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The Wisconsin Light

Dubuque To Hold Third Annual March Sept. 16

[Dubuque, IA]- It is time once again for Dubuque, Iowa's annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Rally/March, this one being its third. The date is set for September 16, 1989 at Washington Park with the rally beginning at noon and the march to follow at approximately 1:00 p.m.

The Pride Celebration, which began in 1987, has become a continuation of confronting homophobia. Dubuque's first rally/march brought out hecklers who physically and verbally harassed supporters.

The second Celebration became a national event with over 600 people coming to Dubuque from all over the country. There was no physical violence this time although police arrested many who they suspected of trying to attempt it.

In between the marches, the fight to convince Dubuque's city council to include "sexual orientation" in the city ordinance as a protected category went on. On May 15, 1989, the city council voted 4-3 against inclusion.

An additional situation that has kept homophobia alive is the filing of two discrimination claims by a Dubuque Lesbian, Stacie Neldaughter. These claims revolve around Neldaughter's termination from a softball team she had been playing with for three years and Neldaughter's team being harassed in league play in Dickyville, Wisconsin.

The first claim is currently under investigation while probable cause has been found for the latter.

It thus appears that the first Dubuque Lesbian/Gay March was the stimulus to all the things that followed. It is important to continue this powerful spirit at the Third Annual March. We hope to see you there.

Bricken Named New Director Of MASN

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) has announced that Earl Bricker will be MASN's new Executive Director. Bricker assumed his new duties on August 21.

Bricker comes to MASN from working for the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin as its Madison Coordinator and for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, where he served as Communications Director.

A former teacher and Peace Corps Volunteer, Bricker also was a member of the staff of former Governor Tony Earl.

"I've been fortunate in the jobs I've held as an adult," said Bricker. "Lucky in the sense that I've been able to make a living and a contribution simultaneously. Serving as Director of MASN will pose a new challenge, one which I look forward to immensely."

Bricker also serves as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, representing Madison's 9th District. As a member of the County Board, he serves on the Human Resources Committee and as Chair of the newly created Children, Youth and Families Committee of the Human Services Board.

Wausau's R-Bar Destroyed By Fire; To Reopen

Wausau, WI- The R-Bar in Wausau was destroyed by fire last week. The owners plan to re-open the business as soon as possible. Community fund raisers are being arranged to help cover the businesses losses.

Milwaukee AIDS Project Budget Nears \$1 Million As Case Load Grows

By Doug Nelson
Executive Director
Milwaukee AIDS Project

At the end of 1989, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will complete its fifth year of service to people affected by AIDS. From a handful of volunteers at the Brady East STD Clinic who launched the Project in 1985, to more than 1,000 volunteers and donors who support us today — the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has grown and changed in order to meet the dramatic challenge that AIDS brings to our community.

Over the past five years, hundreds of people have dedicated an enormous amount of time, energy, and money to make sure that MAP provides the highest quality of service to all people affected by AIDS. These efforts are surely the reason why MAP today remains Milwaukee's leader in the fight against AIDS.

Much has changed at MAP in five years:

- The MAP budget increased from \$77,414 in 1985 to \$896,702 in 1989.

- The employee staff increased from one to twenty-one.

- The Milwaukee House was purchased as a home for people living with AIDS.

- Life care services for clients became a major part of MAP's mission providing case management, counseling, financial and legal assistance, support groups and a vast array of practical support services to clients.

- Education services changed in order to better serve people whose behaviors put them at highest risk for AIDS — IV drug users, prostitutes, the homeless and people having difficulty changing unsafe sexual practices.

- The Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project was created as a companion AIDS Project to MAP serving Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties.

- What has not changed over the past five years is the loyalty, trust, and support that MAP has received from Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community. It has been the foundation that has supported all of MAP's work and it continues to be our strength as we confront the difficult challenges of an increased AIDS caseload in the future.

Because of the unique and historic partnership between MAP and Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community, we offer this special report.

It's purpose is to provide an update on MAP's services and the funding needed to support them. Because so many friends from the Lesbian/Gay community have donated money to MAP over the years, this report will also clarify how your individual contributions are used and how urgently they continue to be needed, particularly to fund the delivery of life care services to our clients.

1989 EXPENSES

The 1989 budget for the Milwaukee AIDS Project is represented by the budget of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) which is MAP's parent corporation. All funds donated or granted to MAP are funds of ARCW. Currently, ARCW is the corporate home for MAP and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project. Because MAP comprises about 92% of the ARCW budget, MAP and ARCW are often interchangeably referenced.

The total budgeted expense for ARCW in 1989 is \$896,702. Eighty-seven percent of this expense is for delivery of program services to the community and to people living with AIDS and HIV infection:

A. Education and information.

The 1989 expense for education services is \$392,295 or 43.7% of the budget. Education and information are the only means we have to prevent AIDS.



The Miss Gay Wisconsin-U.S.A. Pageant was held at Appleton's Pivot Club on August 20. Pictured above are: Netasha Edwards, Miss Gay U.S.A.-1988; Tanya Michaels, winner of the pageant; Jody Hanvey (Mr. Gay U.S.A.-1988); and Candy Stratton, Miss Gay West Virginia-U.S.A. and MC of the pageant.

These are MAP's longest running services which include: the Wisconsin AIDSLINE; the Library Resource Center; street outreach to IV drug users, prostitutes, and the homeless; outreach to the Gay community through STOP AIDS Milwaukee program; training educators and health and social service providers to more effectively serve people affected by AIDS; and, general community education on AIDS.

B. Life care services for clients.

The 1989 expense for life care services is \$241,645 or 27% of the total budget. Staffed by professional social workers and case managers, the Life Care Services Department at MAP has emerged as Milwaukee's leading resource for coordinated care and service to people with AIDS and HIV infection. The Life Care Services budget for 1989 has increased by 120% over its 1988 level reflecting the dramatic growth in importance that MAP places on high quality service for people affected by AIDS. Currently, MAP provides life care services to 152 people with AIDS and more than 100 people with HIV infection.

MAPfest 89 To Be Held Sunday, Sept. 3 at Schlitz Park

[Milwaukee]- It's time to mark your calendars for the fourth annual MAPfest. This Milwaukee tradition, produced by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will be held on Sunday, September 3rd from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m. In an effort to expand the Fest this year, the location has been changed to the corner of N. 3rd St. (King Drive) and Cherry St. This change has added a new flavor to the festival.

MAPfest has emerged as one of the premiere events designed for the enjoyment of the Gay and Lesbian community. Historically, it has been the Gay and Lesbian communities that have supported the fight against AIDS in the U.S. Milwaukee support has been tremendous and MAP thanks you for your loyalty.

This year's festivities include, not one, but 2 stages, where some of the finest local personalities will provide continuous entertainment. There will be games galore, including a balloon popping dart game, MAP poker, and a spaghetti toss (can you think of anyone that you might want to splatter with spaghetti?). MAPfest will also tickle your tastebuds with hot dogs, tacos, roast corn, soda, beer and wine.

An explanation of Life Care Services follows this section.

C. Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project [SEWAP].

SEWAP expenses for 1989 total \$75,668 or 8.4% of the budget. A companion AIDS project to MAP, it provides education and life care services in the Racine, Kenosha and Walworth county area. MAP works closely with SEWAP, sharing resources and providing assistance with service delivery, volunteer training, and financial management.

D. Administration.

Administrative expense for 1989 is \$72,726 or 8.1% of the budget. Even though we have insisted on keeping administrative cost to a minimum, there are certain costs in operating a large agency that must be met. They include: liability insurance for service delivery, legal and audit expense, financial management systems, and office operation costs. Administrative staff is also required and a considerable amount of administrative time is devoted to advocacy on AIDS related issues.

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Many organizations will be sponsoring booths at MAPfest '89, including Galano Club, Commitment '89, Fest City Singers, Lambda Rights, Gay Pride Committee, In-Step, Wisconsin Light, ACT-UP, Cream City Foundation and others.

Another new addition to this year's MAPfest will be information booths describing some of the holistic health services (such as message and Reiki) that are available in the Milwaukee area.

Your \$2.00 admission fee entitles you to a full day of enjoyment. It's a chance to get out in the sunshine, mingle with old friends and maybe make some new ones. And, you can take pride in knowing that your donations are going to help provide supportive services for MAP's clients.

Presently, MAP serves 152 people living with AIDS (and over 100 people with HIV infection) in the Milwaukee area. Among the many services MAP provides to its clients are, financial, emotional medical support and emergency housing. Your dollars will allow MAP to continue to provide these much needed services.

Thank you and we'll see you at MAPfest '89, Milwaukee's best fest!



The Milwaukee Pride ad-hoc Committee members met at a picnic meeting to begin planning for 1990. The planning will officially begin with a general meeting and elections on Sept. 7 when everyone is invited. (See article on page 5 of this issue). Pictured above are: front row (l to r) Alan Eslinger, Gary Wells, Scotter Kennedy, Dennis Thomas and Jim English; Back row (l to r); George Keen, Scott Gunkel, Bob Robison, John Hogen, Derek Christiansen, Mike Lisowski and Don Clabots. Not pictured are: Miriam Ben-Shalom, Cheryl Williams and Jerry Johnson.

Schwamb To Retire As CCF Plans For New Decade

By Don Schwamb, President, CCF

Being a somewhat slow period for news, the Editors asked me to write an article to update the community on the goings on at the Cream City Foundation. For those of you who aren't familiar with us, the CCF is the Milwaukee area's Gay/Lesbian philanthropic organization. We are dedicated to raising funds that can be disbursed to the multitude of causes and organizations that contribute to the well being of the area's Lesbians and Gays.

So far, 1989 has been an excellent year for the CCF. Our receipts from the United Way/ A CHOICE campaign were above expectations; we continue to be pleased by the support we receive from the several combined employee campaigns in the area. The Casino Night in April was also a success, based on both the number of attendees and the money raised. While receipts were not as high as hoped, due to a lack of advance ticket sales effort, the attendees all had a great time, and the CCF raised some money to help continue our work. Next year, we will be considering a new location for Casino Night, both to provide some variety and to give us a greater share of income from bar sales.

This year has been very good for major donations, due to a new effort to concentrate certain efforts on this area. This program was kicked off in a private party held in mid June, which, through the generous efforts of the hosts, resulted in \$10,000 being raised for the Foundation's programs. This program will continue with additional parties and activities, along with a program to promote estate planning. (Designations to the CCF in a will can ensure that a person's assets may continue providing benefit to their community even after they have departed.)

With fall setting in, we are preparing to begin the annual Phone-A-Thon effort. This involves contacting each person on the CCF mailing list by phone, to discuss briefly the activities of the CCF, and solicit financial and time commitments for the coming year's programs. In addition to providing a good source of income, this program has been invaluable in helping us keep in touch with our donor base, and hear comments, complaints, and compliments on our efforts. When you are called, please take a minute or two to talk with us!

Most important, the money being raised continues to go to good cause. In our most recent grant cycle, the CCF awarded over \$3,000 to other organizations. These included the Pride Committee, Legal Aid Society, Lambda Rights Network, and the Fest City Singers. Grants awarded at the four quarterly cycles in the past year included, in addition to those above, moneys to Cream City Chorus, Galvanize, Women's Crew Cuts Video, a Deborah Davis concert, Grapevine, and Legal Aid, among others. Also, in February, we granted \$5,000 to NEWIST of Green Bay for the development and production of a video for use in schools on issues facing Gay and Lesbian youth. This video will be used throughout the state as part of a state program, and may be used elsewhere in the country.

In other support to the community, the Foundation Community Center continues to provide service to the area's Gay and

Lesbian organizations, as a place to meet and discuss community matters. The future of the present Center is in doubt, however. We have not received as much financial or volunteer support for the Center as we had hoped, and the present landlord has not maintained the property; there are continuing security and electrical problems which have not been corrected despite months of complaints. As our present lease expires early in 1990, we will be re-evaluating the situation and possibly looking for a new site.

The CCF sponsored and funded Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network continues their good work through the herculean monthly effort of planning, taping, editing, and airing the monthly cable program TRI CABLE TONIGHT. The quality of their effort speaks for itself in the fact that they have received several national and local awards for excellence, including a First Prize in the national Hometown competition for cable news programs! Watch TRI CABLE TONIGHT on MATA/ Warner cable, or in one of the Milwaukee area bars which show the program at various times throughout the month.

On the Board of Directors, we have had some comings and goings. We have seen the departure of two board members after long periods of productive service, but we have also been joined by several new members who bring new energy and ideas to the organization. The combination of these persons, and the committee members who provide day to day service in the Center and on the various committees, continue to keep the Foundation busy.

While the CCF Board has been taking a break during July, we reconvene with our annual Board retreat and elections in September. These events will preface both new and continuing activities in the remainder of 1989, and into 1990. I plan to step down as President at the September elections. After almost 6 years in that position, I look forward to concentrating more time on specific Foundation activities. It is also time for new blood and leadership to guide the Foundation into the next decade. Only continual change and re-evaluation can keep the CCF or any organization viable and responsive to the needs of the community. I have been pleased to have been so deeply involved in that past, and wish to thank those in the community who have done the same, by providing continuing support, both financial and time wise, to the Foundation. I will continue my support for the CCF, and hope all of you will do the same. Good luck to us!

NOTICE:
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To Die"
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in the
next issue.

Ben-Shalom Continues To Fight Army In Lonely Battle

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- Miriam Ben-Shalom said she wanted to cry when she learned that a federal court had ruled against her and decided that the U.S. Army can ban Lesbians and Gay men.

She was at the Michigan Women's Music Festival, a gathering of thousands of women, mostly Lesbians, and "I had this feeling I should call home."

When she called, she learned that the day before, on Aug. 7, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago had ruled she had no right to re-enlist in the Army (See last issue of Wisconsin Light.)

At the festival, she was giving two workshops on women in the military to let women know what their rights are if they are accused of Lesbianism.

"People were counting on me," she said. "I felt bad. It hurt so bad I wanted to cry."

"I was sitting there on the (festival) land talking to reporters from that little bitty phone booth in the field."

Many newspapers and radio stations have contacted her for interviews since the ruling, she said, including three Israeli papers. Reporters have been "very, very, very sympathetic," she said. The ruling may be "a good thing" to "arouse public sentiment."

She called the ruling "stupid," "mushy" and "dumb, dumb, dumb." She received an honorable discharge from the Army in 1976 for saying she is a Lesbian. The ruling said the First Amendment right of free speech does not apply to her and that the Fifth Amendment right of equal protection under the law does not apply to Gay men and Lesbians.

The Court refused to disagree with the Army that homosexuals are more prone to commit sex crimes than heterosexuals and that morale and recruitment would suffer if openly Gay and Lesbian people were in the Army.

"I have an inherently criminal nature," Ben-Shalom concluded wryly.

Ben-Shalom said the case would probably wind up in the Supreme Court. Another case involves a Gay sergeant named Perry Watkins. His case is under appeal in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California.

Ben-Shalom said her case differs because hers is based on constitutional rights. In Watkins' case, the Army let him enlist knowing he is Gay, and later decided to act on the regulation and discharge him. The courts have ruled that the Army can't disregard a rule and remember it later, she said.

Ben-Shalom, 41, a public school teacher, has been on active duty with the Army Reserves since Aug. 24, serving as a drill sergeant. The court ruling allowing the Army to discharge her is automatically stayed while her appeal is being considered, she said.

Ben-Shalom said that while the military "may not be for everybody," Gays and Lesbians should have a chance to serve. "Traditionally one way of showing citizenship is serving in the military. If I am not allowed to serve, what am I?"

She compared the Army regulation to a

Nazi law that declared Jews "lesser men."

"America stands for fair play. Let us have a chance to show what we can do," she said. "Once the military changes, so will go the rest of society."

At the Michigan Music Women's Festival, she said, she presented an 11-point program of what women should do if they are investigated and said she is developing a referral list with hopes she will be able to send a packet of information to people who may need it.

"Lesbians and Gay men in the military don't have a strong network," she said. "If nobody else will do something, I will."



SGT. MIRIAM BEN-SHALOM

Using Department of Defense statistics, she estimated that it costs \$100 million each year in direct costs and wasted training to discharge 2,000 men and women for homosexuality or suspected homosexuality.

She called that "outrageous, willy-nilly spending of the taxpayers' money."

The regulation against Lesbians and Gay men in the military is only an administrative policy, she said. If every congressman and senator were to receive "even 100 handwritten letters" each, she said, there would be a change.

"More than ever I need the help I can get from the Gay community," she said. It will cost \$75,000 to take her case to the Supreme Court, she said. An earlier court decision had granted her some court fees, but that was overturned by the most recent ruling, she said.

Donations can be sent to her attorney, she said. Any funds left over when her case is complete will be used for a defense fund, she said. "I don't forget where I came from."

According to court documents, her superiors have always judged her an excellent soldier and she wants to remain in the Army. "I'm not asking for the privilege to commit misconduct. I'm asking for the privilege to serve my country," she said.

"Thousands and thousands" of Gay men and Lesbians are serving their country very well now, she said, but they must do so in secret.

Donations can be sent to Angermeir & Rogers Trust Account, 625 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI 53202, with a note that the money is for Miriam Ben-Shalom's case.



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EDITORIAL

More Persons Have Died of AIDS Than in Entire Vietnam War

The facts are almost too terrible to believe. Since 1981, more people have died of AIDS in this country than were lost in the entire Vietnam War.

By 1991, less than two years away, experts predict that in a group of any 20 people, at least one will be HIV+

In New York City it is estimated that one half of all Gay men are infected with the HIV.

In 1988, Dr. Matilde Krim told the Gay/Lesbian Caucus at the Democratic National Convention that within 10 years or less one half of all Gay men then living would be dead of complications due to AIDS.

Granted that medical advances may mitigate some of this, but the toll in human suffering, anguish, loneliness and fear is and will continue to be terrible beyond imagining.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), along with the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) and Center Project are in the front lines of this horrible struggle.

From personal experience, we can attest that those working at MAP are among the most caring, sensitive, supportive people we have ever met. This, considering the fact that they, the staff and volunteers, face on a daily basis such human pain, fear and misery that the rest of us pray we would not have to see in a lifetime.

It would be nice to be able to say that there was going to be a leveling off, even a decrease in MAP's client load. Such is not the case. It is going to grow and there is absolutely no end in sight.

On Sunday, September 3, MAP will again sponsor MAPfest. It's Labor Day Weekend. It's in a different place. In our opinion neither these nor any other considerations matter.

Is there anyone now reading this who does not know someone who is either living with AIDS or who has died of AIDS complications?

Is there anyone reading this who does not know someone who is HIV+?

Please care. Please, Gay, Lesbian or straight, offer your support by attending MAPfest. The tears you help to dry could one day, God forbid, be your own.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

Those who are familiar with Vic Eliason, the Voice of Christian Youth, and television station WVCY-TV (Channel 30) are not surprised by their "rally" to protest the various proclamations mentioning the Gay Pride Week in Milwaukee.

Gays are not the only one of Wisconsin's legally protected minorities given questionable treatment by WVCY. WVCY was more or less lily-white until a couple of years ago when it was accused of discrimination by an inner city minister. It now has a weekly program from a local African-American church, but otherwise, Black faces are few and far between.

While most mainline Christian groups avoid running down competing churches and religions, WVCY frequently has programs criticizing other faiths such as the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholics, liberal protestants, etc, almost any group that does not believe

WVCY's version of Biblical doctrine.

WVCY promotes right-wing politicians and causes. For example, the John Birch Society. It says it tries to get both Republican and Democratic candidates on its programs during election campaign, but somehow it often seems the Democrat "couldn't make it."

What is really needed is for one of the groups WVCY attacks to fight back by monitoring its activities and filing complaints (with the FCC) and a challenge to its license if appropriate.

One can understand that the local news media have ignored WVCY and its possible abuses over the years, because, unlike WVCY, the media still play by the old rule of respecting religious beliefs as a private right. What is unfortunate is that the media are now lending themselves to WVCY's manipulation by giving unwarranted publicity to a tempest in a teapot.

—Mavin
Milwaukee

Consider Giving to ACHOICE Instead of United Way

This year when you give at work, your contribution can help create positive change in your workplace and in your community. This year you can designate your payroll deduction to ACHOICE.

ACHOICE is a federation of 13 social change organizations which includes the Cream City Foundation. Other member groups include the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, 9 to 5 Working Women Education Fund and Wisconsin's Environmental Decade Institute to name only three. The tie that binds these groups is that each works for significant, long-lasting solutions to serious social problems confronting the Milwaukee area. ACHOICE groups deal with a variety of issues, from education to social opportunity, from pollution to peace.

"Funding for Change" is our motto. We have a vision of Milwaukee that does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, sex or sexual orientation.

Community Shares Needs Our Support In Madison Area

[Madison]- Community Shares of Wisconsin is a non-profit fundraising umbrella organization serving 28 member agencies in the Madison, Dane County area.

These organizations include the United, the Humane Society, the Rape Crisis Center and the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin to mention only four.

Community Shares of Wisconsin's 28 agencies act locally for women, children, the elderly, people of color, Lesbians and Gay men and people with disabilities among many other groups.

Employees working for the City, County, State, MPS, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, MATC or the Federal government can designate their gifts directly to ACHOICE. Others can support ACHOICE by filling out Option "C" on the United Way Donor Option card (you will have to ask the campaign volunteer for this card.)

When you consider your payroll deduction this year, consider ACHOICE. All of the member groups of ACHOICE encourage their supporters to designate ACHOICE itself. It is our belief that the more the federation grows, the stronger will be the efforts of the individual groups. You may still designate a particular ACHOICE member such as the Cream City Foundation if you so choose.

Your workplace contribution will go a long way toward making our vision become a reality. It's your money — why not invest in "Funding for Change."

Red Cross Offers Caregiver's Course in Madison

[Madison]- The Dane County Chapter of the American Red Cross has developed a training program for friends and family members of persons with AIDS (PWA's) as well as health care providers who work with PWA's.

The 18-hour course covers "hands-on" physical cares, nutrition and medication issues and safety of both caregivers and PWA's. Emotional issues, including death and the dying process, are also addressed, as are sources of financial and legal support.

The course is free. It is offered Monday and Thursday evenings, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., at the American Red Cross, 4860 Sheboygan Ave. The next course begins August 28. For registration and/or further information, call the Red Cross Education Department at 233-9300, extension 296.

Belling Had Dismal Ratings In Madison

Editor's Note: The article from which the following is excerpted, appeared in the August 1 issue of *The Capital Times*, Madison and is datelined to Patrice Wendling.

The good news over at WTDY/AM 1480 is that beginning Friday, Aug. 4, the station will replace the mikeside psycho-babble of Dr. David Viscot with a topical talk show. The bad news is the new weekday drivetime (4-6 p.m.) host, Barry Farber, isn't local.

Apparently, WTDY got burned with the dismal ratings generated by local talk show host Mark Belling (currently broadcasting on WISN in Milwaukee) and stayed with New York's ABC radio to replace Viscot, who quit ABC July 17.

"I looked at the quarter hour (ratings) and our peak audience was 600 people with Belling," said WTDY Program Director Tim Morrissey. "We're in the business of reaching the widest audience and the audience was more than quadruple with Viscot. So our decision was very simple."

"There were times," said Morrissey, "when there was only one news story at the top of the hour of Mark's show." Ironically, Belling's official title, in addition to self-appointed gadfly, was that of WTDY news director.

U.S. Mayors To Release Grant Money

[Washington, D.C.]- The United States Conference of Mayors on August 14, released its eighth Request For Proposals (RFP) for funding of community based AIDS risk-education programs. The targets of the Round 8 RFP include: racial and ethnic minorities, substance abusers, HIV+ persons and people with AIDS and people who reside in areas with fewer AIDS cases.

Approximately 20 grants will be awarded for projects up to 12 months in duration, in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 each. A total of \$1 million is available for this funding round.

For further information please contact the United States Conference of Mayors, 1620 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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Parks, Beaches and Fireworks Or Summertime In The City

By Jamakaya

With the sun lying a little lower in the sky, with the days getting shorter and the evenings cooler, summer is slipping away from us again.

I usually don't wax nostalgic about the passing of the seasons, but this summer was something special. Compared with the unrelenting heat of last year, this summer's moderate temperatures and clear air have been heaven-sent. Thanks, Mother Nature. Considering how much we've fucked up the planet, it amazes me that her regenerative powers can still present us with such beauty and bounty.

I got a bike this summer, an old Schwinn my sister sent down from the Twin Cities. It enabled me to see and experience the city like I haven't in a long time. I often rode along bike trails and the length of Milwaukee's lakefront, from the wealthy mansions and wooded seclusion of the north shore to the far reaches of Warnimont and Grant Parks in the south.

Milwaukee is one of the only cities on the Great Lakes with such vast stretches of undeveloped, publicly owned parklands. For the most part, they are safe, clean and accessible even to the differently-abled. Mercifully, they are without the golden arches and fast food refuse which blight other urban lakefronts. I hope the people of Milwaukee continue to reject commercial development and value the beauty of our lakeshore as it is. It was lovely to rediscover that beauty this summer.

I live a short way from Bradford Beach so I spent a lot of time there reading, writing, dozing in the sun and watching women.

An occupational hazard of the Lesbian beach bum is having to fend off the approaches of the ever-present, ever-intrusive heterosexual men. I've gotten pretty adept at turning them away, sometimes gently with a Garbo-like "I want to be alone," sometimes more forcefully with "Get outta my sunlight you ugly creep!" While the men seem to assume a lone woman like myself must be craving their attention, my mind is on an entirely different plane.

I enjoy watching women and children on the beach. The open environment does wonders for both mom and the kids. In contrast to the anger and threats of punishment common to the grocery line, bus rides, festival crowds, etc., moms at the beach are more relaxed and laid-back, content to let the kids dash about (or crawl about as the case may be) without restrictions.

Mothers at the beach seem relieved of an almost physical burden and, in my observations, tend to be more loving and playful with their kids. It's wonderful to watch. They also enjoy the opportunity to chat with another woman and are usually pleased when I offer to build castles or look for stones with the kids.

If you haven't noticed, these close encounters at the beach fulfill a few needs of my own! I have numerous soft spots in my heart but the mushiest one is reserved for women with children. Ahhh, the beach was fun this summer.

Fireworks are another attraction our city has to offer in the summertime, around the Fourth of July and during the ethnic festivals. As a long-time resident of the Eastside, I've scouted out the best locations for viewing and know all the tricks for avoiding crowds and ensuring a good time. Each summer, I try to see as many fireworks with as many women as I possible can.

My penchant for innuendo got me into a little trouble this year however. I got sort of carried away with my invitations, assuring each woman friend in a mock-serious way: "There's no one I'd rather see fireworks with than you..."

They were not amused.

One woman slugged me.

Do not emulate this tactic. If you feel the urge, suppress it.

I did manage to find a number of women, mostly long-time friends familiar with my rhetorical excesses, who accepted the invite and shared the fireworks. We brought food and drinks, partied, reminisced and "oohed" and "aahhed" with the best of them.

There's a lot to be said for grown friends who still respond to the childhood plea "Come out and play!" Especially in



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the summertime. We saw lots of spectacular fireworks together and created some happy memories for future years. I'm sorry to see the summer go.

There are several events coming up in Milwaukee which will ease the transition from summer to fall.

On Sunday, September 3rd (Labor Day Weekend), Don't Look Back Productions is sponsoring a women's dance party, "Turning Out the Summer," from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Lake Park Pavilion just off East Newberry and Lake Drive. A DJ will spin rhythm and blues, salsa and pop tunes. Admission is only \$3.

The "Hurricane Rocks the Water" boat cruise postponed in July because of bad weather is rescheduled for Friday, September 8th from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tickets for the cruise aboard the Emerald Isle are \$10 and can be obtained from People's Bookstore, 1808 N. Farwell, or at dockside (541 E. Erie) the night of the cruise.

Finally, the Women's Crisis Line is presenting Sue Fink in concert on Saturday, September 9th at 8:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall of the Central Library downtown. Tickets are \$10 in advance at People's Bookstore, Outpost Natural Foods and Clear Horizons Food Co-op.

Sue Fink has penned several Lesbian classics including "Leaping Lesbians," (popularized by Meg Christian) and, one of my favorites, the techno-pop punk "Boys Are Thugs." Her most recent LP, *True Life Adventure*, is a little more mainstream than her earlier work and features pop ballads and torch songs ("Make December Burn"). Sue Fink is a great comic. Her quick wit as an emcee has graced many a music fest. I look forward to her banter between songs as much as the songs themselves.

To familiarize yourself with the new voices and musicians in women's music, tune into Women's Music Radio in Milwaukee, Sundays from 11:00 p.m. to midnight on WMSE, 91.7 FM.

National Lesbian Conference Set

[Albany, NY]- A National Lesbian Conference moved one step closer to happening when more than 160 Lesbians gathered at Portland State University from July 21-23, 1989, for a second planning meeting. The three day session resulted in an interim task committee that is empowered to begin the work necessary to make this conference a reality for all Lesbians in this country until the steering committee begins to function in January, 1990.

The conference is scheduled for April 24-28, 1991 in Atlanta, Georgia. Conference planners anticipate that more than 5,000 Lesbians will attend for workshops, plenary sessions and related events.

1991 was set as the date for the conference in order to allow for modifications to sites in Atlanta to permit equal access for Lesbians with disabilities. Time is needed as well for fundraising activities on both the local and national levels to ensure that geographical distance will not be an excluding factor.

An interim national office is located in Albany, New York where interested Lesbians may write to NLC, P.O. Box 3057, Albany, NY 12203 or call (518) 463-1051 for information about the conference and regional or constituency contacts.

AMONG FRIENDS To Appeal Case Against Green Bay Newspaper

By Jay Hatheway

Editor's Note: The following was written as a Letter to the Editor, but due to its length and the importance of the material, it has been changed to article format.

[Madison]- In the August 10 edition of *Wisconsin Light*, there appeared an article titled, "Court Rules Paper Can Reject Gay-Oriented Ads"

Although we appreciated the press coverage, we were nevertheless surprised that *Wisconsin Light* chose not to call us regarding both the nature of our suit and its future. We are not sure how fair it is to "get the story" from the corporation that we are suing!

For the most part, however, your copy was correct; what is needed is the rest of the story! The case does not end here, in fact we are prepared to challenge Gannett all the way to the State/US Supreme Court, if need be. The sole source of our funding is the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund out of New York, according to whom we have a fairly good chance of winning at the appeals level. Local council is Mark Borns. (Attorney of record is Paula Eitelbrick).

It is important that you know what the essential issues are. Specifically, the Equal Right's Division of the Department of Justice for Wisconsin ruled in our favor and found that there was probable cause to believe that the *Press Gazette* (Green Bay) had discriminated against us due to sexual orientation. At the time, our case was accepted as falling within the jurisdiction of the anti-discrimination statutes, in particular that section which pertained to public accommodations.

Shortly thereafter (early 1986) the *Press Gazette* refused to come to mediation, and as a consequence we could either have let the whole thing drop, or file suit. With the advice of Lambda Legal Defense, we chose to sue. At this time, the then Attorney General, Bronson LaFollette, personally ordered that the Equal Rights Division not accept any more "Gay" rulings that dealt with newspapers. His reasoning was that newspapers are protected under the first amendment from suits like our's and from the state's discrimination statutes.

For its part, *Among Friends* was in a quandary — *The Press Gazette* was very blunt in giving its reason for refusing to run our ad. Simply put, we were queer, and no queers allowed.

In consulting with Lambda Legal Defense, we soon learned that the state's anti-discrimination statutes probably still

did apply to suspect categories such as Gays etc., but in this instance to the business section of the newspaper only.

The reasoning is that business sections which engage in the buying and selling of classified and display ads are, by definition, public accommodations since they rely upon and deal with the public for tangible goods **not related** to newspaper editorial. In fact, the business section of a paper which sells a commodity (in this instance, ad space) is subject already to the same restrictions and advantages as all other public accommodations.

According to Lambda and many people in the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the business section is by every legal definition, ipso-facto, a public accommodation — and there have been numerous legal precedents to back this up. We were simply attempting to have the same principle recognized in Wisconsin.

It should not be forgotten as well that our reliance upon the public accommodations section of the anti-discrimination statute applies to suspect categories only — such as sex, sexual orientation, religion, race, etc., and that for three years, from 1983-1986, the Attorney General's Office **ACCEPTED** this position — even regarding Gays.

The *Press Gazette* was the first paper to challenge this position and *Among Friends* was the first to challenge back. When LaFollette became aware of this, he backed off his previous position (*Among Friends* had, previous to the *Press Gazette*, filed a number of successful complaints against various Wisconsin papers with the blessing of the Equal Rights Division and the Attorney General's Office — and we've got the paper work to prove it).

This is part of our story and it essentially brings you up to date — but to re-emphasize, we "ain't done yet", and we have an excellent legal team to assist us in the struggle. Much more can and has been said about our suit which I wrote for *Christopher Street* magazine in an article titled "For Reasons of State."

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Denial and Hope Can Help Person Through Severe Illness

By Daniel G. Trzebiatowski



DANIEL TRZEBIATOWSKI

"No, not me, it can't be true." Denial is used by most of us, not only during the initial stages of an illness, but also throughout the disease process. We can consider the possibility of our own death for a moment, but then have to put this consideration aside in order to live.

"Why me? Why couldn't it have been him?"

When the initial stage of denial cannot be maintained any longer, it is often replaced by feelings of anger, envy and resentment. Understandably, most of us are angry because our life activities have been interrupted unexpectedly. The anger is often directed toward family, friends and hospital staff who can enjoy life without limitations or restrictions. Often we feel like jumping out of our skins to be doing something in order to know that we are still functioning on some level. We want to know that we are still valuable as human beings.

Through our anger we are screaming for others to listen to us and, at times, even accept some of our irrational anger, hoping that the release in expressing it will help towards a better acceptance of ourselves and our lives.

Then there is the bargaining stage. "If it is decided that I be taken and God has not responded to my angry pleas, He may decide otherwise if I ask nicely."

We bargain in an attempt to postpone which usually includes a prize "for good behavior." Most often we ask for a favor (one or more postponements) and include a promise that we will not ask for more if this one postponement is given to us.

Often, our promises are associated with a degree of guilt. It is this guilt that needs to be released through talking to another about it until we are relieved of fears or the wish for punishment because of excessive guilt.

With the extensive treatment or hospitalization, financial burdens are added. There may be a loss of job due to an inability to function. Possessions may have to be sold. Many of the dreams that we once had, we begin to realize can no longer come true.

Besides these common reasons for depression, the terminally ill person also has to undergo the preparatory grief that is necessary to get ourselves ready for the final separation. This grief often is expressed in depression and at this time, more than ever, we need acceptance, encouragement and reassurances from others.

These, family, friends, should allow the expression of grief, of sorrow for it is a way for the person who is ill to ease their way toward final acceptance and, eventually, peace.

If we have been able to work through our denial, anger, bargaining and depression, we will reach a point where we accept our "fate." We will have expressed our feelings. We will have mourned for ourselves, for it is ourselves who we mourn for long before anyone mourns for us.

Acceptance is usually not a happy stage

because it is almost void of all feeling. It is as if the pain is gone and the struggle over. This is usually the time when family and friends need more understanding and support than the one who is ill.

Communication may become non-verbal and limited. Often the one who is ill would rather be left alone. Moments of silence may be most meaningful at this time.

Many terminally ill persons fight to the end. Others do not, but when the fighting stops, the struggle is over. I believe that in the struggling there is denial, an avoidance of the inevitable, and that the more the denial and avoidance, the harder it will be to reach the final stage of acceptance with peace and dignity.

Throughout the stages, one thing usually persists and that is HOPE. Even the most accepting and most realistic of us look for some cure; for a discovery of a new drug or a "last minute success in research."

It is this glimpse of hope that often helps us through the time of suffering. It is this feeling that "all this must have some meaning" which is really hope, that keeps many going. It is this kind of hope that helps us to endure when everything piles up upon us. Hope, I think, is denial, but though temporary, it is needed.

Many terminally ill persons, I think, let go of hope prematurely when friends and family around them seem to do so. Often the reason for this is that our society is not comfortable with death and is, in fact, something of a conspiracy to avoid it. It would be far more helpful if more people were to talk about death and dying as an important and necessary part of life even as birth is a part of that process.

If we could come to an acceptance of an unavoidable reality together, we could avoid unnecessary suffering and pain on the part of the dying and the persons who are left behind.

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Milwaukeean Richard K. Bjurstrom (right) has joined Bill Mole in his 25,000 mile walk around the world to raise money for AIDS. Bjurstrom will serve as advance publicity agent, setting up interviews in advance of Mole's visit to each city. Also pictured is Ron Reichert of Denver who is traveling with Mole. Mole is currently walking through Ohio.

MAP Plans 10K Walk Oct. 1 To Benefit Programs and Research

Dig out your walking shoes and take a step in the fight against AIDS. The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has announced plans for a 10k walk to benefit the many programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and AIDS research through the World Health Organization.

The 10k walk (6.6 miles) is set for Sunday, October 1, 1989 and is being produced by the marketing firm of Robison • Havlicek & Associates on behalf of "Race Against Time U.S.A." "Race Against Time U.S.A." is the organization operated by Bill Mole, the Canadian walking around the world to raise money for AIDS research. Milwaukee was recently one of Mole's stops on his 25,000 mile trek around the world.

Participants in the walk will be asked to arrange for "sponsors" to pledge a

certain amount for each kilometer walked. Half of the money raised will remain in Milwaukee to help fund MAP Services and half will be forwarded to the World Health Organization to help in AIDS research in Bill Mole's name.

Exact details of time and location are being finalized now and complete details along with sign-up forms, maps and sponsor sheets will be available at MAPfest on September 3rd.

Milwaukee will be one of 60 cities world-wide holding an AIDS benefit walk on October 1st and based on the reception Bill Mole received here, he is looking forward to Milwaukee being #1 in participation.

For more information and to register your feet, contact Chris Doerfler at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414) 273-2437.

Volunteers Invited to Milwaukee Pride Week '90 Meeting Sept. 7

[Milwaukee]-On the heels of a successful 1989 Pride Week Celebration, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (ML/GPC) has announced plans to begin organizing next year's activities.

In preparation for the 1990 Pride Celebration, the ML/GPC will host its first open community meeting on Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Cream City Foundation Community Center at 225 S. 2nd St. in Milwaukee. The purpose of the meeting will be to organize next year's committee, elect officers and discuss preliminary plans for the 1990 Pride Week activities.

A major goal of the ML/GPC is to have proportional representation from all segments of the Milwaukee Gay and

Lesbian community. According to John Hogen, acting Chair of the ML/GPC, "It is our desire to have equal representation of men, women, people of color, liberals and conservatives. The voice of ML/GPC should be one that speaks for the entire community."

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the committee is encouraged to attend the meeting on Sept. 7. Those attending will have the opportunity to ask questions about and give their opinions concerning the organizing the 1990 Pride Celebration.

For more information, please contact the public relations and marketing firm of Robison • Havlicek & Associates at (414) 271-5819.

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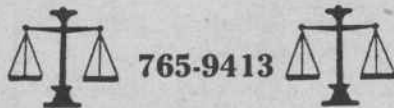
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Sue Fink To Make Milwaukee Appearance September 9

By Sue Burke

Sue Fink says that Wisconsin's Indian place names fascinate her and she thinks that if she ever went to a summer camp here, it would be named No-wanna-a-weenie.

Fink's performances include comedy and music, but, she said, she has emceed so many women's music festivals "some people don't know I do music."

She will perform in Milwaukee at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, at Centennial Hall, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. The concert is a fund raiser for the Women's Crisis Line.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets are available at Outpost Natural Foods, People's Books or Clear Horizons Co-op.

Fink said that most of her material at the concert will be from her new album, "True Life Adventure," although she will sing a few from her first album, "Big Promise" and will perform an improvisational song based on ideas from the audience.



SUE FINK

"Big Promise" had sort of a "techno-pop" Laura Anderson-like style, Fink said, with humorous, political

Theatre Tesseract Opens Season With Two Milwaukee Premieres

[Milwaukee]- Theatre Tesseract, Milwaukee's critically acclaimed off-Broadway theatre company, opens its exciting seventh season with two Milwaukee premieres, produced in rotating rep.

Opening the season on September 14 will be "Vikings" by Stephen Metcalfe. Author of the 1987 Tesseract hit "Strange Snow," Metcalfe has once again written a heart warming play finely threaded with pathos, humor and insight. Three generations of men from the tradition-rich Larsen family grapple with issues of identity, acceptance and love.

This beautifully written play will feature Tesseract favorite Jack Lee, Lynn Allen and Michael Victor Mendelson. It will be directed by Michael Duncan and will run Sept. 14-Oct. 7.

"Eleemosynary," by Less Blessing, will open Sept. 28. This masterfully constructed play examines the subtle and often perilous relationship between three remarkable women: a young girl, her mother and her grandmother.

The play will feature Laura Gordon, Lorna Raver Johnson and Rebecca Kessel and will be directed by Jonathan Smoots. "Eleemosynary" will run Sept. 28-Oct. 22, alternating with "Vikings" Sept.

and "uptempo loud" songs.

"True Life Adventure" contains R & B ballads, like Anita Baker or Whitney Houston, but with more lyrical depth. The songs tell stories about the "place where we realize we have to make a change in our lives."

One, "Letters to Marie," is about the letters between a housewife with a pen pal in prison named Marie. Marie's boss had treated her badly and paid her poorly; one day she decided to forge one of his checks and go to Hawaii.

The housewife, through her correspondence, realizes that her life has been a prison too, and when she discovers that her husband is cheating on her, she takes his credit card and goes to the same hotel Marie had visited in Hawaii.

Another song, "More Tears for the Lonely," Fink said, is about her "personal growth, in terms of being with Jerry," a friend who died of AIDS. The lyrics say, "What's there to do? I'm not the cure, I'm not the cause. I told myself what good friends never do."

She said that the Shanti project has asked if it can use the song in volunteer training sessions.

Fink said she will be on stage using a synthesizer instead of a guitar and is reprogramming her instruments for the second of her new albums.

She works part-time as a vocal coach and has taught Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys and backup singers for Marvin Gaye and Aretha Franklin, and continues to work with some recording labels.

She was also the founding conductor of the Los Angeles Women's Chorus, one of the first two women's choruses in the country. She received the 1984 Vesta Award for her contributions in music in Southern California.

Fink was once troubled with stage fright and underwent hypnosis to try to cure it. As a test, she toured as a keyboard player with Meg Christian.

"It actually worked. I was amazed," she said. "Then I decided to go on my own. This was fun."

She said she hopes that other people with the same problem may be encouraged by seeing a formerly shy person perform and give the audience a great time.

"I don't think anyone will accuse me of being shy anymore," Fink said.

28-Oct. 8.

"Vikings" and "Eleemosynary" will be produced at Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E. Knapp St. Parking is free. Openings are Sept. 14 for "Vikings" and Sept. 22 for "Eleemosynary." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday at 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Additional Sunday matinees at 2:00 p.m. are scheduled on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8. Tickets are \$10.00-\$10.00. Talkbacks will be held on the following Thursdays: Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19. For reservations and group rates call (414) 273-PLAY.

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Artwork by artist Judith A. Moriarty is current featured in a Theatre X window at 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee. Titled "The Party's Over," the painting makes a statement against homophobia.

Milwaukee Pride Week Featured In Current ADVOCATE Magazine

By Bob Robison

[Milwaukee]- As you are reading this, the current issue of *The Advocate* magazine is hitting news stands with a feature article about Milwaukee's 1989 Gay/Lesbian Pride Week Celebration.

The article, written by feature reporter Robert Peterson, was written after Peterson's four day stay in Milwaukee during this year's Pride Week.

While in Milwaukee, Peterson, a native of Wisconsin, followed the Pride Committee and observed, first-hand, the preparations that resulted in a successful Pride Celebration. Peterson also interviewed many area citizens about what the celebration meant to them and had the opportunity to discuss important community issues with many community activists who attended a brunch reception hosted by the Pride Committee.

In a recent phone interview, Peterson said, "This was an extremely difficult article for me to write. I became very involved in the spirit of the activities, especially the parade and rally, and it was hard to transform what I experienced into written words."

The purpose of the article was to feature Milwaukee as a major city holding its first Pride Celebration. Peterson sought reaction from all segments of the community. However, Peterson said, "Some of our Wisconsin readers may be a little disappointed in how the article ended up in print. Given the space constraints and the fact that I had to remove myself emotionally from the article, the end result was more a reporting of facts surrounding Milwaukee's Pride Celebration."

Peterson went on to say that he had a wonderful time meeting people here and wished to thank everyone who contributed to his stay. He also sent best wishes for an even more successful 1990

Celebration.

The *Advocate* is a Gay oriented magazine published bi-weekly in Los Angeles with circulation world-wide. It is available at several retail outlets in the Milwaukee area.

Club Gamma Ray Makes Debut September 1

[Milwaukee]- A new social club is about to make its debut in Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community. It is called Club Gama Ray and will, as Mistro its president says, "provide a fresh change of attitude, atmosphere and attraction." Club Gama Ray offers an alternative to the bar scene and has planned different social gatherings for the Lesbian/Gay community of Milwaukee and the surrounding area.

Club Gama Ray will welcome young and old, women and men, Black and white. The Club's colors are black and silver. Its purpose is to provide entertainment with a difference.

Organizers believe that the success of Gama Ray is promising and the long-awaited time has finally arrived for this type of club.

A "sneak preview" party is planned for Friday, September 1. It will be held at the Washington Park Pavilion from 6:00-12:00 p.m. The price is \$6.00 per ticket which includes beer, food and fun.

For further information, contact Cliff Taylor, 1407 E. Brady St., Box 534, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Jerry Johnson

Novelist Armistead Maupin To Make Milwaukee Appearance

[Milwaukee]- In *Sure of You* — the sixth, self-contained novel in his best-selling *Tales of the City* series — Armistead Maupin bids a fond farewell to the tangled fates of the former residents of 28 Barbary Lane, San Francisco. The most intimate look yet at Maupin's indelible characters, *Sure of You* is a bittersweet comedy that confronts life after a positive test result, the effect of ambition upon marriage and the hypocrisy of closeted celebrities who marry to protect their careers.

Armistead Maupin will read from his final *Tales of the City* novel at Milwaukee's Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave. (at Water), on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. An autographing will follow the reading. For more information call (414) 274-6400. A special hardcover, signed numbered, boxed edition of *The Complete Tales of the City*, limited to 150 sets, is also available from Harper & Row.

Sure of You is the first of Maupin's novels not to be serialized in a San Francisco daily newspaper and is due in



David Perry

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

bookstores in late September. Watch this paper for a full review of the book. The preview that follows is a *Wisconsin Light* Exclusive:

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They had lived on the hill above the hill above the Castro for over two years now. Michael's decade-long residency at 28 Barbary Lane had come to an end when he

and Thack recognized their coupledom and decided to buy a place of their own. Thack, who'd been a preservationist back in Charleston, was far more keen on the idea than Michael, who, on first sighting the "For Sale" sign on his home-to-be, had regarded the place as a hopeless eyesore.

Faced with green asbestos shingles and walled with concrete block, the house seemed nothing more than a hideous jumble of boxes, like three tiny houses nailed together at odd angles. Thack, however, had seen something quite different, hurdling the wall in a frenzy of discovery to pry away a couple of loose shingles near the foundation.

Moments later, flushed with excitement, he had announced his findings: underneath all that eisenhowering lay three original "earthquake shacks," refugee housing built for the victims of the great disaster of 1906. There had been thousands of them in the parks, he said, all rowed up like barracks; afterwards people had hauled them off on drays for use as private homes.

In negotiation with the realtor, of course, they kept quiet about the house's architectural significance (much in the way she had about the bum plumbing and the army ants bivouacking below the deck). They moved in on Memorial Day, 1986, christening the place with a Chinese meal, a Duraflame log and impromptu sex in their jockey shorts.

For the next two years they had set about obliterating the details that offended them the most. Much of this was accomplished with white paint and Michael's creative planting, though Thack made good on his promise to bare the ancient wood in both the kitchen and bedroom. When, after a season or two of rain, their new cedar shingles took on the obligatory patina of old pewter, they glowed with parental appreciation.

Yet to come were a new bathroom and wood-frame windows to replace the aluminum, but they were pressed for money at the moment and had decided to wait. Still, when roaming flea markets and garage sales, they thought nothing of splurging on an Indian blanket or a Fiesta pitcher or a mica-shaded floor lamp for the bedroom. Without ever stating it, they both seemed to realize the same thing:

If there was nesting to be done, it had better be done now.



Jerry Johnson

As the murderer runs free, the audience attempts to find the culprit at Malenake's Wheelhouse restaurant. Pictured are: Thersa Drews, Bert Stawson and Dean Drews in "Terrace Affair."

"Terrace Affair" Defies Audience To Discover Who Murderer Is

[Milwaukee]- Who is there who doesn't love a good murder mystery? How many of us have stayed up late promising ourselves "only one more page"; "only one more chapter" and then you'll put it down and go to sleep — only to finish the book somewhere around 2-3 in the morning?

Reading mysteries is fun. Living out the book can be even moreso which you can do at Melanec's Wheelhouse restaurant, 2178 N. Riverboat Rd., at their Murder Mystery Dinners.

The night my spouse and I went, the production was "The Terrace Affair," an original scenario (as are they all) by Melanec's owner Walt Chowanec. Set in a wedding reception, it was immediately evident that skulduggery was afoot.

The plot was kept moving and the audience involved by five professional actors, Dick and Vicky Katschke, Dean and Theresa Drews and Bert Stawson. While all of them are good, presenting the right mix of zanyness, humor and

suspense, Stawson is an outright hoot playing both Aunt Fritty Pat (wealthy, eccentric, likes to do Lady Godiva imitations on Sundays) and Sister A.G.A. Christy, S.P.C.

In addition to the professional troupe, pre-selected members of the audience also play rolls which adds to the fun.

I will admit that I'm not much into participatory theatre, but, despite myself, I was soon caught up in the thing and found myself scribbling notes, trying to figure out "Who done it?" (I didn't solve it, but I had a lot of fun putting the clues together.)

I should probably tell a little more of the plot, but I don't want to spoil it for you. Suffice it to say that it is cunningly constructed and the "villain" just may fool you.

It all lasts about two hours which includes a buffet dinner while the play goes on around you. The food is almost incidental as the audience circulates.

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Bibliography of AIDS Related Books Now Available

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the hundreds of AIDS-related books in print? A new bibliography can help you decide which ones are worth your time.

A *Bibliography of AIDS-Related Books* was prepared as a public service by Alyson Publications. Eleven reviewers, booksellers, AIDS activists and educators were asked to grade and briefly comment on the books they knew from a list of 200 supplied by Alyson. In the resulting bibliography, each evaluator's comments and grade are listed for each title. Thus, the listings not only indicate which titles were universally liked (Paul Monette's *Borrowed Time* received all A's), but also which are controversial (Louise Hay's *You Can Heal Your Life* got every grade from B to F).

Other widely-praised titles included *AIDS: A Self-Care Manual*, by the AIDS

Project of L.A.; *AIDS: The Women*, edited by Ines Rieder and Patricia Ruppelt; and *Valley of the Shadow* by Christopher Davis.

At the other end of the spectrum, the William Masters' book *Crisis: Heterosexual Behavior in the Age of AIDS* received all D's and F's. So did David Black's *The Plague Years*. And *Healing Ourselves Through AIDS*, by Naboru Muramoto, received an F from Richard Labonte, the only bookseller familiar with it; "Hug-a-teddy twaddle," wrote Labonte.

Single copies of *A Bibliography of AIDS-Related Books* are available by sending a 6" x 9" (or larger) self-addressed envelope with two first-class stamps to Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston MA 02118, and requesting it by title.

Skylight Comic Opera To Change Name With New Season

[Milwaukee]-The SkyLight Comic Opera will change its name to SkyLight Opera Theatre, a name chosen to better reflect the company's identity, as of September 1, 1989.

In announcing the decision, General Director Jane Keegan commented, "The name 'comic opera' is misleading to audiences as it raises expectations of light entertainment and strictly happy endings. Our repertoire, however, includes works like "Sweeney Todd," "Don Giovanni," "The Threepenny Opera," or this season's "Cabaret" and "Camille: La Traviata," which hardly fit that narrow description."

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ACT-UP Milwaukee Receives Help From New York City Group

[Milwaukee]- On the weekend of August 18-20, two representatives of the New York City chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP), Andrew Velez and Joey Nelson, visited Milwaukee as guests of the newly formed ACT-UP Milwaukee and its president, Dan Trzebiatowski.

Velez and Nelson are members of ACT-UP New York's Outreach Committee. They were here to talk about AIDS activism and tell of their experiences in New York City.

ACT-UP is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals committed to direct action via demonstrations and other confrontational tactics to end the AIDS crisis. Their motto is "Silence=Death."

Velez said that ACT-UP fills the gap between AIDS service organizations and the public. "ACT-UP," he said, "has the responsibility to get information (on AIDS) out by guerrilla advertising such as putting up posters and flyers anywhere whether they are permitted or not. 'Forget about good taste,' he said, 'forget about being nice. You don't get anything by saying 'Please.' You say, 'Fuck you! This is what I want! We will not accept this!'" (from intransigent government bureaucrats and others who ignore or down-play the epidemic.

Velez added, "If you're going to die, die with a bullet hole through your open mouth."

There are currently 40 chapters of ACT-UP throughout this country and abroad. Milwaukee is one of the newest. All chapters are independent, but Velez said, ties between chapters are made and maintained.

Both Velez and Nelson who were in town to advise ACT-UP Milwaukee on organization and drum up support for the new organization, painted a dismal picture of the ravages AIDS has inflicted on New York City.

"It is crippling (New York)," Nelson said. "Estimates are that 50 percent of Gay men in New York are HIV+ and it is very possible that within five years, the other 50 percent will be too."

He said that noting that hospitals are ill-equipped to care for AIDS patients. "Often now there's a three day wait in emergency rooms" for care, he said, and many suffering with the disease live and die in the streets. "And," he added, "the situation in New York and everywhere else is only going to get worse."

Velez deplored government inaction, saying that "the combined moneys given for heart, cancer and AIDS research

equals the cost of six stealth bombers."

Velez predicted that AIDS will force "a revolution" in the health care industry. "There will be national health insurance," he said, and "the medical mafia will be overthrown." Never before, he said, "has there been such questioning on the part of the public of the medical establishment." "People are taking their health into their own hands," he said.

Both Velez and Nelson admitted that the epidemic had not reached the proportions that it has in New York or New Jersey. "That is why you here must act now," he urged. "You cannot wait. You can't deal with something only when it becomes a disaster."

Velez pointed out that everyone is at risk. "If you drop dead after this conversation," he told *Light* you will be absolutely assured that you not get HIV." Otherwise, there is no guaranteed safety.

ACT-UP VISITS MILWAUKEE GAY AND LESBIAN BARS

Saturday evening, August 19, Velez and Nelson joined Milwaukee ACT-UP members, Trzebiatowski, Chris Fons, Lester Williams and Ric Oquita for a tour of Gay and Lesbian bars.

Beginning at Jet's, Velez spoke to customers of ACT-UP's mission and purpose and emphasized that while Wisconsin does not now have an AIDS epidemic, "now is the time to prevent one."

Afterward, both Velez and Nelson answered questions and were given a general round of enthusiastic applause. Before the group left, Bob, manager of Jet's donated \$50 to ACT-UP Milwaukee.

The same enthusiastic and friendly reception was given in the other bars where *Light* was present.

At Fannies, Velez emphasized that women were welcomed and needed in ACT-UP. His short speech was greeted with applause from the crowded bar as well as shouts of "Amen" and "Right on!"

The same thing was true of the large crowd in the Triangle where Nelson explained ACT-UP and urged people to join ACT-UP Milwaukee.

Nelson and Velez left Milwaukee on August 20 for New York. ACT-UP Milwaukee is recruiting members and plans a demonstration for August 25 at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Federal Building in downtown Milwaukee.

Those interested in further information may call (414) 672-7400.



Jerry Johnson

The Lavender Hill Party planning committee included the following: (l-r) back roll: Ken Reed, Dan Austin, Tom Boll, Bill Koehn, Ebbie Duggins, Mike Phillips; front row: Tim Kraetsch, Joe Arneith, Cory Haywood and party founder Steve Steinhauer at whose house the fundraiser is held each year.

Lavender Hill Party Raises Record \$9,000 for MAP

[Milwaukee]- The sixth annual Lavender Hill garden party held for the benefit of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) was, according to host, Steve Steinhauer, an outstanding success.

The party, with the theme of a Roman Holiday, was held Sunday, August 20 Steinhauer's garden in the River West section of the city. The 310 guests entered via a pathway hung with lavender banners. Beyond, were cunningly wrought decorations that called to mind a villa in Old Rome.

Steinhauer said that as of press time, donations amounting to \$8,612 had been received. This was after expenses which came to \$822. Steinhauer told *Light* that he expected mail-in gifts to bring the total to \$9,000.

The money will be given to MAP to be used for life care services.

Guests came from throughout the Milwaukee area and from Madison, Chicago, Minneapolis and elsewhere in the country. Each guest was asked to give \$20. But, said Steinhauer, "It's a non-pressured fundraiser. People give what they can afford."

Steinhauer gives the entire credit for

the fundraiser's success to the Planning Committee whose members include Ebbie Duggins, Tom Boll, Tim Kraetsch, Michael Wavra, Jeff Peirotti, Michael Phillips, William Koehn, Dan Austin, Ken Reed, Corey Haywood, Joe Arneith, Mike Vaughn and Steve Heyes.

Special thanks also go to the bartenders and all the people who with their energy, talents, time and work make the Lavender Hill party the success that it is.

Steinhauer also extended thanks to all the corporate and business sponsors who donated everything from food and drink to the tent and portapotties. In addition to beer, Miller donated cups, napkins and other necessary items. Miller, which has done this for the past four years, has agreed to do the same for next year's party.

The Planning Committee has already begun work on next year's party which will be held August 19, 1990 with the theme, "Wild, Wild Lavender West."

The Committee is looking for more volunteers. If you can help, please contact Steinhauer at (414) 265-6188. Your ideas and efforts are needed. Please help.

Use Donor Option Card When Giving to United Way

By Patrick Wessels

[Milwaukee]- With the end of Summer comes the annual United Way campaign. Some of us in the corporate world find the pressure annoying, but we do not really mind giving money to a good cause. However, I personally do not like giving my money to conservative and religious organizations who are intolerant of Gays and Lesbians.

Fortunately, the United Way makes provisions to insure that your money goes where you want it to go. As in the past, I will use the donor option card to give my money to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). I encourage you to do the same. MAP is not allowed to ask you to name them on the card, but I can. United Way even makes it possible to be discreet if you do not want the people at work to know.

On the United Way form, check the box for the Donor Option Card and turn it in to your employer. Then fill out the Donor Option Card and mail it separately to the United Way, 225 W. Vine St., Milwaukee,

53212. On the card specify that your donation should go to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Box 92505, Milwaukee 53202. ARCW is the parent organization of MAP. Also check the box to have ARCW send you a confirmation letter. Writing the letter might be some extra work for them, but you will know that they have received your money. They will send you the confirmation sometime next April.

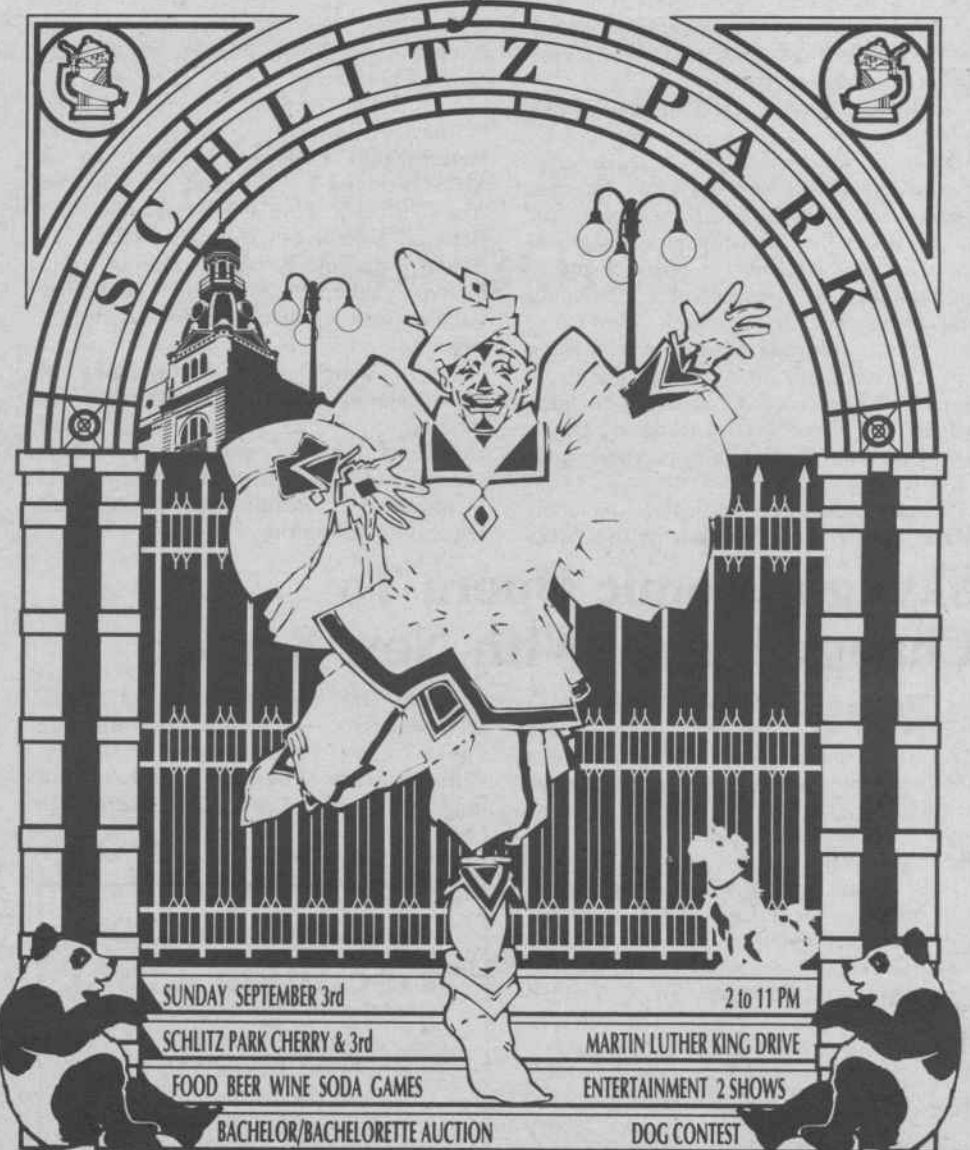
If you must turn in the Donor Option Card at work, you can just use "ARCW" and the address. They will still get the money.

Giving money to a good cause feels good. Making sure that the money stays in our own community feels even better. And while you're feeling charitable, why not send a check to the Human Rights Campaign Fund (the national Gay and Lesbian political action committee) 1012 14th St., N.W., Suite 607, Washington, D.C. 20005 or to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1517 U St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.



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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

1,000's of Gays and Lesbians Serve Country as Ben-Shalom Gets "No"

By Bill Meunier

She has carried on what must seem to her to be a very lonely fight. She has fought the most powerful organization in the world for over 15 years, slugging it out with them toe to toe and beating them. She has received numerous citations for outstanding service given to her by the very same organization that seeks to ban her from participating, she is Miriam Ben-Shalom and the organization is the United States Army.

For the first time since Miriam started her court fight to prevent the army from barring her, she has suffered a defeat in the courts. Three bigots who wouldn't know the constitution if it came up and bit them on the face, otherwise known as the Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court ruling which had ordered the army to allow Ben-Shalom to re-enlist.

Lady justice should have dropped her scales when she heard of this one. She should have left her pedestal outside the courthouse, gone in and given these three idiots a good tongue lashing. Then she should have taken off that blindfold and tied them up with it before they do any more damage.

Stating that it wasn't their place to "second guess the army," these clowns in black robes totally abrogated their responsibility to the American people. If the army passed a regulation requiring its soldiers to shoot anyone who came within two hundred feet of a military base provided they were straight white men, would these same judges refuse to "second guess" them?

Maybe these pillars of jurisprudence haven't had a chance to read their job descriptions yet, but they are supposed to be upholding the constitution. The constitution places the military under civilian control. (After all this isn't Panama or Chile at least not yet).

That means that if the military violates the rights of an American citizen it is up to the Courts to uphold those rights unless the military can come up with a whole lot of evidence showing that national security

would be jeopardized. Generally speaking the existence of a major war against an enemy threatening our shores is the only evidence considered sufficient. I haven't heard any bugles lately, nor has anyone been screaming "to the beaches, to the beaches."

The Army didn't even try to show evidence that anyone's security let alone the whole country's would be threatened if Miriam was allowed to stay in. In fact the evidence certainly indicated that she has been a model soldier and our security is jeopardized by refusing her re-enlistment.

Before the Army calls out the troops for a victory parade celebrating its triumph over this lone woman, it would do well to realize that Miriam Ben-Shalom is not going away. Plans for her appeal are well underway.

It's hard for me to picture Miriam as a tough drill sergeant. When I think of her I think of gentle, kind woman who in her private moments is as soft hearted as anyone I know. I think of the woman who cried for hours because she could no longer care for her friend Alyn Hess in her home, because his AIDS had progressed too far. I think of her willingness to listen to and help anyone with a problem.

There are those, (a small group) however, who don't know Miriam very well. They simply can't understand why she would put herself through an ordeal like this. They criticize her and snipe at her behind her back. Some say she is grandstanding, others are anti-military in general.

Grandstanding is the furthest thing from Miriam's mind. Right now she must be thinking about how she has spent fifteen years of our life fighting for justice and it may all come to nothing. Those who accuse her of grandstanding are sick people. What they are really saying is that Miriam has more guts than they do. They wouldn't fight for their rights, or go on T.V. to educate people about the oppression we have to put up with. They can't admit their cowardice so they come



New York ACT-UP members visited Milwaukee with Milwaukee ACT-UP August 20. Pictured at Jet's Place are: (l to r) Bob (Jet's Manager), Chris Fons, Lester Williams, Joey Nelson (N.Y. ACT-UP), Dan Trzebiatowski, Andy Velez (N.Y. ACT-UP) and Ric Oquita (seated).

up with another excuse such as "I don't want to grandstand."

Typically these people are Gay men. They simply can't admit that a woman has more balls than they do.

The anti-military types are just as bad. They are all for freedom but they would limit that freedom to anyone who disagrees with them. Since they don't want to join the military they don't want to see any of our resources used for those who do.

They fail to realize that if Miriam wins her court fight it will help break down the stereotypes about us. In the same way the integration of the military was an important milestone for the Black civil rights movement, forcing the military to accept Lesbians and Gays would be an important milestone for the Gay/Lesbian rights movement. In fact it would be our biggest victory ever.

I wish I could tell you that Miriam will force the Army to allow her re-enlistment. I wish I could say that her sacrifices the loss of her job every time a new court ruling came out, losing her house, her daughter and her friends, will result in anti-Lesbian/Gay discrimination in the military being wiped out. I can't tell you that.

But I can tell you that Miriam has won her fight. She has fought for the right to be a United State soldier. The foremost duty of any US Soldier is supposed to be

the defense of freedom. Thankfully the overwhelming majority of soldiers never get that opportunity. Miriam has done that and no panel of Federal judges, no court in the world can ever take that away for her.

Events Listed Free In National Book

[Chicago]- Any Gay or Lesbian group may list free of charge their 1990 events in **The Lesbian & Gay Almanac and Events of 1990**.

The events listings are used by community leaders to avoid conflicts, by travelers wanting to know what's going on in a given area and by people wishing to know when some special event or conference will take place.

The book accepts all special events by groups. Space does not permit listings of weekly or monthly events.

To receive a listing send the name, address and phone number of the sponsoring group, the name of the event, where and when it will happen and a brief description of the activities planned.

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Violence Increases In Milwaukee's Juneau Park

By Bill Meunier

[Milwaukee]- Milwaukee's Juneau Park has never been very safe to begin with, but a recent spurt of violent incidents has raised serious questions about whether or not one of Gay Milwaukee's favorite cruising spots has become extremely dangerous.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, August 16, John B. was walking along the footpaths in the wooded area of the bluff. Two men beckoned him to come over by them. When he got there, the men began calling him names like "faggot," "cocksucker" and "queer." When John began to back away, the men grabbed him and brutally threw him down the hill bruising his arms in the process.

John ran away, but the men followed and, John insists, one of the men pulled a gun and said he was going to kill him.

John was not going to call the police until convinced to do so by a passer-by who overheard John talking to his friend David about the incident. The passer-by stayed with John while he called the police from the Park East Hotel and then went back to the Park with John. The police arrived and apprehended two suspects John later identified as his attackers.

The passer-by described the scene to **Wisconsin Light**. "I couldn't believe what was happening. Gays who had witnessed the attack were leaving the Park, refusing to talk to the police. One Gay man who was harassed by the two punks while he walked through the Park with a woman was so afraid of these two guys he insisted that he wouldn't talk to police unless he was out of sight of the two suspects.

The man continued, "Others told me they wouldn't talk to police because they were afraid the cops would arrest them for being in the Park after hours (The police did not arrest anyone for being in the Park after its 10:00 p.m. closing).

"Others said they didn't want to go on the cop's 'Gay List.' One man even told me that he was concerned the police would start coming to the Park regularly and would arrest anyone they found there because I insisted they be called."

After talking with John who was the only person attacked on the bluff who

would speak to them, the police arrested one of the men on an outstanding warrant and let the other man go, telling him to "stay out of the Park."

One observer told **Light**, "If the other people would have talked to the police, they might have arrested both men for their actions that night. Now you know they'll be back."

The attack on the night of the 16th is not the only recent incident causing concern for the safety of those who cruise Juneau Park. One Park regular told **Light** that he had either seen the victims or witnessed "six or seven muggings in the last ten days alone."

The man also said that none of the victims contacted the police. "They tore the pants off of one guy to get his wallet. The police never would have believed it."

Another man who frequents the Park agreed that the Park has become more unsafe. "Most of the attackers are black and straight. From what I've heard and seen, they usually hide in some bushes and wait for someone to walk by them. Then they jump the guy. People are afraid to call the police because they don't want to be recorded downtown for being Gay and they are afraid they will get arrested for being here (in the Park) after dark." The man added that he thought the attackers were getting bolder. "It only used to happen up in the Park near the cabin or the statues. Now they're coming down the footpaths too."

"These animals think that they can get away with it," a man who told **Light** his name was Bob. "I saw a man get beat up and his attackers just walked out of the Park," Bob said. "I ran up to him and I told him I was calling the police. When I turned around after running out of the Park, he had gotten into his car and was driving away. There is nothing the police can do if there is no victim to file a complaint," Bob said.

Gay and Lesbian activists who deal with the police insist that Gay fears of calling the police are unfounded. "The police have never been known to arrest anyone who complained to them about a crime," said one Gay activist. "We have to have people reporting these things so the culprits are caught. If we don't, things are going to get worse."

Police Dept. Meets to Help Stop Street Violence, Hustlers

[Milwaukee]- At the request of Bill Meunier, **Light's** political editor and Joan Zepecki, Executive Director of the Historic Third Ward Association, a meeting was held with police captain Lawrence Murray of Milwaukee's 2nd police District.

The 2nd District includes the Third Ward area and the Gay bar area.

The meeting was held on August 16 at the District station house. In addition to Zepecki and Meunier, there was Ann Cummings of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Dan F. Schramm, president C.S.P., Inc., Jerry Johnson, publisher of **Light** and the paper's editor, Terry Boughner.

The purpose of the meeting was to voice concerns of area residents and Gays on how the police handle prostitution and anti-Gay/Lesbian violence.

In the hour-long meeting, the majority of the time was given to a discussion of the rising problem of anti-Lesbian/Gay violence.

One problem, Schramm said, lay in getting victims to report incidents. Gay victims are often made to feel like criminals themselves by the police.

Johnson confirmed this and said that Gays had, in the past, often been subject to police harassment and "were treated as criminals" for being Gay.

Murray denied this was the situation now. But, he said that when an officer responded to a call, they had to get information, name, address, date of birth, etc., from the victim which, he admitted, can intimidate people.

Meunier pointed out that many Gays feel that if they do report acts of violence against them, "it will do no good."

Murray denied that this was so. In Gay bashing, as with other crimes, "We will leave no stone unturned to apprehend the perpetrators," he said. "We investigate all offenses reported to us," Murray said and emphasized that "anyone" has the right to police protection and will receive it. "If you're not getting proper service" (from officers), Murray said, "call me."

Murray suggested that some complaints about lack of police response may be due to the fact that violent incidents usually occur in the early morning hours. "This is the busiest time

for police officers," and "We are short handed," he said.

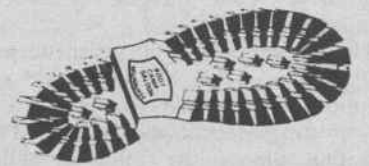
Murray suggested that "the Gay grapevine" could be used to help prevent recurring acts of violence. Those who prey on Gays and are seen again in the bars could be identified among Gays.

It was suggested and agreed upon that a poster be designed to be placed in businesses throughout the area urging victims to report crimes against them and giving a number they could call. The poster will include a picture of Murray.

Murray was assured of the group's concern for hustling and drugs in the area. Bar owners, he was told, do not tolerate those they suspect of dealing or being in drugs or hustling. Schramm wanted the police to be aware of the difference between cruising and hustling. "Most Gays are not interested in hustlers," he said. "People who cruise the Third Ward after hours are not looking for prostitutes." Those who cruise, looking to meet someone, he said, are often the victims of Gay bashers.

Murray said that "it was very difficult to make arrests of prostitutes," but intimated that a police operation against them and suspected drug traffickers in places where they are known to hang out would begin.

Murray asked for cooperation and was assured that he and his officers would receive it.



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E. Volunteer resources.
The volunteer resource expense for 1989 is \$69,960 or 7.8% of the budget. These expenses are for the coordinated recruitment, training, management, and recognition of MAP volunteers. The MAP system of volunteer management received national recognition this year and is recommended by the National AIDS Network to AIDS service organizations throughout the country. More than 150 people will complete volunteer training this year and most will help MAP deliver education and life care services to the community and our clients.

F. Fundraising and development.
Fundraising expense is budgeted at

\$44,408 for 1989, or 5% of the budget. For the first time in its history, MAP has a Director of Development to provide assistance to groups wanting to raise funds for MAP and to initiate new approaches to fund development. It's essential for MAP to expand its base of financial support so that the increased service demands of a rapidly growing AIDS caseload can be funded.

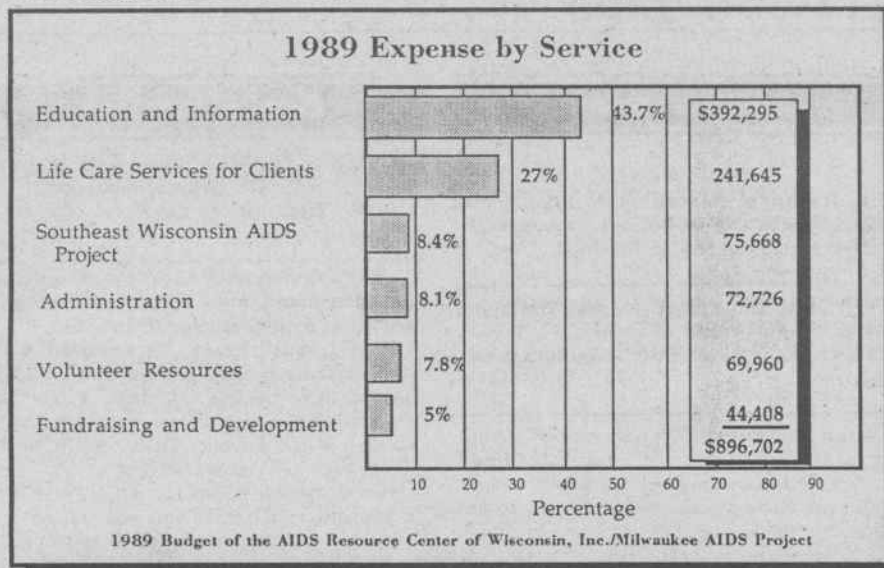
The MAP budget has increased more than ten-fold since MAP was created in 1985. In spite of this growth, what remains constant is MAP's commitment to service delivery. Fully 87% of MAP's 1989 expenses (Education, Life Care, SEWAP, and Volunteer) are for the delivery of service to the community and directly to people affected by AIDS.

major source of funding for MAP's Life Care Services.

In the past year, MAP has experienced a significant increase in private donations which have become a leading funding source. 30.9% of ARCW/MAP income

for 1989, \$277,096, is budgeted to come from individual, private donations.

Federal grants will provide 22.9% of income. State grants 20.9%, local grants 22.8%, and program revenue 2.5%.



LIFE CARE SERVICES

The growth and change at MAP is best captured by a review of our Life Care Services Program. It is guided by a powerful principle: that people with AIDS and HIV infection are entitled to live their lives fully and are deserving of the highest quality of service, support, and care. MAP offers life care services with the expectation that AIDS will become a chronic and manageable disease.

The Life Care Services Program is the greatest growth area of MAP and includes the following important services:

A. Case Management
Case management represents \$131,032 or 54.2% of the Life Care services budget. Professional social workers and case managers coordinate care and support for MAP's clients including: medical, psychological, and spiritual referrals; legal assistance; financial advocacy with health care systems; and, advocacy to ensure continuity and quality of care for people with AIDS.

B. Counseling and advocacy
Counseling services comprise \$56,050 or 23.2% of MAP's Life Care Services budget. Conducted by professional and accredited social workers, clients gain assistance in conflict resolution and in making decisions on how to manage their lives with HIV infection and AIDS.

C. Housing
MAP's housing program for clients represents \$20,300 or 8.4% of the Life Care Services budget. The Milwaukee House, MAP's residential home for

people with AIDS, is the centerpiece of the housing program. It accommodates six people and has been fully occupied for most of the year.

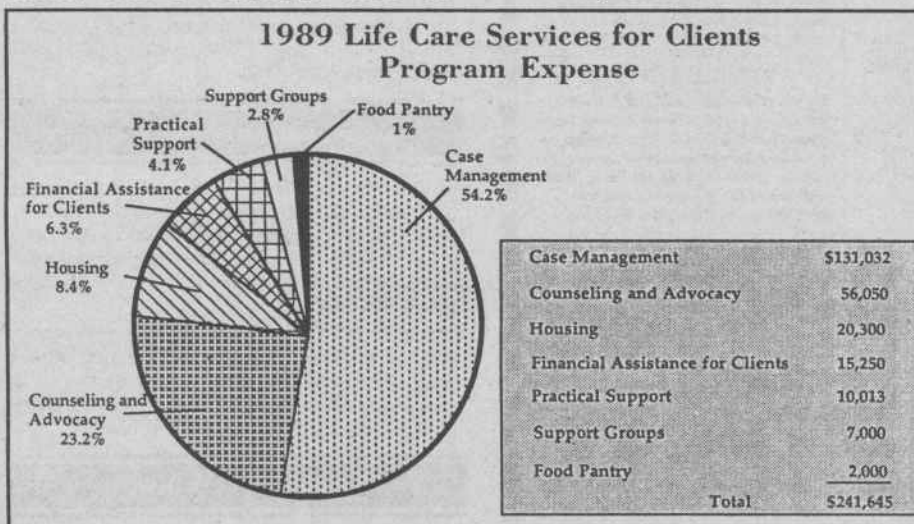
D. Financial assistance for clients.
\$15,250 or 6.3% of the Life Care Services budget is designated for direct financial assistance for clients who need help in buying food, assisting with medical and prescription costs, or meeting other personal necessities.

E. Practical support.
\$10,013 or 4.1% of the Life Care Services budget is designated for practical support services for clients who need help with home maintenance, transportation, personal care, and emotional support.

F. Support groups.
Support groups represent \$7,000 or 2.8% of the Life Care Services budget. Twelve different groups are currently sponsored by MAP to provide a safe environment for people affected by AIDS to share concerns and gain support.

G. Food pantry. The food pantry is \$2,000 or 1% of the Life Care Services budget. It is housed at the MAP offices and is available to all clients.

Since the beginning of MAP's Life Care Services Program, we have served 300 people with AIDS. 148 have died. At MAP, we are united to fight both this disease and its despair. Our determination is to continue to fight, continue to emphasize life, and continue to provide the highest quality of service to people from all walks of life who are affected by AIDS.

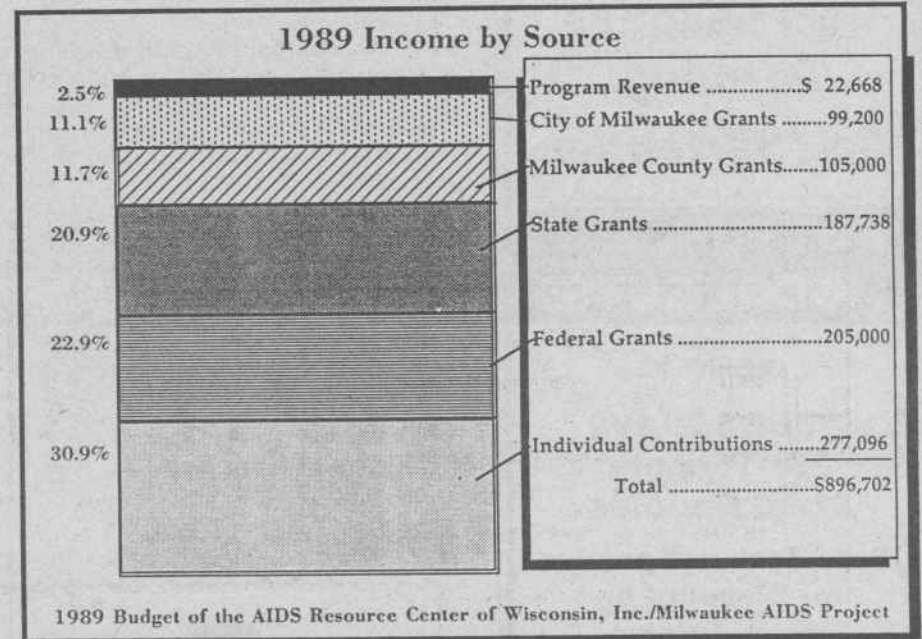


1989 INCOME

Early in its history MAP received important funding from the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Wisconsin, and the City and County of Milwaukee. For several years, this funding supported important community education

programming. As Life Care Services developed, however, the need for private donations grew to support these essential services.

The Lesbian/Gay community responded immediately to the call for financial help and continues today to be a



HOW IS MY CONTRIBUTION USED BY MAP?

This question is one that is often asked, and rightfully so. Whether someone contributes \$250 at an expensive fundraising event or \$5 at a bar benefit—every donor is entitled to an answer to that question.

At MAP the majority of individual donations are used to support the delivery of life care services to our clients. 41.6% of 1989 individual donations support Life Care Services. 17% of individual donations support our volunteer recruitment, training and management system. Most of these newly trained volunteers will help MAP's Life Care Services Department deliver practical and emotional support to our clients.

16% of individual donations are used to offset the expense of fundraising. It's true, we must spend money to make money.

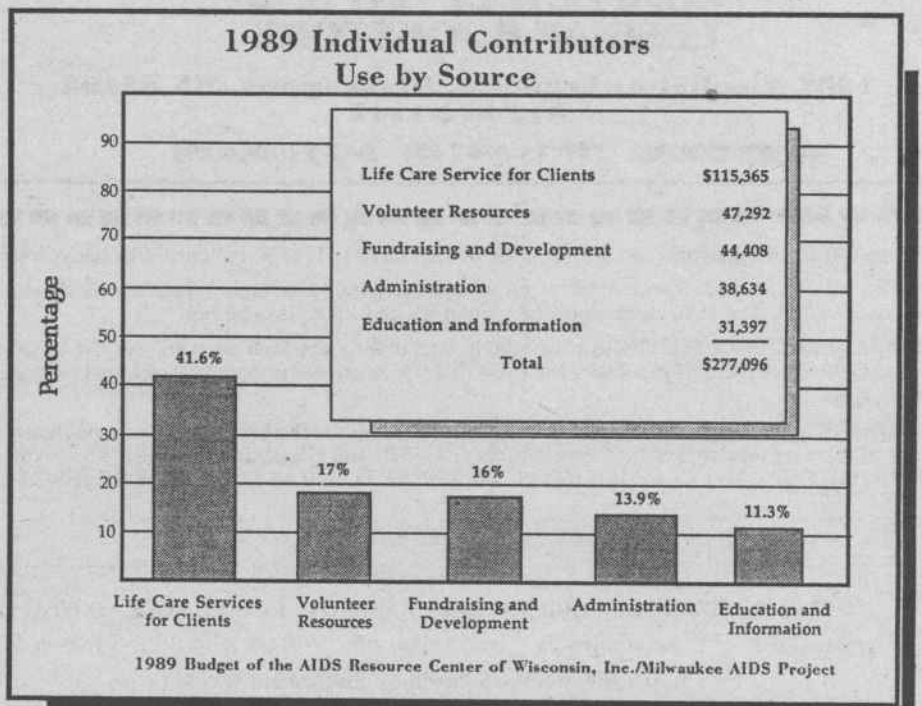
13.9% of individual donations are used for administration. We try to keep these costs down, but they are truly necessary. Keep in mind that much of MAP's public advocacy that benefits our clients is an administration expense. A prime example is MAP's success in securing the

cooperation of the nursing home industry in Milwaukee to accept AIDS patients after seven years of discrimination.

Finally, 11.3% of individual donations are used for prevention education. Although much of our educational programming is funded from governmental grants, a small portion is not and we must supplement their funding with private donations. An example is STOP AIDS Milwaukee which assists people in changing behaviors that are high risk for AIDS.

Most of the individual contributions we receive are undesignated and are used by MAP to support services and operations in ways we determine are best. We always respect designated contributions, most of which are earmarked for Life Care Services where the need for funding continues to grow.

At the end of each fiscal year, ARCW/MAP is audited by a Milwaukee CPA firm. Our audited financial statements are available for review at the MAP offices. In addition, MAP will publish an Annual Report to the community at the conclusion of the 1989 fiscal year (12/31/89). The Annual Report will also be available to the public.



A CONTINUING PARTNERSHIP

Throughout the past five years, the Lesbian/Gay community has stood in partnership with the Milwaukee AIDS Project to meet the challenge of AIDS. We have put our best selves forward by responding to AIDS with dignity, compassion, and a determination to serve all people affected by AIDS. We have surely made a difference.

As we look to the future and confront the reality of a sharply increased AIDS caseload and the prospect of 1,000 people living with AIDS in Milwaukee, the value of our historic partnership cannot be overstated.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project is profoundly grateful for the support it has

always received from Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay community. Time after time, year after year, bars, businesses, and individuals have come forward to contribute. Unfortunately, the need for your support won't stop until AIDS itself is stopped.

Not many promises can be made about AIDS. But MAP will promise this: that it will manage its financial affairs ethically and with wisdom, conduct its operations professionally, and deliver the highest quality of service to people affected by AIDS.

In return we ask for your trust and your continuing partnership as we meet the many difficult challenges of AIDS that be ahead.