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# The Wisconsin Light

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## PRIDE CELEBRATION UNDERWAY

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

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

Committee.

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



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

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

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

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

## AIDS Activists Zap GOP Convention

By Cliff O'Neill

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

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

But all of it started on a much quieter note.

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

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## Mayor Norquist Appoints Moore to Safety Commission

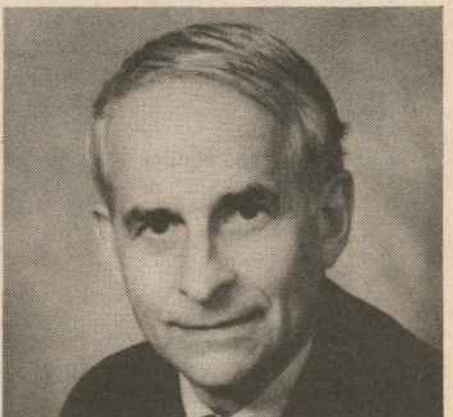
Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist announced in a press release the appointment of Bob Moore to the Safety Commission.

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

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

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

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



Bob Moore

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

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

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

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

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



Tony Earl

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Ed Garvey

from other political leaders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watch for our next issue, Thursday, September 22.

# Hate Crimes On Increase But Many Left Unreported

By Sue Burke

"Homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence, according to the results of a study on hate crime conducted last year by the U.S. Justice Department.

Many organizations believe that violence against racial, religious, sexual, and other minorities has increased in recent years. The Justice Department report agreed.

"There is plenty of documentation to show that the problem is widespread and considerable evidence that it is increasing," the report said. "Explanations for these changes include increased economic competition from minorities, visibility of Gay men, ethnic neighborhood transition, and a perceived decrease in government efforts to prevent discrimination in education, housing, and employment."

The Justice Department said that Gays and Lesbians, along with Southeast Asians, are especially reluctant to report crimes against them to authorities.

Reports of 7,008 incidents of violence and harassment against Lesbians, Gay men, and people believed to be Gay were reported in 1987 to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. In 1986, only 4,946 incidents had been reported.

That increase of 42%, according to a report recently issued by NGLTF, may be due to better reporting by victims, but many of the local groups reporting incidents to NGLTF said fear and hatred of AIDS has increased anti-Gay violence.

In an effort to get better information on hate crimes, NGLTF and other Gay and minority organizations have lobbied the federal government to pass a bill that would mandate federal collection of statistics on crimes motivated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity.

That bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives in May on a vote of 383 to 29. An almost identical bill sponsored by Senator Paul Simon (D-Ill.) passed the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously on Aug. 10.

Kevin T. Berrill, director of the NGLTF anti-violence project, said he hoped for a floor vote in September, although he expected unfriendly amendments from Senators like Jessie Helms.

There were 80 murders in 1986 and 64 in 1987 that were apparently motivated at least in part by anti-Gay prejudice, according to NGLTF reports.

In 1987, there were 5,463 cases of verbal assaults and threats, 835 physical assaults, 338 cases of vandalism, 271 police-related incidents, and 30 cases of arson, bombing, and bomb threats, along with 61 other cases of attempted crimes and harassment. Berrill said violence and harassment will probably continue to increase.

In one report from Long Beach, Cal., three young men assaulted a Gay man with AIDS, breaking his hip and causing other injuries. The assailants were arrested by police, but were later released after police learned the victim had AIDS.

In another report, a Philadelphia man dragged a woman out of a bar and beat her after she refused his sexual advances and said she was a Lesbian.

The reports came from 64 groups in 31 states.

In Wisconsin, only The United of Madison sent reports to NGLTF. It counted three verbal assaults, one involving housing and two in employment; and three physical assaults, one involving weapons.

Doug Bauder, coordinator of The United, said he was sure there were more than six anti-gay incidents in Madison last year, but that reports had not been received by The United.

Berrill said he would welcome help from any group who wanted to share information or keep statistics with NGLTF on violent or defamatory attacks in Wisconsin or its cities in 1988. NGLTF can be reached at 1517 U Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Victims can contact the National Gay/Lesbian Crisisline at (800) 221-7044 Monday through Friday, 2 to 8 p.m. Central Time.

In Wisconsin, the former Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues distributed surveys on violence, and received 213 surveys in response between July, 1983 and January, 1985. Of those responding, 23% reported they had been punched, hit, kicked, or beaten because of their sexual orientation.

More than four out of five had been

verbally abused, and 70% were afraid for their safety as a Gay man or Lesbian.

There were 49 reports of harassment, threats or violence committed by police officers, and 33 of the reports were from Milwaukee men. Since then, Milwaukee has gotten a new police chief who has instituted community relations training, including a session on Gay men and Lesbians, for new officers.

In Madison, the police force has a Gay and Lesbian liaison, and Bauder said he was "fairly satisfied" with that arrangement.

Wisconsin also has a new law passed this spring that increases penalties for crimes committed against people because of their race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry. The law increases penalties for those who commit hate crimes by up to \$10,000 or up to five years in prison.

A similar law was passed in California last year, but was defeated in New York.

According to the NGLTF report, anti-gay assaults and violence were concentrated in New York City and San Francisco, although they occurred everywhere.

Berrill said the concentration of assaults in a supposedly Gay haven like San Francisco was probably because Gay people are more visible in San Francisco than in most other cities. Increased visibility makes them more of a target.

It's a backlash, he said. "It's essential that we be visible," he said, as the only way to change society. "But then we have to deal with the risks."

A small segment of society is willing to be violent, he said, and will respond more violently as Gays and Lesbians gain more acceptance. Usually assaults are committed by young men in their teens or 20s.

He compared it to acts against civil rights protestors. Racism is widespread, but the Klu Klux Klan is small, and society has a general understanding that it is unacceptable to assault people because of their race.

"Gay basing is not considered that bad a thing in some parts of the country — in some places even by law enforcement," Berrill said. As Gays gain more rights, more violent oppression from a smaller group of people may result.

"Without legal means to discriminate, they will have to turn to illegal means."

## LETTERS

To the Editor:

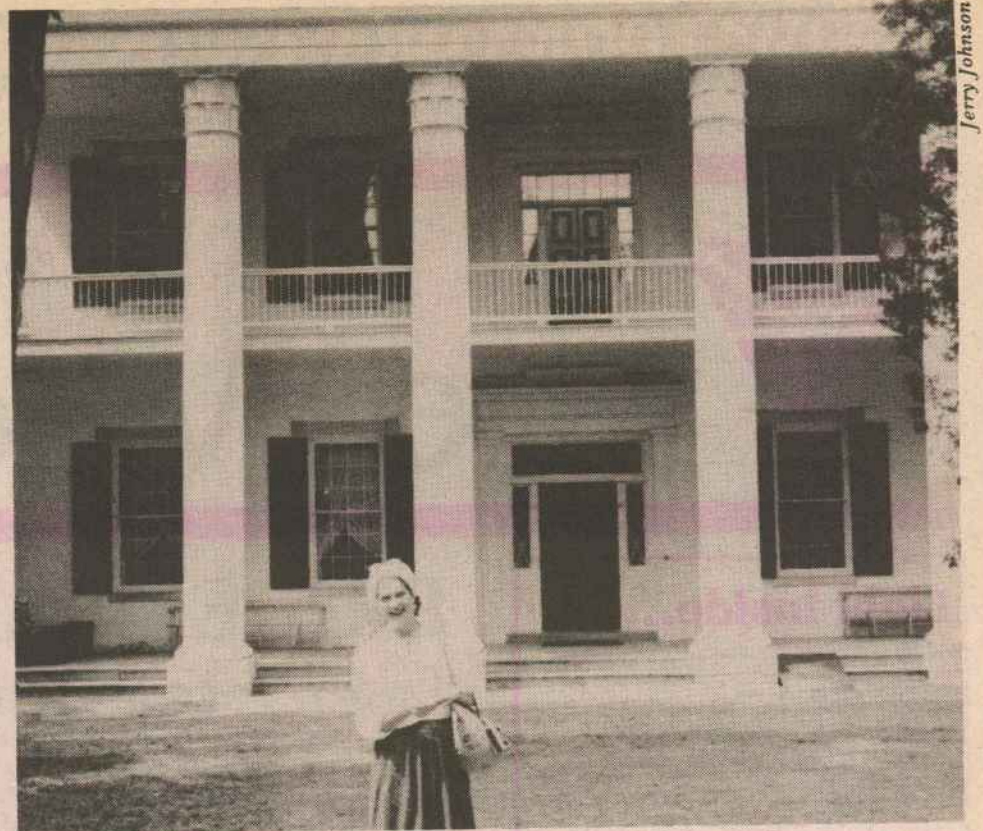
Now wait just a minute! Why is a small segment of the Gay and Lesbian community pushing a \$25.00 a plate dinner? It has been called elitist, as many members of the community simply cannot afford to spend \$25 or \$30 (at the door). Well, for \$3.00 you can listen to the speeches — such an honor! Thank you very much, I'll stay home. But that isn't what really bothers me so much about this "Celebrate '88" dinner, that I had to write this letter.

The first thing that bothers me is that this dinner, from what I have read and heard, has no real purpose; certainly nothing well defined. It seems that some people want to have a fancy dinner, as if an expensive dinner with people parading in "monkey suits" is some sort of celebration of Gay and Lesbian pride.

What really bothers me is that this dinner is a tremendous waste of resources. Our community is confronted by dangers such as AIDS, and has many needs, all of which require money. Here we have a dinner, at \$25 a shot, and where is this money going? It goes to the Marc Plaza! This is not a community fund raiser, with the facilities, etc. donated. In fact, LRN does not expect to make any money at all on this dinner. This community has better things to do with its money than improve the profit statement of the Marc Plaza Hotel. In fact the only apparent purpose of this dinner is to make our community poorer and the rich Marc Plaza and Marcus Corporation richer. Additionally, as this is a formal dinner, it is sure to be a financial boon to the tuxedo rental stores in town.

I'm sorry if certain people are offended, but with community organizations begging for money for important purposes, I cannot see a \$25 a plate dinner that has no essential or meaningful purpose as anything but a tragedy.

—Rev. Dan Frederick Schramm  
Milwaukee, WI



A touristy shot taken on the road to Atlanta. Karen Lamb stands before the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson in Nashville, Tenn. The house is Greek Revival and was built in stages between 1819 and 1821. President Jackson and his wife, Rachel, are buried on the grounds. The house has most of its original furnishings. It is complimented by a lovely garden with varieties of plants that were chosen by Mrs. Jackson in the 1820's.

## LETTERS

To the Editor:

Recently, a letter has been distributed that states that the Ten Percent Society of UW-Milwaukee is endorsing the September 20 program sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) at the Marc Plaza. Plain and simple, this is not true.

The Ten Percent Society was approached by a representative of LRN concerning the matter. That person was requested to submit a written proposal for consideration. No proposal was ever received.

We at the Ten Percent Society find this situation reprehensible. This is not to say Ten Percent is making judgement on the program. That is another matter entirely. The organization's objection at this point is with the use of its name without its consent.

The wonder of it all is that a member (s) of LRN would perpetrate such an action and have the audacity to use the word "Community" in their letter. If someone had stopped to check and follow through on this matter, they might have been able to use the word "community" in its proper sense. That is to say, "community" as a positive interaction where members held each other for the benefit of all.

Sadly, community is **not** the case here. Here one can only see a few benefitting for themselves at the expense of others. Another time and situation might see the advent of community. Yet, at this time, Ten Percent feels genuinely used and betrayed.

—Guy Hartmann  
Ten Percent Society/UWM

To the Editor:

I'm surprised that you and a group of Gay leaders (lead by Tom Zander) have supported Matt Flynn against Jim Moody. The purpose of this note is to urge your readers to support the reelection bid of Representative Moody in the forthcoming primary.

Certainly the first rule of a successful political coalition is: support your friends. With "rewards" such as you and Zander have given Moody — what kind of clout will the Gay Community have with the "marginal" politician? You have "gone to bed" with an attractive new face — turning out a representative who has developed a significant power-based in the U.S. House as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. How fickle!

I understand that elsewhere in this issue of Wisconsin Light there is an article outlining some of Representative Moody's support of Lesbian/Gay issues. Briefly: when in Madison he supported both "consenting adult" and "non-discrimination" legislation — helping to make Wisconsin the only state with both "pro-Gay" statutes. In Washington, he has been a cosponsor of Gay Civil Rights bills in each of the last two sessions; he cosponsored a comprehensive and extensive AIDS bill; he has supported the non-discrimination clause in Washington D.C. legislation — now a hot issue for Georgetown University's Gay student group.

How can the Lesbian/Gay community support the Zander (et al) position against a record like that? Zander's only specific

criticism deals with a "critical hour... (when Moody was absent)... to oppose the Dannemeyer-Helms Amendment." Calling a 300 - 40 vote "critical" is a wild use of English that, perhaps, is best reserved for lawyers. In addition, Moody did, in fact, insert a statement in the Congressional Record opposing Dannemeyer-Helms: that's as much of a leadership position as would have been a 300 - 41 vote!

In closing, we have a strong and powerfully ally with Jim Moody; I urge Wisconsin Light readers to support him on September 13th. Thank you.

—J. Robert Moore  
Milwaukee, WI

To the Editor:

It has always been my opinion and personal feeling, and I stand corrected, if mistaken, that in going through life, helping those individual or groups, especially in our own community, would take at least time and courtesies to say, "Thank you." In writing, I am a corporation licensed here in Wisconsin and in June, donated personal time and corporate funds to Fest City Singers for the Gay Pride Parade in Chicago.

As I write this letter, I have yet to have received a personal note, or card of thanks to me, personally, or to our corporation, Mr. Vantastic, Inc. for our time and monies donated to their float for the Gay Pride Parade in June. A word to others of you out there, **be certain** you know full well who you are donating time and money to, that it is appreciated and at least is returned with some type of thanks for your efforts. As a corporate contributor, we are thoroughly disappointed with the group, Fest City Singers.

—Timothy L. Hancock  
President  
Mr. Vantastic, Inc.  
Glendale, WI

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## EDITORIAL

### MOODY IS THE BEST CANDIDATE IN FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL RACE

When a paper chooses a candidate to endorse, it tries to weigh each candidate with whatever objectivity can be had in this imperfect world. It tries to look at each candidate with an eye to the paper's constituency — in *Light's* case, the Gay/Lesbian community.

Okay, to get on with it, we have made a mistake.

In the last issue, *Light* endorsed Matt Flynn for Congress from the 5th Congressional District. We retract that endorsement and, instead, support Jim Moody for reelection. We do this for two reasons.

One is certainly the tactics employed by Mr. Flynn against Mr. Moody. We were highly impressed by Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's characterization of those tactics as "a style of campaigning that is not welcome in Milwaukee." *Light* was an early and strong supporter of Mayor Norquist's and continues to see him as a highly competent official of the highest possible integrity who is a friend to our community.

Secondly, we were very impressed by the strong article in *The Milwaukee Journal* listing the charges brought by Flynn against Moody and proving in details that the charges are groundless.

*Light* believes that in the rough and tumble of politics, there is no room for mudslinging. Certainly such tactics will be used, but politicians who do so should learn that there is a penalty.

*Light* therefore heartily and without reservation supports Jim Moody for Congress.

### PRICEY "SUMPTUOUS BUFFET" EXCLUDES, IGNORES MANY

"Celebration 88", the dinner sponsored primarily by the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) at the Marc Plaza on September 20 must be looked upon with sadness and regret.

According to LRN's press release, the chief purpose of the dinner is to present to Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and other political leaders "Bound copies of the Goals Statement" described by LRN as "one of the most important and thorough documents ever undertaken by the Milwaukee area Lesbian/Gay community." This will be done at after "a sumptuous buffet" that will cost \$25.00 with prior reservations, \$30.00 at the door.

If the dinner were a fund raiser, a party or something of the kind, then there could be no quarrel with the price. However, this dinner is, in effect, a political gathering where politicians who can and do impact our lives are to see us and hear us. If this is the case, then the price is much, much too high.

There are many among us for whom \$25.00 or \$30.00 (twice that if a couple is involved) is a large chunk of money. Why should those be denied the right to attend such a gathering?

LRN's press release says that one can attend the program only for \$3.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door. This denies those who cannot attend the dinner full participation. Again, the poor among us are not being treated equally. Are those who can only afford \$3-\$5 to wait while the elite eat? Why the discrimination based on class differences?

According to the press release, "a few grants" are available to provide for people who cannot afford it. These people are defined as "people from the Lesbian/Gay community who have worked hard for the community for years." This does not answer the objection. Who will make the choice of people to take advantage of these "few grants" and, just as importantly, since there are only "a few," how many people will be excluded?

Why the Marc Plaza and a "sumptuous buffet?" Could not the Mayor have been invited to a wine and cheese gathering held somewhere where it was free to all?

In the press release LRN says that it will take much work and many people for us "to mature to the point where the political establishment expects us to be." Is this the reason for such an expensive dinner? If so, LRN should be reminded that in America it is not the People who live up to the expectations of the political establishment. It is the political establishment that is to live up to the People's expectations.

To repeat, this dinner is a political affair, not an ordinary party. LRN calls it "a grand celebration... held for all." But it is not being held for "all" because all of us do not have the opportunity to attend. LRN should remember that Lesbians and Gays are the worst people in the world to practice exclusion against anybody.

### PRIDE WEEK IS STEPPING STONE TO GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENT

*Wisconsin Light* stands second to none in offering its heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay community on the occasion of the city's first annual Pride week.

All those whose time and talents have been expended in making this celebration of our Pride possible deserve the thanks of us all.

However, once Pride Week is over, we must not forget that Lesbian/Gay Pride is not a matter of a week or 10 days. It must be an on-going thing, happening every day of the year.

Lesbian/Gay Pride must be seen in coming out and encouraging others of us to do the same.

Lesbian/Gay Pride must be seen in adopting the highest possible visibility. Everywhere at every point we have got to challenge the homo-negative and homophobic attitudes that surround us.

For example recently we have been subjected to whining pleas of PBS Channel 10 spokespeople asking the public for financial support. How many times has Channel 10 covered a major Lesbian/Gay issues that was not AIDS related? Is 10% of the population not part of the public? Is the "educational" station too ignorant to realize this? Pride demands that our stinging letters and phone calls should have fallen on Channel 10 informing them in no uncertain terms that we are part of the public they purport to serve. Not one dime, not one penny until they change.

Did you see any of the major news media at MAPfest? Why not when they "say" they are concerned about AIDS? Where was *The Milwaukee Journal* which "says" that it has the public concerns at heart? Just which public do they mean and where is their heart?

Give Channel 6 credit. At least they were intelligent enough to recognize that Gays and Lesbians are part of the public and smart enough to cover some of our activities at the Democratic National Convention. The same I.Q. level seemed to have been lacking in the others.

Why is there no openly Lesbian/Gay person running for political office in this the largest city of the Gay Rights State? Are we all ashamed? Doesn't one of us have the guts? Is there not one, **JUST ONE!**?

Wouldn't it be great if, on this Pride Week, we could have invited an elected official who was one of our own to one of our functions. (Hopefully not an exclusively expensive dinner at the Marc Plaza.) Think about it. Aren't you just a little bit tired of being represented by public officials who, no matter how sympathetic, are not us.

If we're PROUD as we should and must be, if Pride Week means anything which it does, we stand up, we confront, we demand and we will be heard — or know the reason why.

My God! We have been and are being degraded, demeaned, beaten, raped and killed in the streets. This is not to mention the fact that a poor excuse for a presidential administration has with malice aforethought allowed 40,000 PWA's to die. How DARE this happen! How DARE we allow it to happen! And there are those Lesbians and Gays who say they will not vote!! Disgusting! These people are beneath shame and contempt!

*Wisconsin Light* applauds Pride Week with all its strength. We only hope, pray and encourage our community to let GAY/LESBIAN PRIDE last all year through.

## The Editor's Desk

This is an exciting issue, perhaps the most exciting since the first, now, almost a year ago. With this issue, we begin biweekly publication.

The decision to do this was not made lightly, but has been in the works for some time as well as a dream from the beginning. The reason is simple. To be a newspaper demands immediacy. This could not be accomplished to the fullness that the Wisconsin community deserves by continuing as a monthly publication.

The change means several things. For example, while each issue will, for awhile anyway, be 16 pages, the total pages for the month will be greater than heretofore. This means, in turn, that there will be more space for news, international, national and local, that the community needs to know. It means there will be more room for our growing number of writers and columnists. Not all of them will be writing for each issue, but each will be seen every month. Finally, since we will be coming out on alternate weeks with *In Step*, each week you will have a fresh publication to read, keeping you up with all the news and activities of the state.

The change does **not** mean a decrease in circulation. On the contrary, *Wisconsin Light* will continue to be available in nearly 100 locations around the State. This is not to mention the growing list of places outside of Wisconsin where we distribute.

This issue we would also like to welcome to our family of writers, Speaker Pro Tem of the Wisconsin State Assembly, David Clarenbach. Rep. Clarenbach, long a strong advocate of civil rights, is an honored addition.

We are also honored to add Jim McFarland. He is an openly Gay Alderman in Madison and will be writing a column from the viewpoint of a Republican. Jim is one of 30 elected officials in the country who have openly declared that they are Gay or Lesbian and is one of two Republicans in this group.

*Light* will be undertaking a major subscription drive. We will be selling a one-year subscription of 25 issues for \$15.00, five dollars of which will go to the Lesbian or Gay organization of the subscriber's choice. We will be contacting every Wisconsin Gay/Lesbian organization of which we have knowledge. If your organization does not receive a letter by September 17, please contact *Light* to be included. The campaign will run through the end of the year. Please see the September 22 issue for details.

*Light* is in the process of finalizing the process for the awards that have been announced in the last two issues. All details, including forms, will be provided in the September 22 edition.

And last, but certainly not least, don't forget to attend the First Annual Pride Week Ball sponsored by UW-Milwaukee's 10% Society, *In Step* and *Light*. The dance will be held at the UWM Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 and are available from *In Step*, *Light*, and elsewhere throughout the community.

## LETTERS

### To the Editor:

A clarification needs to be noted regarding the article "Final Goals Report Rejected", published in the August 1988 issue.

The first paragraph failed to mention that the meeting was called and hosted by the Lambda Rights Network, not the Cream City Foundation itself.

The CCF makes the Center available to any community organization as a meeting place, but holding a meeting at the Center does not constitute endorsement or involvement with CCF.

One of the reasons I'm writing is because a number of people have stopped me and asked about the article. They did have the mistaken impression that CCF sponsored the meeting because Lambda Rights Network was not mentioned.

Thanks for the opportunity to clarify this important point.

—Bob Mellig

Public Relations Chairman  
Cream City Foundation

### GUEST EDITORIAL POLICY

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

Hello, Sweet Hearts,  
Tab Hunter, our Cocker Spaniel, and I have just spent a glorious cool, autumn day in the kitchen. No, it's not nesting behavior, surviving-the-winter-in-Wisconsin is more than likely. The nip of the air reminds me, with some degree of trepidation, I might add, that 'fore long old man winter will be with us.

Time for canning and freezing, perhaps some hot yeasty bread. I pull recipe books from the shelves with great abandon. Blow the dust from the covers. Check the ingredients. What can we make that will not require a trip to the grocery?

"What about steak?" Tab asks.  
Into the oven, the kitchen is getting warm. We pour another cup of coffee and pull over a stack of newspaper while we wait.

"Senator Orrin Hatch said Thursday that he never intended to label all Democrats as homosexuals." Says here, Tab, that Hatch originally denied that he made the comment until confronted with a tape. "That's got to say something about the versatility of the man."

"What's veracity, mom?" Tab asks. Turfthfulness, Honey. Means he's callin' Hatch a liar... just using nice words.

Hatch, perhaps the one man who has done more to deny civil and political rights than any human in the history of his country. Have you ever heard our friends that work in governmental bureaucracies — mostly our women, gay, and black friends — say they can't work on political campaigns because they are "Hatched"?

"Like eggs, mom? I like eggs." No, and get your mind off food, naughty dog.

...warplane crashed into a crowd of spectators, killing 49 and injuring hundreds. Defense Secretary Carlucci defended air shows saying they were a significant factor in maintaining military morale. "They do serve a role in molding the heart and sinew of our military forces," he said.

"Mom, why don't they want gay men and women in the service?" I don't know, darling. Maybe their hearts and sinew don't need molding.

Up to check the oven. Pour another coffee. The headlines scream: Catholic order is testing applicants for exposure to AIDS.

Why do I feel betrayed?  
Koreans Demand AIDS Tests... Groups want mandatory screening of visitors to Olympics...

"What are you reading, mom, the comic strips?"



Jerry Johnson

Dr. Karen Lamb

Yes, Tab, I do believe I am.

Still some time before the bread comes out. My little dog and I take a walk down to the lagoon in Lincoln Park. Yes, our friend the blue heron is still here, this year without his mate. Won't be long now before he begins his winged trek back to Florida. There he stands, so full of majesty. Impervious to the garbage floating down the creek beside him. Good boy, sweet friend. Hope you are here tomorrow, but don't tarry too long.

Our minds flick briefly back to the episodes this summer on garbage. Hospital wastes closing beaches, for heaven's sake. Is there no limit to man's stupidity? The dolphins with their AIDS-like viruses. The seals.

Finally, a small story. ... the diseased bodies of more than 1,000 dogs with distemper dumped off Greenland might have caused an epidemic killing at least 11,000 seals.

Might have. ...experts say that although 80% of the seals in affected waters will die "those remaining will be immune to the disease."

No anger. No passion. Just "those remaining will be immune..."

"Gives me the chills, mom. Let's go home." Tab says.

Right, baby, let's go home.

Stay warm, sweet friends, and please stay healthy.

With love from your friend.

—Karen Lamb

their experiences with those who were unable to go.

**November 20- Older Gays.**

Are you worried that your Gay son or daughter will be alone and lonely as they grow older because they won't have a family? PFLAG-Madison will have some older Gay and Lesbian people come to discuss their experiences and feelings.

**December 18- Parent/Child Dialogue**

This has become one of the group's most popular meetings. Gays and Lesbians of various ages and situations meet to discuss parent/child issues. If any can bring a plate of their favorite holiday sweets to help celebrate, please do so.

**AWAKENING PRIDE**

A new day is dawning — it's coming real soon;  
in the closet or not, you can sing a new tune.  
You can stand with pride, you won't be alone;  
GAY PRIDE celebrations will set a new tone.

Gays and Lesbians will gather from all over these parts,  
for fun and festivities where new friendships can start.  
So grab your friends and come on along,  
we're singing a new tune, come and learn the song.

The song says we're worthy, we're important, too;  
this means everyone — including YOU!  
We can stand together to show others around;  
We won't be put down, we're no longer bound.

Now if you're afraid and want to stay out of sight,  
remember homosexuals, too, have equal rights.  
Your anonymity will be respected as such,  
but we'll really miss you very much.

So come on along and join in the fun —  
a wonderful day with lots of sun.  
Beautiful people will be here on that day;  
it's an experience you can't throw away.

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—Peggy Fernandez

# Republican National Convention Is More Than 150,000 Balloons

By Cliff O'Neill

**New Orleans.** What do you get when you mix 5,000 Republicans, 150,000 balloons, 40 or so AIDS activists, a handful of radical bible-thumpers, a smattering of neo-Nazis, a boatload of anarchists and Paul Prudhomme?

No, not a cajun bake-off to raise funds for the William Danneymeyer for Congress committee. No, not the sum contents of ousted Arizona Gov. Evan Mecham's skull, either. Last week's Republican National Convention in New Orleans saw the birthplace of jazz opening its arms to all these diverse groups and more.

In between the liberal bashing and Gay baiting on the Republican side and the body tracing and arrests on the AIDS activist side, there was more strangeness and silliness visible in the home of the Saints than Ronald Reagan has jellybeans.

New Orleans played host to hordes of outside agitators and more than a few stuffy Republicans last month. In the wake of the convention they left behind enough garbage, stickers and partisan paraphernalia to fill the dried up Mississippi river banks.

As your **Light** news team toured the creole wonderland on the muddy Mississippi, they picked up on more than a little of the weirdness.

Here's just a sample of it.

The two major Gay bars on Bourbon Street boast the most curious little balconies which overlook the main drag of the French Quarter.

The number of sun roofs on the cars which repeatedly drive past these clubs has been found to be directly proportionate to the number of young men on the balconies.

There is also strong statistical evidence which shows that the chalk outlines that were found all over the city throughout the week were of those Gay men who fell off these same wrought-iron verandas in attempts to dive into the sun roofs of passers-by.

Sighted repeatedly throughout the convention was a man commonly referred to as The Birdman. This perpetually smiling, rather portly fellow in a hawaiian shirt, accompanied by his Jesus-sticker-covered leather satchel, stood on street corners and, whenever approached, raised his hands and tweeted towards heaven.

There have been reports of this species also being sighted at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta, but there's been no confirmation as to whether he is a Republican or a Democrat. Local political experts/bird watchers suggest the man may be a "Quayle."

Who would be Bush's running mate? was the biggest question the first few days of the convention, with GOP-ites sporting everything from "Bush-Elizabeth Dole" to "Bush-North" buttons.

An on-site computer poll showed 48 percent of those GOP boosters responded by voting for a Bush-Oliver North ticket with Jack Kemp close behind with 28 percent of the votes. Despite that, however, local media outlets reported that the "Bush-North" buttons were the slowest sellers through the Bushfest.

What the media did not report was that the "Bush-North" buttons went over famously with the 40 some-odd AIDS activists attending the festivities.

"In my opinion, it's the best commercial for the Democrats I could find," said one ACT UP member.

Similar in tone to the "Bush-North" button was the 14'-high Rambo Ronnie. Although three Gay reporters strangely suspected the enormous dummy (We know that's redundant) was a colossal joke being played on Republican hawks by capitalistic button salespersons, one Ronniebooster in similar fatigues and military garb was rather entranced by the Gipper likeness and was heard to ask how much the icon cost. The same idol worshiper was seen buying a bulk load of Ollie North video cassettes, which were in constant rotation at the GOPmart.

Incidentally, the Rambo Ronnie was not for sale. But your crack news team did learn that it has been given a lead role in next year's Sylvester Stallone flick, **Fourth Blood: I Was A 78-Year-Old Missile Salesman.**

More than a few rabid fundamentalist "Christians" made their presence felt at the convention at numerous sites. At the gates of the Superdome, one man, strangely resembling Alfred E. Neuman after numerous skin grafts, carried a large sign which read: "Bush Will Win Because God Is A Republican."

The same scholar made another appearance at a Gay and Lesbian rights rally on Wednesday carrying a sign which read: "AIDS Is A Cure Not A Disease." He later inserted the "e" in his "Disease" for grammatical purposes.

We'll assume that no comment is necessary on this one.

Along Bourbon Street, the anti-Democratic slogans could be seen in every window. Strangely though, there was a great dearth of them to be seen on Republican passers-by. Such inspired slogans as "Don't Du-Ka-Ka On The U.S.A." and "No Dukes" were everywhere as were posters showing fornicating elephants ("The Making Of A Republican") and on a carriage horse ("Don't Make An Ass Of Yourself... Vote Republican.")

Although the Oregonian Robertson delegation managed to get R-rated movies blacked out of their hotel rooms early in the week, it is suspected that the televangelist/politician/televangelist threatened all the Republican delegates with a nasty hurricane should they purchase the blasphemous items.

By Friday, only a light rain had fallen on the city. This has been blamed on Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) for his support of Gay rights.

The **Last Temptation of Christ** was not screening in the city. Surprised? — Nor in Milwaukee. Surprised?

A big hit with the press was Mrs. Virginia Cholesterol, spokeslady of the San Francisco based Ladies Against Women. Sporting her "God For President" button and an uncomfortable pink polyester dress, she handed out her "ladyfesto" which praised the Reagan/Bush administration for bringing back the good old days, "whenever those might have been."

The tastefully pink document, endorsed by such groups as "Millionaire Mommies with Nannies Against Free Daycare" and "Another Mother For World Domination," demanded (oops, sorry — requested) that the Republicans "Abolish the environment (It takes up far too much space, and is far too difficult to keep clean)"; "Make America a man again (invade abroad)"; and "Protect the unconceived (Sperms are people, too. Yet millions are murdered every day at the hands of men practicing certain unmentionable activities.)"

Cholesterol's "Bake-off and Iron-in for Star Wars" was wildly successful, she noted, having drawn a "bevy of upright ladies, in frilly, uncomfortable attire" who served home-made cookies ("chock full of preservatives.")

While all reports show that the political conventions are raking in big bucks for local video rental stores nationwide, we suggest that the political conventions be held every year with national and local television outlets being assigned to cover every cooking demonstration and button pressing party of both conventions.

We figure, if they get enough footage, the networks will be able to endure the next writers' strike with much better fare for the television viewer.

Imagine. **Mission Impossible:** Dukakis and Bentsen discuss the issues; **Gomer Quayle:** the amusing tale of a sheep in hawk's clothing; **The Bushy Bunch:** the ongoing drama of a vice president and his twelve — er, make that ten — grandchildren, starring (open mouth, insert foot) "the little brown ones"; **I Love Kitty...**

By Jamakaya

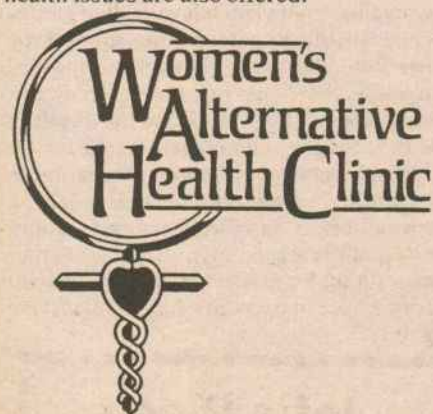
The Women's Alternative Health Clinic is one of the best kept secrets in the Milwaukee women's community — and it shouldn't be!

The Clinic is a service of the Brady East STD Clinic at 1240 East Brady Street and is open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. It functions as a walk-in clinic, so no appointment is necessary. Hours may be expanded in the future.

Staffed by nurse practitioners, the Clinic offers safe, supportive health care and information for women, by women. The personnel are accepting of alternative lifestyles and sexual preferences and sensitive to financial limitations. Consultation/examination by a nurse practitioner is only \$15 — less if you can't — and includes the cost of any lab tests.

The focus of the Clinic is gynecological, but you can see a nurse practitioner for any health concern. The most common service is the routine gynecological exam including pelvic, pap smear and breast exam.

The Clinic offers testing and treatment of yeast and urinary tract infections, pelvic inflammatory diseases and sexual transmitted diseases. Education and counseling on premenstrual syndrome, osteoporosis, safe sex practices, nutrition, homeopathic and herbal remedies and many other health issues are also offered.



Books and articles on women's health issues are also offered.

Books and articles on women's health are available at the Clinic and, later this year, the Clinic hopes to provide copies of the newest edition of **Our Bodies, Ourselves** (a whopping 647 pages!) at reduced rates.

I've utilized the services of the Women's Alternative Health Clinic in the past year and have been impressed with the treatment I received. The volunteer staff of lay women and health professionals is dedicated to the principles of the women's health movement: demystifying women's bodies and health care delivery and empowering women through self-help and preventive education.

The Clinic prides itself on its informality and lack of bureaucracy, and the patient is accorded a degree of respect often lacking in more traditional health care settings like hospitals and doctor's offices. Emphasis on information sharing and communication with the patient throughout the examination, tests and discussion of treatment options is paramount.

My own lasting impression of the Clinic is of finally finding a health practitioner who took the time to really listen and who never talked down to me or minimized my concerns. I was diagnosed properly, treated effectively and, along the way, learned a lot more about my body.

Four dynamic nurse practitioners staff the Clinic on alternate weekends. Nurse practitioners are registered nurses who have undergone additional clinical training. Under the supervision of the Clinic's medical director, a physician, they have the ability to diagnose many illnesses and even to prescribe treatments.

The "Alternative" in the Clinic's title refers to the Clinic's philosophy vis a vis the traditional medical establishment. In addition, each of the nurse practitioners are familiar with alternative treatments and therapies — whether dietary, herbal, chiropractic, psychological and meta-physical! They are very open-minded and in tune to the needs of a diverse clientele.

While the Clinic's publicity has been aimed at the Lesbian community, all women are welcome to utilize its services. Its reasonable fees make it an especially useful resource for low income women, so pass the word!

The future direction and expansion of the Clinic depends on volunteer energy and ideas. Any women interested in volunteering in a professional or non-professional capacity should call 272-2144 during Clinic hours on Saturday. Any women with health



Jamakaya

questions or concerns should call the same number.

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In an exciting coda to Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay Pride events this month, the National Gay Rights Advocates is sponsoring a National Coming Out Day October 11th, the anniversary of last year's historic March on Washington.

Rather than expending enormous amounts of money and energy on another national demo, Coming Out Day is a decentralized effort which encourages all Lesbians and Gays to "Take Your Next Step" — whatever that may be — with the intention of making our lives and our community more visible.

Whether coming out to a new person, sending a check to a Gay organization, wearing a Lesbian button, writing a letter to the editor on Gay issues, putting your partner's photo on your desk at work, taking a straight friend or family member to a Gay event or holding hands in public — you name it — you can participate in any way that seems most appropriate for you.

I think Coming Out Day will empower us individually and as a community. It's a great antidote to the "back to the closet" mentality sweeping the country on the heels of the AIDS epidemic and continuing right wing ascendancy. In 1988, we need to be more visible and committed, not less so. Since silence equals death, let's all participate in a chorus of voice affirming our lives and our love.

I plan to surprise all sorts of unsuspecting people on October 11th — I can't wait!

## Wisconsin Light Joins Computer Age

The Wisconsin Light, has joined C.S.P., Incorporated in a major expansion and upgrade of its typesetting and graphics facility. C.S.P., Incorporated, the production facility for pre-press operations for **The Wisconsin Light** and much of the pre-press production of **In Step Magazine** now becomes the first community typesetter and graphics facility to interface its typesetting equipment to personal computers.

In addition to the text editing, spell checking and storage capabilities of personal computers, C.S.P., Inc. can now take any IBM compatible floppy disk with any word processing file and convert it directly into high-quality phototypesetting. For those who do not have a IBM PC, XT, AT or compatible computer, or who live at a distance remote to Milwaukee, they may transmit their files to **The Wisconsin Light** by telecommunications with a computer modem over phone lines.

With the publication schedule of **The Wisconsin Light** now changing to an issue every two weeks, this increased capability will allow for the production of typesetting quicker and more accurately, as well as reducing production costs.

All contributors to **The Wisconsin Light** who are now using computers to compose their columns and articles are requested to contact the newspaper offices or C.S.P., Incorporated directly (414-277-9015) for the instruction booklet on how to take advantage of this new capability.

Writers who have access to computers but who are not now using them are urged to consider using them for the preparation of their articles.

C.S.P., Incorporated can accept files by telecommunications or converted directly from floppy disk (which is the preferable method). Floppy disk formats (MS-DOS & PC-DOS) accepted are the standard 5.25 In. 360K DSDD floppy, the AT standard 5.25 In. 1.2 Megabyte DSHD floppy, and the 3.5 In. 720K DSDD Microfloppy disk.

## Dukakis, Bush Positions Compared On Issues

Following is a comparison of Vice President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis on Lesbian and Gay civil rights and AIDS issues. Also included is a comparison of the Democratic and Republican Party Platforms. This information is supplied by the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

### Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

#### George Bush-

POSITION: Opposes Gay and Lesbian civil rights as awarding "special privileges" to one group.

RECORD: Reagan-Bush administration supported Supreme Court **Hardwick** decision denying Constitutional protections to Gays. The administration has not opposed the immigration reform bill.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Supports civil rights bill and immigration reform bill. Supports non-discrimination with regard to security clearances. Opposes executive order protecting government employees.

RECORD: As Massachusetts legislator, introduced state Gay rights bill in 1974. As governor, he has lobbied for bill.

### Hate Crimes

#### George Bush-

POSITION: No known position.

RECORD: The administration has indicated it may support collecting statistics on crimes against Gays and Lesbians.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Supports legislation providing specific penalties for violence against Gays and Lesbians.

RECORD: Supported Massachusetts law that helped to define an assault due to sexual orientation as a civil rights crime.

### AIDS Discrimination

#### George Bush-

POSITION: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.

RECORD: The Reagan-Bush administration opposes efforts to enact legislation to prohibit discrimination based on HIV status.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Supports federal legislation outlawing discrimination based on HIV infection status.

RECORD: Endorsed Massachusetts bill to protect people with AIDS, HIV or perceived to have AIDS against discrimination.

### Presidential HIV Commission's Report

#### George Bush-

POSITION: Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential AIDS Commission. However, his campaign rejected endorsing the report in the Republican Platform.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Endorses the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on the HIV infection.

### Party Platform

#### Republican-

No mention of Lesbian or Gay civil rights. Rejected endorsement of Presiden-

tial HIV Commission Report. Calls for research, compassion and expedited FDA drug review. Also calls for "protect(ing) those who do not have the disease," AIDS education that emphasizes "abstinence from drug abuse and sexual activity outside of marriage" and confidential testing and contact tracing. Advocates that people "remain on the job or in school as long as they are functionally capable."

#### Democratic-

Calls for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and the "rebuilding of the civil rights enforcement machinery. AIDS planks call for "increased support for expedited research on treatments and vaccines, comprehensive education and prevention, compassionate patient care, adoption of public health community consensus on voluntary and confidential testing and counseling, and protection of the civil rights of those suffering from AIDS, AIDS Related Complex or testing positive for the HIV antibody."

### AIDS Testing

#### George Bush-

POSITION: Advocates confidentiality of HIV test results; supports mandatory or routine testing for military, immigrants, marriage licenses, those seeking assistance for sexually transmitted diseases and drug dependence and prisoners.

RECORD: The Reagan-Bush administration has left issues of confidentiality and availability to the states. It requires testing for military personnel, immigrants, Peace Corps and Job Corps workers, foreign service employees and federal prisoners.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Supports increased voluntary, confidential counseling and testing; advocates mandatory testing of military personnel and immigrants.

RECORD: Dukakis issued regulations banning testing for health and group life or disability insurance. Allows life insurers to require test for individual policies over \$100,000.

### AIDS Prevention

#### George Bush-

POSITION: Believes people should be educated about AIDS, but prevention efforts should stress traditional moral values and strengthen the concept of "family." Content decision should be made at the local level.

RECORD: Under the Reagan-Bush administration, a nation-wide mailing, originally conceived in the mid-1980s, was not sent until June 1988 due to political in-fighting over contents. The administration refuses to provide explicit information on sex and drug use.

#### Michael Dukakis-

POSITION: Believes that AIDS education, including explicit information on sex and drug use, should begin in primary school with information based on age and ability to absorb material.

RECORD: Massachusetts was the first state to do a house-to-house AIDS prevention mailing.

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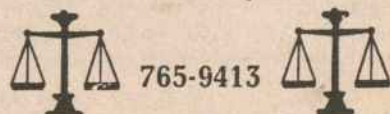
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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

An Open Letter To Our Community

By Bill Meunier

In a few weeks, millions of Americans will be participating in an election that will be as critical, especially for the Gay/Lesbian community, as any election that has been held or is likely to be held in our lifetimes.

The November election does not just offer us a choice between two candidates. It offers a choice between a Governor with a strong record of support on Gay and Lesbian issues, a man who truly does care if we die from AIDS and a Vice-President who has shown by his silence on AIDS that he clearly does not. It offers us a choice between confirmation of the Reagan AIDS policies, which can basically be summed up as "ignore the problems and when you can't ignore it any more spend as little money and as little time on them as you can," or the rejection of those policies.

During the entire Republican convention, not one mention was made of the word AIDS, let alone Gay and Lesbian rights. Remember Atlanta, where speakers called for Gay/Lesbian rights? Remember the Delegates standing and chanting "Silence Equals Death," as speaker after speaker called for a cure for AIDS?

It's little wonder the Republicans were so circumspect when it came to the AIDS issue. After all it was the callous disregard of Ronald Reagan, George Bush and their conservative friends in Congress that allowed the AIDS crisis to get out of hand to begin with.

But that is not the only reason they have neglected us. If they thought that we voted and that we voted our interests you would have heard all of them talking about the need to fight AIDS. The fact that they didn't even bother to deny their role in this holocaust is particularly galling. They don't see us as having any real political power.

It's up to us to prove them wrong. If we fail to do so, then we are in more trouble than many of us imagine. If even with our lives on the line we can't take the time to vote and volunteer to defeat these callous murderers of our friends we will be seen as a community that doesn't care. It will be increasingly difficult for us to get help to

fight AIDS, it will be impossible to advance our issues.

We all know that some people in our community will not vote, either because they are leeches who want the rest of us to do everything for them or because they don't have enough pride in themselves to REALLY believe that their self interest, their lives, their rights matter.

We've all heard the excuses, "It doesn't really matter if I vote," or "I vote but I don't just vote on Gay issues," or "AIDS is a problem for Gay men, not for Lesbians." It's up to us to set these people straight, if you'll pardon my use of the word.

All over the world people are marching and dying for the right to vote. They understand what some of us apparently don't. If you don't stand up for yourself no one else will.

You can decide not to vote just on the basis of Gay/Lesbian issues if you choose to, but realize this, whatever those issues are, it won't do you any good if you're dead.

You can say that AIDS is not your problem, but if thousands of us die from it where will our community (or what's left of it) be then?

If you can't take the few minutes of time that it takes to vote out of your busy schedule to save your own life or those of your friends then you're not a part of the Gay/Lesbian community, you're a leech, a scab, a self-centered egotistical little child who has no business calling him/herself a responsible adult.

Don't expect the rest of us to coddle you, to sympathize with you, or even to be friendly to you. If you don't care about us there's no reason we should care about you. You're the first ones to complain when things don't go right, the first ones to bitch about our organizations and leadership, and the first ones to run and hide when the call for help goes out.

The choice for us is clear. We can either elect the most pro-Lesbian/Gay candidate ever to run on any major party ticket or we can allow ourselves to be duped again. **Let's Choose Life, Let's Choose Pride, Let's Fight Back.**

State Lawmakers Ask for Direction On AIDS Legislation

Two state lawmakers are calling upon those involved in AIDS support efforts to help draft a comprehensive AIDS package for introduction into the legislature's 1989 session.

State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) and Timothy Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) are asking members of the Gay/Lesbian community, health professionals and others associated with AIDS-related work to identify problems facing people with AIDS.

"People with AIDS, as well as their families and friends, must also have a direct vote in preparing AIDS legislation that adequately addresses needs for treatment and support, anti-discrimination guarantees, and funding," Clarenbach declared.

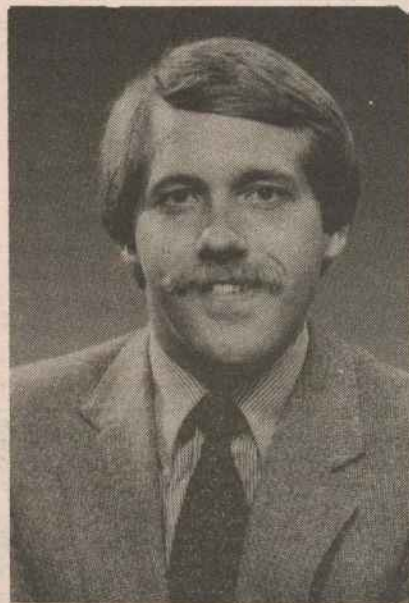
"Those of us concerned with the problems that AIDS presents must offer a comprehensive program for dealing with this epidemic from a state perspective. Our plan must be assertive and positive; we cannot afford to merely respond to the proposals of others," according to Carpenter.

AIDS will be an important issue when the new legislature meets in January. However, the identification of problems and suggestive program alternatives must occur now to allow sufficient time to prepare drafts for introduction.

"The first battle we forecast next session will be over confidentiality of the AIDS antibody test, and attempts by the insurance industry to expand use of test results in underwriting health insurance," Clarenbach said.

"We must seize the initiative by providing solutions. But first, we must develop a consensus among AIDS support activists," said Clarenbach.

Clarenbach is the Speaker Pro Tem of the State Assembly, and Carpenter is a ranking member of the Assembly Health Committee. Both have been centrally involved in the passage of AIDS legislation in past sessions.



Rep. David Clarenbach

Suggestions and comments should be made in writing to either Clarenbach or Carpenter, c/o the State Capitol, Madison, WI 53702.



The Case For Voting Republican Sometimes...

By Jim McFarland

Most open Lesbians and Gays seem to believe that voting for Democrats is the only way to advance the Gay rights movement. While it is true that Democrats in general have been more supportive than most Republicans on Gay/Lesbian issues, there are obviously many more issues that can and should be considered. There are many Democrats who are quite bigoted, and many others tend to share a belief in big government that can be devastating to the economy.

That does not mean Gay Republicans will or should support anyone who claims to be Republican. Most of us would sooner see a Democrat replace Republicans like Senator Jesse Helms who seem to spend most of their time persecuting Lesbians and Gays. Most of us are extremely angry with President Reagan because he has ignored the suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters with AIDS. We are upset that Reagan has packed the Federal Courts with the Borks and Manions who allow their homophobia to cloud their judgement. We are incensed that the national Republican Party has allowed the fundamentalists to gain so much power. We are astounded at George Bush's choice of a right-winger like Quayle. And some of us are so distributed at the prospect of George Bush packing the Federal Courts even more with bigoted jurists that we could not support him.

Nonetheless, there are Republican legislators and candidates who are supportive of the Gay community and they need the assistance of Gay Republicans and others so that their standing in the party can be bettered. Here in Wisconsin, we are lucky to have three candidates for Federal office who are supportive of Gays. Their victories in the primary and the general election could do a great deal to bolster the limited support for the Lesbian/Gay community that exists presently in the Wisconsin Republican Party.

One of these, Helen Barnhill, a candidate for the Fifth Congressional district, has been largely ignored and underestimated by nearly everyone. Yet her past support for allowing Gays and Lesbians to be ordained in her church when she was on its board of directors and her present support for Gay rights gained her the support of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the non-partisan national Gay political action committee. A black woman, she has faced discrimination herself and has been a tireless worker for civil rights; she is fighting the Republican nomination against a conservative opponent. Another candidate, Ann Haney, who is running for the Second Congressional district has been branded a "Reagan clone" by Democratic officials. Yet she supports a federal law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, including the military, and she opposes federal censorship of AIDS educational material, which her opponent originally supported. The fact that she has gained so much respect from Republicans despite her position on these issues bodes well for the future.

But no Republican candidate deserves Lesbian and Gay support as much as State Senator Susan Engeleiter, who is running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate against a Helms conservative, Steve King. As a State Senator representing a very conservative district she courageously supported both the Gay rights bill and the consenting adults bill which repealed Wisconsin's anti-sodomy laws. While she reluctantly voted for the Rawhide bill, mainly due to immense pressure from her constituents, she later indicated to me she regretted having supported it and instead supported the compromise Rawhide amendment which did not create any exceptions to the Gay rights bill. She has consistently been attacked by the fundamentalists: Phyllis Schlafly (Eagle Forum) and Mary Kohler have sent out fundraising letters for King attacking Engeleiter for being "pro-homosexual rights." Yet she has not shirked from her beliefs: she still supports Gay rights, opposes censorship of AIDS education, and opposes discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the military.

While all of the Democratic opponents of these candidates are generally supportive on Gay issues, few in the Lesbian/Gay community seem to realize how little

progress will be made if the Gay rights movement remains mainly unipartisan as it has up to now. As many other minority groups have discovered, when a group gives its allegiance to one party, that party often takes that group for granted, giving it little of substance. Witness the vote on the Helms/Dannemeyer AIDS amendment which would have barred federal funding to any group that "directly or indirectly promotes homosexuality." Only one democratic Senator voted against it — where were all of the good liberals like Teddy Kennedy and Alan Cranston? They jumped ship because they take Gay support for granted.

Even as partisan a Democrat as Rep. David Clarenbach will tell you that the Gay rights bill would not now be law were it not for the handful of supportive Republicans (including Engeleiter). Not only would there not have been enough votes to pass it (notwithstanding a Democratic majority in both houses), but many Democrats who did support it did so only because the issue was made bipartisan by the support of these Republicans and Republican Governor Dreyfus. Many of these Democrats were afraid of the damage Republican opponents might do to them in conservative districts but were able to point to the support by other Republicans to defuse this damage. Currently there are only two Republican co-sponsors of the federal Gay rights bill in the U.S. Senate and only four in the House of Representatives. Gaining three more Republican co-sponsors would create a snowball effect as more Democrats would feel comfortable co-sponsoring it. Sometimes voting Republican is the best way to advance the movement for Lesbian/Gay rights.

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# Gay Protesters Abused, Arrested At Republican Convention

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positive foil, and Mark's chapter of ACT UP in Los Angeles has initiated the reversed black-on-white image campaign. But right now he has more important things on his mind. He needs to find a room for an AIDS activist meeting.

In the steamy 93 degree weather, he ambles up and down the French Colonial building's wooden steps in search of four walls and an air conditioner.

Outside in the shade, lay scattered rabble-rousers.

They recall the actions of the day before. They discuss the Night of Light and Love, the previous night's candlelight vigil which saw state politicians and New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy speaking out about AIDS. They express concern that one attendant's chanting "You're not doing enough!" at the mayor may have created a problem for locals. They aren't sure if it was a local or not, but either way they are concerned.

Lying in the midday heat, they praise themselves for their morning "kiss-in" where they surrounded New Orleans Archbishop Hannan, a major opponent of a proposed city Gay and Lesbian rights ordinance, and pummelled him with cries of "Shame! Shame! Shame!" to onlooking newspaper and television cameras.

Someone calls out, "You can be an activist and be in air conditioning, you know!"

They slowly filter into the building.

After the mandatory greetings and salutations, the meeting begins. They announce their schedule for the week. It sounds tiring.

One speaker, Urvashi Vaid, Public Information Director for the Washington-based National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, expresses her frustration with the media, which completely ignored the Gay and Lesbian vote at July's Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, and which she expects will again ignore all AIDS Gay activist actions at the GOP confab.

"We want to look at the calendar and see if there's any big media receptions. Then we can zap the media at their own party," she says. "It's just to give 'em hell... I can't think of anything that's going to get us coverage unless we go into the Hyatt and turn over their word processors, which we can't do because we have to work with these fuckers."

She's mad. And she'll stay that way throughout the week, as the news media will repeatedly ignore or distort the myriad of AIDS and Gay/Lesbian actions scheduled for the convention.

**4:30 p.m.:** Thirty or so AIDS activists are marching in front of the New Orleans Convention Center and handing flyers to those coming in to see President Ronald Reagan give his speech. While a middle-aged man sporting a long braid, overalls, sunglasses and the moniker Rollerina attempts to pass out AIDS information flyers to the scoffing Reagan faithful, the marchers chant loudly:

"Reagan/Bush you can't hide. We charge you with genocide."

The number of Secret Service agents and new Orleans police on horseback climbs to 20.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they shout.

"Where was Jesse?" counters one speech-goer.

The law enforcement agents close the street. They number up to 35 now. A small enclave of Black Republicans stands by the center's door and watches in amusement.

Inside, Reagan begins to speak.

Then, twelve of the activists openly carry their signs and badges past the Secret Service guards and into Reagan's speech.

No one asks them for their invitations. In they march.

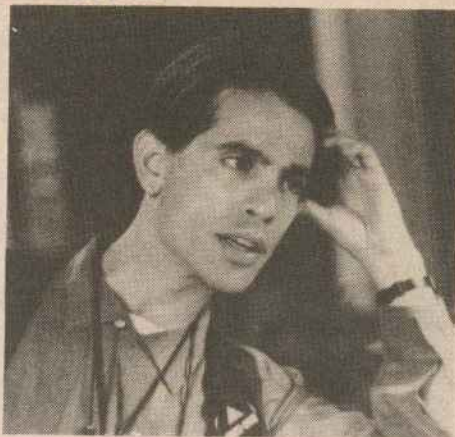
**4:35 p.m.:** On national network television the melee is captured live. A disturbance on the floor is taking place. AIDS activists have gotten onto the floor with their day-glo "AIDSGATE" placards showing a demonic Ronald Reagan with bright magenta eyes.

Punches are thrown. People are arrested.

**4:45 p.m.:** As the hoards of Republicans begin to pour out of the hall, there is a stark absence of AIDS protestors and Gay reporters outside.

Then, panicked, they all exit from a side door.

"There were arrests," shouts someone.



Neil Broome

"What happened?" shouts another. Confusion reigns.

Neil Broome, ACT UP and Gay Freedom Ride ringleader, attempts to calm the bunch and calls for a head count. They can't find everyone. There are too many people missing.

Heidi Dorow, another New York ACT UP member tries to piece together what happened. "Twelve of us went in," she says. "We held up our signs and started chanting, 'History will recall, Reagan and Bush did nothing at all.' And they started hitting us, ripping our signs, yelling at us, calling at us, 'commies, faggots, you deserve to die.' They were pushing and shoving. Security was trying to protect us, but eventually, we decided to leave because it was getting really ugly."

Rollerina calls for a caucus on the sidewalk.

"I was the last to go in," he explains to the engrossed crowd. "People were turning on me. The minute I walk in, they go, 'There's one of the faggots! Let's get the faggot!' I got very scared, but I thought, history is being made; go forward!"

They all applaud.

"The crowd was like Nazi Germany, I swear to God."

**5:00 p.m.:** Back in the Gay and Lesbian VOICE press room, the media are calling, frantically trying to find out what happened. The protestors pour in.

Human Rights Campaign Fund Communications Director Robert Bray attempts to calm everyone down, grabs his legal pad and starts writing. Neil explains.

"We went in, we brought in our signs, they were not concealed," he says. "We went in, and as we started coming in, people started making comments the first couple of minutes. In a matter of five minutes it started getting really ugly, because we started chanting and holding the signs up."

"It was turning into an ugly, angry, Day of The Locust mob scene," he insists, punctuating each word carefully. "Day of the Locust. It definitely was that."

Everyone starts buzzing about how, although security agents were near, there was little they could do when a mob of Young Americans for Freedom descended on them and became violent.

It all came to a head as they were trying to leave the hall, Neil explains.

As Rollerina explains how he was kicked in the leg and how a woman threw her beer on him, someone else asks everyone to shut up.

The young woman explains that the police have confirmed that five people were arrested. Lawyers have been called. But, still, questions persist.

Do any of those arrested have outstanding arrests for New York civil disobedience actions? Do they all have their medicine? Are any of them without their AZT? Mark has been arrested. No one else is from Los Angeles. No one else knows what his status is. What about him?

And where are they all being held? As some decide to hustle down to Central Booking ("Central Casting," they call it) to inquire as to their friends' welfare, others work up a statement for the press.

San Francisco's Mobilization Against AIDS leader Paul Boneburg urges that the statement demand an apology from the Republicans for allowing the crowd to become a lynch mob.

**Monday, August 15, 10 a.m.:** A number of local and national AIDS activists have braved the morning heat and have come with their props to the large slate plaza adjoining New Orleans City Hall. Two by two they appear from the sidewalk with their buckets full of chalk and placards.

Some one else has come too. And his face is familiar.

Some had seen the red-bearded man and his six-foot tall yellow and black sign before at the National March on Washington last October. He had a similar message then, too.

Planting himself on the far edge of the plaza he begins to call out his refrain: "You must pray to God so that he will have mercy in this time of need. For AIDS is God's judgement... against your vile ways... of sodomy. Re-pent. Re-e-pent."

The quiet gathering of activists, who had been painting signs and collecting their banners is sparked into fury.

In a rage, Urvashi grabs her megaphone and begins shouting at the man.

"How dare you — when 40,000 people have died — how dare you stand there?" she bellows, her voice crackling with unbridled anger. "What kind of moral courage do you have?"

Tempers flair. "How dare you? How dare you?" Urvashi hollers. "You don't wear the mantle of justice. You don't wear the mantle of morality when you say those things." The battery-power yellow and white megaphone goes into overdrive.

While two activists are held back by others as they come close to blows with the man, he continues his tale of Sodom and Gomorrah and says the activists are showing their true violent colors.

"Get out of here," Urvashi yells, calling on the activists to ignore the man and concentrate on starting their own rally. "Who was violent yesterday? Who was violent? This administration's policies against us are violent."

"Just say no, sodomites, to your vile practices. ... You are an abomination."

"You are an adomination against everything that is moral and just," she counters. "You are."

He is soon left alone to talk to reporters.

**10:15 a.m.:** As reporters crowd the plaza, the "die-in" begins.

One by one, the activists are tapped and they fall to the ground, each of them holding a sign bearing the name of one person. Underneath each name is the inscription: "Killed By Reagan/Bush AIDS Policies."

As names are called out from the national NAMES Project AIDS memorial quilt, the man with the sign shouts, "It's your own fault. It's your own fault."

Speakers go on to denounce the Reagan administration's response to the AIDS epidemic, the Republican party platform's stance on AIDS and the failure of George Bush to stand up strongly for a more compassionate response to the epidemic.

Wearing the ACT UP "Silence = Death" stickers, a handful of young men with red-white-and-blue bandannas tied around their necks leaflet the crowd.

One ACT UP member points them out. He explains how they are actually members of an anarchist group that caused

problems for ACT UP in Atlanta when they began throwing rocks at the police. The, they had been labeled members of ACT UP by police. This time, the police have been warned. He says the police were grateful.

A statement to Barbara Bush is read. The epistle which was sent to both Mrs. Bush and Kitty Dukakis calls on the prospective First Ladies to make AIDS their pet project, as Nancy Reagan made the war on drugs her cause celebre and Rosalyn Carter took up the flag for human rights.

Closing out the ceremony, Sue Caves and Barbara Cleaver, two California women whose sons have died of AIDS, solemnly write their sons' names on the pavement.

The cameras whir.

**11:50 a.m.:** Mark Kostopoulous makes his way to the Superdome. He has been absent from the day's actions. This time he sports his "Silence = Death" tank top. Having been among the five arrested at the Reagan speech, he takes a moment to discuss his treatment at the hands of the New Orleans police.

"There were some homophobic cops," he says. "There were some deputies who were supportive and thought that what we did was really gutsy. The only problems we encountered was that I had AZT that I had to take on a regular schedule. They would not provide me water or the medicine when I needed to take it."

Because he has tested HIV antibody positive, he says, he was separated from the other prisoners and "quarantined."

Not having faced off with the Atlanta police's riot squads at the National Democratic Convention, he can't compare the two police departments, but on the whole, he rates them "very similar" to the police he has dealt with previously.

He explains that the five were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace involving alleged threats to harm people. He denies all the charges.

He confirms that no Republicans were arrested in the incident.

**3:30 p.m.:** George Bush arrives at Spanish Plaza. As balloons are released into the air and vintage propeller planes circle overhead, the crowd of thousands on the plaza swells with Republican fervor.

At each swell, the young Republicans surrounding the AIDS activists lift up their signs in an attempt to block any suspected action from them.

The activists remain silent.

Bush begins to speak.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" begin chanting the protestors, pulling out their signs in the inside circle and holding them aloft.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they continue while the young Republicans hold up their signs and

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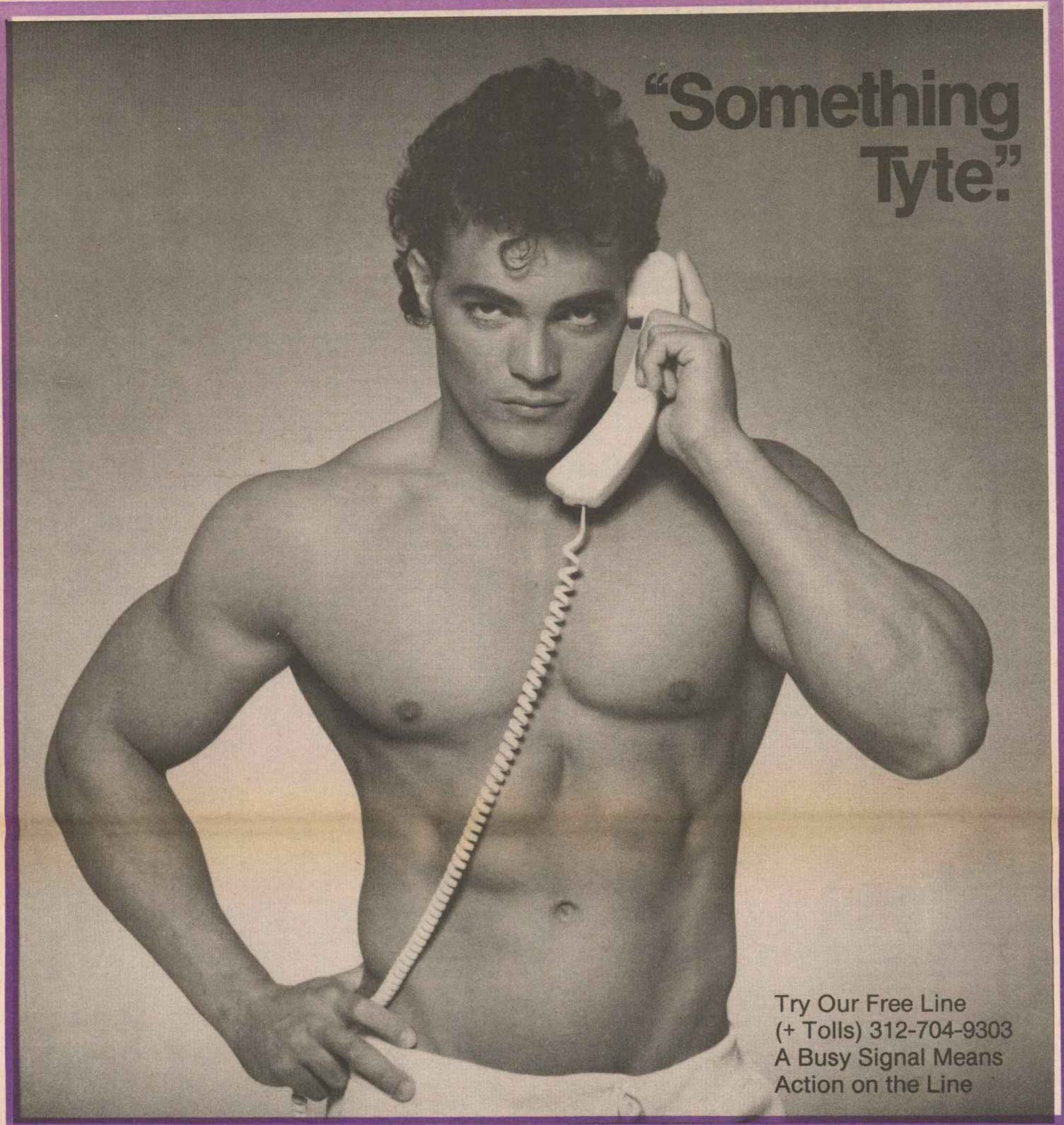
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## On Summer Nights

By Morgan Summer

I DON'T HAVE a car. So this summer I had to take the public bus to most of the places I wanted to go. During the trips, I would try to get a window seat, for two reasons: first, the buses were not air conditioned, so the passing breeze created by the movement of the bus would help a little; and second, so I could see what was passing by... like guys with their shirts off and wearing tiny shorts.

On the bus one day in mid-August, I saw a good-sized blue tent set up in a passing back yard. By it were three boys, in their early or mid-teens, talking, all wearing shorts, and one boy had his shirt off. As I passed them, I thought that they were probably going to have a sleepover that night, and smiled a little; I had my first Gay sexual experience during a sleepover.

In the years that passed since that summer night in 1985, I grew to appreciate sleepovers — I thought about it a lot. I thought, why, of all times and places to have sex — and for the first time, yet — why during a sleepover? And with other guys in the tent, yet?

Well, I realized, over time, why my first Gay experience happened during a sleepover. Taking a universal look at a sleepover, there are so many factors:

Right from the start, a sleepover — and I'm talking about all-male gatherings — is usually held by a popular kid. So, maybe in a way, other boys feel they want to come so they can be near him. And as far as location goes, it is held almost always in a tent, a trailer, or sometimes in the basement of a house. They are all isolated, in a way, in the non-transparent shelters; safely away from the world of adults.

Transportation to a sleepover is bikes or, more recently, skateboards. They are left in the garage of the hosting kid, or outside the sleeping quarters.

Next, probably a late trip to a convenience store, or, better still, McDonalds or Burger King. The boys go in, decide what they want — Wanna try that new kind of McNuggets? — while their hair, sweaty from the hot night, cools in the air conditioning, and their bare legs shiver slightly.

Back to the tent, to talk. About girls; who's hot, who's a dog, how many girls

## Same-Sex Weddings?

The Rev. James Bartos, pastor of the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. in Milwaukee has asked his congregation for permission to perform same-sex wedding ceremonies. This according to the August 31, 1988 issue of *The Milwaukee Journal*.

According to the Journal article by-lined to Marie Rhode, religion reporter for *The Journal*, the decision will be made "after a full discussion of the issue at a church forum at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 18.

Bob Moore, Coordinator of Lutherans Concerned told *Light* that the "major news story (in the *Journal* article) is in the inaccuracies."

Lutherans Concerned is the Lutheran equivalent of Dignity, the organization for Roman Catholic Lesbians and Gays.

According to Moore, the forum is not in the nature of a congregational meeting. "No decision will be asked or made," he said and added that "It's open to the public."

Moore told *Light* that the forum had its origin in his suggestion to Pastor Bartos that as part of Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride week, the church have an adult forum to discuss Lesbian/Gay issues.

Moore also said that "there is no significant disagreement between Bartos and Bishop Rogness on concern for Gay issues."

Rogness is bishop of the Southeastern Wisconsin Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Morgan Summer

one guy had, then dirty jokes, with at least five profanities each. A radio on, turned to medium volume, the rock music serving as a background for the talk.

Getting tired, but wanting to stay awake, they leave the tent again to play some pranks — ringing a doorbell then running away, commonly, or even a minor act of vandalism... but not often.

It almost never rains at a male sleepover; the sky is black and pinpoints of starlight shine through in the cool, late night. And as the group of boys passes a streetlight, he may look over to one of his friends and think how beautiful he looks... the boys stick close together, because things change at night.

And sex. I think it happens quite often during these male sleepovers — away from the eyes of adults and society; just getting close to a friend. To see what it's like; this is what I think happens often on summer nights. But whatever happens, the sleepover is remembered when a boy sleeps alone in the fall and winter, and looked forward to in the spring.

BUT I HAVE other things to think of, as I enter my late teens, and at 18 become legally responsible (!) for my actions. I have to think of college, and living in a residence hall, where every night will be a sleepover with thousands of other males on campus. But...

I remember the sleepovers of my youth; I hope you do, too. If you had a great time like I did, tell me about it. Because many things can happen between boys — and, I think, also between men — on summer nights.

## 'Cent' Us to Seattle

"CENT" us to Seattle! Yes, that's our slogan for the kick off of our fund raising campaign! Money raised will help send Cream City Chorus to Seattle on July 4, 1989 for the Gay & Lesbian Association, (GALA). It will be their 3rd Annual Festival of Music with a total of sixty chorus' attending.

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On September 10th you are all welcome to join us at our "Italian Car Wash" held in the parking lot of M&M. No, this does not mean you have to have an Italian car, but it does mean you will be treated to some of "Scoots Sausage" and that is Italian. Assorted Italian deserts will also be featured. So, come and have some grub while we scrub your tub! We'll be there from Noon til 6:00 sharp!

Last but certainly not least, on September 25th we are proud to announce our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social held at Fannies. We are all looking forward to an entertaining and relaxing "Sundae" afternoon!

Your support is greatly appreciated and won't be forgotten! Stay tuned for upcoming events. Till then... let's live our lives in "harmony!"

## CCBA Poll Results

The president of Milwaukee's Cream City Business Association (CCBA) has announced the completion of the survey of its members.

The survey was conducted as part of the self-study the organization is holding this summer. 104 surveys were sent out to members. Of these, 43% were returned. CCBA's president told *Light* that he was "highly pleased" with the numbers responding and said that it shows a "vital, vigorous" organization of dedicated members who are "very interested in our (CCBA's) activities and successes."

According to survey responses, the organization is composed of 60% male, 40% female. 95% of the members identify themselves as Lesbian or Gay. 42% see themselves as professionals. The next highest number, 13% are in the field of administration/management.

25% own their own businesses while 72% say that they are not "out" at work.

Of the various membership categories, the highest number, 53% hold individual memberships. Those who hold business memberships in the organization account for 16% of those responding.

One of the things the CCBA board wanted to find out was what members perceived the organization to be. According to the survey, the highest number (53.5 — not a percent) see CCBA as a combination social, business and political association.

According to CCBA's president, both he and the board want to thank all those who participated in the survey. It shows, he told *Light*, that CCBA will go forward promoting the ideal and goals that have made the organization such a vital part of Southeastern Wisconsin's Gay/Lesbian community.

## Madison Variety Show Seeks Women

**Madison-** The organizers of Madison's 3rd Annual Lesbian Variety Show is seeking Lesbian Women to perform, exhibit works of art and assist with production efforts.

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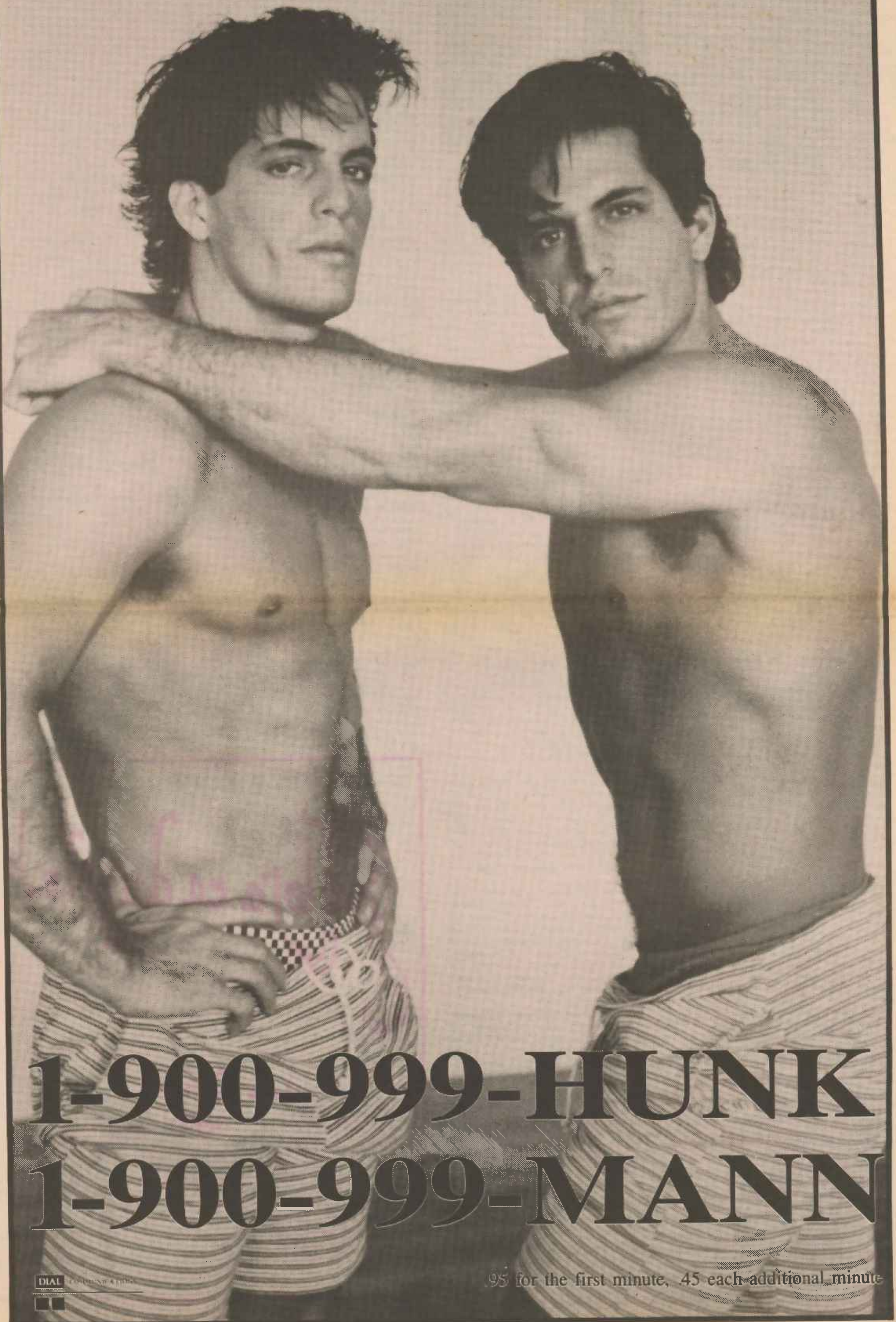


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Like true cabaret, the entertainment will consist of singing and dancing by the Singers, individual and novelty acts, blackouts and skits. The variety show is divided into six acts, each one built around a central theme. Included are Magic: a medley of songs like Magic To Do, Old Black Magic, Magic Music; Chicago: songs from the musical including Razzle Dazzle and All That Jazz. These two acts are the source of the title ABRACADAZZLE. Other acts include a tribute to Irving Berlin, several Tom Lehrer burlesques, and of course, some camp and drag like Gotta Have a Gimmick and Bosom Buddies. Broadway musicals represented will be Top Banana, Chorus Line, Pippin, among others.

Tickets may be obtained at the Ballgame (273-7474), or from members of the Fest City Singers, or by phoning 263-SING.

Single ticket prices are \$6.

ABRACADAZZLE is the climax of the Fest City Singers' summer activities," according to Robert "Bim" Florek, music and artistic director of the FCS. "We have had a busy and rewarding summer with no time off; we participated in the Make A Promise Dinner, the AIDS Memorial Service, the Chicago Gay Pride Parade (we were awarded the Judges' Merit Award for the second year in a row), we sang and entertained for Madison's MAGIC Picnic, the Historic Third Ward Block Party, and we shall also sing for the Interdenominational Service sponsored by New Hope Church on September 18.

Bim was recently interviewed as a guest on the Let's Talk Milwaukee program conducted by Karen Malnory over radio station WYMS(89 FM). The Fest City Singers were also featured in three numbers during the half hour program. Bim and a member of the FCS business staff will attend the GALA Conference for music directors and business managers conducted by the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses. The three-day conference will have met in Rochester, New York during the Labor Day weekend.

## Milwaukee's Tri-Cable Films "Gay & Lesbian Voice '88"

By Mark Behar

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is excited to announce the upcoming dates for cablecast of "Gay & Lesbian Voice '88" on City of Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14 (MATA public access). The hour long program is scheduled for: Sunday, September 11, 7 pm; Wednesday, September 28, 7 pm; Saturday, October 15, 9 pm; and additional times before the November 8 general election.

According to producer/director Bob Fish, "Gay & Lesbian Voice '88" features a moderated discussion by Milwaukee area Lesbian & Gay political leaders about how the recent Democratic and Republican National Conventions affect our community. Among the panelists are Sandra Kurjiaka, and Scott Gunkel, among others. A special roll-in segment was edited by Fish from daily hour-long programs from the conventions by New York City's Gay Cable Network (GCN) to Milwaukee's Warner Cable, and then to MATA for use by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network via a satellite downlink feed. Madison's Nothing to Hide, carried on community access WYOU (channel 4), carried GCN's entire 8 hour coverage, which included interviews of delegates about Lesbian and Gay issues by well-known community journalists, activists and celebrities, as well as a wrap-up of each day's activities. Technical problems both in Milwaukee and Madison however, interrupted the satellite's downlink on different days, but a cooperative exchange of the missing program material between the two Gay and Lesbian production groups allowed uninterrupted coverage.

In addition to special programming such as coverage of "Gay & Lesbian Voice '88" about the Democratic & Republican National Conventions, Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network also produces Tri-Cable Tonight, the monthly half hour magazine-style format program about our community. This autumn marks the first anniversary of the Tri-Cable Tonight, and a special hour-long viewer call-in is being planned to gauge community interest and support.

Tri-Cable may be seen on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7pm, and the last Sunday of the month at 6pm, on channel 14. In addition, the program may be viewed at Milwaukee's La Cage every Sunday at 5 pm, the Ballgame on the 2nd and 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm, and at the Phoenix (back bar) on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10pm. In addition, the program is available for loan from The Foundation Center (225 S. 2nd ST., 278-0880), on 1/2" VHS tape.

The Network has produced over 20 programs about the Gay/Lesbian community since the group's formation two years ago in October 1986, and serves as a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Milwaukee's non-profit charitable Gay/Lesbian philanthropy. The Network is always looking for fresh ideas as well as energetic crew members. Free television production training is available! For additional information please write MGLCN, c/o Cream City Foundation, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53202 or call executive producers Bryce Clark (271-7812) or Mark Behar (277-7671).

## Ten Percent Society Announces Back to School Schedule

**Milwaukee-** Following is the September schedule of the Ten Percent Society at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Sept. 14-** Welcome Back to School and Orientation Meeting. 5:30 p.m. call for room number.\*

**15-** University Night at the Triangle (135 E. National, Milwaukee). 8:00 p.m. \$2.00 cover (optional) gets 50 cent taps and sodas, \$1.00 rails.

**21-** Lunch Box Rap: brown bag and socialization. Noon-2:00 p.m. Call for room number.\*

**22-** Good-by—Good Riddance—Guy Party at the Triangle. 9:00 p.m.

**24-** **Pride Ball.** 7:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Student Union Ball at UW-Milwaukee. Sponsored by **In Step, Wisconsin Light** and Ten Percent. This is part of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration.

**28-** Open Discussion: Coming Out. 5:30 p.m. Call for room number.\*

\* All meetings are held in the UW-Milwaukee Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Call (414) 229-6555 for information.



Jerry Johnson

Several thousand people attended MAPfest in Milwaukee on Labor Day. The record breaking crowd enjoyed the food and entertainment with proceeds going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

## First Annual Pride Celebration Schedule Features Variety

**Saturday, Sept. 10 Noon-7 p.m.**  
**PICNIC & RALLY**

Sponsors: SSBL and ML/GPC. Mitchell Park Area #3 & Pavilion. Enter at 500 block on S. 27th St. Just east of parking lot behind the Domes.

SSBL All Star Games, Volleyball, Dunk your favorite bar staff, food and beverages, look for your community organizations in Pavilion.

**Sunday, Sept. 11 Noon-?**  
**GAMMA Annual Corn Roast**

Lake Park. Lake Drive and E. Kenwood Blvd.

**Monday Sept. 12 6 p.m.-1:00 a.m.**  
**MOVING PICTURE SHOW AT THE STATION**

Station II, 1534 W. Grant St. Come in dressed as character from "Desert Heart" or "LaCage Aux Folles". Double Bubble 6-9 p.m. Free drink to persons in costume. Judging 9 p.m. Both movies played all nite.

**Tuesday Sept. 13 7-9 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE & TRI CABLE TONIGHT VIEWING**

CCF Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St. Showing Programs #9 and #11.

**Thursday Sept. 15 All Day/Even**

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**Friday, Sept. 16 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.**  
**CABARET CONCERT & DANCE**

With Romanovsky & Phillips and Amethyst. Crystal Palace, 1925 W. National Ave. Sponsored by: Full Moon Productions, Meridian Distributors, and Shafer Design. Advance \$8.00, door \$9.00. Tickets at: Lavender Unicorn, Peoples' Books, Station II, Outpost, and Beer Garden.

**Saturday, Sept. 17 1 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**BRAT/CORN ROAST BEER BUST**

Station II, 1534 W. Grant St. Raffles/Door Prizes; ML/GPC Benefit.

**7:30 p.m.**  
**SERVICE OF HONOR & RESPECT FOR GAY VETS**

**LIVING AND DECEASED**  
Milw. War Memorial, Lincoln Mem'l Dr. Honor Guard & "Taps", and Citation by Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Cogg Jones.

**10:00 p.m.**  
**LEATHER NIGHT FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

Boot Camp, 209 E. National Ave. Free drink to anyone in L-E-A-T-H-E-R. Door prizes. Sponsors: Shafer Design and Beer Town Badgers.

**Sunday, Sept. 18 10:00 a.m.**  
**CHURCH RECOGNITION ON GAY COUPLING**

William Host, Presentor, former Co-Chair Lutherans Concerned N.A.

**2:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY INTERDENOM. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sponsored by Dignity, New Hope M.C.C. and Lutherans Concerned, with Cream City Chorus & Fest City Singers. Collection to be donated to Foundation Community Center.

**3:30 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY RECEPTION**

Organizational Meeting, 6 p.m. Lutherans Concerned/Wisconsin.

**Tuesday, Sept. 20 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.**  
**COCKTAIL/DINNER PARTY**

Mayor John Norquist, guest speaker. Presentation of Gay and Lesbian Community goals at Marc Plaza, 509 W. Wisconsin Ave. 6:00 p.m. cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:15 p.m. speaker and presentation. Sponsored by LRN, CCBA, BWMT. Advance Res. by Sept. 16, \$25.00. \$30.00 at door. Send check to: Lambda Rights Network, P.O. Box 93525, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Phone 445-5552. Admission to Speaker's Program, \$3.00 in advance, \$5.00 at door.

**Wednesday, Sept. 21 5-10 p.m.**  
**ITALIAN "ALL YOU CAN EAT" BUFFET**

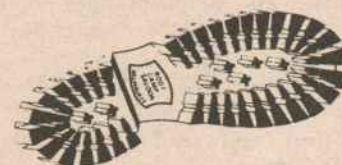
Beer Garden, 3743 W. Vliet St. All proceeds to be donated to MAP's Milwaukee House.

**Friday, Sept. 23 10:00 p.m.**  
**SCOTCH DOUBLES BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Ave. Sponsored by H.I.T.

**Saturday, Sept. 24 7:30 p.m.**  
**FIRST ANNUAL PRIDE BALL**

Mixed dance music. UWM Student Union Ballroom, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Students \$2.00, General \$3.00. Sponsored by **In Step, Wisconsin Light**, and 10% Society at UWM. Tickets available from sponsors, and at all Official Pride Events.



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## Gay Demonstrations Make Presence Felt in New Orleans

### REPUBLICANS

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proceed to try to out-chant them with calls of "Bush '88. Bush '88."

A television camera covering the Bush speech leaves Bush and pans over to the protesters. The camera clearly captures the stark black "Silence = Death" and the day-glo green "AIDSGATE" posters, poking up behind "I Love George" signs which were being held upside down and sideways.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they holler as the young Republicans try to wrest the AIDS placards from the protesters and begin to elbow them in the ribs.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they continue while, with the help of police who have been standing by, the circle turns into a formation, heading out through the crowd.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they keep chanting while one Republican smashes an umbrella down on a protester's head several times.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they shout, as almost out of the throng, one Republican crashes his sign down on a protester's head.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" they bellow while the protester turns back to swing at the Republican who has just hit him.

"40,000 dead from AIDS. Where was George?" comes the sound off in the distance as the AIDS protester is arrested.

**4:10 p.m.:** Back in the Gay press room, the protesters pile in. They buzz about whether the one protester swung at the Republican or not.

One woman with a German accent explains how Bobby, the arrested protester was with her right up until he was arrested. Since he had no identification on him, she had been worried about him. She isn't sure whether he had swung or not.

The exasperated protesters ask about the coverage. They retrace their steps. They have another head count and notice someone is missing.

They worry that he may have been left behind to be beaten by the angry mob. When he walks in, he is embraced like a prodigal son.

Lying on the couch with three other protesters, Heidi reflects on the action just passed. She flashed on the intense self-defense preparations they went through before the action.

"You know how stupid we thought it was? We were laughing while we were practicing. If we hadn't practiced that we would've been dead."

They all decide to postpone their Human Billboard action and regroup.

**Wednesday, August 17, 12:00 noon:** The "Jesus Saves" man is back. This time he's in the park adjacent to the Louisiana Supreme Court. This time he's come for the sodomy protest.

But it's starting to rain.

As the activists gather around the media representatives under a sheltered pavilion, the counter-demonstrator stands out in the rain, using his large plastic sign as an umbrella.

The rain doesn't stop him, though.

"God is angry with the wicked every day," he shouts over the sound of the pouring rain. "May this rainy day be a message to you that God will bring down fire and brimstone on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Re-pent. Re-e-epent."

Leaning over the railing, the activists trade comical anecdotes about people who don't have the sense to come in out of the rain.

The protest is called off, but not before the "guerilla players" tape on pieces of paper saying "sex police" to their shirts.

As the bored news reporters packed up their things to go, one plainclothes police officer takes offense at the "sex police" signs.

The revitalized reporters whisk out their cameras and tape recorders in record time.

**4:20 p.m.:** A small crowd huddles in the corner of Lafayette Park listening to National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project Director Sue Hyde "trash" homophobia. Right now she's holding up the **New Orleans Times-Picayune** and denouncing their lack of reporting on any of the week's Gay/Lesbian and AIDS actions.

The cameras fly across the grass to a man who has appeared in the park with a sign that says, "AIDS is a cure, not a disease."

Standing next to the wet "Jesus Saves" man, who found his way to the park earlier in the afternoon, the new counter protester spouts biblical quotes without stopping to take a breath.

"If they want to get saved let them turn from their sin," he says. "Then there'll be lots of compassion. The answer is not to provide condoms. The answer is not to provide clean needles. The answer is to have abstinence or monogamy with a marriage. One man, one woman, that's the answer. The answer is not for the government to provide funding to find a cure for disease. That's not the responsibility of the government. The government should provide for a defense against our foreign enemies."

Soon, a flock of Young Americans for Freedom appears in the park wearing surgical masks and carrying signs that read, "AIDS Patrol" and "No Homo."

"We better not get near them," their somewhat effeminate leader says of the Gay protesters. "they might kiss us."

As the masked counter-demonstrators chant, "We love America, yes we do. We love America, how 'bout you?" Urvashi takes the mike to denounce the radical members of the Republican party.

"There are moderate Republicans," she shouts. "Those young fascists don't represent the Republican party. They're the pond scum of the Republican party. You're the goon squad!"

Neil then takes the stand. As the numbers of police in the park climb into the 60s, he becomes more direct in his attacks on the counter-demonstrators.

"I'd like to address the Young Americans for Fascism over there," he says in a scathing tone. "Why don't you say that you're just a bunch of sanitized KKK people? That's all you are! You're punks in white suits. You're yuppies and preppies in ties. You're a bunch of mongoloids. You're skinheads with wigs and ties. That's all you are. You're a pathetic excuse for patriotism in this country. ... Go back to your trailer parks. You're a bunch of retards."

The crowd goes wild.

After several more restrained speakers, one last activist takes the stand and also address the Young Americans for Freedom. "So let me close by asking the YAP one question, and I'm sure at least one of you can answer this from personal experience. This is the question: Hey dudes, does Jack Kemp give good head?"

A somewhat flustered Urvashi runs around the pro-Gay end of the park lighting on all the protesters, urging them to stay together as they leave the park through one exit with a police escort.

On the sidewalk, one New Orleans local who has been present for most of the demonstrations catches a stray barb from one of the anti-Gay protesters.

"Go home!" someone shouts at the straggling protesters.

Carrying a large Gay and Lesbian Pride Flag, and taking up the rear, the woman counters, "Thank you, but I am home."

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party will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Marc Plaza followed by dinner at 7:00 and the program around 8:15 p.m. Advance reservations will be made by September 16. (See ML/GPC Schedule of Events elsewhere in this issue of **Wisconsin Light** for exact details on reservations). The Community is being given a choice of attending both the dinner and evening program at \$25.00 or the program only at \$3.00 (advance reservation prices). The 6:00 p.m. cash bar is open to all persons wishing to attend. This event is being co-sponsored by LRN, CCBA and BWMT.

The two weeks of celebrations will conclude with the First Annual Pride Ball sponsored by the two Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Community Newspaper Groups — **In Step** and **The Wisconsin Light** — and the 10% Society at UW-M. The Ball will be held at the UW-Milwaukee Student Union Ballroom and will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24.

A Schedule of Events calendar is in specially prepared displays at the bars, community businesses, organizations and program locations with public meeting areas, the Foundation Community Center, and places of business for sponsors of the various events. Tickets for all events (along with T-Shirts and Buttons) will be on sale at the Pride Picnic on Saturday, September 10 and at all other Official Pride Events.

## Congressman Moody Fights Negative Campaigning In Seeking Re-election

Jim Moody, the current Democratic incumbent, is running again for his seat in Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District.

Moody, a highly popular official, has been fighting a strong battle against tactics by his major opponent that Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist called "a style of negative campaigning that is not welcome in Milwaukee." (See Norquist's endorsement this issue).

Moody's background makes him highly suited to his position. He carries a B.A. and Masters from Harvard as well as a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California-Berkeley.

He has served in the Peace Corps in Bangladesh, been an overseas representative of CARE and taught graduate and undergraduate economics at UW-Milwaukee.

Like many good teachers, he decided to turn theory into practice by serving with distinction in the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate from 1977-1982. Since that time, he has served the 5th District in Congress.

Moody's record on Gay/Lesbian rights is laudable. In July 1987 he wrote to the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) urging that they hold a national research conference on anti-Gay violence. In 1988 he co-signed a letter to NIJ supporting its exploratory review of crimes motivated by, among other things, sexual orientation and urging NIJ to continue.

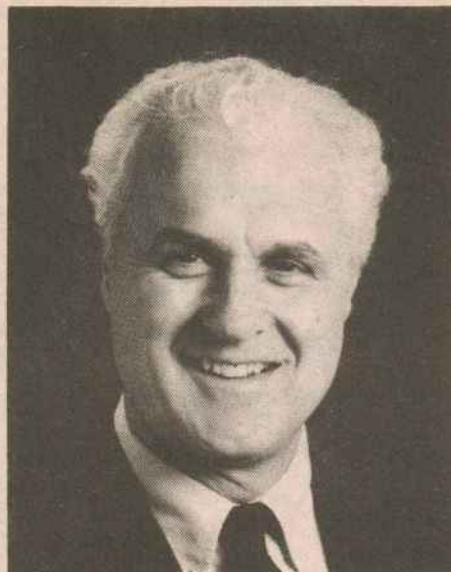
Moody is cosponsor of the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1987 (H.R. 709) that would change the 1964 Civil Rights law to protect Lesbians and Gays. This Amendment restored the rights that the Supreme Court curtailed in its 1984 decision **Grove**

Today I am publicly announcing my endorsement of Jim Moody for re-election to Congress from Milwaukee's 5th District. I have two overriding reasons:

1. I know Jim from working with him in the State Legislature and from his work in Congress. He is a dedicated hard worker and he is effective.
2. Jim has delivered for Milwaukee while serving on the House Public Works Committee and now as a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. Jim's brought home the support for mass transit and our sewer and clean water projects. I am talking about millions of Federal dollars that result in hundreds of good paying jobs for Milwaukee.

I also want to say that one of Jim's opponents has engaged in a style of negative campaigning that is not welcome in Milwaukee. His mud-slinging should stop — it is not good for Milwaukee and the voters will reject it.

—John O. Norquist  
Mayor of Milwaukee



Rep. Jim Moody

**City v. Bell.** He also voted for the 1988 Civil Rights Restoration Act and then voted to override Reagan's veto of it.


Moody cosponsored the "Hate Crimes Statistics Act." (H.R. 3193).

Moody has an 88% rating from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Moody has been equally as strong in his support of increased government funding for AIDS research. He voted for H.R. 2881 which would establish a National Commission on AIDS. The bill is currently in the Senate.

He cosponsored a comprehensive AIDS bill which would authorize \$400 million annually to provide funds for AIDS testing and counseling services to health care facilities that serve people in high risk behaviors.

Jim Moody has a long and honorable record of upholding Lesbian/Gay rights as well as fighting for the rights of all minorities. He is, from his record, a sincere, proven friend and loyal ally of our community.



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## Engeleiter, King At Opposite Ends With Gay Rights Issues

By Rick Villasenor

**Madison**- As Tuesday, September 13th approaches and the primary election campaigns for U.S. Senate come to a close, the positions of all the candidates on Lesbian and Gay issues is becoming more clear. While these issues are not at the forefront of media attention, at least one candidate is making his position on Lesbian and Gay rights a major part of his campaign. That candidate is Steve King, who is running for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, and has received support from some of the most homophobic organizations and individuals in the United States, including Phyllis Schlafly and her Eagle Forum.

One of the cornerstones of the King campaign has been the promotion of government's active involvement in fostering "traditional moral values." This includes opposition to laws which would make it illegal to discriminate against persons based on their sexual orientation. During a radio-broadcast debate among the Democratic candidates and Steve King, a listener asked all candidates whether they would support a Gay rights law. All four Democratic candidates said they would, while King voiced his strong opposition, noting that he did not want the government to be "condoning homosexuality."

Also reflecting his "traditional moral values" framework are his views on women. In a debate against his primary opponent, Susan Engeleiter, when he was asked a question about a child care bill before Congress, he was not familiar with the bill in question, but he did explain his belief that women should not work but rather should stay at home and take care of the children.

Last spring King used the issue of Lesbian and Gay rights extensively in his campaign against Engeleiter. On May 12, a letter went out to all Wisconsin supporters of the Eagle Forum PAC, an organization that has been "leading the pro-family movement since 1972." The Eagle Forum has been active fighting against Lesbian and Gay rights, as well as feminist-backed legislation. Its leader, Phyllis Schlafly, has been quoted as saying that the word "Gay" stands for "Got AIDS yet?" Signed by Schlafly, the Eagle Forum letter stated that it would be a tragedy if Susan Engeleiter were to win the Republican primary on September 13th. It praised Steve King for his support for "traditional family values."

The Schlafly letter continued with criticism of Susan Engeleiter's record. "The difference between Steve King and his Republican primary opponent is dramatic. The mother of two young pre-schoolers, Susan Engeleiter has been consistently pro-abortion, pro-E.R.A., and pro-homosexual rights during her years as a state legislator."

On April 27, a similar letter was sent out to voters in Wisconsin, under the letterhead of "Wisconsin Women for King: Women Concerned about Wisconsin's Future." The letter was signed by Mary Kohler, who recently lost her position as head of the Wisconsin Women's Council for stating that giving Blacks in South Africa the right to vote would be "disastrous" because they are "in the stone age." This letter also criticized Susan Engeleiter for her support for Gay Rights.

Despite heavy criticism from the fundamentalist Christian wing of her party, however, Engeleiter has said that she will not back away from her support of Lesbian and Gay rights. She has a voting record in the state legislature on both the Consenting Adults law, which repealed Wisconsin's anti-sodomy law, and the Gay Rights law. She voted in favor of both of these. In addition, she has taken pro-Gay positions on two issues that have never been before the Wisconsin State Legislature. She opposes discrimination based on sexual orientation in the military, as well as Helms-sponsored amendments censoring AIDS education materials.

Because of the fact that all the Democratic candidates have the same position on Lesbian and Gay rights, while there is a sharp contrast between a pro-equality and a homophobic candidate in the Republican primary, many Lesbian and Gay rights activists are urging people to vote in the Republican primary. Openly Gay Madison city council member Jim McFarland says, "If Susan Engeleiter wins the primary on September 13th, then in November Wisconsin voters will have a choice between

two candidates who support Lesbian and Gay rights.

If King wins the primary, however, those who support Lesbian and Gay rights will have to hope that 1988 will not be a repeat of 1980, when a little-known homophobic conservative Republican upset Democratic candidate Gaylord Nelson to become a U.S. Senator.

## Tri Cable Films Pride Week Events

On Saturday, August 27, Miriam Ben-Shalom and Don Clabots, two members of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration Steering Committee were interviewed by **Tri Cable Tonight** Show host Juana Sabatino for the September airing schedule — Program #11. (Consult your local TV listing or schedules in community publications for exact dates and times.) This program will also be shown at the Foundation Community Center's Open House on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Ben-Shalom, a prominent national figure for her fight against discrimination toward Gays and Lesbians in military service, highlighted the major events and said that the Committee has gone all out to make the two-week celebration of Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride 1988 an activity that will provide "something for everyone" with a vehicle for doing it on a community-wide basis. In answer to a question concerning the timing of this year's calendar of pride celebrations Clabots, ML/GPC Co-Chair and community activist, said the decision for the September scheduling was based on two considerations: since 1988 marks the first year that a full Pride Celebration is being planned for Milwaukee, the timing was coordinated so as NOT to conflict with all of Milwaukee's Festivals during the summer months. Secondly, the additional two or three months would provide the needed time to complete the final planning process and raise necessary funds for this major undertaking over a two-week period.

The Committee is beginning immediately to plan for getting the **1989 Pride Celebrations** into sync with the National Observances held in June. An announcement about plans in the works for 1989 is expected shortly. The Committee is anxious to hear from and work with individuals, organizations and businesses within the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Community in order to achieve its goals for Celebration of Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride in a professional first-class manner. The Committee can be contacted as follows: ML/GPC Steering Committee, 225 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Phone messages can be left at: 933-6931, 962-5181 or 264-2740.

The Committee also informed us that it is planning to be represented at the international conference for Gay Pride Celebrations to be held in October and they should be coming back with ideas for an even better "Pride in '89 Celebration."

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sional abilities.

As regards increased funding for AIDS research, Garvey told **Light** that he would fight for a billion dollars being expended annually by 1991. "It's outrageous that we have not already made such a commitment," he said. He told **Light** that, as senator, he would press the government to stop defaulting on financial support of the World Health Organization (WHO).

As he spoke, Garvey's voice became more impassioned. That Congress has let funding for AZT lapse, he called "indefensible." "Where is the anger?" he asked. "People are dying of AIDS and there doesn't seem to be any urgency in high places." Garvey left the impression that, if elected, that urgency would be very much in evidence.

Garvey said "I believe that our response to AIDS must be informed by reason, compassion and respect for civil liberties. Within the framework of these commitments, we should mount a bold national effort aimed at finding a cure for AIDS, stopping its spread and reforming our health system to care for current AIDS sufferers."

Garvey is seeking a chance from the Wisconsin electorate to achieve this and other goals for our community.

## Interdenominational Service Planned For Pride Week

By Sandie K.

Why are we uniting? The answer is simple. Our way to participate in the first Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration is by holding an interdenominational service.

The service will be on September 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau in Milwaukee.

Our theme is "Inclusive People of God; a Celebration of Lesbian/Gay Christianity."

Two often Lesbians and Gays are led to believe that we are excluded from God's love and therefore cannot really be

Christians. We would like to share with you why we believe differently.

Our homilist is Mary Ann Mollir-Gunderson who is the assistant to the Archbishop of the ELCA/Southeastern Wisconsin Lutheran Synod. Father James Arimond and members of New Hope will also be participating in the service. Milwaukee's Fest City Singers and the Cream City Chorus will be providing music.

Please join us on September 18 for this special service of celebration.

## CCF Announces "Friends Of The Foundation" Organization

[CCF]- In order to encourage more involvement with the Cream City Foundation (CCF) a new membership organization is being formed by the Foundation. It will be called, "The Friends of the Foundation" organized along the lines of the "Friends of Channels 10/36." The memberships will have certain privileges such as discount tickets for the annual Casino Nite, Newsletters and an annual summer event especially for current members.

"The Foundation has struggled for 3 years to find a suitable way to bring more persons into CCF and to have people feel more concerned and a part of CCF," said Don Schwamb President.

The new program will be aimed at the entire Metro Milwaukee Community — friends, relatives and good citizens will be encouraged to join as well as Gay and Lesbian people.

Memberships start at \$25 a year and have several categories including the Exclusive President's Club. Renewals will be automatically sent at each person's anniversary date. Everyone is encouraged to become a member.

The Cream City Foundation was organized in 1982 to collect funds and grant those funds to Gay and Lesbian organizations within the community in order to strengthen and build up the structure of services and programs. To date approxi-

mately \$17,000 has been raised towards the \$30,000 1988 budget, which will be used to fund grants to various community organizations. The Foundation maintains a large Community Center, holds a monthly Forum for all organizations, and sponsors a Gay/Lesbian Cable Television program besides providing Grants.



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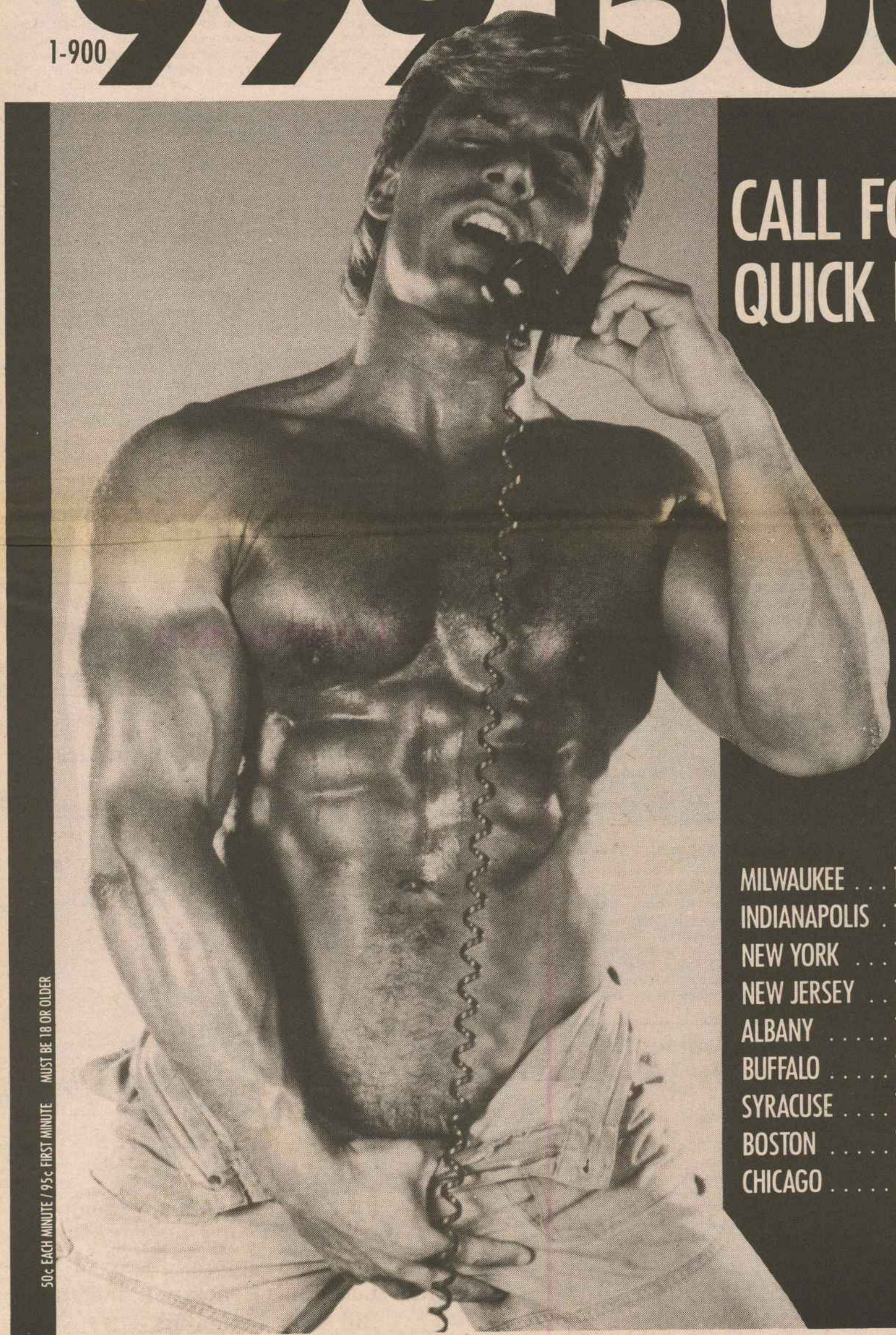
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## SPORTS NEWS

# Twin Cities Win Softball World Series Title; L.A. Second

By Jerry Warzyn, Sports Editor

The men from Twin Cities Cloud Nine Americans captured their second title in a row by defeating Los Angeles Griff in the 12th Gay Softball World Series Title in the "Shout Out in Big D" Series 88 softball tournament held in Dallas, August 23-27. In the 4th Gay Women's World Series the women from San Diego Peacock Alley defeated the Chicago MSA Synergy twice to take the title. And in the 1st MAGAAA Recreational Tournament, New York Ty's Chelsea Transfer Breakers, a team which won the Milwaukee Classic Recreational Tournament title, captured the trophy by defeating Toronto Colby's Generals.

Milwaukee's representatives did not place in any of the final rounds of the tournament. The Your Place Flamingo's of Milwaukee started off the tournament by defeating Southern New England Frontier and the men from Columbus Herby's. This was the first year that Columbus fielded a team in the Gay softball world series. However, after their first two wins, the Flamingo's lost two closely fought games to Atlanta Burkhardt's and Los Angeles Griff's. Atlanta finished third in the Men's Open Division while Los Angeles took second place.

In the Women's Open Division, the Milwaukee team from Station II lost to Boston 1270 and Kansas City Other Side of Birds to be eliminated early from the competition. Boston 1270 competed in the Milwaukee Classic in May. The Milwaukee team eventually finished the tournament with 1 win and 4 losses.

In the 1st 1988 NAGAAA Recreational Tournament, the Milwaukee M&M team started off the tournament with a loss to Dallas Bunk House, which team went on to take third place in the tournament. The next day Milwaukee bounced back to defeat Columbus N. Cent. Ohio AIDS Foundation. However, after leading by five

## Arnold Named Ass't. Commissioner

Suzi Arnold of Milwaukee was elected Assistant Commissioner of the Women's Open Division of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance in meetings held in conjunction with the Gay world series held in Dallas. Arnold is presently Commissioner of the Women's Division of Milwaukee Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL). In other business, NAGAAA formally adopted a resolution to be the official host of the recreational tournament. This year Dallas sponsored the tournament with the blessing but not the support of NAGAAA. Atlanta presented plans for the 1989 World Series during the meetings. However, no other city presented a bid for the 1990 Tournament. NAGAAA will entertain bids for the series at its 1989 Spring Meetings. Long Beach, California appears to be the frontrunner for the bid. However, bids may be received from Chicago, Minneapolis, Boston and Washington, D.C.

## GAMMA Corn Roast Sept. 11

Milwaukee Gamma, Inc., a nonprofit Gay/Lesbian sports and social organization will hold its 10th Annual Corn Roast on Sunday, September 11. The event will be held at Lake Park Picnic Area #4 from Noon until 6:00 p.m. The picnics areas are easy to find once you enter the park. The Corn Roast features corn and brats, beer and soda, and volleyball and other games and events. Cost is \$6 for everything. This annual event is always a fun time and well worth the minor cost.

## Softball Awards Banquet Sept. 17

The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) officially ends the 1988 softball season with its Awards Banquet on Saturday, September 17, 1988. The event will be held at The Wheel House, 2178 N. Riverboat Road, Milwaukee. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. For reservations contact any team manager or SSBL officers. For more information, call Tom at 273-3594.

runs in the top of the 7th inning, Milwaukee M&M fell apart to lose to Chicago Windy City Christopher Street. This was the first year that NAGAAA sponsored a recreational tournament in conjunction with the world series competitive play and M&M appeared to suffer from lack of experience.

Dallas offered players and fans who participated in Series 88 a myriad of activities during the week. Tuesday featured opening ceremonies at Fairs Oak Park where all the games were played. The park offered seven fields where competition was held simultaneously throughout the tournament. Players commented that the fields were in excellent shape the entire week. That night a party was held at City Hall Plaza in downtown Dallas for all players and fans. During the week several host bars and businesses offered parties and entertainment for the visitors. Friday night featured a Night of 1,000 Jocks held at the Dallas Design Center. This event was a fund raiser for the Dallas Gay community, designed to replenish the donations made to host the tournament. On Saturday night, the Awards Banquet was held at Fair Park Auto Building at State Fairgrounds. This typical awards ceremony lasted much too long and was held in a barn which made it almost impossible to follow the event. The Milwaukee Flamingo's won the Series 88 Treasure Hunt by finding all the items featured on the list.

Dallas featured record heat during the entire week. Several players fell to heat exhaustion. The host city tired to beat the heat by providing ice and towels in the dugouts for the players. In any event, the tournament went off successfully, and returning players may expect similar weather in 1989 when the gay world series will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

## Softball, Picnic Open Pride Week

The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) joins with the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee to open the 1st Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration, "Rightfully Proud", at Mitchell Park, Saturday, September 10. The event begins at noon at Mitchell Park Area #3, just east of the Domes. Softball begins at 1:30 p.m. with a game between Women's Division Champion Station II and the Women All Stars.

At 3:00 the M&M Peanuts, Recreational Division Champions, takes on the Recreational All Stars. At 4:30 the Your Place Flamingo's will oppose the Competitive Division All Stars. Food, Soda and Beer will be featured by the SSBL. The MLGPC will sponsor volleyball, dunk tank, games and booths. Various community organizations will be on hand to present literature and information on their activities.

## Bike Trek Petals To Waterloo

The final outing of the year for the Gay Bicycling Network will be held the weekend of September 24 and 25. The trekers will leave for Madison, visit Waterloo, and stay overnight in Mad City. Return will be on September 25th. Call Bob (963-9833) for more information on this annual 180 mile round-trip.

## Ask Madam for Help

Wisconsin Light proudly introduces a NEW COLUMNIST — Madam Domina Aschswester.

Madam has only recently arrived in Wisconsin from The Continent where she was a habitue of cafe society, a familiar of the Belle Monde and an intime of such of the nobility as the Duchesse de Esclavage who regularly sought her advice on many matters.

Madam believes that Light's readers can profit from her vast knowledge and experience. She, therefore, has agreed to answer questions from those who care to seek her advice. Questions may be submitted on any subject and be either of a serious or more flippant nature. Please write in care of the paper. Remember to use proper respect and address her as "Madam."

## Dukakis, Earl in Poll

[CCF]- While Mike Dukakis, Tony Earl and Jim Moody won the straw poll conducted by Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) at MAPfest, several others showed surprising strength. The poll showed the wide diversity within the community.

Some surprising results: Herb Kohl lost to Earl 2 to 1, with 38 against Earl's 87. Susan Engeleiter got almost as many votes as Kohl with 31, showing the makings of a close campaign in the fall. Helen Barnhill received 27 votes for the 5th district, well behind both Flynn (45) and Moody (74) but still a strong showing. Steve King was way behind Engeleiter. He got 4 votes while she received 31. Moody and Flynn were closer than expected while Don Sykes got 10 votes.

### CCF STRAW POLL

**President**  
Dem: Michael Dukakis 135  
Rep: George Bush 25

**United States Senate**  
Dems: (alphabetical)  
Tony Earl 87  
Ed Garvey 19  
Doug La Follette 7  
Herb Kohl 38

**Repub:**  
Susan Engeleiter 31  
Steve King 4

**5th District Congress:**  
Dems:  
Matt Flynn 45  
James Moody 74  
Donald Sykes 10  
Rep:  
Helen Barnhill 23

CCF is a national sponsor of the Gay/Lesbian "Get Out the Vote" campaign called "Operation Visibility" and conducts the poll at MAPfest each year.

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a litmus test was not only inappropriate — it was unlawful under Wisconsin's non-discrimination law. I would follow the same policy as Senator.

At the same time, the Gays and Lesbians who have worked for me have proved to be dedicated, hard-working and public-spirited employees and appointees. That is the

kind of person I try to recruit, regardless of sexual orientation.

Employers, public or private, who regard being Gay or Lesbian as an automatic disqualification for employment are wasting valuable resources. The United States can no longer afford to waste talent if we hope to keep our competitive edge.

**Q: Would you support the national Gay/Lesbian non-discrimination law now before Congress?**

**A:** I would be happy to join Congressman Bob Kastenmeier and other progressives in supporting this legislation, although I believe its chance for passage are remote as long as our political parties treat the rights of Gays and Lesbians and minorities as partisan ammunition instead of a legitimate problem of civil rights.

Wisconsin's experience as the only state with such a law has shown that these protections are not costly, that they do not disrupt business or society, that they do not have to violate religious rights, and — most importantly — that they can command bipartisan support.

Our law was supported by both Democratic and Republican legislators, was signed by a Republican governor, and was implemented by a Democrat, myself. I believe it has made Wisconsin a fairer place.



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Sunday, September 18, 1988

10:00 A.M. - Forum, "The Church and Gay/Lesbian Coupling

2:00 P.M. 8 Interdenominational worship service, "God's Inclusive Church"

6:00 P.M. - Lutherans Concerned, meeting. Bill Host, Lutherans Concerned/NA - speaker.