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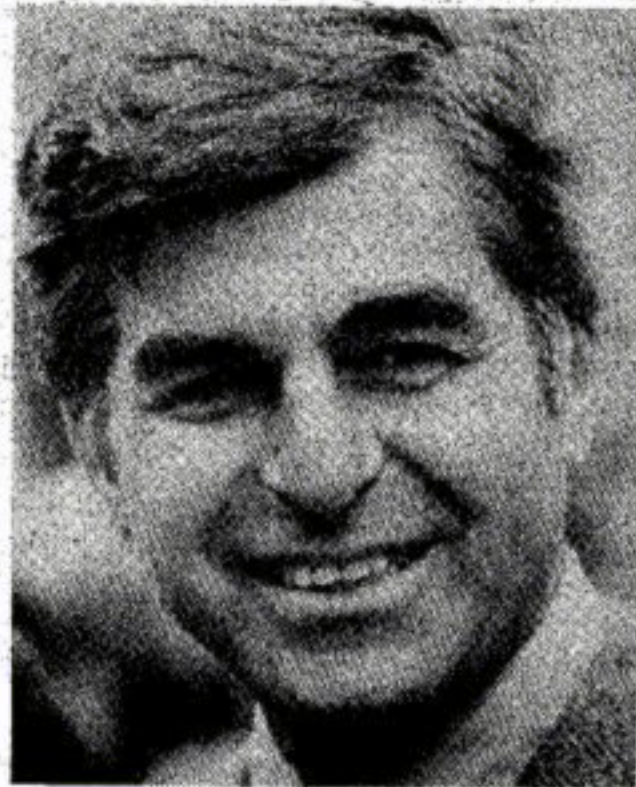
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DUKAKIS AND ENGELITER ARE DESERVING OF OUR SUPPORT



Governor Dukakis

On November 8th the American public and the Gay/Lesbian community must decide who will be the next president of the United States.

Our community is faced with a clear choice. The decision is between Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democrat, who has consistently supported the needs of our community, and there is Vice President George Bush, the Republican, who has consistently defended the Reagan administration's record on AIDS, a record that includes refusing to acknowledge the AIDS virus epidemic and refusing to allocate money to fight it. As recently as last June, Congress held hearings on why so many potential drugs had not been tested despite the allocation of money for research. The answers: the Reagan administration has refused to spend the funds.

Besides the AIDS issue which have been covered in Mr. Meunier's column and elsewhere in this issue, there is also the issue of Supreme Court appointments. Three Justices are going to retire in the next 12 to 18 months. Under the Reagan administration, we have seen the Supreme Court go from an institution that protected the rights of the people to one that protects the power and privilege of the few. Given the Reagan pattern of appointing young justices, if George Bush is elected, we could expect the high court to be hostile to us until well into the next century.

Indeed some even fear that Wisconsin's Gay Rights law could be overturned.

While Bush has not once spoken in support of our community, we believe that we should support the candidate who has consistently supported the needs of our community. **TURN TO DUKAKIS, PAGE 13**



State Senator Susan Engeliter

In addition to the Presidential race, an important race for the United States Senate will be on the Wisconsin ballot. Republican Susan Engeliter and Democrat Herb Kohl are the two main contenders for the right to succeed retiring Senator William Proxmire.

Light believes that both Engeliter and Kohl are fine candidates. Either would be an asset to Wisconsin if elected.

Both candidates are positive on Gay/Lesbian issues such as allowing Gays and Lesbians in the military, investigating the slow pace of the war on AIDS, Gay/Lesbian immigration law reform and a federal Lesbian/Gay rights law.

Having said that, however, Light believes that there are crucial differences between the two, differences that lead us to urge you to vote for Republican Susan Engeliter.

We believe that it is important to give our support to those who have a proven record of supporting us and Engeliter has a good and solid track record in this regard.

As a State Legislator, she voted for our Lesbian/Gay rights law. She voted for the consenting adults bill. She voted for increased AIDS funding, thus bucking her own party's platform.

In her hard-fought primary campaign against Steve King, Engeliter resisted the temptation to pander to the strong right-wing of the Republican Party. When attacked by King on her pro-Gay/Lesbian voting record, showing courage and integrity, she stood her ground, neither explaining, apologizing nor backing off. This, we believe, is the kind of Senator all

the people of Wisconsin need in Washington.

When contacted by Light, Engeliter and her campaign staff have been consistently friendly and cooperative making it perfectly clear that they value the 10% of the Wisconsin population that is the Gay/Lesbian vote. This, in strong contrast to Kohl and his people. Light made numerous efforts throughout the primary and up to press time to contact Kohl. Calls were never returned. Promises for an interview or position papers were constantly broken. The only conclusions we can reach which were confirmed by several sources are that 1) the Kohl people believe that Gays and Lesbians have no other choice than to vote Democratic and 2) the Kohl campaign does not consider the Gay/Lesbian vote all that worthwhile.

We believe that yet another important reason to support Engeliter is her party affiliation. Supporting Engeliter will send a message to the Republicans. It will tell them that Lesbians and Gays cannot be taken for granted by either party. We are willing to support Republicans who have a record of supporting our issues.

There is only one Republican Senator, Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, who has been consistently supportive of Lesbian and Gay issue. Currently, he's in a tough race and stands a good chance of being defeated. Should that happen, we won't have any advocates in the GOP Senate caucuses. Even if Weicker wins, he will need help in taking on Jesse Helms and Orin Hatch. Engeliter could provide that needed support.

Susan Engeliter has stood with us. We urge Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians to stand now with her.

California AIDS Law Threatened

By Benjamin Schatz

California Proposition 102 is due to go before the voters in the November election. The so-called Dannemeyer AIDS Initiative receives its name from its chief proponent and backer, Republican Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-Fullerton). It is far more dangerous than anything proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, representing the greatest political and public health threat to people with AIDS and HIV infection that California has ever seen. Frighteningly, it has a very good chance of passing.

Proposition 102 would eliminate all anonymous testing in California. It would wipe out the law that bars employers from forcing anyone to take the AIDS antibody test. It would allow insurers to test applicants for HIV. And it would allow testing without written consent.

Any doctor or blood bank that believed that you were HIV positive would have to turn in your name and the names and addresses of all your sexual partners within seven days on penalty of law.

The initiative gives sweeping power to doctors and health officials to violate confidentiality. If a person tests positive, doctors would be allowed to disclose test results to anyone who they thought had had sex with that person. Health officers would be required to use "every available means" to investigate "all reported cases" of HIV infection, and to inform persons known or believed to be their sexual partners.

The Dannemeyer initiative defines HIV infection as an "infectious, communicable disease." Thus, HIV infected children could be banned from the schools and all seropositive food handlers and school employees. By this initiative, employers are required to allow employees to wear whatever "protective gear" they think will protect them against AIDS.

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Everyone Asked To Vote Nov. 8

Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA) Executive Director, Christine R. Riddiough called on Gay men and Lesbians to register and vote in this November's election. "No previous election has been as important to our community as the 1988 presidential election," said Riddiough. "No candidate has ever been better for us than Michael Dukakis." The statement followed the release of GLDA's **Voting for Our Rights: A Handbook for Lesbians and Gay Men**. The handbook is a guide for Gay and Lesbian activists and organizations on all aspects of voter registration and get-out-the-vote programs.

The handbook and voter programs initiated by local Gay and Lesbian Democratic clubs are only one part of the GLDA program in support of the Democratic ticket. Riddiough explained, "We know that the contrasts between the Democratic and Republican candidates are great. Michael Dukakis is four-square behind Gay and Lesbian rights, while George Bush opposes Gay rights legislation. Perhaps most importantly, Bush has been part and parcel of the Reagan-Bush inaction on AIDS. More than 40,000 Americans have died in the last eight years while George Bush has done nothing. Now is our chance to vote for our lives by voting for Michael Dukakis."

GLDA's program includes distribution of information on the candidates to Gay and Lesbian voters, advertising in the Gay and Lesbian media and support for the work of local clubs. Riddiough was one of more than 30 Gay and Lesbian leaders whose names will appear in a pro-Dukakis ad in the *Advocate*. More information is available from GLDA, 114 15th St. N.E., Washington, DC 20002, or call (202) 543-0298.

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Men Turn Their Power Over To Women On Halloween

October, when the moon rides high and the wind is up. Clouds scud across sky like ghosts lost in the night and the trees bend and bow as if by some spirit hand. In windows and on porches, jack o'lanterns glow orange, their lights flickering in the darkness and somehow, all the old legends seem more than myth.

In the Old Religion, Wicca, from whence Hallowe'en comes, there is the belief that October is a special time, a time of endings and beginnings, when the old year has run its course and the new is ready to be born. It is a time of wondrous and marvelous quiet energy when things unseen are abroad in the land and the line between the world of humans and the spectral realm blurs and then vanishes. In this month and especially on October 31, one can never be sure just who is who, this in conformity to the ancient, unbroken harmony of all that is and lives.

Monica is a witch, a priestess of Wicca, and lest one take offense, "witch" applies to either sex. She is excited as she talks as indeed she should be, for All Hallow's Eve,



Monica

Hallowe'en, is, in Wicca, New Year's Eve. It is the culmination of Springtime and planting, of growth and harvest-laden barns. It is that part of the Wheel of the Year that ushers in the Months of **TURN TO HALLOWEEN, PAGE 15**

Jerry Johnson