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The Wisconsin Light

Stockholm Conference Shows Progress Towards AIDS Cure

By Cindy Patton

Stockholm- Over 8,000 people from 140 countries gathered with the 4th International AIDS Conference held here from June 15-18. About 3,000 papers were presented in workshops and in poster sessions.

There was nothing approaching a breakthrough in treatment, although data from dozens of trials were presented, showing some promise in some patients.

"The story this year is that we've added many new small pieces of data," said James Curran from the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC). "Scientists are making much progress in very small increments."

Further developments in describing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) over the past year have shown that the virus may react differently in different types of cells, especially in macrophages, where the virus can apparently lie undetected in protective sacs. This means that combinations of several drugs in lower doses may be necessary to fully block virus duplication, according to Bo O'Berg of the Swedish Karolinski Institute, which collaborates with the National Cancer Institute in the U.S.

Perhaps the most optimistic report was a large-cohort study of possible neurological

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symptoms which earlier reports suggested might appear before the symptoms classically associated with AIDS and ARC.

There has been great controversy and concern about the possible emergence of cognitive problems before the appearance of other symptoms," said Ola A. Selnes, of the U.S., who presented the collaborative work conducted with 1,543 HIV antibody positive but asymptomatic gay and bisexual men.

"Our study, which draws on the largest sample to date, shows no statistically significant difference between these men and the controls over a two-year period. We didn't even find a trend in the direction of early development of cognitive problems," said Selnes.

There is also an emerging consensus that there is no relationship between knowledge of HIV antibody status and subsequent behavior change, although many policy makers in a session on "AIDS and Society" continued to propose testing programs as essential parts of the education process.

Jonathan Mann, head of the World Health Organization (WHO) AIDS Project, urged governments to focus on anti-discrimination laws and education about

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JACKSON VOLUNTEERS DEMAND OUSTER OF POLLY WILLIAMS

By Emma Miller

By a vote of nine to seven, Gays and Lesbians were excluded from the Wisconsin delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. Ignoring the pleas of Labor for Jackson organizer Bruce Colburn and several other Jackson delegates chosen at Congressional Caucuses, the sixteen Jackson delegates meeting at the State Democratic Convention in La Crosse completed the selection of the Jackson slate by choosing Richard Condon a Waukesha attorney over Bill Meunier the organizer of Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians for Jackson. In so doing they may have cut the lavender stripe from Jackson's Wisconsin Rainbow.

Meunier had organized Gays and Lesbians around the state into a political network that allowed the Jackson campaign to reach outside of Milwaukee and Madison and a few other bases of support making it a truly statewide effort. The Gay and Lesbian network was so successful that even CBS News did a story on it, and it was cited by the Jackson staff as a good example of what Gays and Lesbians could do for his campaign. Condon was not involved in the Jackson campaign. He was the Wisconsin chairman of the Gephardt for President campaign. Condon was promised consideration for a delegate spot if he endorsed Jackson, which he did after his candidate had dropped out of the race, about a week prior to the Wisconsin primary.

Informed sources say that at a secret meeting held in Madison on Friday June 3rd, Steve Cobble, Jackson's National Delegate Selection Co-ordinator, Co-Chairs of the Wisconsin Jackson campaign, State Representatives Polly Williams and David Clarenbach, and Williams' legislative aide, Larry Harwell met and agreed to promote a recommended slate to fill the eight at-large delegate positions. They included Condon on the slate because of the promise he was made.

The recommended slate was supposed to have included Kathleen Nichols a Madison Lesbian. Williams, however, call Genette Banks, the Second Congressional District chairperson for Jackson and urged her to replace Nichols with her own choice. Banks who Meunier called "an honest, well-meaning person who had no idea that Nichols was the only member of our community on the slate," agreed to do so since Nichols did not work in the campaign, and replaced her with Frances Cooper.

At the convention in La Crosse, when Banks realized that there were no Gay or Lesbian delegates, she attempted to remove Cooper in favor of Nichols. Rep. Williams refused to allow Nichols to be put back on the slate, even though Banks assured her that Cooper would not object to being dropped.

Meunier and others had objected to Nichols being included if there was to be only one slot for the Gay community, since she was not involved in the Lesbian and Gay campaign for Jackson, and because several Milwaukee activists felt her actions as Chair of Governor Earl's Council on Lesbian and Gay issues were objectionable, and because the Gay Network for Jackson was promised that it would be able to choose the delegate that would represent it. The major problem with Nichols was that she didn't work with the network. As one Madison Gay man put it "It's just like Kathleen to let others do the work and then take the credit."

Realizing that Nichols may be the only hope for a delegate Meunier urged that she be kept on the slate despite his anger with her. Banks herself nominated Nichols at the delegate meeting, but she lost by a wide margin.

Meunier was nominated by Karen Linero of La Crosse, who told the delegates that "There was nothing going on in La Crosse



Rev. Jesse Jackson

except for what the Gay community did for Jackson." Nancy Skanden of Sturgeon Bay also pleaded the Gay case pointing out that in many places around the state Gays and Lesbians were the campaign. But Williams insisted that not every one could be satisfied and prevailed. Many observers felt that if Meunier had been straight he would have won easily.

Those Jackson delegates who are known to have supported us included Bruce Colburn, Labor for Jackson chair, Linero, Clarenbach, Skanden, and Banks. Delegates who are believed to have opposed us include Williams, Felmers Chaney, President of the Milwaukee Chapter of the NAACP, an organization that is supposed to be working for equality, and John and Irma Becker, Cudahy. John Becker is an officer with Local P-40, the union that is striking the Patrick Cudahy plant.

The National Jackson Staff has offered to pay Meunier's expenses so that he (along with 3 others from Wisconsin Light) can represent Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian community at the convention and has offered to provide Jesse for a Gay Rights Rally to be held in Wisconsin. Meunier and other major figures on the Gay Jackson network, are satisfied that, while the national campaign can not divorce itself completely from its responsibility for what happened, it is upset with the lack of Gay delegates and is trying to make amends.

Meunier hopes that Wisconsin's activists will understand that this situation in no way reflects upon their efforts. "Everyone knows that we were the campaign in over half the state, and won quite a few of Jesse's delegates. Wisconsin's politicians know that they ignore us at their peril..." Meunier also hopes that because of the efforts of Jackson's national staff Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian will be willing to continue to support Jackson. Although he concedes that it is not likely that Gay or Lesbian support for Jackson will equal the level it achieved in 1988.

There is a feeling held by many that it may be impossible to rally the community for Jesse again given what happened. One Milwaukee activist said, "I know a lot of people who voted for Jesse because it appeared as though we were being accepted by the Rainbow Coalition, and

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Colorful Alan Eisenberg Running for Milwaukee County Clerk

It would not be too much at all to say that Alan Eisenberg is one of the best known lawyers in Wisconsin. In fact, one person called him "The Perry Mason of the Badger State." He has been called "colorful" and "controversial" and a "fighter for the underdog." As one lawyer told Light, "Nearly everybody in the legal community knows he will go to all lengths for his clients" and these clients include poor Blacks, other minorities, and Gays and Lesbians.

Eisenberg is all that and he is a young man in his 40's, of the Norquist-Schulz type. And he is running, running hard as the ninth candidate for the office of Milwaukee County clerk, a post now held by Thomas E. Zablocki. Zablocki has been in his present position since 1969.

To spend a couple of hours with Eisenberg leaves one drained. The man is a vertiable dynamo, a whirlwind of energy, entering the room in a gust. Office staffers hurry in and out. There are papers to sign. The work must go on. TV and radio stations call for comments on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and Eisenberg knows them by heart. From his conversation you know that on the other end of the line are familiar names, names you hear everyday. Then someone brings in a little kitten. Eisenberg, a cat fancier, pets and cuddles it — and all the while, never once loses track of the interviewers before him or the subject that interests them, his candidacy for the office of County Clerk.

Do either of the reporters before him know what the County Clerk does? Both stumble and admit they do not.

The County Clerk is one of six County Constitutional Offices. The others include Clerk of Courts, District Attorney and Sheriff.

The Clerk (Eisenberg calls the word "an antediluvian misnomer") is the chief legal record custodian and manager for County government. The purpose of the job is to monitor and record law making proceedings of County Government and all governmental business with the county. Last year alone the Clerk's office received and processed millions of dollars in bids. In addition and perhaps more familiarly, the Clerk issues marriage licenses as well as those for everything from hunting to hayride licenses. In fact, the Clerk has 30 separate and distinct duties or functions as mandated by Wisconsin law — and Eisenberg knows every single one as well



Attorney Alan Eisenberg

as what each involves.

He is quite correct when he says that "County Government cannot exist for a day without this office (County Clerk) functioning properly."

His background is impressive. He worked his way through college. At one time or another he was a singer, a factory worker, a landscaper, a stand-up comic, actor or salesman "and every kind of restaurant work you can think of." He has been a successful journalist and columnist, hosted his own radio talk shows and attended Marquette Law School earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence. Since 1966 he has been the head of a major Wisconsin law firm and in 1986 was cited as one of America's best lawyers. His current avocation is race car driving. He drives a Z-28 Camaro at the

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Moody Drops From U.S. Senate Race

Congressman Jim Moody has dropped out of the Wisconsin U.S. Senate race to run for re-election as Wisconsin's Fifth District Congressional Representative.

After giving his word to candidates for his old seat that he wouldn't "under any circumstances," run for re-election, Moody changed his mind.

Moody was trailing badly in the contest for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination and saw his fortunes take a turn for the worse when businessman Herb Kohl entered the race with a big media blitz.

With the exception of Charlie Dee all of the candidates for Moody's seat are remaining in the race, and Gay and Lesbian support for those candidates appears to be unshaken.

Jerry Johnson

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University of Arkansas Prohibited From Denying Funds to Gay Groups

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Lesbian and Gay Rights Project announced a ruling today by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit that the University of Arkansas cannot discriminate against its Gay student organization in awarding student activities funds.

"This was a classic case of suppression of speech because of viewpoint," said Project Director Nan D. Hunter, who argued the case for the students in the Court of Appeals. "Lesbian and Gay students were singled out for infringement of expressive activities because of the content of their speech."

"This decision is an important extension of the rule that government cannot censor speech by selective denial of funding," she said. The case marks the first time that a public university has been ordered to extend student activities funds, in addition to official recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis to a campus Gay rights group.

The case grew out of a request by the University's Gay rights group for \$165 to present two workshops on prejudice and to show an award-winning documentary film, "Before Stonewall," about the history and development of the Gay rights movement in the United States. The request was voted down by the student senate, and the University administration refused to overturn that decision.

The Court of Appeals found that the evidence in the case "leaves no reasonable doubt that funds were denied because of disagreement with GLSA's speech." The judges noted that the Gay students' group met all of the objective criteria for funding and was the only group which met the criteria but did not receive funds. Moreover, some groups which did not meet all the criteria were funded, and there was still money left over in the budget.

"Government may not discriminate against people because it dislikes their ideas," wrote the Court, "not even when the ideas include advocating that certain conduct now criminal be legalized."

The student senate discussion of the funding request, in the fall of 1985, revealed extraordinary prejudice and ignorance about homosexuality. Some students said that giving money to the Gay group would be "against God." Many argued that such funding would support homosexuality, which students believed to be "illegal" because of Arkansas's law prohibiting acts of sodomy." When a representative of the Gay group spoke, senate members expressed surprise at how "normal" she looked. The chair of the finance committee testified that sentiment in the senate was "totally against" the Gay

group "when they came in."

The earlier history of the groups' request for funds revealed similar bias. In 1982-83, discussion in the student senate had focused openly on not wanting to use money to support a homosexual rights group. About the same time, a member of the Arkansas legislature had introduced two resolutions, one urging the University not to assist "in any manner the Gay community on campus," and one urging University officials to take measures "to stem the tide of homosexuality on the campuses of our colleges and universities."

The Arkansas campus became a focal point for tension on this issue. During the 1984-85 school year, the head of the Gay student group received death threats, and other group members were repeatedly harassed. When the school's Human Relations Committee proposed a campus program on racism, stereotyping and prejudice which contained a three minute segment on Gay/Lesbian students. According to the evidence in the case, the chancellor refused to proceed with the program and declared that "no state money" would go to the workshop if "one word" on Gays and Lesbians was included in the program.

"Forcing universities to accord equal treatment to Lesbian and Gay students has an important impact on the educational environment," said Hunter. "It conveys to all students — Gay and straight — the importance of diversity and equality before the law."

Ohio Gay for Congress

Mike Gelpi is running for Congress from Ohio's 12th Congressional district in the city of Columbus.

What makes this so special is that he is running as an openly Gay man. According to a press release Gelpi is "the first in any Midwestern state who is campaigning" unafraid of making his sexual orientation known to the public."

Gelpi, running as an Independent, faces "an extremely conservative" incumbent, Republican John Kasich and Democrat Mark Brown who is an outspoken supporter of Lyndon LaRouche. The Democratic Party of Franklin County in which the 12th district is located is endorsing Gelpi.

"Some people say that I can't win this campaign because of my sexual orientation," said Gelpi, an Army vet. "I say that my status as a Gay person doesn't have anything to do with this campaign."

Gelpi spoke at the Columbus Gay Pride March in June and continues to refuse to hide the fact that he is Gay.

Perception Rather Than Reality Lead Men to Practice Safer Sex

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behavior, rather than taking the route of mass testing.

"The first objective — preventing HIV transmission — is achievable precisely because HIV is transmitted through specific individual behaviors and through readily identifiable practices in the health system," Mann said. "For this reason, the proper focus of prevention is behavior, not infection status."

The largest study of testing and behavior was conducted by the US Multi-Area Cohort Studies (MAC) project of the CRC and cooperating cities. These studies, following men over three years, show no predictable relationship between HIV antibody status knowledge (either positive or negative) and behavior, emotional stress, or psychological state, said US researcher David G. Ostrow.

In another study of behavior change, the most significant correlation with making appropriate safer sex changes came with a "belief that the people around you are changing." Reported by Kevin O'Reilly of the CDC Community Demonstration Projects, the prospective study compares reported changes in about a half dozen US cities employing different educational strategies.

"We found that perception of the community's attitude and a belief that men in your community can and are making changes were the strongest factors in individual men's changing," O'Reilly said. "Programs aimed at individual beliefs are not as effective as programs aimed at community beliefs and norms."

James D'Eramo presented for the first time the now-two-year-old study of techniques for reinforcing safer sex practices, conducted in New York City. The so-called "800 Men Study" found that while fear and anxiety about AIDS may prompt gay men to reduce unsafe practices, it did not promote long-term shifts toward satisfying new safer practices.

"We measured two things — elimination of high-risk behavior and beginning low-risk behavior," D'Eramo said. "We did not consider celibacy due to fear to be a durable change. The lesson we learned was that you can't just take high-risk behaviors away, you have to put something back."

After comparing the behavior and attitudes of men who experienced lectures, pamphlets, small-group discussion, and a sexually explicit film and booklets, the project found that men who saw the explicit material showed the highest adherence to and favorable attitudes toward safer sex techniques.

In response to criticism of programming in the past four years, the Stockholm Conference included daily 1½ hour sessions on political, social and psychological issues, like the role of media, importance of community organizations, and issues in Gay identity during and after the AIDS crisis.

"The inclusion of these programs is an

Note from the Editor's Desk

They tell me — all those who have been to others of its kind — that it is a veritable zoo. Well, I don't know, but Jerry and I will find out.

I guess I should say what I'm talking about. It's the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, July 18-21. We, along with Karen Lamb, will be part of the "working press," going as reporters for *Light* to cover this part of what a British newspaper has called "The quadrennial American madness" for the paper. So, in the August issue, we'll be carrying pictures, stories and interviews, trying to let you know, first hand, what went on.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) will be doing everything possible to facilitate the Gay/Lesbian press. They'll have a press and communications center in a hotel nearby the Omni where the convention will be held as well as a press desk in the convention newsroom with the major electronic and print media. That will give us quick access to all that's going on. They'll be setting up interviews, feeling "inside" stories and, according to Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF press coordinator, seeing that the Lesbian/Gay press gets equal treatment with the major media. In addition, the three of us will have access to the Gay/Lesbian caucus with all the news that that promises.

Again, according to NGLTF, there are a

improvement," said Hasse Ytteberg, president of RFSL, the Swedish National Gay and Lesbian Federal, which Ytteberg charges, was directly excluded from any involvement in conference planning despite the group's leadership on AIDS issues in Sweden.

"But it does nothing to break down the barriers between hard science and the social issues, so we will continue to see badly designed science and homophobic attitudes," said Ytteberg.

Frustration over continued lack of inclusion of community groups in the conference planning and content prompted Gay and Lesbian activists — many of whom had attended a pre-conference on "Homosexual Identity During, Before, and After HIV" — to organize demands for inclusion in future WHO conferences. The ad hoc group of Lesbians and Gays from eight countries organized a candlelight march, but conference officials refused to allow flyers announcing the march to be distributed from any official conference tables, Ytteberg said. About 400 people attended the march, which is an unusual event in this social democratic country.

At a press conference announcing the demand for inclusion, Benjamin Schatz, director of the AIDS Civil Rights Project of the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) in San Francisco said:

"We are not merely vectors of transmission or points on a graph. We have been in the forefront of the fight against AIDS and have much expertise to offer."

Schatz also showed a note that had been scribbled onto an official poster report about education in the Australian Gay communities, which read, "fuck you faggots."

Schatz and others also decried the lack of inclusion of people with AIDS (PWAs) or HIV infection for any official capacity in the conference planning or program.

Fausto Iochelli of the Vancouver PWA Society said, "The conference must include information about the full experience of AIDS. All we hear is doom. We demand full formal and professional inclusion of people with AIDS and HIV infection at all future conferences."

Organizers of the 5th International AIDS Conference in Montreal have already promised a different and more inclusive conference format for the 1989 conference, and have involved representatives for the local Gay and AIDS organizations.

The International Working Group on Women and AIDS, (IWGWA) meeting also issued for the second year similar demands for inclusion in future conferences, and criticized continued designation of "prostitutes" as a risk category.

"It is specific drug and sexual practices which allow HIV transmissibility, not the exchange of money for sex," said Boston-based women's health education and physician's assistant P. Clay Stevens, who chaired this year's IWGWA sessions.

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number of Gay/Lesbian demonstrations and parades being held by groups from across the country which should be interesting — inasmuch as the Atlanta police are, as we go to press, trying to bump the major Lesbian/Gay parade on Sunday, July 17 in favor of one by the White People's Party. Finally, we've been asked to do some exclusive feeding to WISN, Milwaukee Channel 6 on what's going on with Gays and Lesbians at the convention.

Maybe you can tell that I'm excited. Maybe you can tell too that I'm also a little intimidated, perhaps frightened, by the whole thing. I do plan to keep an informal diary of day to day stuff and which will, I hope, give to you on a very personal level something of an immediate feeling of what it is like.

On another note, I am very pleased at the steady growth of our foreign section. Those in India, Japan and elsewhere are, through reading the paper, getting an idea of Lesbian/Gay life here and, equally as important, we are getting some account of those of us trying to cope in other societies. We want to steadily increase our foreign writers and, eventually, would like to have them in every area in the world. As far as I know, *Wisconsin Light* is the only Gay/Lesbian publication to do this.

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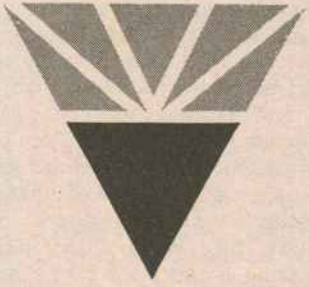
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CHURCH HAD BETTER WAKE-UP

As reported in Chicago's *Windy City Times*, June 16, 1988, on the day that city's Human Rights Ordinance was introduced, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin issued a statement opposing it. The prelate's reason, according to the paper, was that "the Ordinance could be construed as condoning homosexual acts."

The editorialist goes on to say that the only thing that ameliorates the Cardinal's statement is that "fewer people than ever give much credence to official Catholic pronouncements on sexuality" because they are sophistic, duplicitous and obsolete.

We heartily agree and more so because of two recent articles in the *Milwaukee Journal* dealing with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in which the latest battle over AIDS and condoms has been fought out.

While a draft proposal was produced allowing for the discussion of condoms in Catholic AIDS education programs, a declaration by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a close advisor to the Pope, sent to each of the bishops, roundly denounced the proposal. Ratzinger is quoted as criticizing the "theory" that use of condoms by homosexuals was a lesser evil in relationship to AIDS.

What conclusion is then to be drawn? Perhaps the one arrived at in *Windy City Times* is sufficient. The Vatican's condemnation of us and preachments against us as well as the hysterical rantings of other demoninations, are reasons for us to be grateful, this month of independence, that in the United States, church and state are separate.

For those who would complain that the Roman Church condemns only our sexual activity and not us per se, the reply must be that sex is, or should be, a symbol of love; an outward manifestation of an inward and deeply felt reality. To damn the activity is, ipso facto, to damn us.

Cardinal Ratzinger is quoted as going over the old, old ground that sex has one purpose, the procreation of children. However, this ignores the postulation that sex has as its purpose the joining of two people and out of those two, the creation of one. Children are a by-product.

For those who would say that the Church preaches compassion for AIDS sufferers, we must ask what kind of compassion is it that will not even offer instruction on prevention?

We can therefore, be thankful that the bishops and Lord Cardinals, being elected by nobody, chosen by an absolute monarch, speak only, as the *Times* says, for "a man who lives far away and for a philosophical theory which passed long ago."

The writers of our constitution, in their wisdom, tried to prevent tyranny of all forms including that of religion. Today, we continue to keep church and state separate to prevent such untoward and irrational influence on our lives.

Let us ponder that among our many blessings.

PATRONAGE AT ITS WORST

On June 11th at the Wisconsin Democratic Convention in La Crosse, Jackson delegates from Wisconsin's nine congressional districts refused to select any Gays or Lesbians to go to Atlanta. This outrage has aroused anger among Gays and Lesbians from Superior to Kenosha, from Green Bay to Monroe. It is a matter of record that in three quarters of the Badger State, our community was the Jackson campaign. Indeed, without us about half of those delegates would never have been in La Crosse, they wouldn't have been elected to begin with.

The responsibility lies with Annette Polly Williams a State Representative from Milwaukee whose political unsensitivity in angering us is matched only by her desire to get slots for her friends. That responsibility is shared by others too, a member of Local P-40 and the President of the Milwaukee NAACP. Williams is up for re-election in the fall, Local P-40 continues to strike Patrick Cudahy, the NAACP continues its projects. The Gay community has supported all three in the past. But if you're wondering why you should continue to support them given the events of June, we can not provide any answers.

MOODY GAMBLES CAREER

Congressman Jim Moody's abrupt departure from the U.S. Senate race to run for re-election smacks of politics at its worst. Moody, who was making little headway in this Senate bid, went back on his word not only to those running to fill his Congressional seat but also to those who donated time and money to their campaigns. He also went back on his word to those who gave money to his Senate bid, and who may now see their contribution used against a Congressional candidate they are supporting.

Apparently, Moody believes that everyone should drop everything and support him. It just doesn't wash, and neither does Moody's excuse of being pushed out of the race by Herb Kohl. The Milwaukee Congressman was trailing former Gov. Earl by a wide margin even before Kohl entered the Senate race.

Moody has a reputation for being more concerned about political advantage than he is about the issues. His recent moves will undoubtedly add to it. To those who would argue that it's "just politics" and that's how politics work, we say that it doesn't have to be that way if the voters refuse to allow it.

Guest Editorial: SUPPORT AND USE CCF CENTER

The Cream City Foundation (CCF) has taken a giant step in providing for the needs of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community. In the grand Milwaukee tradition of gathering places like the Italian Community Center, the Jewish Community Center, the United Community Center, and the Polish Community Center, CCF has now given us the Foundation Center — a Gay/Lesbian Community center. Milwaukee has joined the ranks of cities such as Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Mt. Clemens in which Gay/Lesbian community centers have become major hubs for activities within the Gay (and straight) communities.

The Foundation Center, located at 225 South 2nd St., provides services, meeting rooms, and most importantly a focus for the Gay/Lesbian community of the Milwaukee metropolitan area. Most of the more than thirty groups and organizations that meet in private homes and other locations around the city will now be able to meet regularly in the same centrally located facility. The Center will also serve as a mailing address and distribution/publicity center for any group or organization which chooses to use the service.

In addition to serving groups and organizations, the Center would be ideal to serve as headquarters and message center for such events as the bowling and softball tournaments held annually in Milwaukee. The Center will provide both newcomers and visitors to the city with the opportunity to obtain information about our Community and its activities.

The facility has 3 meeting rooms available on a year-round basis. They include a Conference Room and a large Social Hall. A total of 4,000 square feet is available for future development.

While the Center has a five-member Board of Managers, it needs the Community's help and support to realize its full potential. At present, the office is maintained by a part-time staff volunteer. Additional volunteers are needed to help staff the facility week nights and weekends.

The success of any community venture depends upon the support of the community it serves. And the Gay/Lesbian community in Milwaukee deserves a successful Foundation Center. You make it happen! If your group or organization needs a place to meet or has members who can spare some time, call the Foundation Center at 278-0880.

To the Editor:

We were pleased and surprised to see *Wisconsin Light's* (Vol. 1, No. 7) coverage of Green Politics. Writer Sue Burke really covered the bases in her conversations with activists from the Wisconsin Greens' organizing committee.

The article had one quote attributed to a German Green (Herbert Gruhl) that we have a different slant on. The quote placed Greens as "neither left or right" but in "the middle."

We have always translated the slogan as "neither left nor right, but up front."

We hope your readers will feel free to write us about what a Green discussion paper on Lesbian and Gay issues might contain. Ideas on support for non-traditional households would be especially helpful. (Wis. Greens, P.O. Box 3377, Madison, WI 53704).

—Donna Welkert
Co-Convenor
Wisconsin Greens
Madison, WI

Letter to the Editor:

I recently received your letter regarding H.R. 3193, the Hate Crimes Statistics bill.

On May 18, the House of Representatives with my support voted 383-29 to pass the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, H.R. 3193. I also supported efforts to insure that the legislation includes crimes committed against persons on the basis of their heterosexuality or homosexuality.

I believe that one of America's greatest strengths has been our tradition of freedom and tolerance. As a nation composed of immigrants of different races, languages, and beliefs, it is particularly important that we learn to respect the rights of all our fellow citizens. As John F. Kennedy said, "Our nation... was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened."

Unfortunately, there has recently been an upsurge of crimes motivated by prejudice. By collecting information on these crimes it is my hope that this legislation can reduce their incidence. We cannot tolerate crimes committed against individuals simply because of their race, religion, or sexual preference.

—Gerald D. Kleczka
Member of Congress

To the Editor:

I am a student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. I must say that this is the best Gay and Lesbian newspaper I have ever seen in my life. It even ranks right up there with my favorite Leftist publications, *The Guardian* and the *Socialist Worker*. I have noticed that the writing style of those who write for the *Light* tend to be incredibly poetic. That is a refreshing change because the writing styles of the publications I usually read tend to be very prosaic. The *Light*, as a whole, is *intense*. Keep up the good work!

The *Light's* best columnist, by far, is Morgan Summer. Reading this column makes me feel as if he were right there, telling me all those things. I will be looking forward to reading about his analysis of the world of college (by the way, Morgan, stay away from the dorms!)

—Thomas J. Rondy
Madison, WI

To the Editor:

I must also tell you this will likely be the last communique you receive from me as M.N.D.C.P.'s publicity contact. I plan to leave in late August to return to school in Colorado. Our new P.R. person will be Rodney Claussen of Waupaca. He assumes his post which will be by mid-July.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the incredible job your staff does with one fine publication. And thanks always for making it much easier for us here in Central Wisconsin. You have definitely helped give M.N.D.C.P. a respectable name and in putting us "on the map." It has been a pleasure.

—Ed Morrison
M.N.D.C.P. P.R.

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, Friends!

The morning is glorious. And Tab Hunter, our Cocker, lunges at the door to let me know the newspaper has arrived. Quiet, boy. Let momma make a cup of coffee and we will go outside. Here. This wrought iron table under the trees looks like a perfect place for us to read and enjoy this beautiful day.

We flip open the paper. 40,000 cups of ice cream to be given to the children in the parks on the 4th of July. Only in our city is the 4th "done-up" in such grand style. I remember coming here, now almost a decade and a half ago. Doll buggy and tricycle parades. Still parading. Milwaukee, I love you. Tab asks: "Any more news about ice cream for little doggies?"

And hot on the heels of several nasty, small-minded David Umhoefer stories in the Milwaukee Journal, come more press leaks from City Hall. Can't get the window open. Let's blame Henry. Oh! This is cute! Let's light up the facade of all the old downtown buildings. We'll only need one teeny nuclear generator to really put this plan into action.

Yes, true. We do have another Mayor now. But Ron, the U.S. Conference of Mayors truly doesn't want to erase all pictures of Henry from their historical publications. I mean, Gee Whiz, he did serve twenty-eight years and holds the title of Dean of America's Big City Mayors. Yes, true. He was elected president of all three national urban organizations and as spokesman for USCM said, Maier is their "only triple crown winner." But do you really think you're going to change history?

"Mom, read some more about the ice cream," Tab pleads.

Oh shoot. Dr. Connie Panagis is leaving the Health Department. Thanks, Doc, for your many years of service trying to keep the people of this city well. Thank you for your moral and financial support of the Brady Street Clinic, for help for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, for out-reach clinics, for Project Life (one of Henry's loves), for Health Care for the Homeless, for cutting off the water at Summerfest when ducks decided to use the water supply also. Always doing your best for all of us. Thank you, Sir.

Twenty new AIDS cases reported and 5 deaths last month. Small article, poorly placed. I fume at what should have been headlines. And I grieve for my friends and their lovers and families.

Hey, look at this. Here's one for Karen. "Picketing Ordinance Upheld by U.S. Supreme Court." Town of Brookfield ordinance forbids picketing private residences. Do you know that, in spite of turning the water hose on my visitors, I always did worry that I might have stifled (no, not drowned) their right to dissent, or what ever, but then, heck, I have a right to water my lawn in peace.

"State to Start Notifying Sex, Drug Partners of AIDS Patients," screams the front page. Wrong, erroneous information. Will these reporters and headline writers ever learn the difference between "AIDS Patients" and antibody-positivity? Eight years later, the general public still can't differentiate between, so-called, confidentiality versus anonymity.

"Wisconsin will be one of the first states in the nation to begin contact tracing for AIDS." Yes, and Wisconsin was the first to elect Joe McCarthy to the Senate. Read on. "In Wisconsin, people who are infected with the AIDS virus — regardless of whether they have AIDS or not — are reported to public health officials by their physicians." Right. "The exception to that rule are people who test positive for antibodies... at anonymous alternate test sites... About 1/3 of the state's known antibody-positive cases originate in the alternate test sites, but the names are not make known to health officials."

Interesting paragraph here. People who test positive at the alternate sites will be advised to contact the Division of Health to become part of the tracing program, (James) Vergeront said.

Gads! We need more people to help, Jim, but with the right kinds of heads and hearts. It is easy to envision the bureaucratic grant writers on this one: Get a pencil, will you? Help me with this math.

Now let's see. Hum... 15,000 cases of antibody-positivity in Wisconsin right now... what do we do with that number? OK, 15,000. Now how many sexual partners would you suppose each person has? One? No, cut it out. We're not talking about immaculate conception. Face it. The guy or gal had to pick it up somewhere.



Dr. Karen Lamb

Back to the math. How many partners do we need to "trace"? No! Stick to business! We're not talkin' about just this year. Figure for the last 10 years, how's that? How many partner's in the last 10 years? Now let's multiply it. No, you do it, my paper's too small.

15,000 times 10... No, doggone it. 10 years, not 10 partners! What do you think we are taklin' about? Rabbits? No, jobs. We gotta do something about this AIDS thing. The public is really putting the pressure on the Mayor. Forget about the President. He's already done his part. Didn't Margaret Heckler go to the bedside? Didn't he send Rock a get-well-card? Lay off the Pres. How many partners can we "trace"? Ok, maybe I am naive. You really think men, and women, too, for heaven's sake, could have had 10 partners in ten years? And some have more?

OK, yeah, I remember the Law of Averages, but you are sure it applies here?

OK, we're ready now. 15,000 times 1 partner a year times 10 years. What have you got? 150,000 tracees? What if it's 5 partners a year? 15,000 times 5 times 10. Whew! OK, divide that by 3. The chief honcho wants 3 investigators. And Milwaukee is gonna get two of them? Whoopee, Jobs for Progress.

Not bad. But do you really think that's do-able? Up to 250,000 private home visits per investigator each year? How many can each gal do in a day? Yeah, I gotcha. No sick leave, fringes or holidays. That is a dedicated bunch. But don't you think the Commissioner would be better off to handle this thing with bulk mailings?

Tab, hits me with his paw to get my attention. "Hey, Mom, here is a story about fortune cookies."

"Fest Officials End Condom Cookie Sales." The fortune: You are going to get lucky... Be prepared." "We will be taking care of that," (Mrs. Bo) Black said immediately. "That is not cool." Wrong. Lots of things are "not cool" at Summerfest.

Tab says he likes fortune cookies. And chocolate is best.

It is time to leave our shady table, turn off the coffee, and pack for our trip to the Democratic Convention in Atlanta with Terry and Jerry, our leaders at Wisconsin Light. All driving together. Should be important. And fun!

Tab asks if I will read him the ice cream story just once more. I tell him "yes", but first say good bye to our friends.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and Hugs, Karen Lamb

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 in August's issue.

Community Leader Alyn Hess is Loved, Appreciated and Admired

By Bill Meunier

How do you say goodbye to a friend? How do you say farewell to someone who has meant so much to you for such a long period of time? Those who know me, know that I am seldom at a loss for words, but this is one of those times. Alyn Hess, my friend, advisor, confidante, Gay leader is dying from AIDS and there is nothing that I can do about it. I am not used to this. Like Alyn, I am a fighter. If I see something wrong I try to right it. But no meetings, no petitions, no marches will stop the inevitable. A man who did so much to right wrongs done to our community is beyond our power to right the wrongs with him. Perhaps all that I can do is tell him and you how much he has meant to me and to this community.

Alyn is one of those rare individuals who when asked to help only wants to know what is needed and when. He was one of the founders of the oldest Gay and Lesbian organization in Wisconsin, Milwaukee's Gay People's Union (GPU), while so many were hiding in their closets. Alyn was marching, shouting, doing all he could to make it easier for you and me to pick up a Gay newspaper, go to a Gay bar, or do any one of a number of things that make up the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle.

Like so many of our leaders, Alyn paid dearly for his love of his community. He lost a promising career as a landscape architect and all of the trappings of the high income it promised to provide him. He was evicted, estranged from his family and looked down upon. Even within our community there were those who saw him only as a trouble maker, a rable rouser, a boat rocker. They wanted to be "good niggers." They didn't want anyone focusing attention on us. In spite of all of this, Alyn would not be dissuaded. He kept marching, organizing, planning working for the day when everyone, including the Gay community, would realize that being Gay or Lesbian was no crime, no perversion, no sickness. He wanted everyone to realize that the real perverts and criminals were those who would oppress us. Those sentiments hardly sound revolutionary now, but back in the late sixties and early seventies that's exactly what they were. Alyn Hess stood up and fought back while the police raided our bars, sent spies to our meetings, wrote down license plate numbers on the streets outside Gay and Lesbian meetings, and bars, and harassed our leaders.

We have never fully appreciated our Alyn Hesses. We've never fully understood the role they played in winning us freedoms that we take for granted. In an era when so many of us are more concerned with which bar is hottest, and our personal comfort, it is difficult to conceive of the sacrifices those like Alyn made. Our Gay Rights law didn't pass by itself, we didn't win friends in elected office and we didn't end the police harassment without a lot of groundwork being done. Everytime you looked, there was Alyn turning over new earth, forging ahead.

In addition to helping found Gay People's Union, Alyn helped found Black

and White Men Together. He served on a number of National Committees for that group and he organized and chaired its 1987 National Convention which he brought to the city he loves, Milwaukee. He worked for a large number of political candidates, and in a wide variety of Gay and Lesbian causes, always trying to move towards a central focus, helping all Gays and Lesbians realize their full potential.

Perhaps above all else, I, like so many Gay and Lesbian leaders will always remember Alyn Hess as a friend. He has always seemed to know instinctively how to encourage us, lift us, be of whatever help he could. When I lost a good job because I was Gay and I was in a deep depression, wondering if the price I was paying for being a Gay activist was worth it, Alyn called, took me to dinner and to the theater. By the end of the evening I knew I couldn't quit, wouldn't quit. When his first love, Gay People's Union came under unfair and vicious attack in the early eighties, Alyn served as a rock in the storm, reminding the community that nearly all of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian organizations arose from GPU. For so many of us Alyn Hess was always there.

But far too soon that won't be the case anymore. Alyn's passing will leave a void that will not be easily filled if it ever can be filled. Even when ill, he has remained active, helping to get our Gay/Lesbian Gay Pride celebration going, coming to meetings despite the pain of wearing a catheter, advising on how the community can be united behind his friend Fred Kessler's Congressional Campaign, helping as much as he could. While others would have holed up, Alyn insisted on remaining involved.

The list of leaders he helped bring forth, advised, encouraged, counseled, is too numerous to name here. It includes people like Leon Rouse, Miriam Ben-Shalom, Mike Lisowski and so many others. The list of projects he helped establish is just as numerous, it includes the GPU hotline and the Brady Street Clinic which established MAP. Like so much of what he did, the ripple effects of those two programs alone have a tremendous impact on us all, whether we care to admit it or not.

I will send no flowers to Alyn's funeral. Flowers wilt and wither. They are such temporary memorials to a person's life. Instead I will try to continue to work for the things that Alyn Hess has believed in and worked for, unity, pride, involvement. The real memorials to Alyn Hess are all around us. Everytime someone leaves the closet, everytime someone decides to join one of our organizations, everytime we are able to gather together and work for the common good we pay tribute to Alyn Hess, for he helped to open so many doors that we now casually walk through. Let Alyn's flowers be the way we treat each other, let his memorial be what we build on the foundation that he helped to lay and for those of us who have been fortunate enough to know him personally, let his tribute be that our memories of him and what he tried to do will always live on through us, and those we touch.

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only for that reason. Without Bill's hard work many would have gone elsewhere, now they feel used and cheated. They are not likely to forget this or the people that did it to them."

Suggestions for retaliation have ranged from buying Patrick Cudahy hams and boycotting the NAACP to demanding that Williams be replaced as Jackson's Wisconsin chair.

Two things are clear in this murky mess. One is that Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians did more than almost any other group and clearly did more for Jesse than any other Gay community, but did not get any delegates. The other is that while Jesse Jackson may or may not still be the choice of Wisconsin's Gay community, Polly Williams is not. Nearly all of the Gay and Lesbian co-ordinators for Jackson contacted expressed satisfaction with the National Staff's efforts to make amends, but all said they wouldn't work for Jackson again if Williams was still the chair in a future campaign. Commented one, "The Jackson campaign will have to choose between Polly Williams and the Gay community."

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

Wis. Gained National Recognition, Experience in Jackson Campaign

By Bill Meunier

Elsewhere in this issue is an article about the lack of Gay or Lesbian delegates for Jesse Jackson from Wisconsin. I will not take up more space detailing the events of the last month. Instead I want to remind our Gay and Lesbian community that we were correct in supporting Jesse Jackson and the lack of delegates notwithstanding, nothing has happened that alters the correctness of that decision.

We need to look at the positive side of all of this. There was a tremendous amount of pressure on the sixteen elected Jackson delegates to vote for the recommended slate. Yet seven of them chose to break ranks and give the Gay and Lesbian community its due. Led by Bruce Colburn, a labor union organizer, and Karen Linero a woman from La Crosse, seven delegates said "no" to back room deals that cut us out of the picture. There are those who condemn organized labor because it got a number of delegates and alternates and we got none. They would do well to understand that just as our community is not always united, other political forces in Wisconsin are not always united either. It would be inappropriate to condemn Wisconsin's labor movement for the actions of a few. The Paperworkers Union in De Pere helped us get an alternate spot. Bruce Colburn, who formed Labor for Jackson tried mightily to get us a delegate spot. While our anger at those who insulted us is fully justified we should recognize that not everyone insulted us.

We should also keep in mind that while many in the local campaign refused to admit the tremendous impact we had on that campaign, that does not mean that everyone feels that way. Most of those who were heavily involved were just as outraged as we are, well, maybe not just as outraged, but they are angry. That shows something. It shows that we did accomplish something, we gained recognition as a political force, which can operate on a statewide level.

There are those in our community who looked at whether or not we got delegates as a sign of whether or not we were accepted by the Rainbow Coalition. I have to say that I agree with that outlook and it is obvious that the Rainbow Coalition at least as it is presently constituted in Wisconsin is not ready to accept us. That, however, is their loss not ours, and that does not mean that we did not accomplish what we set out to do, nor does it mean that

Jesse Jackson did not merit our support.

The actions of Jackson's National Staff to try and make amends for the situation speaks well of Jesse's and their commitment to the cause of Gay and Lesbian rights. To put it bluntly they were both appalled and angered by the actions of the local Jackson people. They have gone out of their way and far beyond anything we expected in trying to show our community that they appreciated what we did for them and for Jesse. It should not be unexpected that Jackson's National Delegate Selection Co-ordinator would not be aware of the fact that three quarters of the people working for Jesse Jackson in Wisconsin were Gay and Lesbian. If the local people had not lied to us, telling us that there would not be any slates, we could have driven home the full impact we had on the campaign. Unfortunately some elements in the Wisconsin campaign were more intent on getting rewards for themselves and their friends than in accepting Wisconsin's Gay/Lesbian community as full and equal partners.

Let's not forget that we received national attention for our effort and remember what that does for the cause of Gay and Lesbian rights. After all, if the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* recognize what a massive display of political power we put on in Wisconsin, you can be sure that major powers in both parties did as well. We wanted to show America that even in a small state like Wisconsin, Gays and Lesbians could be a political force. We succeeded in doing that, and the fruits of that success have yet to show themselves, but they will.

We gained experience, identified key people around the state, and we learned as well as showed how potent a political force we can be when we unite without worrying about whether we're from Madison or Milwaukee or Green Bay or wherever.

The bottom line is that we have every right to be proud of what we did. We should be as proud of what we did as those who kept us from getting delegates should be ashamed of what they did. We came to them with an open hand of friendship and they slapped it away, but through our involvement in the Jackson campaign we learned that our hand of friendship can be a fist too. A fist that we now know how to use. That fist shouldn't be used indiscriminately, but only against those that stand in our way.

Interest Strong in State Senate, U.S. Congressional Races

By Bill Meunier

Interest in the Wisconsin U.S. Senate Primary is building. While most seem to be for Tony Earl, some are also for James Moody and the candidacy of Herb Kohl has also aroused some interest.

Many believe that we owe Earl, others say that we paid him back with our support of his bid for re-election, that Earl can't win in November. Those concerned with Earl's chances to become only the eighth governor in American history to lose a re-election bid and come back to win a senate seat two years later are supporting Moody or Kohl. Some of them don't like Moody and claim that he has always had to be pushed into supporting us. Until Kohl makes his stance on our issues clear, it is unlikely that he will pick up much active support.

For the first time, the Wisconsin Republican Party platform does not include a demand for the repeal of AB 70, our Gay Rights Law. Could the massive effort we put forth for Jackson and the Rawhide Compromise have something to do with that? It seems likely.

There is anger in some quarters at Mike Dukakis. Recent newspaper articles out East which quoted a member of his staff as saying that Gay and Lesbian support for Jackson proved that Dukakis is not a radical haven't helped. Most Gay and Lesbian leaders however seem to be of one mind and feel that its time to pay back the National Republican Party for the AIDS genocide.

Dismas Becker, a consistent supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights is running for the State Senate seat left vacant by John Norquist when he was elected Mayor of

Milwaukee. Becker helped get AB 70 passed and was a strong supporter of Consenting Adults. His main opponent is Brian Burke, a Milwaukee Alderman, whose stands on Gay/Lesbian issues are unknown.

At a recent 5th Congressional District forum Fred Kessler promised that if he was elected there would be a Gay or Lesbian on his staff. He also promised to be an outspoken proponent of Gay and Lesbian rights, and said that if elected he would attempt to attach amendments to major bills that would advance Gay/Lesbian rights on a federal level. All of the candidates agreed that they would support a Federal Gay Rights Law, but several sidestepped a question on whether they would vote for a Civil Rights law that did not include Gays and Lesbians. Matt Flynn could not be present when the question about appointing a Gay or Lesbian to his staff was asked. When contacted his campaign office said that he made appointments of Gays while he was the State Party Chairman.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Gays and Lesbians who write off the Republican Party are making a serious mistake. They are starting to realize that they can't ignore us. We need to find ways to encourage them to be more accepting and to reach a greater understanding of our issues."

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By Terry Boughner

Frankly, I'm not much on movies or the places they show them in. You go, you watch, you're entertained or not and you leave. That's it.

But to many, movie aficionados and film buffs, the 61st anniversary of the opening of Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre at Farwell and North was something to celebrate.

The old movie palace, one of the last remaining in the country, had been done up to look like a cross between a sultan's seraglio and a maharajah's sancta sanctorum complete with elephants, sphinxes, harem lights and buddahs. Its vast auditorium seated 2500. Financial considerations being what they are, the owners and management announced last year their intention to divide the old place into three theatres. On Thursday evening, June 30, some 300 invited guests gathered to see the results.

For those who feared that remodeling would destroy or bastardize the theatre's phantasmagorical qualities, they soon saw they had had nothing to worry about. The two new halls that have been carved out of the larger expanse have been done with discretion and attention to preservation of the old. In the lobby and everywhere, the details and statuary that so entranced theatre goes has been painstakingly restored so that nothing seems really to have changed at all.

The crowd, decidedly of the artsy-witsy complexion, loved it. Some in vintage 20's costumes, most not, munched free popcorn and cake, drank champagne and went about speaking of things or should I say "going

AIDS and Civil Rights Policies Advance in Democratic Platform

Washington, D.C.- June 21... Responsible federal AIDS policy and civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men have been included as issues in a draft version of the Democratic Party Platform. The draft was prepared by the party's Drafting Subcommittee at its recent meeting in Mackinac Island, Mich.

The preliminary platform language calls for "voluntary (HIV antibody) testing and the necessity of increased support for research on AIDS." The document also pledges that the Democratic party will support "a comprehensive program of AIDS education and prevention" and measures "to prevent discrimination and stigmatization of those testing positive for the HIV antibody."

The draft platform includes "sexual orientation" in its list of groups that should be free from "all forms of discrimination and improper governmental intrusion."

In a separate civil rights section, the document calls for "equal access to government services, employment, housing, business enterprise, and education to every citizen regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, handicapping condition or sexual orientation."

Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 (Voters Organized In a Coalition for the Elections), a group composed of leading Gay and Lesbian organizations, lobbied the Platform Committee and the Dukakis and Jackson campaigns to include Gay and AIDS issues.

Formed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 will strengthen Gay visibility and influence at the Democratic and Republican Conventions. Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA) is working with Gay VOICE 88 on the Democratic Convention.

The Campaign Fund and GLDA testified before the Democratic Platform Committee last May and NGLTF submitted a statement.

"The Dukakis and Jackson campaigns

to and fro, talking of Michelangelo."

"It's all so very Hitchcock," one was overheard to say, while another commented that "The trial is over and he's acquitted, but I still don't know who the murderer is — (pause, looking around) — God, does this look good!"

The program, beginning roughly at 8:00, included the usual speeches delivered on such occasions and then an auction which was entirely too long and worse, unnecessary to the event. This was followed by a screening of "Ben Hur", the silent version produced in 1927 and featuring the likes of Ramon Novarro and Francis X. Bushman. (My mother and grandmother, I think, talked about them).

I guess those old flicks, or "photodramas" as they were called then, are like olives or scotch, an acquired taste. I was told I was viewing art, but to me, the whole thing seemed short on history, long on saccharine schmaltz and resembled a home movie a la 1955. I was only glad I'd seen the one with color and sound and things like that.

The Oriental plans to continue its tradition of showing classic and foreign films along with first-run productions. One thing certainly to look forward to is the pipe organ which is scheduled to begin playing around the first of the year.

For those who, unlike myself, do appreciate movies as an art form and for those who luxuriate in the grand old film palaces of an earlier age, the refurbishing of the Oriental and its continued operation into the 21st Century, is something to cheer about.

and the Democratic Committee members were very receptive to our suggestions," said Human Rights Campaign Fund political director Eric Rosenthal. "The Lesbian and Gay community has developed enough influence within the Democratic Party and with elected officials to have our views taken seriously."

Platform Committee members meeting in Michigan included Congressional Black Caucus Chair Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), Representative Bill Gray (D-Pa.), Representative Bob Matsui (D-Calif.), Governor Madeleine Kunin (D-Vt.) and Boston Mayor Ray Flynn. All are supportive of Lesbian and Gay civil rights.

In addition, the Dukakis campaign was represented by former Congressman Michael Barnes (D-Md.), who was a strong supporter of Lesbian and Gay issues in Congress.

Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 will continue to participate in the platform process to ensure that language addressing Gay and AIDS issues are maintained or even improved in the document.

GOOD TIMES
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A BOY OF SUMMER

GENERATIONS

By Morgan Summer

IN THE LAST few months, Gay Youth Milwaukee has had more Gay teenagers attend its meetings than in the two years I have been going to the group. This is wonderful.

Most of the teens who attend the group, including me, were in grade school or early junior high in the seventies. Speaking for myself, I didn't know what was going on in the Gay world back then, didn't know of bath houses, bars, male prostitutes, the hankerchief or earring codes, Harvey Milk, Stonewall, or Gay rights. AIDS did not exist for most people, certainly not us.

As we moved on, into the early then mid-eighties, two things happened almost at the same time: some of us realized that we were Gay and a new disease called AIDS was killing Gays. But we survived, and found Gay Youth Milwaukee, and friends, and support. So we, the current generation of Gay teenagers, found our sexuality before things... got worse.

More and more, I would hear stories about AIDS on television and in the newspapers, and hear AIDS jokes at school. I think a few years ago I thought that, well, this really is bad, but it'll be cured in a year or so then Gays can live free. Of course, I was wrong.

But, the current Gay teens like me know that there is safer sex, and other things can be done by simply using a condom. So I like to think this generation of Gay teens is doing pretty well. The best we can.

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But now that it's summer, I see a lot



more younger boys — 7, 8, 10, 12 — outside, with friends, on skateboards or dirtbikes or hanging around Burger King or what have you. And many times, I see a really cute boy (I figure I can still say that and not get arrested, 'cause I'm not quite 18 yet) and I think, "Is he gay?" Then, well, if he is, will he ever admit it to himself, because, as we all know, if you are



Morgan Summer

Gay you have AIDS and will die.

Now, seriously: that is the attitude of many kids today towards AIDS. The two, as another Gay writer recently stated, are becoming incorrectly linked. And AIDS effects on the Gay youth of tomorrow scare the hell out of me.

When I was very young, I wanted to be accepted by my friends. Today, that means putting down Gays, and not even thinking about having sex with another guy, because if you do, dude, you'll die. So is the thinking, I'm afraid, of today's young.

They have grown up with the Plague, these 10-and-12 year olds. They are told the two biggest groups today at risk for AIDS are drug users and homosexuals. They don't use drugs, okay, and they sure won't mess around with their friends.

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The worst part is, something can be done about this ignorance. I wish that C. Everett Koop would have put just one sentence in the AIDS pamphlet that was mailed to every American household: "AIDS is not a Gay disease; do not be afraid of coming to terms with your Gay thoughts." But that would have been too much to expect.

Television isn't doing anything like that, and neither are our elected officials. Don't forget what that stupid bastard George Bush said in the early 1980's when he was booed while addressing a group on AIDS: "What's that? A Gay group out there?" And Ronald Reagan, as we all know, is an asshole and a butcher who will — let's make sure — have AIDSgate attached to him in history.

But none of my name-calling helps the future generation of Gay youth. I hope they will be strong enough to recognize who they are.

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So, right now I can only speculate and hope about the Gay children of today. In a few years I will find out how they are doing. It will be a thing to see.

Porn Law Becomes Official

Pesty von Bratwitz with his wife, Prunella, walk into their favorite video store and, looking around, are absolutely appalled by what they see displayed on the racks. There, in full view of their horrified eyes, is a box showing Bugs Bunny. The rabbit's ears obviously have phallic symbolism while Mickey Mouse's ears resemble other unmentionable parts of the "disgusting" human body and one need not even mention Alice in Wonderland!

Pesty and Prunella waste not one moment. They rush right out and file a suit against the offending material under Wisconsin's new obscenity law.

Too far fetched? Think it couldn't happen? It indeed could, for under the law any book, magazine or video whether "adult" or not can be considered obscene if someone wants to view it so and bring suit. This, according to Donald E. Bohatka, owner of Milwaukee's Video Adventures. "You have to remember," he said, "that the law is an obscenity law, not a law against pornography."

"And," Bohatka continued, "each film, each issue of a magazine has to be acted on separately, presented to a judge and jury for consideration. The nightmare possibilities are endless."

Bohatka is currently a participant in a class action suit that names two Milwaukee adult stores, Denmark and Paradise, but which is on behalf of 50 retail outlets throughout Wisconsin. The suit, brought by the Milwaukee law firm of Shellow, Shellow and Glynn is based on alleged violations of the litigants rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution.

As of press time, the aim is to get the judge to issue a temporary restraining order forbidding any action against the merchants until such time as the constitutionality of the new law can be determined. Bohatka admitted that such determination "could take a long time and could, if necessary, be appealed." So there is no immediate danger.

Bohatka's Video Adventures, as do most stores, has an "Adult Section." Bohatka estimated that in the case of some such stores, as much as 40% of their business

comes from adult films.

But aside from that and the fact that what is obscene can lie in the eyes and judgement of the beholder, there are many questions under the new law which, in Bohatka's opinion makes it nearly certain that it will not be upheld by the courts.

For one thing, the law relates only to sex, not violence and, Bohatka says, "There have been X rated films that have nothing to do with sex." Then, he says, "while the law applies to movies, we don't know if videos are covered. How does it (the law) relate to R rated films" in which sex is a minor or missing element? Nor does the law relate to possession but only to the sale of materials that might be considered obscene by somebody.

Bohatka has no idea what the final outcome will be, or even when the case will come to trial, but he plans no change in regards to his adult section.

If those patronizing Video Adventures are any indication, the over-all public attitude toward the law is negative. An employee of the store told Light that when customers were asked if they would be willing to sign a petition protesting the law, "almost everyone wanted to sign."

100 Gay Delegates Going to Atlanta

In numbers that testify to the continued activism of Lesbians and Gay men within the Democratic Party, nearly 100 Gay and Lesbian delegates are expected to participate in the 1988 Democratic Convention in Atlanta on July 18-21, according to Gay & Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA), a national organization of clubs and activists who work within the Democratic Party. The 1988 Convention marks the first time the number of openly Gay delegates has been this high. In 1984, approximately 70 openly Gay delegates participated in the Convention and in 1980 76 participated.

Openly Gay delegates attending the convention will convene a Gay and Lesbian Caucus, which will meet daily and hold briefings, press conferences and sponsor visibility actions aimed at ensuring the incorporation of Gay and Lesbian rights issues and AIDS issues into the Party's platform and campaign.

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation Shows Off New Center

The Board of Managers of Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation's (CCF) Community Center, 225 S. Second Street, held the first open house for the boards of Gay/Lesbian organizations.

The event took place on June 14, 1988 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and was attended by 33 people.

After tours of the facility, the group gathered in the Peter Johnson room for a presentation and discussion.

John Coles, a member of the board, spoke of the need that the Center has for "broad based community support" and urged all organizations to take advantage of the Center.

"Milwaukee is tremendously fortunate to have such a center," Coles said. He noted that New York's Gay/Lesbian Center costs \$75,000 per month to operate as compared to \$700.00 for Milwaukee's center. The money, Coles said, "essentially pays for utilities" and much of that involves heating in the winter.

National Interracial Newsletter Begins

San Francisco, Calif. - Thom Bean, a past Chairman of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) and a San Francisco community activist has announced a new, national newsletter for Gay men interested in interracial and cross-cultural relationships.

The newsletter, called the Quarterly Interchange, will provide a national forum for men of different racial, ethnic and

Coles and other members of the Board, spoke of the great advantage to be gained by organizations in using the center for their meetings. The atmosphere is more business-like and more conducive to accomplishing what needs to be done. Don Schwamb, President of CCF, called to mind the experience of many in the room when he spoke about trying to get something done while sitting in someone's livingroom around a coffee table, carrying on a discussion while attempting to balance food and drink in your lap.

Cost for use of the beautifully appointed Johnson room is \$10.00 for two hours with a \$50.00 security deposit. This latter cost increases when an organization makes available food and beverages. Fee schedules for other rooms are available from the Center.

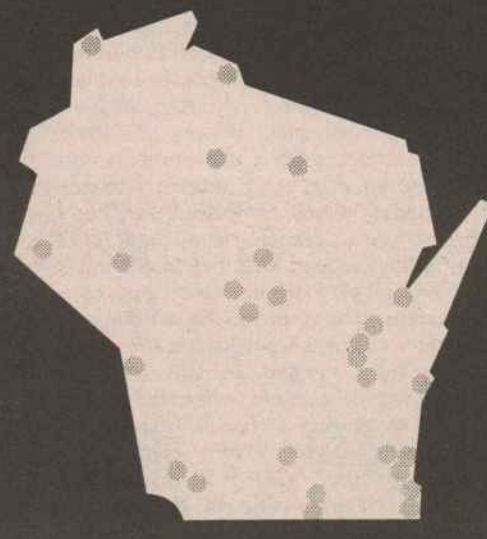
The Center is staffed by a volunteer Monday-Friday, 1:00-5:00 pm. The Board hopes to increase these hours.

cultural backgrounds who want to meet. In addition to ad listings, Q.I. will accept contributions — especially having to do with the interracial experience — and print other materials of interest to its readership.

For more information, contact: Quarterly Interchange, P.O. Box 42502, San Francisco, CA 94101.

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OUR HISTORY

MARIE ANTONINETTE

By Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

Here in Milwaukee, July is the month when the square and streets before and around the Catholic Cathedral are alive with the annual celebration of La Kermesse de la Bastille (July 14-17). The whole thing commemorates the fall of the royal prison of the Bastille in Paris in 1789 that signaled the beginning of the French Revolution.

Well, as with most events in history, there's a Gay/Lesbian angle to it and, in this case, we're talking about Queen Marie Antoinette.

Okay, some background, but put up with it. For centuries, Austria (quite a bit bigger than it is now) and France had been mortal enemies. Each wanted control of Europe and war after bitter war had been fought to that end. Britain was delighted with this. While "perfidious Albion" played a little game called "let's you and him fight," England expanded overseas at France's expense. It took them awhile, but finally the French caught on that they couldn't have Europe and empire both. So, in 1756 they made a treaty with Austria. The latter could have Europe, France would tend to Britain overseas. As a sign and seal of all this that they called, "The Diplomatic Revolution", the little Austrian princess, Marie Antoinette, was to marry the heir to the French Throne of the Lillies, who would later become Louis XVI.

The diplomats had made their peace, but the French people had not. They had hated Austrians for centuries and they weren't about to stop because of some treaty. When the princess, age 14, arrived on French soil, they turned their venom on her.

To make matters worse, her husband, Louis, was a dud, in fact, an absolute zero. The reason being that his foreskin was so tight that he couldn't have an erection. A simple operation would have solved the problem but, not until late in the marriage, would he submit to the knife.

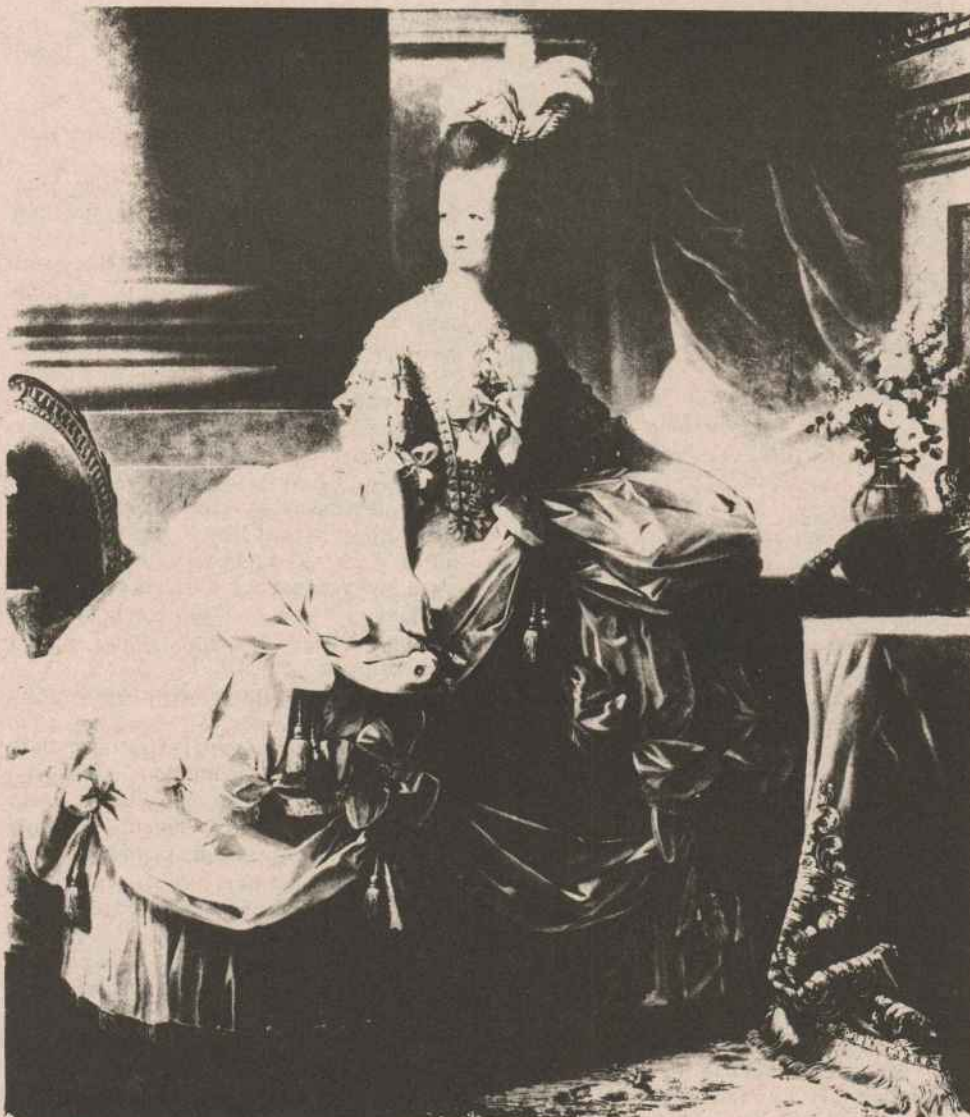
Under the circumstances, the princess could have had her pick of male lovers. After all, the French had always believed that marriage was never meant to interfere with sex. But, she showed no interest in men whatsoever. Instead, it was to women whom she turned for love.

Her first "affaire de coeur" was with the Princess de Lamballe. Lamballe was a plain sort of person, the kind who, if people call to mind colors, would have been characterized as brown. Still, she loved Marie Antoinette with a quiet and unobtrusive devotion.

In 1775, a year after she became queen, Marie Antoinette met the Duchesse de Polignac. The Duchesse was beautiful, made up in a rainbow dream with the moist loveliness of a shower on a Summer's day. The queen fell and fell hard, "a clap of thunder," she called it, and not for a moment, from the minute they laid eyes on each other, were they ever apart — day or night.

Given the Court of Versailles at the time where the best people spent nights going in and out of bookcases, the whole thing might have been viewed with a Gallic shrug. But, the Duchesse and all her clan were far poorer than they thought they ought to be.

Quelle difference money? Antoinette loaded them all down with wealth until the Duchesse was costing the Crown more in a year than Madam de Pompadour had cost Louis XV in a decade. All this at a time when the American Revolution was costing France plenty without the proper system of taxation to pay for it.



Queen of France, Marie Antoinette

Let it be said, that Laballe tried to warn the queen; tried to tell her that the people blamed her for their misery; tried to tell her that the growing bitterness would eventually bring hatred with a thousand eyes glowing red before the windows of Versailles. Antoinette paid no heed.

In the Summer of 1789, the storm, building for so long, broke. The Bastille fell on July 14 and the king and queen, the former too weak and the latter too hated, could do nothing about it. Then the mob marched on Versailles itself, 12 miles outside Paris, demanding the head of the Duchesse. They were too late. That worthy had already fled to Switzerland where she could watch in perfect safety.

Lamballe watched too — but from Versailles and when the mob forced the royal family to return to Paris, she followed, determined to offer her beloved what help she could.

The revolutionary authorities, unable to lay hands on the Duchesse, siezed poor, long-suffering Lamballe instead and flung her into La Force, a miserable, catch-all prison. There, she was murdered. They cut off her head, sliced her genitals from between her thighs and stuffed them into her mouth. The head was jammed on a pole, carried by a man who wore her pubic hair as a mustache.

Through the streets of Paris they marched, crying obscenities, until they reached the place where the queen was held prisoner. Outside her window, they howled, screaming for her to look, gaze down at the grotesque head of the one who had loved her most of all.

Antoinette would not. But then the jailers came and held her, pressed her face against the bars, made her look at Lamballe in hideous death who, in life, she

had never really seen. The queen screamed an unearthly cry for perhaps it suddenly had torn across her brain and soul that she had loved wrongly at the expense of one who had moved her beyond measure and unto death itself.

Two years later, Marie Antoinette went to the guillotine. She who had been queen of taste, was now the queen of sorrows. One of those must surely have been one that far too many of us can understand. She had rejected love because it had come in an unexpected package. She had gone, instead, with the beautiful Duchesse, but love, true love, which might have saved her, had been in the plain Lamballe.



Marie Antoinette seated on the plank of a tumbrel being led to her execution. This is the famous eyewitness sketch by David. Collection Viollet.

Gay Youth Alliance Plans Future

Dallas, Texas—The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc. (NGAYA) is inviting everyone to participate in a birthday celebration. It's ours!

On June 1st, 1985, a press release was sent out announcing yet another national Gay organization. We knew at that time that issues concerning Gay youth would be drawing more and more attention over the years. We also knew that there would be a need for at least an attempt at coordinating efforts in this area. So far we have not been wrong. More and more people are requesting our assistance in starting Gay youth groups and information materials on Gay youth. We've done our best to comply with each request. We've also learned from them as well.

We will be maintaining operations of our newsletter, national pen-pal coordination program, and our planned radio and video programs as currently structured. Other programs have been reorganized under general or long termed goals.

We are planning a reinforced effort in the area of youth group development including a Gay youth group Facilitator's Handbook and Facilitator's Manual, and more financial assistance in this area as well. Next April, we are planning to have another National Gay Youth Awareness Week as part of our Awareness Project. We plan to accompany this with new media programs addressing the issues of Youth & AIDS, Stereotype Breakdowns and Positive Role Models, and Substance Abuse. Our 1986 National Gay Youth Conference drew some twenty people from Florida, New York, Texas, and Washington, D.C. Some may think that this wasn't enough, but prior to that, it had never been tried. We're getting ready to do it again, even better. A growing concern for Gay youth is a lack of positive activities. In respect to building our community in the future, this is perhaps one of our greatest objectives. This fall we will begin compiling a list of youth programs that are identified as being receptive to Gay youth.

Later, we will also be developing a system for establishing Gay youth weekend centers as well as permanent facilities. It's a big project, but with your help and a little time, it can be done. Our Statistical Information Library will be joined by a new Newsclipping Library, a General Library, and a future Information Line as a National Gay Youth Information Center.

Because many of us know what it's like to be awoken in the middle of the night by youth that have been thrown out of their homes, we have also begun planning a National Gay Youth Crisis Center. Like the Information Center, the Crisis Center will have a toll free phone line, plus a variety of networking programs, and shelter development programs. We realize that this will take considerable time, but someone needs to start on it now.

The final part of our programming was the development of Specialized Gay Youth Funds. Initiated a year ago, these consist of our National Gay Youth Fund for AIDS Education, National Gay Youth Fund for Crisis Intervention, and the Texas Gay Youth Funds. A new memorial scholarship fund is also being looked into. These funds allow contributors to donate to a given subject matter or geographic area. Our plans are to also allow these funds to support qualified programs of other organizations as well as our own.

In an age where more and more homeless youth are identified as being Gay, even greater numbers of youth are committing suicide, and the numbers of young people that are HIV Positive increases, it becomes more and more important for our efforts to expand as well as continue. For more information, or to make a contribution (payable to "NGAYA" or "A New Tomorrow"), write to: NGAYA at P.O. Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426.

Networks Asked to Pull Nut & Honey Ad GLAAD Says

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has contacted the advertising departments at NBC, ABC and CBS, asking them to pull Kellogg's offensive ad for Nut & Honey Crunch cereal. The ad, in which a bunch of cowboys pull their guns on a wagon train cook who they think has called them "honey," is widely regarded as condoning anti-Gay violence. NBC agreed to meet with GLAAD in June to talk about the problem.

GLAAD brought the ad to the public's attention on its national radio program, Naming Names, in November of last year and again in March of this year. Another organization, the Coalition Against Media/Marketing Prejudice in Chicago

(CAMMP), met with Kellogg executives and organized protests at Kellogg's corporate offices in Michigan. "Initially Kellogg seemed somewhat receptive to CAMMP's efforts," says GLAAD media committee chair Stephen Miller, "but now the company has turned intransigent and, we understand, has cut off communication with CAMMP. It was time to take the problem directly to the networks and, as a New York based group, we were in a good position to do that."

Reportedly, the company pulled the ad for review at one point in response to viewer complaints, but decided it was not offensive or dangerous. Kellogg's has argued that the cowboys pull their guns because there is "nuttin" for breakfast

rather than because they have been called honey. "That's ludicrous," says Miller. "The honey pun is used a number of times throughout the ad."

Last week, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force released a study showing that reported incidents of anti-Gay violence increased 42% from 1986 to 1987. The study singles out Kellogg's commercial for trivializing, legitimizing and encouraging anti-Gay violence. According to GLAAD executive director Craig Davidson, "The NGLTF study and the brutal attack on two Gay men in Central Park in June underscore the danger of the Nut & Honey ad's message that any hint of affection between people of the same sex can appropriately be responded to with lethal violence."



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Should Everyone Get the HIV Antibody Test?

By Roger Gremminger, MD

The next few columns I wish to devote to some issues about HIV infection. With this column, I wish to discuss the issue of whether to get tested or not. And in a following article I wish to address what one can do for one's self and others, if the HIV test is positive. In these articles, I wish to clear up some misconceptions about HIV infection for which I believe science does have some answers. What must be remembered is that science does not always give precise, black and white answers which apply to all cases. But rather, the science is the result of data analysis which draws conclusions from statistics, averages, means, etc. Diseases always have variable expressions and factors which change those averages in individual cases. And indeed, there is much more to learn.

But let's get on with this discussion — "Should I get the HIV screening test?" Various patients have asked me this over the years and my response is still the same. "If you know the result of the test, how will it affect you? Will you live life differently? Will you change any behavior? Will it change your social life? How will you deal with the information for your benefit and the benefit of those you love?" These are the things you need to consider. But the choice is always yours. I cannot answer the question for you.

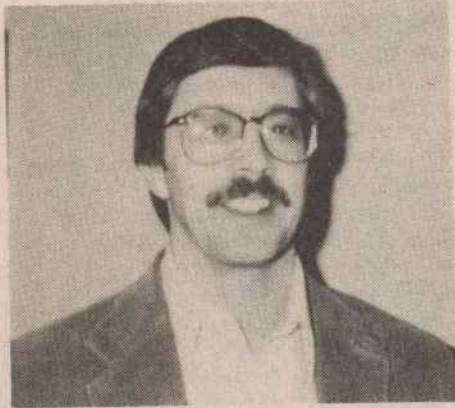
First, let us consider how one might live differently. The first and single most important aspect of living that comes to mind is sex. But actually in a sense, can anyone afford to practice anything but safer sex? The simple answer is no. But a deeper look says, "it depends." If you are single and dating and have not settled into a relationship, then one must always play safe and avoid the high risk behaviors. But if one is in a relationship, the picture is quite complicated.

If the relationship is new and just starting, it would be best to practice safer sex techniques in a strictly monogamous way for a certain period of time and then both be tested. Then, there will be some assuredness that the test results will be accurate to a degree. How long to wait for this test is a very good question and unfortunately we do not have a pat answer. Six months is probably the period of time when most people if infected would be positive. But some recent data from a new technique of testing not for antibody but for the virus' genetic material in human cells shows that a person can have the virus in his cells for perhaps up to three years before the test for antibodies will be positive. This appears to be very rare.

So let's suppose two men start a monogamous sexual relationship and wait six months and get tested? If both are negative, then most any sexual behavior that is enjoyed and does not injure or tear body tissues is okay between the two. Infections is quite unlikely to be transmitted. Any outside sexual activity must observe safer sex practices but, of course, this introduces some element of risk.

If one is positive and one is negative, then safer sex must always be practiced. In addition, the couple has to deal with that information in a loving, caring manner with each other or break off the sexual relationship.

If both are positive, is safer sex necessary? I feel the answer is no. There are at least two studies of ten to twenty patients each that indicate that a person is infected once and only once with a strain of the HIV virus. Once one is infected and has antibodies, one is resistant to infections with other strains of the virus. It is clear that there are various strains of the virus that can cause disease progression to be faster or slower (or possibly not at all — the answer is not known). Once infected, the virus can slowly change in one's body, either by small changes in its genetic material — mutation — or by a biological change in its ability to destroy body cells. A recent article showed that the virus can become more aggressive in attacking and destroying cells even when it does not mutate or change genetically. But patients who have had viral cultures done over a period of time have viruses grown in the lab with very small degrees of genetic change explainable by mutation and not by infection with another strain. There was only one patient with two strains farther apart genetically and that patient probably was infected at the same time or in rapid



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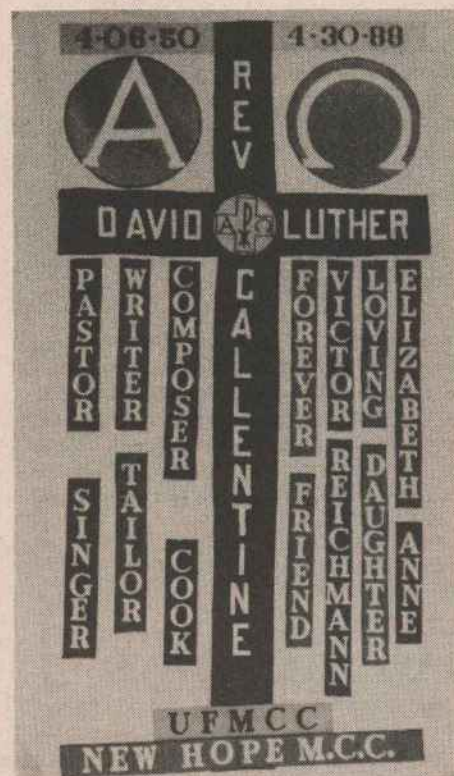
sequence with those two strains.

So what does this mean to our monogamous couple both with positive tests? Well, I conclude that they could practice any sexual behavior they like which does no physical harm. Cold viruses and stomach flu viruses will be shared regardless. It is always wise to exclude other long standing infections and appropriate tests should be done for all patients early in a relationship including possibly stool cultures for infections like amebiasis, giardiasis, and infectious bacteria. But once those are eliminated and two men have HIV infections only, they can do most anything. Well if they can, why can "single" HIV infected individuals do anything sexually as long as they have sex with only other HIV infected individuals? Why? Because of the risk of getting other infections which can cause a person to get sick faster and die faster, such as herpes, CMV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, etc.

I realize we spent a lot of time on just the question of HIV and sex. But what about all the other considerations? If you knew you were infected, would you take better care of your health, would you get under the care of a physician? Would it not be better to get the test voluntarily and anonymously, then to get yourself into a situation where the test is required, say for military service, for insurance purposes, or for surgery, etc? Then how would you deal with the result? Would you have a support system and would you work more diligently in maintaining a good support system? How would you deal with thoughts of death? How would you deal with getting good health care?

So our simple question "Should I get the HIV antibody test?" is really not so simple after all. And we have just barely begun to consider everything we need to. All I can say is I wish you well but please give it very serious thought and consideration.

Love, Roger.



Among the panels to be added to the Names Project Quilt this year will be one remembering Rev. David L. Callentine. By years end the quilt will consist of over 10,000 3'x6' panels, each commemorating an individual who has died of AIDS. The quilt is now touring 20 cities and will be on display at Chicago's Navy Pier from July 9-11. Viewing hours are 3-8 p.m. July 9; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. July 10 and 7 a.m.-6 p.m. July 11. For further information in Chicago call (312) 472-4460. The quilt will then move to Minneapolis where it will be displayed from July 15-17 at the Metrodome. For times or other information, call (612) 824-1567. The quilt will not be displayed in Wisconsin during the four month tour.

Eisenberg Will Streamline, Functionalize County Clerk Office

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Great Lakes Dragway. Somehow that doesn't surprise you at all.

Eisenberg wants the Lesbian/Gay vote so he is asked if he fears a possible homophobic backlash?

Without hesitation, he shakes his head vigorously and laughs out loud. He has, he says, been for so long in the forefront as an advocate for unpopular causes, for minority rights that worries about backlashes never enter his head. As far as Gays are concerned, he says, "I probably have more to do with you guys than anyone you'll interview. I have represented Gay clients in criminal cases, sex discrimination suits, everything. A significant portion of my office staff is Gay. In fact, there haven't been any years when I haven't had Gays working for me." And, he adds, "I presently have a client facing a jail sentence who has AIDS."

So, that out of the way, he wants to be County Clerk. Why?

Quickly he replies with his own question. "What has the incumbent (Zablocki) accomplished? He's accomplished a stamp collection," and that's about it. The only reason he's been elected, Eisenberg says, is because of "obvious confusion about his surname." (Referring to the late Congressman Zablocki to which the present County Clerk is no relation). "He's been denied merit increases (in his salary). He's provided no leadership of any kind" and, as a result, the office of County Clerk "doesn't function." "Do you know," he asks with obvious disgust, "that there is no state law which obligates a Constitutional Officeholder to work at the job to which he's elected?"

Eisenberg leans across the table, looking intently. "I want to make a functional governmental office out of it (County

Clerk). I want to streamline it, give more bang for the buck. For example, that office will have a 24 hour number that will answer all the time." He shakes his head. "I have never, never worked a 60 hour week. 80,90 hours, more. That's my style. That's me."

One can easily believe that and it is confirmed by other sources.

Eisenberg sees his campaign as having a two-pronged purpose. One is to educate the public about this very important office. As he says, "If I can draw appropriate interest and attention to this election — this exciting and important Office — which has been so badly neglected and ignored, I will serve Milwaukee County and Wisconsin well."

The second prong, of course, is to win. As part of this, he will conduct a hard driving campaign, for that is him. He has challenged the incumbent and the other contenders, not once, but six times, to a debate. So far, none have accepted his gauntlet.

The only cloud over all this and a question that had to be asked concerned the suspension of his law license by the Wisconsin Supreme Court which becomes effective August 1, 1988.

In answer, he says he is appealing "to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary" and then cites an article in the June 3, 1988 **Milwaukee Journal** headlined "Eisenberg Battles On." The article, bylined to Richard Jones and Ralph Olive, lists the four complaints which boil down to, as Eisenberg says, "that I tried too hard to help my clients. See what it says," he tells **Light**. "I think the public is sick of lawyers who won't try to fight for their clients. I'm a battler. That's me."

He leans forward, running his hand over the table in a gesture common to him. "Regardless of attacks, even my worst critics will not deny I'm a hard working, dedicated, competent leader. I will make others proud of the County Clerk's office. That's what I want to do."

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WORLD VIEWS AND OPINIONS

ENGLAND

By Poul Burke

Special to Wisconsin Light

The June 5 issue of the London **Sunday Telegraph** carried a somewhat lengthy article with large, bold headlines asking "Is there a Homosexual Conspiracy?" The reporter, Graham Turner, talked to opinion-formers throughout a cross section of British society and his findings, I think, are interesting.

For some, such as Oxford consultant, John Gallwey, there is no moral distinction between hetero and homosexuality. Gallwey is reported to have said that, "since education isn't going to shift young people's sexual orientation, schools should present homosexuality as an equal alternative", exactly as he does with his medical students. He further suggests that homosexuality might be taught "anytime after the age of 12."

For those of you in America who might think this a bit strange, the notion that homo and heterosexuality are morally equal is now, according to the paper, more widely accepted in the medical and media establishments than one might expect in Anglican high places.

According to Dr. Richard Smith, assistant editor of the **British Medical Journal**, "present orthodoxy is to regard it (homosexuality) as a variety of normality."

Similarly, in a recent statement, John Yates, chairman of the Church of England's Board of Social Responsibility and Bishop of Gloucester, stated that "while all sexual activity is tinged with sinfulness," morals in sexual matters "are more to do with relationships than specific acts" — and that "a homosexual act of intercourse performed with love is preferable to a heterosexual one performed with lust."

When it comes to TV, people I have talked with at the BBC say that there's nothing less than complete acceptance of homosexuality."

However, clerics such as Brandon Jackson, Provost of Bradford seem to be convinced that the changed climate towards homosexuals is the result of "a sustained propaganda campaign" by "a Gay lobby which operates in a cohesive way."

The advertising campaign to combat AIDS is one case which gives pause to those reluctant to entertain conspiracy theories. The **Telegraph** quotes on government minister as saying that "The AIDS campaign would indicate that the homosexuals are well established and have very powerful influence behind the scenes, because it (the AIDS campaign) was deliberately distorted so as not to offend them, to pretend that AIDS is a general problem, whereas the truth is that, in the Western World, it is essentially a homo-

sexual disease."

Turner, in his article, contends that the minister's suspicions are not ill-founded. Quoting another government minister who refused to be named, he writes, "What neither ministers nor senior officials knew at the time, was how entrenched homosexuals were in the upper reaches of the medical establishment." And it was they who "insisted" that the AIDS campaign "walk straight past the fact that there is a distinction to be drawn between homo- and heterosexuality, and establishes that they are equal in the eyes of man, the law and God."

The minister continued, "Gay comes first, you notice (in the campaign ads), and then a word, straight, for heterosexual which is right out of the homosexual vocabulary. We were all too naive or dull to spot it. We never properly brought into focus the fact that the vast majority of people suffering from the disease in this country are homosexuals — and so the 'Gay' lobby won the battle, game, set and match. Their supreme triumph came when our TV advertisements didn't mention homosexuality at all."

The principal AIDS organization in this country is the Terrence Higgins Trust with a budget supplied by the government of nearly two million dollars of your money. Turner quoted government ministers as saying that it is "the general belief in the cabinet" that the Trust is the homosexual lobby and directs the conspiracy and that one of its central aims is to proselytise on behalf of homosexuality.

In the Church of England, the Synod recently voted in favor of a motion that homosexual genital acts "fall short of the ideal," which, in the minds of many such as Brandon Jackson, is decidedly equivocal. The statement is, he opines, merely a temporary diversion on the road to total acceptance of homosexuality among the priesthood. In due course, homosexual marriage will come.

Turner concludes that "the homosexual lobby and its allies in the liberal establishment have achieved their first objective: to persuade much of the intelligentsia that homo- and heterosexuality are morally equal."

The famous conservative writer, Kingsley Amis says, "My own belief is that queers were better off when less was known about them. One of the great liberal fallacies is that hostility and prejudice come out of ignorance. To explain themselves does not make queers more attractive. There is a deep abhorrence which will never be reduced and which will, indeed, only be exacerbated by finding out more about them. They only fuel that abhorrence."

SINGAPORE

By Hashim

Special to Wisconsin Light

The Singaporean government is not taking strict action against the Gay community. The action is meant to prevent the spread of AIDS. Four people have died from the disease already and a few others are said to be carriers of the virus. The disease has caused quite a panic among the people. Many pamphlets and posters on safe sex and AIDS are posted everywhere. The panic had cooled down, but then one man died of AIDS and so the local people have been frightened again.

To stop the spread of the virus, the government is taking new tough action. No one knows whether this action will be successful. The first step the authorities are taking is to stop all Gays and transvestites from entering any bars, discos and night clubs. Those spotted and thought to be Gays are asked to leave immediately. The plain clothes police are on the prowl in all the bars and night clubs.

The second step the government is taking is to stop all men's fashion shows if the models wear skimpy briefs, as well as to stop macho shows at night. All these shows are treated as illegal and are prohibited now. Any establishment that runs these kinds of shows have their licenses confiscated.

The third step is for the police to prowl all the cruising areas such as Orchard Street and Scott Road. Patrol police are on the prowl every hour. So far the methods seem to be successful. Most of the cruising areas are very quiet now. Not a single Gay can be seen cruising around. Transvestites are gone too. According to the authorities,

transvestites are easy to spot compared to straight-acting Gays. Therefore, the government has difficulty tracking the latter.

Another step being taken is for those caught and suspected to be in the high risk group to be isolated and sent for blood tests. If found negative they are released with all their data taken and their files kept in a program in a computer. This group is the first to be screened for the virus if anything happens. No Gays in Singapore want to go through such an ordeal and suffer such humiliation among family and friends. Singaporean people are very conservative about their culture and traditions and most of all their "moral values". We respect the family more than any other thing. So, due to this, many cruising areas are deserted now. Perhaps this step might appear to be successful or it might turn out to make matters worse as many Gays may turn on to the wrong people.

It is very difficult for us to live in a country where Gays are not accepted.



THAILAND

By John Hubert, "Paz y Liberacion"
Exclusive to Wisconsin Light

Prem Tinsulanond, Prime Minister of Thailand, has been accused of being homosexual by his opponents in the Parliament of Thailand. He has been in office for eight years.

Opposition party leader Chalern Yubamrung claimed to have photographs and documentary evidence relating to what he called Prem's "peculiar behavior." He also said he would produce two young army officers to collaborate his claims at a parliamentary no-confidence debate, which had been scheduled for May 9, 1988.

Prem avoided the debate by dissolving Parliament and calling new general elections for July 9. The newly elected Parliament will then make recommendations to King Bhumibol Adulyadej who will appoint the Prime Minister, the head of government.

According to East/West Magazine of London, Prem's enjoyment of the company of young men has long been known in Bangkok. Thai Gays affectionately refer to him as "Aunt Prem." However, this is the first time it has been raised publicly by his opponents. Prem, 67, is generally acknow-

ledged to be the most popular and honest Prime Minister Thailand has had in many years.

Opposition leader Chalern, when called "a toad" by a Prem supporter, replied, "A toad is no different from a homosexual. Months of rain cannot smooth a toad's rough skin."

"Likewise, a homosexual is always a homosexual, no matter what position he holds and how long," said Chalern. He described an instance when he said a British cabinet minister had resigned when his homosexuality was revealed. He said anyone else with a similar position should be "man enough" to stand down.

Letters of encouragement and support can be sent to: Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond, Government House, Bangkok, Thailand.

As we go to press, word has been received from **Light's** correspondent in Bangkok that Premier Prem Tinsulanond's lover has been identified as Sot Chitriada, a 21 year-old Thai "flyweight" boxing champion. This information has also been published in **East/West** a magazine for Gay Asians written in Bangkok and published in London.

PUERTO RICO

By Dr. Jose Toro-Alfonso
Special to Wisconsin Light

Greetings to all readers of **Light!** with ideas from the Caribbean.

In my last column, I wrote to you about homophobia here in Puerto Rico. For this issue, I would like to make a few remarks on racism and prejudice we learn in our society.

It is evident that Gays and Lesbians have not been educated on the moon. We are educated fundamentally heterosexual families. It is here where, for the first time, we hear and see the comments and gestures directed against us. By one means or the other, we quickly learn to hide our most intimate sexual desires. Little by little we internalize the idea that homosexuality is not only, not correct or appropriate in any way, but that it is an intrinsic moral evil of the worst possible kind. This process is called "The internalization of homophobia" because, believing what we hear from our parents and friends, we direct the antipathy and disgust inward to ourselves.

Finally, when we, in Puerto Rico, try and move toward acceptance of our orientation that is made difficult and, for some, impossible because of the profound depth of internalization that has already happened. To a greater or less degree, we go through life trying to see ourselves as the lesser beings others have told us we are.

Puerto Ricans try very hard not to be "obvious" and not to be identified with other Gays or Lesbians and go to great lengths to avoid association with those who are really "us." We criticize the "drag queens" and the "leathermen" because they are "too loud" and we make excuses to ourselves by saying that it is not necessary to show off one's sexual orientation because, as we tell ourselves, "sexuality is a private thing."

Certainly, sexuality is a private matter and what happens between two consenting adults is no one's particular business. But, the reality is different. In Puerto Rico, as in many of the states of the United States, there exists no defense of privacy. For example, in 1987, the police entered the apartment of two Gay men in Georgia and arrested them for acts that are natural to us.

On the other hand, if it is not necessary to demonstrate sexuality, we ought to ask why all the media insist on showing off heterosexuality? **Everything** in TV commercials appeals to heterosexuality, generally through the exploitation of the bodies of women. Heterosexuality here in Puerto Rico is used to sell cars, beer, cigarettes and almost every other thing you can think of. It seems that the assumption is that heterosexuality is the only orientation that exists and thus, all other possibilities can be safely ignored.

The question that, I think, should be asked about "drag queens" and others who proudly and publically display their orientation reflects our taught attitudes toward "machismo" which, here in Puerto Rico is a very powerful concept. With machismo we have internalized the so-called "norm" of what it is to be a man and what it is to be a woman. For us to transcend this norm is for us here, the most

difficult thing.

To be a man or woman we have to teach ourselves, means much more than having a penis or a vagina. If that is all it were, then we are defined and limited by our genitals. The important thing for Gays and Lesbians to remember is that after the orgasm, no matter who it is with, we are a **person** and that is all that counts.

Here in Puerto Rico our invisibility or our capacity to pass as straights, is one of our major difficulties in the process of self-affirmation. Recently, a friend of color told me of all his difficulties as a person of color but had to admit that to be Gay presented greater difficulties. I had to agree with him. As a person of color here in Puerto Rico, he had, as he grew up, his family, community and church to validate him. For no Gay or Lesbian here is that the case. As young Gays or Lesbians few, very few of us, perhaps none, have parents who will help us. Because of the general invisibility of Gays and Lesbians, there are few, if any role models from whom we can gain perspective on ourselves and from whom we could learn that our capacity to love is not a crime.

To accept this situation without trying to strike back can and often does, lead to severe depression and hostility much of which is directed against ourselves. In Puerto Rico, many Gay and lesbian suicides are caused by this self-hatred that was brought on by our society. In other persons, this internalized homophobia prevents the establishment of long lasting, intimate relations. If one is to have intimate relationships with persons of the same sex, one must have a great capacity for self-affirmation and acceptance that is contrary to internalized homophobia and cultural machismo. For us who are Latins, it is necessary to constantly examine our attitudes toward ourselves and take ourselves through what is really detoxification. It is only after this that we can hope for happiness.

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Free HIV Tests
in Stevens Point

In cooperation with the Stevens Point Monday Night Dance Club Plus (MNDCP) and the management of the Platwood Club, Center Project, Inc. will be offering free HIV antibody testing with their mobile unit on Saturday, July 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at The Platwood Club, three miles west of Stevens Point on Rt. 10. Watch for "Private party" sign.

Group counseling sessions will occur at 12:00, 2:00 and 4:00 with individual counseling following each session — lasting two hours each.

All testing will be completed by 8:00 p.m. when the bar will open for regular business. The front bar will be operating during the entire time.

Dissent Within the Churches...

By Fr. James Arimond

Today, conservative men and women in most denominations, and especially within the Roman Catholic tradition, get all bent out of shape when they hear of "dissent" within their ranks. "Dissent" has become a nasty, dirty "seven-letter-word" for most of them. They see dissent as a personal attack upon them and all that they hold sacred! For them dissent is nothing more or less than a pulling apart of the very seams that hold together the fabric of civilization and correct reason (orthodoxy).

How sad and how profoundly mistaken they are!

Despite their personally inhibiting and narrow life style, human beings were never created by the Creator to be a Guernsey dairy herd. We are not dumb animals plodding one behind the other just waiting to be fed, exercised and milked from the cradle to the grave! "Dissent" is God's gift. It comes with the ability to reason and the gift of free will. It is a necessary instrument of the truly human person and it is also necessary for spiritual growth.

Dissent is a normal part of church life and always has been. (The Acts of the Apostles is filled with debate after debate as the young church tried to open itself to the workings of the Spirit.) It is by means of dissent that new ideas are formulated and new charisms are recognized.

What we must remember, however, is that dissent is dissent! It is not the "norm"! It therefore cannot be "automatic" or the regular response that a

person makes to any and all authority. It cannot be a policy or method out of which we always operate. If it becomes that, then it is called anarchy and is non-productive in the long run.

The Gays/Lesbians who are protesting at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York; the priests who are promoting and fighting for women's ordination; the Gay/Lesbian writers who are advocating sacramental unions; and all the rest, are not outside the Church! They are as much a part of the Church as was St. Paul, (The great dissenter), St. Francis, Martin Luther, St. John Neuman, St. Aelred, St. Clare, St. Teresa of Avila, and thousands of other great hero's and heroines of the faith who went before us. They are Christians and/or Catholics in good standing.

The Holy Spirit has always confused the established church and this is as it should be because we have learned and we preach that "God's ways are not our ways; God's thoughts are not our thoughts"! We will always be confused by the Spirit as She calls us to new vistas of God's love. The Spirit challenges us, pushes us, blows our minds, forces us to go beyond ourselves. It is only those who think that they are God who will be sure that there is nothing "new" out there for them to learn!

God, as the perfect lover, wants to surprise us at every moment in our life with new and wonderful gifts and revelations. With closed eyes we miss it all!

—Shalom... Fr. James

Ministry Brings Exciting Challenges to Lay-Pastor

Wisconsin Light would like to welcome a new columnist to its pages. For his "first time out", he has written a brief introduction and will, in future, be addressing various religious questions from the Gay/Lesbian perspective. He invites all who have questions to write to him.

Wisconsin Light encourages all religious points of view. Please feel free to write.

By Jay A. Clark

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Wisconsin Light for the invitation to write this column. I wish to inform the readers, that the views in this column may not be the views of the Wisconsin Light. But then, you can't please everyone all the time, however I promise to give you something to think about each month, good or bad.

Remember, with God before us who can be against us... So now, let us begin what I hope to become a long lasting friendship.

I was brought up in a small northwest suburban area of Chicago along the Ill./Wis. border. My childhood background in religion was predominantly Methodist and Catholic until the age of 13. At that time I joined a Baptist church and began a period of study and training in God's word. From there I attended an Evangelical church and began my practical experience as a lay-Pastor ministering to patients in nursing homes.

I broke all ties with the body of Christ when I was seventeen for about a 2 year period, but eventually returned to Christ, this time joining a Charismatic church. I soon felt touched by the spirit of God and became 'born again.' But I disagreed with some of the church structural beliefs and felt they excluded the quiet members of the body of Christ. I feel all forms of worship to

Christ are acceptable and equal.

When I look back at the 2 year period in which I separated from God, I can see why he allowed me to go. He had to show me that he still loved me even when everyone else said he could not, because I was gay. Because God created me and loves me for who and what I am, I have made this my mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to his beloved Gay and non-Gay children.

Now at age 22, I know God is not finished with me yet and every day brings new and exciting challenges. I know the Lord loves me and has blessed me with a spouse who is also a friend and the other half of my soul. In the Lord, we two are one. Barry and I accept the challenge of ministry and thank God for working in our lives.

Are you puzzled about being Christian and Gay?

1. Can I be a Christian and Gay? YES!
2. Is homosexuality A SIN? NO!
3. What did Jesus say about being Gay? NOTHING!
4. Did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of homosexuality? NO! And can you find out why He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah in Ezekiel. (See Ezekiel 16:48-50).
5. Does God accept my Homosexuality? YES! (Promiscuity) NO!
6. Is AIDS the wrath of God? NO!
7. If I give my life to Christ, do I have to give up my sexuality? NO!
8. Why am I Gay? — God created you as a Gay person and Loves you as you are!

If you agree, disagree or just want to find out more, let God's spirit lead you to write. Saving Grace Tabernacle, P.O. Box 837, Antioch, IL 60002-0837.

May the God of Israel protect us and lead us in Victory until Christ's return!

Minneapolis Dignity Hosts Regional Conference September 2-4

The Minneapolis chapter of Dignity, Dignity Twin Cities, an organization for Catholic Gays and Lesbians, will be hosting the Dignity Region VI Conference this coming Labor Day weekend, September 2-4, 1988. The Conference will be held at the Ritz Minneapolis hotel which is conveniently located near many fine stores, restaurants and bars in downtown Minneapolis.

The Conference will feature a series of workshops dealing with topics of great interest to the entire community. Saturday's events will open with a keynote address by Katherine A. McLaughlin, CSJ, speaking on the theme of "Moving Forward in Freedom." The keynote speech will be followed by three workshops of the participant's choice. On Saturday evening,

there will be a "special" Liturgy followed by a poolside dinner and disco dance.

Sunday's schedule starts with a lunch that will include an additional keynote address by Gordon Gandy, a former Benedictine Monk and priest and current president of Dignity Twin Cities. Gandy's topic will be "Mutual Empowerment." Sunday afternoon will include another workshop followed by a closing ritual.

The cost of the entire Conference is only \$48.50 if you register by July 23. This includes Saturday evening's dinner and dance and Sunday's lunch. If you would like to skip the Sunday lunch, the cost is only \$35.00.

For those interested in registration forms, please write Dignity Twin Cities, P.O. Box 3565, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church Takes Word of God Seriously

By C. Alan

If someone talks about New Hope, Metropolitan Community Church, you may hear it called the "Gay church". Well, that's a misnomer — we are not a Gay church. We are a Christian church dedicated to Jesus Christ's message of love for all people. We do have a special ministry to the Gay community, affirming and supporting same-sex couples who desire to commit themselves to each other. We do not believe scripture condemns Gay people for being Gay. We also ordain into the ministry of the Gospel people who are openly Gay who also show evidence of being gifted by the Holy Spirit with the abilities necessary to serve as pastors. No other denomination has this complete ministry to the Gay community, but we are not a Gay church.

New Hope, M.C.C., does not limit its ministry to Gay people. We have a ministry to people PERIOD. Gays are not the only people who need God's word of challenge and comfort. New Hope stands as a bright light in a dark world for all people to find their way back to God. Because of our special ministry to the Gay community, we have also been equipped to minister to other people — heterosexual people — who have been hurt by the church and the world.

Heterosexuals who have gone through a divorce and find condemnation in their own congregation, can find at New Hope a church that will love and support them. New Hope has the mission of pointing people to the God who heals and forgives and restores.

There are heterosexual parents of Gay and Lesbian children who may find neither support nor understanding from their congregations. These parents may have problems with guilt and self-recrimination. New Hope has a word of comfort and strength for these parents.

There are parents who children have AIDS or who have died from AIDS. They may not find the support they need in their own congregations. New Hope offers these parents and their children a place for healing and reconciliation. New Hope offers parents strength and consolation in the Gospel of Christ — if their children die.

There are heterosexuals whose support of the Gay community may have brought upon themselves condemnation and ridicule from their pastors. New Hope welcomes these brothers and sisters to help build a community of love that breaks down false barriers.

Beyond this, we have a concern for the world's hungry, for ending racism and apartheid, for stamping out sexism and ageism. New Hope has a message of hope to the Gay community: "You are dearly loved by God in Christ! In Christ you can learn to live a life based on hope and love. You have a purpose and mission in the

Weakland Says Moral Responsibility Varies With Each Situation

By Sue Burke

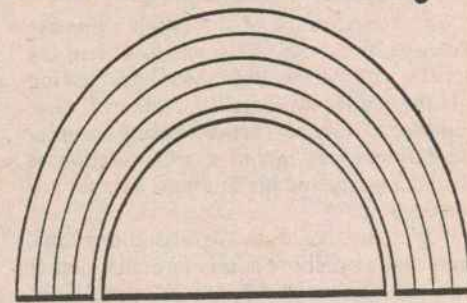
Adolescents who become sexually involved with adults may in many cases have minimal or no moral responsibility for the situation, but in general, youth have some moral responsibility for sexual activity freely consented to.

Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland described those ideas as some of Catholic moral teaching in a June 23 column in the Catholic Herald newspaper. He was clarifying remarks he made in a column on May 26 on pedophilia and the clergy.

He said the Adult and Family Ministry and Catholic Social Services will begin a new project to help victims of pedophilia deal with anger and guilt.

Weakland had also met with members of the Milwaukee Common Council Task Force on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence on June 8, and shared the follow-up column with members before its publication.

Terry Perry, coordinator of the Task Force, said, "We believe he is very concerned about this issue in both the church and the community-at-large and we expect to continue working with the Archdiocese to develop its own abuse counseling project. Both the task force and the Archbishop have learned through this positive experience."



NEW HOPE

Metropolitan Community Church

world! You are a child of God."

New Hope also has a word of challenge to the Gay community: "We are not all that we can and should be. We sometimes build walls between ourselves and the heterosexual community, even shunning straights who love and support us. We need to be about building bridges, not walls. We must help foster a community where the quality of one's character truly counts and where one's sexual orientation is of no account. We sin against our brothers and sisters when we idolize physical beauty and youth to the extent that we do. There must be a place in our community for those who are not as beautiful and no longer young, but whose spirits are gentle and loving, whose beauty is truly deeper than skin."

New Hope, M.C.C., is not a Gay church. We take the Word of God seriously and heed the Gospel's call to repentance and faith. We do not attempt to compromise the teachings of Jesus to suit our Gay community and members. Instead, we lift the challenging lifestyle of Jesus Christ before our entire community — Gay and straight, young and old, and seek to draw all people to the Savior. New Hope, M.C.C. is a Christian church with a special ministry to Gays. If you need this ministry, come join us on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church (2319 East Kenwood), across from the UWM Student Union. Expect to be loved, comforted and challenged.

New Hope, M.C.C., at its most recent congregational meeting on Friday, June 17, established the development of an aggressive stewardship program that will help our members learn the biblically-based reasons for generous Christian sharing of all of our gifts. We hope this will establish the necessary financial base needed to pay a pastor a decent wage. Until that time, we continue to be served by clergy within the congregation and supportive clergy outside the congregation.

New Hope, M.C.C., continues to worship every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd., across from the UWM Student Union. All are welcome.

Weakland Says Moral Responsibility Varies With Each Situation

The task force and others had been concerned that Weakland's earlier remarks would place additional guilt on youths who are sexually abused.

In May, Weakland had written, "We must not imply that the abuser is not guilty of serious crime, but we could easily give a false impression that any adolescent who becomes sexually involved with an older person does so without any degree of personal responsibility. But each case is different, we must remember."

In his follow-up column, Weakland wrote, "I write as a Catholic bishop, from a Catholic perspective, in a Catholic paper. In that Catholic tradition we make a distinction between legal and moral responsibility."

"We know that Catholic morality is not always mirrored in law, more often it is stricter, even though we wish to be a part of the debate that seeks to keep our laws based on sound moral principles."

He said that while abortion is legal and pornography is not always banned, neither is morally permissible for Catholics. He said that in the earlier column he was speaking about adolescents, not children, and said that adults are responsible and priests are even more responsible for their actions.

But, he said, moral responsibility can be

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Flamingos and Raiders Vie for Championship July 16

By Jerry Warzyn, Sports Editor

The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) of Milwaukee Competitive Division may determine its championship team on Saturday, July 16. This Division, consisting of three teams, determined not to have playoffs to select the team to represent the SSBL in the Gay softball World Series to be held in August in Dallas, Texas. As of this date two teams, Your Place Flamingo's and Raiders, are effectively tied in the standings. Your Place has a record of 9 wins and 1 loss, while the Raiders have a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. The teams have played each other twice, with each team taking home a win.

Saturday, July 16, the two teams will meet for the final time this season. The SSBL League Committee at its recent

Bike Rides Planned Throughout Summer

All Gay Bikers are welcome to join the Network's busy summer schedule. On July 10th, a "naughty park" ride will make a round-trip from Estabrook to Underwood; time is 1:00 p.m., mileage is twenty five. On July 16th the groups leave Lake Park Pavillion at 11:00 a.m. for a fifty-mile ride to Port Washington's Fish Days. We'll drive to Madison for a bike ride around Lake Monona prior to the MAGIC picnic on July 23rd.

The GBN's major camping event of the biking season will be held in Door County the weekend of July 29-31. Both moderate and advanced routes have been selected. A planning meeting will be held the evening of July 26th. Call Jim H. at (Milw.) 332-8049.

The first weekend in August will see some GBN'ers on SAAGBRAW — and some joining the Madison Outing Club for a camping weekend on Wood County's Yellow River. A biking houseparty is planned for August 19-21. For further information on any Gay Bicycling Network activities — or to volunteer as a trip coordinator, please call Bob Moore at (Milw.) 963-9833.

Madison Bike Ride Planned for July 16

Madison— There will be a Summer informal bike ride on Saturday, July 16 in Madison. The ride will begin at the Washington Hotel, 636 W. Washington, Madison at 11:00 a.m. and will go to Goodland Park for a picnic.

Anyone in any shape will be able to make this leisurely ride. It is on bike paths for half the trip, cuts through South Town mall and takes backroads to Lake Waubesa. A van will follow to assist with any problems.

Those not wishing to bike, can meet the riders at Goodland Park at 1:00 p.m. for the picnic.

For further information, contact Ken Chraca at (608) 257-8580.

Beer Garden First in Chicago Tournament

The Beer Garden women's team from Milwaukee captured the first place trophy in the first annual MSA Women's 11 Inch Softball Tournament held in Chicago over the July 4th weekend. Metropolitan Sports Association of Chicago sponsored this tournament for women's teams only. Eight teams from Chicago and Milwaukee participated. The Beer Garden entered the championship round undefeated. After suffering a loss to the Chicago Women & Children First team, they bounced back to take the championship trophy. Following the tournament, a barbecue was held at His & Hers for all participating teams. Also playing in the tournament was the Flaming O's from Your Place in Milwaukee.

Social Volleyball Continues in July

Milwaukee GAMMA continues its social volleyball play in July on Thursdays, July 14, 21, a & 28 at UWM's Englemann Gym (Hartford at Maryland) at 8:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 for GAMMA members and \$3.00 for non-members. Players of all skills are invited to participate. GAMMA volleyball "pro's" are always willing to assist new members in the requisite skills.

meeting, determined to have three umpires for this important game. The game will be played at the upper diamond at Mitchell Park, located just behind the Domes, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

In other action, the Beer Garden appears to be the team to beat in the women's division. In the Recreation Division, La Cage and M&M Club are running neck and neck to determine a champion to represent Milwaukee in the newly formed recreational tournament to be held in conjunction with the Gay World Series in Dallas. Playoffs will be held July 30 and August 6 to determine the team to represent SSBL in the Women's World Series and Recreational Tournament.

Volleyball Planned For MAGIC Picnic

Teams from across the country will participate in the annual Midwest Invitational Volleyball Tournament to be held in Madison, July 22-24. The tournament is held in conjunction with the annual MAGIC Picnic held in Madison's Brittingham Park on Saturday, July 23. Volleyball play will be held throughout the weekend at a Madison facility. Teams from Milwaukee and Madison will participate in the tournament.

APLOGIES TO CHICAGO SIDETRACK

In last month's issue a misprint resulted in my labeling a scrappy team from Chicago Sidetrack as a "crappy" team. This team won the 9th annual Milwaukee Classic softball tournament. My apologies to the fine members of this team as well as their fans who may have not caught this error.

Saturday Softball Beer League Standings

[As of July 4, 1988]

Women's Division	Wins	Losses
Beer Garden	5-5	
Fannies	2-6	
Flaming O's	2-7	
Station II	2-8	
Recreation Division		
La Cage	8-3	
M&M	8-3	
Club 219	5-5	
Wreck Room Spurs	5-6	
Cream City Foundation	0-10	
Competitive Division		
Your Place	9-1	
Raiders	8-2	
Ballgame	6-4	

SSBL July Schedule

July 9	Diamond 1
11:00	Flaming-o's vs Ballgame
12:15	Ballgame vs. Your Place
1:00	M&M's vs Your Place
2:45	Cream City vs Fannies
4:00	Fannies vs Wreck Room
July 16	Diamond 2
11:00	M & M's vs Beer Garden
12:15	M & M's vs Club 219
1:00	Club 219 vs. Raiders
2:45	Club 219 vs. Raiders
4:00	Cream City vs Raiders
July 16	Diamond 1
11:00	Cream City vs La Cage
12:15	Club 219 vs Cream City
1:30	Beer Garden vs. La Cage
2:45	Fannies vs Flaming-o's
4:00	Fannies vs Station II
July 16	Diamond 2
11:00	M & M's vs Club 219
12:15	Raiders vs Ballgame
1:30	Your Place vs Raiders
2:45	Wreck Room vs Your Place
4:00	Flaming-o's vs Beer Garden
July 23	Diamond 1
11:00	Raiders vs Station II
12:15	Station II vs La Cage
1:30	M & M's vs Wreck Room
2:45	Your Place vs Fannies
4:00	Ballgame vs Your Place
July 23	Diamond 2
11:00	Cream City vs Flaming-o's
12:15	Flaming-o's vs Wreck Room
2:45	La Cage vs Club 219

Northern Wisconsin Is Far From the "Middle of Nowhere"

By Jerry Koeller

Yes, there is life above Portage, even though most of the "Golden Crescent" i.e., La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Appleton and Green Bay areas don't actually believe that the rest of us are part of Wisconsin. In fact, in Chicago, they think we are a part of Canada!

You may wonder why I should worry about perceptions like this? Who cares what others think, right? Well, it does matter, not just to me, but to the rest of the Gay and Lesbian community of the north.

For years, any event taking place up here has been a non-event and little, if any, space in Gay publications has been given to us. But we're out to change that by making a bit more noise, if you'll let us.

The governors who gave us the Gay Rights legislation were from Stevens Point and Wausau. Part of Tony Earl's loss was to support of us. Assemblyman John Robinson, now mayor of Wausau helped to get the privacy and anti-discrimination laws passed for AIDS testing and PWA's as chairman of the Assembly's Health and Human Services committee. And, in the same capacity, he helped to get funding for alternative testing sites and now has been in the forefront of funding for county AIDS support and information units.

What strikes me as strange is that it takes someone from the "middle of nowhere" to push such issues.

I'm not playing down the major efforts of those in the south who have been able to get support groups going, but let's face it, Central Wisconsin's group covers an area larger than Rhode Island and Delaware. There are three county boards, four city councils, plus village and township boards, not to mention school districts, all of which want to have a hand in when federal, state and local funds are spent.

With this size comes unique problems, the most difficult of which is that of reaching those in need of three things: 1) education, 2) help, 3) support.

There are, as of now, only three places that can be used for contact education. 1. The Gay People's Union of Stevens Point, 2. Wausau's R-Bar, 3. Monday Night Dance Club Plus of Stevens Point. The Central Wisconsin AIDS Support Group must recruit in these areas and try and educate the same way. But, we have a problem unique to rural areas, wayside sex, where we can't really talk to the people involved. Many rural Gays are so deeply in the closet that just to get them into an STD Clinic would take a small army.

I know it's not an easy task anywhere, but I guess I just wanted to let other people know we are trying our best and ask for any

help and support that you can give us.

Perhaps next time, I'll try and be a bit lighter and tell you about the nightlife in the north. 'Till then, the best of luck and play it safe.

Oh yes, if anyone would like to tell me of an event to include here or of some group or person who has been part of the Life North of Portage, contact, J.F. Koeller, Rt. Box 219, Hamburg, WI 54438-9632.

Weakland

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of varying degrees. "I am sure that in almost all cases, when the abuser is a priest, a parent, or the like, and when it is a first experience, the victim is truly a victim and, therefore, the moral responsibility, if any, is minimal.

"Getting out of such a situation also seems almost impossible because of the special relationship and the victim's fears," Weakland said.

"In any case, we should not as a society send out a false message to our youth, because there are some cases where, as cited above, moral responsibility can be minimal, it should not be implied that youth are not, in general, morally responsible for sexual activity freely consented to, regardless of the age of the partner," he wrote.

He said the new Archdiocese project for victims is needed. "Even in those cases where it seems evident that the moral responsibility of the abused child or adolescent was reduced to zero, the victim often still knows that the act done to him or her was in itself wrong, or at least is full of lingering doubts.

"In fact, playing on that moral question is often the way the abuser keeps the victim from reporting the act. Because of this, anger and guilt often remain embedded in the psyche long after the victim has been totally vindicated legally.

"Too often in the past the victim received no help in working this out. Sometimes, too, priests were insensitive in the confessional and reinforced the guilt feeling rather than assuring the victim of the love of an understanding God."

Weakland said each day brings more knowledge about sexual abuse, and he welcomed amicable debate on the issue.

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SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

By Jamakaya

In June, I had the opportunity to co-facilitate a forum on abusive relationships among Lesbians for the Ourspace discussion series at the Counseling Center. More than 50 women showed up to listen and learn and share their experiences.

My involvement in the issue of Lesbian battering dates back to 1980 when another woman and I, both recovering from physically and emotionally abusive relationships, worked with the Task Force on Battered Women to set up a support group for women in similar situations. It was called Safespace and was one of the first groups of its kind in the country.

The six of us met for eight weeks and discussed the feelings of anger, confusion, fear and shame that resulted from our unhealthy relationships. We explored issues of power and control, dependency, possessiveness, chemical abuse and survival, and agonized over the question of why we stayed in such relationships as long as we did. I think the group was beneficial for each of us. It certainly helped me to regain a sense of emotional equilibrium after a truly mind-bending experience.

When we organized that first group, virtually everyone we approached said "it was about time" such a group existed. Many shared stories of women friends who were involved in violent and abusive relationships. Everyone seemed to recognize the problem existed, but few women came forward to seek support or assistance. It was hard getting the first group together and, unfortunately, no Safespace groups have met again in subsequent years.

The Task Force on Battered Women is most willing to sponsor another Safespace group, but Lesbians must come forward to assert the need for it and to help set it up. Hopefully, the Ourspace discussion will stimulate renewed dialogue and encourage abused Lesbians — as well as abusers — to seek help. They can call Jean at the Task Force at 466-1660 (Milw.).

I'd like to express one reservation about the Ourspace forum which I arrived at afterward. As facilitators, we decided not to impose our own definition of abuse on the group or claim to be "experts" on the issue. We hoped for an open discussion, free of heavy handed direction, in which all women's views would be heard in a safe and respectful environment. Noble as it sounds, it may have been a mistake, because the first 45 minutes were spent arriving at a commonly understood definition of the rather nebulous phrase "abusive relationship."

In retrospect, I wish the program had been titled "Lesbian Battering," a term of much greater precision. Safespace was a group for battered Lesbians: women verbally, emotionally, physically or sexually abused by their partners. The central dynamic in all our relationships was a manipulative abuse of power by one partner over the other, resulting in ongoing fear and physical injury. The phrase "abusive relationship" blurs these issues of power and battering and almost implies a mutual responsibility for abusive behavior. My worst fears were realized when one participant used the old cliché "It takes two to tango..." to rationalize abusive relationships.

Another statement made that night which I've heard many therapists and New Agers use is "No one can oppress you without your consent." Right. Tell that to the millions of blacks in South Africa. Tell that to the homeless people wandering the streets of America. Tell that to a rape victim or an elderly woman without food or medical coverage. Under that logic, the millions of victims of the Nazis, the Stalinist purges and the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia were complicit in their own destruction.

Such a statement denies the reality of evil and power in our world and the enormous capacity of groups and individuals to monopolize resources and institutionalize and maintain power over others. It is historically fallacious and politically irresponsible because it shifts accountability for oppression to the oppressed and, essentially, blames the victim. It is an especially dangerous and regressive comment coming from feminists, whose great contribution to modern liberal thought has been our critique of hierarchy and power relations within society.

I suspect the phrase has gained greater usage in recent years with the emergence of "co-dependency" as a popular psychological concept. The broader applications of this theory are very disturbing however.



Doreen Riley

Jamakaya

We must certainly encourage individuals to empower themselves to resist dependency and oppression. But we must always be aware that because oppression is power-based and often systemic, victims, through no fault of their own, may truly be unable to overcome their circumstances.

I would like to see less blaming the victim and more exhortations to individual and collective resistance on the part of our community. In the words of Frederick Douglass, "Power concedes nothing without a demand."

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The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is taking place August 10-14th. As the founder of the new chapter of Wisconsin Indoor Women, dedicated to exploring the adventures of the indoors (we're into controlled environments!) I won't be attending the outdoor event. I'd like to encourage any women who are going to write up a summary for the September issue of the *Light*. Call Terry or Jerry at 372-2773 (Milw.) if you can help...

Finally, I'll be in Boston in late July for the Second International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum. I will be representing the Women's Alternative Health Clinic and will be reporting for the *Light* and the *Hag Rag*. I'd like to thank the Brady East Clinic for its contribution of the conference fee and air fare and all my sisters for their additional support. It should be interesting and informative and fun, and I'll write about it next month.

Monitor Promotes Homophobia

According to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Inc. (GLAAD), there is more bad news from the religious bigots of the *Christian Science Monitor* who have claimed for years that they publish an objective and highly respected national newspaper.

Six years ago Christine Madsen, a Lesbian working for the *Monitor* was fired because of her sexual orientation. She sued for her job and lost.

Not satisfied, on March 3, 1988, the *Monitor* ran a lengthy front page article titled "Finding Pathways out of Homosexuality," by reporter Owen Thomas. The article was about the work of a number of church-based groups that try to "help Gays and Bi-sexuals go straight." These "ministries" claim to have "helped multiple thousands," although no actual statistics were presented.

While the article did allow for a brief statement from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the majority of citations were from those claiming homosexuality is reversible (including Masters and Johnson). The article ends with one grateful "ex-Gay" saying "Now I have hope."

GLAAD notes that it would like to see the day when the *Monitor* gives front page coverage to the civil rights struggles of the millions of Gays and Lesbians who are quite happy with the way they are, or an article on efforts to eradicate life-destroying homophobia. And how about covering Gay Christian Science groups?

Now these same folks are about to launch a syndicated half-hour television news program to air weeknights around the country. *Monitor NewsWorld* will premiere this September.

GLAAD advocates loudly telling the *Monitor* that employment discrimination and bias disguised as journalism will not be tolerated, in print or over the air. Write to John H. Hoagland Jr., Manager, Christian Science Publishing Society, One Norway Street, Boston, MA 02115 or call 1-800-225-7090.

Also write Daniel Wilson, Executive Producer, *Monitor NewsWorld*, at the same address.

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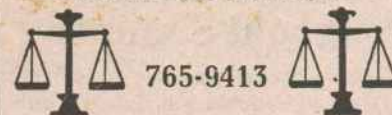
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Cream City Business Association Considers New Identity, Purpose

In what the president of the organization described as "a very difficult and painful decision reached only after several hours of discussion and debate, the Board of Milwaukee's Cream City Business Association (CCBA) in a courageous and far-seeing act, decided to suspend membership activities until Fall, 1988. The suspension includes mainly the CCBA monthly newsletter and the monthly dinner meetings.

The action was announced to the membership in a letter signed by the president and dated June 28.

In a phone conversation with *Light*, the president discussed some of the reasons why the decision was reached as well as the projected and hoped for outcomes.

He made clear that the decision to suspend had nothing to do with finances. "In no way are we dead or dying," he added. Instead, it is a pause for the organization to see where it is and where it wants to go with as much opinion from the membership as possible.

According to the president, the Board felt "uncomfortable with the membership not responding as had once been the case." He said that "Things had not blossomed."

Attendance at monthly meetings was far down and, according to other sources, the annual CCBA awards such as the 1988 Hall of Fame inductions, Plaudits and Cream City bricks for retiring Board members had not been given out.

As always when an organization reaches this pass, there are many reasons. But one of the reasons for this is that the evolving makeup of the group since its founding had resulted in a vagueness of identity and hence, purpose. This, in turn, resulted in the fact that many members of CCBA do not know what the organization does or is supposed to do.

In the beginning, CCBA had been purely an organization for Gay/Lesbian business-

people. Later, he said, it had expanded to include professionals. Now, "more than one half of the membership is composed of professionals and/or people in business but not owners of businesses. "The membership has changed and that changes our thrust," he said.

While nothing is set yet, one suggestion to meet this new complexion had been to change the name of the group to reflect professionals. Another has been to look at alternate programming to meet the needs of both groups.

The president said that the Board was also looking at expenses involved in being a member. "We're hearing two stories," he said. "One is that we need to be less expensive and the other is that some members make an adequate plus living. We have to consider both sides."

To meet the challenge of forming new directions and to receive as much membership opinion as possible, a questionnaire will be mailed out on July 12 to all current members. It will be due back on August 1, the results compiled and sent to the membership.

According to the president, a separate questionnaire is being prepared to be sent to past members. If you do not receive one, please write CCBA, P.O. Box 92614, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

In another move, the Board would like to "sit down" with all the Gay/Lesbian organizations of Milwaukee to see if duplicate services can be eliminated.

The president had the highest praise for the current Board, calling them "super-dooper" and "a bunch of hardworking, dedicated people." With this "energy", CCBA will begin in the Fall with a new and exciting purpose, a renewed spirit and a vitality that will bode nothing but good for our community.

Chris Klein Celebrates Birthday

Say it isn't so! Well, at least, even if she does admit it, she certainly doesn't look it, not 32. 21 maybe. 18, even, but not 32. Oh well, it happens to all of us and we don't remember how. So it has to be Chris Klein but, unlike most of us, she's celebrating with a party and since it's Chris, her party's for others.

To get to specifics, Chris's party is Saturday, July 23, 1988 at Jet's Place, 1753 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. **And You Are Invited.**

The show begins at 10:30 — and what a show! With Chris as emcee, a cavalcade of performers will join in the celebration. They will include Jungle Red, "Baby" Jane Hudson, Miss Jamie, David Rogers, Jay, Karen Valentine and Mandi McCall.

In addition, there will be special guest appearances by Rose, Stacy, Jenny, Donker, Cheryl, "Sandy" and "Church Lady."

There will be a cover charge of \$2.00 but all monies go to benefit Direct Patient Support for People Living with AIDS —



Chris Klein

Milwaukee AIDS Project.

So it will be "GOOD TIMES" — in fact, that's the name of the show — and you can be sure that that's what you'll have. Be sure to be there. It's a don't miss occasion — so don't miss it!

The Light LIVELY ARTS

1600 People Expected for Madison's MAGIC Picnic Events July 23

By Geno

Flamingo croquet, a stage show, inner tube racing on the lake, a scavenger hunt, "drag" races, and a dunk tank are just a few of the many diversions planned by David Runyon, chairman of Madison's Magic Picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 23. This annual event takes place in Brittingham Park at the corner of W. Washington and Park Street on Lake Monona, the perfect setting for the gala outing.

This year, Runyon has put an extra effort into "Matinee Mainstream Madness," a stage show featuring live entertainment to be presented between 2 and 4 in the afternoon. The performance will include magic acts, poets, dancers, and several Gay and Lesbian singing groups. The Madison Gay Men's Chorale has been invited, and several Madison women's groups will appear. They are Womonsong, The Raging Hormones, The Fairy Tones, and Sappha. Milwaukee's original Fest City Singers will present a program of songs and dances including "Hey, Look at Us Now!" "Magic Music," and "Boom Ditty Boom!" under the musical direction of Bim Florek.

An admission charge of \$5 entitles each person attending to unlimited beer and soft drinks plus a picnic meal to be served between 3 and 5 o'clock. Last year 1300 attended the picnic and this year Runyon and his staff began food planning early in May for an expected attendance of 1600. Michael's Frozen Custard, a Gay group, will offer their homemade refreshments, and other booths will sell everything from tee shirts to rummage. Some groups will set up booths to publicize their activities.

Although the Magic Picnic is officially set to begin at noon, the first event of the

day, a jog around Lake Monona, has been scheduled for 8 a.m. to avoid the heat of later in the day. The flexible schedule of events for the rest of the day has been planned as follows:

- 1:00-2:45 — Scavenger Hunt
- 2:00-4:00 — Matinee Mainstream Madness — stage show with all live entertainment
- 2:00-5:00 — Continuous food service
- 4:00 — "Drag" Races (Egg catch, balloon toss, high heel races)
- 5:00 — Jello and chocolate pudding wrestling
- 5:30 — Tug of War (losing team gets pulled through the chocolate pudding and Jello)
- Dancing

But other events will be going on concurrently during most of the day (I said it was a flexible schedule). Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournaments will be played on two courts, and hoops for Flamingo Croquet will be set up on the lawn. Ping Pong tables will also be available, while those wanting to cool off have the options of Inner Tube Races on Lake Monona or taking a turn in the Dunk Tank. Remember the carnival game of Ring the Bell by pounding on a board with a huge hammer? One of those will be there to test your strength. A Jail will incarcerate those who will then need to be bailed out. And much, much more, according to Dave Runyon.

All monies raised during the Magic Picnic will be used for various beneficial purposes. Among the recipients of funds will be the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), Madison Gay Youth, and The Gay/Lesbian Resource Center which will use the money to continue to build its library holdings.

National Museum of Women in the Arts Showcases State Exhibits

By Mary Shafer

In April of 1987, a great stride was made for women artists the world over. After years of planning and preparation, founder Wilhelmina Cole Holladay realized her life's dream of creating the National Museum of Women in the Arts, (NMWA), the only organization of its kind in the world.

Located at Thirteenth Street and New York Avenue in Washington, D.C. the museum is housed in a wonderful neo-classical building, which was donated by a major corporation, as were most of the funds used to build the museum's permanent collection, and those used to renovate the museum's interior.

Although my own personal feeling is that the museum is run by a Board of Directors who overwhelmingly represent the upper echelon of the financial strata in this country, they are performing a service to the women whose art has been too long ignored by the vast majority of art historians through the ages.

The permanent collection consists of the works of artists such as Mary Cassatt (the only American-born artist who was ever allowed to exhibit with the exclusive Paris Salon, and subsequently, the Impressionist group, during the turn of the century), Georgia O'Keeffe (a native of Wisconsin's Sun Prairie); Lilla Cabot Perry (whose "Lady With a Bowl of Violets" is the museum's signature work); and other lesser-known women artists.

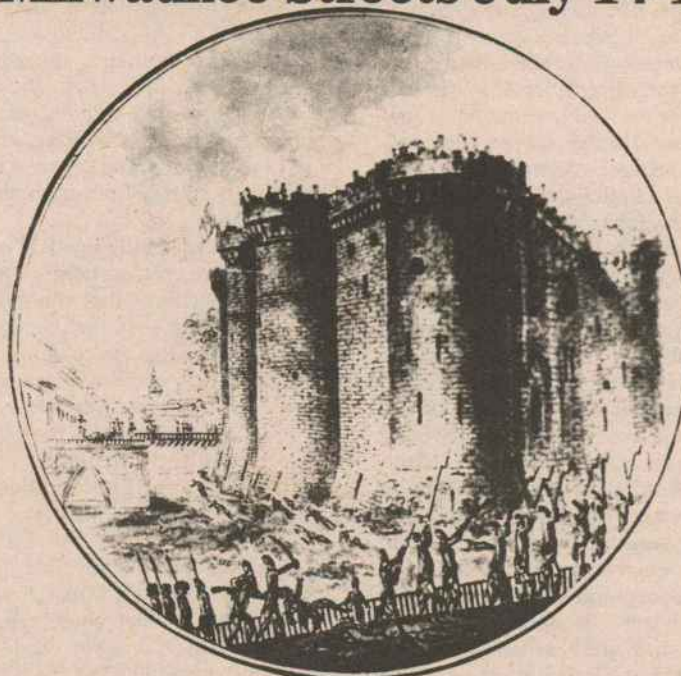
Courses are offered through the museum's Education Department, giving us all, especially young girls and women who, until now, have never had a chance to find out about their rich legacy as artists, a chance to discover our roots and our heritage as creators of visual art. For instance, this fall a thirteen-week course titled, "From Fontana to Frankenthaler,"

an overview of Western art history, is being offered. Examining German Expressionism as well as the Frency Royal Academy and other movements and institutions along with Western art, this course will analyze the specific relationship of these movements to the education and development of women artists.

NMWA also has a State Gallery, which exhibits shows put together of artists practicing (or who have practiced) in certain states of the union, and displays them as a whole group: September 13 through October 31 of this year brings the Colorado exhibit, while Texas takes the spotlight from December 1 through March 1 of next year. Spring and summer of 1989 will bring shows of North Carolina, Washington state, and Upstate New York. Some of these shows coincide with major celebrations such as a state's centennial (as in the case of Washington), and some end up with one or several of the works exhibited being donated to the museum's permanent collection. Many times, these exhibitions also involve the oratory arts, such as storytelling, song, or any of the performing arts, in their openings, and fundraising dinners.

As with any major museum, there are travelling exhibits that change frequently, which cover contemporary women artists as well as those from the past. June 21 saw the opening of "Washington Nevermore: Cityscapes by Lily Spandorf." This show features watercolors of important historical buildings of the area, some of which have been demolished since the paintings were made, accentuating the importance of art as historical documentation. Concurrent with the exhibition is the publishing of a book by the same title, which the museum will sell throughout the run of the exhibit. At the show's opening and for the duration

La Kermesse de la Bastille Spills Into Milwaukee Streets July 14-17



July 14, 1789- A view of the Bastille prior to its destruction.

Milwaukee- Call it Quatorze Juillet, or La Kermesse de la Bastille, or simply Bastille Days, the annual event is back again this year, French and more varied, than ever, according to Gene Harrison, Executive Director of Bastille Days. This celebration of French Independence Day begins on the 14th of July and extends through Sunday the 17th. The event is centered on Jefferson Street between Wisconsin and Kilbourn Avenues, and it includes all of Cathedral Square.

The entertainment presented on several stages includes the following groups.

- Lo Jai, a traditional French music group from the Linousin district of France;
- Helene and Jean Francois, an accordion and singing duo from Nantes;
- Louisiana Red Hot Band, directed by C. J. Chenier who has succeeded his well known father Clifton Chenier who died within the past year;
- Paradise Cafe, a group who sing Blue Grass, folk and western music; two members are from Paris, though Beth Mattson is originally from Milwaukee.

Of course the food is another big attraction, and as usual the Pfister will be serving its famous frog legs; and if the

Beer Town Badgers Hold Fourth Milwaukee Run July 29-31

Milwaukee's Beer Town Badgers are planning their fourth annual run, Bier Stein Four. It will be held at the club's home bar, the Bootcamp Saloon on July 29, 30, 31, and is planned to coincide with German Fest.

As Mike Mahoney told *Light*, the run is a Mid-West gathering with clubs such as The Tribe attending from Detroit (Detroit has 9 clubs out of the Detroit Eagle Mahoney said), The Grand Rapids Rivermen from Grand Rapids, The Cossacks, Second City and Rodeo Riders from Chicago, The Blackguards from Minneapolis as well as clubs from Missouri, Tennessee and possibly Canada. Also included will be Milwaukee's own Castaways and Oberons.

Mahoney said that, on occasion, the run has attracted representatives from as far away as Denver, Las Vega and points west. These are often former Milwaukeeans who combine a visit home with the fun of the run. Mahoney aid that last year between 80 and 90 representatives attended and a similar number is expected this year. "It's sort of like old home week," he said.

After registration at the Boot Camp on Friday, July 29, there will be food and beer at the Boot Camp followed by an after hours private party for all participants. This is a cocktail party and throughout the run, clubs take turns in being sponsors.

Saturday's events include the Stein Stymie quiz. This, Mahoney said, is a

snails can be obtained, *escargot* will also be on the menu. Several groups representing French cheeses and other foods will be represented, but the food offering will also have an international flavor since Chinese, Japanese, and Indian restaurants are located within the area.

Milwaukee's French community will have a centrally located tent where imported products will be sold, and the booth also serves as an information center with brochures and pamphlets on all things *French*, as Gertrude Stein liked to write it.

Several athletic events are also slated. A 5K run will take place beginning at 10 in the evening of the opening day when it is cooler. Demonstrations of the game of La Crosse will be held in Cathedral Square on the mornings of Friday and Saturday. One team will be made up of players from Marquette and Notre Dame Universities and the other team will be manned by members of the Onedia Indian tribe.

The festivities will begin at 6 P.M. on Thursday the 14th and will close at midnight on the 17th. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the activities begin at 10 in the morning.

Bon chance!

series of questions about the Summerfest grounds the answers to which can be gathered while run participants are visiting German Fest as guests of the Badgers.

What kind of questions? Mahoney chuckled. "Oh, things like who has the longest hotdog, things like that."

Afterward, everyone returns to the Bootcamp and the large tent that is set up in the lot next door. There will be a parade of Colors where each club presents its badge and insignia. Then, a sit-down dinner — all German food in keeping with the theme of the run and with German Fest.

The dinner is followed by the show. "It's absolutely ridiculous," Mahoney said through a chuckle. "The Badgers wear outrageous costumes." He laughed, saying he hoped no one would be there with a video camera but conceded that "There are always pictures."

On Sunday, awards are given out. There are Appreciation Awards for sponsorship of a cocktail party, an award for winning the Stein Stymie contest and first and second place Participation Awards for the club that has come the farthest with the most members present.

"It's great fun," Mahoney said, "People getting to meet each other and enjoying themselves."

Light congratulates the Badgers on their fourth annual run and wishes them all success.

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Thirteenth Michigan Womyn's Festival Set in the Woods Aug. 10-14

By Jamakaya

The Thirteenth Michigan Womyn's Music Festival will take place August 10-14th on 650 acres of wooded land near Hart, Michigan. Thousands of women are expected at the outdoor event, a cultural festival billed as "a gathering of mothers and daughters."

Acts appearing on the Main Stage Thursday through Sunday nights include Diedre McCalla, the Linda Tillery Band, the Topp Twins, Toshi Reagon, DEUCE, Alix Dobkin, Teresa Trull, the Lillian Allen Band, and Edwina Lee Tyler & A Piece of the World.

Mary Gemini, Hunter Davis, the Stafford Street Sisters, Ann Reed, June Millington, Ruth Pelham, the Washington Sisters and Milwaukee's own Kitty Barber are featured on the Day Stage, and Kay Gardner, Panopticon, the Crowsfeet Dance Collection, the Maxine Howard Gospel Choir and many others are scheduled to perform as well.

Hundreds of workshops will be offered on such diverse topics as "Art and Social Change," "Applied Healing With Song and Sound," "Lesbian Passion," "Anti-Racism," "Developing Musicianship on Your Instrument," "Ritualmaking" and "Redirecting Aggression With Tai Chi Chuan." The Festival provides unlimited networking opportunities for international women, musicians, healers, older and disabled women, writers, artists, women of color and others. A Craft Bazaar, a Media Tent, Midnite Movies, Open Mike sessions, quilting bees, and sports events, including the annual Lois Lane Run, are also planned.

During its five day run, the Festival becomes a veritable women's colony or Lesbian nation of activity, designed, staffed and populated entirely by women.

(There are restrictions on male children.) The Festival Kitchen provides daily meals and snacks, a Shuttle Service offers rides to and from campsites, a Health-care tent provides first aid and childcare is available. Special campsites for the chemically-free, women over 40, women of color, families with kids, disabled women and for those choosing "quiet," "loud" and "rowdy" living spaces are offered.

The word most often used by women who attend the Michigan Festival is "intense." For many, the experience of communal living under the stars with thousands of like-minded sisters has a transforming, regenerative effect. Many speak of the profound sense of bonding and the deeply spiritual influence the gathering has on them.

In the words of the Festival's organizers: "What we create here together is a community village that continually reflects a female spirit — in the music, the art, the dance, the crafts, the costumes, the humor and the caring with which we live together. The experience of that for most of us is unique in our lives, and the empowerment that comes from living in a matriarchal spirit and in such unconditional safety is something tangible we take home with us."

The deadline for advance tickets to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is July 30th. Tickets, which cover camping, meals and all entertainment and workshops, ranged from \$130-\$150 for a full five day pass to \$35-\$85 for a one or two day pass. Limited scholarships are available for income women. For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to W.W.T.M.C., Box 22, Walhalla, Michigan 49458, or call (616) 757-4766. People's Bookstore at 1808 N. Farwell Avenue in Milwaukee has brochures available.

Alternative, Triangle, Short Circuit Bars Open in Milwaukee

The Cream City boasts three new bars. Well, I should say two brand new ones and one that's taking on a new face and new ways. Let's start with the newcomers.

The Alternative, located at 1100 S. First opens on July 7 — I guess I should say, "opened" because I'm writing this on July 2. Anyhow, Jerry and I paid a quick visit, a preview of a coming attraction, as it were.

Mike and Pete, the owners are proud and justly so. The outside may still be ragged, but as Mike says, "Don't judge a book by its cover." Once inside, you know what he's talking about. They've gutted the historic Walker's Point building and turned it into an elegant emporium of Art Deco complete with neon lights, glowing glass blocks and all in soft shades of purple, pink, turquoise and green.

According to Mike, the bar is what the name is. "It is Milwaukee's other choice. It's someplace different." It's a place where women and men will go for cocktails, ice cream drinks, daquiries, go for dancing or the shows like Mike once put together for the Ballgame and now will do for the Alternative. Alternative will be (is) open 7 days a week at 3:00 p.m.

The Short Circuit at 2209 W. National is more of your neighborhood bar, a place, dare I say it, "Where everyone knows your name." Tastefully decorated, it has a feature I love, tanks of tropical fish. Somehow, when an aquarium is well done as they are at Short Circuit, they are not only beautiful but so peaceful and serene. Certainly a novel and nice touch to the bar.

Always an attractive asset to any bar are, shall we say, "comely" bartenders and Short Circuit has its share. Friendly and efficient they indeed are, but a feast for the eyes as well. The night Jerry and I were there, a sultry Summer's eve, there was one in tight little shorts with a dernier cri of a derriere that made you want to die and be reincarnated as his bicycle seat.

The Short Circuit Lounge is open everyday at 10:00 a.m. with Friday and Saturday nights as "Surprise Nights." No, I won't tell. Go see for yourself.

It used to be called "DK's" and was a women's bar. But, owner Al Thomas, decided that business considerations required a change to a men's bar — and while he was at it, change a lot else as well.

The new name is the "Triangle" chosen

because Al likes the sound of it and because of triangles association with Gay history. Outside and in, there are pink triangles symbolizing the new name and for the Grand Opening Al will be handing out Pink Triangle pins.

The night Jerry and I were there, Al talked enthusiastically of other innovations to be forthcoming. I could do nothing but admire (gape at) his taste in pictures of veritable hunks that grace the walls and there will be more. There will be male strip shows and more and more and more. The Triangle is certainly worth a visit or two or three or...

And talk about bartenders who are dernier cri! Todd is one gorgedus young man, a harbinger of ones to come according to Al, and if the prospect we met that night is any indication, ooh la la.

Jerry and I spent a splendid evening at the Triangle not too long ago. It was good talk, good drinks, a genuine all around delightful time, one of those that could never be planned but just happen. Al, thanks muchly.

Al told us he wants to hire a troupe of hot young studs as dancers for strip shows. They're to be called "The Triangle Boys" and should be Scott Madsen types, supple youthful bodies simmering with sensuality. So, if you're interested and you have a muscular physique rippling with masculine sexuality, try out. The pay is certainly good. Al told us that on one night a dancer earned himself \$75.00 in tips doing six songs.

See the quilt By Bus July 10

Would you like to see the Names Quilt in Chicago? Now is your chance, Sunday, July 10. The Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee has announced a chartered bus trip to the Names Quilt Project at Navy Pier in Chicago. The round trip cost is \$15.00. The bus will be leaving from the Cream City Foundation (CCF) building at 225 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, at 10:30 a.m. and it will return to Milwaukee at 6:30 p.m.

For details call the Milwaukee Committee at (414) 933-6931 or 962-5181.

Cream City Chorus Successfully Presents "Dinner With Gershwin"



Jerry Johnson

Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus presented their first annual spring concert to the delight of hundreds.

Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus (CCC) presented their first annual spring concert on June 25 at Centennial Hall in the downtown Milwaukee County Public Library.

Entitled, "Dinner with Gershwin", the Chorus under the direction of Scott Stewart offered a "menu" of everything from an "appetizer" to a "dessert" of melodies to some 300 in the audience.

An especially nice touch, flowers on a table dressed in white linen, as it were, was the narration provided by the rich voice of Bruce Bennett. Bennett set the mood before every selection, gave some interesting background and, in general provided a connecting link between one musical piece and another.

The concert began with the 25 singers dressed in black and white chanting a fascinating piece called, "Geographical Fugue." It was every writer's dream, conveying, as it does, music via the spoken word alone. This was followed by the bright and lively "Song of the Soul" which began with a stately old Presbyterian hymn and included a sprightly chorus that had feet tapping with the strong temptation to sing along.

At intermission, there was provided a graciously presented buffet of hors d'oeuvres and champagne with opportunity for the assembled guests to mingle.

The second half of the concert saw the CCC in 20's costumes to catch the silken ennuï (why they ever called the decade "roaring" is beyond me) of the 20's and of Gershwin's music, as subtle, nebulous and

undulating as smoke from a cigarette.

A certain favorite with the audience was "Boy Wanted" sung by Scott Sowelles, Mr. Gay Wisconsin. Sowelles' winsome performance conveyed the spirit of the piece, a young man hunting via a personal ad, for that "someone special", but he somehow did not seem sure of his music and one missed the strength needed to get the song across.

Much more satisfying was John Scaduto singing "Slap that Bass." Scaduto had the volume that spoke with authority.

Throughout the second half of the concert, the chorus seemed unable to rise above the plateau that they had achieved during the first part. What seemed to be lacking was a certain "oomph", an Ethel Merman voice that would have pulled the chorus with it as it belted the music out into and around the audience. They needed the strength, the pizzazz, and it wasn't there.

While the choreography seemed technically well done, there seemed to be a mechanical quality to it, a stiffness, that might have been accounted for by the restricted stage space available.

Finally, several comments heard afterward indicated that the selections were too homogeneous, that there was a need for a great variety, that, as one person said, for example, three Gershwin love songs in a row were too much.

The encore number, "That's What Friends Are For", sent the audience out into the evening with a warm feeling and an anticipation of the CCC's next performance.



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TRAVEL

Great Restaurants and Hotels to Seek Out in Northern Wisconsin

By Bob Melig

Last time I talked about the Bars of Wisconsin. As summer is upon us, I'd like to say something about the restaurants and hotels you might consider as you travel about the state. As in all things, budget makes a difference, I'll try to discuss inexpensive, moderate and expensive — you choose those you'd like to try.

I've got four favorite restaurants in the state outside Milwaukee. The Port Inn in Port Washington, Eve's in Green Bay, the Empire Suites Hotel Restaurant also in Green Bay and Christies in the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Some hotels can have good food — these do. All of these are expensive, but all have exceptional food and great service.

My nomination for worst, but with exceptional ambience is "The Restaurant" in the Sentry world headquarters at Steven's Point. It recently changed to an Italian Restaurant, but that hasn't changed the quality of the food — its still not any great shakes. When you are in Steven's Point travel a few blocks to the cozy and far better Hot Fish Shop. The name is an injustice since the food and service are so good.

Let's take a trip up Hwy. 41, 43 and 51 since that's the way most of us will be driving north over the summer.



HWY 41:

If you leave in the early AM, you'll want to stop for breakfast somewhere around Fond du Lac. On 175 just south of FDL is the Travelers Motel — good food at low cost and your own pot of coffee. Just a little south is Bublitz's, a mite bit more expensive but, nice breakfasts. At noon they feature homemade soups and house specials. It's run by a family and they treat everyone very well.

In the city of FDL its Petriy's — very good and modest lunch prices.

Pass everything else and head right to Oshkosh if you can hold out that long. Oshkosh probably has more very good restaurants than any small city in Wisconsin. Try Robbins first, just north of town across from Howard Johnsons. It's the best and most consistent around. Nearby and on the west side of the highway is Trio's. It's a Chicago Style Stainless Steel and Neon place that features ribs at night and a self serve, make it yourself, eat all you want Sandwich bar at noon. If you want to drive downtown, try the Grannery — great soups, luncheon specials and the best Tenderloin Sandwich I have ever eaten. Avoid Butch's Anchor Inn, except for the drinks at cocktail hour and, then only because the boys who work there are cute. Late at night and next door, the Wine-makers has some members of the chorus there. The Pioneer Inn, again downtown, is expensive but good — however, more reputation than it deserves. Summertime, it has a showboat that serves dinner and paddle wheels out on the lake.

Try the moderate Holiday Inn at Appleton for an overnight. It was built as a luxury hotel that never opened. Holiday took it over and thus it's one of the best Holiday Inns in the country — certainly the best in Wisconsin. It features a full health club free to guests with pool, pretty good lounge and up and down food. Never eat breakfast there — Perkins and Country Kitchen are down the road.

If you go further, my best recommendation is the Empire Suites at Green Bay. The cost per room also includes free drinks from 4 to 7 in the Lounge and a free made to order breakfast in the AM. The food there is outstanding and the rooms are pure luxury — New Orleans style. Somewhat less expensive is the Holiday Inn next door, a substantial building — good food with some of the few male waiters in this

part of the world (a little snooty though — they all read *Wisconsin Light*, should I be afraid to go back?)

For other accommodations on 41 or anywhere else in the state, I recommend Best Westerns to keep the price down and you'll

get a free made to order breakfast at most of them. Even less expensive and with all new motels are the Super 8's. Comfort Inns too are inexpensive and have Continental Breakfasts. On a real tight budget there are plenty of Budgetells, Excell Inns or 1940's motels everywhere in the state.

HWY 43:

The Port Inn for lunch or dinner is the best within a short distance. Avoid Smith Bros. with a passion. At Sheboygan nothing beats Rupp's downtown. The American club has atmosphere but food is just OK — can't say I've ever had a really good meal there ever. Do tour the hotel. It is super well done with imported woods and crystal. Also do the design center and shops in Kohler while your there. Richards in Sheboygan Falls 2 miles away has good food at modest prices. Stop by and see Gordie at Sherlock's Home downtown especially if you're there late at night.

A little further north in Manitowoc the restaurant in the Holiday Inn is OK, but expensive and very slow. The hotel is brand new and well decorated, you might want to spend a moderate night there. The best eating is at the Maritime Inn on the lake. Moderate, but exceptional food in a cozy setting. For night life, its Wednesday night at Studio 8 — fifties and sixties music and plenty of single men who drink a lot and stay out late — enough said? Just down the street is another disco — a converted bank — also great fun.

In Two Rivers it's the Lighthouse Inn on the lake. A magnificent view of huge white rocks holding back slamming waves and the full expanse of Lake Michigan to the far horizon. Lunches are reasonable and the food is good — service is somewhat slow. Down the street at cocktail hour is Kurtz's. They serve on paper plates so forget lunch, but they have 100 beers to choose from, or go out of town to Rivers Bend.

On to Green Bay again. Eve's is on the top floor of an office building with a beautiful view of the city — its just off downtown and has plenty of parking. It's very popular so reservations are suggested. Good food and very well served — Eve is usually in attendance overseeing everything.

Also try the Stratosphere Lounge of Rivers Bend for equally good food without paying two arms and a leg.

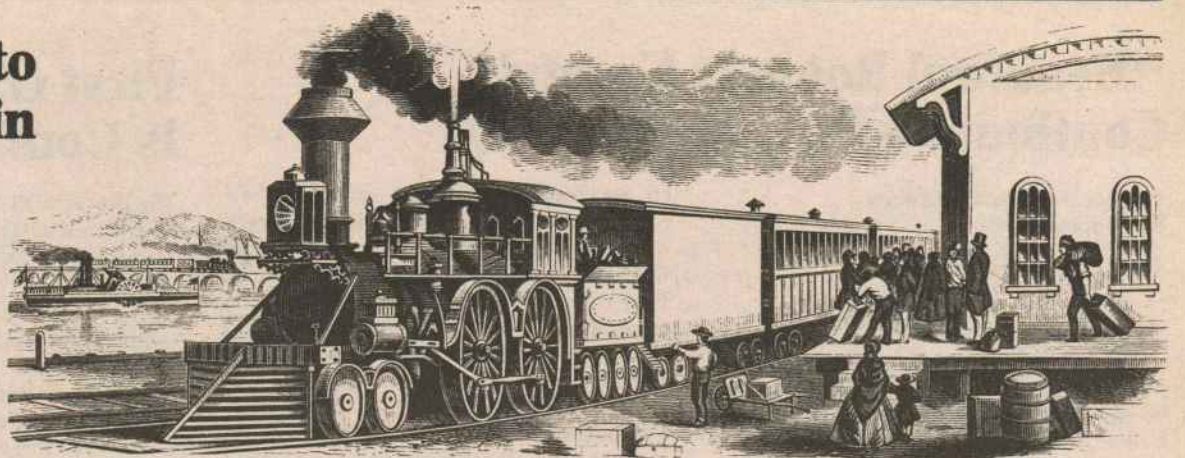
HWY 51:

Eat at your favorite place in Madison or go all the way to Steven's Point, only a truck stop at 78 and 94 offers any hope of any kind of a meal inbetween. The truck stop has homemade soups and huge portions, with clean rest rooms, a store and plenty of phones. A good place to get out and stretch.

In Steven's Point the only place to stay is the Holiday Inn. Live music everynight in its lounge and a good cocktail hour. Its the convention center for all Central Wisconsin, so a lot of lonely conventioners stop for a drink at night. If you like Mesquite cooked steaks combined with the huge salad bar for dinner (I personally hate mesquite, so I stopped eating there), always go to Perkins down the street for breakfast.

Forget Wausau for food, stay at the Super 8 or Excel and avoid the Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson or Midway. My best advice is to bring a bag lunch, but don't forget the "R" Bar, the friendliest in the state. Merril, 30 minutes north does not have accommodations but just as you leave 51 at 64 one of the best little restaurants is located next to the Winbrenner show store outlet — try it you'll like it, or go downtown to the Lincoln Hotel, it's good and you know as you go north the prices go down and the portions go up.

Hope this little tour is helpful, we of course haven't covered all the good Mom and Pop places available in each town, but these are some of the more popular places that are good or which you should avoid. Good Traveling, my friends.



Chicago's Ann Sather's Restaurant Famous for Swedish Delights

By The Gay Gourmet

While one is in Chicago, one makes certain to visit Ann Sather's Restaurant, the gay-oriented dining classic at 929 W. Belmont (Phone: 1-312-348-2378). A visit during Chicago Gay Pride Week was doubly obligatory since this landmark recently came under new management and one wanted to be sure that the Ann Sather traditions were being maintained.

Not to worry.

The Swedish-American cuisine of its founder is as taste-tempting as ever, and as always, as soon as one has been seated, a serving person will bring a plateful of the famous cinnamon buns and Scandinavian breads to one's table. There are for munching with coffee while one scans the menu — and because Ann Sather's menu is so varied, it invites leisurely scanning. The many entrees alone invite deliberation, and heading the list is the Swedish Sampler (includes duck breast with lingonberry glaze, Swedish meatballs, potato sausage, dumpling, sauerkraut, applesauce and brown beans), a magnificent feast at \$8.95 which also includes "Starters," "On the Side" and "Sweet Endings," plus beverage. This is the highest price on the menu — all other entrees like Swedish Sirloin of Beef Steak, Chicken, Chops, and a variety of sea food dishes are within a \$6.50 to \$7.95 price range. There are daily specials, too (e.g., Chicken Tetrazzini, Stuffed Cabbage, Smoked Tongue), all the fixings included.

Perhaps this is the time to explain "Starters" and the other terms. "Starters" are appetizers: Choose one such as Chilled Swedish Fruit Soup, other homemade soups, pickled herring, juices, salads, sherbet float, etc. "On the Side" offers a variety of potatoes, wild rice, beans, veggies and other side dishes —

choose any two. And "Sweet Endings" tempt the palate with homemade fruit or cream pies, sundaes, puddings, Angel Cake and the like. So it's really the Swedish version of "Pick one from Column A and pick two from column B." By the way, at our last visit the dessert of the day was Boysenberry Cobbler a la mode baked in its own pipkin. Scrumptious!

Light eaters may choose to omit the "Starter" or "Sweet Ending" and \$1.25 is deducted from one's bill. Of course, there are sandwiches and salads and a la carte offerings, too. The sandwiches served on homemade Swedish Limpa Bread or a choice of a half dozen other breads and Swedish potato salad are truly a meal in themselves.

When we asked our waitress if we could meet Ann Sather, she pointed to a personable young man, "That's Ann Sather," she giggled. Yes, Thomas M. Tunney is the new Ann Sather, affable and helpful if one would like directions to this or that shop, or where to go to order a Gay Pride float.

Ann Sather offers full party and catering service by professional, caring people, and many community events are held there: the benefit auction during Gay Pride was conducted there and the Gay/Lesbian Press Association and the Leathermen had their luncheon receptions there. Another Ann Sather has been added at 5207 N. Clark and will merit a visit at some future time.

Finally, a word about the clientele. With its crystal chandeliers and Old Chicago look, Ann Sather's is like a theatre, and the diners provide the color, the action, the dramatic interest. And the waiters and waitresses have a certain flair of their own, too. One must go back soon!

Historical Buildings Featured in Current Museum Show in D.C.

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of its display, a 30 minute film about Spandorf and her work to preserve Washington's recent architectural history will be shown. This show runs through August 28.

Reflecting diverse aspects of women's art, the museum also presents some rather unorthodox exhibits, such as the recent "Scents of Time," a show inspired by Diana Vreeland's exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The purpose of this show was to reflect how fragrance images have mirrored societal changes throughout history, much the way Vreeland's fashion and costume art reflected stylistic trends. With the fairly recent acceptance of quilting and other folk art as legitimate art, this kind of show has become not only acceptable, but almost trendy.

One of the nicest things about being a charter member of the museum is getting their quarterly newsletter, which is well-designed and produced, and really informative of what is going on at the museum. It really makes me feel a part of what is happening in my own time, and that is a good feeling.

The newsletter carries information on all current and upcoming exhibits, a wish listed for needed and desired acquisitions for the museum (most frequently books), committee updates and staff changes and additions, new programs (such as the recently instituted Travel Program), a full-page biographical essay on a chosen artist, and, of course, a shop-by-mail section for museum souvenirs and memor-

abilia.

For all its informative value, the one thing I find disturbing about the newsletter is its tendency toward elitism and cliquishness, its tone being somewhat "chatty" in conversation, sounding much like what one would expect to hear at a "ladies luncheon," or some other equally uncomfortable function. However, even in the face of this downfall, the newsletter is still very worthwhile and is a connection to a very exciting occurrence in our own time.

I highly recommend any woman who considers herself either an artist or an art appreciator to join the Museum as a supporting member. It costs \$20 a year, but considering the value of feeling part of such a worthwhile endeavor, and that you're kept up-to-date on happenings, I feel it is a worthy investment in the recognition of women as legitimate artists now and in the future. I see it as being able to lay just one brick in the wall of fortification against the ever-present tides that threaten to wash our contributions to history down the drain of oblivion. The opportunity to lay just that one brick makes me feel significant, effective and positive. It fuels my strength as a woman, and my inspiration as an artist.

For more information about the Museum or about joining, contact: Ann Imelde-Radice, Director, The National Museum of Women in the Arts, 1250 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005-3920. The phone is 202-783-5000.

BOOKS

“Beautiful Room Is Empty” Continues a Boy’s Own Story

The Beautiful Room Is Empty
By Edmund White
Alfred A. Knopf, 1988
228 pp., \$17.95

By Geno

The critics have generally been lukewarm toward Edmund White's latest novel, *The Beautiful Room Is Empty*. This lack of intensity contrasts with the high praise for White's earlier semi-autobiography, *A Boy's Own Story*. Such a shift in critical reception is quite surprising since *The Beautiful Room* is a continuation of the boy's own story, and both tell their stories well.

A comparison of the two books shows, first of all, an almost 180-degree turn in the boy's attitude towards his Gay sexual orientation. In the earlier work, the unnamed lad looks upon his sexual awakening as a liberation, an exhilarating discovery. But in this second novel, the teenager, still unnamed, is shown going through his 'Guilt Period,' a traumatic time that is not helped by the zany, pill-popping, alcoholic analyst to whom his parents have sent him. Dr. O'Reilly promises to change the young man into a happy heterosexual, with the result that the adolescent sees himself as sick and "saddled with a terrible disease." Much of the novel is dominated by this depressing mind set, yet though he believes he wants to be "cured," he spends much of his time in lavatory stalls, studying Chinese grammar while awaiting his next hurried sexual encounter.

Here lies the major conflict of the story — a strongly induced sense of guilt in conflict with an obsessive sexual craving which is never resolved. About halfway through his story, our anti-hero (let's call him E.W.) takes to heart the advice of a graduate student of psychotherapy, himself a homosexual, who explains: "But people don't really change. It's useless to try. It's more a question of adjusting, of learning to play the hand you've been dealt." These kind of words mark a partial turning point in E.W.'s attitude, and he finally breaks away from Dr. O'Reilly who himself has a breakdown and ends up in a mental hospital.

Unfortunately, E.W. falls in love with Sean, a young man who is experiencing his own Guilt Period, and in spite of their

strong feelings for one another, their romantic interlude ends and E.W. is back where he began — in a group therapy workshop playing the game of Games People Play. This stubborn insistence upon going straight is a real drag (you should excuse the expression!), and E.W.'s lack of self-esteem makes him a rather tiresome leading character.

White has announced his intention to chronicle typical attitudes and experiences of the period in which his novel is set, the 50's and 60's, an era that seems distant from today's perspective. The belief that homosexuality is "a terrible disease" has been abandoned by the American Psychiatric Association, and in the present era of AIDS, the promiscuity of Fire Island, the 63rd Street "Y", and the bohemian life is seen in a different, if sometimes nostalgic, light. Still, White presents a true picture of the time frame he has chosen — the Beatniks, the discos, Noel Coward and Mabel Mercer, Greenwich Village, and police raids. It's the pervasive sense of guilt and lack of self-worth that is a downer, true though it may be to White's concept of the spirit of the 50's and 60's.

There are lighter moments. When E.W. confesses to Maria, a non-conformist painter, that he is Gay, she laughingly admits that she, too, prefers her own sex despite her many male lovers. She becomes a surrogate mother to E.W. and later she writes from Chicago; "Last week I met a fabulous dyke named Maeve at the Volley Ball who likes like Anthony Quinn and who's bombarded me with champagne and kilos of chocolates. Thank heaven for dykes, or where else would a girl find a little gallantry?"

The books ends with the Stonewall riots of 1969 — a strong conclusion because White writes about the Gay Bastille Day as a participant, furnishing details that sound like first-hand reporting. Joining his fellow rioters in chanting "Gay Is Good!" inspires E.W. with a feeling of exhilaration and freedom: "I caught myself foolishly imagining that Gays might someday constitute a community rather than a disease." But note "foolishly." White intends to carry his history of Gay life into the 70's and 80's. It remains to be seen whether this momentary sense of self-worth will carry over into the next installment of E.W.'s own story.

Rita Coolidge To Perform

Rita Coolidge will be presenting a concert on July 17, 1988 at Milwaukee's Cathedral Square. The time is 7:30.

Tickets are \$5.00 and are on sale at Ticketron as well as at Chalet on the River, 823 N. 2nd. You can also pick up your David Hockney T-shirts at the same time.

All monies go to the Wisconsin AIDS Fund to benefit PWA's and for AIDS education.

MAPFEST To Hold Auction

In flyers distributed around Milwaukee's bars, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), has announced that they will be holding "A bachelor/bachelorette auction" at the 1988 MAP Fest, September 5.

According to the flyer, signed by Ronnie Marks, Entertainment Director of MAP Fest, "Excitement lurks around the corner for those single, divorced, and widowed," who are eligible to take part. The flyer emphasizes that **only** men and women with "No Ties" need apply.

If you're interested in participating, send your name and phone number to the MAP offices, 315 West Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212 directed to the attention of Ronnie Marks. You can also call (414) 273-2437. The deadline for applying is July 15. You will be contacted and invited to participate in a planning meeting scheduled for July 22, 1988. All names and phone numbers will be held in "strictest confidence."

This is all the information on MAP Fest that is available at press time inasmuch as MAP seldom communicates with the Gay/Lesbian press or remembers its deadlines.

First Gay Vietnam War Novel Is Comical Yet Horrific

The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up
By Charles Nelson
Meadowland Books, 420 pp., \$8.95

By Jeff Kirsch

Bravo to Meadowland Books, a division of Lyle Stuart, Inc., for its new line of Gay/Lesbian reprints and the selection of *The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up* as one of its first three titles. Charles Nelson's book, the first Gay Vietnam War novel, has been virtually impossible to obtain since its 1982 Avon paperback issue, which followed a 1981 hardcover.

The novel's "hero" is one Kurt Strom, a 24-year old Southerner, who turned down a chance to play baseball for the Detroit Tigers, has a literary flair and ends up in Vietnam. We follow him through a series of letters dating from August, 1966 until July, 1967, as he makes his way from a Boston Naval hospital, to home in Louisiana, to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina to Southeast Asia and a few detours in between.

His principal correspondents are four: "Mom," his grandmother Chloe, a cousin; Arch, an ex-baseball buddy from the Minor Leagues; and Paul, a college writing teacher, the only recipient privy to Kurt's homoerotic adventures.

Once in Vietnam, Kurt is stationed with the Marines' First Medical Battalion, before being sent into the jungle on a series of missions. The account of his activities, both stateside and in Vietnam, is witty and amusing, if occasionally long-winded. (Some may wonder how he has time for so many lengthy letters, a fact which he sometimes explains, believably, up to a point.) Among many memorable characters and scenes are a campy musical Kurt invents called "Maim" and his terminally pessimistic friend Babich, a nervous heterosexual virgin who determines that his left leg is his most expendable body part if he has to lose something.

Through Kurt's letters we learn of his gory hospital work, his quirky hoochmates

and cramped quarters. We see the hypocrisy of the military, the horrors suffered by men who were pawns of distant governments and the advantages of being

Through Kurt's letters we learn of his gory hospital work, his quirky hoochmates and cramped quarters. We see the hypocrisy of the military, the horrors suffered by men who were pawns of distant governments and the advantages of being Gay amid hundreds of horny Marines, some of whom are willing to trespass the boundaries of their usual sexual parameters. Among the officers, as well as the Marine "grunts," we also witness rampant homophobia and racism.

Horrible as the story is, Nelson manages with his pervasive wit and cynical detachment to refashion the brutal raw material into a frequently comical narrative — no small feat for a novel full of randomly meted-out death.

Kurt's character comes across well via the epistolary structure, as do those of several of his family members back home waging their own inter-generational war. Kurt's best friends also stand out, though many of the Marines suffer from blurred identities. That some fail to stand out and others come and go quickly, however, doubtless corresponds to the reality of their life in Vietnam.

Paul and Arch, Kurt's best friends back home (in different parts of the country) are left as untapped sources for an interesting plot twist, when Kurt suggests that his Gay buddy meet his straight one. Although Nelson ultimately chooses not to explore this angle, that the reader even thinks he might pull it off attests to the strength and credibility of his narrative and novelistic powers.

Although the price of *The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up* (the title is from a Rimbaud poem) has risen from \$3.50 to \$8.95 over the last six years, it's a one-of-a-kind novel, which most readers will find well worth its new price.

Best Sellers of the Month

Gay Male

1. *The Beautiful Room Is Empty*—Edmund White—Knopf \$17.95
2. *Mayor of Castro Street*—Randy Schultz—St. Martins 10.95
3. *Mysteries of Pittsburgh*—Michael Chabon—Wm. Morrow 19.95
4. *Quilt: Stories from the Names*—Cindy Ruskin—Simon & Schuster 22.95
5. *Gay Spirit; Myth and Meaning*—Mark Thompson—St. Martin's 8.95
6. *As We Are*—Don Clark—Allyson 7.95
7. *Someone Was Here*—George Whitmore—NAL Books 17.95
8. *Darker Proof: Stories From a Crisis*—White & Mars—Jones Plume 7.95
9. *Borrowed Times- AIDS Memories*—Paul Monette—HBJ 18.95
10. *Reflections of a Rock Lobster*—A. A. Fricke—Carrier Pigeon 5.95

Lesbian

1. *Goddesses in Every Woman*—Jean Boles—Harper & Row \$8.95
2. *Memory Board*—Jane Rule—Naiad 8.95
3. *Sundays Child*—Joyce Bright—Naiad 8.95
4. *Dance of Anger*—Harriott Lerner—Hayes & Row 7.95
5. *We Walk the Back of the Tiger*—Patricia Murphy—Naiad 8.95
6. *Women's Way of Knowing*—Berkley—Harper & Row 10.95
7. *Unlikely Alliances*—Louise Ralher, Editor—Clees Press 9.95
8. *This Is Not For You*—Jane Rule—Naiad 7.95
9. *Slight of the Seventh Moon*—Lynn Andrews—Harper & Row 8.95
10. *Secret in the Bird*—Camarin Grae—Naiad 8.95

Sources of Information: Schwartz Book Stores, Milwaukee; Webster's Books and Cafe, Milwaukee; Four Star Fiction and Video, Madison; A Room of One's Own, Madison.

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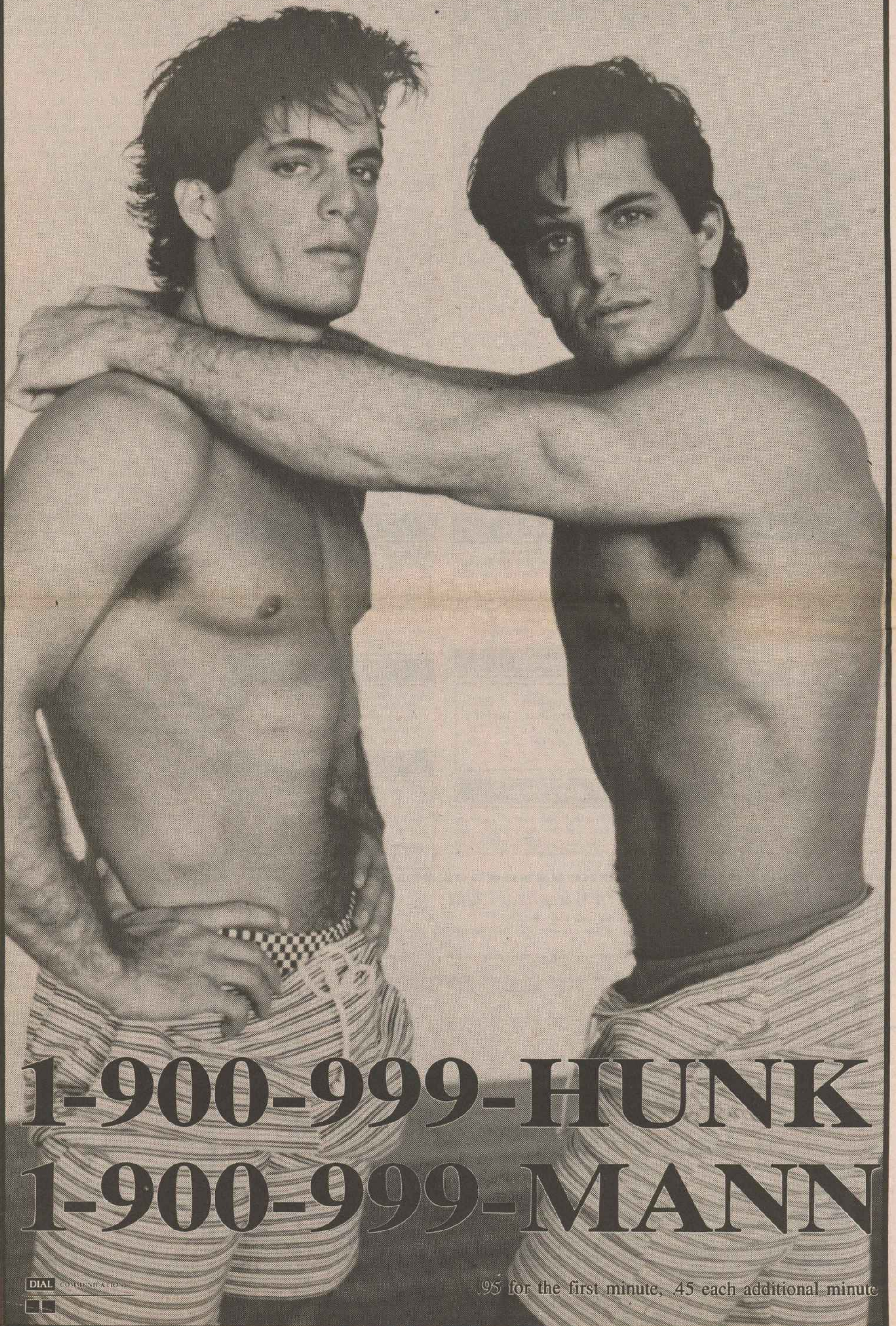
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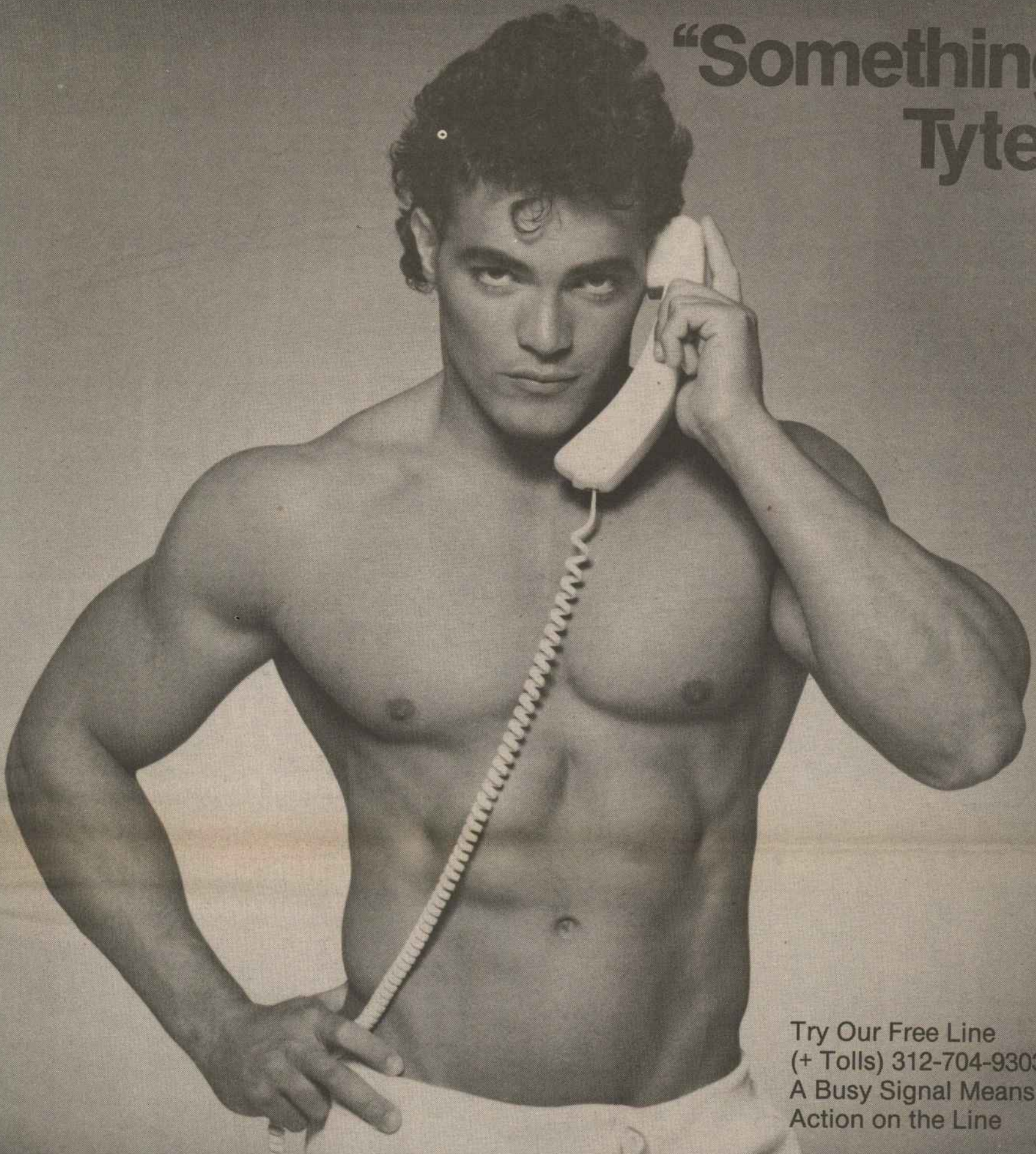


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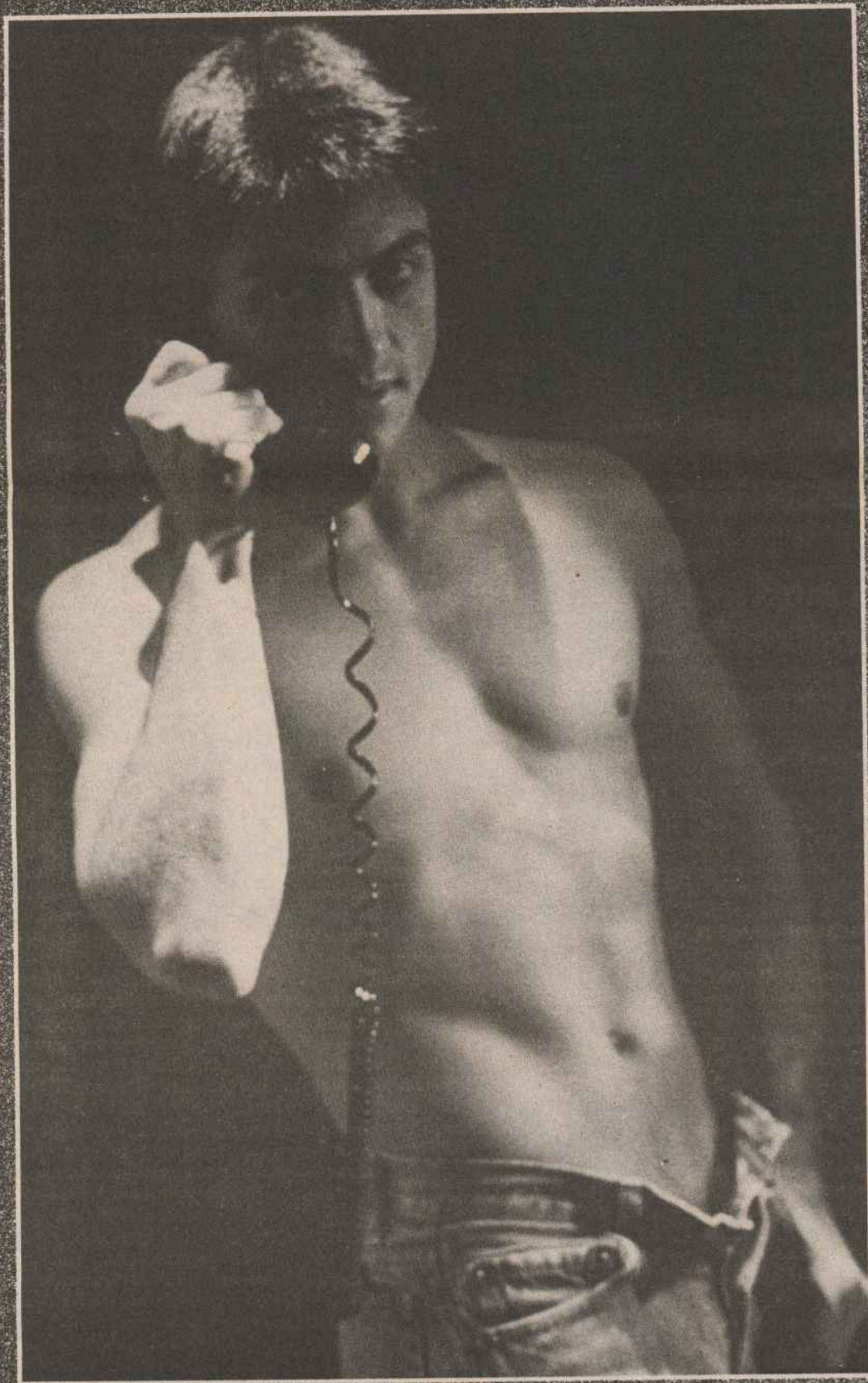
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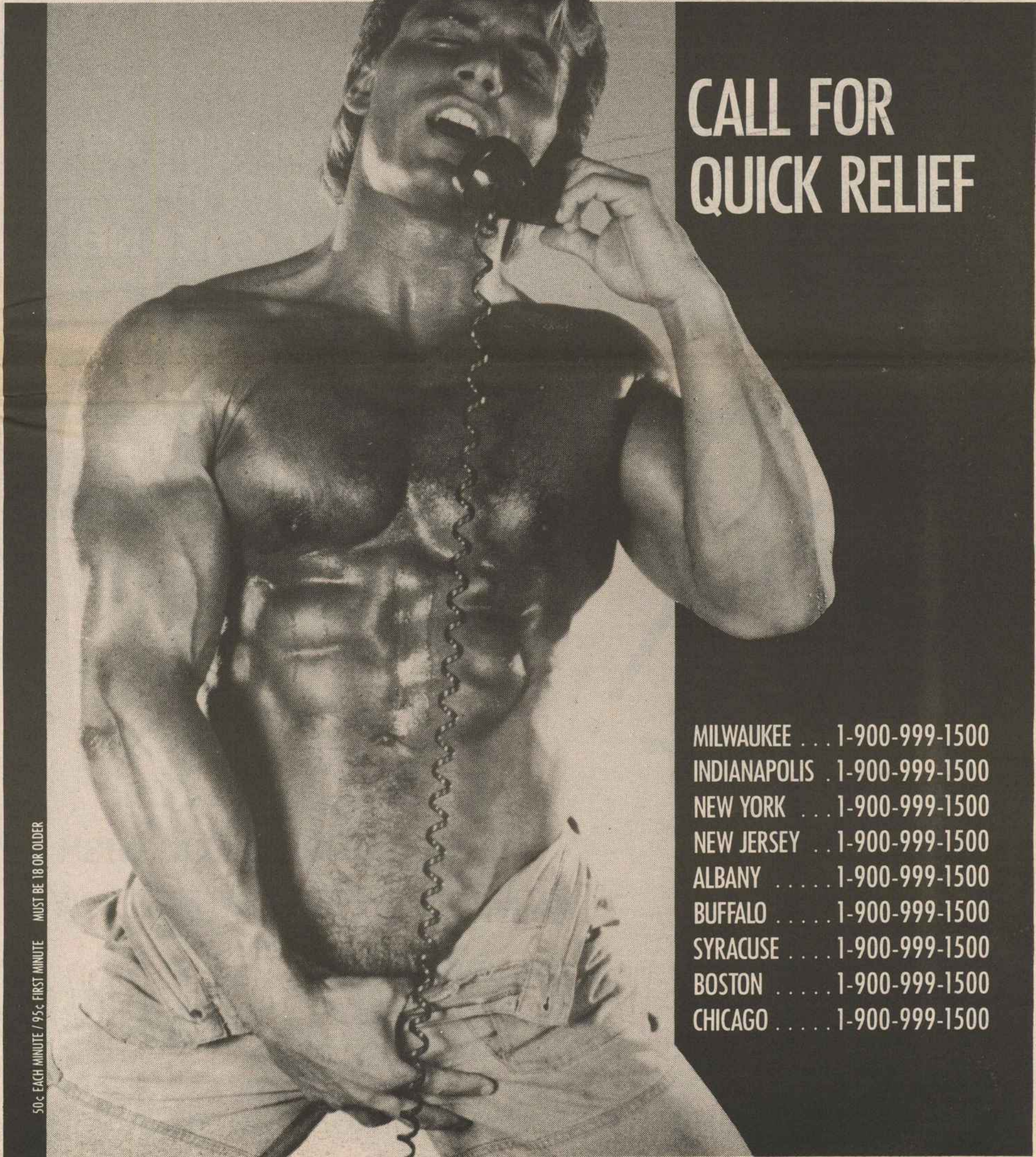
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50¢ EACH MINUTE / 95¢ FIRST MINUTE MUST BE 18 OR OLDER



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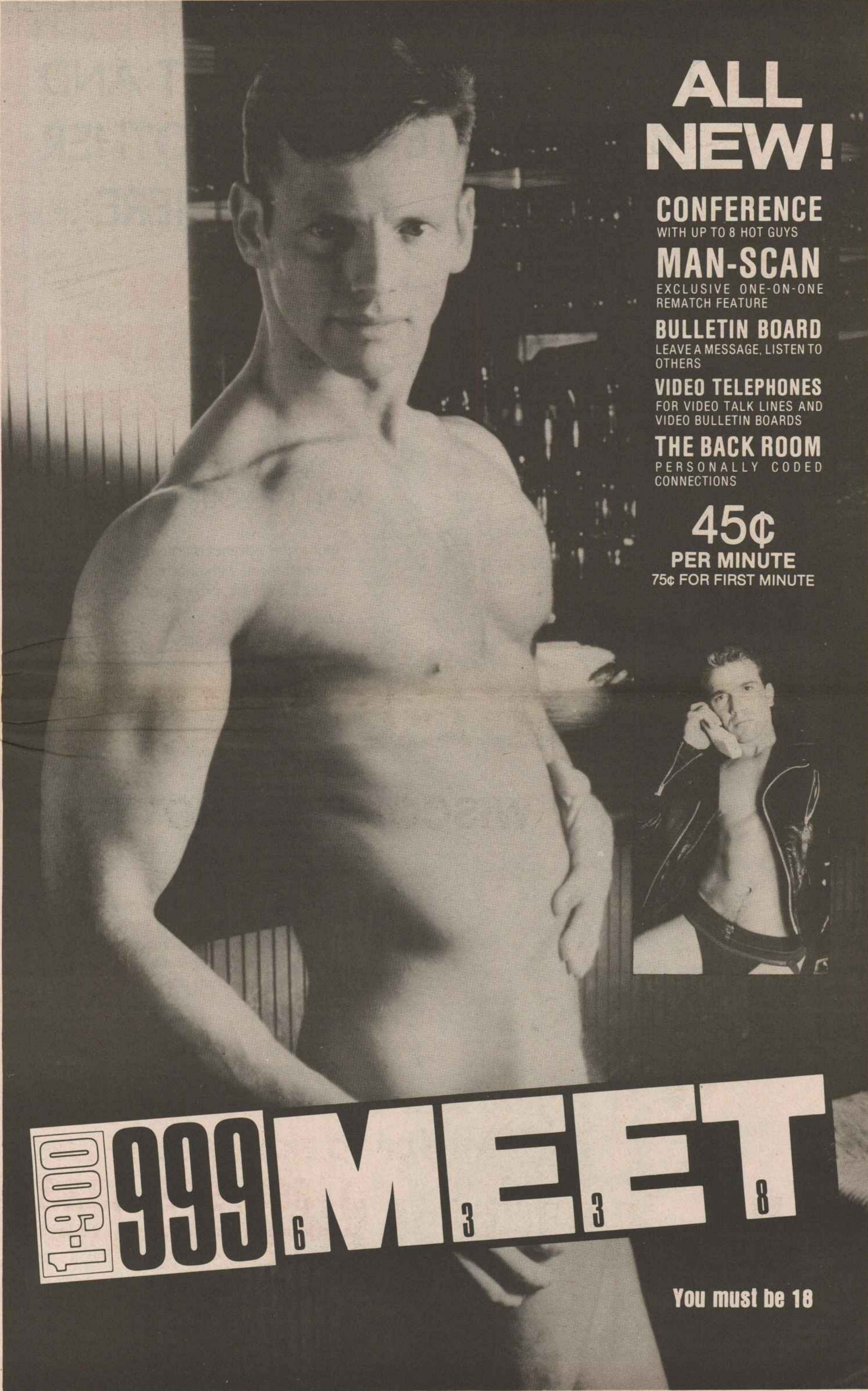
*Let's
Talk!*

**TALK AS LONG AS YOU WISH
WITH UP TO EIGHT OTHER GUYS**

LIVE LIVE LIVE LIVE

95¢ FIRST MINUTE, 45¢ EACH ADDITIONAL MINUTE.

YOU MUST BE 18



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EXCLUSIVE ONE-ON-ONE
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