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# The Wisconsin Light

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## PRIDE CELEBRATION UNDERWAY

### Two Weeks of Activities Applaud Lesbian/Gay Pride

The ML/GPC 1988 — "Pride Committee" has put together a full array of activities for the two-week celebration. Highlighted in the schedule will be the opening day events on Saturday, September 10 at Noon in the form of a picnic at Mitchell Park, Area 3. (This is just east of the parking lot behind the domes in the 500 block of South 27th Street). The pavilion will be used for indoor activities and provide a place for members of the community to be introduced to the various Lesbian and Gay community organizations. These organizations represent the full spectrum of the life styles and personal interests of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Community including Social, Sports, Music and Art, Cultural, Political, Business, Religious, Civic, and general Community Awareness. The picnic is being co-sponsored and hosted by the Saturday Softball League and the ML/GPC 1988

Committee.

On Friday evening, September 16 at 8:00 PM, the Crystal Palace (1925 W. National Avenue) will be the site of the Cabaret



Concert and Dance being sponsored by Meridian Music, New Moon Productions and Shafer Design. The sponsors have told the Pride Committee that Milwaukee is in for "one hellava treat." Romanovsky & Phillips, of national acclaim, will begin the evening's cabaret show with their comedic routines aimed at our community. The evening will conclude with dance music provided by Amthyst on their return engagement to Milwaukee. This event promises to provide a full evening of delightful entertainment and an opportunity for members of the community to get together for a fun-packed evening (most persons we have spoken with who have seen or heard either group, indicated that this is a "must do" event).

On Saturday evening, September 17 members of the community will have an opportunity to participate in a Service of Honor and Respect for Gay Vets, Living and Deceased at the War Memorial on Lincoln Memorial Drive at East Mason Street. An honor guard will present arms and taps will be played. Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones will be providing a special citation to commemorate this activity.

On Sunday, September 18 the three major religious organizations in the Gay and Lesbian community will co-host an interdenominational religious service to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Church (130 E. Juneau). The sponsoring groups include New Hope Metropolitan Community Church, Dignity and Lutheran's Concerned. The service will feature choral music to be provided by members of Milwaukee's two Gay and Lesbian singing groups — Fest City Singers and Cream City Chorus.

A special highlight of these two-weeks of celebration and recognition of community achievement will be the Cocktail/Dinner Party featuring Mayor John Norquist as the Guest Speaker. At the evening program, Norquist will be presented with the Gay and Lesbian Community Goals — a community activity which was undertaken by "members of various Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian organizations." The cocktail

## AIDS Activists Zap GOP Convention

By Cliff O'Neill

**New Orleans**—The GOP elephant was poised to sit on the large burr of AIDS activism as it prepared to plant itself on New Orleans for the Republican National Convention in August. There, thousands of Republican delegates, politicians and media types readied to face off with fifty of the loudest AIDS activists in the country. The plan: to make the elephant sit up and take notice.

Whether it worked or not is questionable. Politicians shrugged, delegates slugged, activists chanted and the media got them all mixed up.

But all of it started on a much quieter note.

**Sunday, August 14, 1:50 p.m.:** Mark Kostopoulous walks through the hot, humid halls of the St. Marks Community Center in his new white "Action=Life" tank top. It seems that the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power's now ubiquitous "Silence=Death" slogan was in need of a

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## Earl, Garvey Support Federal AIDS Funding, Non-Discrimination Law

Tony Earl, former Wisconsin governor (1982-1986) is running on the Democratic ticket for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by William Proxmire.

Recently Tony Earl responded in writing to questions submitted to him by Wisconsin Light on subjects of interest to the Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian community. His responses are exclusive to Light.

Ed Garvey is running for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate from Wisconsin.

Garvey, a widely known figure in Wisconsin politics, has a reputation as a progressive and a fighter for causes that are not necessarily politically popular in this era that some would call "conservative." For this, he has received support



Tony Earl



Ed Garvey

**Q: What is your position on federal AIDS funding?**

**A:** AIDS is the gravest epidemic and challenge to our health care system in my lifetime since polio.

I admire the courageous efforts of the Gay and Lesbian community to care for those who are suffering and educate others about AIDS prevention. By contrast, the federal government has been a profile of cowardice.

It is shameful that the Republican administration in Washington and many Republicans in Congress have treated AIDS as a political football instead of a question of urgent medical priority.

As Senator, I will support whatever funding is necessary to find a cure and an effective preventive vaccine for AIDS. I will also support the sensible safeguards against discrimination recommended by the President's AIDS Commission but ignored by President Reagan.

**Q: Will you employ Gays and Lesbians on your Senate staff?**

**A:** As governor, I never asked any prospective employee about his or her sexual orientation, nor did I ever make sexual orientation a qualification for a state job or appointment, even on issues dealing with Gay and Lesbian concerns. I felt such

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from other political leaders.

According to **The Milwaukee Journal**, July 31, 1988, former Wisconsin governor Tony Earl said of Garvey that for him (Garvey) "winning isn't the important thing. Being on the side of truth and justice is the most important thing."

Garvey has been described by Charlie Dee, himself a former candidate for Congress, as running "the most Progressive, issue-oriented campaign of all the candidates (for the Senate)."

Garvey is against aid to the Nicaraguan Contras as well as opposed to further monies being expended for Reagan's so-called "Star Wars" defense system.

Garvey has stood for farmers, working people and other minorities, including Gays and Lesbians.

In a phone interview, Garvey told Light that he would, as a senator, not only fully support the national Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill but that he would add his name to it as a co-sponsor.

When asked, all things being equal, would he hire a person who was openly Lesbian or Gay, he replied that "it was a shame that we have to ask such a question." He then went on to say that a person's sexual orientation would have no impact on his judgement of their profes-

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## Mayor Norquist Appoints Moore to Safety Commission

Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist announced in a press release the appointment of Bob Moore to the Safety Commission.

Moore is a well known member of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community.

Moore, 57, was appointed to a three-year term on the Safety Commission, which advises the city on methods of providing for the safety of the public, the city employees, in traffic and other matters.

Moore is director of the Executive MBA Program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Business Administration. He previously taught finance as an assistant professor at UW-M.

Moore is a member of the board of the Wisconsin Bicycling Association. He is vice president of The Village Church, a former board member of the American Civil Liberties Union-Milwaukee Chapter and past president of the Harvard Business School of Wisconsin. He also served as a member of the Carthage College Board of Trustees.



Bob Moore

Moore told Light "I've always been involved in the political process, but this is the first time I've ever held a political appointment. I'm looking forward to serving the Norquist administration and the people of Milwaukee."

"I expect to bring an emphasis on bicycling safety," Moore told Light.

We at Wisconsin Light are very pleased and proud to announce that effective immediately we are now publishing every other week!

Watch for our next issue, Thursday, September 22.