisenberg.

#### **Guest Editorial: Goal Is To Share Common Ground**

By Mark Behar P.A.-C.

Sharing common ground is what we're all about, to paraphrase Jesse Jackson, who is the soul and conscience of our nation. Let's look for a moment at the Vietnam conflict and the war against AIDS to find some common ground. In Vietnam, war was never officially declared, and over 60,000 died and thousands more physically and mentally disabled; former Secretary of Health Margaret Heckler at the First International AIDS Conference in 1985 declared war on AIDS, yet it was only recently that President Reagan actually uttered the word AIDS in public; over 37,000 have died of AIDS, and another 30,000 have been diagnosed and are struggling to live with the disease.

The government poured millions of dollars into bullets, bombs, and ineffective battle strategies in Vietnam, and the government is now pouring millions of dollars into AIDS-related research and education. But it too is also ineffectual using fear as a motivator, when fear hasn't worked. Using euphamisms instead of explicitness. Ignoring youth - both heterosexual and those who are secretly Gay or Lesbian. By not using explicit educational and skills development programs in schools, and by not frankly dealing with homophobia, and sexual responsibility, pride and self respect; it's our future generation that Reagan and Bush so callously distain and disregard! The president said he would officially respond to the AIDS Commission report released by Admiral Watkins within a month of its release.

Well, the time is up, and we're running out of time! Misguided right wing attempts to criminalize, isolate, and discriminate must be replaced with a commitment to educate, organize, and activate! (Agitate)

In 1968, I waited with dread as draft lottery numbers were announced over the radio, praying that my friends and I would be lucky. In 1988, we are all waiting with dread at the results of our HIV antibody tests or the positive diagnosis of AIDS or ARC, or waiting with dread to hear of friends becoming ill and dying. In each case, we waited until too late to protest after positive notification was received. In both cases, if and when we did act up, we were met with deaf ears by our political leaders, and police arrests and beatings for our persistance.

Our fellow Americans watched Vietnam as they watch AIDS now, with horror and fascination. Enamoured with the box score mentality. Hundreds killed in capture of village; Rock Hudson and Liberace die of

AIDS. Whenever a shell explodes you discover more of your buddies lost! But the folks "back home" remained unaffected, as we are living through a nightmare: You can hear the screams of people dying of neglect and bigotry, their cries for help falling on unhearing ears, yes even in Milwaukee. The war on AIDS hasn't united us, but has divided us, just like in Vietnam. In it here - there, us - them mentality! This, my friends is morally wrong! Haven't we learned from our mistakes? The ground is littered with bloodied corpses, and still, no one cares until it was their turn? Until their son or daughter, brother or sister, friend or cousin got it?

We survivors of Vietnam and AIDS share that same anger, that indescribable rage at the false and mis-information still being perpetrated; at our inability to take care of ourselves and our brothers who are dying for no good reason; at the betrayal of our own countrymen and of our nation's leaders for saying one thing, and doing something else, and for the government bureaucrats, yes even here in Milwaukee, for not speaking out and demanding more compassionate health care and in many cases mere access to health care, and access to expensive or experimental treatments. Where were you, "Dr. Commissioner of Health" and "Mr. Secretary of Health," and "Dr. State Epidemiologist?" And where were we to demand they

Let's use this metaphor to recognize our common ground to connect with people of color and women and veterans; to find common ground to cooperate for educating our communities about AIDS. Let's support and empower our Gay and straight youth who are alienated and disenfranchished. And most importantly, let's vote in November for Michael Dukakis, who although is not a great friend of the Gay & Lesbian community, will aggressively fight the war on AIDS - with commitment, not platitudes; with explicitness, not euphamisms, with money, not excuses. It's not just happening to Gay men and intravenous needle sharing drug users; it's happening to all of us, - humans. Let's find that common ground, for we are running out of

(Mark Behar is a physician assistant at Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, and is also co-executive producer of Tri-Cable Tonight, Milwaukee's Gay & Lesbian monthly cable television program. This statement of opinion was originally cablecast for the August program of Tri-Cable Tonight.)

#### **Impressions of National Convention**

By Terry Boughner

The thing I found out, the fact to remember, is that the Democratic National Convention was really two gatherings. Each happened in Atlanta. Each impacted on the other. But each had an existence of

The first convention, the one millions watched on TV and read about, was a made for media event happening in the Omni, a hall only a little larger than Milwaukee's

I won't say the Omni wasn't impressive. It was. All done out in red, white and blue with lights everywhere and a band wedged up high toward the roof, the first sight of the place on Sunday, before anything got started, took my breath away. Slumped in a seat in the Wisconsin delegation, I sat,

looking out in awe, wondering how anyone would not want to be a delegate, a part of this process?

Then, I had to do it, had to try. Slowly, hoping to be inconspicuous, I crossed the hall and zig-zagged my way up the stairs toward the podium. You were not allowed. Every sign said, "No." But I made it and for 15 seconds, maybe less, I stood there, looking out over it all, my heart pounding. Even the band cooperated, breaking into "Stars and Stripes Forever." Then some-one chased me away. No matter. I had stood there, gotten some little feeling of what it was like. It was worth it.

There, in the Omni, for four evenings, what most people think of as The Convention took place. But, the action is mostly, if not all staged, orchestrated before hand and kept in line from a command trailor beneath the Omni floor. Lights go up and people applaud, shout and wave their banners. Lights go down and everyone sits down again.

Did you see the sign the woman held up, supporting Lesbians and Gays when Jackson mentioned us in his speech? That shot had all been arranged with her before hand. Don't get me wrong. To be "on the floor" as they say, is fantastically exciting, an experience never to be missed, but the real action, the spontaneous stuff happens elsewhere. That's what I call "the other convention" while others speak of "offfloor action."

This happens all around, all over, all day and much of the night throughout the city. In the "Free Speech Area," a two acre parking lot just beyond the outter-most perimeter around the Omni (there were 6 check points to get to the hall), groups and individuals were constantly championing some cause or other. There were Neo-Nazis, those advocating freedom for juvenile deliquents, radical Christians, Justice for Janitors, New Tide Marxists and dozens of others. I asked one woman if she would like a copy of Light. She looked at it, then said, "I'll read it when you stop sinning." I stared at her not really knowing what to say and then she added, "You're a blasphemer, goddamn you!"

In the city beyond, the minions of Lyndon La Rouche are on every street corner. As someone from Light says, "They are part of democracy in action." I guess, but I told them off anyway - until I get tired. It makes me feel good. One late afternoon, we passed one of the LaRoucheies - a handsome young man. He winked and smiled as he hurried by. Hummmm?

And everywhere, there were cops. Someone said there are 5,000 on duty in Atlanta during Convention week. I can't verify the figure, but I can easily believe

it's true. TURN TO CONVENTION, PAGE 23

#### LETTERS

To the Editor:

Thank you for writing the informative and insightful article about the Greens that appeared in The Wisconsin Light. You did a good job of presenting not only the diversity of our movement but also our desire to honor diversity.

I will be sharing "Greens Worldwide Respect Gay and Lesbian Rights" by sending it through our I.C. network. It needs to be shared.

I just heard that Canadian Green Women have formed a Women's Caucus in the Canadian Green Party. I see the possibility of a Gay/Lesbian Caucus in the Greens as well as a women's caucus.

> -Dee Berry Kansas City, MO

(The above letter was sent to Sue Burke who has consented that it appear here.)

To the Editor:

I would like to thank my friend, Bill Meunier, for his kind words about me in his article in last month's issue of Light. I would also like to thank Terry and Jerry for printing it. It is good to know that I have such friends and I am very grateful.

One thing, however, I would like to point out. That is that neither I nor anyone with AIDS is dying. We are living with AIDS. Life is an on-going process, full of joy as well as heartache. Life is to be savored completely with each passing moment. Dying, if by that we mean some sort of process, has no part in this. In fact, it does not exist. What does exist is the on-going act of living, and nothing, no disease, no false concepts, should be allowed to sour life's sweetness.

To my good friends and to all who should hear it, I would like to say that I am living. I see the gentle smiles of friends, hear their voices and feel their hands on mine. I taste sweet, cool water on my lips. I learn and grow day by day as I meet and accept the

challenges of living of which AIDS is one.

If there is such a thing called "dying" then it must be easy to surrender. I refuse that. In faith I accept life, so I am engaged in living. That is what, I think, being human, AIDS or no, is all about.

-Alyn W. Hess

#### **GUEST EDITORIAL POLICY**

The Wisconsin Light welcomes guest editorials. Such are expressions of personal opinion on community, local ornational issues of interest to Lesbians and/or Gays. They should be typed, double-spaced and be no longer than 400-600 words.

#### A LETTER FROM KAREN LAMB

Hello, Sweet Friends,

Gee! What ever happened to gracious livin'? Sun's just coming up and great! It looks like rain. But here I sit, looking at a blank sheet, wondering if Terry and Jerry have already gone to press.

Climbed out early this morning because we have so much to share with you. Mainly, how your three friends here attended the National Democratic Convention. Do you know that in spite of all the sadness with which we live, lately we have had a few moments of happiness?

Our trip began on Wednesday, or was it Thursday? Convention starts on Monday, but heavens! all the business that is really important is signed and sealed before the convention ever starts. We want to be in on the action. All of us rushing like crazy so we could take a few days out of town. Two in the morning when I pick up two bright eyed men, Terry, the editor, and Jerry, the publisher of Wisconsin Light. Am I the only one that is sleeply? And only twenty more hours of driving?

Who's got the map to Atlanta? Perhaps I know it by heart.

Is there anything more special than driving through the night talking with dear friends? I think not. Subjects range from politics, convention schedules, Gay and Lesbian caucuses, what will Jesse do, how can we help. Business aside, we settle into the routine of personal chatter. Every now and then, Terry cat naps in the back seat while Jerry and I look for restaurants... which ain't easy in this big flat land called Indiana.

The terrain becomes beautiful down in Kentucky. We're flying toward my home town now and I feel the excitement. By this time, we're deep into conversations about history. It doesn't matter. Ancient, European, American. And as long as I live, I know there will never be a trip more memorable than this. Can you imagine a personal Ph.D. tour guide?

The battle fields fly by. Small towns now. Such courage, and such desperation on both sides. I confess though a strong sense of outrage regarding General Sherman. One hundred and thirty years later, and I'm still outraged. Strange to live in a city with street names such as Grant and Sherman. I try not to think about it. In Tennessee, a question: "Do you know of any old plantations still around?" Lordy, only one and it's about twenty miles down the road. A quick visit to the Hermitage, more wonderful stories of Andrew Jackson and Racheal, a visit to their graves in Racheal's garden, and "It's on the road again."

Couple more restaurants and we find Look Out Mountain. Hair pin curves and finally the top. I do hope Terry and Jerry find room in this paper for just one teeny little touristy snap. (It's a hoot! And I promise, fills one with more happiness than remembrances of pictures of protest, whoops, 'scuse me: the Free Speech area, the Klan, the skinheads, and the Atlanta police dressed in full riot gear, face masks lowered.)

After finding Atlanta about midnight, we rose early to scout out the convention scene. Thus began our first of three days of trying to get our credentials. I won't belabor this scene, other than to say it was unpleasant. But there is a message here that I want to share. The message is that you do not have to be a delegate or a member of the press, or any of the myriad other dignitaries, to attend a national convention, and even more importantly, to get your work done.

The Gay and Lesbian caucuses were exciting and well run. But small. You should feel mighty proud that all the "ingredients" are in place. Yes, there were Gay and Lesbian delegates, yes, members of the press. Yes, leaders in the very truest sense of the word.

But not enough.

Also needed are positions called "runners", "whips" (don't laugh! I think that term is pretty tacky, myself!) and all kinds of folks whose job it is to communicate with other caucuses, build coalitions, type (yes, I said it... lots of typing at conventions as resolutions are drafted, amended again and again) and communicate just within our own caucus. Heavens, have you ever tried to keep up with the votes of just 50 or 100 of your good friends?

So come and help. You do not have to be a delegate to help get the most important business in the world accomplished. By all means, select a candidate and work for him or her. Do run for delegate. Do be prepared to trade to achieve your objectives. But



Dr. Karen Lamb is solemnly reading names of Wisconsinites who have died of AIDS and whose names appear on panels in the National AIDS Quilt, during the Die-In Demonstration at the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta.

most important: Do come. You can help others as well as yourself.

Strange that in a democracy there is so much emphasis on who is the delegate. They are important. In the final analysis, they vote. Strange to see the massive police power. Strange that everyone does not know that he or she can attend. True you can't attend everything (and neither can all the delegates), but you can attend most events: State caucuses, labor caucuses, women's caucuses, black and Latin caucuses, and our own.

Next time lets take a bus load from Wisconsin. There is plenty to do. Nice to see the faces about whom I've read. Nice to see the Gays and Lesbians set up in one of Atlanta's finest Hilton Hotels, right in the heart of all the convention business.

But we need more politically active people. Delegates, yes. Workers, yes.

Well, heck. I've been spending so much time painting the garage (it's a good time to just stand, and paint, and cuss Ronald Reagan) that I'm past the press deadline, I'm sure.

Just had to take a minute to tell you how proud I was of the Gay and Lesbian actions and invite you to come with us next time.

Thanks Jesse. And yes, we will Keep Hope Alive.

Love and Hugs to all our friends.

—Karen Lamb

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#### LIGHT AWARDS

We here at Wisconsin Light are pleased to announce the first annual state-wide "TORCH LIGHT AWARDS."

While full details will not be announced until September's issue, we can say now that winners will be announced in the January issue and nominations will be accepted beginning in September.

Numerous categories will be included such as Volunteer of the Year, Lesbian of the Year, Gay Man of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year, Bartender of the Year and others.

Forms for nominations will be provided.

Watch for further details

#### Groundbreaking National Lesbian Health Care Survey Unveiled

By Jamakaya

The Final Report of the National Lesbian Health Care Survey, a groundbreaking study of Lesbian lifestyles and health issues, was unveiled at the Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum in Boston in late July. Almost five years in development, the Survey tallies the responses of 1,925 Lesbians from all of the 50 states on a wide range of general health, mental health and lifestyle issues.

The survey's authors, Judith Bradford and Caitlin Rayn, felt that if Lesbians themselves did not define their own health care needs they would continue to be ignored by the medical establishment. Their goals for the study were "to identify and define service needs for Lesbians and to provide the data to begin to make the system accountable for meeting those needs."

With data analysis funded by the National Institute of Mental health, the survey represents the first Lesbian research ever funded by the U.S. Public Health Service. An earlier abstract, National Lesbian Health Care Survey: Mental Health Implications, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is also the first government sponsored publication on any Lesbian topic.

The Sample

The survey itself is a significant documentation of Lesbian life and health in the U.S. in the 1980s. All geographic areas of the U.S. are represented in the sample. The 1,925 Lesbians surveyed ranged in age from 17 to 80 with the vast majority, 81% between 25 and 44. (The authors note that the sample was much less diverse than the general population, where women 25-44 comprise only 29% of the total female population.)

Eighty-eight percent of those surveyed were White, 6% Black, 4% Latino, with small numbers of Asian and Native American Lesbians rounding out the sample. Sixty percent of the respondents were currently in a primary relationship with a woman, 19% were single and uninvolved, 18% were single and "somewhat" involved, while 2% were legally married to men. Although more than 91% had been raised within a religious affiliation, more than 66% claimed to be unaffiliated at the time of the survey.

A high percentage, 69% had had some college or an undergraduate or graduate degree. Despite this educational attainment however, 64% of those surveyed earned less than \$20,000 per year. Anxieties related to poor financial position are a consistent thread throughout the report, contributing to stress related illnesses and lack of access to health care services.

The Findings

The most common health problem experienced by Lesbians in the past had been a long period of depression or sadness. In fact, the survey suggests that mental health problems and stress related illnesses are what most distinguishes Lesbiah health from that of the female population as a whole. In also indicates that these problems are largely societally induced.

A full 75% of the respondents relied on some form of therapy or counseling either in the past or at the time of the survey was completed. Eighty-nine percent preferred to see a woman counselor. The top three mental health concerns revolved around money matters, relationships and job worries.

Twenty-one percent had thought about suicide and 18% had actually attempted it at some time in their lives. These figures are comparable to suicide rates among physicians, long recognized as one of the most high stress groups in society.

The statistics on physical and sexual abuse and discrimination are very disturbing and provide the context for a clearer understanding of the mental health findings. Thirty-seven percent of Lesbians surveyed reported being harshly beaten or physically abused at some time in their lives. As children, 21% had been raped or sexually attacked; as adults, 15% had been similarly abused. Virtually all the perpetrators were male. Only one third of those sexually assaulted ever sought help.

Nineteen percent of the sample were not "out" to anyone in their families, and 29% remained in the closet to all of their co-workers. Anti-lesbian discrimination had been experienced by many in the sample. More than 50% had been verbally attacked, 8% had been physically attacked,

and 13% had lost jobs due to their sexual preference.

**OB/GYN Findings** 

In terms of OB/GYN care, the most common problem was bad cramps. At least 18% were coping with pre-menstrual syndrome and 4-8% reported symptoms of sexual transmitted diseases. In an apparent revelation to the Boston Globe, which headlined its story "Lesbian Survey Finds Strong Parental Urge," what is common knowledge in the Lesbian community was confirmed by the study: 16% of the sample were mothers and an additional 30% expressed the desire to become mothers. Some of the most popular workshops at the conference were those on artificial insemination.

While the first choice for health care was a doctor in private practice, more younger women made use of community clinics and women's health centers.

There were numerous problems associated with health providers, however. They included: the provider's assumption of the patient's heterosexuality (11% had birth control forced on them!); the patient's discomfort with coming out to the provider; the provider's being hard to talk to or not listening; the provider's failure to share treatment plans; and rough or unnecessary treatment.

Implications of the Survey

The roles of minority status, social marginality and stress on the mental health of Lesbians are emphasized in the authors' conclusions: "Key research implications relate to the effects of discrimination, physical and sexual abuse and substance abuse, and the interactions among them, on the need for mental health services and the training of providers; the impact of outness/closetedness on mental health and access to non-discriminatory and informed services; and the positive effects of acceptance and integration of Lesbian identity." The survey calls for greater education and understanding of Lesbianism among health care providers and is, itself, a valuable contribution to that effort.

The National Lesbian Health Care Survey is much more detailed than this short review can cover. Additional findings on substance abuse, eating disorders, AIDS and social life are also included. Especially interesting are the distinctions in answers when race, income, age and education are separated out.

The sheer volume of data in the survey will provide researchers with many different avenues for further investigation. The Lesbian community owes a debt of gratitude to Bradford and Ryan for their commitment is seeing the project through to completion despite difficult odds.

Delays in the survey were caused in part by gaps in funding, but even more distressing, by the reluctance of data entry companies to tally the results. After earlier disappointments, the third firm contracted for data entry services breached its contract, claiming that keypunchers walked off the job for fear they would contract AIDS from the questionaires!

On a brighter note, the report salutes the late Wisconsin Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues for staff support and assistance in distributing the questionaires. The Council did much valuable work during its short tenure in the Earl administration.

Copies of the 131 page Final Report of the National Lesbian Health Care Survey can be obtained from the national Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation, P.O. Box 65472, Washington, D.C. 20035.

Additional coverage of the Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum will appear in the "Sisternews" column and in subsequent issues of the Light.



#### By Jamakaya

Here are some impressions I carried away from the Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum held recently in Boston.

It was very clear to me that the most innovative and effective AIDS education and prevention programs are those being implemented at the grassroots level. Local and regional projects, often initiated by Gay men and Lesbians and dependent on foundation grants and grassroots fundraising, are providing desperately needed support services for people with AIDS and preventive education to drug user, prostitutes and minority communities.

An expanding network of newsletters stretching coast to coast informs health care workers and people with AIDS of experimental treatment strategies and the availability of new drugs - often from overseas.

New chapters of ACT-UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, which is committed to militant direct action to end the AIDS crisis, are being established throughout the U.S. The growth of direct action is particularly satisfying to this old feminist militant, who knows the best way to get attention and action is to kick ass. With more than 38,000 people already dead, believe me, there are a lot of asses that need to be kicked.

The grassroots efforts and militancy are noteworthy because of the lack of forward movement on the part of state and federal governments. In New Jersey, for example, where the number of AIDS cases is estimated at 40,000, only 4 people are currently enrolled in experimental drug trials, and the state hired its first AIDS educator this March, only after concerted pressure by AIDS activists.

Tens of millions in federal funds are (finally) being channeled into research at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, where the bureaucracy is mindboggling and progress is glacial. Singular attention is being paid to AZT trials while pleas from the grassroots for aerosol pentamadine, dextran sulfate and other possible treatments are ignored.

Most clinical trials are grossly underenrolled with little representation of minorities and drug users, and virtually all federal education efforts are aimed at John and Mary White and their 2.1 children in suburbia, rather than at the groups most immediately at risk.

President Reagan's refusal to issue an executive order protecting all HIV-infected people from discrimination (against his own Commission's recommendation) sends a terrible signal to the country and exemplifies his administration's consistently callous disregard for AIDS victims.



Jamakaya

Although we still need to kick ass to get these institutions to respond, it is clearly the grassroots movement which provides the most support, information and empowerment for people with AIDS.

The AIDS epidemic is also bringing about a dramatic politicization of the Gay male community. As Gay men with AIDS or working with AIDS issues discover pervasiveness of discrimination (against themselves and other minorities) and the brutal inequities of America's health care system (home and hospice care are rarely covered by insurance; poor and homeless people with AIDS often go completely untreated), they are beginning to voice the need for systemic changes in our government and medicial institutions. Many male speakers at the conference, infused with this new spirit of reform, lectured and urged attendees to commit themselves to working for broad social change.

This was all very interesting to us Lesbians, who weren't quite sure why our brothers were preaching so vociferously to the already converted! We were thrilled with the newly committed energy and the progressive agenda, but felt somewhat patronized at times. After all, the feminist movement generally and the women's health movement in particular have been hammering away at institutions for at least two decades - centuries, really - trying to increase access and reform unfair practices. Excuse us if we wonder "Where have you guys been?"

It may seem like a selfish quibble in the face of such an overwhelming health crisis, but as we work together, Gay men need to recognize Lesbians' long record of struggle with the political and medical establishments and our deep commitment to access and sensitive treatment for all.

We Lesbians have the history and we have the analysis. We have years of expertise and the battle scars that go with it. We're in it for the long haul.

Welcome aboard guys, it's a good fight!

#### **Network Begins Polling of National Gay Vote**

By John Ward

Exit polling by ABC indicates that Jesse Jackson won by a landslide among California Gays and carried a Gay majority in New

Among Gay Californians polled, Jackson got 62%, Dukakis 29%, Simon 3%, and Gore 2%. Among Gay New York City residents polled, Jackson got 53%, Dukakis 34%, Gore 11%, and Simon 2%. Among Gays polled in New York statewide, Jackson got 51%, Dukakis 34%, and Gore

As many as 6% of white New York City residents polled identified as Lesbian or Gay versus 3% of all New York State residents (of 3926 people) and 4% of all Californians polled (of 2825). That compares to 2% of New Jerseyians polled (of 2325) and 1% of Pennsylvanians polled (of

"The fact the networks are doing this is important," said Columbia University political science professor Robert Bailey. 'This now allows us to track the Gay vote."

ABC began asking voters leaving the booths if they were Lesbian or Gay during the New York primary and asked the question in all subsequent primaries. In only New York and California, did pollsters find enough voters who identified as Lesbian or Gay to draw any conclusions about the Gay vote. Pollsters need over 100 voters to draw reliable conclusions.

In New Mexico, 2% of those polled (of 1501) identified as Lesbian or Gay while 1% so identified in Ohio (of 2357), Indiana (of 1477), West Virginia (of 1649), and Nebraska (of 1620).

Though pollsters warned these figures could be meaningless, the New Jersey Gay results were 55% Jackson and 43% Dukakis and the Pennsylvania results were 60% Jackson and 30% Dukakis. The numbers are drawn from such a small sample that they could be severely skewed.

Because of the way ABC conducted the polls - participants only had to check off if they were Gay or Lesbian and then insert the sheet in a sealed envelope - it may have garnered more responses than if the questions were asked verbally, said Bob

Nonetheless, Baily warned it is impor-tant to distinguish the "self identified" Gay vote from the homosexual vote, i.e. those who would not say they were Gay or Lesbian. The Gay vote tends to me more liberal, he said.

CBS also asked New York, California, and Chicago voters if they were Lesbian or Gay but did not get enough of a percentage to draw any conclusions, a CBS pollster told Philadelphia Gay News. Out of 1811

polled in California, 4% said they were Lesbian or Gay while 2% of 2000 polled in New York so identified. CBS would not release the breakdown of how those Gays

NBC did not ask voters if they were Lesbian or Gay.

According to Bailey, among white New York City residents polled by ABC, 46% voted for Jackson versus 40% of Dukakis while 73% of black Gay New York City residents polled voted for Jackson. However, the number of black Gays polled is so small - only 11 people - that the figure could be meaningless. The total number of Gays polled in New York State was 108, 93 of those in New York City.

Bailey may combine the votes from all the states to gather a large enough pool of voters to draw conclusions. By comparing that against how the "norm" of educated white men vote, he hopes to draw some conclusions about the nature of the Gay vote. Besides its role in California and New York, he said the Gay vote may play an important role in more conservative parts of the country, such as Texas, where it could form the backbone of the liberal vote.

The New York City findings go against earlier reports in the Gay press that Dukais carried Greenwich Village precincts by a 2 to 1 vote which was used to indicate that Dukakis carried the New York Gay vote.

But it is right on target with the conclusions of San Francisco pollster David Binder who found a 69.5% Jackson and 28.2% Dukakis vote in 18 San Francisco precints in predominately Gay neighbor-

#### **Court Protects HIV** Seropositives

Los Angeles, CA- In a major, precedentsetting ruling, a federal district court in Los Angeles has ruled that a man who was discharged from an inpatient alcohol treatment program because he tested positive for antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), is covered by federal civil rights law that protects the handicapped from discrimination in all programs or activities receiving federal funds. HIV is widely believed to be the causative agent of AIDS.

Although federal courts have ruled in the past that persons with AIDS are covered by the law, this ruling marks the first time that a federal court has definitively ruled that an HIV seropositive who has no clinical symptoms of disease is covered by the Federal Rehabilitation Act when he or she is treated differently because of fear about HIV transmission.

#### **Angela Davis Speaks** on Women's Equality

By Marcia Summerskill

Angela Davis, activist and writer, speaking before the National Association of Women's Centers at Alverno College on July 16th, delivered a keynote address entitled "Women at the Center."

Davis stated that the notion of women's equality is an illusion. She said, "We have a long, long way to go. Our movement will be a protracted one." She said that people need to keep women's concerns at the center of their aspirations so that the community can build a women's movement that is multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and cognizant of the importance of the working class.

Davis outlined three challenges facing the women's movement:

1) How do women come together acknowledging their differences as a creative and consciousness-raising force?

2) How can women defend one another? (An injury to one is an injury to all.) 3) How can women create effective

multi-racial, multi-ethnic forums? Davis warned that enormous social

change takes time and that activists must be patient. She encouraged people to work at making the transition from theory to practice, from ideas to action.

Davis demonstrated her wry humor when discussing the tendency of some to tell poor people to stop having children: "Nobody told the Kennedy family they would get poor by having a lot of children.'

Davis warned of the resurgence of violence against women and racist violence and the recent intensification of homophobia. She stated that these problems are in direct relation to an increase of racism,

sexism, and anti-union efforts among those in power. She encouraged each listener to have some sort of relationship with an organization working against AIDS.

Davis urged the audience to develop personal commitment - to recognize and admit the racism which each person embodies and to create safe space where constructive interaction can take place.

Davis concluded by stating that this is "woman time" and that all people need to work immediately to "build coalitions and move on to usher in a world free of racism, sexism, and war."

#### **CCF** Announces Fundraisers

The Cream City Foundation Community Center Board of Managers has announced the dates of the August and September Fundraiser for the Community Center. Thursday, August 18 the Club 219 Girls will present a benefit review, starting at 11PM. Suggested donation at the door is \$2.00. The September Fundraiser will be hosted by the Wreckroom on Saturday, September 24th. The proceeds from both events will be donated to the Foundation Community Center to help meet operating

The Board of Managers is happy to report that use of the Community Center is increasing; 3-5 groups a week are holding meetings at the facility at 225 S. 2nd

If your group is interested in using the Foundation Community Center for a board meeting (or a party, etc.); feel free to contact the Center at 278-0880 for furthter information. The Center has meeting space available for groups from 5 to 200 people.

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#### A BOY OF SUMMER

#### **PROLOGUE**

By Morgan Summer
IN THE MIDDLE of July, I started my college career.

Well, okay, it was just summer registration for classes in the fall, but it gave me an idea about what to expect when I actually start college this year.

My college had a day-and-a-half registration program. The first day was a short introduction to the campus, the academic policies, and student services such as the campus bookstore and dining halls and counseling services.

I started out the day by arriving on the university grounds about eight in the morning. I waited an hour then took placement exams in English and Mathematics. I think I did pretty well on the English, but in Math I think I did horribly.

After the tests, I checked into the residence hall where I was staying overnight, then went out to meet some people. I did; and among them was Matt. He was a blond, blue-eyed boy with longish casual blond hair. He was as lost as I was and we walked around the campus with a girl, Cherry, (yes, really) for a while. It was a warm day, and Matt was wearing white shorts, boat shoes with no socks, and a bright green shirt. He said that his parents had come with him (parents were invited to the program; mine didn't come). He said that he would be living on campus during the year, as would Cherry and I. And he said a lot of other things that I don't remember - I was concentrating too much on his body, and his fuck-you eyes and his very short shorts.

But, I was there to register. I got my mind back on business as Matt wandered off and Cherry and I signed up for some more classes. I went back to my dorm to see if my roommate was there yet; oddly, he wasn't. So I went to dinner after a long day of trying to keep my mind on registering and trying like hell to get into the classes I needed instead of having un-Victorian thoughts about Matt. I ate dinner with Cherry and her parents. They were friendly, and had a sense of humor, and I

enjoyed their company. After dinner, Cherry and I went to another service session and tolerated another hour of registration procedures. Then, at nine in the evening, we had some free time. There was a dance on the group floor on the residence hall, but I went up to my room (my roommate never showed up) and took a shower. I dressed in clean clothes in my room and combed back my wet hair. I plopped down on my bunk, opened the window, (I could hear the sounds of the dance) and read through my selection of classes for the umpteenth time. The room was not air conditioned, and the night was hot, and I stood by the window with my shirt off and looked down on the campus, wondering if Matt was at the dance, with a girl, moving his body, and how lucky the girl was, able to hold him and to get close to Matt without anyone ... I shut myself up and bought a cold Sprite from the Coke machine in the building's lobby. When I got back, I turned off the lights in the room, and lay on my bunk. I thought about classes until I dropped off to sleep around one in the morning.

In the morning I checked ou residence hall and went to the first morning session. I met Matt and Cherry there and we talked for a while. I asked Matt what dorm he would be staying in in the fall. He named a hall which I knew to be all-male (I applied too late to get in that why you're staying in an all-male residence hall?"

He looked surprised. "It's all male?" he asked.

I nodded.

"Shit, I wanted a co-ed one, man..." Well, just thought I'd ask. But then, I subtley asked.

"So then, (smile) you're not gay."

He laughed. "No way."

I ate lunch with Cherry and her parents Chicken patties and Coke and salad and soup and soft-serve ice-cream cones in the university dining hall.

After lunch, all we had left to do was turn in a final copy of our proposed fall schedule. We did. In the big lobby of the building a final reception was held. Pink lemonade for the students; iced tea or coffee for the adults.

Matt passed by in the crowded lobby and nodded at me. I nodded back; at the time, I was chatting with Cherry and her parents. I knew I would see him soon, in little more



Morgan Summer

than a month. Still, I watched him and his mother walk out the door and into the warm, rainy afternoon. And I went and poured myself a cup of pink lemonade.

On the way back to my hometown I realized how tired I was. I didn't remember too much - the classes were a blur and the only things that stuck in my mind were Matt and Cherry. The past day-and-a-half was like weak, runny watercolors - except for my two friends. Matt and Cherry, two bold splashes on the canvas of my infant college life.

However, I'm still looking forward to my full-blown college life, now more than ever. Matt will be there, so will Cherry. I'll go out with guys, probably talk with some of them for hours, and see if I can help. I will study my freshman English, History, and Contemporary Dance class. I will eat on campus, and go out with friends that I do not yet know. Invaribly, I will meet more boys like Matt, and more girls like Cherry. And a million other things, places, people, and feelings.

The next four years will be an adventure, a challenge, a triumph, and a time to live. Matt will be around, and others.

So will I.

#### It's Still Long Way to November

By Bill Meunier

The convention in Atlanta is over, the Democratic Party is united behind its standard bearer and the polls point toward a Democratic victory in November. But lest anyone grow complacent there are three facts we wish to call to mind.

It's still early. A lot can happen between now and November. The polls have been notoriously unreliable in this election year. Very few people gave Mondale much chance in 1984 even though the polls taken right after his nominating convention showed that he had pulled slightly ahead of Ronald Reagan.

Second, this election is one of critical importance to Gays and Lesbians. The Reagan-Bush administration has neglected us, ignored us and as a matter of policy, let us die. No matter what George Bush may come up with concerning AIDS, remember that this is the same man who consistently defended the Reagan record on AIDS, this is the same man who claims to have been in on all of the policy decisions of the Reagan administration. We must echo Ted Kennedy's cry, When the decision was made to let hundreds of thousands die from AIDS, "Where Was George." Besides AIDS, there is the not so minor matter of the Supreme Court. Our friends are arguing we can not hold on much longer, a Bush election would mean a Supreme Court that would be so packed against us we could not expect any favorable rulings until well past the year 2000.

Third, Wisconsin is an important state to both sides. Bush needs it to break Dukakis' hold on the Midwest, Dukakis needs it to offset expected Bush victories in the West. Only once in the last seven elections, Johnson vs. Goldwater, has Wisconsin voted for a Democratic Presidential candidate. No matter what the local polls say now, the race here will tighten.

We urge all our readers to get involved in this critical campaign. We urge you to call your local Dukakis headquarters and volunteer to help. We urge those who can to donate to the campaign, and if you choose to help if at all possible that it is a Gav/Lesbian volunteer effort and that its Lesbian/Gay money they will be getting. It's time we showed the National Republican party that we will not be ignored and abused. Let's give Gov. Dukakis votes for every Wisconsinite who has died of AIDS. It's payback time.

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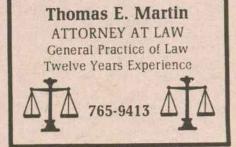
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#### Gays Face Fear, Hatred on **UW-Madison Campus**

By Thomas Randy

Madison, WI When I was a senior in high school, I thought that this University (UW-Madison) would be some kind of liberal paradise where homophobia would exist only as an anachronism. But that was a classic case of new student naivete, for this brand of bigotry is as pervasive here as it is everywhere else.

Many students on this campus seem to be neurotically afraid of anything which fails to conform to the mores of the White petty bourgeoisie. Such fears leads to insecurity, particularly in male students, which in turn generates both the desire to conform and the need to express hatred toward those who do not conform. During the past year, those feelings have been expressed in part through racial hostility on this campus.

The pattern is perpetuated by the refusal of many White heterosexual males to



**Thomas Randy** 

question their traditional beliefs. Obvious lies are accepted as truth because they are supposed to be true, doublethink makes it

This resistance and hostility has a powerful effect on a large, though invisible portion of the student body, that is, Gays and Lesbians. It results in isolation and alienation. Consider: Nearly 4,000 students on this campus feel utterly alone and on the outside, all for the same reason. That would be almost comical if it weren't so serious and so real.

For Gays and Lesbians, the condition is reminiscent of totalitarianism. Imagine being in a position where you do not know who you can dare to trust, and who might betray you. Imagine that, if your identity were known, you could be disowned by your family, deserted by your friends, fired from your job and called a pariah in society. Imagine being blamed for the spread of a fatal disease; imagine being told you deserve to die. While times have changed, such situations are all too common today.

Being part of a hated and feared minority on campus can be traumatic. In the residence halls, the presence of someone who is known to be Gay often brings swift and brutal action from other students. Gay-bashing is a frequent response, along with being forbidden to use the bathroom, on pain of harrassment, by the men - oops, I mean boys - in dorm

areas where homophobia is prevalent. Nazi-style threatening notes are taped to the doors of students who are suspected of being Gay. In one worst-case, but true, scenario, a Gay man in a residence hall trusted his roommate with the knowledge of his sexual orientation. The roommate literally threw him out, together with all of his belongings.

When such incidents occur, one might conceivably approach University officials for redress. But the administration's handling of recent racial problems raises serious questions about Bascom Hall's ability to deal seriously, and effectively, with anti-Gay harassment.

The only way to call attention to a social evil is to raise hell about it. Those who have been trumatized by anti-Gay harassment can call Madison's ALL-GAYS hotline at (612) 255-4297 for over-the-phone counseling. And those victims of homophobic violence who are willing to take the risk are urged to contact the media and publicize their experiences.

We must break open the trap of silence which allows this hatred and hostility to continue. The problem of homophobia will not disappear overnight. But, if we begin to deal with this and other forms of reaction on campus, we can make the University a better place to live for everyone.

(The above article is reprinted from The Daily Cardinal, a student newspaper of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.)



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#### Good Health Practices Lead To Energetic, Whole Life

By Roger Gremminger, MD

In this article, I would like to focus on what one can do to stay healthy - whether infected with the HIV virus or not. But first, I would like to say a few things about HIV infection. A recent study was published in Science magazine which looked at the incubation time for HIV infection, i.e. the time from being infected to the time of developing AIDS. In a previous study of individuals infected by blood transfusion, the incubation time was found to be 8.2 years. For these individuals, the time of infection was precisely known. But for HIV infection contracted by sex or shared needles, the time of infection is difficult to determine. However, from the Hepatitis B study done in San Francisco in the late 70's and early 80's, scientists had stored serum samples spaced one year apart on several hundred individuals. And by going back to these sample and testing them for HIV, they could calculate within one year when a number of these men were infected. Then by mathematical calculations, they determined the incubation time to be 7.8 years. Another way of calculating the time of infection is to use the initial mono syndrome - fever, swollen glands, fatigue all lasting 3-4 weeks - which frequently but not always occurs within the first weeks of infection. Thus it would appear at this time, that a person infected would have about 8 years to develop AIDS and another 2-3 years to finally die of AIDS. Thus being infected is not a matter of sitting around waiting for death. It is going to take a long time. In the mean time, science may very well come up with several drugs which will extend this time further. Thus we may be talking 15-20 years or possibly even a normal life span.

The newspapers have been excessively morbid and recently reported that all persons with HIV infection will die. Well that's true but so will everyone else. The question is not whether one will die but when and how one will live in the mean time. A fatalistic attitude toward living enjoy while you can alcohol, drugs, sex, and wild partying with little sleep, i.e. the fast lane — will definitely shorten one's life. But an attentive life of good food, plenty of sleep and exercise, few but very significant relationships and monogamy in a sexual relationship can be both satisfying and rewarding, and extend one's life. The focus of life can be love and loving relationships which reduce stress in the long run and not a focus of pleasure with immediate gratification which is very selfcentered. Pleasure is always connected to pain in some way. But with very attentive, caring living, one can see the pain but arrive at joy knowing that one's life has made a difference to others.

Well, lets get back to the question of health. How can one stay healthy? The HIV support group recently published an article in In Step and I encourage everyone to read it. It is very good. I can endorse it wholeheartedly with some reservation about AL 721 — I just don't know enough about it. AL 721 may be very good but I don't know for sure.

There are a few things that I would like to add to the discussion of health. First, ultraviolet light is not good, i.e. tanning during mid-day. It is not good for the skin. It dries the skin and predisposes the skin for the development of skin cancer. But beyond the skin effects, ultraviolet rays are not good for the immune system. That is why a person can have an outbreak of Herpes Simplex type 1 or a fever blister or cold sore. The "health" tan is actually not healthy at all. If one wants sunlight and a light tan, sun bath in the morning and late afternoon. Sun light is good for the system and in fact lack of sunlight which occurs in winter is associated with physiological depression.

Heat treatments are very good — hot bath, sauna, steam room, etc. Heat is a very ancient health treatment used by the Greeks and Romans. Recent studies show that the immune cells function better at a temperature slightly higher than normal body temperature of 98.6° F. Thus low grade fever with illness is probably good. And artificially produced elevation of body temperature is also good. Heat treatments can also be good to relax, to soothe sore muscles and joints, etc.

Just a few words on vitamins — there are two general types of vitamins, vitamins which dissolve in water — the water



Roger Gremminger, MD

soluble vitamins, D vitamins and C— and the vitamins which dissolve in fat— the fat soluble vitamins, A, D, E. The water soluble vitamins are generally not thought to be toxic and excess is lost in the urine. If you take excess B vitamins and C, you may produce very expensive urine. However, the fat soluble vitamins A,D, E, can accumulate in one's body fat and reach toxic levels. The safe level of vitamin E is 400 I.U. per day. At 800 I.U. per day one can experience muscle weakness and fatigue. In general, most over-the-counter vitamin and mineral formulas are safe and sufficient with some minor variations.

One last word on minerals, a recent study showed that patients who develop AIDS show a decreased zinc level. But it is not yet known if taking extra zinc would improve health or add fuel to the fire for the AIDS virus to multiply. Thus the word is still out on zinc. But keep alert to zinc. It may turn out to be very important.

Perhaps everything can be summed up as follows. Truly care about yourself and others. Nuture yourself and be attentive to yourself, your body, and your needs and those of others. This does take some energy but can yield even more energy as you live a whole life.

Best wishes. Love, Roger.

## AIDS At The Convention

Quietly, but with great intensity in her Holland blue eyes, the gray-haired woman looked out over her largely Lesbian and Gay audience.

"If things continue as they are now, in 10 years one half of all Gays will be dead."

The speaker was Dr. Mathilde Krim, associate research scientist at Columbia University and a person highly respected in the field of AIDS research. She was speaking at a press conference and panel discussion at the Democratic National Convention sponsored by Voters Organzed in Coalition for the Election (VOICE-88).



Dr. Mathilde Krim

The theme of the conference was "AIDS and its import to the presidential campaign." Krim was joined on the panel by Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), Rep. Gerry Studds, (D-Mass), and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

Krim went on to say that AIDS "will economically and politically destablize the Third World. It will force a reshaping of our institutions as well." Then she paused and leaned forward in her chair. "Millions will die."

"By 1983, we knew that AIDS doubled every year," Krim continued. The government was informed by "some of the best experts in the land" but choose to adopt a wait-and-see attitude. What this meant, Krim told the Lesbian/Gay press was to find out if the disease would develop in the straight community, then take some action. "Gays weren't important." Not to the government, not to the majority that thought that moral behavior would prevent

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#### Wisconsin Starts Voluntary Partner Referral Project to Slow AIDS Spread

By Sue Burke

Wisconsin has begun a program to reduce the spread of HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS, by counseling people with the virus and helping them contact sexual and needle-sharing partners.

The \$113,000 program began July 25 with three public health educators hired to contact people identified by physicians' tests since July 1. The program will also serve people who were tested at the state's anonymous HIV counseling and testing sites.

The health educators stress that the program is voluntary and confidential, and is meant to help people with the virus. All records which would identify partners of people with the virus will be destroyed within 60 days, although aggregate statistics will be kept.

AIDS projects in Milwaukee and Madison support the program, although they will watch the program to be sure it is carried out as presented.

According to the state Division of Health description, a person could become involved with the new program in two ways:

Under state law, doctors must send to the Division of Health the names of all patients who have HIV, according to medical tests. The names will be passed on to the partner referral services program. A health educator will contact the physician for permission to contact the patient.

There may be circumstances which make contact undesirable, or the patient may already have appropriate care. Those people will not be contacted if the physician refuses permission.

If permission is granted, a health educator from the program will call the person to arrange a meeting. That person may refuse.

If they meet with the health educator, the main thrust of the meeting will be creation of a personal risk reduction plan, and information on how to get medical help, support services, laws regarding confidentiality, and education.

Finally, the health educator will talk about the individual's partners. The person who tested HIV positive may want to contact partners directly, and will be given advice on how to do that. Or the person may prefer to have the state health educator do it.

Meetings will be face-to-face, and if the news is overwhelming, another, later meeting can be set up, according to one of the health educators hired for the program.

The other way for a person to become involved with the program is through an anonymous test site. Persons who test positive to the virus will receive verbal and written notice of the partner referral service program.

The health educator will arrange a meeting at the person's home, office, or another place as the person prefers. As with referrals from physicians, the person who tested positive will receive information on risk reduction medical and personal support, and lastly partner referral.

The person will be encouraged to notify partners, but may ask the state health educator to do it.

The person testing positive may identify himself or herself to the educator, but does not have to, and may remain anonymous. The person will not be identified to partners the state contacts.

The new program health educators have met with counseling and testing sites, and drug abuse services to spread the word about the program. Doctors have received a memo about the new program.

Staff of the state Division of Health AIDS/HIV Program met with about a dozen Gay and Lesbian activists and AIDS program educators in Milwaukee on July 5 to describe the new partner referral services program. Thirty people had been invited, according to James Vergeront, M.D., supervisor of the state AIDS/HIV program.

No existing programs will be eliminated because of the new program, he said, and minor modifications in the program may be made because it is new, with fewer than 10 similar programs in the country.

"As we go out we'll need some modifications as we learn what works and what doesn't, and that's where we need your dialogue to let us know what concerns that you have," Vergeront said.

The program will depend on "concern-

ed, sensitive and knowledgeable" people to make it work, he said. The staff will be Michael McFadden, who worked for two years as the Milwaukee AIDS Project state hotline coordinator; Juana Sabatino, a former Division of Health public health educator in the sexually transmitted disease control program; and Michelle Dumanch, also a state public health educator in the sexually transmitted disease control program, with over six years of experience.

McFadden and Sabatino will be based in Milwaukee and will handle cases in southeastern Wisconsin. Dumanch will be lead health educator, assigning cases to the other health educators, and will handle cases throughout the rest of the state.

Vergeront said that patients should know that their tests results, if positive, will be forwarded to the state because they signed a consent form at the doctor's office and or hospital, but that form may not be very well explained, he admitted.

But if the patient didn't get the form explained, he said, they probably didn't get much counseling about the results. "That's the type of patient we could probably do the most for."

With only three people and a budget of \$113,000 to perform the program, Vergeront said, the program is likely to be overwhelmed with work. If that happens, "then we'll go back to the Legislature for more money."

Dumach, contacted after the meeting, said she didn't know how many people the program would be able to reach. "Nobody knows that yet. We're just going to do our best," she said. There is no priority for contacting a particular type of person with the virus.

The issues of confidentiality and sexuality in the new AIDS/HIV program should be the same as in her former work, she said.

McFadden said that as a member of the Gay community, "If I weren't comfortable with the program I wouldn't be a part of it." He worries that the program may be perceived as a traditional contact tracing, which is mandatory.

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"My concern," Sabatino said, "is that some people will be giving up after they find out they are infected with the HIV virus."

The program is confidential. "There won't be a paper trail," McFadden stressed

But without records, people may be contacted more than once, health educators said. Sabatino and McFadden will not know whom each other contacts, and will not have records to see if that person was contacted before or is being contacted by a different educator.

That might be good, they said, because of the emphasis of the program is on prevention and intervention, "eventually getting the message" to people who do not reduce risks at an initial contact.

"We'll be really making it into an education session for them," Sabatino said.

A sexual or needle-sharing partner referred to the program will get a call, Sabation said, "We'll let them know it's a personal situation and that we'd like to meet with them. You'd be surprised how many don't ask anything else and are willing to meet."

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#### **PUERTO RICO**

By Joe Toro Alfonso

Greetings kind friends from Summer's heat in the Carribean. As always, I have been trying to beat the heat which means spending a good deal of time at the beach. Everyone's there with their towels and suntan oil to see... and to be seen! Puerto Rico always has been famous for its beautiful beaches. The sun gilds the sand and one can lean back and feel the breeze as it rustles among the palms. If it seems a description of Paradise, I have not told the half.

Amidst the heat of Summer and the vacations of many, there is also time to visit the bars and discoteques. The heat that one feels from the interior of one's body cause the blood to move more rapidly in your veins. One feels the beginning of desire brought about by another's sensuality. One feels it with excitement... with pleasure.

The supple bodies sway with the rhythm of the music and the eyes move about to all the dark spaces of the bar, hunting in the eyes of others present. Certainly all this happens in the bars and discos of Puerto Rico as also in the states of the United States. The Summer is a time of sensuality and of communicaton. It is about this desire that I want to write today.

Young people feel an enormous desire to know and to share with one special person. They have great desires that this special person have all the good things that we imagine that they ought to have. Here is where it becomes complicated because in all reality, that person does not exist except in our thoughts and desires. We believe in "The Blue Prince" or, in the case of Lesbians, in "The Rose Princess." We believe that only a person of these ideal qualities will be perfect for us.

With this in mind, it is not difficult to see how many have great difficulties in meeting "The Someone" we dream about. I often think that if anyone actually met their "Ideal" if, after they got to know them, they might not find whoever it was not to be what they were looking for after all. Thus, we ought to revise, if possible what happens because we will never find what we want because what we want does not exist. If this seems to be a play on words, there are still profound implications.

We want to have a partner. We feel the social pressure telling us that this is correct. We feel the fear of being alone. We fear the existential solituted that is the menace of the 20th Century. We want the fullness of expression of our personality that is restored with one other.

All of this is very good. The problem comes when we want to follow imaginary ideals using people of flesh and bone. These people who we use in this way are human with any number of positive qualities to explore and, I should add, defects as we all do, that make them

imperfect. To have a true relationship imples recognizing these realities. We are people and we interact with people. The physical appearance is only part of this interaction. The reality is that we are a combination of all these positives and negatives. Anything else is pure fantasy and fantasy is good... but when we want to live with these fantasies, then this is bad and things become complicated.

We form relationships... all types of relationships. Let me discuss one or two.

The monogamous relationship — only one person — has been the model that has been most used, above all for the heterosexual couple. Before becoming engaged with this, we ought to discuss freely with the couple all of its implications. After all, the monogamous model seems to function well for the heterosexuals. We ought to think about it well before making it accomodate homosexual couples.

The monogamous relationship — serial — one person at a time for a given period of time and not necessarily the same person. This model seems to apply more to homosexual couples. However, at times I have the impression that this model illustrates the desperate search of one or the other member of the couple for the ideal.

The models that we do not have to be used. We have to create new models that are our own models for relationships. Only thus will we be able to unfold as persons and as a group. Copying the models that exist and applying them without discrimination will only result in great disillusionment.

As a Gay Community, we ought to support every effort of Gays and Lesbians to establish different relationships. We must understand that not all are able to adapt to the traditional models. To criticize people because they do not follow the generally accepted models, demonstrates only our inability to accept differences and our addiction to conformity.

We should remember that we ought not to leave a relationship to carry an image that we have created in our heads, an image that is many times created only in the smoke and noise of a disco or comes from some imagined body that we have seen in magazine pictures. These pictures are good for sexual fantasies but are otherwise useless. We must not permit them to impede our approach to a real person of flesh and bone.

And when we meet a real person of flesh and bone with all their defects and imperfections... then with a good dose of imagination we will be able to make anyone who we want.

Until the next time!

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#### SINGAPORE

By Hashim

I'm not one to get mushy but just this once, indulge me. I've been in good spirits - nay, truly happy for come September, I would have been basking in the warmth of my love for four years. And all because I like Cadbury's milk tray. I jest. It was in the smokey bar of Spats that my longburied passion was stroked by this wonderful, dark-haired man with smouldering grey eyes - actually green during afterglow - and an original line in chat. By the way, I'm so glad there's going to be some evenings when the music level is below that of the human voice. Where was I? Having my passion stroked. If I was a little sceptical and cynical in the beginning; that's all mush now. There is life after the first twelve days of passion. And some. It hasn't been easy, the building of a relationship with so many problems. Different cultures, outlook, entrenched attitudes - but when you play a duet at the same tempo, even a technical sonata can glow with moonlight.

Am I getting mysterious again? Not really. I've said it before. The essence of commitment can only be built on hard work and not left to chance. Too many of our friends have moaned to us about how momentary love can be. How things can fade, fade away for totally inexplicable reasons. Yet, we all, to a man want something lasting, enduring and rich enough not to have to seek the cream from forbidden crocks. How has it been for the past four years? Good, sustaining and a

tremendous source of comfort to know that there is no need for silly games. You know the kind. Like insidious suspicion, petty jealousies and crowding of mental space.

Yes, we have both been mischievous, at times sailing close to the wind in undermining trust but never enough to erode the basic loyalty. In the early days of any relationship, it is only to keep back a little of our private self, to be a little guarded against any betrayal. But it is not a cat and mouse game to see if there is any kink in the unspoken promise of devotion, loyalty and commitment. It is folly to deliberately play this game where nothing warrants it. Yes, it takes time to get to know another person but it is time related to quality, rather than quantity. Fundamentally, you must want it to work or it never will. If you feel that it is your inalienable right to play the field, or have an 'open' relationship, then you have that much more work to sustain the relationship.

To tell you the truth, I don't set much store in this 'open' business because it is a harbinger of selfishness and potential destruction. We all stray, even if it be mentally, but far better to thrash it out and learn about the importance of integrity within a loving union. People change with love, almost always for the better. I don't like him to drink too much and he complies, slowly but surely. He doesn't like me to be impatient and I have learnt to contain it. It all has to do with making someone happy.

#### **INDIA**

By Sandeep

Marriage in India is considered to be the ultimate goal for both men and women. Parents feel that their duty towards their children is over only when they have finally seen them happily married and settled. Besides, it's an occasion for great rejoicing too and also of wantonly flaunting one's wealth and status, particularly if the marriage happens to be that of a son.

It, therefore, did not surprise me when soon after having passed out from college and landed a prestigious assignment in a bank, my parents insisted that I get married. I had all along been dreading this day for, being a homosexual, I knew I was incapable of enjoying sex with a woman. As such, to enter into wedlock would be fair neither to me nor to the woman I married.

But, I just couldn't muster enough courage to admit my homosexuality to my parents. I was afraid they wouldn't understand. Besides, they would be very hurt and upset and I loved them too dearly to hurt them in any way.

I tried for awhile to fend off their pleas with some excuse or another but finally they insisted that I meet two girls, both from very good families and both very beautiful and highly educated.

The meeting was arranged in Delhi. I spend a sleepless night wondering how to wiggle out of the most uncomfortable situation. I couldn't reject the girls outright as that would be too mean and most damaging to their self-confidence. So, I finally decided to admit the truth, if not to my parents, then at least to the girls who hoped to marry me. It was a dangerous decision but under the circumstances, the best and the only bad alternative.

Accordingly, after our families had met and liked each other and also the respective girls, I asked to talk to the girls concerned in private for a few moments. To them I voiced my dilemma and said I left it to them to decide what they thought best. At the same time, however, I requested that they maintain total secrecy and not mention the fact of my being Gay to their parents or mine.

I shall remain obliged to them always for both understood my problem and we decided to tell our respective parents that each of us felt that we were not compatable. That would be a case of mutual rejection instead of one party rejecting the other.

Well, my parents bought the story the first time, but when the same thing was repeated a second time, they suspected something was seriously wrong. When we returned home that evening, they asked me what the problem was and insisted that I tell them the truth. But even then I couldn't bring myself to admit the truth to them. So, I concocted a cock and bull story of being in love with a married woman. That upset them no end and my mother in particular cried the whole night.

I too was terribly upset for what I was doing to them and was walking with a heavy heart in the garden. The next morning when my mother, bless her, came up to me and said she was convinced I was lying. She also sensed my agnoy and torment and holding me to her, asked whether the real cause for my refusing to marry was because I was impotent? I said no. She then asked whether I was a homosexual?

To this day I have wondered how she got this insight but, I guess, being a mother she finally saw through my inner turmoil. Well, I looked her in the face and slowly nodded my head and, my god!, how relieved I felt thereafter. She held me to her close and we both cried for a long time. Finally, she patted me on the back and said it was okay. And my affection for both my parents has soared thereafter.

I wish we Gays, particularly in India, trusted our parents and admited to them our real selves. I'm sure they'll understand as my parents did. That way, at least, scores of unhappy marriages could be avoided.

#### **MEXICO CITY**

By Francis Reich

I recently returned from a two-week vacation in Milwaukee, catching up with friends and attending a family reunion. Even in the six months that I was away, the changes in the city are obvious. It's a pleasure to see Milwaukee finally coming into its own.

Assorted notes on Mexico City: I flew American from Mitchell and changed planes at O'Hara on their late night flight to here. I think it's a popular flight — they thought they were over-booked and began asking for volunteers to get bumped, offering \$800 in free travel vouchers! Turned out they had seats for everyone, but anyone thinking of coming down might consider trying that routing, just on the slim chance that you get put up for the night, gain \$800 and take the first morning flight down, missing little vacation time!

Flying into this world's biggest city is spectacular at any time of day, because it's so huge, but at night Mexico City is magical — once over the mountains that encircle the area, you quickly become enveloped in a sea of lights that fill the night sky — as far as you can see, even at 20,000 or so feet up. You can't help but be awestruck to think that at this one site are as many people as are in the states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota!

As I write this, in mid-July, the presidential elections here have been over for almost two weeks, and the ruling party, the PRI, has claimed victory, something it's done ever since if came to power at the end of the Revolution some 59 years ago. However, instead of claiming a sweeping victory over minor opposition candidates, as is usually the case, it admitted to only receiving 50 percent of the vote, against two very popular opposition party figures. The PRI even admitted to losing the popular vote in some areas, including Mexico City. Many people believe the PRI actually lost the whole country, and won only through fraud - yesterday, half a million people protested the results in a rally downtown. It remains to be seen what happens next - will Mexicans make do for another six years, or will they continue to make noise against what some call the most blatant attempt yet to rig an election here.

Ten p.m., Friday night in the Zona Rosa, boisterous night life area off Paseo de la Reforma. Traffic is at a standstill, the streets are clogged with locals and tourists, on their way to dinner or to an early nightclub show or just hanging around, cruising, running into friends, killing time before the discos get going. Centrally located, this is the focus of Gay activity, and it's obvious because every other person here seems to be Gay. Later at night, the bugas (straights) thin out and the area becomes mostly Gay. The atmosphere is festive, like Summerfest on a Friday night, and just about anything goes—men in drag, for example, elicit little untoward attention. They're just part of the show.

For 100 pesos (about 4 cents) one can ride almost anywhere in the city on the metro, one of the world's finest subway systems. Six million passengers daily ride the sleek, quiet trains to a hundred or so stations that are uniformly clean, attractive and safe. (I sound like a travel brochure). These Metro stops actually have artwork or archeological finds displayed in them, unmolested, and the music piped in is usually classical. What a difference to, say, Chicago's system! Foreigners do use the system, but generally regular users come from the city's poor and lower-middle class. Best times to take the Metro are midday, late at night and on weekends, when the crowds aren't so overwhelming.

American movies usually take a while to work their way down here - the big movies showing now include 'Three Men and a Baby', 'Dirty Dancing' and 'Rambo III'. I thought 'Dancing' simple and a strange rehash of 'Saturday Night Fever', but it is as popular in Mexico as it was/is in the U.S. Rambo, at first glance, is an even stranger phenomena here - you'd think that character would be rather offensive to non-Americans (well, to Americans, tool), but my friends tell me that Mexicans get into that aggressive he-man crap as much as anyone. In fact, the Mexican movie industry, once world-renowned (and hopefully rebounding with such films as 'Frida', the surreal gem that was at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre this spring) lately pumps out almost nothing but shoot-'em-up sex and gore films, all for local consumption.

More rambling next time.

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#### To Understand the Bible Requires **More Than Casual Reading**

By Jay A. Clark

Recently, I recevied a letter from a troubled woman named Stacy. I want to share her concerns as I feel they just may apply to many of you. So here goes...

Dear Pastor Clark:

My name is Stacy, and I'm 17 years old. I have recently come to terms with my sexuality, and I felt it neessary to tell someone close to me. I confided in my favorite aunt who I hoped would break the news to my parents. But instead all she did was to quote Bible verses to me that she said proved homosexuality was wrong. Now I really feel depressed. I never had a need to understand or want to use the Bible before. I figured I'm Gay and the Bible can't apply to me... can it? Does the Bible ever support homosexuality? Can you explain the names and what the numbers mean in the Bible? The Bible is really confusing to me. In fact sometimes being Gay is tough and I really get depressed. I've even thought about suicide a few times. Do you think God really cares about

Dear Stacy,

By the time I had finished your letter I wanted to give you a big hug of comfort, You had ended your letter on a frightening note about suicide. Your life is precious and suicide is not the answer. It really pains me that we loose so many lives this way each year. Its so tragic that many Gays feel God does not accept them, and yet he made us! You must not sell yourself short, life is a GIFT, don't throw it away! Feeling blue is just one of the emotions God has given us, so when you are down and out concentrate on HOPE, JOY, and LOVE all of which are waiting for you. No kid, suicide is not the answer. We all have our pains in life, but you don't have to carry your burdens alone. It's really very simple, just give your problems over to God. I mean pray to him, talk to him, tell him what is on your mind. God has his own way of opening and closing doors in our lives if we TRUST him with all our joys and sorrows. Let him be your personal friend and confident, and he will never forsake you, I promise. So Stacy, invite God into your life, he's waiting for you. And if you need to reach out to people, remember Gay/Lesbian Horizons is just a phone call away at 312-929-HELP, 7-11 pm nightly.

Now, to answer your other questions. The one about the Bible supporting homosexuals instead of condemning them is a question that I hear often. At first glance, the Bible may seem to condemn Gays. But actually the word homosexual never originally appeared in the Bible. These condemning verses are usually used against us out of context, and that's not fair! One must consider all factors that surround these verses such as the time period, who wrote it, and to whom, plus many other factors that can change the interpretation of a verse.

In a future article I'll tell you about the relationship of David and Jonathon (2nd Samuel, Ch. 1). Now that's a love story that needs to be told!

Now as to your questions about how to use the Bible... let me explain a little about the structure. The Bible is divided into two sections. The Old Testament was God's word to the Israelites before the birth of Christ. The New Testament describes the life of Christ and how we as Christians should live in relationship to God.



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The Old Testament can be broken down into 4 sections. The first is the books of law (pentateuch). These are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These five books are also known as the Jewish Torrah. The next section is that of history. It contains the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I Samuel, II Samuel, I Kings, II Kings, I Chronicles, II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. The third section is of poetry. These books are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Soloman. The last section of the Old Testament is that of prophecy. Here we find the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekial, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micam, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

The New Testament contains 7 sections. The first is Historical, and has 5 books which are Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts. The next section is Doctrinal, for Christian beliefs. Here we find the books of Romans, I Corinthians, II Corinthians. Section three is for guidelines for the church. We find Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. The 4th section is a short one which talks about the testimony of the church. This information is to be found in the books of I Thessalonians and II Thessalonians. The Christian lifestyle is presented in the 5th section containg I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews and James. The next six books deal with the direction of the church from the beginning of time to eternity. They are I Peter, II Peter, I John, Il John, and Jude. And finally the last section is that of prophecy. This one book is Revelations, and tells of the age to come and the climax of our end times.

In all we have a total of 39 individual books in the Old Testament and another 27 in the New Testament, for a grand total of

A tip to help you study the Bible is to read all parts and in doing so remember the PLACE, where it was written; PEOPLE to whom it was directed; PERSON, who wrote it; PERIOD, when it was written; PURPOSE, why it was written. Furthermore an example of how to locate information can be given in the chapter numbers, these are followed by the verse numbers. Some books such as Psalms have many chapters and verses, and knowing how to quickly find them makes using the Bibel so much simpler.

I pray that this information helps you to understand how to use the Bible as a learning tool and as a means of structure in your life. Remember that Jesus was sent to this earth to die for our sins and to give us everlasting life hereafter, and this includes ALL people!

Jesus love you! Pastor Jay Clark.



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#### Should You Join a Church Or a Synagogue?

By Fr. James Arimond

As a priest in a very active and dynamic Christian Parish, I often have the tendency to think of church in just institutional terms: this parish or that congregation! I suspect that there are many of us who think of church in just these terms. We need to remind ourselves, from time to time, that church is much more than this, or, perhaps I should say, church is beyond this narrowing concept.

A Christian is one who meets Christ, likes what he or she sees and hears, believes in his message and then tries to imitate Christ's life in their own life style. (A Jew would do the same: hear the word of God, find it to be a source of wisdom and comfort to him or her, dedicate their lives to living out God's will and then applying that experience and dedication to their own daily experience.) This process does not demand membership in an institutional church. (Certainly, from a Christian perspective, this applied to the first disciples. They had an allegiance to Christ but certainly did not belong to a church. Church did not come into existence until after Christ's Ascension and the Pentecost

Like many others, when I left home I left my religious practices behind. I always considered myself a Christian but I wasn't too sure exactly what that meant. (I guess all it meant to me was that I wasn't a Jew or an atheist!)

But as the years of alienation from Church membership went by I noticed that my Christian beliefs slowly began to change and, for the most part, they began to disappear. They got "muddy". I wasn't really too sure of what I believed in anymore. All my beliefs kind of melded together.

After I got around to liking myself a bit more and learning to live with who I was, I decided to "visit" a church just for old times sake. (I think I went with a friend who was a fairly regular church member.)

My first "Church experience", after my sabbatical of 6 or 7 years, was a good one. In the readings I found a kernel of wisdom; the songs were pleasant and comforting;

the people friendly and non-judgemental and an idea or two popped into my mind during that relaxing hour.

I went back the next week and then the next and soon I was back into the routine.

What I found out was that the Services were built one upon the other. It was like creating a chain; one link, then another. Each service lead me into a deeper understanding of the person of Christ. I began to build up my knowledge of not only who Christ is but also who I was.

There is no doubt that being a Christian is far more important than being a member of any church. (God knows there are plenty of "church members" who are bigoted, narrow-minded, judgemental and very non spiritual!) The two are certainly not the same. However, for myself, I discovered that it was only possible for me to live the Christian life by doing so within a community of believers. The Church, for me, is a resource! It challenges me, tests me, pushes me, calls me into growth and into a deeper relationship with Christ. I couldn't be a Christian without the community. I know, I've tried.

But my story is not everyone's story. (There are some real horror stories out there about how Gays and Lesbians have been treated by "so-called" spiritual communities.) And I know of many good Christian and Jewish people who live very moral and ethical lives and do so without the benefit of Church membership. I, however, need the church as a resource in

If you wish to live a stronger spiritual life: if you find that you are having a tough time getting around to it; if you find that something is missing from your life, or if you feel that your spiritual life is not growing as you would like it to grow, then I'd strongly recommend that you give a church or synagogue another chance. There are many very fine communities not all are repressive. Visit a few and find one that serves your needs; find one in which you feel your unique gifts can be shared. You may be surprised to find a whole new meaning to your life.

#### True Beauty Broadens and **Deepens With Age**

By C. Alan

Some Gay men (and Lesbian women to a lesser degree) who claim they have no God and others who claim to serve God may be liars. Because, prevalent in the Gay community - especially among men - is the worship, the deification of youth and beauty. You've heard it! Someone turns thirty or forty and lament their passing youth and beauty. They believe they are washed-up" as far as the Gay scene goes. When I hear this kind of trash, I am quick to remind the person of the many young people who will never have the luxury of worrying about growing older because AIDS has taken them in their prime.

The worship of youth and beauty has created a terrible problem for our Gay sub-culture. It helps to feed low self-es-teem by telling the majority, who are not "models", that we don't rate, that we are undesirable. Some of us have put all of our energy and money into looking as good and being as physically toned as we can be. There's nothing wrong with physical fitness and a healthy sense of pride in one's appearance, but many people have failed to develop hidden elements of beauty that will always outlive our appearance - integrity, honesty, dependability, loyalty, kindness, compassion, intelligence - in short, character. By narrowly defining beauty as "young" we fail to see some of the truly attractive people in our world who are even in their sixties, seventies and eighties. Obviously, this failure adds to our lack of self-esteem.

The worship of youth has not only created problems for the older members of our community. Our worship of youth has done damage to many young people, too. A young, attractive person is at once worshipped and derided by the worshipper in statements such as; "He's so beautiful, but so dumb" or "he'd be great for a romp in bed as long as he'd keep his mouth shut." The older worshipper is expecting of their God a level of intelligence and maturity that is not possible from a young



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person, many of whom are just "coming out" and trying to find themselves. To desire sex with someone but at the same time not hope for communication is to make another person an object for our own personal pleasure. It is not love. It is hurtful and unhealthy.

The Gospel of Jesus has an answer to the dilemma we have driven ourselves into. God's love — unconditional love — accepts us as we are; gray hair and wrinkles, or young and handsome, and calls us good simply because we were all created by a good god. God is not impressed with our outside shell, but sees the inner beauty and ugliness that dwells in our hearts. God forgives and heals the ugliness that is within us and, for those of us who will walk with God, replaces the ugliness with the true beauty of character that is formed into the image of Jesus. God does not deem the shell of a person worthy of the type of praise we give. God sees not as man sees. God sees the heart! God redeems the heart, forgives the heart, rebuilds the heart, renews the heart and creates beauty in the innermost persons. It is the beauty that becomes more powerful than good looks and youth. Without God's characterbuilding, good looks are shallow and soon fade. With God's handiwork, a less than physically attractive person is transformed into someone who is truly beautiful, desirable and lovable.

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#### POLITICALLY SPEAKING

#### Gays Seek Strong, Effective Local and National Leadership

By Bill Meunler

For most of the Gays and Lesbians who were at the Democratic Convention the biggest disappointment was the absence of competent Gay and Lesbian leadership. As one Florida delegate put it, "I can't really criticize our national leadership because I haven't seen any."

After sitting through four Gay/Lesbian Caucus meetings, several press conferences, and several sub-caucus meetings, I must say I agree. The lack of clear direction, competent planning or even effective chairing of the Caucus meetings was appalling. It was little wonder that as a Gay Texas delegate put it "You can find more Gay delegates in the Armory (a bar) than in the Caucus.

It is true that it's difficult to co-ordinate the actions of several hundred delegates at a convention such as this, but the lack of competence, the poor tactics, and the lack of leadership were so evident that it became an impossible task.

Many, if not most delegates, were surprised to find out that no planning had been done. On Tuesday the day after the convention began, the Caucus spent an hour discussing organizing a floor demonstration. Finally it appointed a committee to meet in the hall to come up with a plan. The committee reported back and when it was discovered that there weren't enough signs to hold a decent demonstration, the idea was dropped. Lesbian and Gay delegates who had gone to the Caucus to find out how they could help found that there was nothing to help with.

The ineptitude shown over the floor demonstration, or lack of one if you prefer, paled in comparison to the total incompetence shown over the proposed nomination of Perry Watkins for Vice-President. On Tuesday it was decided that we would put Watkins name in nomination. In order to do this we needed to get three hundred signatures on nominating petitions. The petitions however were not ready until 6:00 p.m. the next day four hours after the Caucus had adjourned and many of those who wished to help circulate them did not get them. It was left to a few people to gather the necessary signature by 9:00 the next morning. Needless to say they didn't get the required number, falling 63 short. Many non-Gay delegates complained that they wanted to sign the petition and were unable to do so. To make matters worse, without waiting to see if we would be able to get enough signatures, the Watkins nomination was announced to the press and the story was carried around the

The only thing worse than the incompe-tence that our "leadership" showed was its choice of tactics. It was evident from Monday on that these people couldn't politic their way out of a paper bag. Their main strategy seemed to be to bluster, bully and threaten Dukakis with withholding our support if he didn't cowtow to their whims. You don't get a nominee on your side by publicly threatening them, particularily when the nominee has made it clear that he will not bow to any special interest group for fear of losing the election. You don't get a nominee on your side by blasting him to the press, while admitting that you will support him. And when other major groups within the Democratic party such as labor, women, Blacks and Hispanics were accepting the fact that no one was going to be mentioned in the acceptance speech, you don't win friends and influence by insisting that you be mentioned. While Gays and Lesbians from the Midwest and the South looked on in disbelief, these "towers of wisdom" from the East and California made us all look like fools.

I saw and heard the definition of stupidity taken to new, unheard of heights. I listened to Gay and Lesbian Jackson delegates complain that it was unfair of the Dukakis people to ask for an endorsement the day after Dukakis was nominated, because they needed a time for grieving. If these people didn't know what was going to happen at the convention they had no business being there.

I saw experienced, competent people shut out because they weren't delegates or committee members, and I saw Gays and Lesbians who were delegates and committee members who were shut out because they were not from the East or California. I listened while Southern Gay and Lesbian

delegate pleaded with the "leadership" to drop its demand that Dukakis mention Gay and Lesbian rights, because they were afraid he wou!... iose their states if he did. Those pleas fell on mostly deaf ears as the self-appointed guardians of truth decided they knew more about the politics of the South than those who lived there.

The Caucus submitted a six point resolution to the various state delegations and asked them to pass it. Every delegation who was asked to pass it did so. (Wisconsin was the first to pass the resolution and did so unanimously). The resolution called for full Gay and Lesbian rights among other things. Many of those delegates who voted for the resolution probably did not agree with it but voted in favor to promote unity. I watched delegates cheer Jesse Jackson's call for Gay and Lesbian rights and erupt when he told the convention that he'd rather have those AIDS sufferers in wheelchairs around the podium than Ronald Reagan and the whole Republican party on a horse. And then I listened as self-appointed spokespeople said stupid things like "This party doesn't want us," and "This party doesn't care about us." One couldn't help but get the impression that these folks were a bunch of spoiled children throwing temper tan-

Rather than understand the realities of the situation, our "leadership" acted like children. Rather than understand that no group was going to be mentioned in the acceptance speech, they took great umbrage at our ommission; rather than see that many elements within the party were trying to make us feel welcome and to bring us into full partnership, they refused to unify, rather than accept what they could get they overplayed their hand, were shrill in tone, discordant in nature and assine in action.

Perhaps one of the most reeling moments for me came when I sat in the Jackson sub-caucus and listened to delegates argue against endorsing Dukakis. Several delegates urged a non-endorsement claiming that we need time to lead our community into the Dukakis camp after all the criticism they had done of Dukakis. I felt like telling them that if they didn't have the common sense to realize that the Gay community's best interest lie in supporting the Democratic nominee and therefore to refrain from criticizing candidates they didn't support that was their problem. I would have told them that but the chair wouldn't recognize me. Since I had argued

#### **GLAAD Fights Sexual Firing**

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Inc. (GLAAD) has reported that in January, 1988, MCI Telecommunications fired an employee in their New York City office because his sexual orientation was found to be offensive.

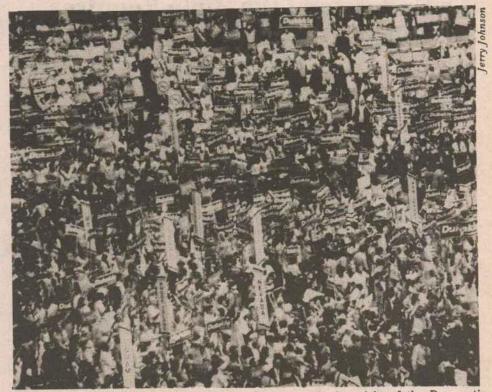
David Gatten, an openly Gay man, had worked for MCI in New York for three years. During that time he received excellent performance reviews and three management promotions. Suddenly, on January 18, he was fired without warning. Gatten was told he was being discharged because of his sexual orientation offended his co-workers.

"The arrogance of MCI's discrimination is outrageous," said Paula Ettelbrick, a staff attorney from Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is representing Gatten in a lawsuit against MCI.

Although a New York City law prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, MCI is trying to circumvent the law by claiming that Mr. Gatten was not fired for being Gay, but because his co-workers found his being openly Gay offensive. The law in other areas very clearly prohibits an employer from discharging someone simply because co-workers dislike that person's race, sex or national origin.

GLAAD asks that Gays and Lesbians strike a blow against irrational homophobic firings. Write to Nathan Kantor, President, North East Division, MCI Telecommunications, 1100 King Street, Ryebrook, NY 10573 or call (914) 937-6000.

If you are a subscriber to MCI's long distance service, GLAAD strongly suggests that you discontinue your service and let MCI know why!



Delegates on the floor of the Atlanta Omni Center on opening night of the Democratic

#### McFarland Forming State Gay Republican Organization

Coming on the heels of the formation of the first national Gay Republican organization, a Madison elected official has announced that he plans to start a Gay Republican group in Wisconsin. Jim McFarland, an openly Gay Alderman who is also Republican, is coordinating the effort to set up the first GOP organization for Gays and Lesbians in Wisconsin. Although McFarland has identified only ten or so interested persons in Madison, he hopes to greatly expand that number by appeal to all parts of the state.

The general goals of the new group, tentatively named Wisconsin Republicans for Equality and Privacy (WREP), would be the same as that of the newly formed national group: to promote the concerns of Gays and Lesbians within the Republican Party and to promote the concerns of the Republican Party among Lesbians and Gays. Also like the national group, which was formed at the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights in October of 1987 and is named United Republicans for Equality and Privacy (United REP), the organization's members would be encouraged to participate in the campaigns of Republican candidates with similar viewpoints on privacy and equality issues.

There has been a tendency for Republi-

can legislators to ignore Gay/Lesbian voters and instead cater to the interests of the religious fundamentalist wing of the party. McFarland claims that this is because most Republicans think that all Lesbians and Gays are Democrats and live in somebody else's district. McFarland is concerned that the Gay community not put its eggs in one basket by only supporting Democrats. "When candidates for both parties are vying for Gay/Lesbian support, then the Gay community will finally be able to say it has some real clout," McFarland said. At the same time, Republicans need Gay voters, who often live in large numbers in strongly Democratic areas such as urban areas, if they are to effectively fight Democratic control of such areas.

Besides, McFarland adds, Lesbians and Gays who consider themselves Republicans need a niche as well. "For too long, Republican Gays and Lesbians have been ignored by both their party and their community," according to McFarland. Anyone who wants to help make the Gay rights movement in Wisconsin bi-partisan and is interested in becoming involved in either organization can contact WREP at 227 Langdon #101, Madison, WI 53703 (confidentiality assured).

#### Remarkable Unity Brings Democrats Together In Atlanta

By Bill Meunier

What happened at the Democratic Convention was truly remarkable. A political party that had self-destructed in five out of the last six elections united. That it was able to do so is not so much a testimony to the political charisma of Mike Dukakis as it was to the fear that George Bush would make all that Reagan has done irreversible.

Labor, Blacks, Hispanics, Women all set aside their separate agendas, lowered their sights and went along for the ride.

It is important for us as Gays and Lesbians to recognize that we are not the only group that's hurting. It's true that with AIDS, the new Supreme Court appointments, and a general ignoring of our issues, we are hurting more than others, but our misery has company — and support

At the convention, a tearful woman from Illinois told me how she left her church because of its stance on Gays and AIDS. People from all over the country were asking for a Silence = Death badge. I gave my last one to a man from Tennesee who said he wanted to wear it to work so his employees would understand why he wouldn't fire a Gay man.

I am not suggesting that these people are typical of the majority of Americans. Those in Atlanta were, after all, party activists, but these activists can be important in shaping the opinions of the general public. Getting them convinced to help is not the total answer, but it is a start.

What I believe may be happening is the development of a collective sense of guilt

and a realization that Gays and Lesbians are a legitimate minority. Just as the American people were horrified over the Jewish Holocaust and felt guilty over their own anti-Semitism, many may now see the horror of the AIDS crisis and feel guilt over their own homophobic bigotry.

When delegations from the South pass resolutions calling for full Gay/Lesbian rights including service in the military, that should tell us something.

When Jesse Jackson told those persons with AIDS not to lose hope, the entire convention and all of the observers jumped to their feet. Even without the prompting of the TV lights, the roar was so loud that my ears popped. It was as if those present were trying to say "We're with you."

were trying to say "We're with you."

The question now is how do we capitalize on this new attitude?

One absolute must is that we tell anyone who will listen what the Reagan record on AIDS really is.

Second, we **must** get involved politically. Our lives and the lives of those we love are at stake.

Third, when we get involved, we must be out, a visible Gay/Lesbian presence.

Let's face it. Our lives are at stake. We simply can't take anything for granted this time



There wasn't exactly jubilation. In fact, among Lesbians and Gays attending the Democratic Convention in Atlanta, Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas), the party's vice presidential nominee, was an outrage to the Jackson people and seemed to be something of an embarrasment to the supporters of Michael Dukakis.

Urvashi Vaid of Voters Organized in Coalition for the Election (VOICE-88) admitted that "in our community (Gay/Lesbian) we're facing a lot of dissatisfaction."

VOICE-88 is a coalition organized by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America.

While openly Lesbian Minnesota state representative and Jackson supporter, Karen Clark said, "I find him (Bentsen) difficult to swallow." Eleanor Smeel told Light that she shared Clark's views. As she spoke, her expression was a mixture of sadness and anger.

Bentsen's record in the Senate, as far as Lesbians and Gays are concerned, is, in many ways, none too good. Shortly before Dukakis named him as his VP choice, the Texas senator voted for the Armstrong amendment which, in effect, eviscerated the D.C. Gay rights ordinance.

Bentsen has voted twice for Helms amendments that would ban funding of educational materials that are said to promote homosexuality. In addition, the Democratic vice presidential nominee has voted for mandatory HIV testing of marriage license applicants, VA hospital patients, immigrants and sex offenders.

On the other hand, Bentsen, as some of his supporters pointed out, voted against Helms on his amendment to outlaw clean needle exchanges. Bentsen co-sponsored Senator Edward Kennedy's sweeping bill giving Congress control of the fight against AIDS. Bentsen also voted against the nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.



Political signs were everywhere at the Convention.

Still, many viewed Bentsen's nomination with grave concern. David Clarenbach, Wisconsin state representative from Madison, speaking of the Bentsen nomination, told Light, "I am disappointed to put it mildly. Nothing makes me more bitter," (than this nomination). Clarenbach continued, "He's (Bentsen) an unabashed Southern Conservative with a voting record like Kasten's (Senator Robert Kasten (R-Wisc.)." Bentsen's "for Contra aid. He's just non-progressive. That leaves the bitterest taste."

Clark of Minnesota admitted that she would have a hard time with Bentsen in her district and added, "I want to wish Dukakis good health for a long time."

Ironically this dissatisfaction with the conservative Bentsen came when many Lesbians and Gays at the Convention were also concerned about Dukakis' own stands on Lesbian/Gay issues. These included his opposition to Lesbians and Gays serving as foster parents in his home state and his refusal to use the words "Gay" and "Lesbian" in his remarks before the Convention.

While Bentsen may be an ambiguous quantity with a need to be, as one person said, "sensitized", that Dukakis is anti-Gay would seem to be a concern that is largely unfounded. In response to an NGLTF questionnaire of January 4, 1988, Dukakis stated that "Gay and Lesbian citizens deserve the full rights and protections guaranteed to all Americans." He also voiced support for the elimination of discrimination in immigration laws on the basis of sexual orientation.

In addition, Dukakis voiced support for the Democratic platform which calls for "increased support for accelerated research on" AIDS as well as full civil rights for all "regardless of ... sexual orientation."

However, in the light of the Bentsen nomination and Dukakis' refusal to make what many Gays and Lesbians viewed as a conciliatory gesture of using "Gay" and "Lesbian", the Massachusetts governor seemed to stand in a less than favorable light.

Speaking to the Lesbian/Gay press, Terje Anderson an openly Gay member of the 1988 Platform Committee and delegate from Vermont, agreed that the Bentsen candidacy and the perception that Dukakis was weak on Gay/Lesbian issues would not only alienate many in our community nationwide but would make it "difficult to convince people (Gays and Lesbians) to vote at all." But, he added, "getting Gays and Lesbians to vote is an act of self-defense. A lot of people will die if Bush is elected." The Dukakis people generally echoed Anderson's sentiments as they tried to achieve unity with the Jackson camp.

Beyond Bentsen and verbal gestures, the root of the frustration of Jackson Gays and Lesbians with the Democratic ticket seemed to be two-pronged.

One was certainly that loyalities rarely transfer easily. Jackson supporters have a deep affection for their candidate along with an unyielding sorrow over his loss of the nomination. Over and over again they cited Jackson's use of the 'G&L words" in his speech before the convention as a symbolic gesture that was evidence of his sympathy for and understanding towards Lesbians and Gays in contrast to Dukakis. Pat Norman, Jackson Delegate from San Francisco and an openly Lesbian candidate for Supervisor in that city, spoke of "a clear difference between Jackson and Dukakis in their committment to the Lesbian and Gay community.'

Vin Martin, a Boston lawyer and Dukakis' Gay point man in the Gay/Lesbian caucus, countered by saying that "the empty gesture" of saying "Gay and Lesbian" could lose Dukakis several of the more conservative states such as Florida. Jack Campbell, President of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs had early on told the Gay press that "He (Dukakis) isn't seeking the support of fringe groups," in which he included Gays and Lesbians. Campbell describing himself as "a pragmatist", said Dukakis was worried about "what would play in Orange County" and advised Gays and Lesbians to "play the game the way it is played."

The second prong of frustration with Dukakis seemed to come from the feeling among Jackson Gays and Lesbians that they had not been integrated into the party process, had been largely ignored by the Dukakis people and, indeed, had their votes taken for granted because "we have nowhere else to go."

Urvashi Vaid told the Gay press, "We're not a part of the fabric of doing what most delegates are here to do. People see us as uppity queers." When Martin argued that Gays and Lesbians were indeed a part of the party, Steve Cody, a Jackson delegate from Baltimore said forcefully, "We are not," and heatedly accused the Dukakis camp of homophobia.

Much of this by the Jackson supporters seemed to be over-stated. At the first meeting of the Gay/Lesbian Caucus on Monday morning, July 18, amidst calls for unity led by, among others, Rick Stafford of Minnesota who called himself an uncommitted delegate, the Jackson camp succeeded in having the Caucus accept a resolution that was to be taken to the state delegations for endorsement. The document called on Dukakis to accept a public commitment to issue an executive order banning discrimination against Lesbians and Gays, to use the words "Gay" and "Lesbian" in his acceptance speech, to exercise strong presidential direction in the fight against AIDS, to recognize Lesbian

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Reverend Jessie Jackson at the Democratic National Convention.

and Gay family issues including child custody rights and to include presentations of convention business by Gay and Lesbian Democrats.

While many of these points had already been accepted by Dukakis either in the Platform or verbally, Gay and Lesbian Dukakis delegates joined their Jackson colleagues in taking it to their state caucuses. Many of those who did make presentations had to come out to do so, thus showing great courage as well as a commitment to party unity.

Wisconsin passed the resolution unanimously as did Massachusetts, Minnesota, Maine, Oregon and several other states. Of the 12 states represented in the Gay/Lesbian caucus, only two states, Florida and Georgia, voted against it.

The Gay/Lesbian caucus awarded a spontaneous commendation to Georgia Lesbian delegate Melinda Daniels for presenting the Gay resolution to the Georgia caucus. Daniels described the response of the state delegation as "hateful."

Yet another point of friction between Gay/Lesbian Jackson delegates and the Dukakis group in the Gay/Lesbian caucus arose from the failed attempt by Jackson supporters to place a Gay person's name into nomination for the vice presidency. Martin told the caucus that the Dukakis campaign viewed such "symbolic candidacies" as "divisive and diversionary." The Jackson delegates were unable to secure the 300 signatures necessary to place a name in nomination. However, they did achieve 237. As one said sadly, "Close, but no ball game."

Many in the Jackson camp were bitter over what they saw as the betrayal of the Gay/Lesbian Dukakis people in their refusal to work for a vice presidential nominee.

In the end, the Jackson Gay/Lesbian delegate caucus refused to issue an endorsement of Dukakis. Norman said, "the votes just weren't there."

Instead, Jackson supporters were asked to give their endorsements personally. Randy Miller, Jackson campaign liason to Lesbians and Gays rationalized this by saying that "The Jackson caucus felt today was not an appropriate time to endorse Dukakis. There needs to be a time of movement, a time of grief, to wrap up one campaign and start another." He added that this was the reason why the refusal to endorse should not be taken as a negative action against Dukakis.

Others agreed with Miller. Karen Clark had earlier called for a "breathing space" but said that she would definately support the Democratic ticket. Art Agnos, Mayor of San Francisco, told the Gay/Lesbian Caucus on the last day of the convention that "The Lesbian and Gay community is as much a part of America as any other community," and added, "Thank you for what you are going to do in this campaign."

Dale McCormick, a Gay activist, caucus member and fervent Jackson supporter, told **Light** that, "You should do what is right no matter how hard it is. It's right at this time to support Governor Dukakis and I will endorse him."

The Democrats left Atlanta with unprecedented unity, but whether that unity extended to and included Gays and Lesbians is difficult to say. There was no one who did not agree that the Gay/ Lesbian vote would be crucial. However, many seemed to believe that once again Gays and Lesbians had been offered little more than crumbs from the table of the "Big House."

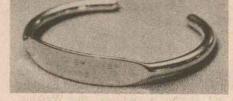
#### MAP Sells PWA Memorial Bracelets

The project is similar to the one begun in the '70s to commemorate POW-MIA's; a simple, unpretentious bracelet worn to signify that someone is not forgotten.

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According to a recent press release, Mark Manning who conceived the idea said, "This PWA bracelet will symbolize our national family's unity and commitment in the battle against AIDS."

Manning is national campaign director of Mothers Who Care, a Los Angeles based non-profit corporation which provides promotional and fundraising assistance to AIDS organizations across the country.



The bracelet bears the name, age and date of passing of people who have suffered from AIDS. This unique one-piece memorial bracelet has been custom designed to be worn by both women and men and is available in gold- or silver-plate.

The PWA Memorial Bracelet is plated because it is initially cast in brass. The reason for this is that upon finding a cure for AIDS, the PWA Bracelet Foundation organizers hope to collect all the bracelets and melt down the metal to create a national memorial and place it in a city yet to be named.

The first bracelets were presented at a May 8, 1988 press conference in Los Angeles. The hope was that by the end of 1988 100,000 of the memorials would be distributed throughout the U.S.

Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) was the first congressional leader to wear a PWA bracelet. The Senator will sponsor a congressional resolution that will declare the bracelet "a national symbol of unity in the battle against AIDS."

In Milwaukee, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has become one of 45 AIDS-related organizations across the country to become a distributor of the Memorial Bracelet. As of press time, MAP is the only such distributor in Wisconsin.

A minimum donation of \$10.00 is requested for the bracelet. Proceeds will benefit MAP's Life Care Service Program, Mothers of AIDS Patients (a non-profit organization), and the PWA Bracelet Endowment Fund. Any donation above the suggested \$10.00 will remain in Milwaukee to benefit MAP clients.

PWA Memorial Bracelets will be sold at MAPFEST on Labor Day, Monday, September 5. Bracelets also may be purchased at or ordered through MAP by contacting Jerome (PWA Bracelet Chair) at the MAP office, (414) 273-AIDS.

#### 70,000 AIDS Deaths Remembered **At Convention Die-In**

By Terry Boughner

One of the most emotion charged events of the Convention Week was the Die-In, the purpose of which was to illustrate as graphically as possible the terrible toll that AIDS is taking in America and to make political leaders aware that "70,000 deaths cannot be ignored."

The event was sponsored by March-On, California based group headed by Ivy Bottini, founder of the first chapter of the National Organization for Women and Morris Knight, often referred to as "the elder statesman of the Gay community."

The first Die-In took place May 8, 1988 as part of the March on Sacramento. Jeff LeTourneau, one of the organizers of the Atlanta Die-In, told Light that it was so successful that the decision was made to bring it to the Democratic Convention.

Le Tourneau told Light that after that first Die-In, some "redneck" came up and tried to deface one of the figures. The police arrested him and he was found guilty of "defacing a public monument, of trying to damage a living quilt."

What happens is simply this. Volunteers lie on the pavement. Their bodies are outlined in chalk and the name of someone dear to them who has died of AIDS is written in. Meanwhile, readers entone the names of the dead taken from the Quilt and from among their own friends.

Those are the essential facts, but they come nowhere near telling what the experience of attending a Die-In was really

Forget objectivity. It was a blazing hot metalic Georgia day with the sun beating down on the asphalt of the 2 acre free speech area close by the convention hall. Some 200 people had gathered, silently, one by one, stretching themselves out on the pavement, having their forms traced in white chalk. In the backgroud, you could hear the names being read, each one sounding like the somber toll of some lonely bell. I recognized the voice of Light's Karen Lamb as she took her place before the microphone.

People walked among the outlines, reverently paying their respects, ignoring the major media who were busily trying to catch something of what was happening on

I looked at what had been written in the outlined figures. "For the Innocent Babies." "Scott." "Richard, I still love you." "The Unknown." Names, names of people I had never known until then.

I looked and saw Jerry, my spouse, lying on the pavement being traced by one of the volunteers and I watched as a TV crew filmed him, trying to capture the moment. I remember thinking how thousands, perhaps millions will see him and I wondered, writing in my notebook, will they be able to feel, really feel the event?

I turned and saw that there were people crying, men trying to comfort men, women holding women. The sun was so hot and sweat and tears mingled as they do throughout our lives.

I looked about squinting against the bright sun. Those who style themselves important are not around. They're in the big air conditioned hotels six blocks away.

The sound of the names being read went on, Hispanic names, Oriental names and German and French and Polish, female and male, the rollcall of the dead being spoken out into the hot summer air. 5000 of them are to echo over this parking lot this heavy, heavy, humid day.

Suddenly Karen Lamb was beside me asking to be traced. I notice as she lays down that she is wearing a nice blue summer suit. What difference does that make? It's, as they say, what's inside that counts and in her heart is love and deep compassion; a truly great lady.

It is then that I feel the tears start to sting; tears for the dead and those soon to go and tears for Karen, for myself, for Jerry and all those who are here at this die-in, this funeral of ourselves as well as those who have gone before.

At the end, the hushed and somber crowd sings a Holly Near song.

"We are a gentle, loving people Singing, singing for our lives'

Not in some time have I ever felt so starkly my own mortality and that of those I

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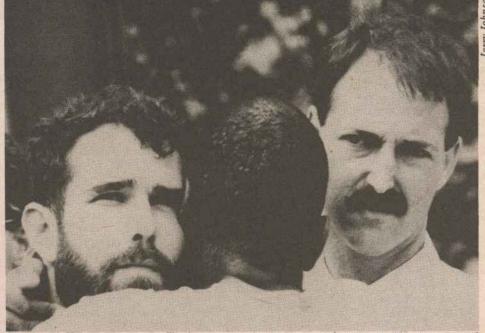
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Tears and grief stricken people were everywhere at the Democratic Convention Die-In as several hundred people remembered loved ones and friends who had died of AIDS.

#### **ACT-UP Has 100 Chapters; Uses** Slogan "Silence = Death"

By Terry Boughner

Perhaps you've seen it? If not, you probably will soon. It's a simple enough design, a black circle in which is a pink triangle and underneath in stark white letters, the words, "Silence = Death."

The little black logo is that of an organization called, Action Coalition To Unleash Power, more familiarly known as ACT-UP.

ACT-UP was founded in March, 1987 in New York City by playwright Larry Kramer at a "Town Meeting" that was attended by 400 people who shared Kramer's outrage over the government's mismanagement of the AIDS crisis. According to Neil Broome one of ACT-UP's organizers, the goal is quite simply "to take direct action towards the resolution of the AIDS crisis by demonstrating our anger and frustration.' Broome told Light that there are now 4000 members involved in 100 chapters around

Money is raised through the sale of buttons and T-shirts with their Silence= Death logo and through donations.

At the Democratic Convention, while many Gays and Lesbians tried to maneuver for political position and advantage and arguments, often bitter, erupted between the Lesbian/Gay Jackson and Dukakis supporters, the young women and men of ACT-UP were out in the streets seeing that every lamp post and newspaper box sported their logo. In addition, ACT-UP sponsored demonstrations or what they call "actions" which were designed to let the people of Atlanta as well as those attending the Convention that Gays and Lesbians intended to be silent no longer.

For these young people whose casual dress reminds one of the demonstrators, young idealists of the '60s, confrontation is the name of the game.

Aren't you afraid of being called,

"radical?" Frank Smithson is asked.
"No." the fresh faced Iowa native replied. "People are dying. Hundreds of thousands of people will die. You can take that just so long and then you've got to do something - anything," he said, "I've buried 18 friends from AIDS. What else are you to do?" he asks.

Rich Jackman, another member of the group, adds with a shrug. "So maybe we're radical? As disgust (with the AIDS situation) builds, so does radicalism. We're doing what we have to do to save our own lives and those of others.'

According to ACT-UP predictions, within the next 10 years, 500,000 people will die of AIDS in Manhatten alone.

In the fourth floor lounge of the Atlanta Hilton, these young men exhibit an idealism and fervent dedication that is somehow refreshing. They believe in something and have given a lot for it.

Smithson says that many of them in ACT-UP have quit work and taken unemployment in order to dedicate themselves full-time to the organization. For example, Jackman said he was looking forward to being an architect, "But there comes a time when you realize that there are more important things (than jobs and careers)."

What is more important is that the public no longer be allowed to ignore AIDS. At the same time, society must realize that "We (Gays and Lesbians) are not aberrations, abnormal, maladjusted or misguided. We are not evil. We are human beings, as capable of love and compassion as any



other human beings."

To assert this, the members of ACT-UP engage in "actions." Among the many that the group is most proud of happened in March, 1988. According to Newsday magazine, 400 members engaged in a sit-in in New York's Wall Street during the morning rush hour bringing the Street and much of lower Manhattan to a complete

The police, according to the magazine, arrested 99 of the protestors as workers and bureaucrats watched. Newsday reported that, despite the inconvenience caused, few condemned the action.

"I think they should speak up. It's akin to the Holocaust if they don't," Barbara Frei, an insurance consultant, was quoted

Members of ACT-UP, Smithson told Light have little fear of arrest. "Being arrested is called 'losing your virginity,'

What happens after the Atlanta Conven-

The group is off on a "Freedom Ride" through the South. They'll hold a kiss-in in Birmingham, Alabama where they've been told the local officialdom is especially homophobic. Then they plan to hold "actions" at the Republican Convention in New Orleans in August before returing to New York.

Later on, walking through Atlanta on the way to the Convention hall, one sees the little black circles with their pink triangles everywhere. They are even in the Omni, the Convention Hall itself, although how tney got there, is impossible to say. One has to go through 6 check points to get in and without special and proper credentials entrance is impossible. The members of ACT-UP don't have such credentials but somehow, they got them. I don't know why, but I feel good about that. I feel good too about getting to know this highly motivated, very dedicated group of young people. It's nice to know that there are people like them, Gays like me, waging their fight on the front lines.



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#### Perry Watkins Fights Army, He's A Rebel With A Cause

Rebel With a Cause, an organization based in Tacmoa Washington, came to the Democratic Convention with the goal of nominating Perry Watkins for the Vice Presidency of the United States. Had this happened, Watkins would have become the second openly Gay VP candidate. The first one being Mel Boozer, nominated by Gay/Lesbian Democrats in 1980.

Watkins came to the Convention with a long history of struggle for Gay rights behind him.

On August 28, 1967 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and at that time, affirmed that he was Gay. Nevertheless, the Army determined that he was qualified for service.

Watkins served honorably and well. He was given security clearances and in October, 1979, was promoted to Staff Sergeant (SSGT/E6).



Perry Watkins

In April, 1980 Watkins was notified by the Army of its determination to revoke his security clearance "due to revised regulations regarding homosexuals in the military." In 1981, the Army held a Chapter 15, discharge review board. The board recommended that Watkins be immediately discharged on the grounds of admitted homosexuality.

There followed a seven year judicial struggle. On February 10, 1988, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco issued a 2 to 1 ruling in favor of Watkins. In this ruling the Court stated the homosexuals do constitute a "suspect class" meaning a class protected under the Equal Protection Doctrine. This, if upheld, would be the first time in U.S. history that Gays and Lesbians were granted rights just as Blacks, Jews or any other recognized minority.

On June 6, 1988, the Army filed an

appeal. The court released its decision to rehear the case by sending it to a panel of 11 judges. The court also stated that the previous decision was nullified, not reversed.

On the basis of Watkin's struggle for civil rights, he was nominated by the Gay/Lesbian caucus for the Vice Presidency. Within the caucus, there was great enthusiasm at the prospect of an open Gay being nominated before the entire Convention and the national media. There was a discussion of a Gay/Lesbian demonstration that would bring home demands of equal rights for Lesbians and Gays.

However, 300 signatures were required from the 4, 170 delegates at the Convention. Watkin's backers were able to get only 237.

Many blamed the Dukakis campaign for the aborted nomination. Vin McCarthy, Dukakis' "man" in the Gay/Lesbian caucus, speaking to the caucus and then later at a press conference, said that the Dukakis campaign wanted no symbolic Vice Presidential nominations. He added, however, that the Dukakis people "would not retaliate" against anyone who signed the Watkins nomination petition.

McCarthy told the Gay/Lesbian press that "If Gays want to be players and not just playing (at convention politics), you had better start now for 1992." He also criticized Gays and Lesbians for "having no strategy" and "looking like a bunch of amateurs."

Afterward, a source told Light, "McCarthy may have been harsh, but he's right. All over, all over the country, Gays are a bunch of neophytes when it comes to politics. Then they expect rewards."

Later, Watkins speaking of the failed nomination told Light that "the response doesn't really surprise me." When asked if he would continue in politics, Watkins simply smiled.

Evan Lozon, Watkin's Program Coordinator said, "Perry will be entering politics in a big way. We will definately be back (to the Democratic Convention) in

In the meantime, Watkins plans a nation-wide tour beginning on October 7 in Washington, D.C. The purpose is to present Watkin's views on civil rights for Gays and Lesbians and to "let people know who I am."

Perhaps for Watkins and for Lesbians and Gays, 1992 will be different from 1988.



Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark helped carry a New York City AIDS quilt through the streets of downtown Atlanta at the Democratic National Convention. The names on the quilt represented deceased homeless victims of AIDS.

#### AIDS

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the disease. "These are bigoted beliefs that so few denounced as wrong," Krim said.

Krim said she supported Dukakis but added somewhat whistfully, "I wish I felt a little more passion for his committment."

Waxman seconded everything Krim had said and added that in his opinion Reagan "will be remembered for his fumbling of the AIDS epidemic." He went on to compare Reagan ob British Prime Minister Chamberlain who, prior to World War II,

thought he could work a deal with the Nazi.

Studds, who is openly Gay, told the group that he found it difficult to address the subject of AIDS and the present administration's attitude toward it because "it is difficult to master rage." In so many words he described the President as a self-centered dolt who has no idea of what

suffering is all about and does not care.

Calling Jackson "the heart of the party," Studds went on to say that he would support Dukakis and urged all Lesbians and Gays to do so.

"If you have two pills, one of which will give you a headache from time to time, but you will live. The other pill, if you take it, will give you a headache all the time and you will die. Which one will you take?" he said, in reference to Dukakis and Bush.

Pelosi summed it up by saying "It must be done so that more people will have a chance to live."

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#### Wisconsin Light In Demand At Democratic National Convention

Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community made a big splash at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, particularily with Wisconsin Democrats. A speech given by Green Bay Alternate Steve Jones asking the delegation to support the nomination of Perry Watkins for Vice-President was very well received, as was a speech by Bill Meunier Wisconsin Light's Political Editor. Meunier thanked the delegates for being the first to pass the resolution offered by the Gay and Lesbian Caucus. Telling the delegates that they made him proud to be from Wisconsin, he promised that in November Gays and Lesbians in the Badger State would help teach George Bush a lesson he will never forget.

Concerning the lack of Gay Jackson delegates nothing was resolved. It was clear that the Jackson delegates felt uncomfortable talking about the subject. Those who were willing to do so offered a variety of excuses ranging from "neither of your candidates were there" (that was true for several other candidates who were elected at the State Convention) to we really didn't know who your representatives were," a statement that drew laughter from several of those who were present at the State Convention when the delegate selection process was completed.

For her part, Polly Williams did little to mend fences. When Meunier offered to hug Williams in front of the delegation in a show of unity she refused stating that it would look like we were forgiving her and she didn't do anything wrong. Shortly before the convention Williams sent a copy of a personal letter that had been sent to her by Lesbian activist Susan Cook. Cook questioned Williams committment to Gay and Lesbian rights and stated that Williams had broken her promises to the Gay/Lesbian community. Williams sent the copies in a blank envelope in an apparent

attempt to make it look as though Cook had sent it. The tactic backfired when the delegates and alternates learned who had really sent out the copies.

Although Meunier refused to criticize Williams in several interviews he told other Gays and Lesbians at the convention as well as the Jackson staff that if they ever again expected to receive substantial support from Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community that Williams could have no position of any consequence in their campaign. After meetings with several Jackson staffers Meunier expressed confidence that "actions which could lead to future Gay and Lesbian support for Jackson in Wisconsin will be taken."

Copies of Wisconsin Light were in demand at the convention and a number of delegates commented on the headline article which blasted Williams. One delegate from New York sought Meunier out to tell him, "Please don't abandon Jesse because of the actions of one . . . woman." A Virginia delegate told him that after reading the story, she was sorry she hadn't voted for a Lesbian running for a delegate slot. Jackson's Deputy Chair for Washington told Meunier that the National Jackson campaign ordered their campaign to slate two Lesbians to try to make up for what happened in Wisconsin.

Meunier who organized and headed up the Jackson campaign in Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community was pleased with the stir that had been caused. "It is clear that many more people are now aware of our issues as a result of our involvement in the campaign, and it is equally clear that the next convention will see more Gays and Lesbians as delegates particularily from Wisconsin

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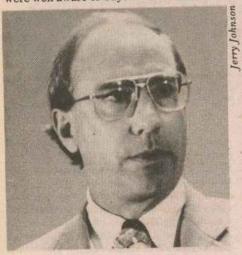
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Gays Must Organize, Develop Strong Leadership for 1992

Wisconsin state assemblyman, David Clarenbach (Madison) was heartily encouraged by the Gay/Lesbian presence and effectiveness at the Democratic Convention. "They are certainly better organized than previously," he told Light. "All this bodes well for our ability to organize for Dukakis," he said.

Certainly, the 1988 Convention saw a higher level of Lesbian/Gay participation than ever before in history. Over 100 Gay/Lesbian delegates, alternates, whips and observers attended the daily Gay/Lesbian caucus.

In addition, Lesbian/Gay organizations such as Voice 88 (Voters Organized in Coalition for the Election), March-On, ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power), and several other groups made sure that those attending the Convention were well aware of Gays and Lesbians.



Congressman Gerry Studds

For example, ACT-UP's logo, a black circle surrounding a pink triangle with the slogan, "Silence=Death" appeared on every lamp post, newspaper box and sidewalks all over Atlanta. The shields of the riot police even sported them.

Minnesota state representative Karen Clark told an assembly of Gay/Lesbian press at a reception given by Atlanta's Back Street bar, "We're here with our dignity intact."

Eleanor Smeel, speaking before the Gay/Lesbian caucus, told the group that, as she observed the Convention, Feminists and Lesbians and Gays are getting "stronger and stronger. By God, we are!" She received a standing ovation.

Yet all those attending were not as satisfied with the Gay/Lesbian effort as Clarenbach and Smeel.

Vin McCarthy, Dukakis' "man" in the Gay/Lesbian caucus complained that Lesbians and Gays were not only not as organized as they could be, but that they seemed not to understand the political process. Gays and Lesbians, he said, had to start earlier if they hoped to accomplish anything. "You can't begin on Monday of the Convention and think you're going to do anything by Thrusday," he told the Lesbian/Gay press. "You (Gays and Lesbians) have to accept the fact that you're not a cause, always trying to get attention, but a movement." He pointed out that with what he saw as Gay/Lesbian lack of organization and experience in politics, "Gay and Lesbian efforts at the convention tend to look amateurish

Peter Brooks, a Dukakis alternate from Dallas, lamented the "lack of pragmatism" among Gays and Lesbians at the Convention. Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) agreed. "We have a long way to go," he told Gays and Lesbians attending the "Raucus Caucus," a fundraiser. His meaning, as he explained, was that among many Gays and Lesbians, idealism seemed to take priority over the "practical necessities of politics."

Repeatedly throughout the week of the Convention, the message was the same. While Gays and Lesbians have come a long way as our presence at the Convention certainly showed, we have yet to achieve the kind of organization on the national and local level that has clout in politics. Until that happens, we can be expected to be ignored or taken for granted as Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund admitted.

Basile and Chris Riddiough, executive director of Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America pointed to the need for more openly Gay or Lesbian elective office holders throughout the country. They implied that the lack of Lesbian/Gay presence in office was one of the weaknesses that Gays and Lesbians must overcome. They, as well as others, also

indicated that Lesbians and Gays must overcome the belief that being Gay or Lesbian is an automatic bar to elective office.

Basile pointed to Congressman Gerry Studds (D-Mass) who has won reelection to Congress as an openly Gay man from a district that is mainly blue collar, conservative. "I don't think voters consider whether a person is Lesbian or Gay, but whether he or she is competent," Basile said. Karen Clark, one of the 20 open Lesbians or Gays in elective office in the country, agreed saying, "We're darn good at what we do and people know that."

Terje Anderson an openly Gay Vermont delegate and a member of the 1988 Democratic Platform Committee said that "Gay and Lesbian openness is not a detriment." But he stressed forcefully, that is only the case "if you know how the system works and you work like hell."

Like others, Anderson pointed out that it is knowing the system and working it that makes the difference. "Look at Vermont. It's the most rural and most white state in the Union," he said, pointing to the fact that the Vermont delegation had an openly Gay chair.

Carole Migden, an open Lesbian and chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party made the point even more emphatically. "We Lesbians and Gays need to know how to play hard-ball to be effective." And she added, "Get the word out."

There was no one who did not express pride at the numbers of open Gays and Lesbains at the Convention or what has been achieved. But, at the same time, there were few who did not agree that what our movement needs now is strong, effective leadership, along with increased knowledge and awareness of the political system and how it operates and a willingness to come out and work for the

Until this vacuum of leadership and knowledge is filled, as one delegate said, we Lesbians and Gays will be eternally bringing our requests to the table without having a seat there ourselves.

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process (of goal development), only about 25 participated on a regular basis.

According to the introduction, these 12 goals were sent to "over 1500" people who were asked to prioritize them. The responses were said to have been tabulated by the committee.

The "Proposed Final Report" which, upon reading, has many excellent points, seems mared by being replete with glittering generalities, fuzzy metaphores, a lecturing tone and generally sloppy writing. It received spirited and constructive criticism from the group.

One member said the stylistic difficulties were so egregious that he could not comment on the substance.

Another pointed out that specific references to politicial figures should be removed. The object seemed to be to make the parts of the document that were exclusive, inclusive and democratic.

Someone else wondered aloud to whom the document was written, Lesbians and Gays or straights? It is difficult, if not impossible, to tell.

Yet another difficulty would seem to be that in the introduction it is stated that "people must understand that the only thing that Lesbians and Gay men have in common is a fundamental need for fulfillment by people of the same sex. Beyond that, there is no common ground." This would seem to relegate to matters of inconsequence all the many things that do bind us together beyond sex.

The document condemned several groups. Among these were the Lesbian separatists "who are as sexist as their male counterparts." Also condemned were "uncle toms" who were defined as people who believe "that if they 'pass' and bow enough to the 'straight' rules, they will make it, despite their predilection for same sex experiences."

Much of the document reads like a sermon. In the subsection titled "Religion", Gays and Lesbains who "feel comfortable in a religious environment" are advised to be "role models" for others within their religious denominations. The subsection concludes, "When we are welcomed, as Jesus welcomed ALL people, we will showly return to be a part of which every tradition allows us to feel truly loved and free."

No mention is made in the document of those of other faiths or of those who do not accept religious beliefs, a glaring omission if the document is to be inclusive.

Yet another problem that the document seems to have is that there are few, if any, concrete suggestions as to how the goals are to be reached. The goals flutter along like butterflys unattached to the ground.

In the end, it was agreed that the "Proposed Final Draft" was not that final. It would be revised and tightened.

It was also announced that the revised document would be presented to Mayor John Norquist at a dinner that is part of the Milwaukee Pride Week celebration.

The dinner will be held September 20, at Milwaukee's Marc Plaza Hotel and will cost, it was announced, \$25.00 per person.

Afterward it was expressed that the price of the dinner was, in effect, exclusionary making an event that should include as many of the Lesbian/Gay community as possible into something undemocratic and elitest. The fact is that many in the Lesbian/Gay community would find it difficult to afford it.

The point was made that those who were unable to afford the dinner could come after and that there would be no charge. However, this too was seen as exclusionary. In effect, as someone said, "It'll mean if you're poor, you can't be part of the total event. How is that inclusive? Does the Mayor want to be, should he be, involved in that sort of thing?"

Miriam Ben Shalom told Light, "I am profoundly irriated with the statement of goals. There is nothing new and there is no plan for any action. It appears to be nothing more than a turgid rewording of several documents written in the past. Goals means to me what a problem is, how we are going to attack that problem or solve it, and when we shall have this accomplished. I see none of this in this statement."

Ben Shalom further told **Light**, "I'm real irriated about the cost of the dinner. Like it or not I'm a nationally recognized member of their community and I can't afford to go."

Ben Shalom suggested to Light that perhaps it would be appropriate for Lesbians and Gays without money to have "our own cook-out in front of the Marc Plaza." Ben Shalom further said that when (Mayor) Norquist is tired of chicken ala king upstairs maybe he could come to our picnic."

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having an openly Lesbian or Gay on his Congressional staff. "I have a track record on that," he says proudly. Then he cites an example.

When he was chair of the Wisconsin Democratic party (1981-1985), he interviewed staffers. Earl Bricker was the most qualified and came to Flynn and said, "I'm a Gay activist." Flynn shrugged, "He was the most qualified. I hired him." It is as simple as that.

As far as the race is concerned which the Milwaukee Journal has called "slambang," Flynn sees as one of the main issues, the incumbent himself (US Rep. James Moody).

"It's Moody's credibility," Flynn says forcefully. "He broke his word," and to break your word means "breaking faith with your fellows." Another point to be made is that Moody is, according to Flynn, "much more interested in advancing his own career" than in being a Congressman. "He wants to be a Senator." The implication is that, for Moody, representing the 5th District is merely a holding action until he can achieve his ultimate aim—the glory of the Senate.

As he has elsewhere, Flynn tells Light that in 1987-88 Moody brought to his district no federal dollars in the form of government contracts. "We here in Milwaukee are 9th out of 9 districts in Wisconsin in contracts." That means loss of jobs in an area that badly needs them. He notes that some districts in Wisconsin got upwards of \$2 billion dollars. Milwaukee got 0. For this and other reasons, Flynn calls Moody "ineffective" as a Congressman

By tradition, the 5th District is one of the firmest Democratic strongholds in the country. Flynn, however, is not willing to count the Republicans out.

Still, with an optimism and vision that one learns is characteristic of him, he sees "a new day dawning", a new generation coming on the scene in Wisconsin politics. "It is the generation of the '60s coming to the fore," he says, and with them, a "new

age of tolerance and pluralism," that will sweep Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the nation into the future. It is the same kind of hope that one has heard from Norquist, Schultz and State Representative David Clarenbach express. It is the vision of what the New York Times has called, "the New Men," who seem to validate Hegel's view of history as a steady movement forward of challenge and response.

"I am excited about serving," Flynn says. "We need new approaches, new leadership."

One can not help thinking that maybe, this time, the torch is passing to a new generation.

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at the anonymous testing sites. "They have to make the decision to contact us," McFadden said. "We'll never know they exist unless they make the decisions to contact us." All a person needs to get services is the test number from the anonymous site.

In response to questions at the July 5 meeting, Vergeront said this new program may preempt legislative action to mandate contacting.

Vergeront said there was "no easy, simple, straightforward answer" to dealing with people the program may identify who continue high risk behavior despite warnings. But he opposed quarantine, suggesting education, peer pressure, and other options that work for other diseases.

Quarantine, Vergeront said, isn't "the direction public health should be going in"

He said in "clear cut cases" of discrimination against AIDS patients or people with the virus, the state can and has stenned in

The Madison AIDS Support Network will "cooperate as best we can" with the new program, according to Marge Sutinen, acting director of MASN.

But, she said, "We're going to be watching closely to be sure that the people who are served are protected." The major concern for MASN is confidentiality, she said.

The new program has some of the same elements as one proposed in 1986 by the State Public Health Task Force on AIDS. That proposal was never implemented due to a lack of funds.

Although the Milwaukee AIDS Project opposes contact tracing and opposed a state contact tracing program proposed in 1985, it supports the new state partner referral program.

"We see a definite difference between the traditional contact tracing model and the adapted model of partner referral that the state will be using," said Lynn Syverson, acting executive director of MAP. "They are putting into action what looks like a pretty good program that meets the needs on all sides."

The program agrees with MAP's philosophy of education and support for people with AIDS or HIV infection, and it will encourage people who test HIV positive to inform their partners themselves.

Although the program will notify sex or needle-sharing partners, "the real stress is put on the individual to become empowered and do that themselves," Syverson said. The program will also stress personal risk reduction.

MAP is pleased with the people employed for the program, she said. "The key is the persons hired to do it."

MAP also supports partner referral because, unlike three years ago, help is now available for people infected with HIV, such as drugs like AZT and wellness concept therapy.

The partner referral program, unlike traditional contact tracing for syphilis and gonorrhea, will also allow people who were tested at anonymous sites to remain anonymous, she said. "That's very important for a lot of people."

Still, she said, "We will monitor the program carefully to be sure it is carried out as it was presented. We will provide feedback to the Division on Health."

The program is important because it is proactive, she said, ahead of legislation that may call for action regarding people with the virus believed to cause AIDS, and it may deal with the American Medical Association decision to allow doctors to notify sexual partners of patients with the virus.

Additionally, Syverson said, the federal government will probably require contact tracing or referral next year to receive federal funds for AIDS.

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#### **Cutural Life Abounds** in Summer Milwaukee

By Geno

Reviewing plays and other forms of entertainment for a monthly newspaper often calls for some fast footwork from the critic. When he reviews a performance that is already past, it means to some readers merely that the reviewer was at the performance and is now indulging his likes and dislikes. Sometimes it has been possible to attend previews or to time an opening with W usin Light's publishing are occasions when schedi e, but highly worthwand cultural events fall between the cracks and don't receive the recognition they deserve.

This past month has offered several such events, and they are worth noting now to alert readers to catch their future appearances. A performance that Milwaukee audiences will want to have repeated is "Edith Piaf Onstage," a one woman show by Leslie Fitzwater of the Skylight Theatre. She captivated her audiences dramatizing scenes from the tragic life of the "little sparrow," singing the songs that made Piaf an international favorite. Miss Fitzwater wisely did not try to imitate the French chanteuse - for one thing, her trained voice is stronger and varied and she sang "La Vie En Rose" in her upper register. But her stage presence is so convincing that she becomes Edith Piaf sounding those French nasals and rolling those throaty gutteral R's impeccably. As a regular member of the Skylight Company, Miss Fitzwater will appear in the coming season's production of "The Threepenny Opera" and other Skylight offerings. Watch for her!

Another event which attracted national as well as international attention was the inauguration of Milwaukee's Ballet Dance Factory, a renovated warehouse in the Walker's Point district providing 45,000 square feet, 28-foot ceilings, and a theatre which seats 400. The openness of the dance space facilitates communication between dancers and audience unlike picture frame proscenium theatres which put distance between them. The dancers of the Pittsburgh-Milwaukee Ballet, practice their warmups in full view of the audience, for example, and it is fascinating to watch these young dancers who are refreshing in the ways they interpret classical ballet as well as performing experimental choreography. The theatre itself is worth a visit and so are the dance companies that will perform there when the fall season opens.

Milwaukee street festivals have grown in popularity, two of which, Bastille Days and the Historic Third Ward Block Party, attracted full programs of entertainment and capacity audiences. Both presented continuous entertainemt on several stages, and Bastille Days did have snails and frog legs as part of their gourmet menu. One act, The Red Hot Louisiana Band which performed in Cathedral Square was featured in an article in the August issue of Connoisseur. Their music called Zydeco (or Creole Rock and Roll) is part of the growing taste for Cajun food and Cajun characters, and this band with its wild accordian, electric keyboard and washboard are truly very hot right now. Hope they're back again next year.

"A Slice of Milwaukee", the third annual Best Block Party sponsored by the Historic Third Ward was bigger and jo lier than ever. Continuous entertainment at the Buffalo and Menomonee ends of Broadway included Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers, Friends Mime Theatre, the North Water Street Dixieland Band, Milwaukee Mandolin Orchestra, the Snappy Steppers, Top Banana, and the experimental Jazz of the Ghostly Trio, among others. Two dance troupes, Wild Space (Modern Dance) and the Amadeus Dance Group also performed, making excellent use of the two spacious stages provided by Kurt Swanson of Theatre X, entertainment chairman. With the newly opened Broadway apartments in



A record 2,000 people attended Madison's 16th annual MAGIC Picnic on July 23. Located in Brittingham Park on Lake Monona the crowds enjoyed plenty of food and drink while enjoying entertainment by several groups including Milwaukee's Fest City Singers, Womon Song, the Raging Hormones and Sopha in addition to several soloists and comedians. The more adventuresome participated in "Drag" racing, a tug of war, egg and water balloon tosses, a scavenger hunt, Flamingo croquet, and dancing. The picnic raised funds for Madison Gay and Lesbian organizations. The photo shows a small portion of the crowd late in the day

four historic buildings, plus Theatre X, La Boulangerie, and other restaurants and shops, this enclave invites exploration. Free walking tour brochures of the district are available at all establishments in the neighborhood — just the thing for some afternoon when the weather finally cools down. "Third Ward Windows" an exhibition of artworks has been installed in windows of buildings of the Third Ward by Theatre X, and these works will remain on view through September 7.

And of course, we had the Historic Circus Parade, the City of Festivals Parade, the various Fests at the Lakefront, and a glorious Fourth of July, just to name a few of the city's other entertainment bonanzas. Milwaukee, count your bless-

#### **Superior Holds Gay Pride Days**

Superior-Duluth- Amidst hundreds of helium-filled balloons launched by patrons of Superior's Main Club, Gays and Lesbians in the Twin Ports (Superior-Duluth) celebrated Gay/Lesbian Pride during June 16-27, 1988.

The ceremony commemorated the Stonewall Riot of 1969 which began the Gay/Lesbian Liberation movement.

This was the first time that Gays and Lesbians of the Twin Ports held such a

Mayor Herb Bergson of Superior and Mayor John Fedo of Duluth were both asked by the Twin Ports Pride Committee to issue proclamations in support of the event. Both declined to do so. This is in contrast to the stance taken by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer and Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser who both proclaimed June 26 as "Gay and Lesbian Pride Day" in the Twin Cities.

In a copy of a letter received by Light sent by Bergson to the Pride Committee the Mayor stated "Regretfully I will be unable to attend your picnic on Saturday, June 18. I hope you have a productive

Bob Jansen, a Duluth resident, owner of the Main Club and a strong proponent of equal rights for Gays and Lesbians was quoted in the Duluth-News-Tribune as saying that "the two mayors' failure to issue proclamations for Pride Days reinforces some attitudes of bigotry.'

Jansen's statement was reinforced by letters to the editor printed in the News-Tribune. "Contain this disease (homosexuality) and keep it from spreading," wrote Davy Jones of Duluth. Grant Gault quoted or misquoted the Bible in the typical mish-mash of religious bigotry and ignorance that we have heard so long.

Nevertheless, Gays and Lesbians celebrated proudly and in large numbers. The Twin Ports are to be congratulated for their efforts and we wish our brothers and sisters there, all the best for next year.

**MAPFEST Features Entertainment,** Auction, Food, Dog Show Sept. 5

The Milwaukee AIDS Project caps off a summer of festivals Labor Day September 5th, with its third annual street festival for

A gathering of friends, a Day of Lesbian and Gay pride, a party to remember, an afternoon of sun, fun, and good times. A \$2.00 gate donation gets you in for the full day, all proceeds going to support the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Milwaukee's fashionable Walker's Point area (East National Ave. at South Second Street) from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., will be the site of the carnival event - games, food, information booths, drink, music, dancing. "Under the Big Top" at the east end of the grounds will be eight continuous hours of live stage entertainment. The early afternoon has plans for an amateur dog show. The evening hours will begin with a bachelor/bachelorette auction at

Make your plans now to spend Labor Day in the beautiful City of Festivals, and join your Lesbian and Gay friends at MAPFEST. Questions, directions, interest in the dog show or the auction, offers of assistance, or a desire to get your group or organization involved? Please call or write to Mr. Patrick Prudlow, %Milwaukee AIDS Project, P.O. Box 92505, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202; (414) 273-2437.

Panels slated for the national "Names Quilt" will be on display at the Fest, including a local memorial signature panel, similar to the one Chicago will be sending from their city.

#### "Good Morning Vietnam" on Video; Film Masks Gay Theme

By Terry Boughner

One of this year's hit movies, Good Morning Vietnam, has been released on video. There's no question as to why it has been so popular. It's Robin Williams at his best and funniest. But for Gays especially, it is, I think, a must-see flick.

Williams plays a hot-shot deejay who winds up in Saigon as the American build-up in the country begins. His morning show on the Armed Forces radio is an instant hit with his combination of wild (for the 60's) music and iconoclastic wit (he makes fun of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon and just about everybody

He sees a Vietnamese girl on the street, instantly proclaims he's in love and follows her. As it happens, she's taking English lessons in a local, American-run school. A little money and Williams becomes the

So, the plot is set, right? No way. One of the students is one of the cutest young Vietnamese guys you would ever want to lay your eyes on who is the girl's brother.

Now the point is, that normally the brother would be the vehicle to get to the girl. But, in this movie, the girl is all but forgotten and it is the relationship between the youth and older man which becomes the focus, a relationship that is at least homoerotic if not Gay (although I've never been able to quite distinguish between the

The two become friends, very good friends. The boy saves William's life twice. Then, army intelligence discovers that the boy is really part of a terrorist gang. Williams is fired and is to be sent out of the country for associating with a terrorist. But before he goes, he learns of the army's plan to kill the boy and he risks his life in an attempt to save him.

The last scene at the airport is, indeed, between Williams and the girl but it is unnecessary and contrived. There is no basis for the tearful goodbye scene and, if the logic of the plot had been maintained, the ending should have been played out kisses and all - between the two men.

There's an old rule in writing, one of the first, never fool the reader. The screen writer has broken the rule in the interests of no doubt, denying that Gay love can exist. At all costs the main character had to be seen as straight. So, build a tender relationship between two men if you want, but make sure he kisses the girl at the end. Horsefeathers!

Aside from the ending which is silly, the film is good, very good and you should see it. It appeared in stores on August 2. In Milwaukee it can be rented or purchased at Video Adventures on N. Farwell; in Madison at Four Star Fiction and Video or Break Time Video, 120 S. Pinckney or at other fine video stores.

#### MAP Raises \$7,600

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has announced the total monies received from three fundraisers held in the last three

The "Make a Promise" dinner held Sunday, May 15 at the Wisconsin Club netted \$7,000.

The party held at Milwaukee's Wreck Room bar, Saturday, July 23 netted close to \$200.00.

Chris Klein's birthday party held at Milwaukee's Jet's Bar, Saturday, July 23 netted \$400.00.

MAP would like to thank all those who participated in these events for their generosity.

In a related story, MAP offices are in need of an Apple Computer and an opaque or overhead projector. Any assistance in this area would be appreciated. For more information, please call Pat Prudlow at the MAP offices - (414) 273-2437.

Wisconsin Light is pleased to add nationally syndicated film critic, Jack Sturdy to its pages. Jack is the Lively Arts Editor of The Weekly News published in Miami. He is a continuing contributor to both American Film and Film Comment magazines, in addition to numerous newspapers around the country.

#### By Jack Sturdy

Preston Tucker was a visionary. He invented a motorized war car that was rejected by the armed services because it was too fast. He also developed the bubble-topped gun turret employed on most American fighter craft. The government secured his invention then denied him patent residuals. Undaunted, Tucker turned his attention to the production of a revolutionary automobile that would feature seat belts, disc brakes, fuel injection, pop-out windows and a third headlight that rotated with the steering wheel. Tucker: The Man and His Dream is the tale of the Tucker Torpedo, one of the most fascinating stories to haunt the automobile

There is a note of irony that Tucker's life should unfold in the hands of another visionary — Francis Ford Coppola. In many ways the lives and careers of these two men are parallel reflections of personal successes and frustrations and of shattered dreams and finely realized victories. Coppola, who lost his utopian studio, American Zoetrope, when his dream film One From The Heart collapsed beneath the weight of its own trendiness, returns to full power with Tucker, perhaps fueled by the bond of industry flagellation.

Tucker is much like The Godfather in style and content. Both films pay particular attention to period detail and are lush cinematic achievements. Vittorio Staroros cinematography rivals any of his previous Oscar-awarded efforts and Milena Canonero's costuming will certainly net her another statuette. And both films revolve around the resilient strength provided by the family.

Jeff Bridges is perfectly cast as Preston Tucker. He brings a golly-gee affability to the inventor. One can literally feel the

# TUCKER



Jeff Bridges (right) portrays innovative car designer Preston Tucker, Joan Allen is his wife Vera and Martin Landau is Tucker's friend and associate Abe Karatzy, in Paramount Pictures "Tucker: The Man and His Dream." Opens Friday in wide release.

American Dream flow through Bridges performance as he puruses his auto design from blue prints to reality. Audiences will likewise share the bewilderment of the inventor when the Securities and Exchange Commission shuts down his government granted assembly plant, stopping the production of the Torpedo. The passion that Bridges embues to the climactic courtroon scene is his finest screen moment. If he does not draw a tear than your heart is carved from stone.

Also extraordinary is Martin Landau, who co-stars as Abe Karatz, Tucker's financial mentor and friend. Landau, in the best role of his distinguished career, brings a remarkably quiet subtlety to the role and is certain to grab an Oscar nod. If Elias Koteas' part were larger, he too might be

an Oscar contender, but the chameleon who reminds me of a yound Marlon Brando, does not log enough screen time, although every minute is quality.

Tucker is composed of a number of exquisite scenes. The courtroom is one, Abe's secret revelation to Tucker is another. Yet the more eerie and disquieting is Tucker's midnight meeting with billionaire entrepreneu Howard Huges (nicely underplayed by Dean Stockwell). The moment is simply bizarre.

The stars of Tucker are the Tucker Torpedos. Eighteen of the remaining forty-six of the originally produced fifty appear in the film. Sleek, modern and futuristic, they more than anything embody the slice of history that is theirs alone.

\*\*\*1/2 (Three and one-half stars).

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With a new heart, our self-esteem will not be shaken when we see age getting the better part of us because we will know that we are God's and no lover could be truer, more loyal, more beautiful than our heavenly parent and loving creator. With a new heart we can begin to see those who are young and handsome not with reverence mixed with derision, but as people who have the same hopes, hurts, dreams and fears. We begin to see people, not bodies. We will know when we have seen physical beauty but we will quickly put it in its place. We will be more concerned to judge the content of the package; the quality of the character of the person and, by those inner qualities, determine whether he or she is truly beautiful.

Jesus Christ can offer you the kind of self-esteem that enables you to take aging gracefully. Christ can build in you the kind of character that enables you to be beautiful at any age. Christ can give you the eyes to see people beyond the package and wrapping and enter into the deeper beauty that is inside a person — a beauty that is eternal. Christ can give you the kind of love that will enable a relationship to succeed rather than fail because Christ's love is based on forgiveness and commitment and honesty, not external beauty.

Of course, Christians will see and always appreciate beauty, but a Christian's definition of beauty will be broad and deep. Seeing through the eyes of Jesus, a Christian will see beauty all around — beauty that is eternal. We at New Hope, Metropolitan Community Church want to grow in seeing beauty in ourselves and in each other. The beauty, if it is real, will be Christ. Join us to continue, renew or begin your relationship with God revealed in Jesus. May all of our eyes be opened to see true beauty.

New Hope, M.C.C. continues to worship every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church in the educational unit's chapel at 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd., across from the UW-M Student Union, All are welcome.

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tapes of the confrontation. It was also announced that he would hold a press conference on the subject.

On Wednesday, July 20, ACT-UP sponsored a march to display the Bailey House Memorial AIDS Quilt. The quilt carries names of some of the homeless in New York City who have died of AIDS.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m., about 25 marchers, including Minnesota state Representative Karen Clark, left the Atlanta Hilton and began to walk through early rush hour crowds toward the convention center some 7 blocks away.

Asked if she was participating because of what had happened at the Kiss-In, Clark said no. She told **Light** that "The names quilt is in Minneapolis now and I'm missing it."

Also among the marchers was Keith Gann, a Minnesota delegate and PWA, and Bill Haskell an openly Gay Wisconsin alternate. The marchers were led by Urvashi Vaid of VOICE-88 and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Vaid carried a portable loudspeaker explaining to the passers-by what the quilt meant.

Walking along Peachtree Street, one young women selling newspapers told Light, "I wish all you fags would drop into the sea." She said it with the same tone and expression as if she were giving someone the time of day.

However, several people stopped to offer donations (they were refused) and three others spontaneously joined the march either helping to carry the quilt or handing out flyers.

Arriving at the outer perimeter of the

Convention complex (one of six check points), the police put on gloves and forbade entry, demanding that the marchers go to the Free Speech area across the street.

Suddenly, as before at the Kiss-In, the riot police appeared, coming so quietly that they seemed to appear out of nowhere. They stood, shields up and at the ready, hands on billy clubs prepared to take action.

Abandoning any attempt at objectivity, I have never been more frightened in my life. You have no idea, can, I think, have none at all unless you too have faced it, what it is to see these faceless, anonymous police — as before, 75 of them — facing you. I quickly glanced at Representative Clark. This, I thought, as my hastily written notes record, was a lawmaker of the United States, a creator of rules by which we live. Now, here, she was, as with the rest of us, simply a person, a Lesbian, confronted with bearly leashed and organized violence that could explode at a word.

I watched her stand there, face set with determination, a proud, brave Lesbian woman who seemed to say by her expression, "If this is what it must be, then let it happen." I will never forget her that late afternoon.

While the police stopped the marchers on the basis of the fact that they lacked credentials, others without passes had no trouble getting in. One man with credentials hanging around his neck guided a woman who he identified to police as "my girlfriend" past the barrier. She had no passes. When he saw my press pass and notebook he snarled, "Look faggot. I gotta girl." He shoved her toward me and continued, "You write my name and I'll smash your queer face."

According to his badge, his name is Mark Goodman, an employee of Federal Express.

Shortly, the marchers turned from the police — the point had been made — and went to the Free Speech area nearby. But to their chagrin, they were stopped at the entry by two large men who told them, "You'll get your asses kicked if you don't get outta here." After some insistance by Light which included a few well-chosen words, the men identified themselves as bodyguards for Illinois Congressman Savage who was speaking on the platform nearby. He was loud in support of Jesse Jackson.

Shortly, two police arrived, one of whom said he was in charge and told the marchers that "No one and I mean no one can say you can't come in here (the free speech area)." With that, the cops led the marchers in.

Quickly, the cloth strips were laid out on the pavement for all to see.

The following day, at 10:00 a.m., Mayor Young held his press conference and apologized for what he said was an "overreaction" by the police. In an apparent effort to save face, he added that ACT-UP had behaved in what he called "a provocative manner." One had to wonder if any of the happenings of 20 years before when he led people in what many then called "provocative" actions came to his mind.

With what seem like supreme and interesting irony, on Thursday night, the last evening of the Convention, Bill Meunier, several of the people from ACT-UP and a couple of staffers from Mayor Young's office were present in the Atlanta hospitality suite.

One of the staffers told Menunier and the ACT-UP reps that the mayor and his staff knew exactly what the Lesbian/Gay demonstrators were doing and why and

"Look, practically everybody in the mayor's office including the mayor himself were at the 1968 (Democratic) Convention. We were in the streets then. We've been watching you. We've even been grading you on how well you could get a thing going." Then he shook his head. "You people (Gays and Lesbians) gotta learn confrontation, how to do it. You just gotta learn."

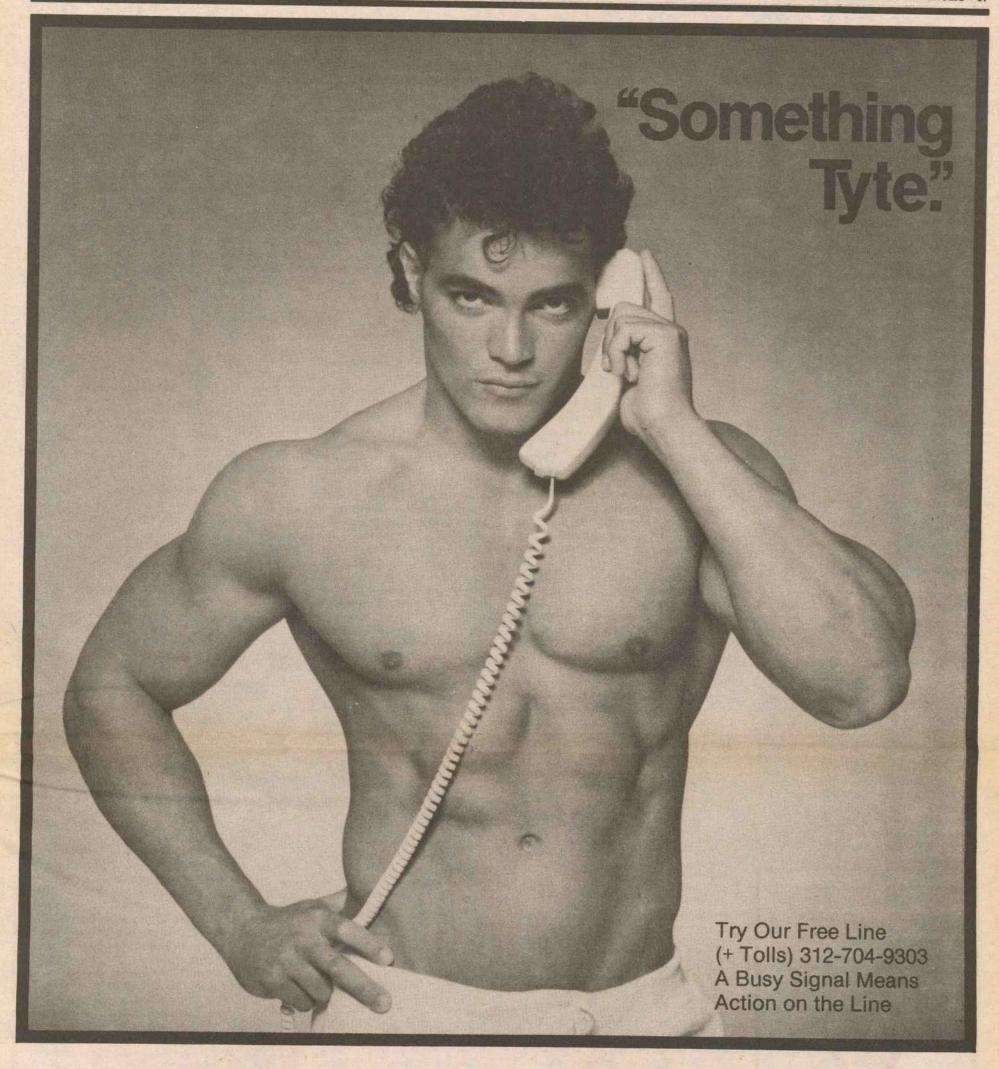
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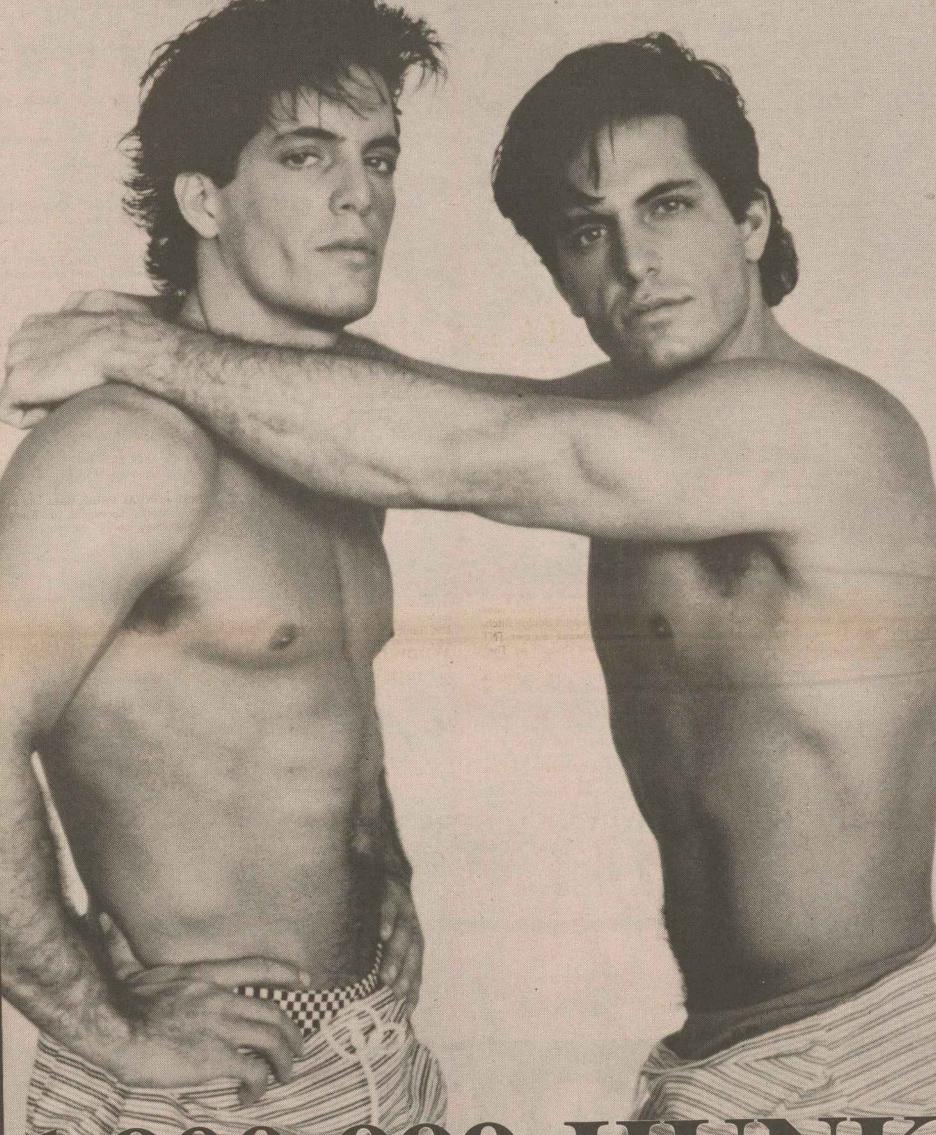




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#### **Boot Camp Hosts 15 Clubs for Beer** Stein IV at annual Milwaukee Run

With all the grace, ease and pizzazz of the seasoned hosts that they are, Milwaukee's Beer Town Badgers held their fourth annual run, Beer Stein IV, Friday, July 29 — Sunday, July 31. The event took place at the Badgers' home bar, Milwaukee's Boot Camp owned and operated by one of the Badgers' charter members, Si Smits.

Fifteen clubs attended, including those from Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, West Michigan and, of course, Milwaukee. The Badgers set out to show their guests a good time in the true spirit of the Leather Brotherhood.

Attending Germanfest on Saturday afternoon was more than just great fun—although it was certainly that. Run participants were given a list of questions to "research" in the Badgers' Stein Stymie Contest. The answers could be found at German Fest.

If you attended Germanfest could you say where Atilla the Barbarian dines? Could you name the Wisconsin State Partner? There were 25 questions like this with an award given to the winner.

Saturday evening, the festivities reached a crescendo. A large and airy yellow and white tent had been set up in back of the Boot Camp. Inside, guests were welcomed by cocktails sponsored by Gateway M.C. of St. Louis. Dinner followed.

To call it merely dinner seems an understatement. The menu was distinctly German in keeping with Milwaukee and Germanfest and consisted of, among many other things, an ample salad bar, succulent stuffed pork chops, sauerkraut, noodles, potatoes and on and on. It was catered by Chef Bob Grunwald of Bob Schmidt's M&M. Grunwald is to be commended and I recommend him heartily for your next "do." Dinner wine was sponsored by Rick Maziur, a good friend of the Badgers' with after dinner cordials sponsored by the Atons of Minneapolis.

Afterward came the show. Titled "Badgers at War," it consisted of 10 songs acted out by the Badgers. To say that it was good is again an understatement, but if I had to pick favorites, among them would be "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" with Si Smits, owner of the Boot Camp, Alan Stroik and Chuch Lowes. Fantastic! Si looked great in drag. "I like 'Em Big and Stupid" was funny! With Michael Mahoney, Ronn Snodgrass and Si Smits, the number was nothing less than a delicious good time. And "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" with Rick Gardner and Alan Stroik was very well done.

It is rare that a group of admitted amateurs can be this good, but they were. Ronn Snodgrass, Secretary of the Badgers, is to be highly commended for organizing the show, the only regret is that it can't be put on for a wider audience.

The following day, Sunday, there were awards. The winner of the Stein Stymie contest was Lee Bennett of Chicago's Rodeo Riders. First place participation award went to Milwaukee's Castaways with second place being awarded to Nimbus of West Michigan.

The Badgers would like to thank all those who supported them and made this highly successful run possible. These include the Triangle bar, Shaft II-XIX and, of course, the Boot Camp.

#### Activities Continue In North Central Wis.

By Jerry Koeller

First let me thank all those who either wrote or personally gave me comments about my last column. If any of you have some information about events or organizations outside north central Wisconsin let me know about them.

Now entertainment in north central Wisconsin. Others have told you we're a friendly bunch up here but if you don't know where to go or when you might never find out if it's true. Monday is MNDC-Plus night at the Flame in Stevens Point with a power mad DJ (Just kidding Fitz) and a relaxed group of people. MNDC was formed as a social group in Stevens Point and Fitz at the Flame gave the group its first home. Membership dues are \$3 per year with \$1 cover. These funds plus those received from special benefit shows are used to support local Gay activities. I should say that here when we say "Gay" we are including both sexes. The "plus" in MNDC-Plus is Platwood Club west of Point where the group has weekends, again with a DJ and special events.

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Dan and Dave are proud of the shows they brought to Wausau and with good reason. They have presented Bonnie Bitch, Ebony and Co, and Milwaukee's own TNT Men; I'm still not over that show! They also have shows with local talent.

By the way, does anyone know of a Lesbian dance troupe or other act? Dan and Dave want to give this type of show a try. I will be taking a trip to the Main Club in

Superior. Thanks for the letter Bob. Good luck with the support group and your business.

One last annoucement: Benefit show for CWASG Aug. 13 at The R-Bar, Wausau. Till Next Time; As ever, Jerry.

#### Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration Sept. 10-24 Schedule

Saturday, September 10

Noon — —PM — Mitchell Park Area #3
and Pavilion.

Sunday, September 11 Noon — ? at Lake Park

Wednesday, September 14
7:00 PM Location to be announced

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Friday, September 16 8:00 PM — 1:00 AM at Crystal Palace

Saturday, September 17 7:30 PM at War Memorial

9:30 PM at Boot Camp

Sunday, September 18 2:00 PM at Village Church

Tuesday, September 20 6:00 PM — 10:00 PM Location to be announced

Friday, September 23 9:00 PM at Landmark Lanes

Saturday, September 24 7:30 PM at UW-M Student Union Ballroom

ATTENTION: Organizations/Businesses: It's not too late for your Involvement. Call: 962-5181 or 264-2740 or 933-6931.

(Jerry would like your comments and replies. Please write, J.F. Koeller, Rt. Box 219, Hamburg, WI 54438-9632.

#### Women's Discussion Group Meets

Milwaukee- Julie Kleppin has announced that a group will meet to discuss Sonia Johnson and Bell Hooks.

The meeting will take place on Sunday, August 21 at 1115 E. Knapp in Milwaukee. The time is 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and urged to attend. For further information you may call (414) 962-6788.

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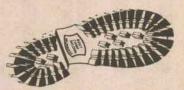


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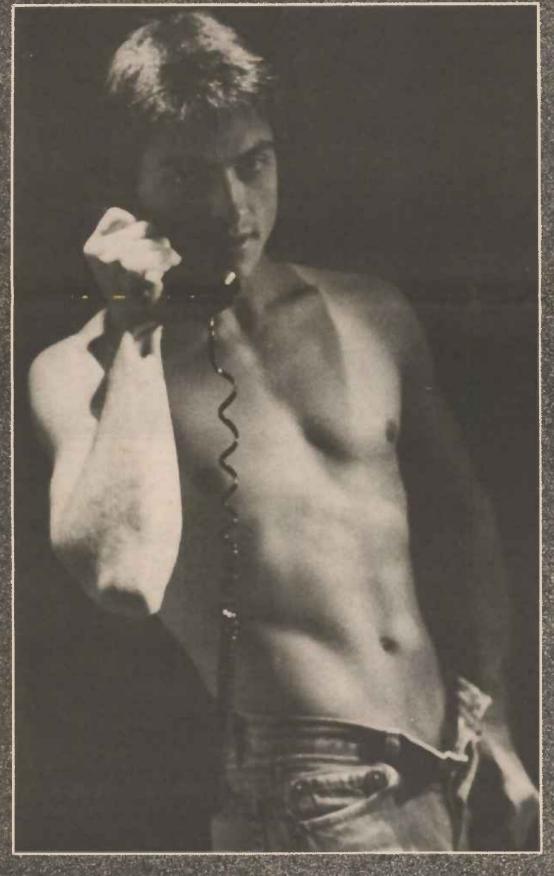
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#### **Finding Answers to AIDS Questions Is Phone Call Away**

By John Luedtke

Milwaukee- AIDS is a subject that remains in the forefront of all of our minds. You can't go a day without some sort of reminder, whether it be a newspaper article, a story on television, or just casual conversation at the bars. That conversation may also include questions. When those questions need answers, you can depend upon the AIDSline, an anonymous information and referral hotline for persons who have questions about AIDS.

The volunteers on the AIDSline attend a series of four training sessions. These sessions focus on all aspects of the AIDS issue. Medical and legal updates are presented. Another session focusses on the Alternative Counseling and Testing Sites located throughout the state. These are places where a person may go if (s)he wishes to take the HIV antibody test. During this session, a counselor from one of the sites explains to volunteers exactly what happens when a person goes in to be tested. The final class is a "practical" session, where telephone skills are introduced. An inservice on telephone usage is given and the course is reviewed. Then, the volunteer is ready to do a "one on one" observation period with a trained volunteer. After that, they are ready to take to the phones to answer your questions.

The AIDSline has been in operation since March of 1986. From that time we have watched it grow from a part time service to a service that operates from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Friday and 11 am to 5pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The AIDSline began with 5 trained volunteers. Currently, over 75 persons are trained to answer your questions.

The number of calls on the AIDSline has also grown. In the beginning, 50 or 60 calls per week constituted a deluge. Now it is not uncommon to log three or four times

The recent Federal Government mailing of the brochure "Understanding AIDS" has had a marked increase in the number of calls received. There were well over 2,000 calls logged by the AIDSline volunteers during the months of May and June.

In continuing our efforts to reach all persons at risk, a "GAY NIGHT" on the AIDSline will begin in August. This will allow Gay men to call and speak to another Gay man regarding "safer sex" and risk reduction techniques. Sometimes, it's easier to talk about these things over the phone. Our trained volunteers will be on hand to give you the facts and offer suggestions.

Eroticizing safer sex is not as difficult (or boring) as it sounds. Sure, there are things that you can't do any more, but there are lots of other things you can be doing to make your future sexual encounters as exciting (maybe even more exciting) as they have been in the past. Give us a call on Wednesday evenings between 6 pm and 9 pm. The phone number is 273-2437. If you are calling from outside the metropolitan Milwaukee area, don't forget the WI AIDSline. Just dial 1-800-334-2437.

I've mentioned volunteers a lot during the course of this article. I'd just like to take a moment to thank all of the AIDSline volunteers who have been working the telephone lines, especially during this National Media Campaign. Their time and efforts to provide information to the community have not gone unnoticed.

Thank you, everyone!

The Milwaukee AIDS Project is dedicated to furnishing the most current, up to date information about AIDS, so if you have any questions, the AIDSline is the perfect place to start.

Should you have any specific questions regarding the AIDSline, please get in touch with me during normal business hours. I can be reached at the MAP offices, 273-2437. Ask for John Luedtke, AIDSline Coordinator.

#### **Hot Summer** At Triangle

The Triangle is rapidly becoming one of Milwaukee's HOTEST and most exciting bars. You can say "becoming" because every month seems to top the last.

On Thursday, July 28 the bar hosted another of what Allan, the owner, rightfully called a "hot, hot show." Twelve contestants competed in a dance contest performing before a jam-packed house. Allan called it "jam-packed," but from what can be seen on other nights, he might well use the same words to describe the crowd at other times at the Triangle.

Allan told Light that September will see the "best show yet." While the date has yet to be announced, the contest is to be called, "Who still has their tan line?" Now one has to wonder how the judges are going to find that out? Hummmm.

The Triangle seems to have a sensual vibrancy about it that escapes the formal and lends itself to a party atmosphere. There is a muscularity about the bar that is lively without being raucus and noisey.

Perhaps all this is because the Triangle, the actual bar itself is not the focal point. It is there, of course, but it is part of the equipment, blending into the background.

With that and because of that, the people

in the bar itself become the focus which leads to good times. A great deal of the friendliness has to do

as well with the "Mein Host." Except for the busiest times, Allan circulates among the people stopping here and there for conversation. He has a definite knack for making you feel as if you are very important to him, a guest instead of a customer.

Perhaps this, all of the above, helps to account for the Triangle's success. But, whatever it is, the bar is certainly worth a

#### CONVENTION **Continued from Page 16**

In the great hotels, designed by John Portman, complexes that are a cross between 2001 and Japanese high tech, famous faces are everywhere. We decided to grab some lunch in the Marriot Marquis and ran into Gary Hart. He was working as a reporter and bitterly blamed the press for "crucifying me." A little earlier on, I ran into Billy Graham and shook hands. My mother loved him but I thought, "Would he smile in such a friendly way if he knew who I was? Later I ran into Julian Bond and there are others, but soon I just didn't pay too much attention any more.

Schedules? There are literally dozens. Every caucus and group had one. But even if we only concentrated on the one issued for Gays and Lesbians, there are often two or three things going on at once. No wonder Time had 65 reporters to cover the Convention! Choas. Confusion. But somehow, I wrote in my journal, an American political party pulls itself together and nominates a person who, if elected, will be the most powerful man in the free world.

And there are rumors. Somehow, it seems as if everyone you talk to "absolutely, positively has it from the highest source that: the Jackson people will walk out, there'll be riots if Jackson isn't nominated, a Gay/Lesbian third party is being formed, Dukakis has a Gay son, Jackson has a Gay son, Dukakis and Jackson are closet cases. On and on. None of it's true, but it's fascinating nonetheless. How somehow artificial this convention world is, how removed from home realities.

Other impressions? Buttons. There are seemingly hundreds of different buttons and people enough to wear them - and everything else. (Wisconsin cheese hats begin to seem almost conservative). Jerry sells his five "Seattle Gays and Lesbians for Jackson" buttons to some collector for TURN TO CONVENTION, PAGE 24

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#### **M&M Club and Station II Capture Dallas Berths in SSBL Playoffs**

By Jerry Warzyn, Sports Editor

The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) of Milwaukee held playoffs in the Women's Division and the Recreational Division on Saturday, July 30, to determine entrants for the Gay World Series to be held in Dallas, August 23-27. Capturing first in the Women's Division was the Station II team. While finishing at the bottom of their division during regular league play, the Station II team finally put it all together to defeat the season champion Beer Garden Bad Girls. The team went through the playoffs without a defeat to take first place. They will join the YP Flamingo's, Men's Open Division Champions, in Dallas in participating in the 12th Annual NAGAAAA sponsored Gay World Series.

Joining these two teams in Dallas will be the M&M Club who captured first place in the Recreational Division playoffs. For the first time in Gay World Series history, a recreational tournament will be held in conjunction with the competitive play. The M&M Peanuts team also went through the playoffs without a defeat to capture a berth in Dallas. They defeated the La Cage Blueboys in a hard fought game. The Blueboys, who took first place in the league regular season play, struggled throughout the day, having to come up through the consolation bracket to make the playoffs. A scrappy team from the Wreck Room, the Spurs, upset La Cage early in the day to make the playoffs exciting. However, Wreck Room could not maintain its game during the long hot day, and were eliminated during their fourth game.

A good crowd at Mitchell Park was on hand to watch the action. The SSBL Women's Division sponsored food and beverages to keep the crowd alive.

Final league standings and Division Championship teams are as follows:

Women's Division	
1. Beer Garden	5 8
2. Flaming O's	49
3. Fannies	3 10
4. Station II	3 10
League Champion: Station II	
Men's Competitive Division	
1. YP Flamingo's	11 2
2. Raiders	11 4
3. Ballgame	95
League Champion: YP Flamingo's	
Open Recreational Division	
1. La Cage	12 3
2. M&M	11 4

League Champion: M&M Club While regular season play is over for most teams, the championship teams will be practicing for the Dallas compeition. League officers will join the teams in Dallas to participate in governing meetings for NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance). They will join a record number of teams from across the United States and Canada in this twelth annual tournament. Milwaukee has hosted the Gay World Series on two occasions. The 1989 tournament is planned for Atlanta,

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Madison's MAGIC Volleyball **Tournament Attracts 21 Teams** 

Madison's 9th annual Volleyball Tournament held in conjunction with the MAGIC Picnic attracted a record number of entrants this year. Twenty-one teams from across the nation competed during the weekend of July 23-24, in three divisions. Organizers of the tournament stated that this was the first tournament in the country to hold a women's division, men's competitive division and men's open division at one time.

Play was held at the UW-Madison's Natatorium for the first time during the tournament's history. Facilities were excellent and the competition matched the decor. A strong team from Chicago, the Chicago Newsweb, won first place in the Men's B Division. The Madison Network captured first place in the Women's Division, while a team from Minneapolis, the Ice, took 1st place in the Men's A Division.

The final games took place late Sunday evening, and an Awards Ceremony followed at the New Bar. Trophies were awarded to the top three teams in each division, and

YP Sponsors Brewers **Tailgate Party** 

The YP Flamingo's softball team will host its fifth annual Brewer tailgate party on Sunday, August 14. Buses will depart from the Your Place Bar, 813 S. 1st Street, Milwaukee at approximately 11:00 a.m. The YP Bar will open at 9:00 a.m. for early morning eye openers. Tickets are \$18.00 per person and include admission, bus, food and beverage. Attendees are encouraged to wear "pink." Tickets may be purchased from any softball team member

**GAMMA Plans Lake** Cruise: Vollyball

Milwaukee GAMMA will continue its social volleyball schedule during the month of August on Thursday nights from 8:30-10:30 p.m. Play will be held at UWM's Englemann Gym (Hartford at Maryland) at a cost of \$1.50 for Gamma members, \$3.00 for all others. Gamma has also announced that its annual cruise on the Milwaukee harbor will be held on Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 to 11:00

p.m. This is the first year for a Saturday night cruise aboard the beautiful Iroquois. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and must be purchased in advance from any member of Gamma. The boat departs from the Iroquois dock at Clybourn Street. This event is usually a sellout.

MVP (Most Valuable Player) awards, determined by the referees, were also presented. The final standings and MVP's are as follows:

Women's Division 1. Madison Network

3. Wreck Room

4. Club 219

5. CCF

Georgia

- 2. Minneapolis Icicles
- 3. Chicago Reunited
- MVP: Sue Heineck

#### Men's B Division

- 1. Chicago Newsweb 2. Milwaukee YP
- 3. Chicago Rainbow
- MVP: Paul Tong

#### Men's A Division

- 1. Minneapolis Ice
- 2. Chicago Top Guns 3. Madison Dairy Queens
- **MVP: Louis Ortiz**

Most tasteful uniform designer award went to Pete Tonn, who created uniforms for both Milwaukee entrants and the Madison team. Plans are already underway for the 1989 tournament. For further information, contact Terence at (608)

#### **Fall Bowling Leagues** Begin August 28

Plans are underway for the fall bowling season. The Sunday Night Mixed Bowling League of Milwaukee will commence its season on Sunday, August 28th. This year the league will move to Pinky's Bowl, at 27th and Oklahoma, from its former alleys, Landmark lanes. The league has filled most of its roster for teams, although there are openings on a number of teams for regular and substitute bowlers. Interested persons may contact Dickert at 282-1628 for information and contacts.

Meanwhile the BEST Bowling League will continue its alternate Sunday bowling at Landmark Lanes. Also bowling at Landmark will be the Monday Night Irregulars. Regular season bowling for both of these leagues will commence in September.

Plans are underway for the Bette Davis Bowling League in Madison. As of this date a starting day has not yet been announced. We will keep you posted as the

season nears. League officials for all bowling leagues are urged to contact the Wisconsin Light sports department with updates You may call Jerry at (414) 672-6866 with the details.

#### **SSBL** To Participate In Pride Week Events

The SSBL will hold 3 All Star Games on Saturday, September 10 to kick off Gay Pride Week activities in Milwaukee.

League championship teams will compete against All Stars selected from the remaining teams in each division. Play will be held at Mitchell Park (located east of the Domes) on Saturday afternoon. Other activities at the park will include a cookout, volleyball, games and information booths. All Wisconsin residents are invited to attend and participate.

#### **Bicycling Network** Goes Skinny-Dipping

The Bicycling Network will hold a biking houseparty weekend beginning August 19 at a private cottage near Spring Green. The weekend will include a trip to Mazomanie Beach, for a little skinny-dipping, after an automobile ride up to the cottage on Friday

August 20, the bikers will take a Saturday ride to Baxter's Hollow and then on to the Beach. Saturday night will feature the Top Gun video (and maybe some others, too!). Sunday will include a bike ride along the Military Ridge Trail.

Reservations are required by Monday, August 15, 1988. Call Bob (or his answering machine) at 963-9833. Men only, please.

The Network also plans a ride before MAP-FEST and a ride to Madison on September 24th. Call Bob if you want to join or coordinate some activities

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\$10.00. Nice profit, especially when he got them free.

Food is super expensive, but we buy little. In every hotel, not to mention the World Congress Center across from the Omni, there are hospitality suites with all you can eat and drink. (Lloyd Bentsen's is reported to cost him \$25,000 a day).

Atlanta goes all out to welcome the convention. This is their hour in the sun and they spare nothing. Bunting on every lamp post, all the flowers are red, white and blue, signs are everywhere. The Gay bars are no different. The Back Street, the Armory, the Bulldog, all "Welcome Gay and Lesbian Delegates." Michael, a waiter at the Hyatt tells us that, "There's no attitude in Atlanta." I'll admit, there doesn't seem to be — on one evening's experience. Others found the same thing. One Gay reporter for an eastern paper reported happily one morning, "I broke the law in Georgia last night." Referring, of

course, to the state's anti-sodomy statute.

At the end, I am exhausted. On Thursday evening, Jerry can go to the Omni. Me? I've got enough strength to kick back, have a few beers at the Gay/Lesbian hospitality suite and look forward to going home. Yet, it has been the most intense learning experience I've had in a long while and in some way I can not define, I've reached a new level of consciousness and awareness about being Gay. If anything, that feeling which remains with me yet, is the main impression I bring home from Atlanta.



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