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The Wisconsin Light

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Dignity, Respect For All On Norquist Agenda

[Milwaukee]- 20 Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian activists met Wednesday, April 12, with Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist in what the Mayor said would be the first of a series of regular meetings at which Lesbians and Gays could voice their concerns.

This first meeting took place at the Cream City Foundation Community Center at 225 S. 2nd St and lasted from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. It was chaired by Norquist and by Wisconsin Light publisher, Jerry Johnson.

The meeting had been called at Norquist's request so that he might become acquainted with some of the Lesbian and Gay activists in the city and through them learn of the community's main concerns.

At the outset, the Mayor emphasized that he wanted to make sure that Lesbians and Gays were treated with dignity and respect and that they should have power in politics and the economy. He further emphasized that he would denounce homophobia wherever it reared its head.

Sue Cook, co-chair of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee, and one of the two women in addition to Sue Burke present, made it clear that "Gay" and "Lesbian" were terms to be preferred to "homosexual." There were murmurs of agreement from around the table and the Mayor said, "I have to be reminded." A major item of concern was the seemingly increased incidents of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence especially around the bars on Second and in the vicinity of E. National.

Several members of the group urged the need for a commitment from Milwaukee Police Chief Robert Ziarnik for a human relations training program targeted at veteran officers. Recruits already receive such training.

Norquist urged Lesbians and Gays to continue to voice their concerns to the Fire and Police Commission.

Bill Meunier, Light's Political Editor, called for better street lighting as well as a change in the parking regulations in the area. Norquist indicated that changes would be made and asked Meunier for a report of exact locations of lighting problems.

John Clayton, of the C'est la Vie bar, voiced the need for a Lesbian/Gay festival on a par with the other fests.

Norquist, while noting that any group could have a festival, said such things were very expensive.

Don Clabots, co-chair of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee, reminded the group of Pride Week in June and

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Pictured are the Madison GALVANize Committee. From left to right are: (Backrow) Meg Gaines, Richard Kilmer, Tony Sheehan, Tom Otto, Robert James, Susan Knoedel, John Quinlan; (Center Row) Mary Myers, Christina Clough, Ellen Barnard, Tim O'Brien, Cevyn Godre, Mary Klobukar; (Front Row) Terry Cremmin, Elizabeth Fadel, Nancy Graham, Jo Bussler, Pam Jacobson and Cheri Maples. Not shown: Ed Cortez.

U.S. Immigration Jails Dutch Man On Trip to AIDS Conference

By Tim Campbell

Editor's Note: Mr. Campbell is the Editor of GLC Voice of Minneapolis. This article is abridged from a longer account.

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[Minneapolis]- Hans Paul Verhoef, 31, a public servant for the cities of Delft and Rotterdam, Netherlands, who does education on Gay/Lesbian issues including AIDS education was released by U.S. Immigration authorities at 6:45 p.m. Friday, April 7 to continue from St. Paul to San Francisco for the 11th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference. The 7th Annual National AIDS Forum is a part of the greater conference.

Judge Robert Vinikoor ordered the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) authorities to release Verhoef for a business visit under the condition that he post a \$10,000 bond and leave the U.S. promptly on April 28. Judge Vinikoor made it a part of his ruling that Verhoef be released as soon as he posted bond whether the INS chose to appeal his decision or not.

Verhoef quickly posted the bond with the help of individuals at the Minnesota AIDS Project. Notwithstanding, local INS officials continued to detain Verhoef a few more hours while it filed a motion for a stay of execution of Vinikoor's orders with the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) in Washington, D.C. The BIA refused to consider the INS last-ditch motion.

Verhoef landed at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport on Sunday, April 2 with tickets through to San Francisco for the conference which was to begin April 5. Although INS officials have yet to state the connection, local observers speculate that the presence of a leather jacket and trousers and sexual toys were the most obvious items in Verhoef's luggage to trigger a more intense search.

INS officials claim that Verhoef was detained because he told them he had AIDS after they found literature about the disease, some asidothimidine and a letter from Verhoef to a friend in which he spoke of having AIDS.

Another Dutch visitor, Marinus Bos, with leather in his luggage was detained by the same INS officials at the same

airport on December 17, 1988.

Verhoef was handcuffed and taken to Scott County Jail about 10 miles west of the airport. On Monday, again handcuffed, he was taken to the State Prison in Stillwater and from there to Oak Park Heights, Minnesota's newest

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Federal AZT Program Receives Funds

[Washington, D.C.]- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue the federal AIDS drug subsidy program that helps low-income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS and related conditions.

HHS reprogrammed the funds on March 31, at the urging of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), who spearheaded efforts to overcome the financial assistance for AIDS treatments.

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyists said the reprogrammed funds came just as the subsidy program — originally created by Congress in 1987 and extended last September — was set to expire at midnight, March 31. The move comes as funds in Georgia, Kansas, Idaho, Kentucky and Utah already have expired, with 13 other states, including Wisconsin, poised to run out by June, 1989.

The \$5 million approved on March 31 is expected to carry the program for another six months, through September, 1989.

Approximately 7,000 people in the U.S. are receiving government assistance under the program to purchase AIDS treatments, including AZT (Retrovir). AZT, which costs about \$8,000 a year at full dose, is the only government-approved drug for directly fighting AIDS.

Reports that the Bush Administration supported continuation of the program came after Kennedy and 12 other Senators sent a letter to HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan urging reprogramming.

Neither of Wisconsin's two Senators was a signatory to the letter asking for reprogramming of money to help AIDS patients.

By Terry Boughner

They will be arriving in their thousands — and thousands — from around the nation, from all the Midwest, from the far reaches of Wisconsin, coming, coming to Madison, the capital of the Gay Rights State.

There will be cars and buses full of people, gentle, determined people, proud people, marching to Madison this first weekend in May, coming with their banners and buttons and signs proclaiming for all to see, their exaltation and exuberance at being who we are. Lesbian! Gay! And Proud!

For the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize), the May 4-7 weekend celebration is the culmination of over a year's planning and work. It all began with a walk by the lake in March, 1988, when Tim O'Brien who had been to the '87 March on Washington spoke to Richard Kilmer the feeling of empowerment he had experienced there, empowerment that could sweep away the homophobia they had experienced in Madison.

Three weeks later at a birthday party, Tim and Richard talked with Pam Jacobson and Meg Gaines about the idea of having a March in Madison. From such small beginnings, GALVANize was born.

Now, this May, the musings of a few friends are about to become reality. This due to the hundreds of willing volunteers have joined in the effort with one purpose: to create "a massive, visible coming out...in the Midwest and beyond to affirm Lesbian and Gay culture, to celebrate the commonalities and differences of all people and to show unity for all civil rights."

This purpose has been endorsed by the Dane County Board of Supervisors (19), the Madison Teachers Union, the Dane County Democratic Party, the UW Dean of Student's Office, Madison Police Chief David C. Couper, Alderperson Jim McFarland, the Wisconsin American Civil Liberties Union and the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America.

Sponsors of events include the New Harvest Foundation, Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation, the Madison Arts Center, the Madison NOW, the Madison AIDS Support Network, The United, the UW-Madison 10% Society, the Madison Women Determined to Free Sharon Kowalski, the Women Law Student's Association and the Mifflin Street Co-op.

12 Workshops of interest to Lesbians

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AIDS, Health Issues To Be Discussed

Milwaukee health care workers will be sharing information gained in the areas of AIDS and other health issues from the National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and National AIDS Forum in San Francisco, at an open Community Forum, Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), 315 W. Court St.

This was the 11th year for the Conference and more people than ever attended from Milwaukee. In addition to exploring the many complexities and subtleties of the AIDS crisis and a diversity of Gay and Lesbian health issues, there were numerous print and audio visual educational materials as well as social events to aid in the networking and exchange of information.

The Forum at MAP will be an excellent opportunity to hear of the high points of the San Francisco Conference and to engage in dialog with many of those who attended. For more information, call MAP at (414) 273-2437.

OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE XV

Pitch Forks Were Used To Throw The Dead Into The Crematorium

By Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

With Peter gone, Rudolf returned to life, such as it was, in the camp. He had at least been spared death which was often the fate of the Little Dolls, but the horrors of the camp were now all the more sharp.

Yet something had happened to him. There was a new sense of will to survive. He had been treated with kindness and, perhaps, as he thought in his fantasies, with love. If he could believe that, and he did because he wanted to believe it, there was a reason to go on.

Love or what passed for it, was Rudolf's salvation. Gays in the camps knew this instinctively and sought it confounding the Nazi belief that homosexuals are only to be defined by sex. Nevertheless, like others before and since, the Nazis adhered to this view and punished "physical infractions" rigorously.



No matter the weather, Gays were required to sleep covered only by a thin blanket with their hands always on top. This was to prevent masturbation which, the Nazis maintained, was something only Gays did and was symptomatic of our "disease." To be caught with the hands under the blanket was to be condemned to the most severe punishment which could include anything from having your hands cut off to being forced to stand naked in freezing weather while buckets of cold water were poured over you. Those who survived such treatment were used as subjects for "medical experiments." No one ever returned.

According to Hans, Rudolf and other Gay survivors, sex among Gays in the camps was infrequent to non-existent. In the absence of adequate food and with the terror and degradation of life in the camp, sexual urges vanished. It was, Hans said, the first drive to go and the others agreed.

Yet, according to these witnesses, Gay coupling was so frequent as to have been the norm. Gay couples might never have the chance to be alone together, yet with a look, a surreptitious touch, a few words in passing, a morsel of bread passed quickly hand to hand, two Gays could establish bonds that in those hellish surroundings, offered support and love and with them, the desire to survive.

According to Wilhelm and others, the Nazis made regular attempts to get Gays to have sex with women which Himmler fancied as a "cure." Of course it didn't work.

According to Richard, Gays became quite adroit at finding ways to be in the same work detail as their "lover" or being in the same wing or even in near-by beds. All the Pink Triangles, Richard said, speaking of his time in Sachsenhausen camp, knew who was paired with whom. The SS delighted in discovering who these were and were often informed by a Capo (a prisoner, nearly always a straight, in charge of a work detail).

If the SS did find out, the consequences were terrible. There are few more heart-rending stories than those of lovers forced to watch their beloved's agonies at the hand of the Nazis.

In 1943, on Christmas Eve, four pairs of lovers were hanged on steel gibbets at Dachau while all the other Pink Triangles of the camp were forced to sing "Silent Night" and watch them strangle to death. The last sight each victim would see would be the agony and terror in his lover's eyes.

At Buchenwald, one lover had to stand

by while his beloved was raped repeatedly with a broom handle and then, bleeding from his mouth and anus, he was kicked to death. Afterward the body was taken and boiled until the flesh came from the bones. The resulting "soup" was force-fed to his lover. Then the SS slit the poor wretch's belly open. He died, clutching his guts as they gushed between his fingers into the mud while the guards stood about laughing and shouting obscenities.

At Sachsenhausen, sometimes called "The Auschwitz of the Gays", there was a young man, no more than 16 or 17, whose name, I was told, was David. He was Gay, but also a Jew so that beneath the Pink Triangle, he wore one of Yellow. Together they formed the Jewish Star. David and his lover worked in the clay pit, the vast hole where untold thousands of Gays were done to death. Then, one day, David was assigned to one of the shifts working at the ovens.

To these crematoria were brought the bodies of the dead, mutilated, mangled, soaked in their own shit and piss released from their bowels as they died. Always there were the dead, mounds of the dead, Gays always being killed to make room for more Gays. So many that they used pitchforks to move the bodies to the ovens. This was David's job.

David was doing what he had to when a new batch of corpses was brought in and thrown on the pile. One body rolled down, the beaten remnant of a man whose eyes looked up sightless at the youth who was about to plunge the fork into its flesh. David looked and then screamed as he saw his lover.

He screamed, and then screamed again. In a place where screams were an ordinary sound, his was, Gerhardt said, an unearthly cry, unimaginable in its horror. David fell to his knees, covering his lover's body with his young tears. Other prisoners tried to drag him away, but to no avail. A guard stepped up and shot him in the back of his head. The two were shoveled into the oven together.

There are more, many more stories that I heard similar to these, but still Gays paired off, investing their hearts in the heart of another.

None of the survivors who I spoke with found this to be surprising. Gerhardt who tried to enter the priesthood after the war and was refused because of his camp record as a Pink Triangle, said simply, "Some people in those islands of hell found strength in faith in God. But for many Gays, God was not enough. They, myself among them, needed love and that from another man. In that love we found purpose and a sense for life. Perhaps," he mused, "that is the way with us homosexuals?"

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Engeliter's Senate Seat Has Two Diverse Republican Candidates

By Rick Villasenor
and Jim McFarland

We are looking forward to an event that does not usually happen in May: an election. Because State Senator Susan Engeliter has taken an appointment in the Bush administration (she will head the Small Business Administration), she is resigning her seat in the State Senate. There will be a special election in May to choose her successor.

So far, there are two announced candidates for this seat. One would be even more supportive of equality and privacy issues than Sen. Engeliter was while the other would represent a serious setback for the Lesbian and Gay community.

Both candidates are Republican. While you may be a Democrat, it is important to realize that in this Senate district which includes Wauwatosa, Brookfield and Menomonee Falls, the election will be won or lost in the Republican primary. There is next to no chance that a Democrat could win this seat. Thus, it is very important that we get the right Republican elected.

State Representative Peggy Rosenzweig has been extremely supportive of the Lesbian and Gay community since she first ousted an ultraconservative Republican from her Wauwatosa Assembly seat in 1982. She has voted pro-equality on every single Gay and Lesbian rights issue that has been before the state legislature since she has been elected, even including Rawhide.

Peggy Rosenzweig was one of the crucial votes we needed to pass the Consenting Adults Act which repealed Wisconsin's anti-sodomy laws. While she was not in the State Assembly at the time that AB 70 (our anti-discrimination bill) was passed, she has been instrumental in protecting that law from erosion. She was one of the few Republicans who made the difference the first time the Rawhide Amendment was defeated.

She has been the strongest Republican

supporter in the legislature that we have had, indeed, one of the strongest supporters period.

On the other hand, Peggy's opponent, Rep. Margaret Farrow, has been a staunch opponent of ours since she won her Brookfield seat in the State Assembly. She was a strong supporter of the Rawhide bill and sent a rudely worded letter to a constituent of hers who had written her in opposition to the Rawhide bill. Farrow told her constituent that discrimination against Gays and Lesbians was not only acceptable, but necessary in many cases including the military, in teaching, employment and, of course, the Rawhide Boys Ranch. What makes this woman even more dangerous is that she is generally considered to be very competent and is not perceived to be the extremist that she is.

Jim was a high school senior in Wauwatosa in 1982 when Peggy Rosenzweig conducted her first campaign. He saw the Eagle Forum "ladies" pulling out all the stops against her. They attended every forum hectoring her about "special rights for homosexuals" and even resorted to anti-Semitism in their attempt to defeat her. These folks are at it again.

Please consider donating your time and/or money to help elect Peggy Rosenzweig. Though the election is near, money is still needed. You can mail a check made out to Friends of Peggy Rosenzweig, 6663 Hillside Lane, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. If you can donate time, call Ann Larson at (414)258-8688.

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EDITORIAL

MAYOR NORQUIST IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR HIS CONCERN

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's April 12 meeting with Lesbian and Gay activists was something many elsewhere would envy.

Think of it as our Malaysian correspondent said, "The mayor of a major American city sitting down to listen to Gays and Lesbians about their concerns? It's wonderful! How lucky you are. It couldn't happen here and in a lot of the rest of the world!"



MAYOR NORQUIST

We agree. Mayor Norquist is to be commended for his interest and concern. But, in several ways, the meeting might be said to be less than enviable.

After it was over, one thing seemed clear. That is that we Lesbians and Gays have got to get off our duffs and start taking a far more active role in determining our own fate.

Over and over again throughout the 45 minute meeting the question was explicit, inferred or implied, have you talked to this agency? Have you met with this or that person who might help you? In most cases, the answer was a negative silence.

There were 20 members of our community at that meeting, two women, 18 men the vast majority of whom were white. Of that 20, approximately three quarters had nothing at all to say — even when, with much of the time allotted remaining, the floor was thrown open for discussion.

By the Mayor's own words, this meeting was the first of a regular series. We think these gatherings can be of extreme value to us as a community, perhaps one of the most valuable opportunities given to us in a long time. We think Mayor Norquist should be thanked for his willingness to hold them.

Perhaps our Malaysian and Singaporean correspondents are right; we, in Wisconsin live in Heaven. But, perhaps too as we think, it's not so much Heaven as we haven't done our homework.

McNAMARA-McGRAW DESERVES TO BE MILWAUKEE ALDERMAN

In the race for Milwaukee's Third Aldermanic District (East Side), Wisconsin Light endorses without hesitation or qualification, Lorraine McNamara-McGraw.

McGraw is far and away more highly qualified for the seat than her opponent, Bill Vogl. She possesses a Juris Doctor Degree, is Health Education Liaison for the Milwaukee Council on Drug Abuse and has served as Wisconsin State Public Defender since 1982.



LARRAINE McNAMARA-McGRAW

As a long-time resident of the Third District, she understands the problems inherent in living in the most populated area of Milwaukee.

She favors University expansion and with it, an increase in jobs.

She favors a drastic study and overhaul of parking regulations which, currently, make the area a difficult one in which to live, work and shop.

She sees and understands the need to control taxes in one of the most heavily taxed areas of the city.

She believes in the need for a reorganization of police department priorities towards a more positive presence in the community and the need for professional police managers who understand modern police methods. She believes that the prosecution for minor traffic and other misdemeanors is one reason why the war against property crime and serious drug-related offenses is not being won.

But most importantly, McNamara-McGraw is a person of liberal and compassionate outlook who has not stooped to mud-slinging and campaign by fear and innuendo. She has conducted a high-minded race, going door-to-door, meeting people, confronting the tough issues without feeling the compulsion to sink to base instincts, including those that have been interpreted as having racist overtones.

We urge every Lesbian and Gay in the Third District to vote for McNamara-McGraw. We have enough problems. We don't need Bill Vogl on the Milwaukee Common Council.

LET US DISPLAY "BLUE LIGHTS OF HOPE" IN OUR WINDOWS

Every once in awhile an idea comes along that seems good. You are tempted to think, why hasn't this been thought of before?

Such an idea — a symbolic act — has come out of San Francisco. It's called "Blue Lights of Hope"; a wonderfully appropriate thing to do.

It is simply this: that until a cure for AIDS is found, a blue light be placed in the window to shine there every night as a symbol of hope and quiet confidence that the disease will be vanquished.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if in every home, bar and business in Milwaukee, blue lights began to glow in the night? It's not much. It's something that we all can do — and it has nothing to do with being Gay, Lesbian or straight. It has to do with caring, compassion and hope, always hope, that like the little blue lights, pushes away the dark.

Here at Wisconsin Light there will be a blue light in the big front window. Why not throughout Milwaukee and all Wisconsin, each tiny flicker symbolizing a caring, hoping heart.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

The article "Violence Against Gays Continues on Milwaukee Streets" should anger enough members of the Gay community into looking at each other and shouting, "What kind of limp-wristed twits are we?!"

Why is it that a few very un-educated smarmy thugs can drive around town beating up the ones who are stupid enough to trust anyone, straight or Gay at that time of the morning and in the worst area in town for Gays. Grow up!!!

If you can take the time to read, here's some tips to stay alive.

Instead of wiggling your butts around, there's enough of you at the Phoenix, La Cage, The Triangle, Mint II, Boot Camp, The Wreck Room, This Is It (sounds like quite a few, doesn't it?) to form a group of

your own to protect yourselves or are you all too busy cruising to care?

And big question number 1. If Paul says it's "always the same old cars cruising the street" why aren't the license numbers and make of car written down, or have some Gays forgotten how to write?

Does anybody ever think of using a camera to take a few pictures of the chimpanzees driving those vans?

What about hiring some of those so-called "Gorgeous Studs" leaning against the walls of your bars. They may not have much use outside of gawking at, but guess what, some actually do fight back to protect themselves.

How about showing some films about warning Gays against walking alone and getting into strange cars? I'll bet the

police department could supply you with plenty of those.

SO GO FOR IT!

Take license plate numbers. Spend some cash and shoot some film (flash bulbs are cheap). Hang the photos in your bars, in your washrooms!

Use your magazines and publish pictures of those vans and cars.

There are thousands of you and I find it totally unbelievable that this situation exists. GROW UP! Help each other! You can't do it alone! You're too good for this crap you're taking.

—Name withheld on request
Milwaukee

TO THE EDITOR:

So many times I think of sitting down to write to this or that paper to express my feelings about whatever subject has just moved me. Usually I procrastinate and never do get around to letting the staff know that I appreciate all that is done to get their publication into my hands with information I need to know. Today, however, I have decided not to be a procrastinator!

Thank you, Wisconsin Light, for your paper, and especially for the April 6th edition. The wonderful memories shared by friends of Alyn Hess, the Lively Arts Sections and the columns by Bill Meunier and Daniel Trzebiatowski were all great. As a person who is not a member of the Gay community, but is fortunate enough to have some wonderful friends who are, and as a person who has been fortunate to have been involved in the CCF Community Center, I really appreciate the honest insight you provide to me. It's important to me that I understand what my Gay friends go through, the concerns and needs that the "straight" community might not come up against. The Wisconsin Light has helped me in this and, as a result, I hope it has made me a better friend.

So, thanks again. Looking forward to reading you often!

—Judy Boyce
Milwaukee

TO THE GAY COMMUNITY OF MILWAUKEE:

I've just moved to Milwaukee from the Boston area and immediately joined the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee. This was a commitment I was excited by because of my involvement back east.

My balloon was rapidly punctured by the apathy of this town. Why? When I investigated this community before arriving, I heard of a town that was "Gay and Proud"; a town that had its act together with a community that functioned with strong support from everyone in it. Where is that?

On Sunday, April 16, I attended a meeting with representatives from the Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee of Madison (GALVANize). There I heard the enthusiasm that I had expected from Milwaukee. They have strong community involvement with support from both the straight and Gay/Lesbian communities.

As the largest city in Wisconsin, are we in Milwaukee going to allow Madison to outshine us?

Let's band together and show Milwaukee that we are proud of who we are. It's time now for every group, every business, every individual to commit to his and her own personal support of Lesbian/Gay Pride.

It's embarrassing to advertise the theme "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride" when this generation is acting just like the community did 20 years ago, replete with fear and apathy.

Gay Pride is not just a token title to sit back and ponder in our living rooms (or bedrooms). It's time to show all Wisconsin and America that we join our brothers and sisters in believing that we deserve to celebrate the fact that we are Gay/Lesbian and proud.

The opportunity is being presented to you right now to be involved. The June 17th parade and rally are forging ahead with dynamic speed and effort.

The only factor remaining is your involvement. Do yourselves and our community the favor of saying yes, NOW! Support the fundraisers and attend the functions. If you want more information, come to any Pride Committee meeting at the Foundation Community Center. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30. Or call 32-PRIDE.

Start showing the world that Milwaukee IS PROUD!

—Jed Clay
Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride
Committee member.

Finding Common Ground

By Jamakaya

What an inspiration it was to see all the press and television coverage of the recent March on Washington for Women's Equality and Women's Lives! More than 300,000 feminists — women, men and children — rallied at the Capitol to champion the right to privacy and the rights of women to control their own bodies and lives. Not a bad showing for these allegedly "post-feminist" years! The march was sponsored by three of the most progressive organizations in our country: the American Civil Liberties Union, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and the National Organization for Women. These groups, along with the thousands of grass roots organizations, have formed a powerful pro-choice coalition. The excesses of the anti-abortionists (harassing patients and bombing clinics) and the very real possibility that the new Supreme Court may further chip away at Roe v. Wade, the decision that legalized abortion, have finally mobilized the pro-choice majority into action — and not a moment too soon.

Most accounts of the march focused on the size and diversity of the crowd. A friend who attended reported seeing hundreds of different contingents representing labor groups, businesswomen, churches, health providers, government workers, students, teachers, environmentalists, lawyers and more. She even spied a chapter of the Patsy Cline Fan Club among the throng!

The militance of the speakers was also remarkable. My favorite moment was hearing NOW President Molly Yard openly threatening "social chaos" in the event Roe v. Wade is overturned. Sounds good to me, Molly!

How about hundreds of thousands of us signing formal pledges of resistance that, in the case of Roe v. Wade being overturned, we are willing to engage in any illegal activity to ensure safe abortions for all women? Let the Supremes think about that for awhile...

Many commentators on the march dwell on the fact that lobbying the Supreme Court in such a direct way was "bad form," an inappropriate and ineffective tactic. Hardly. It was years of such agitation by pro-choice forces that won the repeal of abortion restrictions in 1973, and it is the militance of the anti today that is moving the Court and Congress in the opposite direction. It is long past time that pro-choicers got back into the game and organized some mass action of our own.

Often the most immediate results of such mass demonstrations are the sustained media attention and consciousness-raising they foster and the mobilization of old and new activists to the cause. Women's groups report a huge influx of members and money in the weeks since the march and, Goddess knows, the women's movement has needed a good shot in the arm lately. (As Flo Kennedy has said, "If it's a movement, I sometimes think it needs a laxative!")

Marching together in solidarity is also an emotional and political high. It reinforces a sense of pride and commitment among participants as well as a sense of our collective power. This strengthening of character and politics may be the most profound effect that such militancy can produce.

I'm proud to say that Lesbians have played a prominent role in the fight for reproductive rights over the years. This might seem to be a contradiction, but, actually, it makes good sense. Lesbians share a primary commitment to the welfare of all women and an abiding respect for individual privacy and choices. The right of women to control their bodies is at the heart of Lesbian-Feminism.

In early 1979, while lobbying against the cut-off of state funding for poor women's abortions, an informal poll at Madison's Brooks Street Y revealed that 21 of the 23 organizers present were Lesbians. The legislative battle was lost, but not before militant protests in the Senate and Assembly galleries which included angry chants, the unfurling of a banner reading "Shame" and a shower of coathangers on the legislators below. The galleries were ordered closed for the first time since the 1960's when James



JAMAKAYA

Groppi and open housing advocates had descended on the Capitol!

The right to control one's body is a basic tenet of both the Gay and women's rights causes. The anti-choice forces are an integral part of the New Right movement which, as we know, is also virulently anti-Gay. Religious zealots, as always, want to force their morality on the rest of us and conservatives, who allegedly oppose government intrusion into the private sector, are leading the charge to impose all sorts of restrictions on our bodies.

State intrusion into our bedrooms and wombs is an intolerable violation of the right to individual privacy and dignity. It provides Lesbians and Gay men with a common refrain — "Get Your Laws Off My Body" — and a large field for common ground in the years ahead.

The recent March on Washington has hopefully reawakened the feminist majority which for too long has forgotten the power derived from direct action and mass mobilization. The traditional alliance between feminists, Gays and civil libertarians must be rekindled to build a strong front against the continuing onslaught of the Right wingers. We either stand together, as the saying goes, or we fall apart.

An opportunity for Lesbians and Gay men to exhibit their solidarity is in the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride in Madison on Saturday, May 6. A rally begins at 2:30 at the Capitol with a march to James Madison Park immediately afterward. The Madison location is ideal for the hundreds of closet cases who wouldn't be caught dead (or **would** be caught dead!) in their hometowns. I think it's gonna be a mighty big demo and wouldn't miss it for the world!

Experience the pride and empowerment that results from coming out and singing and marching together! Bring a banner?! Bring your sweetie! Bring your mom! Bring your dancing shoes! The Gay Rights State is throwing a party and **you're** invited! See you there!

Spring Bicycling Trips Announced

Although the snow put the kibosh on our "opening day" ride, we now know that Spring is here and have planned two ambitious rides: one on Saturday, April 22 and another on Saturday, May 13.

The April ride has two starting points: Greenfield Park Golf Course Club House for a 30-mile roundtripper through the Boerner Botanical Garden and the Root River cruising area. If you're ambitious enough for 60 miles, a group will leave the corner of Farwell and Bradford at 10:30 a.m. The long trippers will meet the Greenfield group at noon.

PLEASE CALL BOB (414) 963-9833 if you plan to take the long trip — of if there are any questions about the weather.

The May 13th ride will leave at noon from the Lake Park Pavilion for Pioneer Road in Ozaukee County.

The Network hopes to enter a group in Uecker's Ride for the Arts, Sunday morning, June 4, 1989. Please call Bob for information. Plans are now underway for a camping/biking weekend along the Sparta-Elroy (as in Tommy Thompson's home-town) trail.

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.

OBITUARIES

John Vanden Busch

By Terry Boughner

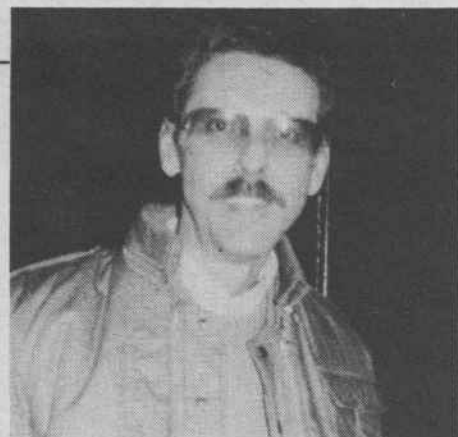
John D. Vanden Busch, known to his friends as "Jack", died Saturday, April 8, 1989 in a Milwaukee hospital of complications due to kidney failure.

Jack was born, August 11, 1941, in Ashwaubenon, WI and had lived in Milwaukee for the past 19 years. He was known, not only as a good, solid and generous friend, but a person with a strong sense of humor and an out-going hand to everyone.

Jack will be fondly remembered by his friends at This Is It for many things; his smile, his white Caddy, but most of all, I think, for the interest that he always took in others.

There was a visitation at Weiss Funeral Home in Milwaukee on April 11 followed by a moving service attended by over 75 people. Burial was at Fort Howard Cemetery at Green Bay.

Jack had a phrase that had come from his childhood that he used for his closest friends; "You, old potlicker, you." What it meant, no one was ever quite sure, but Jack, you old potlicker you, we'll miss you; miss you a lot.



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Homeward Bound

By Morgan Summer

I first heard from Mark, as far as I can remember, in late 1987. He got my phone number from the adult coordinator of Gay Youth Milwaukee, which is a Gay youth support group I attended while I was in high school. I told the adult that if a Gay youth, boy or girl, ever called about the group and also wanted to talk to another Gay youth, he could give the caller my number. When Mark called the adult, he passed him my number and Mark called me.

That began what would turn out to be a year and a half of phone calls from him to me. He never went to the group, but he called me regularly while I was living in my hometown. There were times when he wanted to meet me, but distance was a problem. I didn't and still don't have a car. He did, but his parents were very protective. I thought we would never meet.

Mark and I talked about ever conceivable factor of being Gay; sex, pride, straight friends and so on. I got to know him and I was rather sad when I had to go to college. Mark was two years younger than I and was still in high school as he still is.

But, to my surprise, he called me over Christmas break and, most recently, over Spring break. And over Spring break, in fact, on Easter, I finally did meet him.

But.
This is what happened. Mark called me about 8:30 Easter night and said that he was in Milwaukee at his grandparent's house. He wanted to meet and I said that I thought it was possible. I called a female friend of mine who knows about my sexuality and told her the situation and she agreed to drive me to Mark's residence.

We got there, Cheryl and I, about 10:00 p.m. I was nervous as hell as I walked up the stairs and knocked on the door. His grandfather answered the door. Yes, Mark's here and no, he can't go out. Mark was in the background and said we just wanted to walk around the block, but his grandfather would not even allow that.

I left and came back ten minutes later. Again his grandfather answered the door. I asked if Mark could just come out on the porch so I could talk to him and the son-of-a-bitch said he would take a message to Mark, no need for me to see him.

Keep in mind, at this point, that his grandfather does not know Mark's real feelings or anything. He just thought that I was another teen-ager to see his grandson late in the evening.

I asked him to tell Mark to call me and left as he solidly shut the door. I was crossing the street to Cheryl's car when I heard a "Psst!" It was Mark, hiding under a tree in the yard. Through some miracle, he'd gotten out. In a stage whisper, he asked me to get Cheryl to leave which she did, promising to return in 20 or so minutes.

With that, Mark, indicating that I should follow, walked quickly until we were wedged into a space between his grandparent's garage and the neighboring house. Suddenly, I saw his grandfather come out a side door. As I looked, my right foot slipped on a patch of ice and I fell into the mud.

"Jeez," Mark whispered with



Morgan Summer

concern, "Are you alright? Why did you come back? I..."

I cut him off. "Mark, your grandfather just came out! He'll..."

Without waiting for me to finish, Mark looked, saw the fucker, and stepped out into the open. "Grandpa," he said, "why are you..." I couldn't hear the rest.

The old man must have collared him and dragged him in. So, for the next 20 minutes, I waited for Cheryl to return. She did, finally, and we drove away. I have not heard from Mark since and, God, I hope I do.

This experience — which would have shocked me into incomprehension and incredible anger when I was younger — reminded me what it is like to be a Gay youth. No one to talk to, under the hand of your parents or guardian, no power, terrifying, all the time.

I remember at times like these, a quote I heard recently. I cannot remember who first said it or where it's from, but it goes something like this: "Be like a tiny ship against a raging ocean, sometimes struggling to survive, hanging on and, at times, losing faith — but always homeward bound." So it is with Mark and others like him.

There is a place for Gay youth, somewhere. No parents there, no fag or AIDS jokes, no hate. And I think that youths like Mark are homeward bound always. I do not know where home is, but it exists. It must. Through experiences like the one I've just related, I think Mark — and I — are getting there.

And are always homeward bound.

Women's Dances Planned In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]— Don't Look Back Productions will present two shows at Milwaukee's Jet's Place bar, 1753 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

On Saturday, April 22 there will be a Women's Dance Party as Cheryl celebrates her birthday.

The second show will take place on Saturday, April 29 at Jets. It will be another Women's Dance Party with the theme "Color My Lips."

In both cases, the festivities begin at 8:00 and go to 2:00 a.m. and will include DJ: R&B, Latin, Pop, and New Wave. There will be a cash bar and admission is \$2.00. If you pick up a flyer at Jets prior to either show, there is \$1.00 off admission.



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Sue Cooke Working Hard On Milwaukee's Pride Week Committee

By Sue Burke

In the City of Festivals, Pride Week is supposed to be sort of like the Lesbian and Gay festival, Susan Cook told a woman in a Lesbian bar.

Cook was there for an interview about her work as co-chair of the Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Committee and the discussion had drawn the attention of another patron. Before Cook left, she had convinced the woman to volunteer.

The plan for the pride "festival" includes having a thousand people march in Milwaukee on June 17; to have a week of events sponsored by various Lesbian and Gay organizations and, finally, on the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, to have busses of people travel to Chicago from Milwaukee to join in that parade.

Susan Cook and Don Clabots are the chairs of a loose committee of 10 people organizing Milwaukee's Second Pride Week.

The Committee's job is to coordinate and keep information flowing, Cook said. "We don't restrict or demand anything from anybody."

Cook was also active in the first Pride Week last September which, she said, was "chaos." Internal conflicts in the committee were labeled political disputes between women and men, she said, but it was really a personality conflict between a man and a woman.

"It's unfortunate that our first year was rooted in misinformation and wrong ideas," she said.

Still, "I liked the idea and I was going to stick it out." With a final core of three people who invested \$1,800 of their own money, the events came off. The money was eventually repaid with a \$600 grant from Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation and by fund raising.

After a month's rest, the Pride Committee began working again in December. A committee member attended the National Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee conference and came back with hints and encouragement.

Events were held in September, 1988, because there wasn't time to act earlier in the year. This year, the committee decided to make events coincide with the Stonewall anniversary, as they do in other cities.

"We just sort of picked up the ball again," Cook said. She has been working to recruit more women to the committee.

"I'm the only really active woman. The men that are there are constantly asking, 'Why aren't the women involved? How can we get more women?' I know there's a bad feeling, but the people who were involved in the problems aren't there now."

Cook has a theory about why women are not involved. "In Milwaukee, the women's community is self-contained. With so many groups and so many events, there's no need for women to go outside their community," Cook said.

But Stonewall benefited women, she said. Without the Gay Liberation movement that began Stonewall,

Lesbians could not perform at the Pabst Theatre and the Performing Arts Center (PAC); could not go freely to bars and would still live in fear of the police, forced shock therapy and psychotherapy, she said.

"The benefits that they have are the result of what happened at Stonewall in Greenwich Village," she said.

"My work with the Pride Committee really is to ensure that there's representation for the women's community. I'm very aggressive on maintaining fairness and parity with the women's community. A lot of times, men don't realize that the events they are planning are insulting to women."

"I'm going to be contacting a lot of the women's organizations. They can hold a Lesbian event or something that is geared



SUE COOK

toward women."

A group can hold a fund raiser and keep the money it makes. The Pride Committee can help with the publicity.

"What they can do and how they do it is their business and the only thing we ask is that the event be open to men and women," she said.

Inclusiveness is intended to promote "community feeling" for the week, she said, and is also required by state law for some kinds of publicity.

And while the inclusiveness is required to be an "official" Pride event, a group can still do something unofficially during that week, she said.

"Last year there was a feeling that that freedom wasn't there. It was just chaos," she said. This year, if groups do not participate, it is their choice and it will "shortchange the women's community by not providing a reason or an outlet to celebrate."

This year, the plan is to hold a parade on June 17 from South 2nd Street to City Hall and then to Cathedral Square downtown. (See article, this issue for further parade route information.) The route is a deliberate choice. In Chicago, San Francisco and New York, people parade in their own Gay districts, she said. "For one day they can march on their own streets. So what?" In

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San Francisco's Romanovsky and Phillips will perform in concert on May 4 at the Barrymore Theatre. See article on this page for further details.

Karen Thompson Is Featured Speaker at GALVANize Events

By Shelly Gaylord

Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski were in love, but almost no one knew it. When Sharon was severely disabled in an auto accident, this ignorance and Sharon's parents kept Karen and Sharon apart for over 4 years. Finally, this year, a Minnesota Court granted Sharon her rights to see Karen. A disabled Lesbian was not an "adult" until that order was honored.

Sharon's father, Donald Kowalski,

refused to believe that his daughter was a Lesbian. Her father preposterously asserted that Karen's motives were to sexually abuse Sharon. He was grasping at straws. Unfortunately, those straws were woven into a strong enough web to keep the women apart.

"If Sharon's parents had known about us before the accident, then four years after, they could not still be claiming that their daughter was not a Lesbian," said Thompson. But Karen and Sharon had no

documentation — no co-owned house, no will, no power of attorney — to substantiate the relationship.

Finally, Karen came out to Sharon's parents in a letter. They refused to believe it. They said that Karen was sick or crazy.

Karen then filed for guardianship of Sharon. Her parents counterfiled. A settlement was made giving Karen liberal visitation and appointing Sharon's father as legal guardian. Sharon's father promptly refused to honor the settlement and filed an appeal. He won full guardianship rights and moved Sharon to a lesser care nursing home that was hours from Karen. Donald Kowalski barred visits between Sharon and Karen. Worse, he removed Sharon's typewriter and discontinued Sharon's rehabilitation.

Sharon can communicate — though it is painstaking. Her wishes have finally been respected, but she has lost months of support from Karen and other close friends, setting back her rehabilitation.

Karen Thompson will be speaking in Madison as part of the GALVANize Lesbian/Gay Rights and Pride events on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in room 6210 of the Social Science Building at UW-Madison. She will also hold a workshop Saturday morning at the Memorial Union and speak at the opening rally in the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride. The rally starts at 2:30 p.m., May 6th at the Capitol in Madison. Karen has appeared on TV in "West 57th Street" and is an ordinary person placed in extraordinary circumstances. Come hear her talk about what can happen to anyone at any time.

Names Project Quilt Comes To Madison

By Shelly Gaylord

[Madison]- The largest separate piece of the Names Project Quilt is being brought to Madison by the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). It will be on display at the UW-Madison Fieldhouse when opening ceremonies begin at 8:00 p.m., May 5, 1989. The Quilt is a labor of love to commemorate those who have died of AIDS. Each quilt tells a special story about a person who has died and those who love them. While the quilt weighs 16 tons and has 8,824 panels covering over 7 football fields, it still only represents 18% of those who have died. In other words, for every quilt, 4.5 others could be added.

The piece that will be in Madison will cover an entire basketball court. The Fieldhouse is located on Regent St. next to the football stadium. (See the map this issue)

The display will be open throughout the weekend. Closing ceremonies will be Sunday, May 7th, at 5:00 p.m. when new quilts will be presented. Quilts are 3' x 6' each and are made of every material imaginable — from leather to pearls, stuffed animals to state flags and everything in between.

Sixteen countries are represented so far by quilts, including Australia, Brazil, Italy, Israel, Senegal, Germany and many more. Men, women, children, parents and brothers are all a part of this very alive memorial.

The Quilt was nominated in 1988 for a Nobel Peace Prize by Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif). In their words to the Norwegian Nobel Committee, "Remembering those who have died of AIDS inspires action to fight the epidemic and to respond with compassion to those now living with AIDS. The Names Project has made very significant progress in showing the human side of the pervasive global tragedy of AIDS," said Pelosi.

If you don't already know someone with ARC or AIDS, chances are you will. The Quilt reminds us that those who have died leave behind loved ones, acquaintances,

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Madison Is Center Days of Lesbian and Gay Pride Events



SCHEDULE

★Contact GALVANize by April 21 to request **CHILDCARE** for any of these events.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

★JEB's Show about the 1987 Lesbian and Gay Pride March on Washington

and Romanovsky & Phillips in Concert

Barrymore Theatre, 7pm

Tickets \$10 advance, \$11 door

(Tickets available April 1 at the Barrymore and other locations.)

FRIDAY, MAY 5

★Karen Thompson talks about

Freeing Sharon Kowalski

6210 Social Science, 6 pm

★Names Project Opening Ceremony

--quilt commemorating people who have died of AIDS--

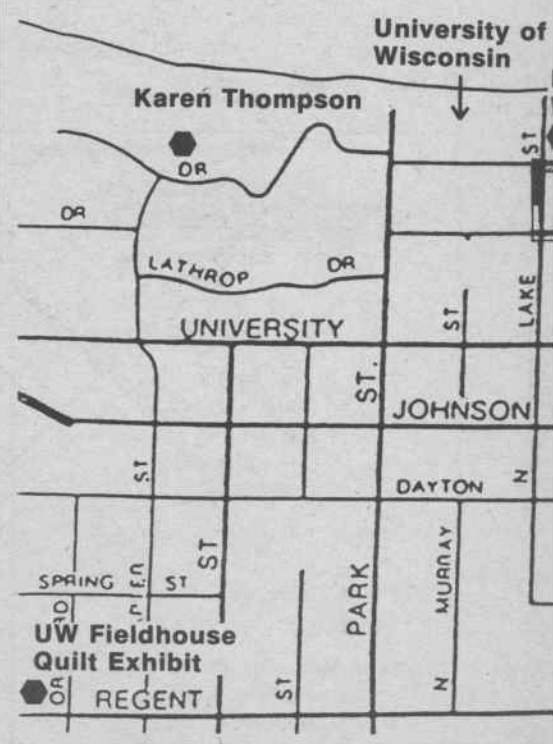
UW Fieldhouse, 8 pm

Romanovsky and Phillips Stage with JEB at

[Madison]- An openly Gay musical duo and a slide presentation documenting the 1987 Lesbian and Gay March on Washington, will launch Madison's Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride Weekend on Thursday, May 4, at the Barrymore Theatre.

San Francisco's Romanovsky and Phillips will bring their mixture of music and comedy to Madison as part of the first event in four days of rallies, speeches and workshops sponsored by GALVANize, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance. The duo's performance will follow a multi-image slide and audio presentation which documents the largest Gay and Lesbian rally in history held in

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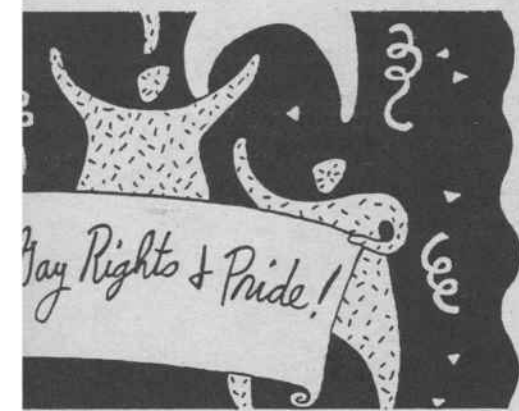
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UW Memorial Union, 10 am - 2 pm.

Names Project (see Friday)
UW Fieldhouse, 10 am - 6 pm.

March for Lesbian & Gay Rights & Pride

RALLY at the State Capitol, 2:30 pm
MARCH through Madison, 3:30 pm
CELEBRATION at James Madison Park, 4:30 pm
Rally & Celebration will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Names Project (see Friday)
UW Fieldhouse, 10 am - 5 pm
★Names Project Closing Ceremony
UW Fieldhouse, 5 pm.

Phillips To Share Barrymore Theatre

Washington, D.C. in October, 1987.
As one of only a few openly Gay musical acts in the country, Romanovsky and Phillips have created a loyal following in the Gay community. Many Gays can identify with songs such as "Straightening up the House," which describes a Gay couple preparing for a parent's visit. Yet Romanovsky and Phillips' blend of humor and social issues has appeal far beyond Gay males.

"A lot of our songs are about relationships or political ideas that are somewhat universal. It's just that we happen to be Gay and singing them," Phillips says.

The duo has released three albums, "I

Thought You'd Be Taller," "Trouble in Paradise," and last year's "Emotional Rollercoaster." They have been performing together since 1982.

Romanovsky and Phillips' performance Thursday night will be preceded by JEB (Joan E. Biren) and her program "For Love and Life," which recreates the spirit of one of the nation's largest ever civil rights marches. With slides and audio clips of speeches and sounds, JEB documents the six days of rallies, actions of civil disobedience, the March, the Names Project Quilt and other events which brought 650,000 Gays and Lesbians and their supporters to Washington.

"JEB's presentation is not only the best documentation of the March I've seen — it's the most moving. It shows the diversity of our community and our commitment to a better way of life for all of us," says Joyce Hunter, a leader of the Gay and Lesbian movement.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave. Tickets are available in Madison for \$10.00 in advance at the Barrymore, A Room of One's Own Bookstore, Four Star Fiction and Video, Orange Tree Imports, and the Willy Street Co-op or for \$11.00 at the door.

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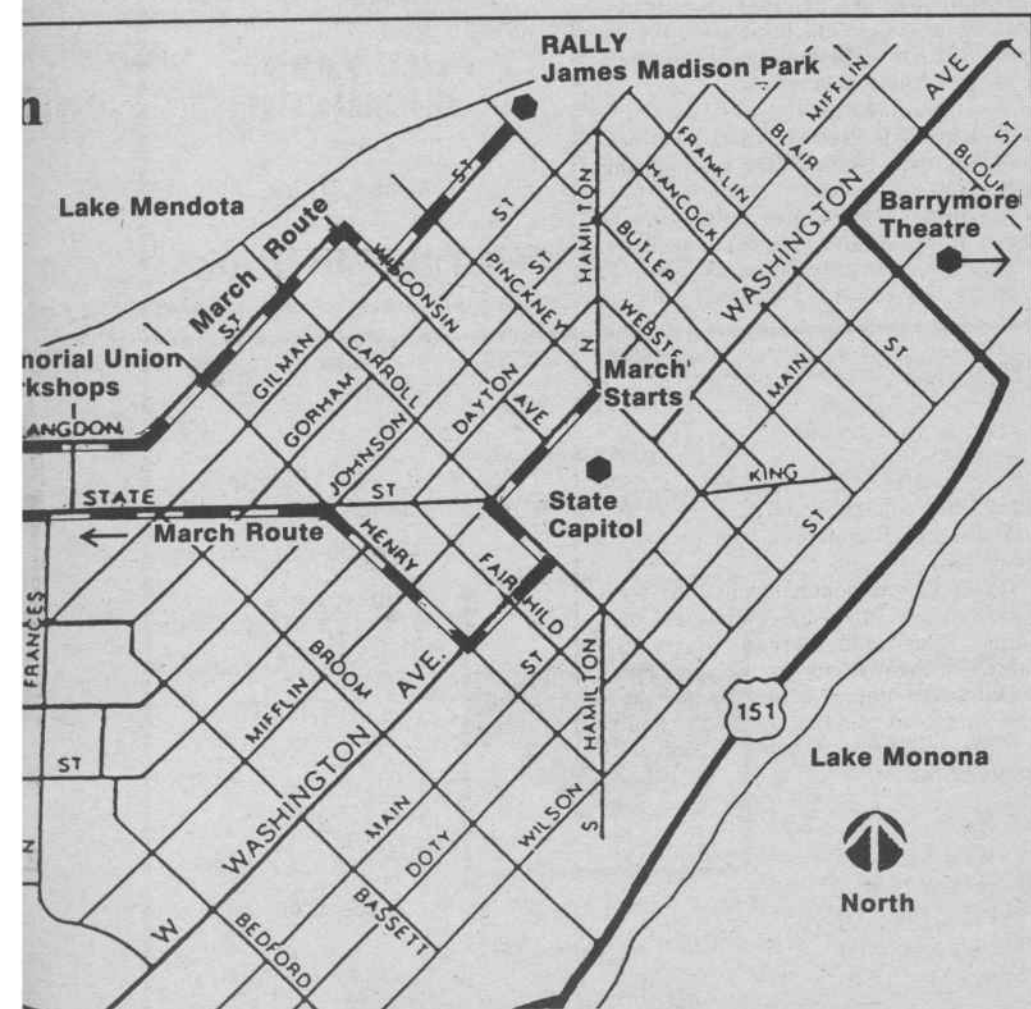
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By Sarah Knutson

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You hear so much about
People stop and stare at us
Whenever we go out
You'll know us by our dates to prom
And the queer little things we do
We really love each other
You can learn to love us too. (Yoo Hoo)

CHORUS:

As we go marching
As the choir leads the way
You can hear us shouting
We're Galvanized
And to stay

We're Gay Men, Bi and Lesbian
We're coming out for change
So don't just stand and stare at us
We're not all that deranged
Why not come and march with us
And we will march with you
We're such a happy family
There's room for straight folks too

CHORUS:

As we go marching
As the choir breaks out in song
You can hear us shouting
Surprise — We've been your family
All along.

Yeah, we're the homosexuals
You've heard so much about
Now your eyes can see us too
In case you had a doubt
We're more than activists for AIDS
Or a feminist brigade
We're marching for our right to love
Be it in or out of drag.

CHORUS:

As we go marching
As the choir gets really loud
(We love it)
You can hear us shouting
We're more than friends
And we are proud of it.

GALVANIZE Receives \$2,000 Grant

[Madison]- The Wisconsin Community Fund announced it was awarding two grants. A \$2,000 grant to the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) in Madison and a \$2,000 grant to the Oneida Tribe Health Promotion Department. The grant will aid GALVANize in sponsoring a week-long series of events culminating in a Lesbian and Gay Pride March and Rally on May 6. The Oneida grant will fund an AIDS Education and Prevention Program for Tribal employees and Community members.

The Wisconsin Community Fund is a statewide foundation for progressive social change. In the last seven and a half years, it has given over \$250,000 to 130 grantees.

Meeting the weekend of April 2-3, the Board decided to fund organizations working on concerns which include opposing homophobia.

The Fund may be contacted at 222 S. Hamilton St., Suite 4, Madison, WI 53703 or call (608) 251-6834.

New Events Added to Sports Festival In Seattle July 1-4

[Seattle, WA]- Entries for Gay Games III will be made available for the first time to participants in the 1989 Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival in Seattle.

The four-day extravaganza will be held during the July 1-4 weekend and includes a banquet Monday night at the Seattle Trade Center and an all-athletes party on the waterfront Sunday night at the Seattle Aquarium.

The event is being hosted by Team Seattle and takes place during the July 4th weekend each year that the Gay Games do not occur.

Sports this year include, tennis, croquet, women's softball, bowling, swimming, water polo, men's and women's volleyball, diving, golf and running.

Three new sports have been added to the Festival. These are fencing, bench press and martial arts. In addition, a men's division has been added to the



These scenes are of the Washington, D.C. March. JEB (Joan E. Biren) will present her program "For Love and Life" which recreates the civil rights march with slides and audio clips of speeches and sounds. See article on page seven for further details.

Stonewall Bar Owner Recalls the Night of the June 28, 1969 Riots When Our Liberation Began

By Larry Foxx

Editor's Note: Larry Foxx is the former owner of Stonewall Bar in New York where the Gay Liberation movement began. In this article he tells of some of his memories "In the days before Stonewall."

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I remember the first time I entered Stonewall's premises. I was escorting Janet Weisberg, the Student Council President, to New York's City College Soph Dinner Dance for the class of '59. It was held in the, then, classy, straight restaurant on the evening of November 16, 1956. Shortly after that it became a fancy straight nightclub. When the club began to lose business, they did the next standard maneuver and turned it into a Gay bar, using the license that they already held. The next usual step also occurred — they lost their license because Gays were dancing together in the FRONT room.

I should explain. At that time, there was no such thing as a Gay bar. There were straight bars with a Gay bar in the back room where dancing with the same sex was allowed, until the large white light on the ceiling went on. When that happened, you dropped your partner and reached for the nearest fag-hag, hoping to look heterosexual when the police broke in.

When the Stonewall lost its license, it became an after-hours bar, a Gay disco. Nobody bothered to get a license because they were going to be raided for selling liquor after hours, anyway.

About two weeks before the Stonewall Declaration of Independence, a Gay bar called "The Snake Pit" was raided; just another "normal" situation to the police, but there was the beginning of a catalyst involved. An exchange student from Columbia University was among the "faggots" arrested and taken to the police station. He was afraid of being deported and jumped from a third story window. Unfortunately, he became impaled upon an iron picket fence. It took the fire rescue department many hours to remove both him and the iron bar, to the

hospital. The entire episode was captured in a full front page picture in the *Daily News*. The poor guy lived, but he was maimed for life.

Two weeks later, it was Stonewall's turn. The police actually had a reason to raid the bar — the Stonewall did not have a liquor license. After the recent incidents, however, the patrons decided to strike back. Gay Liberation started on Christopher Street the evening of June 28, 1969.

The cops had picked a bad time. Judy Garland who was a Gay idol had just died. The Stonewall was packed with Black and Hispanic drag queens mourning her death. Tensions were high. When the cops arrived, things exploded.

You may have heard stories of pennies being thrown at the cops, forcing them to retreat into the bar and barricade themselves inside. What actually happened was that the Gays that were there, got so mad, they removed a parking meter from the sidewalk and used it as a battering ram. Perhaps that's where the pennies came from. Three days of rioting followed.

The newly formed Tactical Police Force — created for the racial riots in Harlem earlier in the year — was called down to Greenwich Village for the first time. People just marched the streets and expressed their dissatisfaction with law enforcement at any police officer they saw.

Gay bars had always been the center of Gay meetings. It was either there or the Tee rooms. The bars became the town halls of the community. There began to be gathering places, just to talk. The Fire House was one of the first meeting places. From the day of Stonewall's defiance, the Gay community began to demand their rights to be equal.

It's amazing. Through the past twenty years I've heard that about 5,000 people claim that they were actually at the Stonewall on that fateful evening. In actuality, there were approximately 400 people in all. I guess everybody wants to be involved. It makes no difference. They were there in spirit. The more the

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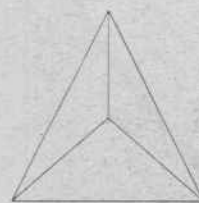
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colleagues and sometimes an indifferent world. Yet anyone who has seen the Quilt can never forget the enormity of the loss as they view yard after yard of handmade panels. Bring your Lesbian and Gay friends, bring you straight friends, bring anyone who doesn't think they'll be moved by the experience, because they will!

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Cream City Chorus Presents "Beyond Stonewall" Spring Concert

Milwaukee's Cream City Chorus is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for their Second Annual Spring Concert. The Concert, entitled, "Beyond Stonewall", will commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which began the Gay Liberation Movement.

Chorus Director, Scott Stewart, explained that the purpose of the concert will be both to highlight music and poetry of Gay and Lesbian writers, as well as create a greater understanding of our Gay heritage.

Mr. Stewart explained that, "the title of our concert is most appropriate because we will truly look beyond Stonewall, both back to the earliest roots of written verse and music, as well as

forward to some of the most recent writings. It is our desire through this concert to provide a bridge to our history that every Gay Man and Lesbian can truly relate to and embrace."

The concert will be performed Saturday, May 20, at Milwaukee's Centennial Hall in the Public Library, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Group rates are available and tickets may be purchased from any chorus member or at the M&M Club. The Chorus is presently arranging a series of Ticket Nights where members will be selling tickets in various bars on an announced schedule. The schedule will be released soon.

Let everyone join us "Beyond Stonewall."

Casino Night '89 Is April 30 Cream City Foundation Fundraiser

[Milwaukee]- April is here and once again the Cream City Foundation (CCF) will be presenting Casino Night. This is CCF's biggest fundraising event and one not to be missed.

As before, there will be the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of games along with chances to win prizes at the mini-rabbles held each hour. These include a C.D. player or a Grand Prize of \$500.

In addition, there will be plenty of fine food provided by La Cage, Dance, Dance,

Dance as well as free Miller beer.

Casino Night '89 will be held in Milwaukee's beautiful Grain Exchange located at 225 E. Michigan from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and can be purchased by stopping in to the Foundation Community Center at 225 S. Second St. or by writing to CCF at 225 S. Second, Milwaukee, 53204.

All proceeds go to helping the Foundation help our community so plan to attend and come up a winner.

Fest City Singers Begin First Season Subscription Drive

Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers (FCS) have the distinction of being the first non-professional group to perform in the Stiemke Theater and the Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater (MRT). According to Robert "Bim" Florek, music and artistic director of the FCS, intensive rehearsals are now scheduled every Wednesday and Sunday at the Rep.

Season tickets for three major concerts are now available for the 1989 FCS season at a 12% reduced rate (See accompanying ad and application form). Season tickets may be purchased up until May 31st to obtain the saving.

This season program is designed to showcase three distinct performing styles of the Fest City Singers. "Catch a Rising Star" is scheduled as part of Pride Week and will run Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17, with the possibility of an additional performance on Sunday, June 18.

"Catch a Rising Star" will highlight the troupe's musical and dramatic talents as they present excerpts from "Les Miserables," "Follies," other musical comedy tunes as well as serious music. The entire second act is centered around a circus theme with highlights from the Broadway musical "Barnum" by a cast of 40 including professional jugglers, a magician, acrobats, Siamese Twins, and a Bearded Lady. Musical accompaniment will be furnished by a four-piece band. The Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee

Repertory Theater will be the appropriate setting for "Faerie Tales," a Cabaret Show scheduled for October 20, 21 and 22, Friday through Sunday. Like ABRACADAZZLE, last year's standing room only success, the revue is billed as "Not-For-Children" show featuring a fast-moving and slightly bawdy collection of famous and infamous characters plus individual and novelty acts, blackouts and skits.

The annual Fest City Singers "Musical Christmas Party" is designed as family entertainment and children are especially welcome. This holiday show has the Singers "at home" to their guests serving food and beverages as well as Christmas entertainment. As always, Santa makes his appearance as a special guest. The South Shore Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive, is the setting and the dates are Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16.

Season tickets as well as tickets for individual shows may be ordered from the FCS Hotline (414) 263-SING, or by using the order form. Season tickets and tickets for "Catch A Rising Star" are also available at the Cream City Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204; phone (414) 278-0880.

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Madison and Milwaukee Pride Committees Exchange Ideas

[Milwaukee]—Representatives of Madison's Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) met, Sunday, April 16, with members of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee in Milwaukee and other interested persons.

The reception was held in the Cream City Foundation Community Center and was sponsored by **Wisconsin In Step** and **Wisconsin Light**.

The two GALVANize reps spoke of the tremendous effort that has gone on for nearly a year in preparation for the celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride in the capital of, Wisconsin, the Gay Rights State.

Currently nearly 500 people are serving on dozens of committees to make the celebration a success. In addition, GALVANize has received outstanding cooperation from the Madison police and other authorities. The Madison business community has been very supportive as have officials of the University of

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and Gays will be held in the morning and early afternoon of Saturday, May 6.

Morning workshops include: Alternative Child Conception Methods, Bisexuality, Telling: Who We Should: Why We Must, Gay and Lesbian Parenting and Lesbian Battering. All these will be between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00.

Others include Drag Costuming, the Power of Grassroots Organizing (led by Karen Thompson), Coming Out To Parents and Resisting Violent Attacks. These will be between 12:00 noon and 1:30.

All workshops will be in UW's Memorial Union. Childcare services for those attending will be provided. For those interested in childcare, please call (608) 255-8061.

Among the speakers at Saturday's rally will be David Clarenbach, Speaker pro temp. of the Wisconsin Assembly and Father of the Gay Rights Bill, Tammy Baldwin, member, Dane County Board of Supervisors, Ricardo Gonzales, recently elected Madison Alderperson, Cheri Maples, Madison activist and Karen Thompson, internationally acclaimed activist, whose lover, Sharon Kowalski has been a prisoner of homophobia for four years.

These are only a few of the many events and people that will be part of the Pride and Rights weekend. For more detailed information and schedule of events, please see the other articles and listings in this issue.

Now, the great weekend itself is shortly to happen. Hundreds of GALVANize volunteers are currently working round the clock to see that all goes as planned. As one described it, "This will be a glorious celebration, an apotheosis of the ideal of unity of Gays and Lesbians with friends, families and allies. It will be an apostrophe in the onrush of homophobia in which all attending will have a part.

As the slogan is, "Come Out For a Change" to Madison in May.

Wisconsin-Madison.

The GALVANize reps told the Milwaukeeans that the projected cost of the celebration would be around \$22,000 with approximately \$14,000 of that sum already raised. This brought murmurs of astonishment from the Milwaukee people as did the statement that 400 rooms available for visitors included ones at the YMCA that would be free.

According to Don Clabots, co-chair of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee, after listening to all that was said, "These people have it all together." Clabots seemed to express the general consensus of opinion.

The meeting which began at 7:30 lasted nearly two hours. **Wisconsin Light** would like to thank **Instep** for providing the snacks, Club II-XIX for providing the beer and Bob Melig for providing the wine. These generous donations helped provide a cordial atmosphere for a good exchange of experiences.

NORQUIST

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commended the Mayor on the city's "very positive" response. He too underscored the cost of putting on such an event.

Norquist emphasized avoiding costs. He noted that Milwaukee has a festival funding board and suggested that next year's Pride Committee submit a request for funding.

Meunier objected to the "queer" jokes made at Summerfest by some entertainers. Norquist noted that the Board of Summerfest tries to make entertainers sensitive to those issues, but said that Lesbian/Gay concerns in the matter should be underlined to the Board and asked Meunier if he were willing to do so. Meunier agreed.

Don Schwamb, President of the Board of the Cream City Foundation, advocated the establishment at the Milwaukee Library of a Gay/Lesbian history and cultural section. Norquist was very positive to the suggestion and urged that the Library be contacted in the matter.

Norquist emphasized strongly that all city agencies should be sensitive to Gay/Lesbian concerns and underscored the importance of voicing one's concerns to the appropriate agency. "People call my office all the time," the Mayor said, "and they're welcome to (do it), but they should also call the agency concerned.

Other issues that were brought up included: Better enforcement of a city ordinance that prohibits contractors on city jobs from discriminating against Lesbians and Gays in hiring; Better treatment of people with AIDS in city and county jails; and the development of programs for Gay young people through agencies supported by city-administered Federal Block Grant Program money.

Norquist suggested that the next meeting be held in the middle or end of June and that the group convene in the Mayor's office in City Hall.

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maximum security facility.

By Wednesday, April 5, protests were being organized in Amsterdam, San Francisco and the Twin Cities by the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP). The call to action went out simultaneously from the offices of Publisher, Tim Campbell, Minneapolis City Council Member, Brian Coyle and the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council. As a result, 100-150 ACT-UP protesters demonstrated outside the INS office in downtown St. Paul.

At the same time, the Minnesota Commissioner of Health Sister Mary Madonna Ashton sent a message to the media saying, "There is no medical or public health reason for denying this person entry into the United States, much



Milwaukee Mayor John O. Norquist met with 20 community representatives at the Cream City Foundation Center on April 12. Numerous concerns were discussed during the forty-five minute meeting.

less for placing him in a secure facility...Having this disease is not a crime. This is not how we handle AIDS — and this is not how we treat people with AIDS — in Minnesota."

Nevertheless, the Minnesota Commissioner of Corrections continued to hold Verhoef in the maximum security prison.

On Friday, April 7, Verhoef was released on Judge Vinikoor's order. The judge determined, contrary to the INS position, that attending the San Francisco conference was "a very important purpose."

The difficulty in the case seems to have hinged on the fact that Verhoef never promised not to have sex while he was in this country. He stated that "it is not my reason for coming, but you never know."

Questions from INS attorney Richard Soli suggested that Washington wanted evidence of zero risk and that there was no possibility of an accident in which some American might contract AIDS by being exposed to Verhoef's blood.

In a release issued by INS District Director, Tom Schiltgen, he cautioned, "INS will enforce the law which identifies AIDS as a dangerous contagious disease and is a ground for excludability (from the U.S.). INS sympathizes with and has compassion for those individuals who have AIDS. However, we still have a responsibility to the public from further spreading this disease. That position will not be compromised.

Future screening for HIV carriers is going to impact negatively on Gays and Lesbians coming to the U.S. as three recent cases in Minneapolis suggest. The AIDS exclusion does not authorize HIV testing as the screening factor for entrants. Thus, the "talent" of INS inspectors to spot potential HIV carriers will be capricious, dependent on all those accouterments which are associated with Gay culture.



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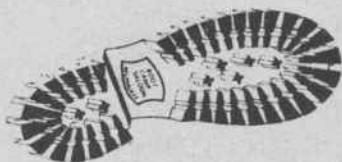
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Karen Thompson Is Featured Speaker at GALVANize Events

By Shelly Gaylord

Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski were in love, but almost no one knew it. When Sharon was severely disabled in an auto accident, this ignorance and Sharon's parents kept Karen and Sharon apart for over 4 years. Finally, this year, a Minnesota Court granted Sharon her rights to see Karen. A disabled Lesbian was not an "adult" until that order was honored.

Sharon's father, Donald Kowalski,

refused to believe that his daughter was a Lesbian. Her father preposterously asserted that Karen's motives were to sexually abuse Sharon. He was grasping at straws. Unfortunately, those straws were woven into a strong enough web to keep the women apart.

"If Sharon's parents had known about us before the accident, then four years after, they could not still be claiming that their daughter was not a Lesbian," said Thompson. But Karen and Sharon had no

documentation — no co-owned house, no will, no power of attorney — to substantiate the relationship.

Finally, Karen came out to Sharon's parents in a letter. They refused to believe it. They said that Karen was sick or crazy.

Karen then filed for guardianship of Sharon. Her parents counterfiled. A settlement was made giving Karen liberal visitation and appointing Sharon's father as legal guardian. Sharon's father promptly refused to honor the settlement and filed an appeal. He won full guardianship rights and moved Sharon to a lesser care nursing home that was hours from Karen. Donald Kowalski barred visits between Sharon and Karen. Worse, he removed Sharon's typewriter and discontinued Sharon's rehabilitation.

Sharon can communicate — though it is painstaking. Her wishes have finally been respected, but she has lost months of support from Karen and other close friends, setting back her rehabilitation.

Karen Thompson will be speaking in Madison as part of the GALVANize Lesbian/Gay Rights and Pride events on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in room 6210 of the Social Science Building at UW-Madison. She will also hold a workshop Saturday morning at the Memorial Union and speak at the opening rally in the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride. The rally starts at 2:30 p.m., May 6th at the Capitol in Madison. Karen has appeared on TV in "West 57th Street" and is an ordinary person placed in extraordinary circumstances. Come hear her talk about what can happen to anyone at any time.

Names Project Quilt Comes To Madison

By Shelly Gaylord

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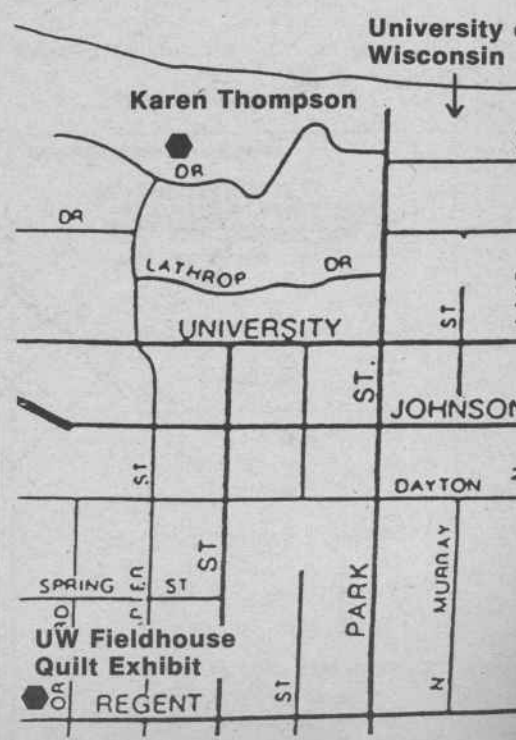
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Finally, Karen came out to Sharon's parents in a letter. They refused to believe it. They said that Karen was sick or crazy.

Karen then filed for guardianship of Sharon. Her parents counterfiled. A settlement was made giving Karen liberal visitation and appointing Sharon's father as legal guardian. Sharon's father promptly refused to honor the settlement and filed an appeal. He won full guardianship rights and moved Sharon to a lesser care nursing home that was hours from Karen. Donald Kowalski barred visits between Sharon and Karen. Worse, he removed Sharon's typewriter and discontinued Sharon's rehabilitation.

Sharon can communicate — though it is painstaking. Her wishes have finally been respected, but she has lost months of support from Karen and other close friends, setting back her rehabilitation.

Karen Thompson will be speaking in Madison as part of the GALVANize Lesbian/Gay Rights and Pride events on May 5 at 6:00 p.m. in room 6210 of the Social Science Building at UW-Madison. She will also hold a workshop Saturday morning at the Memorial Union and speak at the opening rally in the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights and Pride. The rally starts at 2:30 p.m., May 6th at the Capitol in Madison. Karen has appeared on TV in "West 57th Street" and is an ordinary person placed in extraordinary circumstances. Come hear her talk about what can happen to anyone at any time.

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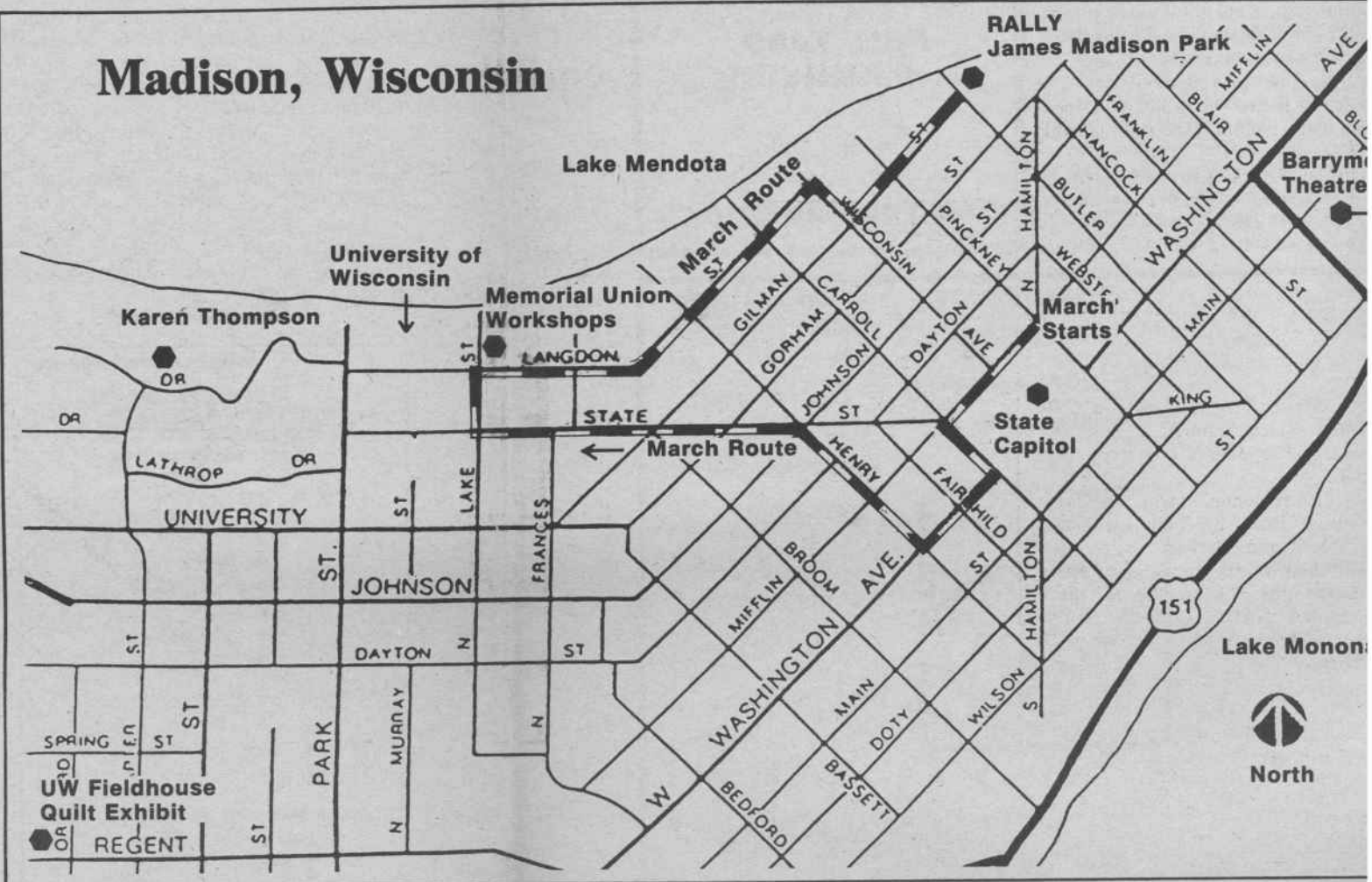
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