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Jamakaya Wins UWM Award

Wisconsin Light columnist Jamakaya (J.M. Dombeck) is the recipient of the A. Theodore Brown Award for Distinguished Graduate Research and Writing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The honor was bestowed for her thesis project "The Women's Coalition of Milwaukee, 1972- 1987: Feminist Activism at the Local Level."



Jamakaya

Her Thesis traces the history of the Women's Coalition and describes the contributions feminists have made to changing attitudes, reforming laws and institutions, and developing social services which more effectively meet the needs of Milwaukee women. It is available at UWM's Golda Meir Library, and copies can be purchased from Jamakaya by contacting her through Light.

Jamakaya will be the featured speaker at an event celebrating Women's History Month in March at UWM. The program, "It Changed Our Lives: The Impact of Feminist Activism on Milwaukee," will take place Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room Lounge of the UWM Student Union. Everyone, especially activists in the local women's movement, are encouraged to attend and participate.

In addition to her historical research and commentaries for Light and Hag Rag, Jamakaya is currently working on her tongue-in-cheek memoirs, "Rascals, Rogues, Vagabonds and the Truly Pathological: Women I Have Loved."

We at Light wish to heartily congratulate Jamakaya. Her column is one of the most popular in the paper and her work and dedication to the women's movement have earned her the affection and respect of all who know her. There are few who know how many times she has bolstered this editor's spirits when things got rough. For that I will be forever grateful. Congratulations Jamakaya!

BRUTAL ATTACKS INCREASE; GO LARGELY UNREPORTED



Jerry Johnson

Larry Krueger is shown holding a piece of a baseball bat left behind by Gay-bashers. First used to beat up a victim walking down the street, the bat broke while attempts were made to knock down the first door to a Milwaukee South Side bar. Blood stains can still be seen on the bat fragment pictured.

Milwaukee June 17-26 Pride Week Planning Begins

During 1989, we will begin the Second Generation of Gay Pride throughout the United States and Canada. During the period of Saturday, June 17 through Monday, June 26, Milwaukee will celebrate its Second Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Week. This celebration will coincide with Celebrations being planned in most Major Cities throughout the United States and Canada and we're looking forward to a very big 10-day week of Pride Events here in Milwaukee.

The Committee began meeting to plan activities to commemorate the National Celebration: 'STONEWALL 20: A GENERATION OF PRIDE.' A number of community-wide events for your participation and a tentative schedule in the works include the following and we will be giving you all the details along with status reports in the coming months:

SATURDAY, JUNE 17- PARADE and RALLY (First Annual)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18- SECOND ANNUAL INTERDENOM. CHRISTIAN SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 25- BUS TRIP TO CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE

MONDAY, JUNE 26- STONEWALL RUN (On the 20th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York)

There are a couple of other items we would like to report at this time. The Board/Steering Committee is being expanded to include some well-known Milwaukeeans to lend their expertise and community presence in planning and carrying out the schedule. The new Board Members will be announced in January after confirmation at our next meeting. A TURN TO PRIDE WEEK, PAGE 15

Melig Resigns From CCF Board

As we go to press, word was received that Bob Melig has resigned his post with the board of Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF). The resignation was effective Monday, December 12, 1988.

Melig told Light that his resignation was prompted by the pressures of business. "The upcoming year is going to be tough, tough, tough," he said.

Melig has served as a CCF board member for three and a half years, he said.

policy was established during the First Year to ask all community organizations and businesses to host/sponsor events

Green Bay Announces AIDS Conference

Center Project, Inc., an AIDS/HIV resource center for northeast Wisconsin, will be sponsoring their third annual AIDS in Wisconsin conference, "Reaching Out . . . For Each Other," on February 21 and 22 at the Regency Conference Center of the Embassy Suites Hotel in Green Bay. The two-day conference will offer over forty different workshops and ample opportunities for participants to update their knowledge of AIDS/HIV and how it is likely to affect our lives.

As a special feature of this conference, there will be opportunities for people to meet each other and to form and expand the networks that will be needed by an increasing number of persons with AIDS. Though there are some hopeful signs on the horizon, the fact remains that AIDS will be with us for quite some time.

As the title of the conference implies, Center Project is encouraging people to reach out for each other, not only directly to each other, but also on behalf of each other. AIDS, like no other disease, is challenging us to use our resources to their limits. What one group or person does to help also helps each one of us who is working to meet the needs of those who need us. Together, we can better meet the challenge of AIDS.

To obtain detailed registration information concerning this conference, "Reaching Out . . . For Each Other," please contact Center Project, Inc., P.O. Box 1062, Green Bay, WI 54305. Phone (414) 437-4700.

Since the Wisconsin Light staff will be taking a holiday break there will be no paper published on December 29. Look for the next issue on January 12. Happy Holidays!

It happens in Milwaukee just the same as anyplace else in the country.

Let's call him "Tim." It was the end of September, just this year. It was 12:35 p.m. He says he will "never forget the time." He had left a bar on Second Street and was walking across the Water Street Bridge. Suddenly someone, a man, came up behind him. Tim hadn't heard him because he was wearing his Walkman. The man kicked Tim hard in the back sending him sprawling out into the middle of the bridge. Tim remembers and remembers well, screaming and crying as the man kicked him again and again while shouting "Choke on this fagot!" over and over again.

Tim was fortunate. A car came along with, as it turned out, two Gay men. Tim's attacker fled, leaving Tim badly mauled. The two men offered all the assistance they could and finally called him a cab to take him home.

As Tim finished his story, he added that two weeks later, two friends of his had been attacked in the same general area. Neither Tim nor his friends, he said, reported what had happened to them.

Jim had yet another story. He was in the men's room of the Phoenix bar when an unseen attacker came up behind him and struck him on the head with a brick. He was taken to St. Francis Hospital for stitches and, four weeks later, still feels the effects. "For two days after it happened," he said, "I did not leave my apartment." He was afraid and still feels "very skittish when I'm out alone." Like Tim, Jim knows of others who have been "Gay-bashed."

These are recent incidents, but assaults against Gays and Lesbians have been going on for years.

Two years ago, Larry was in C'est La Vie. It was toward closing time and there were only seven other people in the bar. Suddenly, someone ran in screaming that somebody outside was being attacked. Larry dashed out and found himself faced with a guy coming at him with a baseball bat. Larry ran back into the bar, closed and locked the door. The attacker broke a window and beat on the door with the bat so hard that it splintered in two. Larry still has a piece of the bat.

In addition to accounts of physical violence, there are innumerable accounts of eggs hurled at Gay or Lesbian bars, cars damaged and/or broken into as well as accounts of verbal abuse.

It should be emphasized that homophobic violence is not relegated to any one section of the city, but can happen anywhere Gays and Lesbians are known to frequent.

It should also be stressed that it is not something that happens only to Gay men. Sue Burke said, "It happens to women all the time. It is a form of terrorism," she said. It's less well organized that terrorism in other parts of the world, but the effect is the same. It prevents people from living freely, from moving about without fear.

Cindy told Light that when a woman is out, "she has to know where everyone on the street is." Cindy continued, "If I see anyone who I think is suspicious, I go to the nearest lit house and wait on the porch until I know I'm safe."

John, a man prominent in the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community for the past 19 years told of friends beaten up, eggs thrown and names called. "Gay bashing happens all the time," he said.

These are chilling words in light of the recent killing of Dennis Owens. According to The Milwaukee Journal, December 5, Owens, 31, was murdered and his body dumped in a parking lot in the 300 block of

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OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE VII

Symphonies and Theatre Were Only Safe Places for German Gays

By Terry Boughner

In hearing the various accounts about what I call "The Gay Underground", I was and am impressed by several things.

One is that it existed at all. I have met many people, claiming some knowledge of the Holocaust, who assume that despised and humiliated and full of self-hatred as Gays were, we did not have the will to do anything. Certainly this was true in most cases, but the existence of the underground proves that there were some of us who, out of anger and rage, struck back.

The heroism of the underground has raised questions in my own mind about whether, pushed to the wall, would I be capable of the same things? To this day, I do not know.

It must be remembered that for any German to go into the resistance required



a special courage. They were, in effect, fighting against their own country. In other countries, the resistance fought for their country. The German resistance, Gays and others, had to find justification for their action in a higher cause. The fact that they found this reason in their feelings for other Gays is, I think, something of which we can be proud.

One story, among many, that John, the ex-lustnaben, told me might illustrate the point. It was the Winter of 1937. Two men, lovers, were students at Berlin. One of their professors informed on them. When I showed some surprise at this, John explained that most of the faculties in the universities had signed the oath of obedience to the Nazi regime. These two young men, he said, "were the most pitiful beings." They had resigned themselves to death and, in fact, as was found out later, had determined to commit suicide together rather than suffer the camps.

After the two young lovers had been spirited to safety, the members of the underground met and decided on vengeance. "We knew where the professor lived," he said. "We knew all about him. One night as he was walking home, we met up with him. It was late. At first he thought it was a robbery and was very angry, but then we told him who we were. Foolish old man. He became more angry yet and threatened to tell the Gestapo on us. He called us all sorts of names. We dragged him between two buildings and slowly slit his throat. Have you ever seen someone die that way?", John asked me. "It isn't as fast as you may think. Why did we do it?", John asked. "For myself, it was because that professor was Hitler. I helped kill that goddamned old man, made it painful as possible. I didn't know him and I hated him. He was Hitler, the Nazis, the SS, the whole fucking system. I, we all, had been in rebellion against that all our lives. The Nazis were an extension of German, European history. Our resistance was a reaction to that. Our resistance was freedom. Don't you see? In the underground, I and the others were free.

When I told this story to Richard, he agreed and when I told him that I was trying to come to terms with the brutality, he grunted derisively. "You do not know what they did to us, what they were capable of." Since I met Richard in 1977, I had already heard many stories, but he went on.

Gays in the camps were the prime targets of the "medical experiments." They were injected with all sorts of

diseases to see what would happen. Gays were frozen to death to see how long it would take. Gays were placed inside pressure chambers and then decompressed. They died when their blood boiled inside their veins. Gays were subjected to vivisection, their living bodies cut open, their organs replaced with animal parts.

"Did you know," Richard asked bitterly, "that they used the bodies of Gays for dog food? You've heard how they raped and killed lovers in front of each other's eyes? Did you know that they would force a lover to eat parts of his lover's body; make a soup of it and force it down his throat? We knew all this, don't you see? We knew all this."

Gretchen told another story. The Nazis had established breeding farms, she said, where women were forced to submit to SS men. Just like the church, the Nazis couldn't conceive of women other than breeding machines. The women were rounded up and taken to these places. "We learned of one convoy and positioned ourselves so that we had a clear view. Then we shot each SS man in the balls. Oh, it was the most wonderful sight I have ever seen! It was splendid, all those screams and cries and knowing that even if they lived, those SS would never be able to function as men again. It was wonderful! In the confusion, many women escaped."

"Can you imagine what it was like?", Gretchen asked. "You have been stripped of family, familiar surroundings, everything that's ever meant anything to you? Why? Because you're a criminal, a supposed carrier of disease only because you live. You are not welcome anywhere, no place in any country. Certainly not in your U.S. If you can imagine that, then you can understand some, a little of why many in the underground did as we did."

In only two places in all of Germany were we safe.", Gretchen said. "Those were in the symphonies and in the theatres. Hitler himself decreed that. Even Himmler agreed that without Gays and Lesbians, there would be no drama, no music." I remember how she laughed mirthlessly at the illusions of stereotyping.

"We hid many of our people in these places, sometimes for a long time. Once we had a young man, the son of a general and well known in the Party. We took him to a conductor and he asked what instrument does he play? We told him none, but that he had to find something for him anyway. The conductor said, Well, you'll have to disguise him. We did and he was given a violin to play. He couldn't play a note, but he was a good actor and remained safe until we could get him out. Then he was replaced by someone else. Do you know that in some orchestras, there were always five or so Gays who couldn't play a note."

Heinrich was in Denmark by this time. One day in Copenhagen, he met an American named Paul who had come to Germany in the late '20's as had so many foreigners to participate in Gay life. When the Nazis came to power he did not leave, but worked with the underground until he had to get out. He convinced Heinrich to return with him.

Heinrich and Paul made contact with the German underground in Denmark. They were told that the Nazis intended to begin the extermination of the Jews. We were told, Heinrich said, that it was intended to associate the Jews with homosexuality — although no one was quite sure how this was to be done. The result was Kristalnacht, the true explanation of which, to my knowledge, has seldom been printed before.

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ACT-UP Chapters Across Country Orchestrate Highly Visible Events

by John Ritter and David Anger

[Washington, D.C.]—A mock trial, moderated by a prostitute from San Francisco, on the steps of the U.S. Health and Human Services building, found President Reagan guilty of "murderous neglect, indifference to suffering and failure to intervene" in the AIDS crisis.

A day earlier, U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) and Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) had been named to the "Homophobia Hall of Fame" during a rally in Dupont Circle.

Later, activists stormed the federal Food and Drug Administration building and temporarily closed down its operations. Police arrested 176 protesters.

The momentum of street-smart political activists was sweeping the nation's capitol, led mostly by AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) chapters from across the country.

Everywhere, there were the familiar black T-shirts emblazoned with a striking pink triangle and the slogan "Silence=Death." Gay porn star Al Parker wore the T-shirt while reading names at the Names Project quilt. On a sticker, the emblem was posted in the subway system, its pink triangle pointing to informational signs for the Pentagon station.

Another popular T-Shirt read: "We marched in '87. We act in '88."

ACT-UP is probably the best art-directed, media-conscious political movement in the country today. ACT-UP organizers know how to orchestrate highly visible, dramatic events that get media attention.

Weekly meetings in New York attract up to 400 people. Run without a traditional leadership structure, the groups are loosely-governed on a consensus basis. The Monday nights in New York are pep rallies for members, the soldiers and vigilantes who take their message about AIDS to the streets.

AIDS activists have lived with the epidemic for eight years, four years longer than America's involvement in World War II. And like in any war,

ACT-UP's goal is survival.

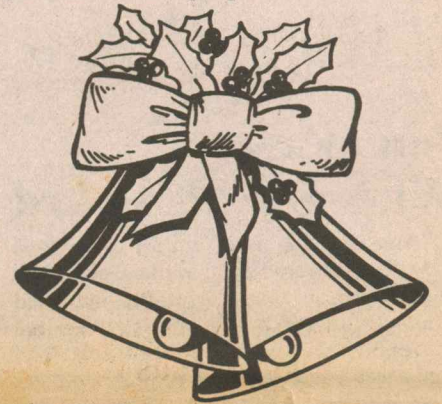
Inspired by last year's march, ACT-UP chapters have sprung up in all major cities — Los Angeles, Denver, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Boston, Orlando, Houston, Cincinnati and Kansas City.

Randy Miller, a staff person in the Dukakis campaign, told a group from St. Paul, Minnesota last year that "We Gays and Lesbians need to get angry and shout. We can't get the reputation of being too nice. It's easy to take advantage of people when they're too nice. We have to be willing not to be nice."

Miller, himself an ACT-UP member, said the movement's strategy "needs to be more cooperative . . . I give it high marks for what it's done. They have been outraged and that's what's needed. They have been fantastically successful in bringing media attention to AIDS-related issues."

Urvashi Vaid, spokeswoman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task force noted that almost every time a Gay rights law is passed somewhere in the country, "a referendum is launched" against it. She added that "Antigay violence is higher this year than last. We have 7,000 incidents documented."

Robert Bray, Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, said success in the political activist movement will be accomplished only with a two-sided sword — sophisticated lobbying behind the scenes paired with action-oriented groups like ACT-UP that get public attention.



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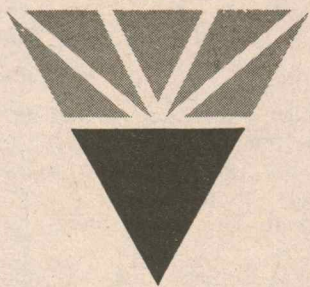
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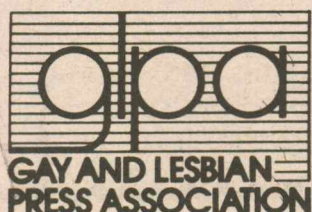
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EDITORIAL

1988 Was Year of Significant Progress for Wisconsin

In looking back on 1988, we find that it was a year to which Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians can look back on with a sense of pride and disappointment.

There are many things to be proud of.

In Spring we made national news when our efforts on behalf of Jesse Jackson attracted the attention of CBS News, the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. Hundreds of us responded to the call issued by *Wisconsin Light* Political Editor, Bill Meunier and, for the first time ever, we had a truly statewide political campaign within our community.

We were thrilled when the Helms Amendment was not added to the AIDS funding bill. It was a year in which the Army lost again in its fight to keep our own Miriam Ben Shalom from re-enlisting and Miriam won the coveted Human Rights award for the courage she has shown in standing up to the military.

1988 was a year in which the State of Wisconsin passed a law allowing judges to add to the sentences of those convicted of committing crimes against us because we are Gay or Lesbian.

1988 saw this paper survive, despite the predictions of failure and it saw us go from being a monthly to a biweekly.

Gays and Lesbians in Milwaukee played an important part in electing John Norquist Mayor, utterly repudiating his opponent, Martin Schrieber, for the insulting comments he made at a Gay/Lesbian forum.

The Republican Party invited its Gay Caucus to make a presentation at its Platform hearings and, even though the GOP did not include Gay Rights in its platform, the precedent was set.

Thanks to Sue Cook, Gary Wells and Don Clabots, Milwaukee had its first Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration in years.

But we had disappointments too.

Despite our massive effort in the Jackson campaign, we were denied any voting delegates in Atlanta. We watched in horror as the Dukakis campaign fell apart, victim of the most outrageous set of lies ever foisted on an unsuspecting public.

We saw increased funding for AIDS, but we also saw the Reagan Administration reject many of the most important recommendations contained in the report of its Presidential AIDS Commission.

There are Wisconsinites who will not be with us to celebrate the New Year having succumbed to AIDS and no one can say when the end of this terrible tragedy will come.

Now we face 1989. Like this past year, it will be a year of positives and negatives. But, if we work, we can expand on our progress and make 1989 a banner year for all Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians.

Happy 1989. Let's Make It The Best Year Yet.

Note from the Editor's Desk

I am a Scrooge at Christmas. I want to be like him every Christmas and all year long — and I wish the same to you.

Take a look at the old man as Dickens created him.

He and Jacob Marley were ambitious, hard working people who had created a prosperous business. Then, Marley died, leaving Scrooge to carry on alone, living in a dismal flat and eating out most of the time.

Bob Cratchet was no help. He was, for the time, a highly educated man. He could read, write and do mathematics, a relative rarity for the early 19th Century. With those skills, the fact that he was only a clerk in Scrooge's office indicates that he either lacked ambition, was lazy or both. Scrooge paid his clerk exactly what he was worth which, from what we know of wages in those days, was more than adequate.

The Cratchets, a so-called "traditional family", were far from poor according to the standards of the day. They lived in a single family home which they apparently owned. Beside Bob, no one in the whole clan had to work except Miss Belinda — this in a day when every member of a truly poor family had to scrounge just to assure survival. For Christmas dinner, the Cratchets had goose, plum pudding and all the trimmings, not exactly what the poor of London were putting on their tables — if they had any such articles of furniture.

Scrooge was not traditional any more than the Holy Family was your traditional Jewish household. I guess that's why I like him. I like him too because there was good in him that, like Lesbians and Gays, the normals of the world could not see. That was a warmth and beauty that the memory of Christmas Past, the magic of Christmas Present and the mystery of Christmas Future could work on — and they did. Bob Cratchet could never be anything more than he was. But Scrooge could keep Christmas and keep it well because there was something fine already

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a former Wisconsinite of some 25 years, and now live in California. I enjoy keeping up with the news and activity from my home state. I am very impressed with your paper and frankly have not found one in Southern California as comprehensive, concise and without sex ads. Congratulations.

I take exception to Jim McFarland's column. Gays and Lesbians have no business supporting a party that supports genocide of AIDS persons, Central Americans, Black South Africans, Palestinians etc., etc.

Thanks for your paper.

—Timothy Welch
Long Beach, California.

Corrections

Credit for the photograph of the Feminist Choral Concert in the November 17-30th issue of *Wisconsin Light* should have gone to Darla Kashian. Darla has frequently responded to last minute requests to take photos at women's events and we'd like to express our appreciation to her as well as our regrets for the oversight.

In addition, a reference to the Artemis Singers of Chicago, who were second on the bill that night, was omitted in transcription. Our apologies to those involved.

We inadvertently failed to remove the name of Jeff Kirsh as our Book Review Editor. Mr. Kirsh has been in no way responsible for the soliciting, writing, editing or selection of book reviews printed in the *Wisconsin Light* since August, 1988 issue.

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.

OBITUARY POLICY

Wisconsin Light publishes obituaries of members of the Lesbian/Gay community as both news and a community service free of charge. In many cases, we depend on relatives and/or friends of the deceased to provide us with the necessary information.

In Memory of William Scott Akin

December 4, 1950 - December 1, 1988

You were a caring, compassionate, involved
man whose love and friendship touched
many.

Your service to our community
is best reflected in your
founding of Bartenders Against AIDS (BAA).

Missed, but not forgotten, you
shall always be remembered.

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Boot Camp Saloon

A BOY OF SUMMER

Another Kind Of Love

By Morgan Summer

In my new residence hall there is a male student from Denmark. He is probably here in the United States, in Wisconsin and the college I attend, as part of an exchange program. He's proud of his native land. He displays the flag of Denmark (two white lines, one horizontal and the other, diagonal, intersecting in the middle of a red field) in the window of his dorm room. He also gave a small program in my residence hall's basement about his country. I went. It was a casual, but informative half hour with the student, Joriff, showing a twenty minute videotape about Denmark. Afterward, there was a sample of "Drmmekage Fra Brovst", a Danish cake made with brown sugar and coconut shards.

Jor, as he is called, talked for a few minutes about how sexually permissive his country is. I knew that there was a good climate for Gays — two members of the same sex can marry there — but he did not mention that aspect. In his culture, one of friendliness and bright attitudes, it is okay to love and be Gay. It is, to me, a different kind of love, another kind of love.

I went to bed a little early that night because the next day I would be going to a dance in Madison at the college there. Some guys from the Gay Student Union at my college were going also, so I rested, full of expectation.

The dance came and Don and Mark who I traveled with, went out on the dance floor, giving me time to explore. As I walked the streets of Madison, never going too far from the building where the dance was being held, I thought a little about Jor.

I wondered what he thought about Gay people and, of course, if he was Gay. I didn't know and a few minutes later I ducked into Wendy's and had a cheeseburger, looking out at the crowded night sidewalk at the people bustling by. Still Jor poked into my thoughts. There was something there, I thought, with that kind of love, something . . . think about other things, maybe safer things.

For the next few hours, I got dragged out onto the dance floor infrequently and drank soda, then danced some more, surrounded by people like me. It was wonderful. Then, too soon, the last song came on, a slow tune. I was watching from a raised part of the huge room, the couples on the floor, holding each other close, couples of the same sex, loving each other, being close. This was yet another kind of love, I knew, and I was privileged to see it.

At the dance, there was a male who I noticed running around the room and laughing with friends and acting very



Morgan Summer

feminine. He was blond, tall, muscular and seemed to be having a hell of a good time, dancing often and with many people. One of the guys who I had come with had talked with him and I found out his name was Kris.

After the dance, Don, Mark and I and some other friends of ours went out for a very early breakfast to a restaurant that is known to be open to Gay attitudes. We sat down at a long table and ordered, talking and laughing.

A little later, Kris and some acquaintances of his came in and Kris came over to our table and kissed Don, Mark and another male on the mouth, right in a row. Seeing this, I was . . . well, speechless. I drank my soda, trying to appear busy and Kris talked and joked with some guys at the table. I was literally dumbfounded. I . . . didn't know what to do.

After our meal, Kris stayed in the restaurant. In Don's car I asked what Kris was like.

"Well," said Don, starting the motor, "the last time we saw him," he gestured to Mark, sitting next to him, "he asked us to an orgy at his house."

I asked if they'd gone?

"See, it probably just would have been between me, him and Mark," Don answered. "I don't know." He dropped the car into gear and we drove away from the big city. I wondered if Kris was another type of love? But, I didn't know.

Don drove Mark and I to our dorms, then went to his home. I stumbled into my room, tired and exhausted. There were things I wouldn't remember and should in the morning, I thought.

On the drive home, I had found out that Kris was about nineteen years-old and didn't go to college. That didn't . . . I didn't know. I didn't know what happened to Kris or what Jor was thinking that night, even though Kris was far away and Jor was close. And me? I slept alone and didn't wake up until late the next morning.

Standing Up to "Impossible" Odds Will Benefit Our Community Most

By Thomas J. Rondy

During the week of October 9-16, a politically correct consciousness-raising event known as "Coming Out Week" took place on the campus of UW-Madison.

In the context of ever-increasing incidents of brutal Gay/Lesbian bashing, it was a very timely event. But making it successful in the long run will require maximum idealism and effort, because the bashing will not be stopped by pink triangle planting alone.

In fact, continued complacency may have the result of leading the Gay/Lesbian movement back towards the death camps (of which Gay men were the very first victims).

Only unyielding militancy can prevent such oppression again. Indeed, the themes of continuously fighting injustice, standing up to oppression, and struggling even in the face of impossible odds will benefit this movement the most.

As far as Coming Out Week was concerned, it was intended to fit into the theme of perpetual determination by serving as a reaffirmation of commitment, especially at a time when beasts like "Reverend" Jimmy Swaggart are arguing that not only should Gay people be executed, but so should straights who condone homosexuality.

Facing the oppressor, no matter what the cost, is also indispensable. The sheer brutality of some bashings reflects the fact that there are large numbers of maniacs among us who are completely sociopathic in their determination to continue this form of violence.

Recently, in Philadelphia, a young Gay man was murdered by two straight men. The murderers said that the victim pleaded for his life, but they killed him anyway because, "he was a fag."

On the subject of what can actually be achieved, it is appropriate to say, "Don't hold your breath" at this point. But that is no reason for not trying to achieve the most desirable goals. Simply put, we have to start somewhere or there will be not

progress at all.

There must always be a group willing to take the first bullets and the larger this initial group is, the more successful the endeavor will be. The civil rights workers of the late 1950's and early 1960's were probably told that they were plunging themselves into a hopeless, even dangerous, situation. But the path that was beaten by these brave souls makes possible the anti-racism campaign which we now have here in Madison and across the country.

It is important to remember such things because many less idealistic activists tend to tacitly condone homophobia. Whether or not this is intentional is irrelevant. The fact is there and it is a problem.

On a campus that has made the quantum leap to the right that the University of Wisconsin has, by simply being in favor of social change, one shows a willingness to take risks. Making oneself vulnerable by opposing homophobia is only a logical progression forward.

In a country where moderation is generally regarded as a virtue, an uncompromising attitude rarely elicits an enthusiastic response. However, when something in society is terribly wrong, it only makes sense to make an accurate assessment of the situation and how it affects you personally and then figure out what needs to be done to cause the desired changes.

In a time when the rate of Gay/Lesbian harassing has increased by 50½ (7,008 reported incidents in 1987, as compared to 4,946 in 1986; statistics courtesy of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force), our zeal should also be increased.

Though it took a lot of guts to manage the publicity tactics of Coming Out Week, it would be sheer foolishness to think that the job is done. Indeed, with the threats of death and violence persisting in the everyday lives of Gay and Lesbian people everywhere in this country, it is apparent that the struggle is just beginning.

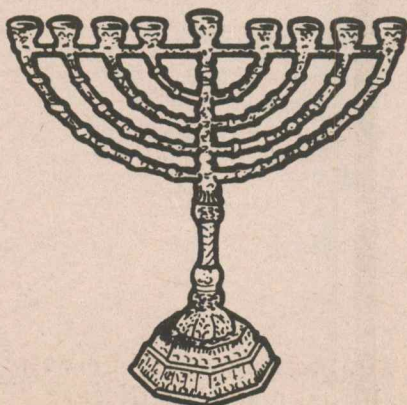
Lobbying Leads to Funding For Major Hate Crimes Research Project

[Washington, D.C.]—On October 1, President Reagan signed into law an appropriations bill that calls for a major study of hate crimes by the Department of Justice. At the request of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Senator Lowell Weicker (R-CT) added report language to the bill designating "sufficient funds for NIJ (National Institute of Justice, the research division of the Justice Department) to conduct an "Issues and Practices" study on hate crimes — i.e., crimes motivated by race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity." According to the appropriations language, the NIJ study will "highlight existing programs to combat hate crime and provide guidelines for criminal justice agencies to (1) identify, classify, investigate and prosecute hate crimes, (2) encourage reporting by hate crime victims, and (3) improve the treatment of hate crime victims."

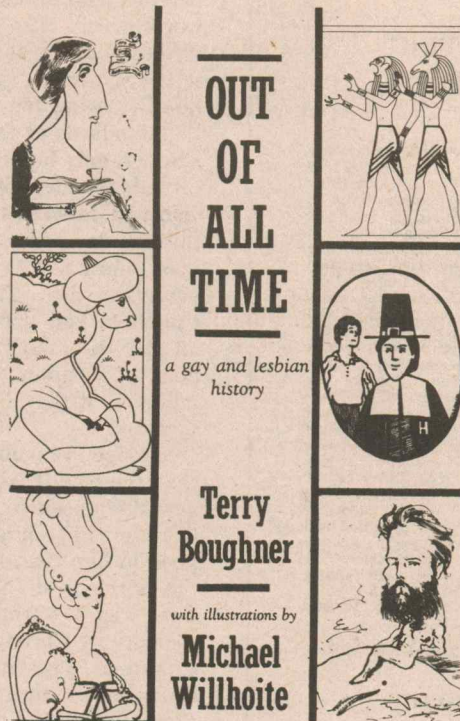
The Issues and Practices project will build on an exploratory study of hate crimes completed by NIJ in October, 1987, which concluded the "homosexuals are probably the most frequent victims" of hate violence. Despite efforts by NGLTF and more than 70 members of Congress to persuade the Justice Department to conduct a follow-up study, no action was taken for a full year. Accordingly, NGLTF, joined by Gay and Jewish groups in Connecticut, urged

Senator Weicker to seek appropriations report language requiring additional study of the issue. The Weicker language was adopted by a conference committee and the bill passed the House and Senate on September 27.

"We are delighted that Senator Weicker and his colleagues in Congress have directed NIJ to combat hate crimes," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project. "An Issues and Practices study should significantly improve the law enforcement response to bias-motivated attacks against Lesbian and Gay people and other minority groups. We are very grateful to Senator Weicker for his help on this issue and for his continuing support of our struggle to be free from discrimination and violence."



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C.S.P., Incorporated is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the Gay and Lesbian community. Now the most complete and advanced Gay production facility in Wisconsin, C.S.P., Incorporated provides typesetting and process graphics production for both of the state's leading publications, **Wisconsin In Step Magazine**, and **The Wisconsin Light** newspaper, both of which publish twice monthly, providing the statewide community with a publication every week. C.S.P., Incorporated currently has enough production capability to handle

three or four major publications per week, as well as numerous newsletters, brochures and other items.

In announcing this new service, Dan F. Schramm, president of C.S.P., Inc. said, "For our community to make additional progress, the ability to communicate effectively is of utmost importance. The public expects publications to be professionally done, and those that aren't suffer in very real ways. We realize that many smaller publications and organizational newsletters simply cannot afford to use high quality typesetting. Considering equipment costs, even desktop publishing is not cheap, and type quality does not compare with actual typesetting. We intend to solve those problems."

C.S.P. will offer high resolution phototypesetting for prices comparable to what desktop publishers charge for low resolution plain paper laser-printed pages. In addition to much higher quality resolution, the resin-coated (RC) paper provided by C.S.P. is easier to work with, much more durable, and not limited to the

8.5 inch length of the pages from laser printers.

Production services are provided in several variations. The computer-based service is principally designed for publications and organizations with personal computers who prefer to do their own keyboarding and thus have complete control over the finished product. The service is designed primarily for text applications. A publication generates the original copy on personal computers and transmits the text files by telephone line to the computer systems of C.S.P. which then outputs those files to phototypesetting machines which produce the actual typeset material in type styles and sizes of the customer's choice. The typesetting is then shipped back within 24 hours via UPS or Express Mail for next day delivery. C.S.P. guarantees on time delivery, made possible in part, by three typesetting systems and four computer systems, with additional equipment to be purchased soon. A publication without a modem or that does not need that kind of speed can send a floppy disk for typesetting. Book publishers with book length documents would probably prefer sending a disk. Or a publication could send the original copy physically or by facsimile (tele-copier) to C.S.P. which

would then handle the typing of the copy into its computer systems. Even by this less efficient method, publications would save fifty percent or more of what they currently pay commercial typesetters.

Another advantage of this service is that a publication with a phone modem can use absolutely any type of computer it wishes. For those preferring to send disks, even though C.S.P. is based on the IBM PC-DOS standard, they can accept disks from virtually all home computer systems, and even cassette tapes from computers such as the Coleco Adam.

For additional information, call C.S.P. Graphic Services at 414-277-9015 (Voice), or write, C.S.P., Inc. Graphic Services Facility, 1618 North Jackson Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-2004

Volunteers Needed

The Volunteer Fund Raising Committee of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) is seeking new volunteers who are energetic go-getters.

If this is YOU mail your name, address and telephone number to the attention of Ron Marks at the MAP office, 315 West Court Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212, or you may phone the MAP office at (414) 273- AIDS.

How the Test Can Help You

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- * Wisconsin has strict laws which protect patient confidentiality.
- * Testing may reduce your anxiety and uncertainty about being infected.
- * By identifying HIV infection before she becomes pregnant, an infected woman can prevent transmitting HIV infection to an unborn child.
- * If you are not infected (test negative) you will be provided with information about how to stay uninfected.

If you find out that you are infected (test positive):

- * You will be provided with immediate referral for additional medical evaluation, counseling and support services.
- * You can seek immediate medical care and obtain early intervention (e.g., AZT, vaccination against influenza, and pneumococcal pneumonia).
- * You can inform past sexual or needle-sharing partners of their exposure risk, and prevent additional transmission to current or new partners. If you need help informing partners confidential assistance will be provided.

Division of Health Designated Anonymous Counseling and Testing Sites

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Kenosha City Health Department 414/656-8170
Kenosha County Health Department 414/656-6434
Brady East STD Clinic-Milwaukee 414/272-2144 or
414/273-2437

*Marquette University-Milwaukee 414/224-7184
Milwaukee Health Department 414/278-3621
Sixteenth Street Community Clinic-Milwaukee 414/672-1353
STD Specialties-Milwaukee 414/937-2808
De Paul Rehabilitation Hospital 414/937-2808
Milwaukee County Methadone Program 414/937-2808
Residential Treatment Center 414/937-2808
Planned Parenthood State Street-Milwaukee 414/271-8181
*UW-Milw. Student Health Services 414/229-4716
Racine Health Department 414/636-9498
Sheboygan Health Department 414/459-3485
Waukesha County Health Department 414/549-3012
*West Allis Health Department 414/256-8380

South Central and Southwestern Wisconsin

Beloit College Student Health Services 608/365-3391
ext. 331
Beloit Stetline Clinic 608/364-6630 or
815/389-3583
Rock County Health Department-Janesville 608/755-2640
Grant County Public Health Nursing Service-Lancaster 608/723-6416
Blue Bus Clinic-Madison 608/262-7330
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608/246-4858

Northeast Family Medical Center-Madison 608/241-9020
Planned Parenthood East-Madison 608/244-5519
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UW-Platteville Student Health Services 608/342-1891

* will provide counseling and testing to their campus community or city residents only.

Northeastern Wisconsin

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Fond du Lac County Public Health Nursing Service 414/929-3085
Center Project, Inc. (CPI)-Green Bay 414/437-7400
Fox Cities Extension-Appleton 414/733-2067 or
414/733-2068

*UW-Oshkosh Student Health Services 414/424-2424
Winnebago County Health Department 414/235-5100 or
414/725-2653

Northern and North Central Wisconsin

Douglas County Health Department-Superior 715/394-0404
Iron County Public Health Nursing Service-Hurley 715/561-2191
Wood County Health Department-Marshfield 715/387-8646
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Portage County Health Department-Stevens Point 715/345-5350
*UW-Stevens Point Student Health Services 715/346-4646
Marathon County Health Department-Wausau 715/847-5888
Oneida County Nursing Service-Rhineland 715/369-6111

Northwestern Wisconsin

Eau Claire City-County Health Department 715/839-4718
La Crosse Health Department 608/785-9723
*UW-La Crosse Student Health Services 608/785-8559
UW-River Falls Student Health Services 715/425-3292

Statewide Information

Wisconsin AIDS Hotline 1-800/334-AIDS
Wisconsin Division of Health 608/267-5287
AIDS/HIV Program

Confidential HIV antibody testing is also available from your private physician, at many family planning clinics and at sexually transmitted disease clinics.

Gay Happenings Worldwide

By John Hubert

The International Lesbian and Gay Youth Organization (IGLYO) held their 5th International Lesbian and Gay Youth Conference in West Berlin July 30-August 6, 1988. The title of the conference was "Discrimination — The Enemy Within."

Every year, in the first week of August, the United States Armed Forces in Berlin hold a popular "Folksfest" for the public in the Tivoli, a large dance and entertainment facility.

Naturally, our girls and boys (the way they like to refer to themselves) from IGLYO couldn't resist a good party! Thus, 30 of the IGLYO Conference delegates trooped off to enjoy the fun.

After awhile, the MP's came to our young men and women and forced them to stand in line and marched them out of the Folksfest grounds all the way out of the U.S. Zone of West Berlin!

According to Jon Voss of Sweden's Reporter, the U.S. military claimed that the kids had been kissing each other! Horrors!!!!

The best way to protest the U.S. military action against our youth is to support IGLYO by subscribing to their engaging publication **Speak Out** or encouraging your local youth group to become a member. Any adult organization can also join by naming a youth contact member. Subscriptions are only \$10 and memberships, \$20. Send an American Express International money order.

During the Conference, the delegates also visited Gay groups in East Berlin and had talks with the FDJ, the Young Communists' Organization.

For more information on IGLYO, to subscribe to **Speak Out**, or to join, write to IGLYO, P.O. Box 1305, Vika, N-0112 Oslo 1, Norway. They also have a free penpal program for Lesbian and Gay youth. Subscriptions to **Speak Out** (4 issues) are available to folks of any age and should be a must for those who want to support our future. Be aware of what our youth are doing! Subscribe today! Support IGLYO!

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Y Que (What's the Big Problem) of Tijuana, Mexico, has published issue no. 18. The 8 page publication in Spanish is available for \$7.00 U.S. for a yearly subscription. Checks or money orders can be made out to Larry Lyons and mailed to him at P.O. Box 885, San Diego, CA 92101.

The Grupo Y Que celebrated their fourth anniversary with a big fiesta, dance, show and buffet at Los Equipales Club in Tijuana. Supporters from Mexicali, Ensenada and San Diego joined the fun. **Y Que** carries news of the Tijuana and northwestern Mexico area, ads from all the local clubs, plus a feature or two. Tijuana is one of the most delightful and colorful cities in the world. A busy tourist mecca, Tijuana features Mariachi strolling the streets and bars, and so many handicraft stalls and sales people, you will be amazed. Tijuana is located about 20 minutes from San Diego by a new modern trolley called the International San Diego/Tijuana Express. Hotels are available in Tijuana for budgets from \$10 to \$100 a night. So start planning your visit to fabulous Tijuana and order your subscription to **Y Que** which will be your guide.

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Shakuntala Devi is famous in India as a math wizard and astrologer. She is also the author of modern India's only book about homosexuality, **The World of Homosexuals** (Vikas Books).

According to **Trikone**, the newsletter covering Gay and Lesbian South Asia, Shakuntala Devi's feats of computational magic are legendary. The Guinness Book calls her the Human Computer, holding the world record for fastest computation by a human (multiplying two 13-digit numbers in 28 seconds.)

If you are interested in Shakuntala Devi's **The World of Homosexuals** write to Narendra Kumar, Managing Director, Vikas Books, 576 Masjid Road, Jangpura, New Delhi 110014, India.

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Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a support group for parents and other family members who have found out that they have a Gay child or relative. P-FLAG presently has 203 chapters worldwide and each chapter holds regular discussion type meetings. P-FLAG holds a yearly international convention with their last convention held

in Washington, D.C. with the theme of "Equality for Our Gay Children — Let's Make It Happen." For more information or a free copy of their brochure, "About Our Children", write to P-FLAG, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, CO 80220.

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Some USA Latin and Asian group news includes the Gay and Lesbian Latino/a Unidos (GLLU) group of Los Angeles who recently celebrated the 3rd year of their radio program called "Radio GLLU". Salud, Inc., a Washington, D.C. based non-profit AIDS education organization, operates a toll free AIDS hotline in Spanish at 1-800-322-SIDA.

Asians and Friends- Chicago (AFC) recently brought Samson Chan back to the presidency after a year's retirement. AFC also sparked during the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Chicago participating in the Proud to Run team and individual competition. Soon Hock Loo finished 2nd in the "Fun Run" and the AFC team finished fourth in the 10 kilometer race. About 30 AFC members marched together in the Pride Parade receiving enormously enthusiastic applause.

Singapore Gays Deep in the Closet

By Hashim

[Singapore]- Some months back the government here put a stop to homosexuals from entering bars, discos and night clubs, as well as stopping shows such as macho night and men's fashion shows.

For Americans who are not familiar with macho night, it is a night when well-built men show off their bodies as much as possible.

Whatever shows that would attract Gays were done away with. However, from my observations from the past few months, the steps are working and the people now realize the danger of the AIDS virus. I will not be surprised if other countries follow the same procedures.

In Singapore, people get bored with one thing very quickly. We do not have Gay bars, Gay discos or Gay clubs here, so there is nothing for the authorities to put a stop to anymore. The only places for Gays to meet are at the several parks here. Now all these cruising places are quiet. The main reason for this is because of all the talk about AIDS, all the high-risk groups have become afraid of catching the virus themselves so they have stopped having casual sex. AIDS has been discussed in a very educational way in Singapore. In my opinion, the government is not trying to discriminate against Gays, but to just protect the health of people here.

Unlike you in America, we in Singapore do not have Gay bars, saunas, clubs, associations, etc. Therefore, any intention of filing a petition to the authorities in Singapore will have no value as there is no visible Gay society here and most people are obeying the government as they believe it benefits them.

80-Million Gays In India Still Find Homosexuality a Criminal Offense

Special to Wisconsin Light

Out of a population of some 800 millions, it is reliably estimated that there are, in India, 80-85 million Gays. But, while Gays abroad are open, even flamboyant, in India, homosexuality is still the love that dare not speak its name.

This does not mean, however, that there isn't a flourishing Gay scene in the metropolitan areas. In Delhi, a leading clothes designer throws chic parties, which leading members of the capital's upper class attend in their best chignons. In Bombay, Chowpatty beach turns into "Silver Sands" (in Gay slang) — a vast meeting ground for the city's homosexuals.

"There are millions and millions of Gays out there," says one of Calcutta's leading psychiatrists. "It is a subculture we know precious little about. Worse, we don't even want to."

The average Indian Gay finds it a painful struggle to take that long stride out of the uneasy comfort of the closet into the glare of the living room. Finding acceptance from a homophobic society which would love to just wish them away is, of course, another matter.

"I discovered I was Gay when I was barely 10, when I developed an enormous crush on a boy who was some six years older than me. We never got around to doing anything, but as I grew up, I began to have a number of homosexual relationships with my classmates at school and college. I have never made love to a woman though many women are my friends.

I use to worry about my sexuality and have even visited a couple of psychiatrists about my condition. It didn't work and now I have accepted the fact that I am Gay. My only regret about my homosexuality is my not being able to tell my parents about it. If it weren't for them, I'd be out of the closet. It isn't just that they are conservative. But if they knew, they would see it as all their fault. That they produced a son who is deviant, abnormal — a freak." — Ashok Medappa, 23, advertising executive.

Ashok's problem is commonplace in India. His fears about his parents are founded on the reasonable suspicion that they, like the majority of heterosexual society, are die-hard homophobes.

For the urban, middle class Gay, life can be one of unimaginable loneliness. Finding a lover is usually not enough and most Indian Gays require a large number of like-minded sympathetic friends.

To overcome the isolation, Sanjay Kothari (not his real name) calls the London Lesbian and Gay Switchboard. Says Sanjay, "It is so relieving to be able to talk to them.

For many Gays, there are the public parks and the loos (public lavatories). This is the world of the cruiser, who combs the crowd for someone who will return his appreciative glance or inviting smile. It is also the stalking ground of the male prostitute casting around for his daily custom. But often, the sexual "predator" ends up as the prey.

The main danger comes from extortionists who hang around loos and parks waiting to be propositioned. These are called "goondas" and often beat people up if they don't cough up enough money. They even go to people's homes to blackmail them. For the homosexual who wants to hold his secret, the only recourse is to pay up.

Policemen are only a slightly lesser menace. Homosexuality is a criminal offense in India under Section 377 of the Penal Code, and policemen regularly exploit this legal provision to make a quick buck. The approach is the same — to threaten to throw the book unless they cough up.

The homosexual prostitute is the worst loser in the extortionist game. This is

Shyamal Sarkar's story.

"I have been a homosexual for many years now. (He is currently 24). When I was an adolescent, I used to work as a waiter in a small cafe in central Calcutta. One night about seven years ago, I was strolling through the Maidan (a park) and was accosted by four men. They beat me and then made me take off my clothes. And then they raped me brutally. I was badly injured and even needed to have stitches around my anus.

Somehow, the experience changed my life and I have not been the same person again. I don't like to call myself a prostitute — I don't like the word. But all kinds of men come to me. I know that I was forced into this. I don't like what I'm doing and feel guilty about it. It is not safe and very humiliating."

While Shyamal will have to cope with his guilt alone, Gays who are better off and more aware sometimes turn to psychiatrists to alleviate it.

Says Dr. K.K. Kothari, one of Delhi's leading psychiatrists, "In my opinion, homosexuality cannot be regarded as a problem. I do not advise them to stop being homosexual. I give them advice on how to accept their condition." He adds, "Anything that anyone says will be hypothetical since no serious research has been undertaken on Indian homosexuality."

Homosexuality in Indian jails is, of course, notorious for its criminal character. In northern India, especially in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, it is extremely common for inmates to be provided with young boys for their pleasure. It usually works like this. In most cities where there are juvenile homes for child prisoners below the age of 18, jail officials manage to get them admitted, using one ploy or another, into adult prisons. The warders then act as pimps and charge adult prisoners for sending the children to their cells.

To conclude that the sodomisation of young boys in Indian prisons reflects on the general nature of homosexuals would be to make a mistake. Research conducted in America reveals that as much as 60% of the inmates in certain prisons engage in homosexual activity — far higher than the national average. Sodomisation of young boys in Indian prisons can therefore be seen as a lack of heterosexual outlet.

"The sporadic reports about perversion in prisons doesn't worry me so much," says Ashok Medappa. "What really scares me is the use they will make of AIDS." What Ashok and other Gays fear is that if the incidence of AIDS in India increases (a virtual certainty), the heterosexual community is going to make out that this is a disease spread by homosexuals. "I fear nothing short of a witch-hunt," he says.

AIDS is the last thing the Indian homosexual needed. Proscribed by law, ostracized by society, the Indian Gay now faces the prospect of being held responsible for a scourge that is not his making.

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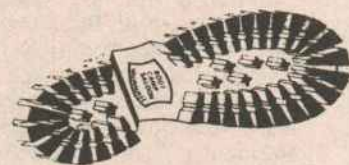
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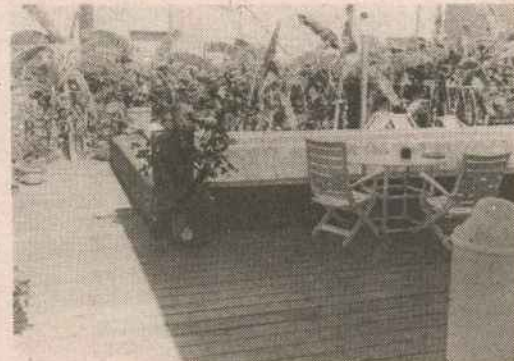
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Santa Can You Bring Us A Few Gifts for 1989?

By Bill Meunier

Dear Santa,
I know that you're busy getting ready for the "Big Night" and I know that my Christmas list is a little late, but I'd really appreciate it if you would see what you could do to fill it. First, I'd like to ask you to bring some special things to some important people.

First, our nation's leaders.
I'd like you to bring George Bush a sense of decency and honesty so that the next time he runs for office, he'll tell the truth about himself and his opponent.

Give Mike Dukakis a decent media manager.

Senator Joe Biden needs some speeches of his very own. Senator Bob Dole could use some mellowness and Congresswoman Pat Schroeder could use some handkerchiefs for the next time she cries in public. Bring something extra nice to Jesse Jackson for the courage he showed throughout his campaign in continually proclaiming his support for Gay and Lesbian rights, about 10 or 15 million for his 1992 Presidential bid would be helpful.

Speaking of Jesse, Santa, start looking around for a new campaign manager for his Wisconsin Primary campaign in 1992. We'll probably be asking you for one in a couple of years. We need someone who sees all the stripes in Jesse's Rainbow, not just her's.

Take all the coal you can find and put it on Jesse Helms's doorstep. He's been a very, very, very bad boy. Maybe all that coal will warm his heart (if he has one). At the very least, he'll see what the true color of his soul is.

For leaders of our state:
Herb Kohl could use some seasoning for his new job in the Senate. Please give Tony Earl a campaign manager who knows what he/she is doing and bring him some money to help retire his campaign debt so that this fine man will run again. How about a Congressional District for Fred Kessler. He's a really good man, Santa, and he'd be a fine Congressman.

Congressmen Toby Roth and James Sennsenbrenner could use some brains and the ability to use them.

For the rest of the world Santa:
Mikhail Gorbachev could use an extra pair of eyes so he can watch his back. Yasser Arafat needs a shave and give Nicaraguan leader, Senor Ortega and Chilean President Pinochet the boot. As for President Botha of South Africa and his cohorts, even my fertile imagination can't come up with anything horrible enough to make up for what they are doing to millions of their Black countrymen. It would be nice if you could use your sleigh to whisk Nelson Mandela to freedom.

For some others:
Now that Nancy is moving out of the White House, she'll need a whole new wardrobe since she'll have to give back all those borrowed dresses. "Rev." Jim Baaker could use a good lawyer and Jimmy Swaggert needs a motel fully stocked with hookers, sex toys and mirrors so that the next time, he won't get caught so easily.

There are also some special requests I have for the Gay and Lesbian community and some very special members of that community.

Our Gay and Lesbian leaders could use

some expressions of appreciation and support from that community. They work real hard all year long, Santa, and, at times, it seems that no one cares.

Bring a special measure of good things to all of those wonderful people who work so hard helping with the various AIDS projects around the state and around the country. Speaking of AIDS, Santa, the best gift of all would be a cure for this terrible disease. But, if that is not possible, can we get a good measure of comfort for the thousands of friends and relatives of those who have died and lots of hope that a cure will be found soon.

Bring the Army ten thousand more of Miriam Ben Shalom. We'll all sleep better at night knowing that we're well protected. For Miriam herself, I'd like a victorious end to her fight with the Army and enough funds to pay her legal bills would be great. And while we're on the subject of Miriam, I want you to know that there isn't a better soldier around. Can you throw in a promotion to Brigadier General?

Terry Boughner and Jerry Johnson, the publishers of Wisconsin Light could use some more advertisers so they can continue to spread the word about what's going on in the Gay/Lesbian community.

Bring our Gay/Lesbian organizations more volunteers and contributions so they can be more effective and bring everyone the recognition that no contribution of time or money is too small or insignificant to be important.

We need some local and statewide Political Action Committees or, at least, a Political organization that is run effectively.

The organizers of Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration could use some more help and contributions in 1989. They did a great job in 1988 and with some additional help from you, combined with their dedication and creativity, there's no telling what they could do in 1989.

Political activist Alyn Hess is back in the hospital, Santa. He's set a wonderful example in his battle against AIDS. Give him some of that strength he has blessed our community with over all these years.

I have one last request. There are those who have a hard time finding the strength to admit who we are and what we are, even to ourselves. Give them the strength to open their closet doors. Help them to realize that no matter what they face outside of their closets, it will never be as bad as what they face inside of them and the love, understanding and friendship they need to walk freely and openly with the rest of us.

There are those who say that there is no Santa Claus, but I know better. I know that a little piece of you exists in the hearts of all women and men of good will. I know that all we have to do is open up a little more, care a little more, be a little less selfish and the Santa in all of us will make our fondest dreams come true.

To all my readers, especially those of you who've called or written, thanks for paying attention. Your comments, whether you agreed with me or not, are always welcome.

You'll hear more from me in 1989 and, in the meantime, stay healthy, be good to each other and have the best holiday season. May the fondest wishes of your heart become reality in 1989.

Gay Republicans Suffer Setbacks In Wisconsin, U.S. in 1988

By Jim McFarland

The November election is far enough removed now that I feel that I can comment on it without becoming too emotional. At first I felt that the election was a disaster, especially for Gay Republicans. It seemed like the anti-Gay Republicans did well and the pro-Gay ones lost. But, in actuality, there were some victories and some defeats.

We lost only one Republican co-sponsor of the Gay rights bill, but he was, by far, the worst person to lose: Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.). His opponent was an anti-Gay Democrat (he said that the people who have AIDS deserve it because they engaged in immoral behavior), but even if he wasn't, this would have been a severe blow. It seemed like Weicker was the only Senator who was willing to stand up and fight back against Sen. Jesse Helms's (R-NC) homophobic amendments, even when they were worded in such a way that even the most liberal Democrats like Sen Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) didn't have the guts to oppose them. I don't know what we will do without him.

On the other hand, Sen. John Chafee (R-RI), who was originally predicted to have a difficult re-election, easily won. And Cong. Jim Jeffords (R-VT), who was endorsed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, easily won the Senate seat vacated by retiring pro-Gay Sen. Stafford (R-VT). Anti-Gay Sen. Chic Hecht (R-NV) was defeated, but anti-Gay Reps. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) and Connie Mack (R-FL) both won their Senate elections. If Sen.-elect Jeffords becomes a co-sponsor of the Gay rights bill, some of the damage done by the election will be mitigated.

Susan Engeleiter's loss at the hands of Herb Kohl is a very disturbing one. It is a great setback in our attempts to push a more pro-Gay agenda in this state's Republican party. Engeleiter chose not to run again for the minority leader position in the state senate, but chances are she would not have won if she had anyhow. Sen. Michael Ellis (R-Neenah) and the other conservative Republicans were gunning for her for a long time, and her loss sealed her fate. Along with Rep. Betty Jo Nelsen's (R-Shorewood) decision not to seek re-election as minority leader in the Assembly, we can expect the Republican caucuses in each house to move sharply to the right.

Her replacement, Rep. David Prosser (R-Appleton), is considered a moderate by some, but he is extremely anti-Gay, and was the most vocal opponent of the consenting adults bill (probably because he wanted to distract attention away from his "situation"). On the other hand, the Gay support we gained for Engeleiter, including this paper's endorsement, was noticed throughout Republican circles, and I keep hearing about it wherever I go. Not only did it shock many Republican bigwigs, but it also woke them up to reality, and it bodes well for the future.

Now that Herb Kohl has been elected, we have to keep him to his word. It is not too early to start writing him now, asking him specifically to cosponsor a bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. We desperately need more Senate cosponsors, and he needs to feel comfortable enough to do it. You can write Sen. Herb Kohl, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Another way you can help influence legislation in Washington is by joining the Fairness Fund. Many of us tell ourselves that we are going to make sure to write our Congressmen when important Gay issues come up, but we often just never find the time (I don't at least). Furthermore, many issues come up so fast that we don't have time to write them before they vote on it.

The Fairness Fund gives us an opportunity to respond to such crises before we even know about them. By pre-authorizing the Fairness Fund to send a designated number of mailgrams for us each year, they can send one at a crucial time to our Representative and Senators in support of or opposition to an important Gay rights or AIDS provision. The mailgrams cost \$4.50 each and are charged to your phone bill (listed discreetly as "Public Opinion Mailgram"), but over the space of the year, this is not a lot of money considering the impact it could have if everyone did it. I know from being on the mailing lists of so many right-wing groups that such pre-made postcards and mailgrams are an effective tool of the anti-Gay lobby — Congressmen regularly say that these campaigns do have an effect on them.

Please consider joining the Fairness Fund as I have. It's easy to do. Just send a postcard to, The Fairness Fund, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20077-4392.

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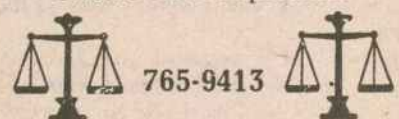
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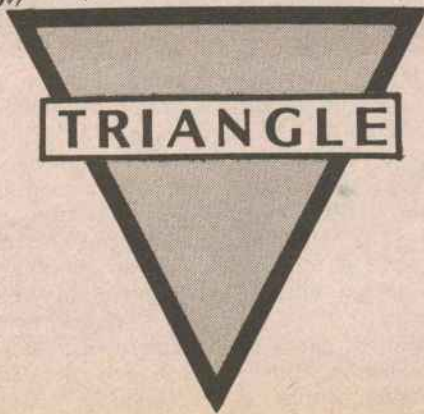
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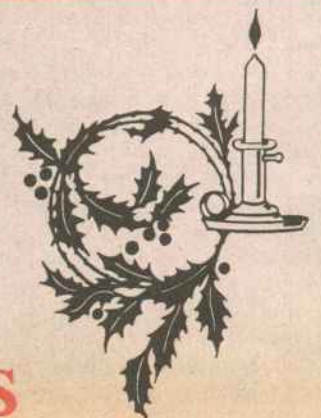
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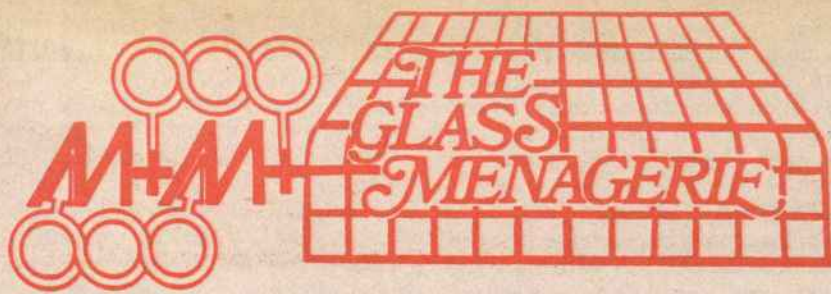
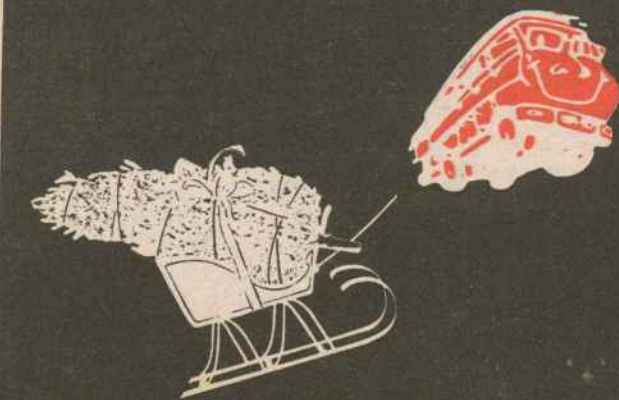
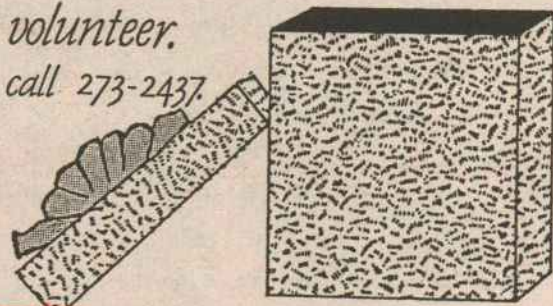
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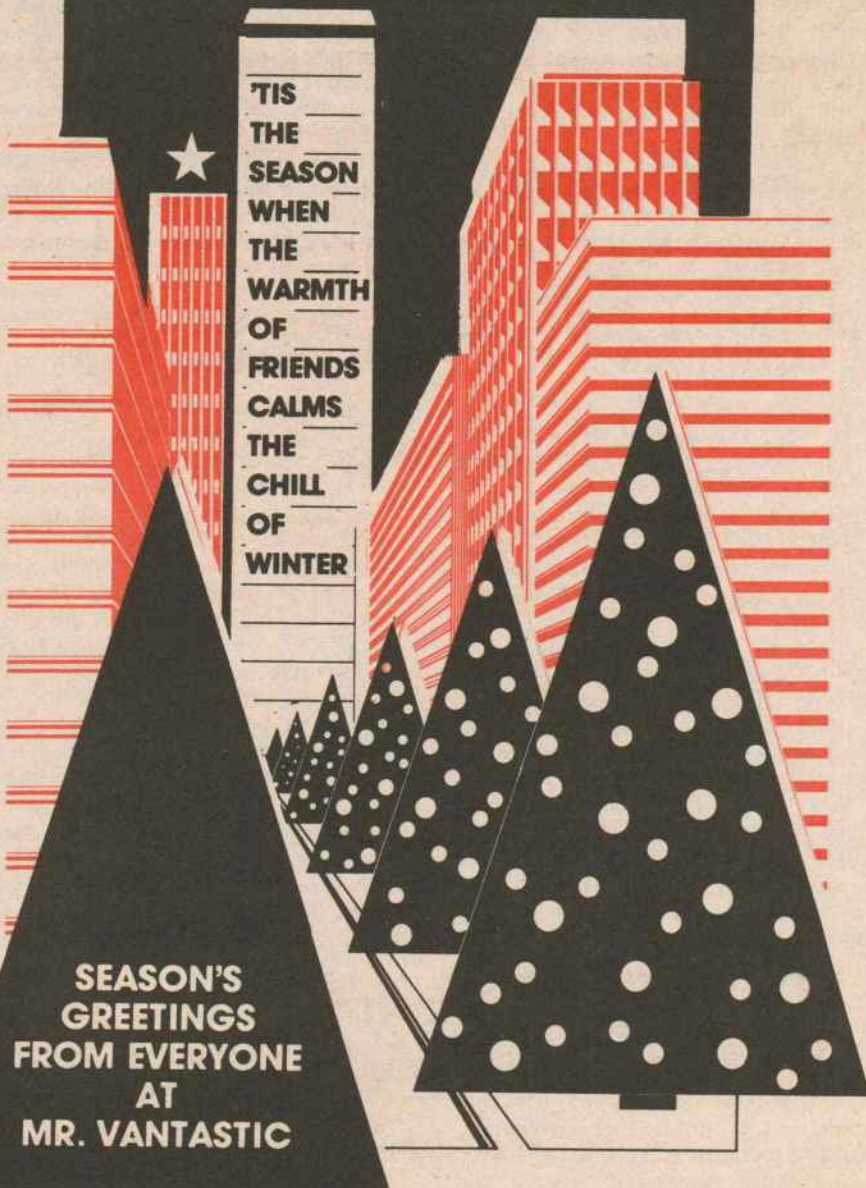
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A Fest City Singers Christmas

By Terry Boughner

Fresh from their triumph with "Abra-ca-dazzle," Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers presented their annual Christmas show, "A Fest City Christmas," on December 11 at the South Shore Park Pavilion.

At the beginning of the concert, Artistic/Music Director Robert (Bim) Florek announced to the nearly capacity audience that the purpose was to present "Christmas through our eyes and the eyes of children." The Singers accomplished that and more.

In a set designed to remind you of a family's living room, the Singers presented a program of everyone's favorite holiday songs, done with a jollity and grace that belied the intense hours of work that must have preceded the performance.

From the start, the fact that they were thoroughly enjoying themselves communicated itself to the audience. An interaction, delightful and fun as it is rare, was set up until everyone was caught up in a unity of party atmosphere. This was amply demonstrated as the audience gleefully accepted the invitation to join in "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Yet there was also something else, something almost phantasmagorical. With songs like Dan G.'s rendition of "There's No Christmas Like a Home Christmas," Erico's "There's No Place Like Home For the Holidays" and

Louis's touching presentation of "I'll Be Home For Christmas," members of the audience seemed swept into their own memories of home and family from long ago; scenes evoked by the setting, music and song. Many were observed dabbing their eyes.

Especially moving was "Silent Night" sung in Spanish, Polish and then in English as the audience joined in. Outside, a cold December night touched the windows with frost, candles gleamed all round and the old carol worked again its wondrous spell.

When the Singers sang "Toyland" with its haunting message of childhood that "once you pass its borders, you can ne'er return again," I knew for the first time in many years that that was not true. I knew that I, along with everyone there, had indeed returned, had been taken to an old and well-remembered childhood home. I found myself reciting under my breath "Twas The Night Before Christmas" as Brian read the old poem to the children, among whom was his little daughter, Nichol. How pretty she was with an utterly delightful presence. A woman of some years sitting near me said of the little girl, "How she reminds me of myself."

The Original Fest City Singers deserve high praise and commendation for taking us home. For some of us, it was a long way back, but, with the Singers as guides, "Oh what a beautiful trip."

"Fantastics" Is Fresh, Great Fun

By Geno

Even if you've seen other productions of The Fantasticks, you'll find Milwaukee's Skylight Comic Opera's version of this now standard theatre piece (the New York production still going strong after 27 years) makes the play's basic themes come alive again with an added dimension of meaning.

First of all, director Ken Cagan has brought together a topnotch cast who seem to live the roles they portray — they look right, they sound right and blend their voices and talents naturally, generously. The two duets between Matthew Lau as El Gallo and Timothy Bradley as Matt are electrifying, for instance, and J. Michael Brennan and Norman Moses as the wise, eccentric fathers bring all the comic possibilities of being parents to life. Their rendition of "Plant a Radish" is a delight, as always. They also highlight the central message of the play that romance is fragile, needs to be nurtured, tended carefully or it dies.

This was the theme of the original play called *Les Romanesques* by Edmond Rostand who also created *Cyrano de* personal dimension to this sad truth by showing us the two young lovers of the story at the beginning and ending of the play as a couple in the 40's when their love for one another has fizzled out. And

so when Matt and Luisa realize their love again at the end of the play, the fact that they are shown as mature adults instead of callow youths deepens the entire meaning of the play. Most satisfying!

Tim Bradley and Kitty Carrol as Luisa are convincing as the adults whose marriage is in trouble, and as the young lovers, they communicate all the joy and ache of first love. Matthew Lau as El Gallo is mysterious, commanding and in magnificent voice. His sidekick, The Mute, is equally effective without words bringing just the right imaginative touches to the action. All of the action is a pleasure to watch (Cagan's direction here is full of movement, vitality), and Yaakov Sullivan and Chris Flieller as the old Shakespearean actor and Mortimer ("Die again, Mortimer, die again!") take chances as they perch, climb and move in character.

This production is fresh, great fun (the slapstick never quite goes over the edge), yet it leaves its audience wiser, feeling warm and fulfilled as they applaud this ideal cast.

The Fantasticks will run through December 31. Tickets are available through the PAC box office and the Skylight Theatre box office. Phone (414) 273-7206 and (414) 271-8815 respectively.



The Cream City Chorus entertained 300 people at its annual Christmas Concert

Cream City Chorus "Winter Song"

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus (CCC) presented their annual Christmas concert entitled "Winter Song", at Centennial Hall on December 10 to a nearly capacity crowd.

Directed by Scott Stewart, the Chorus presented a delicate mix of familiar carols such as "Adeste Fidelis" and "Deck the Halls" along with music of a traditional nature such as "Es Ist Ein Ros" and "Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agreeable." But no matter which, familiar or traditional, it was all superbly done, establishing a mood of solemnity and peace fitting the High Holy Day of Christmas.

Selections ranged from those of Russian and Ukrainian origin to England. Also included were those such as "Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber", an ancient carol whose roots stretch into Old England, but which is now heard only in the mountains of Kentucky.

While the entire presentation showed the results of the Chorus's hard work and dedication, one voice I found particularly moving. That was Charles Golden, the soloist in "Gesu Bambino." His clear, rich voice was truly wonderful to hear.

During the second portion of the program, the Chorus turned to more contemporary music. Patty Micale, the soloist in "Santa Baby", was obviously having fun with this bouncy number and the audience shared her good time.

"A Snow Medley", a group of five

songs performed by the full chorus, caught and maintained the mood of Christmas peace that seemed to be the mood of the entire concert. The snow, falling behind the Chorus at the back of the stage was especially effective.

The medley was followed by "I Love Myself The Way I Am." I first heard this song at a CCC's concert nearly a year ago and it hit home. I know that it is not strictly a Christmas song, but I thought that with its gentle yet assertive message of love and acceptance that it was utterly appropriate for this concert.

The program concluded with a ceremony that Director Stewart told the audience had become traditional with the CCC. The lights were dimmed, three candles were lit, one for those who have died of AIDS, one for those living with the disease and one candle for hope for the future. Then the Chorus sang "Silent Night."

I am well aware of Aaron Copland's words that "If a literary man puts together two words about music, one of them will be wrong." Still, with that risk in mind, let me say that when the concert concluded, I felt quietly happy. As we left the hall, it was snowing and I thought, what a perfect, magical touch to a beautiful evening.

The CCC presented a concert joining the Christmas musical traditions of many lands, leading their audience into reflection and reverence. They are to be thanked.

Madison Plans Galvanize Fund Raisers

[Madison]- The Madison March Committee is pleased and proud to announce that it has a new name — The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance or GALVANize. Galvanize means to cause action and awareness with a bolt of energy.

Galvanize is organizing a Lesbian and Gay Pride and Civil Rights March which will cause action and raise awareness on Saturday, May 6, 1989, in Madison.

Galvanize would like you to mark your calendar. Friday, January 13, 5 p.m., there will be a Cocktail hour at Madison's Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson. A \$10.00 donation is requested. On Friday, January 20, 7-9 p.m. there will be a General Meeting and display of button, T-shirt, poster and logo art at the Memorial Union.

On the 3rd and 4th Saturday in January, there will be Pancake breakfasts with the Raging Hormones and Real Maple Syrup. They will be held at the Wi-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer in Madison.

For further information on the breakfasts or to volunteer, please contact Galvanize at P.O. Box 310, Madison, WI 53701 or call (608) 255-8061.

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Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation (CCF) will host a social gathering and film on Sunday, January 15, 1989.

The featured film will be the hilarious vintage comedy, "The Bank Dick" starring W.C. Fields. Released in 1940, it also stars Franklin Pangborn, Shemp Howard, Jack Norton, Grady Sutton, and Cora Witherspoon. The film will be shown at the Gallery Cinema, 2901 S. Delaware. The event will begin with a champagne and cheese reception at 3:15 p.m. The film will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be preceded by the ever popular Betty Boop cartoons. A donation of \$5.00 is requested.

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SHORT STORY:

Christmas Time on Brewers Hill

By Terry Boughner

This is a tale of both Christmas truth and fantasy, intermixed and blending. I leave it to you to tell which is which.

Once upon a time, in Wisconsin, there was a great city by a great lake. It was called "Milwaukee" and it was a perfectly wonderful city in every way. But it was especially wonderful at Christmas when it was most beautiful of all.

But there was one thing missing and that was snow. It never snowed for Christmas in Milwaukee. Oh, it snowed in January and in February and in March and even April, but not in the memory of the oldest living citizen had it ever snowed on Christmas. Naturally, all the people were very sad about this and did everything they could to change matters.

One year, the Mayor gathered all the Common Council around him in front of City Hall and read a decree ordering it to snow. But nothing happened.

The next year, the Archbishop announced that prayers would be said in every church in the city, asking for snow for Christmas. But, again, nothing happened and Christmas Day dawned as usual, cold and very, very gray.

The following year all the radio stations in the city played snow songs every day from Thanksgiving to Christmas and still the land was as brown and bare as before.

Now there lived in a section of the city called Brewers Hill, two young men named Paul and Ioki. They were both very handsome and were married to each other which was a good thing because they loved each other very much.

On Christmas Eve, their two very good friends, Don and Jim, came to spend the holiday. After dinner, they decided to take a walk. They had not gone more than a few blocks when, suddenly, they came upon a strange looking little building that none of them had ever seen before.

Upon a closer look, they discovered that it was a quaint looking, old fashioned store with a sign over the door which read, "Willy Wonka. Purveyor of the Finest Chocolates to Father Christmas."

While they were standing, wondering at this, the door flew open and there, big as life, stood a young man, his handsome features, wreathed in smiles. He introduced himself promptly as the aforesaid Willy Wonka and invited them in. Now Jim and Paul thought there was something unusual in all this and that caution was called for. But Don and Ioki would have none of that, both being of an insatiably curious nature.

Immediately upon entering, the most delicious smells of chocolate assailed their nostrils. It was wonderful, delightful, beyond compare.

"Look!", Willy said and look they did. In shiny glass cases and on shelves that lined the walls, there were untold numbers of little figures, some no more than two inches high, and all of chocolate, both light and dark. There were Christmas trees and angels. There little boys and girls, their eyes wide as if expecting old St. Nick to pop in at any moment. There were figures of Santa, dozens and dozens of them, dressed as he might have been a 100 years before. In fact, there were so many figures that it was impossible to take note of them all.

"Detail, detail, detail.", Don exclaimed. And indeed it was so. The little chocolate figures were so incredibly detailed that the little people looked as if they might come to life at any moment while the Santas seemed like they might be immediately called away to do their Christmas errands.

"But . . .", Ioki began. Willy held up his hand and, with a wave, indicated that they should follow him.

Leading them to the back of the little shop, he showed them a room where great, shiny copper cauldrons of melted chocolate. On a nearby dark wooden table were dozens of molds, all of lead-colored metal, each one in two pieces.

"This is how the figures are made.", Willy said, picking up a mold. "The two halves are clamped together and the delicious chocolate, at precisely 87 degrees, is poured in the bottom. The chocolate is called mold chocolate. It's thinner than what is poured over peanuts or the like and has a much higher coco butter content."

By this time, Don, who was an absolute



Antique German molds such as those pictured above are traditionally used to mold fine Christmas chocolates.

chocoholic, could barely contain himself.

However, Willy paid him no mind and continued. "When the chocolate cools, it shrinks and the little figure pops right out and you're ready to begin again."

"Molds made from lead, are they, hummmm?", Don asked, edging toward the table where he had spied some pieces of chocolate lying about.

Willy shook his head. "The earliest ones were of wood, but these are of nickel and zinc. They call it German Silver."

"Sure be curious about one thing.", Jim said, "How do you make hollow chocolate figures?"

At Jim's question, Willy frowned. "I don't make those.", he said distastefully. "Solid ones are best . . . but, if you must know, if I were going to make one, I'd fill a mold a third to a half full and then turn and twist it to let the chocolate coat the sides. When it cools, the figure is hollow."

"But where do the molds come from?", asked Ioki.

In response, Willy smiled as if privy to some special secret. Then he said, "Some folks would say that the molds were brought from Germany by people coming to work at the Schlitz Brewery but . . . in a beer factory, hummmm?"

Willy laughed at Don's skepticism. "Well, during Prohibition, the company thought about making chocolate, but nothing came of it . . . But," he said, leaning a little forward, that these molds came from Germany is only what some folks say. I can tell you that these very molds came from Father Christmas himself."

"Sure be hard to believe.", Jim offered, while Don looked as if he would have none of that.

"You mean . . .", Ioki began.

"Direct.", Willy interrupted. "And," he continued, "every year Father Christmas brings me the special chocolate to fill them. Can't buy it anywhere. He gives it only to me.", he said proudly.

"Now wait a minute.", Paul said. But before he could go further, Willy had scooped up from the table some broken pieces that Don had been eyeing and held them out. "Here.", he said. "Taste."

Nobody needed any persuasion.

"My Gawd!", Don exclaimed happily, smacking his lips.

"It's wonderful.", Paul said. "I mean it's . . . like food for the gods!"

"You should know.", Willy said, that at one time it was. According to the Maya Indians, the god Quetzalcoatl gave the cacao tree to them. You make chocolate from the beans. The Aztecs called it chocolatl as you know. Why at one time, a tribute to the Aztec emperor Montezuma included 20 bags of gold and 200 loads of chocolatl."

"Sure be nothing better anywhere on earth.", Jim added, munching slowly and feeling like an Aztec emperor.

"Nothing better anywhere on earth.", Ioki repeated wonderingly. "On earth . . ."

And his voice trailed off. Suddenly, as they all stood there, they

heard the sound of bells and before anyone had a chance to say anything, there, appearing in a sparkling cloud of angel dust, was Father Christmas. He was an old man, tall and thin, dressed in a long, bright red robe trimmed in white fur and wore a beard that came to his waist.

"Well, Willy?", he said. "Everything ready for this year?" His voice was gentle and very kind, sounding as if he was old beyond time.

"Yes, Father Christmas.", Willy said. "All is like it always is."

"And these?", the old gentleman asked. "They are your friends?"

Willy nodded with unaccustomed silence while Don and Jim stood, not knowing what to say. Paul drew closer to Ioki until their shoulders touched and he felt Ioki's hand entwine his.

"Father Christmas?", Ioki questioned. "But you don't look like . . ."

"Yes. Not your Santa Claus that the 20th Century has made me look, but the way I've always been. No sleigh, no reindeer, I don't need those and as you can see, I'm not fat. I'm just the way I was for centuries, just like Willy's chocolate images of me made before modern artists thought they could draw me better than I am."

"I think I like you this way.", Ioki said. Paul, Jim and Don nodded in agreement.

Father Christmas got a twinkle in his eye. "And another thing.", he continued, "No elaborate gifts. Just chocolates made by Willy here, the best in the world. But you see, Ioki, so few children, young and old, want those anymore, the sweet things of Christmas, that where once I had 100's of chocolate makers, now there is only Willy left carrying on the true spirit of Christmas with his little figures and his molds. And I tell you, only those who understand Christmas ever get to taste Willy's chocolate and fewer yet are admitted to the secrets of what I call "Great Northern Chocolates" — after Wisconsin, of course."

"But why us?", Paul asked, squeezing Ioki's hand.

Father Christmas smiled, looking at the two young lovers. "You may not understand this, but love and Willy's chocolate have a lot in common. Your love and," he said turning to Don and Jim, "the friendship that the four of you feel for each other have admitted you to the magic of this night of miracles."

"It would be magic.", Ioki said. "Except for one thing. There's no snow."

"Snowing, snowing, snowing.", Don said. "It never snows in Milwaukee on Christmas."

"No?", questioned Father Christmas and with a wave of his hand, led all of them to the front of the store. "Look.", he said. "What do you call that?"

They looked and saw a few tiny flakes falling through the air. Then, as they watched, more and more appeared, until the air was filled with them, dancing, swirling, cloaking Brewers Hill and all the

city, in a robe of purest white.

The next day, Christmas, Don, Jim, Ioki and Paul went walking through the drifted snow to find Willy Wonka's store. But search as they would, it was nowhere to be found.

"Never to mind.", Jim said after awhile. "Willy and his chocolates will be back next year on Brewers Hill. Count on it."

"Snow too, hummm, Jim-bob?," Don asked. "Next year, hummm?"

"As long as there is love on Brewers Hill.", Ioki said, "Willy will be here with his chocolates and Paul said. "So let's start now." And, as Jim and Don, huddled up against the cold and blowing snow, looked on contentedly, Paul kissed Ioki.

"Love and chocolate, hummm, Jim-bob?," Don said.

"And miracles and snow. Don-boy.", Jim replied. "And love. Sure be what Christmas is all about."

Smithsonian To Acquire Panels

[Washington, D.C.]—The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will acquire several commemorative panels collected by the NAMES Project for its AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The acquisition will take place over a period of time in an effort to document the diversity of those who have died from AIDS. The quilt panels will be added to the collections of the Division of Medical Sciences, which has an ongoing interest in issues related to the history of public health in the United States.

Museum Director Roger G. Kennedy, in speaking about this acquisition, said, "The AIDS Memorial Quilt is significant not only as a symbol of those who have died, but also as one aspect of the country's response to that loss."

The quilt currently consists of nearly 9,000 panels, each commemorating a person who died from the AIDS virus. Each of the 3-foot by 6-foot panels — many created by family groups and friends — is distinctive in its design, reflecting the personality and interests of the AIDS victim memorialized in the panel.

Since 1981, when the first cases of AIDS were reported, more than 40,000 Americans have died from the effects of the virus, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report. By the end of 1991, that figure is expected to increase to 179,000 deaths from an estimated 270,000 cases.

During the coming year, the museum's Division of Medical Sciences, in cooperation with the NAMES Project, will identify and select a number of panels — based on design, message and gender and age of the individual depicted. The selected panels will join other objects, graphics and educational materials in the collections documenting the medical and social history of AIDS.

The division is an active member of the newly formed AIDS History Group, a national organization whose aim is to coordinate efforts to preserve and document the history of AIDS.

The National Museum of American History, a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution, is devoted to the collection, care, study and exhibition of objects that reflect the experience of the American people.

The museum is located at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W. in Washington. It is open to the public. Admission is free.

Gay Television Premieres In 1989

[Ft. Lauderdale]—Gay Television (GTV) will be premiering to Gay bars, restaurants and resorts in both the U.S.A. and Europe in early 1989. Interested Gay bar, restaurant and resort owners wishing to see a sneak preview of GTV's programming, should contact GTV at (407) 624-0044 or write GTV, P.O. Box 31325 Fairchild Gardens Ave., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410-7325.

RELIGIOUS OUTREACH

Taking Off The Blinders: What The Bible Really Says

By Rev. Dan Frederick Schramm

The genealogies of Jesus found in Matt. 1 and Luke 3 are one of the most discussed contradictions of the New Testament. One does not need to advance interpretations; all you need do is read the text.

Luke traces the genealogy of Jesus from Jesus back to Adam and God while Matthew begins with Abraham and tracks it to Jesus. Luke lists 77 generations while Matthew has only 44. In order to see the problem in proper perspective one should create a chart listing the names in correct sequence in parallel columns. If horizontal lines are drawn to connect the same names, one can easily see that the lists are almost identical from Abraham to David. However, from David onward there is no similarity despite the fact that they both conclude with Joseph as the father of Jesus. The major reason for the contradictory names given after David is that the account in Luke traces the genealogy through David's son, Nathan, while that in Matthew traces it through another son, Solomon.

This would easily account for the wide divergence in names following David but raises a couple of crucial questions: (a) How could Joseph and Jesus be descended from two different sons of David? How could two sons of David father two completely different genealogies which merge together with the last two individuals and (b) How could Jesus have contradictory genealogies?

Few apologists deny differences exist so that's not in dispute. The real issue revolves around the common explanation given by most biblicists for two widely different genealogies of the same man. Their strategy hinges on a rather simple ploy. Jesus' genealogy is allegedly traced through Joseph in Matthew and Mary in Luke. Unfortunately for them, the shortcomings in their rationalization are equally simple. **First**, Mary's name is nowhere to be found in Luke's genealogy. Everybody's name is mentioned but hers. Imagine a genealogy in which every name is mentioned but that of the person whose

lineage is being traced! **Second**, there is no genealogical record of any woman in the entire Bible. Are we to believe Mary is an exception? **Third**, Joseph's name is mentioned in Luke's genealogy so one can reasonably conclude that it's his lineage, not Mary's. **Fourth**, and last, according to Old Testament prophecy, the Messiah would be a physical descendant of David. Mary appears to have been from the house of Levi, not David, since her cousin, Elizabeth (Luke 1:36) was a daughter of Aaron (Luke 1:5), i.e., from the house of Levi.

If Mary was from the house of Aaron, how could either genealogy be hers since they related David's lineage? On the other hand, Luke 1:27 and 2:4 show Joseph was of Davidic descent. The attempt to attribute Luke's genealogy to Mary is one of the more transparent subterfuges employed by dishonest true believers. Desperation set in because they just couldn't think of any other rationalization.

Another reason for their devious ploy is that it solves a problem created by the Virgin Birth. According to prophecy the Messiah must be a physical descendant of David. If Jesus' only connection to David is through Joseph, then Jesus couldn't be physically related to David because the birth was virginal; Joseph was not his biological father. So apologists and true believers must attribute one of the genealogies to Mary in order to extend a physical connection from Jesus to David. Hence, the rationalization. One can only wonder why they didn't attempt to apply the genealogy in Matthew to Mary instead of the one in Luke since one is no more applicable to her than the other.

Finally in conclusion, a person has to be skeptical of the entire claim of a virgin birth when the New Testament repeatedly states that Joseph was the physical father of Jesus. Mary herself in Luke 2:48 says so, and who is in a better position to know? Certainly not all those who came hundreds or thousands of years after the fact.

We Are The Flowers

By Fr. James Arimond

One of our readers recently asked this question in a letter: "All during the Advent season I read about how the Lord was going to bring about a Reign of Peace and Justice, Love and Mercy! The Prophet Isaiah is ecstatic over this coming reign and points to it as if it were right around the corner. That time when the swords will be beaten into plowshares and the spears into pruning hooks. That time when the Lion will lay down with the Lamb and the child play in the cobra's den. What happened? Isaiah wrote that prediction over 2,300 years ago. We're still waiting. Is all that stuff a bunch of bull!"

I can appreciate the writer's frustration for it is one that I share; one that, I'm sure, we all share, from time to time, in one way or another.

While reflecting on this question, I was reminded of an incident that happened to my niece and sister a number of years ago.

My little niece was really looking forward to going to kindergarden. All her older brothers and sisters had told her how fun it would be and how much she would learn. They told her that she'd learn so much that soon she'd be as smart as they were. (A rather dubious "carrot" to hang in front of her young nose). When the day came, the little one was ecstatic. She had a smile all over her face and when my sister drove her up to the school, she jumped right out and ran into the building without even waiting for her Mom to take her hand. This is what she had waited for all her life and she didn't need Mother anymore.

Three hours later, when my sister picked her up from that first day, my little niece was in tears. Her mother assumed that someone had picked on her, pushed her down or called her some name or another, but that wasn't it. When my sister asked, she mumbled through her tears, "I didn't learn how to read!"

Of course we can easily smile at her naivete. We all know that "learning to

read" takes a long time and is accomplished almost imperceptibly.

A friend of mine recently said to me, "You know, I was thinking, the other day, of how many marvelous things have happened in my life without me even having to lift a finger or, for that matter, my having to know anything about them. For instance, my lover was born and I had nothing to do with it. I don't even know the name of the man who laid the water pipes in the street that brings me such comfort every time I take a shower. God gave life to my parents, my lover, my friends, the people whom I work with and care about, and God put them all into my life. God planned it all out long before I was born. The more I thought about it, the more I began to realize that my life was like the growth of a flower. You don't see it grow, but slowly it does. So it has been with my life. Little by little and very slowly, God put all kinds of things together until I got to where I am now. I'm sitting at the top and a lot of planning has gone into the process; planning in which I had a very small part to play, if any."

The Prophecy of Isaiah was not just "bull." It is taking place all around us right now. It's here although it is not totally here! The Reign of God is in formation. It is developing slowly, but surely, like a flower or the growth of a mustard seed. Our Judao/Christian tradition teaches us the importance of patience. God IS in charge! God's reign WILL take place and every time we share the gift of love or justice or forgiveness or mercy, we are part of that process. We are working with God to bring that reign into full reality.

My reflection on this truth turned my frustration into gratitude. Each of us is so blessed, so gifted, so favored by an all-loving God who constantly directs the course of our lives. We are the flowers on the top of the stem. When our season is over and we fall back to the earth, may we nurture the flowers yet to come.

God bless. . . . Fr. James

The Greatest Christmas Present of All Is "The Gift of Life"

By Jay A. Clark

Wayne sat alone in the bar, ordering his third holiday special, a Mistletoe (a mixture of creme de menthe, koluha and rum). As he sipped his drink, he munched on complimentary M&M's, the red and green kind appropriate to Christmas. No lunch or dinner and the drinks hit him pretty hard. Now it was late Christmas Eve and he was all alone, depressed and miserable. But that was okay. He was on a pity trip with no destination and was too comfortable just to sit, vegetate and enjoy a blurred state of suspension.

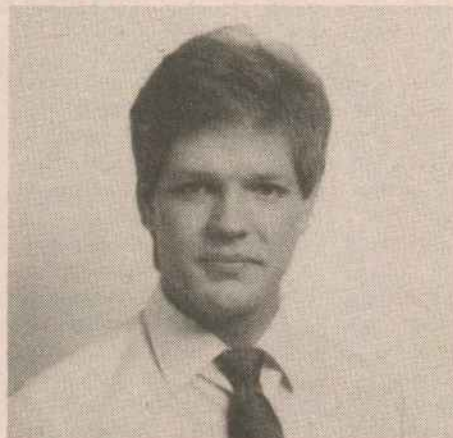
All his fears and pains were, at this moment, focused on acknowledging them. His only immediate goal was to stay like this as long as possible.

Then it happened. A voice appeared. It was warm, sincere, more like an emotion than anything. It came from somewhere nearby, some vague place and asked to be near him. Thus, secluded in a conversation of silence, Wayne and the voice talked.

"What's the greatest Christmas present you could receive?" it asked. Wayne made no response and the voice answered, "The greatest Christmas present to you is the gift of life, your life."

"Well," Wayne asked, not bothering to hide his sarcasm, "can I exchange it . . . I mean if I don't want it? What if I just don't place any kind of value on this present, huh?"

"Suicide?" came the response. "That's no way. Hey, if you don't want it like you say and you want to give it back, why not give it back to the person who gave it to you."



Pastor Jay Clark

"My mother?"

"No. Give it to God. That's a choice you have, a free choice. Some call it salvation, being reunited with God. You decide to do that. You turn your life over to Him. That's how you give it back."

"Okay, smart guy," Wayne said. "Just how is this to be done? Give up all my stuff? Live like some monk?"

"No," came the firm but gentle response. "Do it by completely trusting in God and His will for your life. Do that by prayer and faith which comes from it. Learn about Him, for it is by faith and knowledge that He works in our lives. Rejoice this Christmas in remembrance of God's ultimate gift to you and everyone . . ."

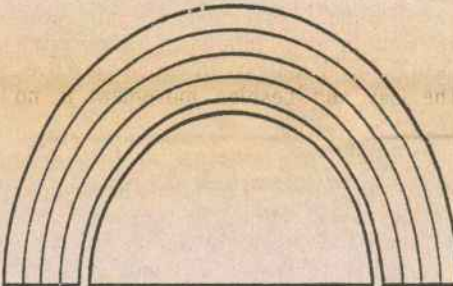
Jesus is God's only son and was selflessly given to each of us to pay for our sins. And through Jesus, God has given you to yourself. Will you receive again this new gift of life and return it to God. I hope and pray that you will."

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We invite you to join us in our Annual Christmas Caroling activity on Saturday afternoon, December 17th, at local hospitals. Anyone interested in participating with us (whether singing or not) can call us for further details (442-7300).

In preparation for the beginning of our third year, we're having our Second Annual Christmas Party which will be held at Jet's Place on Saturday, December 17th. The festivities will begin with a cash bar at 7:00 P.M. and Dinner at 8:00 P.M. Any member of the community is invited to join with us at this annual event. The only admission required for the Dinner Party is an exchange gift with a minimum value of \$10, suitable for either male or female. (Call us for further details).

A special Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24th, will begin at 11:00 P.M. and will be held at our Chapel (Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. across the street from the UW-M Student Union). The service will be preceded by Christmas Caroling to begin at approximately 10:40




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ON LIBERATION: New Column To Be Controversial

By D. K. Beck

Liberation: we speak and hear of it often. Yet, our visions of liberation are as many and diverse as the individuals who comprise our community(s) and often as incompatible.

Discussions regarding these divergent views are often avoided because of very real and understandable concerns that open dissension may deepen schisms already present within our movement and/or create new ones and detract from our ability to act collectively and decisively in our everyday struggles with AIDS, homophobia and violence.

Far too often, however, divergent and dissenting views are ignored and even censored because of intolerance and because of fears that open discussion may expose logical discrepancies within our reasoning and reveal the falsity of assumptions mistakenly held to be indisputable truth.

Free and open discussion is, of course, a primary prerequisite for discovering truth and achieving liberation. One of the greatest challenges facing our movement lies in maintaining unity and cohesiveness in our everyday struggles, while simultaneously allowing, even encouraging, vigorous discussions concerning our political differences.

Full and complete liberation is but a vision, far off and nearly inconceivable and ultimately, perhaps, unattainable in even the wildest dreams.

The process of liberation is, however, entirely possible and very real. It happens within us, all around us, throughout the world. It is a wondrous process by which we taste freedom, glimpse truth, sense justice, and yearn for more. Through search and struggle, liberation is born.

Struggles for liberation do not arise in a vacuum, but from and into the socio-political context of particular places and times. Likewise, the individuals who comprise these movements are influenced by, and in turn influence, these same socio-political contexts in which they live. The Gay and Lesbian movement is no exception.

It is unique, however, in that it is composed of members of all other social, political, racial and economic classes and both genders. Encompassing so many varied classes, each composed of individuals who also belong to yet other classes, it is bound to have within it many varied and often incompatible and goals,

interests and value systems. It is this which makes polemical discussions within our movement so threatening and so necessary.

Future columns of "On Liberation" will address issues of particular concern to Gay men and Lesbians. The column will be written from a broadened perspective which seeks a full and complete human liberation and rejects attempts to limit our movement's focus to gaining acceptance and assimilation into society as it now exists. These are, of course, primary goals of our movement and rightly so; but our vision must extend far beyond our own immediate and limited interests.

As difficult as it may be, we Gays and Lesbians must strive for the survival and advancement of humankind as a whole as we simultaneously strive for our own survival and advancement. Social, cultural, racial, ethnic, economic and sexual liberation cannot be separated.

Working class liberation cannot be complete if the sexual oppression of working class women and Gay men continues and Gay and Lesbian liberation cannot be complete if the economic oppression of working class Gay men and Lesbians continues. If social changes are brought about to achieve Gay and Lesbian acceptance and assimilation and the economic system is not also radically altered, working class Gays and Lesbians will continue to be oppressed through wage-slavery, whether their employer happens to be a white, heterosexual male or a woman or Gay man of any color.

From this perspective, "On Liberation" will be exploring a number of issues in the coming months including: the AIDS crisis and for-profit health care; widespread racism and sexism in the Gay male community; military reform; monogamy and non-monogamy and the progress and direction of our movement.

Many will be angered and offended by my comments. This is not my intention. I only wish to participate in the processes of thought and discussion which are the seeds of enlightenment and liberation.

No one person or group possesses perfect knowledge of truth and justice. We must seek them together. In our search, we may catch a glimpse of liberation.

Editor's Note: **Light** welcomes to its pages D.K. Beck. Mr. Beck resides in northern Wisconsin and will be, as he says, writing from a point of view that can only be termed "controversial."

ACLU Will Host Dinner Awards January 14

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Foundation (ACLU/WIF) will hold its 11th Annual Bill of Rights Dinner on January 14, 1989. This benefit for ACLU/WIF will take place at Milwaukee's Pfister Hotel with a reception at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and an awards ceremony and entertainment to follow. Tickets for this event are \$50.00 and are available from the ACLU state office in Milwaukee. Call (414) 272-4032 for reservations or further information.

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UMOS Awarded AIDS Grant To Help Educate Hispanic Migrants

The Milwaukee based United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. (UMOS), has been awarded a grant of \$187,000 from the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, to provide AIDS education and prevention information in a five state area. The project, targeted for Hispanic migrants includes Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and Wisconsin.

UMOS was established as a non-profit corporation in 1965 and has served the migrant and seasonal farmworkers throughout the State of Wisconsin.

The project, entitled "Midwest Regional Migrant Farmworker AIDS Education and Prevention Program" is funded for a five year period and will coordinate with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services AIDS/HIV Program to consolidate activities and share resources.

As the lead agency of the five state consortium, UMOS will be responsible for the development, coordination and dissemination of culturally sensitive bilingual education AIDS brochures, audiovisuals, training and program development specifically oriented towards the Hispanic community. A Hispanic resource and referral file will be developed and maintained as part of the project. Bilingual volunteers will be trained to staff the statewide AIDS hot-line.

Lupe Martinez, UMOS Director, said, "We don't know how great the problem of AIDS is with the migrant population, or if there is one. But we want to get the information out on a preventative basis."

Project Coordinator Dr. Mary Ann Borman said, "This is a very new area. There is very little happening in the

Hispanic community right now in AIDS education."

Borman continued, "Our outreach will begin where the workers are, through the use of mobile vans and bilingual staff. The focus is to prevent, for people to have knowledge and information about the disease."

Borman emphasized that the migrant population has not been determined to be a high-risk group for AIDS, but it is a mobile group with little access to educational materials.

Woman Marine Courtmartialed

Parris Island, SC. A woman Marine corporal was convicted on charges of having sex with another woman and has been sentenced to a year in prison. Marine Cpt. Barbara Baum, 23, was convicted of sodomy, obstruction of justice, and committing indecent acts with women and was sentenced on June 10, 1988 at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot.

Baum's conviction is part of an ongoing investigation of lesbianism at the Parris Island facility, but she was the first woman to have been courtmartialed on sex charges. Of the four other women investigated in the Marine Corps witchhunt against Lesbian Marines, one has been discharged in lieu of court-martial and three others have been discharged.

Letters urging the Baum's conviction for private, consensual sex, be overturned and her sentence waived should be mailed to:

• Maj. Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, Marine Corps Recruits Depot, Parris Island, SC 29905

Rudy, Upon Waking.. The Night Waiting

by Richard Mence

I came upon him,
suddenly,
one morning,
as he sat, washed in a flood
of morning sun
pouring in the eastern window.
No clothes... a towel.
kept him a step closer not further.
Just sitting there
in the slanted sunlight
bringing coffee to his lips,
owning the morning,
himself,
the green,
the wind,
the morning sounds...
I walked away smiling,
oddly warm,
and let him enjoy his treasures.

by Richard Mence

I walk the night streets
in secret wonder.
Curse the lights that block the spell
of forever space...
black sparkling curtain.
Belie the groans and moans
of machines and smelly menace
that mankind mistakes for air!
Wandering watchful
as in waiting for some special act
that signals some long awaited
epiphany
unnamed.
Let's sit on the curb
and place our hands upon the street
and feel the tension
of the waiting brick wilderness.

Wisconsin Light Political Genius Awards for 1988

Now that the campaign is over, it's time for **The Wisconsin Light Political Genius Awards**. The nominees were selected after very careful consideration and the winners were decided after lengthy deliberations.

The Did I Say That Award? The nominees are:

Susan Englelter for accusing Herb Kohl of selling a \$2.63 coffee cake to the Army for over \$7.00. (It turned out that the coffee cakes Kohl was selling were to serve 18, had to have a shelf life of several months and were packed in heavy metal tins.)

Matt Flynn for stating repeatedly, even after being provided with evidence to the contrary, that Jim Moody had not brought in one dollar in federal aid to his Congressional district. Flynn later apologized and retracted his remarks.

George Bush for saying that the American people should judge him on his choice of a running mate.

The Winner: George Bush wins by a Quayle.

The Political Humor Award The nominees are:

The leadership of the Gay/Lesbian Caucus at the Democratic Convention for their consistent attempts to entertain those present with laughable ideas about strategy.

Mike Dukakis for calling the Bush economic policies "the equivalent of an economic slurpee."

George Bush for claiming that he is an environmentalist.

Dan Quayle for claiming that he is an environmentalist.

The winner is Dan Quayle. We would have picked Dukakis, but what he said was true and not all that funny.

The Just Say No Award The nominees are:

Non-candidates Mario Cuomo, Bill Bradley and Sam Nunn who said "no" to attempts to draft them.

Mike Dukakis who said "no" to attempts to put the "G" and "L" words in the Democratic platform.

Annette Polly Williams for saying "no" to the inclusion of Gays and Lesbians on the Wisconsin Democratic delegation for Jackson.

The winner: Annette Polly Williams who is given this award so that she will know that we haven't forgotten her.

The Great Judgment Award The nominees are:

Gary Hart for challenging the press to follow him around and stake out his house and then having a woman stay there overnight while his wife was away.

Mike Dukakis for his campaign organization appointments and his refusal to listen to them even when they were right.

George Bush for picking Dan Quayle.

The winner: All of the above showed such poor judgment in these matters that it is impossible even for our crack team of judges to decide the winner in this one.

The Lend-Lease Award The nominees are:

Nancy Reagan for her failure to return the million dollar wardrobe she "borrowed" from famous designers.

Senator Joe Biden for borrowing a speech from English Labor Party leader Sam Kinnock.

George Bush for borrowing Harry Truman and John Kennedy, claiming that both would have voted for him were they still alive.

The winners are: It's a tie between Nancy and Joe. Nancy, while not a candidate, did wear the dresses on the campaign trail and richly deserves this honor, and Joe for reversing but keeping up the spirit of the original lend-lease by leasing something from Britain

So there you have it folks. To all those who weren't winners in this year's awards, you can console yourselves in the knowledge that the next big election is only two years away. With greater effort, you may win next time!

BWMT Awarded AIDS Grant

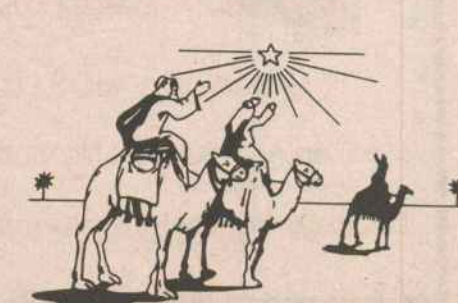
[Washington, D.C.]—The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NA/BWMT) has been awarded a grant of \$207,737 for AIDS prevention by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a division of the U.S. Public Health Service. The initial funding runs through April 30, 1989.

NA/BWMT was designated one of 31 national and regional minority organizations to receive grants under a new CDC initiative called the National AIDS Minority Information and Education Program. It is the only Gay minority organization to be funded (for this program a minority organization is defined as one in which a majority of the officers and board of directors are people of color.

The overall goal of the funded project is to prevent the spread of HIV infection among BWMT's membership and equip members to act as effective AIDS educators.

Several requirements contained in the grant should be noted. First, the project and its work with local chapters should be coordinated with any other state and local projects which are dealing with the AIDS epidemic among Gay and bisexual men in minority communities.

Second, NA/BWMT must comply with the Helms Amendment which states that the organization cannot use the Federal funding to promote or encourage, directly, homosexual activities. All education, information and prevention activities and materials paid for with grant funds must emphasize abstinence from sexual activity outside a sexually monogamous marriage, including any sexual activity between two or more males. All messages sent out under the auspices of this grant will have to be checked with local review panels that have been set up by state and city public health departments.



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E. Florida Ave.

According to bartenders at the Phoenix, C'est La Vie and II-XIX, Owens was seen in these bars on the Saturday night that he was killed. Many within the Gay community believe that Owens' murder was a Gay bashing. Those who claim to have known him say that he was a quiet man, a nice guy. John said "He (Owens) was no hustler. He wasn't the type. He was real slow; wouldn't push it."

Whether or not the Owens murder is an example of it, homophobic violence is a nation-wide phenomenon and, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the number of reported cases is growing rapidly.

In a press release issued recently by NGLTF, 7,008 cases were reported in 1987. This is a 42% increase over the 4,946 cases being reported in 1986. According to NGLTF, verbal abuse accounted for 78% of the 1987 incidents, 12% were cases of physical assault while vandalism accounted for 5% of the cases reported.

The report on which the press release is based was written with data provided by 64 local groups throughout the country. NGLTF acknowledges that the surge in numbers may be due to increased reporting by victims. Nevertheless, the report notes that the latest figures are "only a tiny fraction of the actual cases" most of which go unreported by the victims.

NGLTF estimates that homophobic violence will strike one in four Gay men and one in 10 Lesbians.

Like rape victims, Lesbians and Gays are often blamed for the crimes committed against them. In some cases, those charged with assaulting or murdering Gays have used the "homosexual panic" defense resulting in lessened sentences or in acquittals.

As reported in **Philadelphia Gay News** an Adams County Pennsylvania judge refused to accept this defense in the case of Stephen Roy Carr, who was convicted on October 27, 1988 in the murder of Rebecca Wright. Carr's attorney argued that Carr was "provoked" into an attack on Wright and her lover, Claudia Brenner, after seeing them make love at their campsite.

The NGLTF admits that it is nearly impossible to determine if the increase in cases is due to more wide-spread reporting. Still, Kevin Berrill, director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project said that "Lesbians and Gay men are a community under siege."

Berrill has been collecting data on anti-Gay and anti-Lesbian violence since 1982.

In many parts of the country, Lesbians and Gays are striking back. One of San Francisco's Gay/Lesbian papers, **The Sentinel**, reported the formation of a Gay group that resembles and has the same purpose as the more familiar Guardian Angels. **The Guardian**, a New York paper reported recently that several local groups across the country are organizing violence prevention projects, including whistle programs and self-defense courses.

Attitudes are changing in Milwaukee as well, according to Peter of II-XIX. He bartends six nights a week and does not think homophobic violence has increased. But, he said, "We're (Gays and Lesbians) really not afraid of them (homophobes) anymore. All anyone has to do (if they get in trouble) is to go into a bar and they'll have 10-20 people to help."

In Milwaukee, the actual numbers of cases of homophobic violence are almost impossible to determine. In a recent report prepared for the Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations by David M. Novick it is stated that "no reports (of homophobic violence) have been received to date." The report goes on to say that "The dearth of reported incidents . . . should not be construed as an indication of a lack of a problem. There is no reason to assume that Milwaukee is any more sensitive in this regard than those areas which have reported an increase in homophobic hate/violence actions."

Copies of this report have been sent to Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist, Common Council members and Hate/Violence Monitors. The full report covers hate crimes against all minority groups.

Reasons for Gay and Lesbian victims not reporting crimes vary. According to the Novick report, "Milwaukee is

considered more of a closeted Gay/Lesbian community . . . than many of its counterparts." Some of those victims who talked with **Light** supported this contention and indicated fear of exposure as Gay or Lesbian if the talked to police as their reason for not reporting what had happened to them. Others took a "What good would it do" attitude. As far as verbal abuse was concerned, that was usually shrugged off with a "It happens to everybody" outlook.

Anti-Gay/Lesbian violence can take place anywhere and can be committed by all kinds of people — individuals, gangs and organized hate groups.

As far as the perpetrators of homophobic violence in Milwaukee are concerned, opinions as to who and how many are responsible, vary. Many such as John, believe that they are "a small bunch of kids." But one man who asked to be referred to only as "X" told **Light** that he "knew" that there were gangs in Milwaukee who required of new members that they "beat the s — t out of a Gay" as the price of membership.

Without reported incidents it is impossible to determine if homophobic violence is on the increase in Milwaukee. Captain Richard Duszynski of the Second Police District told **Light** that while the police "do get reports of that nature," there are "not a lot." Duszynski said that the police "don't get a lot of backfeed that much of it is going on."

Deputy Police Inspector, Rudolph Will agreed with Duszynski. "There's no dramatic rise", he said.

Both officers took pains to emphasize the necessity for Gays and Lesbians to report attacks upon them. "If you're the victim, you have a right to service.", Will said.

Most bar owners and others whom **Light** spoke with, commented favorably on the police and their response to reports of homophobic incidents. However, the police themselves say rightly enough that they can do nothing unless an incident is reported to them.

Bar owners, managers, bartenders and patrons all emphasized that anti-Gay/Lesbian violence must not be blown out of proportion or sensationalized. The chances are pretty good that nothing will ever happen to you. However, everyone advised using a little common sense when going out for the evening.

If at all possible, do not park in a dark area. When leaving the bar, ask a couple of friends to walk you to your car. If you decide to leave a bar and drive to another at some distance, invite others who might want to go to ride with you.

Another thing that everyone **Light** talked to including police, advised strongly, is that if something does happen, report it.

Wisconsin Light views this as an on-going story. We ask that anyone suffering from homophobic violence, whether verbal or physical, report it to us either in writing or by phone. Anonymity will be guaranteed and you will be helping the community.

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