



Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

# The Wisconsin Light

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## AIDS Memorial Quilt To Be Part Of World AIDS Day Dec. 1

[San Francisco] The National AIDS Memorial, a huge quilt made of individual 3 foot by 6 foot panels, each bearing the name of a person who has died of AIDS, will officially become international on World AIDS Day, December 1, 1988.

Local NAMES Project chapters in Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Norway, and West Germany will organize small displays of the Quilt, including panels made in their own countries. Chapters in the United States area also organizing displays, and several are holding community quilting bees or candlelight memorials. The NAMES Project Quilt will also be the backdrop to several other events throughout the day.

"In the United States, the Quilt has helped many people express the loss of their friends and loved ones, and it has helped many others learn about the impact of AIDS," said Jeannette Kojane, Director of International Programs for the NAMES Project. "But AIDS is a global tragedy and people from around the world have expressed interest in the Quilt's message. World AIDS Day will help them get involved with the Quilt."

On a local level World AIDS Day will help make AIDS information available, not only in the large cities, but also in smaller communities where accurate information can be harder to find.

World AIDS Day is sponsored by The World Health Organization's Global Programme on AIDS. It is a day for all AIDS organizations to talk about the disease and explain to their communities what is being done in education, research, and direct services for those with AIDS.

The NAMES Project Foundation, sponsor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, was established in June, 1987. Its goals are to illustrate the impact and human toll of the AIDS epidemic, to provide a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic, and to raise vital funds and encourage support for people with AIDS and their loved ones.

According to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), MAP is definitely planning to participate in World AIDS Day and is currently in the planning process. "We are," he told *Light*, "developing some avenues by which we can make it a special day in Milwaukee." Further details will be found in future issues of *Light*.

## WISCONSIN REPORT CARDS: Senators "F"; Congressmen "C"



Mayor John Norquist led an overflow crowd in Singing Happy Birthday to Governor Dukakis at Milwaukee's MECCA Auditorium.

## Dukakis Draws Huge Crowd At Milwaukee Rally

Democratic presidential Michael Dukakis spoke to overflow an crowd in Milwaukee's MECCA Auditorium on November 1 in that most American of theatrical productions, the Campaign Rally.

The whole thing is choreographed from beginning to end, the script allows not one word of deviation and, true to the form of the genre, Dukakis said nothing new. It was as one man said, "The Dukakis Show," and so it was, but unlike most shows, it is the audience which is most interesting, not the main characters and it is the pre-show which is fun and offers an indelible slice of Americana.

Of course, the whole place was done up in flags and the inevitable balloons waiting to fall and turn the whole place into a champagne glass of brightly colored bubbles. There were cheerleaders all in black and white bouncing around on stage to the music — everything from rock to marches — supplied by a high school band. And everywhere, signs proclaiming "Dukakis/Bentsen." These were the professionally made variety. Far more interesting were the homemade kind.

For example, the one that said "Vote for the Greek, not the Geek." This waved frantically by a little old lady with a henna rinse and a metallic blue dress who for

reasons best known to herself she kept yelling "Up! Up! Up!" There were others, "Kids for Mike," held by a little girl no older than six; "Labor for Mike"; "Hispanics for Duke" and the one I was not surprised to see at all, "I like Mike." That took me back to the days when I was barely an infant.

Then the band broke into "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the audience stood and cheered. Signs waved while blue and white plastic cows bobbed around over the heads of the crowd. By the time the strains of "On Wisconsin" sounded throughout the hall, if someone had called "Fish for Sale", they would have been cheered to the echo.

There followed a sluggish stream of all the local politicians ambling to the podium. They were all there, at least the Democratic ones — except Herb Kohl. Each, as the script called for, had to have their minute or so of glory. Milwaukee Country Executive Dave Schultz or "Big Dave" as Mayor Norquist jocularly referred to him, did get clever by comparing the Republicans to "A painted lady living in a trailer." But for the rest, their remarks had all the weighty importance of State Democratic Chair, Sue Ellen Albrecht's "confession" that

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## Surgeon General Says Oral Sex Does Not Spread AIDS

By Tim Campbell

[Minneapolis] U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop told a crowd of public health officers in Minneapolis in October that there is absolutely no solid clinical evidence that oral sex is spreading AIDS.

Koop's statement came at a gathering held October 5 organized for health care professionals and for the press by the Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) and by U.S. Senator Dave Durenberger (R-MN).

John Yoakum, a Gay counselor who works at MAP counseling persons who have tested HIV positive put the question about oral sex to Koop this way: "I'd like to see what you know, or ask what you know, of studies about HIV transmission through oral sex. This is one area of concern as I and other people have done counseling with people at testing studies and... (slight pause) whether or not it's safe or unsafe or whatever. I think there is definitely a division of opinion around this. Do you know of any current studies that show if that is an accurate or only

transmission route for HIV?"

The Surgeon General responded verbatim as follows: "I know of the following facts. There has never been a documented case to my knowledge of the transmission of the AIDS virus by oral sex. And the one highly touted case that was reported in DMJ (or similar initials. Tape unclear) was investigated by my people. A couple of our investigators went over there and that was not true. So on the basis of that personal understanding of authority, there still is no case of this reported."

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## CORRECTION

In Issue 13, within the story concerning discrimination at Maders, the word "suit" was incorrect. Instead, it should have been noted that an "administrative proceeding has been commenced" against Maders before the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) on October 20 distributed Report Cards evaluating the records of all 535 Members of the 100th Congress to activists around the country. Each Congressperson's voting record was tracked on a variety of issues important to the Lesbian and Gay community such as: civil rights legislation, anti-Lesbian and Gay violence, federally-funded programs and educational materials regarding AIDS epidemic, and anti-discrimination provisions for handicapped people including PWAs, PWARCs, and those who are HIV positive.

"The Report Cards are our way of holding Members of Congress accountable to their Lesbian and Gay constituents," said Jeffrey Levi, Executive Director of NGLTF. "We want to make sure that the promises politicians make are reflected by their voting records."

The report cards reveal that while many Members of Congress support Lesbian and Gay issues, a great deal of educational work remains to be done. NGLTF found that over half of the Members of the House of Representatives (56) earned a grade of "A" or "B", and almost three-quarters (72) earned a passing grade by voting with the NGLTF position at least 60% of the time. By contrast, only one-third of the Senators (34) earned a passing grade of any kind, and 66 Senators received an "F."

The Congressional delegation from Massachusetts scored the only cumulative "A" with a combined score of 90. Other states whose representatives scored well included Connecticut-88, Vermont-86, Rhode Island-85, Washington-84, Hawaii-79, and Michigan-76. Among those states whose representatives did the worst were New Hampshire whose delegation received a score of 35, Idaho-27 and Wyoming-25.

NGLTF took special note of the excellent voting records and leadership of Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA), Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-CT), Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL) and Sen. Pat Moynihan (D-NY); each of whom earned an "A." "This bipartisan strength is vital to combat the hateful and offensive attacks on Lesbians and Gay men led by Senator Helms (R-NC), one of only two Senators to receive a score of 0," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF lobbyist.

"The monitoring of the voting records of all Members of Congress augments our lobbying efforts," said Radecic. "We plan to issue Report Cards for each session of Congress as a method of both letting Members know how they have done on our issues, and informing our community how well we are being served."

### Average Scores For Wisconsin House and Senate Delegations

Senate	House	Combined
75	50	62

According to the NGLTF grading system which is the same as in standard academic testing, the Wisconsin House delegation would receive a "C" while the Senate delegation would get an "F." The combined score is equivalent to the letter grade of "D." on Gay/Lesbian issues. This makes Wisconsin in its combined score equal to Utah (62) and one point below Arkansas (63), Delaware (63) and West Virginia (63).

Of our immediate neighbors, Minnesota got 64, Illinois, 72 and Iowa, 60.

In the states of the old Confederacy, or the so-called "Bible Belt," Georgia got 60, Alabama, 53, Mississippi, a startling 71, South Carolina, 50, North Carolina (Jesse Helms' home state) 58, Tennessee, 72 and Texas got 44.

Interestingly, California got a combined score of 68.