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The Wisconsin Light

Thompson Signs \$1.4 Million AIDS Funding

[Madison]- Governor Tommy Thompson has signed into law a \$1.4 million program to provide care and treatment assistance for people infected with the HIV virus.

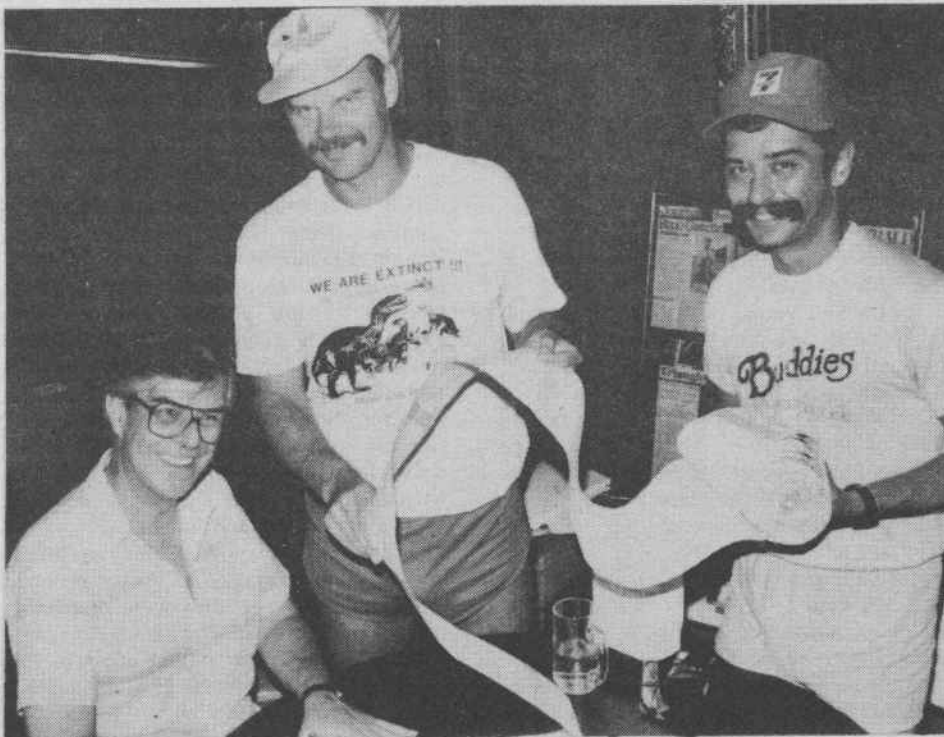
Under the plan introduced into the 1989-90 state budget by Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison), \$1,261,000 will be used to fund AIDS/HIV life care services programs in Wisconsin's six AIDS Service Organizations. The AIDS Service Organizations include the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), and the Green Bay Center Project, Inc. (CPI).

The remaining \$101,300 has been earmarked to help defray the high cost of the anti-AIDS drugs AZT and pentamidine.

"State government is now an active partner in the fight against the AIDS epidemic," Clarenbach said. "With 300 lives lost to AIDS in Wisconsin already, and another 10,000 state residents infected with the AIDS virus, it is critical that we commit ourselves to fighting AIDS now."

"AIDS is a time bomb waiting to explode. Governor Thompson is to be commended for understanding that and approving this critical program," Clarenbach said.

Clarenbach Scores Stunning Victory for Wisconsin AIDS Fight



On his 25,000 mile walking tour around the world for AIDS, Bill Mole (center) stopped in Milwaukee where over 500 people added their names to the signature scroll. Pictured is This Is It owner Joe adding his autograph while Ron Reichert (right) held the scroll of over 10,000 names. (See Story on Page 5).

Jerry Johnson

[Madison]- Wisconsin State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) has scored what one legislative insider has called "a stunning victory in the fight against AIDS" referring to the recently passed state budget's allocation of \$1.4 million to benefit Wisconsin's AIDS service organizations (see article this issue).

Clarenbach, noted for his strong stands on civil rights and as the Father of Wisconsin's Gay Rights law, is being hailed for his work in getting a Democratic legislature and a Republican governor to agree on the appropriation which, in the opinion of many will place Wisconsin way out front in its commitment to the fight against AIDS, a commitment that is equaled by no other state.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), one of the AIDS service organizations due to benefit from the allocation of funds spoke with high enthusiasm to Light about what the new funding will mean to MAP.

Nelson pointed out that even with the expected increase in MAP's case load, MAP will now be able in the next two years to sufficiently increase its numbers of case workers to reach the 1-35 ratio which is the ideal. "No other city can make that statement," he said.

"MAP," he said, "will be able to guarantee that all its HIV+ and PWA clients will have access to the most highly qualified social workers and case

U.S. Court Decision Favors Army; Ben-Shalom To Appeal

[Milwaukee]- Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom of Milwaukee, an openly Lesbian woman lost another round in her 14-year legal battle with the Army.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1989, a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sitting in Chicago, determined that she was not entitled to re-enlist in the U.S. Army Reserve.

This decision reversed an earlier one made last January in Milwaukee by Federal Judge Myron Gordon. At that time, Gordon said that the Army regulation against Ben-Shalom's homosexuality violated First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech.

The Seventh Circuit dismissed First Amendment arguments on the basis of the fact that Army regulations have changed since Gordon's ruling was made with the consequence that "The features

with possible consequence we cannot safely evaluate." The Congress, the judges said, was "better equipped" to make such determinations.

Ben-Shalom, in her original argument, TURN TO BEN-SHALOM, PAGE 11

Thompson Vetoes Insurance For AIDS Coverage

[Madison]- Republican Governor Tommy Thompson has vetoed a \$300,000 pilot program which would have required the state to pick up the cost of insurance premiums for persons with AIDS who are no longer able to work as a result of their illness.

The plan, offered by Representative Peter Bock (D-Milwaukee), would have saved individuals with HIV infection from facing the prospects of losing health insurance coverage and would have saved the state millions of dollars in medical assistance expenses.

Despite his veto, Thompson said the solution "has potential."

"By paying insurance premiums for these people, it might be possible to avoid higher state spending on other programs such as Medical Assistance which would otherwise provide health care coverage for these individuals," Thompson said in his veto message.

"However, I am vetoing these provisions because I believe this proposal deserves more debate and consideration than was afforded in the budget deliberations, as this issue has complex impacts on social, health and insurance concerns," Thompson added.

Representative Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), a ranking member of the Assembly Health Committee, was "extremely saddened by the Governor's veto."

"It's incredible that in a \$23 billion budget, Thompson would see fit to eliminate this critical program," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said he "holds out hope that we can still convince Governor Thompson to support this important program in separate legislation later this year."

Court Rules Paper Can Reject Gay-Oriented Ads

[Green Bay, WI]- The Green Bay Press-Gazette did not violate state discrimination laws when it refused to run classified ads for a Gay-oriented group, a judge ruled.

Brown County Judge Vivi Dilweg dismissed a lawsuit filed in 1986 by Jay Hatheway and his organization Among Friends plus Peggy and Tracey Vendeveer. The suit named as defendants the publisher, advertising director and telephone sales manager, as well as Gannett Co., the paper's owner and Gannett Satellite Information Network Inc.

Hatheway and his group filed suit after the Press-Gazette declined to run an advertisement for medical, legal and professional services designed for Gays and Lesbians. The Vandevrees sued when the newspaper rejected their proposed ad for sweatshirts imprinted with pro-Gay and Lesbian slogans.

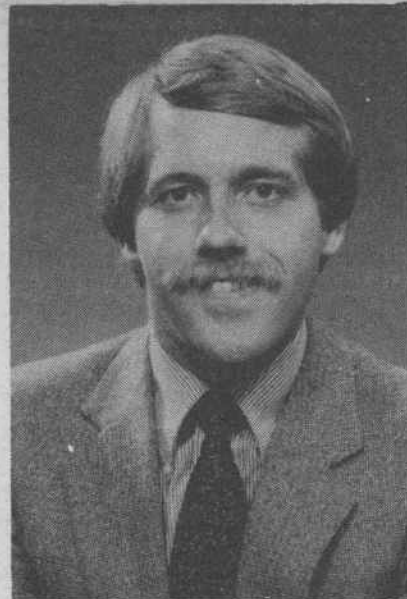
The lawsuit argued that because the newspaper offered classified advertising for money, it was, in effect, a "public place of accommodation" and, therefore, subject to the same Wisconsin discrimination laws that govern hotels, restaurants and similar places.

However, Judge Delweg said classified TURN TO NEWSPAPER, PAGE 11

MAP To Publish Account Of Funds August 24

Milwaukee- Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has announced that in the next issue of Light (August 24 issue) that there will be a detailed article along with an explanatory chart showing clearly how money raised from individual donations as well as the various fundraisers and benefits sponsored by community organizations, bars, clubs, groups and MAP itself is used.

This is being done, Nelson said, so that the whole community may know the full extent of how much its efforts on behalf of MAP's clients have been and continue to be badly needed.



Rep. David Clarenbach

managers in the field." He continued, "We will have a professionalism that no place can match."

In addition to counseling and other services, with increased professional staff, MAP will be able to help more PWA's to remain in their homes longer, instead of having to go to hospitals or other institutions.

The funding that MAP will receive over the next two years from the state will free up moneys received from private donations for a greatly expanded individual care program.

Nelson spoke of buying a second house for those living with AIDS. With private gifts and donations MAP can begin to "seriously" plan for a group hospice staffed by fully trained and experienced staff who are sensitive to patients' needs and lives.

Newly freed private moneys will enable MAP to increase its financial assistance to clients. The current amount given for clients for personal use is \$500 per person per year. This will be raised allowing people some of the extras as well as the necessities of life.

With moneys received from fundraisers and other private sources, MAP will now be able to purchase medical equipment needed by those with AIDS as well as

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Sgt. Miriam Ben Shalom

then found objectionable have been substantially eliminated."

In its written opinion, the Court went on to say that "Discharge of a soldier who evidences homosexual tendencies, desire or interest is no longer broadly mandated."

On the issue of being openly Gay and in the military, the Court took the out of declaring itself incompetent to make that decision.

"We, as judges, should not undertake to second-guess those with direct responsibility for our armed forces," the opinion read. They went on to say that such a change (allowing openly Lesbians and Gays in the Army) would be "risky

Jerry Johnson

OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE XXI Thousands Die Building Tunnels And Bunkers For Nazi Rockets

By Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

It has been said that in World War II, the most effective secret weapon that the Allies had in the struggle against Nazi Germany was Adolf Hitler.

The reason is that prior to the Nazis, German science was a by-word for excellence. In the development of new technologies, the Germans were, in many areas, head and shoulders above the rest of the world.

When Hitler came to power, scientists who were Jewish or suspected of being Gay were treated like all the rest of their people. Many escaped if they could. Others were exterminated. Still, there were enough left to make German science and technology a potent force.

For example, the Germans had the jet plane well before anyone else and, in fact, had a working prototype. In the field of atomic research, they were well along the



road to the development of the atomic bomb. It was the fear that they would have it and use it that prompted Einstein to write to President Roosevelt urging that America devote money, energy and talent to making the weapon. Roosevelt eventually agreed to what came to be called, "The Manhattan Project" out of which came the first atomic bomb.

However, though Hitler talked a great deal about "miracle weapons" that would bring the Nazis a quick victory and certainly had such devices or the potential to make them at his disposal, he refused to allocate sufficient resources to their development until it was too late.

There was one notable exception. That was in the area of German rocketry where German scientists would produce the V-1 and V-2 rockets that, toward the end of the war, would be aimed at London.

The Nazis put a great deal of faith in these and that faith might have been justified had development been begun earlier. As it was, remarkable advances were made.

The launch site was at Peenemunde located off northern Germany along the Baltic coast, but research went on and the rockets were built far to the south in massive tunnels driven into the Hartz Mountains. This was done both to hide the work from Allied spy planes and to protect it from the bomber attacks that were ravaging the rest of the Reich.

Digging these tunnels was a huge undertaking requiring a vast expenditure of machines and human labor at a time when every available man was needed to fight. This presented no problem. To have the "honor" of dying for the Fatherland on the field of battle, one had to be "free of tainted blood." For the rest, Gays, Jews and others, their blood was good only to fill the blood trenches of Dachau; their bodies fit only for the gas chambers, ovens and Hall of Corpses at Auschwitz.

How "subhumans" like Gays died was a matter of indifference. Early on, as has been noted in this column, Gays had been used as slave laborers to build the network of super highways (Autobahnen) that criss-crossed the Reich. Untold numbers of us died that way and many were buried where they fell, their bodies covered over with concrete.

By 1943, Gays and others were enslaved for use in the factories producing the stuff of war for the Wehrmacht machine. Make no mistake. To be picked for this work and used as a slave was only a reprieve. Death was still nearly inevitable. Slave laborers had this advantage. They could be driven to and

beyond the level of human endurance. They could be fed slops and those not enough to keep them going (the ration was 4-5 teaspoons a day) and no safety precautions need be taken. Every single Gay was totally expendable.

Tunneling into the Hartz Mountains was a stupendous project calling for the construction of a maze of tunnels big enough to accommodate vehicles and the hollowing out of vast caverns where the work on the rockets was to take place. This involved thousands of laborers working around the clock doing much of the work by hand.

As far as I know, the Germans kept no records of numbers. Estimates range from 10,000 up working at any one time. Keep in mind that as with other slave labor jobs, when Gays by the thousands died of malnutrition, accidents or were murdered for sport, there were always others to take their place so that it is nearly impossible to come up with an accurate total.

For example, I was told of guards who did not want to get their boots muddy. Gays were ordered to lie down in the muck, their bodies forming a "road" over which the guard would walk, shooting them as he went. This and worse was a common enough occurrence. How many lost their lives like this? No one will ever know.

Once the project was completed, the 10,000 or so then working were all immediately slaughtered "for reasons of state security." One man told me that in all, 50,000 Pink Triangles, "but maybe more," may have perished. It is not a difficult figure to believe.

From the German point of view, the project was a case of too little, too late — thanks to Hitler — and for Gays who built it, it was just too late.

The area was liberated by the Americans who, as we now know, were well aware of what was going on there and wanted to use the German scientists and their knowledge for their own rocket programs. The Germans, for their part, were only too willing to give themselves to the West, preferring that to the tender mercies of Stalin's Russians. Thus, America's future space program was materially advanced.

So, everyone profited — except we Gays whose toil and blood were used to help create the new devices. We were forgotten. But never, to this day, do I read about another launching or see on TV the rockets hurtle skyward that I do not remember that we "expendable ones" whose names will never be known, had a part in it all.

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African Activist To Visit Chicago

[Chicago]— Simon Nkoli, a South African, Black, Gay activist recently acquitted of treason charges based on his struggle against apartheid, will visit Chicago August 30 and 31.

"All oppressions are related and all oppressed people must fight together to free all human potential," declares the Congress of Pink Democrats, a coalition of progressive South African Lesbians and Gays which has strongly supported Nkoli.

The major public event will be Thursday, August 31, at University Church, 5655 S. University Ave., Chicago. Beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m., the evening will feature an address by Nkoli.

A primary goal of the tour is to raise funds for anti-apartheid work in South Africa and to provide material support for Simon. Additional endorsing or sponsoring organizations are being sought. For more information, contact David Barlett, (312) 338-6649 or Bob Schwartz at (312) 268-4136.

Gaybriefs: Dennis Died Hollering, Kicking and Yelling

By Jim Roche

After a long flight I arrived at the hospital in New York to find that Dennis' room was empty. Bags outside, full of what belongings I used to think of as Dennis. All sealed and marked with large red stickers "CONTAMINATED." At first I was confused and went to the nurses station. Maybe they bagged things to move him to ICU? When I asked at the nurses station, "Where's Dennis?" the nurse came out from behind the glass wall to speak to me. By then I knew. They don't come out from behind the glass to point or give directions.

She tried to be comforting to me. She said, "You should know that your friend went quietly. Very peacefully."

I wasn't so sure of that. I said, "I hope not."

No one dies "quietly" of AIDS complications. Least of all Dennis. Dennis, I'm proud to say, died hollering, screaming, kicking and yelling. With a passion for life I could only hope to emulate. At a stage in his decline when I couldn't even imagine myself getting up and out of bed, he was up, around, working, doing, writing. Giving advice, support and consolation to others. He didn't let go that easily. That's how they wished he had died. Quietly. Peacefully. Just to be bagged and labeled.

Dennis didn't quietly and peacefully die in the night. You see, he was murdered. He knew they were murdering him. Reagan, Bush, John Cardinal O'Connor. All those public officials who were supposed to protect him, but instead did the opposite. They killed him through neglect with malice. But then we aren't wholly innocent either, you and I. It wasn't simply the intolerance of heterosexuality that killed him, but also, even more directly, our tolerance. Tolerance for hate. Tolerance for neglect. Tolerance for injustice. Tolerance, I have come to realize, is more deadly than intolerance. More deadly because it's harder to recognize and harder to do something about.

Look out for tolerant folk. People who talk about freedom, reason, tolerance, yet don't do the work necessary to bring them about. There are not things that simply exist. Simply happen on their own. Nor are they things that we should defend or support when the opportunity comes around. If you are truly a worker for justice, a believer in today rather than tomorrow, then you will make these things happen. Now. You and I and Dennis, we are the catalysts for the changes that need to occur. Changes that

will keep tolerance from quietly killing us.

Dennis taught me that tomorrow isn't the right time for anything. You might miss tomorrow. He taught me to think only of today. Because today is the time to take a stand and demand what's ours. Basic human and civil rights. Recognition. Equality. Respect. It's not a time to be tolerant of opposing views, a time to listen to those who would deny us these things. Never again should we allow our basic rights to be put on the table for discussion. Too much tolerance might just kill us. Too much discussion might literally bore us to death. Dying quiet, unnoticed deaths. We have been tolerant of too much for too long. Dennis knew that. He wasn't willing to wait to see what tomorrow brings.

It isn't the person who sees opportunity and misses it that you and I should worry about. Instead the people we should worry about are those who quietly refuse to create those opportunities. Justice doesn't simply exist, but instead it is a dynamic thing that happens only when two people are relating. When two or more are trying to exist in the same place and time. Not existing simply because they are tolerant of each other. Not "quietly" existing together. If we want to quietly coexist with the heterosexual world it is likely to be the quiet of death that surrounds us. It is written that we don't feel our way or think our way to rightness. Instead, it is something that we act our way into. Justice, like life, should be a verb. It is meant to be alive, moving, breathing, because it is a child born of our love for one another. Dennis loved and was loved and there was no part of his life that was quiet. He didn't go gently or without notice. He went screaming, yelling and kicking. And so should we all.

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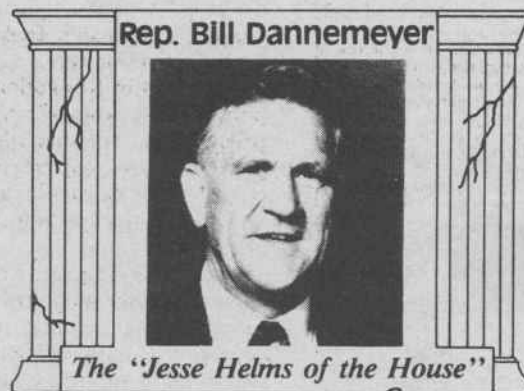
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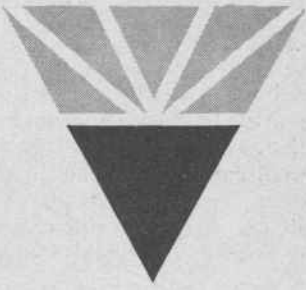
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EDITORIAL

Rep. Clarenbach's Hard Work Brings Jubilation To AIDS Groups

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and the Green Bay Center Project can be rightly jubilant over the new state moneys that will come to them over the next two years. The funds are badly needed to allow them to expand their services to their clients. But, in our opinion, we in the community should keep in mind several things.

One is that Rep. David Clarenbach has once again proven to be an outstanding exemplar of the best that Wisconsin stands for; compassion, sensitivity and caring. But all combined with a sharp political acumen that enables these qualities to be translated into practical realities. He is a leader in the fine progressive tradition of Senator Robert LaFollette who carried the "Wisconsin Idea" of human rights to the nation.

Secondly, as much as this paper has criticized Governor Tommy Thompson, he did allow the allocation to stand when he could easily have vetoed it. For this, he deserves the thanks of all compassionate and feeling people no matter what community they belong to.

Thirdly, thanks should be extended to all the legislators who voted for the appropriation. By their votes, they have increased the means of the caregivers, those in the front lines, the power to ease the burdens and make lighter the lives of those who suffer from this disease.

Finally, it should be noted and underlined, that the new funds compliment, but do not and cannot replace, private gifts and donations. As we see it, the state moneys have their greatest effectiveness in freeing other and older sources of revenue to be used to further enhance the quality and dignity of life for those who are HIV+ or living with AIDS.

Private gifts and fundraisers from the work and hearts of a generous community must continue to flow and must grow. Clarenbach, Thompson and the others have allowed us to shift our strengths, not cease our struggle.

As noted elsewhere, next issue **Light** will carry articles and charts from MAP explaining what happens to your dollars that you give at a fundraiser or spend at MAPfest, for example. With this, you will see what you are doing and how badly needed we all are and will continue to be.

Milwaukee ACT-UP Deserves Strong Citizen Involvement

Last Summer, at the Democratic National Convention, as was reported, we got a chance to meet and talk with members from the New York chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP). It was impossible not to admire their dedication and determination to confront the burning issue of AIDS and the needs of those suffering from the disease head on as well as countering homophobia wherever it reared its head.

Some of the most powerful moments at the Convention came at the ACT-UP sponsored die-in, scenes from which were described in this paper and which, as participants, we will never forget.

It has also been reported in these pages how, at the recent AIDS convention in Montreal, members of ACT-UP seized the opening ceremonies and held the hearts of all those thousands in attendance.

Many cities have chapters of ACT-UP. Now there is an attempt to form one in Milwaukee. **Wisconsin Light** heartily encourages this effort. Admittedly, confrontational strategies are not for everyone, but we believe that there is a place for those who protest and demonstrate and are not silent.

As was said last issue, the Lesbian/Gay community must unite. There is no other way, no other course. Somehow, we've got to do it; Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Superior and throughout the Gay Rights state. We must come together, but remembering that unity is not absorption, but federation. Within that structure there is room and need for ACT-UP. Please call (414) 672-7400.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Madison Alderman, James McFarland and also to **Wisconsin Light**, **Feminist Voices**, **The Madison Insurgent** and to The United.

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I was stunned by your vote to oppose Resolution 5529 at the Common Council meeting on August 1, 1989. Your vote shows that you support the Supreme Court's "Webster" decision and do not support a woman's freedom of choice in reproductive matters.

As stated in Resolution 5529, this issue pertains to a woman's basic civil right of privacy. The decision whether to have an abortion **must** not be taken away from women; that decision is a private one and a woman must be allowed to make the choice.

Laws denying a woman's right to choose an abortion are similar to laws making certain sexual practices between consenting adults illegal; in both cases the right to privacy is denied. Especially since you are Gay, I hope you would oppose legislation which violates your right to choose your sexual practices. By your vote last night you are denying women a similar freedom of choice.

I am disappointed that someone who has had his right to privacy denied is willing to deny women the same right.

—Polly E. Heninger
Madison

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter and news release was sent to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

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The Cabinet of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, at its June 22 meeting, discussed Gay Pride Week and the reaction it has received. The Cabinet expressed its strong concern that the event is being exploited by those who consistently oppose the basic rights of homosexuals. There are a number of

others.

Homosexuals should not be persecuted or subjected to intolerance.

I believe the majority of Milwaukee citizens share these views. As leaders within our community, you have a responsibility to reflect the letter and the spirit of the law — not to pander to intolerance.

Since the uproar over the parade, dozens of homosexual citizens of Milwaukee have been brutally beaten. Many more have been victims of verbal harassment. Every day Gay Milwaukeeans are discriminated against in employment and other areas.

The issue is not and has never been one of lifestyle. The issue, clearly, is one of civil rights. By repudiating the proclamation, you would be condoning the beatings, discrimination and violation of the law. By upholding the document, all you approve of is the civil rights of every individual.

I commend those of you who have stood firm on this issue, and urge the rest of you to join in a strong denunciation of persecution and intolerance.

—Ellen Bravo
Executive Director, 9 to 5
Milwaukee

TO THE EDITOR:

I often have your paper sent over to me by a very dear friend.

I first came to know Milwaukee way back in 1971/72. I never knew it existed until I met this American boy called Gerry in a semi-Gay pub in Covent Garden in London. He was on his vacation. We got talking in the pub and eventually, we ended up together.

When he was leaving England, he invited me over to Milwaukee if ever I cared to come. So, I took a chance not knowing or expecting to see what I did in Milwaukee Gay life, the kind that would never have been tolerated at that time in England. I stayed with Jim and Gerry at the YP, short for Your Place.

At that time, it was the busiest and most popular bar in Milwaukee. Jim was well loved by everybody and, until recently, was still the owner.

I came to Milwaukee when (Harold) Wilson was the Prime Minister of England and he had put an embargo on the amount of money that any one person could take out. Though I took a bit more, I knew it would not go far.

But the friends of Gerry and Jim were kindest to me. I was invited to dinners and lunches and steaks that I had never seen in England.

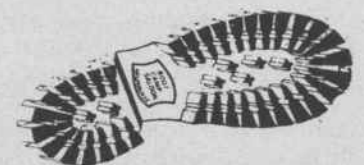
One of the people I met was Bob Anko who kept a lovely house on a lake and a home in Miami. Many's the time he made me welcome. I met Bud Reidy of North Prospect with his lover, a chap called Tom. What a wonderful fellow he was and so very kind to me. There was Jack Majeski and Ray Ralstad who was manager of the YP who often took me to Mader's for a little light lunch that was a meal enough to feed four people.

The YP over the years, became my second home and, as time went by, my prospects in England improved so when I came back to Milwaukee, I was able to repay the kindness that had been shown to me.

Today I am unable to get back to Milwaukee through bad health and old age, but I shall always love Milwaukee.

I do miss Milwaukee. I have always called it my second home. There are so many lovely memories there. I love the people I met there and who made a little old Cockney so welcome. I thought that you just might like to know that your paper is read over here and how much it is enjoyed.

—Robert Ashkettle
London, England.



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Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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I am writing to urge you not to repeal the proclamation on the Gay Pride Parade.

Within 9 to 5, as a society as a whole, are individuals with many views on homosexuality. But whatever our differences, we agree on the following:

We should not sit in judgment on

SISTERNEWS AND VIEWS

Poet Pat Parker Dies of Cancer

By Jamakaya

Black Lesbian poet Pat Parker died of cancer on June 17th in Oakland, California. She was 45 years old.

Parker published five books of poetry. Among them, "Movement in Black" is already recognized as a classic of contemporary black and Lesbian literature. She also wrote "Jonestown and Other Madness," "Womanslaughter," "Pit Stop" and "Child of Myself."

Over the years, Pat Parker wrote many articles and reviews for black, feminist and Lesbian publications. Along with her good friend, writer Judy Grahn, she also recorded readings of her work on the Olivia album "Where Would I Be Without You?"

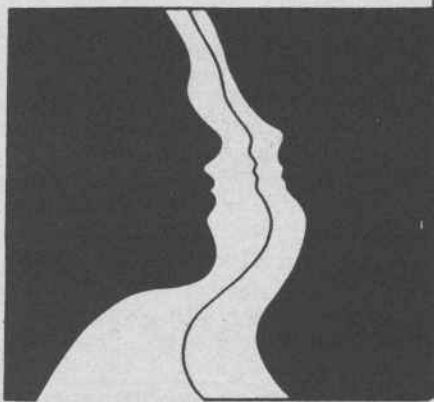
All who have read Parker's work or who are lucky enough to have seen her perform in person are awed by the power of her words and images. Her writing speaks eloquently to the special concerns of black women, particularly black Lesbians, and she has been an inspiration and role model to a new generation of young writers.

Pat Parker's poetry is often angry and always deeply political. "Womanslaughter" is an anguished indictment of male violence against women, whose repeated invocation, "Hello, Hello Death..." sends chills down the spine.

"Jonestown," with its refrain "Black folks do not/Black folks do not/ Black folks do not commit suicide," is Parker's attempt to understand the grisly mass murder of the People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana. Her conclusion? "...They didn't die at Jonestown/ they went to Jonestown dead/ convinced that America and Americans/ didn't care."

JONESTOWN & other madness

poetry by pat parker



In "For the white person who wants to know how to be my friend," Parker issued this delicious challenge: "The first thing you do is to forget that I'm Black/ Second, you must never forget that I'm Black." She also wrote numerous love poems and lighter pieces like, one of



Doreen Riley

JAMAKAYA

my favorites, "Non-Monogamy is a Pain in the Butt."

Parker was a brilliant writer and passionate political activist whose art and intellect served the cause of social justice. Her death is a great loss to our community, but her passion and defiance will continue to inspire all who read her work.

In "Legacy," a poem to her daughter, Parker wrote: "Each generation improves the world for the next/ My grandparents willed me strength/ My parents willed me pride/ I will to you rage...Take the strength that you may wage a long battle/ Take the pride that you can never stand small/ Take the rage that you can never settle for less."

Thank you, Pat Parker, for your life and for your work. Rest well sister.

Church of Christ Begins New Support Group

Milwaukee- The United Church Coalition of Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC) is a special interest group of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for networking and support among those who are themselves Lesbian or Gay, or are simply interested in joining in solidarity with Lesbian and Gay members of the UCC who seek acceptance, affirmation and empowerment in and through the church.

Their aim is to be a community within a community, addressing the issues and meeting the needs which are unique to the experience of being Lesbian or Gay within the church. The Coalition's goal is to serve and to bring members together with each other for support, solidarity and nurture.

The UCCL/GC-Wisconsin Conference is available to be the liaison with the conference and the national church as an advocate on issues of social relevance and the Lesbian and Gay community and also to educate and raise the consciousness among the church as a whole regarding an open, affirming relationship between the Lesbian/Gay community and the community of Christ in the UCC.

If you are interested in learning more about the Coalition or would be interested in joining or receiving their newsletter, write: UCCL/GC, State Conference Coordinator, P.O. Box 07168, Milwaukee, WI 53207 or call the Southeast Association contact person, Jay Reinke at (414) 645-2678.

Madison Woman Wins Case Against Housing Discrimination

[Madison]- It all began innocently enough. Cari, a Madison Lesbian woman, was seeking a place to rent. She thought she'd found it when she answered an ad in the April 30, 1989 issue of the Madison based **Wisconsin State Journal** for a room in a house where she would have her own room and bath.

She was "one of a couple of dozen" she said, who applied for the room and was delighted when the two women, who lived there accepted her application. "We'd love to have you live with us," Cari remembers being told.

On May 7, just to clarify matters, Cari called and asked if "sexual orientation was respected in the house?" Cari said she was told that it was no problem. Cari thereupon paid her security deposit of \$175 and made plans to move in.

The next day, Cari said, she was called and told that her Lesbianism would be a problem and that her security deposit would be returned.

The case wound up before the Madison Equal Opportunity Commission (MEOC). There, she maintains, a "active negotiating process took place" involving

both sides, including the housemate who was acting as the landlord's agent at the time of the incident. There was no duress, she says, and finally, all parties agreed to a settlement.

The agreement included a letter of apology to Cari and a monetary settlement.

According to Cari, during the session with the MEOC, the two housemates admitted ignorance of Gay/Lesbian issues and their need for increased sensitivity. They were "offered" the opportunity to go to the United to learn about such issues.

The case reached the press which, Cari says, concentrated on the Lesbian issue, "hyping" it out of proportion. The true issue, she says, is not the right to choose one's roommate, but one of discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Cari admits that the Madison Fair Housing law is vague in this area, but she says, "Discrimination is discrimination. If we allow roommates to be exempted, who'll be next?"

U.S. Changes AIDS Immigration Policy

[Washington, D.C.]- The Bush Administration announced, May 18, that it was changing its immigration policy to allow some foreign visitors who have AIDS or HIV into the U.S. for a limited amount of time.

Under the policy change, HIV-positive persons will be admitted into the country for up to 30 days to attend scientific conferences, obtain medical treatment, conduct business or visit family.

The policy change comes in response to an international uproar caused by the detention in Minneapolis of Dutch city official, Hans Paul Verhoef, for five days in April, 1989. Verhoef, who was traveling to San Francisco to attend the National AIDS Forum was detained by Customs officials because he is a person with AIDS.

Well Lets See, My Favorite Fruit Would be a...

[London]- One of my Chinese friends has an American penpal who wrote that he attended a "consciousness-raising weekend" in California. Participants were asked in an exercise to choose any fruit (!) or vegetable they could use to describe themselves. My friend thought about it and decided he was a Papaya, "because they're sweet, very tasty and exotic." Then he posed the same question to me. I had to think for awhile — no comments about Ugli fruit please! Then I decided that my fruit would be a Banana because, although white, I have a preference for "yellow"; Bananas are good for you. Most Gay men smile when presented with one and — like me — they're definitely not straight!!

How about you fruits (and vegetables) out there?

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Vito Russo is the author of the widely acclaimed book *The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies*. He is a native New Yorker, and a co-founder of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power).

Andrea Weiss's

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Best Lesbian Movies

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Queen Christina (1933)
Desert Hearts (1986)
The Virgin Machine (1988)
Daughters of Darkness (1970)
17 Rooms, or What Do Lesbians Do in Bed? (1984)
The Group (1966)

Andrea Weiss won an Emmy Award for her research for the television documentary *Before Stonewall*. Her articles have appeared in *Ms.*, *The Advocate*, *Cineaste*, and other journals.

Churches Must Admit They Are Partially To Blame For AIDS

By Daniel G. Trzebiatowski

The following is an interview I had with Carl Olsen, a Gay Lutheran Minister who discusses his views and those of his church on AIDS and persons with AIDS.

Carl, how do you find the church is responding to the AIDS epidemic?

"In one sense very negatively, but also positively in another sense. Overall, most denominations have responded in a positive sense in that they feel that anyone with AIDS needs to be treated with compassion and understanding. Other than the extreme right wing fundamentalists the church has tried to avoid condemning the person with AIDS. Mainline churches try to enable their members to accept a person with AIDS (PWA).

"In some Christian traditions, there is the tendency not to condemn PWA's, but still to blame the disease on sinful behavior and therefore pastoral responses tend to get the person to confess that they indeed have done wrong and that ultimately, that individual can make peace with God.

"I find that a rather simplistic way of looking at the disease and when you put more qualifications on a person working through their disease process, this makes it all the more difficult. For example, the church doesn't condemn someone for smoking when they come down with cancer, so it tends to be rather homophobic when it comes to the Gay community.

"The other aspect that is problematic is that the church doesn't deal with the disease — AIDS — in any shape or form. Primarily, it is only ready to deal with the disease when a person is already HIV+, has AIDS and is sick — which in many cases, by the time the church offers help, the disease is terminal.

Then there's the compassion, but there's not any kind of response offered to the Gay community to try and help Gays and Lesbians deal with the disease in a positive sense. You don't see the church in the forefront of providing direction and information even within their own congregations. It's assumed by most jurisdictions that there is no such thing as Gay people in the church."

So you think the homophobic attitude by the church is the main reason the church has responded in the manner that it has? "I'm not so sure it's all due to homophobia. I think it's that the disease has definitely something to do with sexuality, especially in the Gay community and the church is totally uncomfortable with human sexuality. It hasn't dealt with the issues of marital sexuality, heterosexual relations outside marriage and teen-age sexuality, thus it is uncomfortable with anything that is variant or deviant from the so-called "norm."

"Most church members don't realize that every single problem that society has, the congregation will have as well. In every congregation there are IV drug users."

When the church becomes aware of drug addicts in their congregations, how do they approach the topic — or do they at all?

"Some obviously wouldn't, but the majority are more enlightened and encourage the person to get the help they need to work through their problem. In relation to Gays and drug addicts, I think there is more condemnation of people with drug problems than there is towards Gays because, generally, in the church, it is believed that Gay people are not responsible for their orientation. Mainline churches believe that Gays are Gay because of forces beyond their control. It's not a conscious choice. But they still expect a person who is Gay to be celibate.

Having done work with PWA's, what position does your church take in relation to you doing the work that you do?

"My congregation is aware of my being Gay and are quite responsive to my ministry to PWA's. Some people have been very supportive, while a few have not."

Do you find that people put into a life-threatening position, question whether to come back to the church?

"Yes, PWA's, ARC or HIV+ sense that they need some spiritual help with dealing with a disease that has become terminal, so I try to give them a sense of direction in their disease process and the dying process. Just like anyone, some come back to the church feeling there may



DANIEL TRZEBIATOWSKI

be a miracle cure, out of guilt or with the attitude if-I'm-good-now-maybe-I-won't-die.

When they come with this approach or for healing, it can cause problems. Healing means coming to a greater sense of wholeness and doesn't necessarily mean a person is going to be cured of the disease."

What would you like to see from the church in relation to AIDS, PWA's, ARC or HIV+?

"If the church is going to help people with AIDS, it's going to have to recognize, accept and understand that it is partly to blame. The church has done nothing to promote committed relationships outside of marriage. The church hasn't given a moral option to its Gay and Lesbian members to live out their sexuality that is consistent with what the church believes is a committed, monogamous relationship. The church encourages the very behaviors that put people at risk.

"The church has to come to the understanding that abstinence for unmarried heterosexuals and for homosexuals is unjust.

"The church needs to look at the quality of relationships and they need to qualify relationships. There are committed, loving relationships in both Gay and straight communities. The church blesses the straight ones and condemns those which are Gay."

Do you have words of advice to offer to someone who may be HIV+, ARC or PWA?

"If an individual is thinking of coming back to the church and their relationship with God, I would hope that they can find the strength to start dealing with this as soon as they are diagnosed and not to wait until the very end and like many persons with AIDS do.

"If they are unsure what their own pastor would say, they could get in touch with the Milwaukee AIDS Project which has supporting and compassionate clergy willing to lend support."

Chicago Hosts International Jewish Conclave

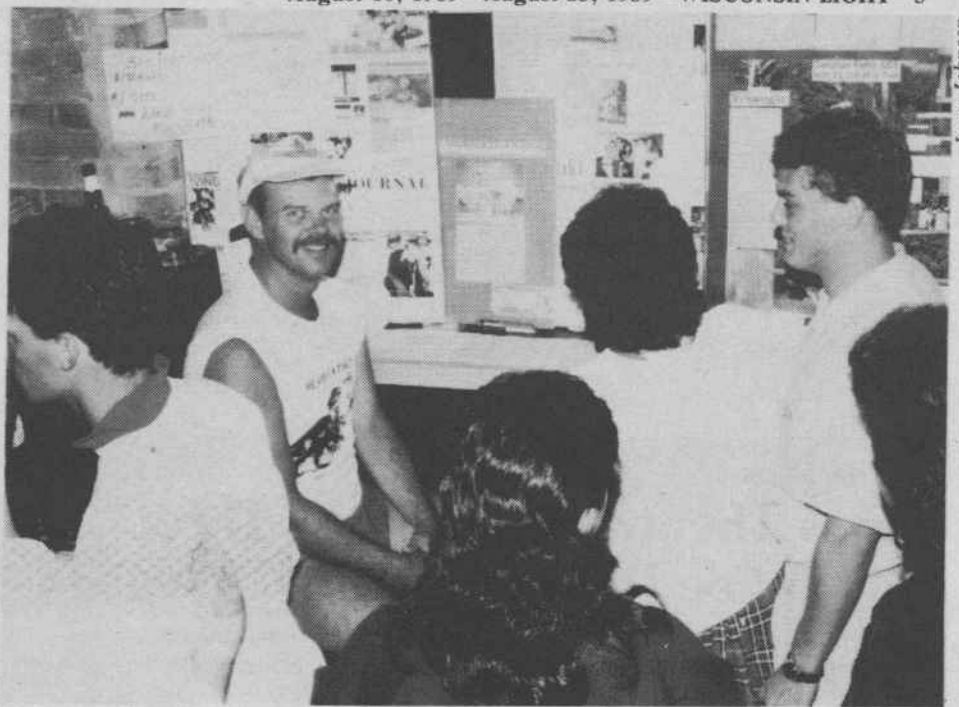
The 11th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be held in Chicago, August 24-27, 1989. All conference activities will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Chicago.

The registration cost for the conference will be approximately \$200.00 and will include the following: opening cocktail party with cash bar and entertainment by the Windy City Gay Chorus and boat ride on the Chicago River Thursday night; lunch, dinner and one shabbat with entertainment by the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band on Friday night; cocktail party and dinner with dancing and entertainment on Saturday night; buffet brunch on Sunday; plus full days of workshops on relevant social, religious and health issues on Friday and Saturday, open forum with Chicago area rabbis and plenary session on Sunday morning.

Religious services will be held on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Reasonable hotel rates will be available at the Hyatt Regency. A restricted amount of scholarship money is available to defray part of the cost of registration. Home hospitality will be available, with preference given to those people coming from the greatest distances (Europe and Israel).

For more information, please write or call: The Eleventh International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, c/o Congregation Or Chadash, 656 W. Barry St., Chicago, IL 60657, (312) 248-9456.



Jerry Johnson

Bill Mole collected signatures at La Cage Aux Folles as bar patrons lined up to sign the scroll. Well over 500 signatures were added to the Scroll in Milwaukee, breaking the 508 city record held by Kansas City.

Canadian Visits Milwaukee For AIDS Walk Around The World

[Milwaukee]- Bill Mole is walking around the world to raise money for the fight against AIDS. On Friday, July 28, the young man, originally from Toronto, Canada, arrived in Milwaukee with his traveling companion and friend, Ron Reichert. The two were given a warm reception by This Is It.

Mole, 40, hopes that by the end of his 25,000 mile hike in November, 1991, he will have raised \$10,000,000 for AIDS research.

Reichert, 30, was so caught up with the project that when Mole reached Denver where Reichert lived, Reichert quit his job, left his lover of 6 months and joined Mole in his crusade. Reichert, a self-effacing young man, drives their brilliant yellow van, prepares food, does the general chores and helps keep Mole's spirits up.

Mole carries with him a 4000 foot scroll on which he collects signatures wherever he goes, asking each signer to contribute a dollar. So far, nearly 10,000 people have signed up. The first person to do so in Milwaukee was Tom Donegan, President of the Common Council.

Mole had high praise for Donegan and for others as well. "I couldn't believe the support at City Hall," he said.

Mole said that his reception in some cities has been "mixed" with the worst incidents coming in the South. In Montgomery, Alabama, the cops were "a little bit nasty," he said. Throughout the region there was "a lot of name calling" with some people trying to drive him off the road. "In Wisconsin," he said, "people wave."

He had even more praise for Milwaukee. "People just walk up and want to sign, want to donate," he said. Indeed, that seemed to be the case. At This Is It as almost everyone who was in

the bar or who entered seemed to want to talk, add their name to the scroll and put a dollar in the cup. Half the money was earmarked for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

In 1987, Mole tested positive for the AIDS virus. The unexpected diagnosis nearly flattened him. Then he heard that the World Health Organization (WHO) was forming an international group--The Global AIDS Project for WHO--and he offered to help. He's been walking ever since. He's lost 20 lbs and "feels great, no symptoms at all. Walking has kept my immune system strong."

In addition to the exercise provided by walking 25-30 miles a day (he gets about 700 miles to a pair of shoes and he's on his 8th pair), he eats peanut butter sandwiches and "plenty of veggies" five times a day. He sleeps "a good six hours" a night in the back of the van.

Mole expects to reach Washington, D.C. on October 15. He'll stop there before heading on to Florida and has written to President Bush asking him to "come and wish us well." So far, there's been no response from the President, but Elizabeth Taylor sent him a letter praising his efforts.

Mole and Reichert spent the weekend in Milwaukee going to some of the other bars such as La Cage and the Triangle gathering signatures and donations. In all cases, he reported his reception to be as friendly as that at This Is It. "You in Milwaukee are great," he said enthusiastically and "Joe" (owner of This Is It) is positively the greatest."

From Milwaukee, Mole and Reichert went on to Chicago and from there, east. They will head for England in the Spring and from there to the Continent. He plans to walk to Moscow and thinks he'll have no trouble with Russian authorities.

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Clavis Theatre To Present Three Milwaukee Premieres In 7th Season

[Milwaukee]- Season subscriptions are now available to the Clavis Theatre Ensemble's exciting seventh season featuring three Milwaukee premieres of provocative and hilarious contemporary dramas.

Exemplifying Clavis Theatre's proud tradition of innovative contemporary theatre, the season line-up begins with the November 10 premiere of "Burn This" by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lanford Wilson. This play, involving a sexually charged clash of cultures, is the newest by the author of the hits "Lemon Sky" and "Talley's Folly."

January 19, 1990, opens the Milwaukee premiere of "Reckless," a boisterous drama about the difficulties of modern life. It is a surreal 1989 comedy by Craig Lucas.

Finally, on April 27, 1990, Clavis will perform "Tales of the Lost Formicans," an outer-space look at the disintegration of American society from an extra-terrestrial point of view, by Constance Congdon.

"This season represents a return to Clavis Theatre's original course after last season's classics and revivals," said Neal Branard, Producing Artistic Director of the Ensemble. "Clavis has built its reputation on premieres of uncommon excellence — we've done 35 of them in the last six years. This season's three premieres are outstanding examples of

challenging contemporary theatre and promise to be very exciting for us and for Milwaukee audiences."

Two low-priced and convenient subscriber plans are available, at \$39 and \$26 per person. Both season subscription plans include: tickets to all three performances at 15% off the box office price, flexibility to choose which performances to attend for each show, regular mailings of the "Keynote" subscriber newsletter and priority invitations to gala opening receptions. The line-up of plays is not subject to change. All performance rights have been secured.

Clavis Theatre Ensemble also has a new Corporate Six-Pack for \$100. Each one includes six single tickets to be used for any show at any time. Group sales and dinner/theatre packages for 20-100 people are also available at 20% off the regular price.

Clavis Theatre Ensemble is located at 2239 N. Prospect Ave. in Milwaukee on the lower level of the Prospect Mall. The box office is open weekdays from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to all performances. To subscribe, or for more information, call (414) 272-3043.

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Teresa Cruz, Ginger Snaps and Brittany Morgan will appear in Shakespeare's "Hamlet" at Milwaukee's PAC beginning August 18.

Campy, Very Modern "Hamlet" Is True To Original Shakespeare

[Milwaukee]- It will be Shakespeare with a flourish and a delightful twist that the Bard himself would have recognized and enjoyed as Dale Gutzman Productions puts on "Hamlet" at Milwaukee's PAC.

For example, Teresa Cruz, Brittany Morgan and Ginger Snaps will be performing in the traveling actors scene which is a play within a play. They begin as men and transform themselves to women.

In another scene Ginger plays the bride with her groom, a very muscular black man who will appear in a leopard skin g-string. And in yet another scene, Hamlet, a young man in his early 20's will appear naked.

It all may sound campy, and very modern and so it is, but as Dale Gutzman points out, in England, Shakespeare is always done in modern dress. Certainly, in the Bard's time, all female roles were played by men in drag while the humor that Elizabethan audiences enjoyed was of the broadest possible kind.

So, while all this may be new to Milwaukee, it really is in line with tradition. "This production is very true to "Hamlet," Gutzman said. "We're just not used to it in this country."

For Gutzman, the images on the stage are to reinforce the language of the play which will not be changed and to enhance the audience's experience of death, mystery and illusion that Shakespeare intended for the play.

For Brittany, Ginger and Tiffany, there is still another purpose. That is to allow people to see that female impressionists are not just bar acts, but professional performers who have much to contribute to the art of the theatre. "It gives us a chance," says Teresa, "to take drag one step higher."

For Ginger, being in the play means the beginning of a new career while Brittany sees her part as "a major break." For Teresa who will also play a priest, the play is not a career move, but an exciting opportunity nonetheless and the first time

she will perform in drag.

Brittany has performed at Jet's, C'est La Vie and at La Cage while Ginger will compete at Club II-XIX in the Miss Chubby Wisconsin Contest.

During the production, the three will lip-sync numbers by Bett Midler, Peggy Lee and Frank Sinatra, adding to the rollicking good time that can be expected.

Besides, Brittany, Ginger and Teresa, there are many others of our community in the production. Gutzman told Light that one purpose is to "draw the theatre community and Gay/Lesbian community together" and so it should.

The play opens on August 18 and will run for 6 performances in the last two weekends in August. It is a must see production and at \$13, a real entertainment bargain and not to be missed. Just hope the girls break a nail.

Fest City Singers Plan Fundraising Weekend

[Milwaukee]- The Wreck Room and Station 2 will act as hosts for the Fest City Singers (FCS) "Guys and Dolls Fundraising Weekend."

On Friday, August 25 at the Wreck Room, the Singers will entertain and stage "Buy Your Favorite Singer" — members of the chorus will advertise various services which will go to the highest bidder. Mini-raffles and a Bonanza Raffle of a 20 inch color TV set will also be offered.

Station 2 on Saturday, August 26, will host the second half of the FCS Weekend with a barbecue (brats, hot dogs, hamburgers and roast corn) beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed by entertainment planned by the Fest City Singers including mini- raffles.

The winner of the TV set will be picked and announced (not necessary to be present) at 11:00 p.m., and the festivities and the FCS will carry on from there.

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UWM Introduces Team Teaching For Gay/Lesbian Literature Course

Cheryl Kader and Thomas Piontek are about to bring something brand new to the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).

That "something", as reported in the last issue of *Light* is a Twentieth Century Gay and Lesbian Literature course which will be offered this Fall semester.

Kader and Piontek will team teach the course. A team-taught course is one in which both instructors are in the classroom for each session giving students the benefit of their separate, but complimentary areas of expertise. Team teaching is a first for UWM.

Piontek is in Germany for the Summer, but Kader told *Light* that the course had its inception in the friendship that exists between she and Piontek. There were "a couple of years of conversation," she said. They had never been in a course where literature with a Gay/Lesbian theme was taught as such. "What would happen if these works were taught as Gay?" they asked each other.

Another motivation for Kader was the memory of her undergrad days when she was isolated because of her overwhelming interest in feminism. She wanted to be a feminist scholar and there were limited possibilities for that in Milwaukee. She was constantly being "misunderstood" as a feminist, needed someone to talk to and there was no one.

The two teachers proposed the course to the English Department in early 1988. "There was no trouble," she said and emphasized that the course was "well received." Kader also mentioned with pleasure the continuing support of the Center for Women's Studies which, she said, "was a major force in getting the course in."

Kader says she does not enjoy using the lecture method nor, does she think, the material is adapted to it. Instead, the two teachers will encourage the development and exchange of ideas in lively, vigorous discussion and debate.

As with all teachers, Kader approaches the new course with a few butterflies. But for her, there is a special reason. "This is the first time I'll have been out (as a Lesbian) in the class room," she said and

notes that "the dynamics of Gay/Lesbian relations in the class room (between Piontek and herself) will be fascinating."

Still, the butterflies are overwhelmed by her obvious excitement about the course. How many students would she like to see enrolled? She chuckles warmly, "173" and then quickly adds that the number is limited to 35.

Asked if she sees the course as the beginning of a Gay/Lesbian Studies Program, she said with marked enthusiasm, "I would love it. It's an idea in my mind."

Those wishing to enroll can do so into the first week of class. For further information, call the English Department at UWM.

He Is Adonis

by B. Garzonio (for Michael)

His eyes are deep.
Like pools,
they embrace me.
Pulling
me

down,
melting me,
into him.

He is Adonis.
And I....?
I am in love with him.

I will be a pedestle
unto his feet.
I Will be His Atlas.
His span.

Styx is no boundry.
For Him, the Channel,
I shall span

Shall I
so,
spin a thread,
the labyrinth
through.

Gladly would I all it do...

Why?
He is Adonis.
and I...
I am in love with him.

PARISIAN LIVES Enjoyable Summer Reading

Parisian Lives by Samuel M. Steward
Stonewall Inn Editions
St. Martin's Press, 1984
215 pages; \$7.95

Review By Geno

Sam Steward has had a chequered career — teacher, tattoo artist, writer and pornographer, among other professions. And we now know that Phil Andros, the pseudonym used by the writer of some of the best male pornography, is just one of several noms de plume that Steward has used.

As a young man, Steward won the friendship of Gertrude and Alice B., and in *Dear Sammy* he gave his account of the enduring love between these two famous Lesbians. In *Parisian Lives* he reintroduces the Misses Stein and Toklas into his novel as characters who are friends of the narrator. He often goes to Alice for advice, though one would expect that assertive Gertrude would be the one he would consult. But Alice turns out to be a sage and clever confidante with a sly sense of humor.

In another and earlier book, *Chapters from an Autobiography*, Steward told the story of the English artist, Sir Francis Rose (here called Sir Arthur Lily) whose notorious sexual adventures are once again introduced in this fictionalized version. Four of Rose's escapades are recounted including the most intriguing situation when Sir Arthur engages a handsome Spanish lad as his valet and bed mate, only to learn that Pablo is his own son, the offspring of a youthful fling when touring Spain.

A fascinating idea concerning the creative process is explored throughout the novel since Alice and the narrator note that as Sir Arthur's affairs become more tangled and desperate, his painting takes on a power and grandeur as if inspired by adversity.

Great literature *Parisian Lives* is not, but it is an enjoyable summer read seasoned with glimpses of expatriates carrying on in post World War II Paris.

(Review Copy courtesy of Harry Schwartz Bookshops, Milwaukee.)

CRUSH is Teen Adventure and Romance Story

Crush by Jane Fatcher
Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, 1988
(First published by Little, Brown, and Company in 1981.)

Review by Marcia Summerskill

This is a hard review to write because I don't want to give away the ending. (Don't worry — I'll write carefully.)

Crush is the story of Lexie and Jinx, two high school seniors at Huntington Hill, a private girls' boarding school in Pennsylvania. This is an adventure/romance story. It details the story of Lexie's and Jinx's senior year in high school - with its triumphs and failures, its joys and disappointments.

The characters are well-developed and the plot is fun with its share of surprises. It moves along quickly. The story brought me back to my own high school days and first crush with all its tender heartache.

I would be willing to bet that you would enjoy this book, too. Jane Fatcher has added some admirable work to a growing list of Lesbian teen romances.

When I was Young

by Amy Garnette

When I was young
I was told that IT was wrong
IT was unnatural and different
I grew up believing this
Often myself casting judgements
I realize now how wrong I was
These judgements gave no one a
chance

And it was you who made me realize
How wrong these judgements were
Anyone who can care and love as you
do

Cannot be any different than I
LOVE cannot be divided
Between your lover and mine
Only the judgements divide us
Thank you for helping me to see
That any love is all the same!

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Choosing Books for Literature Course Offers Scores of Options

By Geno

In the last issue of *The Wisconsin Light*, the English Department of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) announced that it will offer a new 3-credit course entitled "Twentieth Century Gay and Lesbian Literature." Encouraging news indeed!

A few of us, academics and non-academics, were sitting around the other evening discussing this course offering, especially the announced reading list which included: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde; *The Well of Loneliness* by Radclyffe Hall; *Torch Song Trilogy* by Harvey Fierstein; *The Female Man* by Joanna Russ; as well as selections from *The Coming Out Stories* and *In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology*.

Recognizing that this might be a partial listing citing popular selections intended to attract students, we all still agreed that except for Wilde, most of these books were largely stereotypical and/or superficial, probably better included in a supplementary reading list.

So we began to name writers whose novels, plays, poems and essays would be more representative of 20th Century Gay and Lesbian Literature. It almost turned into a parlor game and some of our suggestions are offered here in that original spirit of enjoyment and sharing.

Right off the mark we agreed that Thomas Mann's novella "Death in Venice" would be a mandatory choice for inclusion. Wilde, though he died in 1900, certainly belongs in our century; and "The Importance of Being Earnest" and "Salome," while not on the subject of homosexuality, certainly dramatize the Gay sensibility in its light and serious forms.

Radclyffe Hall's novel was a trailblazer, but in the light of today's extraordinary output of Lesbian writing, it seems dated and overly sentimental. Virginia Woolf's "Orlando" and Djuna Barnes' "Nightwood" both came to mind as works of great imaginative force, and of course, Gertrude Stein's whole life and work are marvelous exemplars. Her short story "Miss Furr and Miss Skeane" is a real treat — and what about the stories of bisexual Colette?

Which brings up the French writers. Of course Marcel Proust's monumental "Remembrance of Things Past" requires a course all its own, but the "Cities of the Plain" section can be read

independently with some fill-in background from the instructor(s). At least one of Andre Gide's novels, probably "The Counterfeiters," would be a good choice, and Jean Cocteau, novelist, poet, film writer and director, playwright and scenic designer also offers a wide selection for inclusion. Or should the course be limited just to British and American artists?

And should our ideal course include Gay and Lesbian writers who generally chose not to write about Gay subjects? Noel Coward and Somerset Maugham immediately come to mind. Others include Willa Cather, E.M. Forster ('Maurice' was published posthumously and it's sad that Forster wasn't around to see it made into a smashing film), poet W.H. Auden ('A Day for a Blow' and other erotica were written for the eyes of friends only), and Stephen Spender.

On the other hand, there are the "butch" writers like prize-winning poet Thom Gunn; novelist of "No" and "Kabuki" playwright Yukio Mishima; and "City of the Night" author John Rechy. So many different writers came to mind that we ended up with a fresh appreciation of the great variety and scope of Gay/Lesbian literature represented by such figures as Christopher Isherwood, Gore Vidal (also into politics), Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, Truman Capote, William Burroughs (his "Naked Lunch" was for years prohibited for sale in the U.S.), Allen Ginsberg, Joe Orton ("Prick Up Your Ears" made another fine movie after the author's death) — and many, many more too numerous to mention here.

An all male group, we realized that we were not very familiar with Lesbian and feminist writers — any suggestions from women readers are welcome. In fact, we probably overlooked some obvious candidates for a course like the one proposed at UWM. Should we talk?

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India Begins Testing Blood for AIDS Virus

By Pushpa Girimaji

[New Delhi, India]- The Indian Government has decided to test all blood and blood products meant for transfusion for the AIDS virus.

Mandatory screening was first introduced in December, 1988 in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, where the maximum number of AIDS cases have been detected. Compulsory screening of all donors will gradually be extended to other cities like Delhi and Calcutta.

Even though heterosexual promiscuity has been found to be the major mode of transmission of HIV in India, the sudden rise in the number of HIV-infected blood donors has been a source of concern for scientists. The number of AIDS-infected blood donors detected during serosurveillance has gone up from five in April, 1988 to 41 (37 men and 4 women) by October, 1988.

The number of persons found to be positive to the AIDS virus has also gone

up considerably during the last two years, following intensification of serosurveillance. So far 625 persons have been found to be HIV positive, besides 26 full-blown cases, in the country. While Heterosexually promiscuous persons are found to be the largest number of persons infected, prostitutes in remand homes constitute the next large group.

In India, ever since the first seropositive case (a prostitute) was detected in April, 1986, surveillance centres set up all over the country are screening prostitutes, promiscuous men and women attending sexually transmitted clinics, blood donors and recipients, homosexuals and jail inmates.

Foreign students coming to India also have to go through serological testing for HIV antibodies. Besides, the Government has also made it mandatory that all imported and indigenously manufactured blood products should carry an AIDS-free certificate.

GLASS Provides Outreach To Teen-agers Through Mobile Unit

West Hollywood, CA- Gay and Lesbian Social Services (GLASS) whose mission is to provide care for Lesbian and Gay adolescents, has announced the inauguration of their Mobile Outreach to High Risk Youth Project (MOHRY).

MOHRY consists of several staff on-board a mobile unit who travel into areas where young people are likely to congregate.

The mobile unit will be open to youth who want to come aboard and have a soft drink, a friendly ear, a clean shirt. MOHRY will have a cellular phone hookup so that parents can be called when family reunification is possible, or at least to let the parents know that their child is alive and

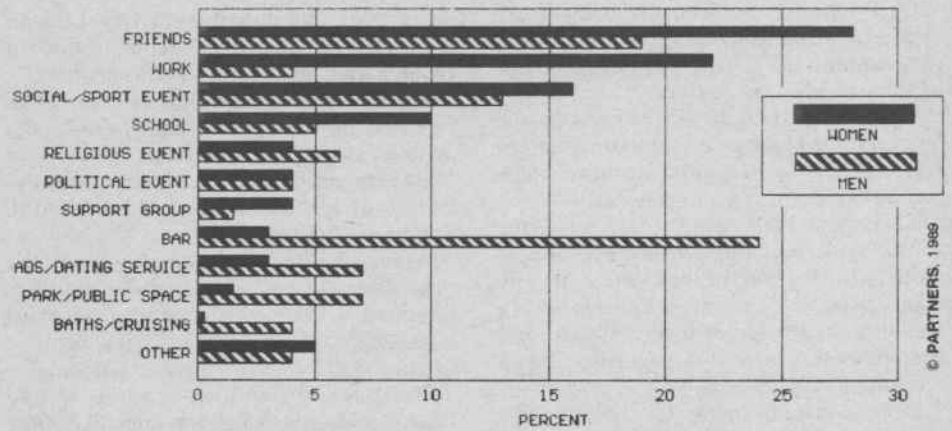
safe.

Counselors will be on-board to offer support and advice. A case manager will provide practical help (shelter, medical referrals, drug and alcohol rehab programs) and a health educator will deliver vital information about AIDS. The unit will be on the streets from midnight to seven A.M. moving through various hot spots through-out the area where young people are targets for sexual abuse and exploitation.

This is in addition to GLASS's other work with Lesbian and Gay teens, the most underdefined and underserved population in the human services field.

HOW SAME-SEX COUPLES MET

Preliminary results from a national survey of gay and lesbian couples conducted by **PARTNERS: The Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples**. Based on 663 couples, about half the data available. Respondents answered more than 100 questions; in this case, completing the sentence "We met through:"



Lesbians and Gay Men Meet Partners Under Different Conditions

[Seattle, WA]- Lesbian couples are likely to meet under different circumstances than those common for Gay male couples, according to preliminary results from a survey of same-sex couples. Lesbian couples most often met through friends or at work, while male couples met at bars more often than any other way.

The "how they met" question was among more than a hundred put to same-sex couples in a national study undertaken last year by **Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples**. The publication has issued selected preliminary results based on 812 respondents, representing 390 Lesbian couples and 273 Gay male couples. The survey drew 1600 responses in all.

More than one in five of the Lesbian couples met at work, but fewer than 5% of the men did.

While 24% of the men met in a bar, the venue is becoming less prominent as a meeting spot. The newer the relationship, the more likely the couple had met at a social event instead.

Friends, an enduring source of introductions, were responsible for the meetings of 28% of the Lesbian couples and 19% of the men.

THE SEX QUOTIENT

Male couples were far more likely than women to have met through sexually charged arenas, such as baths, cruising, or classified ads. The male couples also had more sex together, but the female couples enjoyed their sex more.

Male couples had sex nine times per month on average, while Lesbians averaged seven times. However, these figures were boosted by the 21% of men and 11% of women who shared sex at least 15 times a month.

Most active were couples together one year or less, who had sex about twice as often as the average couple.

Most of the couples had sex less often. Half of all the Gay male couples averaged sex no more than six times a month and half of the Lesbian couples had sex weekly or less often.

The sex was rated as "excellent" by 54% of the women and by 31% of the

men. Another 25% of the women and 35% of the men said their sex was "good".

Sex outside the relationship was more common for men than women. Only 4% of women reported any outside sex during the previous year. On the other hand, 27% of the men had some outside sex during the previous year, though only 12% had outside sex more than once a month; 5% had outside sex weekly or more often.

RELATIONSHIP LOGEVITY

Despite the youth of the respondents — averaging 35 years for women, 37 years for men — Lesbians had been together an average of five and a quarter years and Gay men averaged seven and a half.

While several couples had been together longer than 40 years, many of the relationships were only recently started. Half of all the women surveyed had been together three and a half years or less; half the men had been together five years or less.

The survey is directed by Stevie Bryant and Demian, who hope to publish the results. Preliminary results and comments from the respondents are regularly published in their monthly newsletter **Partners**.

"When data entry is complete, we will be able to draw an up-to-date picture of the families being created by Gay and Lesbian couples," says Demian, who has a doctorate in education. "This information will be invaluable to social service providers and civil rights groups."

To receive a summary of final results, when available, send a stamped, self-addressed business envelope to Partners Survey Results, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109.

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Call Boys Catch Republicans With Their Pants Down

By Bill Meunier

My, my, my, look who got caught with their pants down, those perverts in Washington D.C. While I've felt that the policies and decisions of the federal government have been perverted for the past eight years. I must admit that I didn't suspect highly placed government officials were using a call boy service. Yes a call boy service and were they ever using it. In fact they used it so much the Secret Service got involved. It seems that these boobs in the midst of what must for them pass as a sexual frenzy were using their credit cards to pay for services provided by gentlemen of the evening. But some of the gents were not really gents and once they got those credit card numbers in their sticky little hands they kept charging their "ahem" clients.

I for one am outraged as I am sure all of you decent readers are too. Just think Ronald Reagan and George Bush rode into office on platforms of outstanding family values being held above all. None of those pervert lifestyles for Ronnie and George. Government was going to be moral, clean and example setting.

Apparently the example some of their key appointees had in mind was showing how stupid people can be in using credit cards to expose themselves to the danger of AIDS, the violence male hustlers often foist on their victims and blackmail. Oddly enough the Republican National Committee which just a few short weeks ago was spreading rumors that House Speaker Tom Foley is Gay has been pretty quiet with regard to what the Eastern press is calling "The Washington Call Boy Scandal." Given the GOP's willingness to expose Gay Democrats in the past and President Bush's calls for bipartianship, I simply can not understand why they don't expose Gay Republicans. Can any of you?

We haven't heard any ringing denunciations for Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and the boys either. Even the revelation that a Washington businessman took a private 1 am tour of the White House accompanied by several of his mistresses/masters has failed to elicit any thunderous warnings of hell and damnation. Just think queers walking around the White House. I hope that George's puppies were kept safe.

At least one high official, Labor Secretary Dole's White House Liaison has resigned because of the disclosure of

Silver Space One Year Old

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, September 17, Silver Space will celebrate its first anniversary with a pot luck picnic at Area #4 of Estabrook Park from 2-4 p.m.

Silver Space is a drop-in gathering of older Lesbians (no age minimum) who meet the third Sunday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett.

The First Anniversary Celebration was designed with a wide variety of interests in mind. The day promises a variety of fun, social, supportive and empowering opportunities.

Older Lesbian groups from Madison, Oshkosh and Racine are being invited to attend the Celebration.

Following the picnic (held at the Counseling Center in case of rain) there will be activities at the Center from 4-8:00 p.m. These include Feminist Playshops, a singalong featuring the Mukwonago Feminist Singers and a special Silver Space program.

The fun doesn't end at 8:00. There will be more partying at a to-be-announced location.

his role. And good riddance too. Who needs more wimps in the government when we've got George Bush.

Besides the man committed a serious breach of the law. It isn't like he lied to Congress, thumbed his nose at Congressional policy, stole money and destroyed government documents in the name of the national interest, like Ollie North did.

Men like North are heroes not homos. There has always been a place in the hearts of Republicans for men like Ollie North. There is no place for people like us.

The offenders were appointees of the Reagan and Bush administrations. Some even work in the Defense Department. I sure hope that none of those call boys were Russian spies. If they were, the invasion from the East can be expected at any moment. Some people apparently think its alright to be queer and be in charge of government secrets, but its not alright to be a Lesbian drill sergeant with a Jewish last name like Ben Shalom.

And where is that guardian of public morals, the Milwaukee Sentinel. The Sentinel recently ran a story on male hustlers in Milwaukee, a story it later apologized for. Now here we have a real story, with real prostitutes. Our National security may have been compromised. A queer or two may have whispered something in the President's ear. George's puppies may have been molested. We may soon see Barbara's pearls on some tacky Drag queen.

Odd as it seems, the Sentinel has been strangely quiet on the crisis. Maybe the fact that its from an administration they have supported has something to do with their silence.

I think that all good citizens should call for a Congressional investigation. It is a well known fact that it's against the law to be Gay and Republican. Its too bad that Roy Cohen and J. Edgar Hoover are no longer around. They could come up with lists of hundreds of Gay Republicans openly flaunting the law secretly infiltrating government departments, the White House, ships at sea. Being Gay themselves they had inside information. Its now apparent for all to see, the homos have left the Communists, put on business suits, joined the Republican party and gotten government jobs.

I pray for the future of our nation.

ACLU Forms AIDS Project

New York, NY- The American Civil Liberties Union has announced its creation of a separate AIDS and Civil Liberties Project under the direction of Nan D. Hunter, who also heads the national organization's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project in New York.

"Our separating into two projects our ongoing work against AIDS-related discrimination and for Lesbian and Gay rights is a major step forward for us," said Hunter.

"The separate AIDS Project will focus on the whole range of different groups affected by the epidemic, while the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project will continue to pursue issues like employment discrimination, partnership benefits, and constitutional litigation like the Perry Watkins case," Hunter continued.

In the Watkins case, brought by the ACLU in Washington State, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Army's policy of mandatory exclusion based on sexual orientation was unconstitutional. The national ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project is coordinating amicus efforts as the case continues.

The Individual Is the Real Basic Unit of Democratic Society

By Thomas J. Rondy

When I heard that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors was considering rescinding the Pride Week Proclamation, I decided to pull an all-nighter and go to Milwaukee where the fateful Board meeting was to take place.

For someone who goes for entire stretches of days without leaving the UW campus and surrounding area, it was quite an adventure. The upholding of the Proclamation was an important victory and I took advantage of being there to cover the event for *The Daily Cardinal*. I certainly liked what I saw of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community.

But if the comments made by the two Supervisors on the County Board are an example of Milwaukee's straight community, I can't say that I'm terribly impressed with that community. I'm not saying that Thomas Bailey and Gerald Engel were saying the exact same thing; I had the impression that Bailey was intelligent and reasonable, whereas Engel seemed like something of a curmudgeon a la James Kilpatrick.

Nevertheless, both of them voiced their support of what I call the tyranny of the nuclear family. This tyranny is such an inherent part of life in the United States, we sometimes don't notice it. It can be subtle as being passed up for a promotion for being single or as blatant as being deprived of housing for being Gay or Lesbian. Though neither Supervisor viewed their support of "traditional family values" in those terms, to us, it does indeed amount to a kind of tyranny.

I know for a fact that I drew a negative response in my previous column by quoting Lenin, even though I pandered to bourgeois hysteria by disavowing Leninism as a comprehensive ideology. But such hysteria does not change the facts. One interesting historical fact which you'll never find in your ninth grade history textbook, is the Bolshevik program of freeing the people of Soviet Russia from the tyranny of the family.

Before you Righties freak out, you should know that Soviet citizens who wished to start a family were still allowed to do so. But Lenin's program did result in the dissemination of quality birth-control, the accessibility of free abortions to Soviet women and the abolition of all Czarist proscriptions against homosexuality and non-marital sex.

If you're wondering why the USSR today is one of the worst countries in the world in the area of Gay rights, it's because Joseph Stalin re-established the tyranny of the family, along with re-establishing the tyranny of capital.

The United States, however, has always suffered from the tyranny of the nuclear family. There is a reason for that. In the days of the hunnish colonization of the North American frontier, it was important to establish nuclear families in that frontier. If they hadn't been quick to marry and reproduce, they would have been unable to supplant the Native

American tribes; and if that had been the case, the "heathens" would have come back and given the "settlers" exactly what they all deserved. The colonizers probably weren't completely aware of this pattern, but it took place just the same.

There is also another reason. Most educated Gay men are well aware of the hanky-panky that went on among the cowboys down on the ranch. (Or should I say, "raunch?") When the nubiles (women imported for the expressed purpose of marital enslavement) arrived, the cowboys must have breathed an inward sigh of relief at no longer having to be "perverts." Harlan, the narrating character of Patricia Nell Warren's novel, *The Front Runner*, theorized that these cowboys suppressed their memories of homosexual love with a peculiar vengeance and then passed this mega-homophobia on down through the generations.

To this very day, the Right claims that "the Family" is the basic unit of a functioning democracy; however, there are some problems inherent in the concept. For one thing, the idea of a family-based polity arose during the days of "one family, one vote;" in other words, before women were allowed to vote. Also, their definition of the family is only biologically based. True progressives know that love makes a real family, but reactionaries demand conformity to a legalistic formula. These lunatics claim that just as long as "the Family" is "saved," it will function the way a family unit should. So I guess it doesn't matter if a head of one of these "families is a drunk and a wife-beater, just as long as he loves Jesus.

The Right also seems to forget, as always, that the real basic unit of a truly democratic society is: the individual. In the words of John Cougar Mellencamp in the 1983 song, "Pink Houses" "It's the simple man who pays the bills, the thrills, the pills that kill." (I'm sure he meant "person" in place of "man.") And it should also be known that these individuals will best be able to come together to make a better society when they are given a say in their own destinies.



Anti-Lesbian Bias In Military Noted

(Alexandria, VA)- Historic testimony delivered to a Department of Defense (DoD) panel by four female U.S. Military personnel has prompted the panel to recommend the DoD recognize and address harassment and discharge of women personnel due to allegations of Lesbianism.

The testimony, organized in part by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Organization for Women, was presented April 19, 1989 by two active duty and two veteran women before the 35 member Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Service.

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Members of New York City's ACT-UP will be in Milwaukee in late September. They plan a demonstration and will help with the organization of Milwaukee's newly formed ACT-UP group. Pictured above are several members from New York who attended the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta last summer.

ACT-UP Plans August 25 Action

[Milwaukee]- The newly formed chapter of AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) will be holding a demonstration in front of the Federal Building in downtown Milwaukee, according to Daniel Trzebiatowski, president of the organization.

The action will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 25, the purpose being to protest governmental negligence in the struggle against AIDS.

Trzebiatowski has also announced that members of ACT-UP New York will be in Milwaukee in September for a week-long visit. They will be conducting seminars, group meetings and take part in demonstrations while they are here.

Crisis Line Offers Training

[Milwaukee]- In cooperation with Milwaukee area Professionals, the Women's Crisis Line will offer Para-Professional Telephone Counseling Training beginning Wednesday, September 20, 1989 and running through October 28, 1989.

The training will include areas of concern such as domestic violence, chemical dependency, crisis intervention, general counseling and much more. We need women who are empathetic, non-judgemental and who have the desire to empower women in the community. Being a volunteer for the Women's Crisis Line is very personally rewarding.

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C'est la Vie

The bar is jazzing up it weekends with very hot, special events. A Wet Jockey Shorts Contest and Hot Legs Contest have been held and that's only the beginning! Watch for other SPECIALS in the coming weeks.

La Cage

July's extra number of cloudy days put an early damper on the first annual Block Party, but the community loves a party and turned out towards evening for a GALA happening.

MAPfest

Remember this year's MAPfest is on a new date. That's SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd - the day BEFORE Labor Day. There's also a new location, Schlitz Park on North Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (N. 3rd St.). Bringlots of money to donate. It's badly needed as cases go up.

STOP AIDS- MILWAUKEE

Sponsored by MAP, STOP AIDS-MILWAUKEE is an especially important new program. Sign up, show up and speak up. Call the MAP office at 273-AIDS for details.

The Triangle

The Triangle's AI rooted long and hard as his team lost a heartbreaker to the Wreck Room in the SSBL Playoffs. The game could have been the Major League World Series--it was that well played. The game tied both teams for the prize to go to Atlanta. The next game was postponed by rain again and again and again. It will and must be played.

Seen

What deeply closeted Gay man thought the Third Ward Best Block Party was an all-Gay affair and went walking, hand in hand, with his boyfriend--RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!!!!

The New Leaf

The owner and chief bartender of this Janesville bar visited Milwaukee recently. If you get to Janesville, prepare to feast your eyes. Besides a great bar layout, their bartender won the Wet Jockey Shorts Contest at C'est la Vie. Best looking bartender in the state?? But then maybe Tony at C'est la Vie could give him a run for his money?

Cream City Foundation

The Foundation needs candidates for president and board of directors. The Nominating Committee needs your resume and letter of interest. Send them to CCF, 225 S.2nd, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Video Adventures

A grand new home for Video Adventures, next to Walgreen's on the corner of Brady and Farwell. There's free memberships with proper ID. The dominant color is lavender. Any reason, hummmm???

New Lesbian Group

One hundred Lesbians are forming a Lesbian issues group. Wow! We need them. Women's issues get little attention now. Remember though, some issues need both Women and Men. Let's not get caught up into 2 very separate camps when a "duel issue" comes up.

Pride Committee

The committee is off and running, getting ready for the Gay Nineties with a new election process, incorporation and looking for 100 plus new volunteers. Let's all get involved!

Partners

The buzz in the community is that Partners is the new name for the old YP. Word has it that there is a complete remodeling going on - down to the bare walls. Watch for its opening date. You'll not recognize it when you see it.

Starting Out and Going On

Congratulations to John (MAP) and Ray (FCS) on their wedding. We heard it was beautiful and deeply moving. Congratulations, too, to Sue Cook and Mary Shafer on their Fifth Anniversary.

Seen

At the Third Ward Best Block Party, a young male hunk walking along. His T-shirt extolled surfing and, on the back, it read, "If it swells, ride it." Now, could the dear boy have meant only those wild ocean waves, hummmmm?

Wreck Room

Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers will be part of the entertainment for the Wreck Room's 17th Anniversary Party, Sunday, August 20. Festivities actually begin with a Construction Attire Contest on the evening of the 19th, and on Sunday, Bill has announced a full buffet; the works.

Happy Birthday

A GREAT BIG, GRAND, WONDERFUL HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Karen Lamb!!! The Best of Birthdays, Karen from all of us who love you very, very much.

M&M Club

The Club celebrated its 13th Anniversary, August 5-6, in grand style - as usual. Bob had the bar done up like a circus tent complete with posters, colorful balloons, red and white streamers and a white, full size merry-go-round horse prancing on the bar itself. Saturday night there was free beer during cocktail hour and one Sunday, a magnificent free outdoor barbecue. The food was sooooo good or, as Karen Lamb put it, "absolutely scrumptious!!!" Congratulations to Bob and all his fine staff.

Third Ward Best Block Party

The Gay/Lesbian information booth was a first and hopefully, not the last. Participating organizations were pleased with the positive response of passers-by. Kip does a good job of making the whole thing run smoothly - even with the early morning rain scare. After that, the weather was typical August, steamy, but there was one advantage. The scenery was gorgeous. All those tight little shorts!!! Enough to give anyone heart palpitations.

The Original Fest City Singers, dressed in white shorts (lotta nice legs there) and blue tops, represented our community well by singing a medley of songs (a favorite, "Master of the House"). This was the first time that the Singers performed under their new Director, Nancy McKinley Ehlinger and they did a superb job. Nice to see all the new women members.

Much thanks to Joan Zepecki and the Third Ward Association for sponsoring the information booth.

National Disability Rights Bill Heads For Victory

[Washington, D.C.] - The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), described by disability activists as the most significant civil rights legislation since the Civil Rights Act of 1964, has been unequivocally endorsed by the Bush administration, passed unanimously out of committee and appears headed for a certain victory in the full Senate.

Co-sponsored by Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass) and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), the ADA (S.933) will protect people with disabilities from discrimination in employment, transportation, public accommodations, activities of state and local government, and communications, giving protection comparable to that afforded other groups on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age and religion.

The bill defines disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; a record of such impairment; or being regarded as having such an impairment. This definition includes people with AIDS or who are HIV-positive.

In a press statement Kennedy said, "By acting on ADA, we are taking an enormous step forward in the nation's battle to conquer the epidemic of AIDS."

BEN-SHALOM
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had maintained that the Army's refusal to allow her re-enlistment violated her Equal Protection rights.

The Circuit Court ruled against this, basing its decision on "Bower v. Hardwick," a 1986 U.S. Supreme Court decision in which the High Court upheld Georgia's sodomy laws.

"If homosexual conduct may be constitutionally be criminalized, then," reasoned the Circuit judges, "homosexuals do not constitute a suspect or quasi-suspect class entitled to greater than rational scrutiny for equal protection purposes."

The Court went on to say that even if the dissenting judges in "Hardwick" were right and homosexual acts between consenting adults done in private should not be outlawed, that reasoning did not fit Ben-Shalom's case.

The judges wrote that Ben-Shalom was a "member of the armed forces" and therefore, had "voluntarily sacrificed much personal privacy and liberty" which in the Army are "necessarily at a premium."

Earlier in the decision, the Court had reasoned that Ben-Shalom's acknowledgment of her Lesbianism could "rationally and reasonably" be viewed as the likelihood of "desire and propensity to engage in homosexual conduct."

In the end, the court pointed out that while Gays and Lesbians have "suffered a history of discrimination and still do," the political power of Lesbians and Gays is growing. If things are to change, it is up to Gays to use that power to change them.

"It cannot be said that they (Gays and Lesbians) have no ability to attract the attention of lawmakers." The court continued by saying, "A political approach is open to them" to get Congress to remove military discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

In support of this position, the judges cited Time magazine's report that "one congressman is an avowed homosexual" (There actually are two) and "a charge that five other top officials are known to be homosexual."

Patrick Berigan, Ben-Shalom's attorney since 1985, told Light that he plans to file a motion on rehearing "en banc" which asks for the entire circuit bench sitting as a group to rule on the case. The basis for the motion, said Berigan, will be that the case is of "important legal significance."

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ads could not fairly be compared with public accommodation.

"A newspaper is a private enterprise," she wrote in her ruling. "The concept of compelling publication of material the publishers choose not to publish is foreign to the application of the First Amendment in our law."

Press-Gazette publisher Michael Gage said the ruling was an important one for newspapers throughout Wisconsin.

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expand the food pantry utilized by many clients.

The new state commitment of funds plus the sustained giving of the community at large will, in Nelson's opinion, enable MAP "to establish a Milwaukee model for lifecare for PWA's that will be followed by the rest of the country," he said. "This again shows Wisconsin's historic place as a progressive and compassionate leader in the areas of caring and the rights of individuals," he said.

Nelson, as do others, is quick to praise Clarenbach for his efforts in working to get the state funding. "I would never have guessed," Nelson said, "that the law would pass and," he added, "it

would not have passed had it not been for the outstanding political skill of David Clarenbach."

Calling Clarenbach "the most compassionate and sensitive advocate that the Gay/Lesbian community can have," Nelson concluded that Clarenbach's "commitment once again has made Wisconsin the nation's leader in its support of the Gay/Lesbian community."

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Gay Info Services

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Hungarian Government Allows First Gay/Lesbian Group To Form

By Kurt Krickler

Editor's Note: The following is the last of a four part series on Gay life in Eastern Europe. It is written especially for Wisconsin Light.

Hungary is the first, and until now, the only country of the nine discussed here where an officially recognized association of Gay men and Lesbians has been founded. Amazingly enough, the Hungarian movement started much later than the movement in East Germany or in Poland.

In September 1985, Hungarian television broadcast a documentary on AIDS and how this problem is dealt with in other countries. The film team had logically investigated the situation in Hungary's neighbor country, Austria.

At that time, the "Osterreichische AIDS-Hilfe" was about to be founded. The Austrian AIDS Foundation was initiated by the "Homosexuelle Initiative Wien" (HOSI-Wien) and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health. This model was and still is, very successful. When Dr. Brandstatter, vice-president of AIDS-Hilfe and president of HOSI-Wien, was interviewed by Hungarian Television, he stressed the importance of this cooperation between health authorities and the Gay movement in the fight against AIDS. He also stated that it would be of great importance that an independent Gay organization be founded also in Hungary.

Years later, Hungarian Gays told us that they had smiled and shaken their heads when listening to such utopian and unrealistic statements of this naive Austrian. Nevertheless, a few months later informal circles of Gay friends started to meet and to discuss the possibilities and ways of organizing.

As in Poland, AIDS gave the decisive impulse and was the main issue in the first discussions of the activists. Homosexual men perceived AIDS as a great threat to their lives, not only as a health crisis, but also as a motive for more oppression.

As in Poland, one of their main concerns was and still is, the possibility of anonymous HIV testing and AIDS counseling. The Hungarian health authorities incited the distrust of Gay men when, in 1985, the STD clinic in Budapest sent out letters to Gays requesting them to come for an HIV antibody test.

In 1986, an informal group applied at the Ministry of the Interior for recognition

MASN Seeks AIDS Support Volunteers

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is now accepting applications for Emotional Support Volunteers to give direct support to people with AIDS and their family and friends. A one year minimum commitment is required.

Training will take place on September 9-10 and Sept. 23-24, 1989. A limited number of applicants will be accepted. For applications, interviews and more information call MASN at 251-6276. Deadline for applications is Sept. 1, 1989.

"Why Is My Child Gay?" Booklet Out

[Washington, D.C.] - Why Is My Child Gay? is a 16-page booklet published by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) with answers to the questions provided by 11 nationally known scientists in the fields of human development and sexual behavior.

Among the questions addressed are: How is sexual orientation effected by genetic, hormonal, social or psychological factors? Can Lesbians and Gays change their sexual orientation through therapy or other means?

Most of the 11 scientists agreed that there is a biological predisposition toward sexual orientation at birth, no single factor causes homosexuality and sexual orientation cannot be changed.

One free copy is available to those who send a long, self-addressed stamped (45 cent stamp required) envelope to: PFLAG, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, CO 80220.

as an official Gay and Lesbian association. This application, however, was turned down without giving a reason. The authorities obviously did not understand what the group was about and how they would react.

In October, 1987, the group tried again. This time they applied at the Ministry for Public Health and Social Affairs. On January 13, 1988 — an historic date — a spokesperson of the Ministry stated via the media that the founding of a national organization of homosexuals would be permitted. This information caused a great sensation in the Hungarian and international media. Activists and leaders of the group appeared — as their colleagues in Poland and East Germany — in radio and TV programs and were interviewed by many newspapers.

The constituent general assembly of the group took place in Budapest on May 8, 1988. Soon a branch of the organization was formed in the western Hungarian city of Gyor.

The group calls itself "Homeros Lambda — Homoszexualisok szabadidos es egeszsegudo egyesulete" (Homosexual Association for Leisure and Health Protection). Gay and Lesbian liberation will, however, not be neglected in this new association.

In February 1989, Homeros Lambda opened its own Gay and Lesbian centre, "Lokal," at 31 Kertesz utca in the city center of Budapest.

Hungary is also the first Eastern European country where a private AIDS foundation which is comparable to AIDS foundations in Western countries, has been founded. This took place on November 25, 1987.

In Fall, 1988, a counseling centre and alternative testing site, AIDS segely (AIDS Help) was opened in Budapest where physicians and psychologists — some of them openly Gay — offer anonymous and free counseling and HIV testing for Gay men.

Appendix REPORTED AIDS CASES:

	Number	Date of Report
Albania	0	Dec. 88
Bulgaria	3	Dec. 88
Czechoslovakia	12	Dec. 88
German Dem. Republic	10	Jan. 89
Hungary	17	Nov. 88
Poland	5	Dec. 88
Rumania	9	Sep. 88
USSR	8	Feb. 89
Yugoslavia	74	Feb. 89

Boughner and Johnson Invited To Bangkok

Terry Boughner, Executive Editor of Wisconsin Light and Jerry Johnson, Light's publisher, have been invited to attend the 3rd Gay Asian Conference in Bangkok to be held August, 1990.

Dr. Boughner has been asked to address the conference on the subject of Gay and Lesbian history and its relevance to the international Lesbian/Gay movement.

Mr. Johnson will be holding seminars on the mechanics of starting and operating a Lesbian/Gay newspaper.

The conference will draw Lesbians and Gays from all countries in Asia. 1500 people are expected to attend.

LOVE & SEX



In general, men are more likely to approve of sex without love than are women. But lesbians are more likely to approve of it than are married men. In one study, those who said they approved of sex without love broke down as follows, by category:

- Gay men: 79%
- Male co-habitors: 72%
- Female co-habitors: 67%
- Lesbians: 57%
- Married men: 52%
- Married women: 37%

Summarized from *American Couples*, by Philip Blumstein and Pepper Schwartz.

Green Bay's Center Project Founder Bielinski Resigns from Organization

By Brian J. Garzonio

[Green Bay, WI]- Recently, in Green Bay, a quiet farewell party was given in honor of Mike Bielinski. After donating the past four years to northeastern Wisconsin's AIDS service organization, Community Endeavor for Needs, Tests, Education and Referral commonly known as "Center Project, Inc." (CPI), Bielinski resigned from the Board of Directors. In addition to being a founder of CPI, Bielinski served as its president for three years and board member for the past year.

Mike first became interested in AIDS work when, in the Summer of 1985, he visited San Diego. There he witnessed a candle-light vigil in Balboa Park attended by more than 7,000 people for persons who had died of complications due to AIDS. Seeing this, he realized the seriousness of the crisis; that it was only going to get worse and that he wanted to help.

Returning to his home in northeastern Wisconsin, he set about starting Center Project. "I found that no one was really doing anything, so I thought that I would try to be a catalyst to change that," he said.

Bielinski's goal, to build a permanent and professional AIDS program, immediately ran into several difficulties. One was the reaction of the media that Center Project was simply a Gay activist group.

The second and more serious hurdle was his discovery that, "An AIDS project that would work in a large urban area like Milwaukee, would not work in the rural regions of Wisconsin. CPI needed to create a rural model and rally broad-base community support from both Gays and

Sex In China 'Special Medicine' For Elderly

Hong Kong. Sex in China? Yes or No? Guangdong radio has announced that over 100 brothels, male and female, in the province have been uncovered by police. China News Service, the official China news agency, says that two Guangzhou men, who ran one brothel staffed by more than 40 prostitutes, were executed recently. The agency added that the fight against prostitution would be one of the major tasks facing law enforcement authorities in the province this year.

Sex between old people is a "special medicine" which slows the aging process, prevents disorders and should not be ridiculed, according to *China Daily*. Chinese people should change their ideas that sexual activity belongs only to the young, the paper said in a report on a Shanghai conference on problems of the aged. A recent survey of 1,000 Chinese aged between 60 and 70 showed that 600 were still interested in sex.

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ABC

Many words have been coined to describe non-conventional types of sexuality. Here are three:

ANDROTROPE and **GYNAECOTROPE**. A gay man and a lesbian, respectively. Kurt Hiller suggested these terms in 1946, because of what he considered the negative connotations of "homosexual." They never caught on.

BOSTON MARRIAGE. A living-together relationship involving two women. This term was mainly used in nineteenth-century New England; it sometimes referred to lesbians, sometimes to independent heterosexual women.

VICE ALLEMANT. A nineteenth-century French term for homosexuality. It translates as "the German vice."

non-Gays."

Initially, CPI was to have been an HIV testing sight, but, as Bielinski discovered, it had to expand to meet needs for referral and support services required by those who were HIV positive or who were living with AIDS. This, in turn, meant that the health care community had to be educated both in Green Bay and the seven surrounding counties.

This educational effort culminated in one of the largest AIDS conferences ever held in Wisconsin, "AIDS IN WISCONSIN: BUILDING A FUTURE" held in 1988.

Currently CPI provides for HIV testing at the clinic, mobile testing in Stevens Point, Wausau and Appleton, support services for PWA's and those who are HIV+, a resource center for up to date information on the disease as well as providing AIDS education over a 100 mile area.

Asked why he resigned, Bielinski said, "Center Project has grown up with the virus to meet the need in northeastern Wisconsin. It needed more skills than I had. Starting a non-profit business is a lot like starting a for-profit business, but when they mature, they are extremely difficult. I knew that I didn't have the management skills to keep it running when it achieved a certain complexity."

As well as being a founding member of CPI, Bielinski has served with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the Governor's AIDS Media Advisory Committee, on task forces in Fox Cities, Brown County, Manitowoc, Bellin, Shawano and has served as an advisor to the Green Bay-Catholic Diocese AIDS Task Force.

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