



Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light

Lesbian Alliance Plans Coming Out Day Reception

[Milwaukee]- The new Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will celebrate National Coming Out Day, October 11, with a reception on that day from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St. The Alliance welcomes all Lesbians, Gay men and their supporters to "come out" to meet members and to learn about the group's plans.

LAMM is the result of a series of meetings Milwaukee Lesbians have held in the wake of the political controversies surrounding Lesbian/Gay Pride Week this Summer. The perception that local Lesbians were unprepared for the conservative backlash at that time spurred the current organizing effort.

LAMM hopes to: "better unify and organize the Milwaukee area Lesbian community 1) to provide education and role models to the Milwaukee community; 2) to impact relevant issues in the political and legislative arena as they affect Lesbians; and 3) to provide meeting space and opportunities for more social contact, communication and support among Lesbians."

Committees on Political-Legislative Action, Networking, Community Education, Media Relations, Consciousness-Raising, Social Events and Womenspace have formed and are open to all Lesbian activists. Women can call 931-0008 or 264-4354 to get involved in the Lesbian Alliance.

The next regular meeting of the Lesbian Alliance will take place on Thursday, October 19th at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. (There is a lighted parking lot and security guard.) It will feature a potluck starting at 5:30 with the meeting to follow at 6:30.

October 19th is the tenth anniversary of the first historic Take Back the Night March which brought 3,000 angry women into the streets of Milwaukee to protest violence against women. A videotape of that exciting march will be played at the potluck.

On Sunday, November 5th, LAMM will host an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner at the Shorewood Women's Club in Hubbard Park from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance at Outpost Co-op and People's Bookstore. It will cost \$6 at the door (\$3.50 for children) and will be another opportunity for Lesbians to socialize and share political ideas.

Madison To Host Officials Conference

[Madison]- The Fifth Annual Conference of Gay and Lesbian Officials will take place in Madison, Wisconsin, from Friday, November 17 through Sunday, November 19, 1989.

Past Conferences have occurred in West Hollywood, Washington, D.C., Minneapolis and San Diego.

The bulk of the 1989 Conference meetings will be held in the Wisconsin State Capitol. Other events are planned for Conference participants and interested parties. Madison is home to a total of seven Gay and Lesbian elected officials, comprising 10 percent of the Madison City Council and 10 percent of the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Those welcomed and encouraged to attend are elected and appointed officials, candidates, future candidates, campaign workers and their life partners.

Those interested in attending and seeking more information should write: FORWARD, 739 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53703; or call: Richard Wagner, (608) 257-5270 or Tammy Baldwin, (608) 258-9298.

New Era National Fundraising Institute Founded In Milwaukee



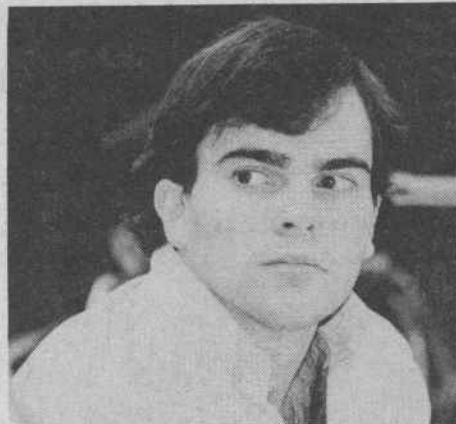
A portion of the group of people is pictured above who walked in the Milwaukee AIDS Project's first annual 10K walk at the lakefront on October 1. On a beautiful fall day, nearly \$3,500 was raised through the walker's pledges.

McFarland Voted Against Abortion Resolution to Maintain Neutrality

By Jim McFarland

Recently, *Wisconsin Light* printed a letter characterizing my vote against a symbolic Madison City Council resolution condemning the U.S. Supreme Court's Webster decision as indicating that I would be willing to deny women the right to privacy. For a number of reasons, this is inaccurate.

First of all, throughout each of my campaigns for City Council, I pledged to maintain a neutral stance on the issue of abortion. This was because I did not consider it necessary to subject the voters of my district to the polemic aspects of the abortion issue when the City Council does not have jurisdiction over the abortion issue. Whenever I was asked about abortion during my campaigns, I



Alderman Jim McFarland

promised that I would vote against any resolution calling for the overturn of the Roe v. Wade decision (which granted women the right to abortion) to maintain my neutrality. It would be inconsistent of me not to similarly vote against a resolution calling for Roe v. Wade to be upheld, as this resolution did. That is why I voted against this particular resolution. My vote was thus really in favor of the City Council taking no position on this issue.

Secondly, I do not consider laws restricting abortion to be comparable to laws restricting sexual activity between consenting adults. In some ways abortion is not the same kind of right to privacy issue.

Abortion does not occur within one's own bedroom as sexual activity usually does. Abortion takes place in a clinic or hospital in the presence of doctors and nurses. This could hardly be called a situation of privacy.

Restricting abortion does not directly restrict one's right to privacy: one is still

free to do whatever one wants to in the privacy of her/his own home. When abortion is restricted, it simply means that the consequences of sexual activity in the privacy of one's own home may be different. Restrictions on abortion can certainly be considered a restriction on one's reproductive freedom, but reproductive freedom can be ensured in other ways as well, such as by the use of contraceptives.

In the age of AIDS, it is not just heterosexuals who need to be responsible when engaging in sexual activity. Therefore, if I believed abortion should be illegal, it wouldn't be accurate to say that I was "willing to take away a woman's right to privacy."

At the root of my personal feelings about abortion is my belief that life begins at conception. This is not a religious belief as I am pretty much of an agnostic. It is a conclusion that I have come to after much study of the human reproductive system.

I realize that many who have studied the reproductive system as much or more have come to different conclusions, but I can really find no other point in the cycle of life where there is something uniquely different from that which existed a fraction of a moment before.

At conception, a genetically unique living human cell exists where a fraction of a moment earlier an egg and a sperm existed, each containing only half the genetic material necessary for life. There is no other point in the life cycle where something uniquely different occurs — the rest is all part of a gradual process.

In other words, there is nowhere to draw the line and say that what exists after a particular point in the development of a human is a living person, whereas before, it was just a mass of cells.

Having come to this conclusion, it is difficult for me to justify the destruction of that which I consider to be life unless it threatens the life of the woman in which it resides. Such destruction would be done in self-defense which is acceptable.

Obviously, I recognize the immense difficulties this produces for a woman with an unwanted pregnancy. Women find themselves in a society which tells them that if they are sexually active, they are "loose", but since men are supposed to be sexually active (with women only, of course), some women naturally have to be sexually active. Then, because men so rarely take responsibility for the possible outcomes of sexual activity, these women become pregnant

In an effort to assist Gay/Lesbian organizations to conquer the "Unique Barriers" they face in raising the funds they need to carry out their programs, a new national organization has been founded in Milwaukee by former CCF board member Bob Melig. Called the New Era Institute, the group will offer a number of services to Gay/Lesbian organizations around the country.

"Our goals are to research, inform and advance Gay/Lesbian funding beyond the limits that presently restrict fuller implementation of programs on the local level," said Bob Melig, President. "A few national groups are raising more than a million dollars a year, and through public funds a number of AIDS service agencies are doing likewise, but generally the barriers faced by Gay/Lesbian organizations has held back funding all over the country," he added.

Through a national publication entitled, "Our Causes," an annual professional journal, original research, a library of How-to manuals and national conferences, the Institute will attempt to identify the best and/or model programs that work. The bi-monthly publication will be a major effort to exchange ideas and publicize successful efforts being conducted so that others may put the programs to use in their locality.

The Institute will not be a fund raising organization, but rather a support organization that will attempt to synthesize, disseminate and raise the level of sophistication of Gay/Lesbian funders. Funds for its operations will come from membership dues from participating Gay/Lesbian organizations and foundation grants.

In addition to publications, research papers, and conferences, New Era Institute will also develop a sophisticated computer-based data base of information and resources for the further support of its mission.

Unity Is Theme Of Women's State Confab

[Kenosha, WI]- The University of Wisconsin-Parkside near Kenosha will be the scene of the UW System's 14th Annual Statewide Women's Studies Conference, "Unity in Diversity," on October 13-14.

Some of the finest feminist and Lesbian scholars in the state, including the *Light's* own Jamakaya, will present papers and participate in panels and plenary sessions.

The keynote address, "Getting Minority Women Out of the Margins: Initial Steps in Curriculum Integration," will be delivered by Elizabeth Higgenbotham of the Center for Research on Women at Memphis State University.

For more information and to register, please call (414) 553-2312 or 553-2162.

Boughner To Host WISN Talk Radio Show

Wisconsin Light editor Terry Boughner will host a call-in talk radio show in Milwaukee on Sat., Oct. 7 on WISN Radio (1130 on the AM dial) from 7 to 10 a.m. In addition, he will appear with Mark Belling's show between 5 and 6 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 6. Listeners are encouraged to call in on Oct. 7.

OUR HISTORY



A TIME TO DIE XXIV As Nazi War Grows Pressure Mounts to Assassinate Hitler

By Terry Boughner, Ph.d.

Kurt was a native of Brandenburg the area that had been the nucleus of the state of Prussia. He was born in 1927 to a family of aristocratic background (an ancestor had been an officer in the armies of Frederick The Great), and, as he described it, "a degree of wealth" that permitted a house in Berlin and an estate in East Prussia, southeast of Elbing.

Kurt was the youngest of four children which included a sister and two brothers. His father, like many of his class and standing, was in the Prussian officer corps and expected that his sons would follow suit.

"I was very young," Kurt said, "when Hitler came to power, but I remember my father despised the Nazis. He called them street rabble and said Hitler was not fit to hold the Kaiser's (William II) horse."



(This was not mere hindsight. The German officer corps were drawn from the ultra-conservative aristocracy which tended to look on the Nazis as not much above the lumpenproletariat.)

He remembered Jews wearing the yellow Star of David and seeing a building going up in flames and hearing the cries of those trapped inside. "I knew it was a cabaret," he said, "and I stood at a distance watching and listening." He saw one man run out, clothing in flames, screaming terribly. He fell to the ground and burned to death. "I had nightmares for a long time after that. Always, I could see him, this man and the way he died."

Kurt was 12 when war broke out in 1939. Goebbles' propaganda machine promised a quick victory, but in Berlin, the people seemed to know better. The mood, in contrast to that which prevailed at the opening of World War I, was somber and full of resignation.

Kurt, his mother and sister were in Berlin, but in the Spring of 1940 and the beginning of fighting in the west, his father decided that the city might not be safe. "He expected allied bombings more quickly than they came," Kurt said, and the family moved to the estate in East Prussia.

As Kurt described it, it was a vast acreage of low flat land stretching way to the horizon, a lonely, isolated place where wheat and other food stuffs were grown for the Wehrmacht.

His mother and sister hated it, longing for the more exciting life of the capital. But, for Kurt, it was a idyllic spot where, free from most constraints, he could go horseback riding, shoot and where, in the Summer of 1941, he savored the sweet bitterness of first love.

The young man's name was Josef. He was about 18, handsome, with a sun-bronzed body, tight with rippling muscles that swelled beneath glistening skin as he worked. Kurt took every opportunity to go and watch him pitch hay or chop wood.

"I had known for some time that I was deeply attracted to other males, but never, never had I experienced anything such as I felt when I was with Josef."

There was a stream that flowed along about a mile from the house and one Summer afternoon, Kurt asked Josef if he would like to go for a swim? Josef agreed "willingly" and they rode together on the same horse, Josef seated behind, holding Kurt about the waist. "I could feel his arms about me, his strong body pressed against mine. I thought I would go mad with desire and yet, I was very

frightened of what I knew I wanted to happen between us."

They made love and afterward, again and again in other days and in the night when Kurt could slip away from the house. But it could not and it did not last. Josef was taken to join the Army leaving Kurt in an agony of loneliness and despair. "I believed that we were the only two like ourselves in the whole universe. When Josef left, I wanted to go with him — or die."

By that time, his brothers were dead, one killed in Yugoslavia and the other, shortly thereafter in Greece. His father was with Army Group North as it lunged toward Leningrad as part of the German invasion (Operation Barbarosa) of Stalin's Russia.

Kurt's father kept in regular contact with his family. Then, at Christmas, 1942, he came home. He was only there for a brief while, but during that time, he drew Kurt aside. "He told me that things were going badly and that Germany deserved to lose. When I asked what he meant, he said only that terrible things were being done, far worse than anyone could imagine. But he would say no more only that there was a good Germany, a decent Germany, a Germany of Goethe, Schiller and Kant and that Germany, must survive. He called it the Reich of the mind."

Kurt did not see his father again until the late Spring of 1944 when he stopped on his way to Berlin. He ordered the family to pack at once. The Russians were thrusting into East Prussia, it was not safe and he was sending the family to Bavaria where they would stay with relatives there who had a place hard by the Swiss border.

"I was 17 then," Kurt said, "and I wanted to go with him to Berlin and tried to persuade him. Again he took me aside, telling me that the war was lost; that Germany's only hope lay in a negotiated peace with the West and that there were those who were trying to achieve that end. I remember," Kurt said, "that my father told me that he must work with people that he did not like nor approve of, but, nevertheless, trusted their dedication."

Kurt had no idea what he meant, only that whoever these people were, they were operating all over Germany and that the man at the center of things was a man named von Stauffenberg.

Kurt escorted his mother and sister to Berlin, the by now war-ravaged capital of the Reich. There he stopped determined to go no further. He was 17 and after years of being closeted on the barren planes of East Prussia, he had decided that, whatever the consequences, he would stay in the capital.

"I did not know then," he said, "that those who were like me, the homosexuals, were helping to mount one final plot to assassinate Hitler and that my father, certainly not one of them, like many others, was involved. Neither did I know that my decision to stay would lead me to Auschwitz and the only love beside Josef that I have ever known."

To Be Continued

Copyright 1989 by Novo Graphics, Ltd. All rights reserved. Reproduction by any means is prohibited without express written consent.

BOOT CAMP SALOON
MILWAUKEE'S
LEATHER / LEVI BAR

209 E. National
Milwaukee, WI
414-643-6900

Helms Fuels Genocide Machine Through Tobacco Subsidies

By Thomas J. Rony

If there were to be some award for the nastiest drug of the year, tobacco would either be a winner or a close runner-up. One might wonder how it ever became so popular.

The tobacco industry began when the New World was discovered. European colonists first came here to find gold. When none turned up and the colonies, such as they were, began to suffer starvation, tobacco became better than gold. The fertile soil of the South was good for growing it and the nobility of Europe found tobacco smoking to be a pleasant decadence. The growing of this new crop produced an export which saved the colonies from collapse. For that reason, the tobacco plant is very deeply rooted in the history of the United States.

Though tobacco is generally ill-regarded today, insecure teen-agers remain a fertile recruiting ground for tobacco smoking. This recruiting is usually done by the two large conglomerates of R.J. Reynolds and Phillip Morris. I should know. I was such a teen-ager. At the time, I was in a quandary about being "the class nerd" (as would anybody, I imagine), so I guess I went for the whole tough-guy image surrounding the smoking habit. The righteous reactionaries among the jock crowd who tried to bully their peers out of smoking produced the opposite effect. Fortunately, I was able to quit over a year ago.

Don't think for a minute that I'm laboring under the delusion that my writing this will actually induce anyone to suddenly quit smoking. I'm definitely not one of those self-righteous ex-smokers. But I am hoping that maybe there will be some people out there who are in the process of quitting smoking. Keeping in mind some facts concerning tobacco could provide some added incentives.

As the number of people smoking declines every year, the conglomerates controlling most of the tobacco market are desperate in their need to have a pinch-hitter to go to bat for them. For the

time being, Jesse Helms is that pinch-hitter. He has a great deal to do with securing subsidies for the tobacco industry and those are what keep the tobacco farms afloat. Both of the Carolinas have quite a stake in these farms, which is why the citizens of North Carolina choose to send a mad-dog like Helms to the Senate. At the same time, many of these farmers share Helms' quasi-Nazi ideology.

Regular readers of the *Light* are all too familiar with Helms' legislative misdeeds. His blind zeal has successfully whipped the Senate into a frenzy over "perversion." (And let's not forget "pornography" as well.) The worst side effects of these attacks of "morality" is the damage done to the fight against AIDS. To put it bluntly, Helms is a murderer, plain and simple.

In this grand scheme of things, tobacco is the fuel of this genocide machine. Remove Jesse Helms from the equation and the tobacco industry could lose its subsidies. Remove tobacco from the equation and Helms might get lost. The latter is probably the more feasible of the two. The best that can be done there is to encourage quitting smoking. One might also hope that one's Senator would oppose any more subsidies of the tobacco industry. (Senator Robert Kasten (R-WI) and Helms are on the same side, so that leaves Senator (Herb) Kohl (D-WI). The question is, does Kohl have what it takes to stand up to a Senator as powerful as Jesse Helms?

On the medical side, tobacco use increases the body's vulnerability to HIV. Since tobacco is a plant that gathers up heavy metals from the ground, it wrecks no end of havoc on the various systems of the human body.

So there you have it. Abstinence from tobacco use will help stop the onslaught of HIV in more ways than one; one indirect, the other, direct. And considering the financial and other health reasons, it seems that quitting smoking is one of the best things one can do for one's self.

Choose Donor Option... It's Your Option!

GIVE YOUR UNITED WAY OR GOVERNMENTAL COMBINED CAMPAIGN GIFT TO THE CREAM CITY FOUNDATION BY USING THE DONOR OPTION CARD. DONOR OPTION ALLOWS YOU TO SEND YOUR DONATION DIRECTLY TO YOUR CAUSE.

You Must Ask For a 'Donor Option Card' From Your United Way Solicitor. Use Option 'C' Only.

Donor Option Makes

United Way
United Gay!

HELP BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY BY DESIGNATING THE CREAM CITY FOUNDATION ON YOUR DONOR OPTION CARD

Donor Option tells United Way you want Your money to go to your causes — use it!

THIS YEAR, DESIGNATE YOUR UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTION TO:



OR



To maintain total secrecy, make your designation to 'A Choice'. CCF is the 2nd largest of 13 participating agencies.

Give the People Light and they will find their own way.

The Wisconsin Light



Executive & Editorial Offices
1843 N. Palmer
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 372-2773

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Publisher
Jerry Johnson
Executive Editor
Terry Boughner, Ph.D.
Arts & Entertainment Editor
Geno
Advertising Manager
Bob Melig
(414) 271-2120

Typography & Process Graphics
C.S.P., INCORPORATED

COLUMNISTS

Fr. James Arimond, State Rep. David E. Clarenbach, Roger Gremminger MD, Marc Hauptert, Jamakaya, Karen Lamb Ph.D., Bill Meunier, John Michael Roberts

REPORTERS

Eugene Brzenk, Ph.D., Sue Burke, Shawn Duffy, Michael Lisowski, Jerry Warzyn.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS

Mexico-Francis J. Reich; England-Poul E. Burke; Puerto Rico-Jose Toro-Alfonso; India-Sandeep; Japan-Hiroaki, Yeishiro Minami; Peru-Roberto Barcena.

ADVERTISING

Jerry Johnson
(414) 372-2773

THE WISCONSIN LIGHT is published biweekly by NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD., with offices at 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Advertising and copy deadline is the Thursday prior to publication. Opinions expressed by writers in WISCONSIN LIGHT are not necessarily those of the publisher, editor, or our advertisers. Any reference made to any individual or organization should not be construed as an indication of the same's sexual or affection orientation or preference. All copy, text, design, photos, and illustrations in advertisements are published with the understanding that the advertiser is fully authorized and has secured proper written consent for the use of names, pictures, or testimonials of any living person, and WISCONSIN LIGHT may lawfully publish and cause such publication to be made; and the advertiser agrees by submitting ads to indemnify and save blameless the publication of any error that may be contained in said ad. WISCONSIN LIGHT does not accept any responsibility for any claims made by advertisers. The entire contents of WISCONSIN LIGHT are © Copyrighted and protected under the Federal Copyright Act and International Conventions. Reproduction of any portion of any issue will not be permitted without express written permission of NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD. Legal venue is Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Printed in the U.S.A.

© 1989 by Novo Graphics, Ltd.

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday-9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
24-hour recording

SUBSCRIPTIONS

First-class subscription rate is \$30.00 for one year (25 issues).
Third-class subscription rate is \$15.00 for one year (25 issues).
Foreign subscription rates available upon request.

Institutional Member



EDITORIAL

Coggs-Jones Deserves Our Support At Campaign Fundraiser Oct. 12

[Milwaukee]- When the 1989 Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee approached Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, asking her to sponsor a proclamation honoring Lesbian/Gay Pride Week, she agreed at once.

When bigots tried to force the Board of Supervisors to recant, Ms Coggs-Jones was there, fighting along side us.

In many other ways, she has been there for us. Now we have an opportunity to be there for her.

On Thursday, October 12, 1989, there will be a fundraiser for Supervisor Coggs-Jones at Eddie Jackson's Jazz Supper Club located at 2400 South Logan Ave from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will music (Jam with "Jasper"), complimentary hor d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A \$15.00 donation is requested, but any amount will be gratefully received.

Supervisor Coggs-Jones has been a true friend and loyal supporter to both our community and of all those fighting for civil rights. She deserves our support. Please be there.

Guest Editorial- It's Time To Expose Elected Collaborators Still In The Closet

In occupied Europe at the end of World War II they shaved their heads. In the present day our government sends those who lend aid and support to our enemies to prison. In fact throughout history, collaborators have been punished for turning on their own people.

Yet the Lesbian/Gay community, simply turns away while closet cases bludgeon us with public attacks, help put our enemies in leadership positions, support legislation designed to deny us our rights, raise money for those who oppose our rights and vote against us on pro-Gay/Lesbian bills.

Some of them are elected officials, others are prominent in fields other than politics. While they denounce us and work against our interest they are in fact Lesbian and Gay themselves. They excuse this conduct claiming that their sexual orientation is no one's business but their own. Too bad they don't want to extend that line of thought to everyone else.

It is time to expose them for the hypocrites that they are. Those who are homosexual and who use their positions to cover themselves by opposing our rights do not deserve or warrant our protection. We expose their scalps by shaving their heads, but we can expose their hypocrisy and its about time that we do so.

Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Committee 1989 Financial Statement Released

Gay Pride '89 Celebration "Stonewall 20: A Generation of Pride" As of: July 31, 1989		Names List	
Expenditures		Names List	425.00
Advertising	496.86	Parade Applications	50.00
Printing Services	936.01	Bar Fundraisers	3,257.16
Ofc Supplies/Operations	467.43	Rally Receipts	3,907.00
Telephone Service	274.19	Miscellaneous Receipts	121.54
Banking Charges	10.60	TOTAL	10,260.80
Gen'l Fundraising Exp.	875.70	Current Status	
Merchandise Purchases	1,622.84	Outstanding Accounts Receivable	310.00
Fundraising Expense	875.00	Current Bank Balance	257.59
Parade/Rally Admin. Exp.	1,753.00	Gross Value of Merchandise On Hand	1,623.00
Parade/Rally Oper. Exp.	1,644.08	TOTAL	2,190.59
Rally Vendor Proceeds	2,310.00	Outstanding Debt	1,074.78
TOTAL	\$10,491.21	Deficit from Above	230.41
Receipts		TOTAL	1,305.19
Balance from 1988	332.00	Net Worth as July 31, 1989	\$885.40
CCF Grant	1,000.00		
*Direct Sales of T-Shirts	218.00		
*Sales of Buttons	401.00		
*Sale of Pink Triangles	119.10		
Individual Donations	429.00		

* Amounts reflected as receipts in these categories are not accurate, as much of the sales of these items occurred during bar fundraisers and at the rally, and we have no way of extracting specific sales figures for each of these items, but are

PEOPLE LIVING WITH AIDS OF WISCONSIN

The PLWA Coalition is an organization of people living with AIDS which has taken up the mission of advocacy on AIDS related issues. We are attempting to contact people living with AIDS or who are HIV positive to develop an agenda of their needs. Some of the issues include: *Political Action, Medical Concerns, Social Issues, and Legal Concerns.*

Please contact us at (414) 273-2437 and ask to speak to a coalition member.

ACT UP

ACT • UP (ăct - ŭp) A diverse, non-partisan political action group united in anger and committed to end the AIDS crisis.

JOIN UP

AIDS COALITION TO UNLEASH POWER - ACT UP MILWAUKEE
P.O. Box 15620 • Milwaukee, WI • 53215-0620
Phone: (414) 384-3911

SILENCE = DEATH / ACTION = LIFE

LETTERS

simply incorporated into the total fundraising and/or rally figures.

Detailed information of financial worth will be furnished upon valid request. Requests must be submitted to MLGPC in writing.

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to use this space to address an issue relating to student politics at the University of Wisconsin. Those of you who live on or near the UW campus, know that a certain campus publication which shall remain nameless has mounted a massive news/editorial offensive against the Black and White Party, particularly Co-Presidents Megan Henson and Michele Goodwin.

It has been claimed that Henson and Goodwin have been "hiding behind" their charges off racism in the Senate, the Senate's sham political offensive is not a white-heterosexual-male attempt to hold on to "their" campus.

Before one reaches a final conclusion on this issue, a nasty habit of traditional WSA should be considered; that nasty habit is rampant homophobia. And I have seen it with my own eyes. Representatives of the Ten Percent Society were laughed at by the jocks, rednecks and frat boys who usually dominate the Senate. That is the part of WSA homophobia I have witnessed.

In one WSA administration, the United was denied funding because the Illinois brat who was Co-President at the time, decided they weren't a student organization. Also, in the area of funding, the Ten Percent Society was given \$100 for the Coming Out Week event of 1988; they had originally asked for \$1,000. Hardy-har, that's funny.

When WSA elections roll around on October 17 and 18, apathy will be really a bad idea, to say the least. I urge every UW student reading this to vote "straight" ticket Black and White Party. This election will most likely prove very crucial.

Remember: Vote!

—Thomas J. Rondy
Madison

GRAND OPENING SPECIALS

...1/3 Off Foliage Plants
...Roses \$14.95/doz.

Floral Designs For All Occasions Blooming & Foliage Plants

Balloons

We make deliveries in Milwaukee and Eastern Waukesha County.

T. T. TULIP FLORAL

1213 E. Brady St.
Your Community Florist
277-8518

Coming Out To Mom

by Jamakaya

Editor's Note: In recognition of National Coming Out Day, October 11th, *Light* is reprinting one of Jamakaya's most popular columns. It first appeared in May, 1988.

It was definitely time to come out to mom.

About ten years ago, my mother was convinced I was living with a man. She got this impression after calling several times and hearing the husky voice of a strange person answering my phone. It was actually the voice of my lover Diana (I'm a sucker for deep voices), and it was no longer something I could leave unexplained.

I had come out to my sister a few years earlier. I figured someone in the family ought to know. I'll never forget the distance between us as we sat on opposite ends of the couch and I began, oh so tentatively, to broach the topic. She listened carefully and was not entirely surprised by the revelation. Since then, she's always been supportive of my choice, right down to giving me her editorial opinions on my choice of women-friends!

Big sisters are supposed to be your confidants, mothers are a whole 'nother story.

I really didn't want my mother to be confused or misled about my lifestyle. I was becoming more involved in the feminist and Gay movements and didn't feel that I had to hide anything from her or worry about letting something slip. I called to tell her I had something serious to discuss. She was very curious



and a little apprehensive about what it could be, but we set up a time to meet.

I thought a lot about how I should present it to her. It unfolded in a way I could never have predicted.

We met on a Sunday afternoon in her living room, sitting in chairs opposite each other. For someone known for her assertiveness, I completely wimped out and beat around the proverbial bush. After extensive preliminaries in which I told her I had put much thought into this, that I had felt this way all my life, that I hoped she would listen and understand and ask whatever questions she might have — ad infinitum, she finally asked that I get to the point.

"Well mom," I gulped unable to use the "L" word, "I'm Gay."

There was a long, thoughtful pause before she replied.

"Aren't Gay women called Lesbians?" I nearly fell out of the chair.

"Yes mom, I'm a Lesbian."

There was another pause and then lots of questions: Are you sure? What does this mean? Isn't it a lonely life? Why don't you like men? Do you have a special friend? And then the real heartbreaker: Was it something I did or didn't do?

"No, no mom, it was just always there. And I want you to know it's a good thing. It's the best part of my life. I'm very happy with it and I'd like to be able to share it with you."

We had moved much closer. I was seated on a foot stool in front of her. At times we touched each other and held hands — a profound moment in a family where the only touching had usually been the violent kind. That seemed years away.

My mother started to cry.

"It's okay mom, please don't be upset..."

"I was just thinking of William."

"William? William who?"



JAMAKAYA

"My special friend, the one who died of cancer."

Oh god. I remembered her talking about some guy. I never met him. I assumed he was a friend of a friend or a friend's husband or something. (My father had died ten years previously.) She was very upset and couldn't express what she was feeling. My family just does not talk about these things. Suddenly it dawned on me —

"Mother were you involved with him?"

She was. Lots of pain and regret and guilt poured out. Although she mentioned him at times, she had never really explained the depth of their relationship. And being young and foolish, I never picked up on it. One just doesn't expect these things from one's 55 year-old mother!

She expressed guilt about the relationship, guilt flowing from her Catholicism — after all, they weren't married. I told her that if they loved each other, she should feel no guilt or shame about it. We talked about love and companionship and commitment and the desire to express those things physically. I assured her that love that felt so right was nothing to be ashamed of and, in fact, ought to be celebrated. It all touched so tenderly on what I wanted to express about my own Lesbianism.

A lot of my mother's pain had to do with the fact that she never shared any of these feelings with anyone. How horrible to be alone with all this. Mother nursed William through his illness and death and I never even knew about it or gave her any support. How horrible!

The greatest tragedies are those resulting from miscommunications or things left unsaid between loved ones. Coming out to my mother opened communication channels and emotional depths I had never reached with her before.

Mom doesn't blink an eye anymore when I tell her I'm off to a Lesbian conference or when I bring my lover over for supper. She's absorbed so much in her life, she can handle anything. I tell her she's a regular Amazon and she just blushes. She's not sure, but senses it's a compliment.

The moral of the story is: take the risk of coming out to someone you love. There are often happy endings and the dividends, in terms of growth and understanding, can be substantial.

Hot Music Hot Men

135 East National
Milwaukee, WI

643-9758

Compound Q Study Indicates Drug Is Antiviral and Boosts Immune System

[San Francisco, CA]- At a public meeting in San Francisco on Sept. 19, Project Inform released preliminary findings of Compound Q treatment protocol. It also responded to a critical report in Sept. 19's *New York Times*.

Project Inform urged caution in the interpretation of the results, since they must be considered preliminary and subject to further analysis which is currently underway. While toxicity data is considered fairly reliable at this early stage, findings of effectiveness are less so, since early studies such as this do not use control groups as a point of comparison.

Reported Efficacy Findings

Preliminary findings of the treatment protocol indicated that the drug had both antiviral and immune boosting effects in patients followed for at least two months after their initial treatment. Data is based on 34 patients in New York and San Francisco.

Nine of 15 patients who were available for p24 antigen levels (the only accepted measure of anti-viral activity in AIDS) showed a sustained reduction averaging 50% at the last data collection period compared to their levels at the beginning of treatment. This finding suggests that the use of the drug does have a significant antiviral effect, one which is sustained well after stopping the use of the drug. Organizers of the program had not expected antigen levels to drop all the way to zero, since the drug does not remove free virus from the blood, but is believed to destroy many of the cells which are producing it.

Of the patients who had initially high levels of virus (defined as a test reading of more than 100), 100% had a sustained reduction averaging 68%.

Medical Director Dr. Alan Levin said these findings were particularly significant because they occurred in patients where AZT was failing to control levels of p24 antigen.

Improvements in immunological measures were also noted in 19 of the 34 patients. Levels of T4 helper cells measured two months after treatment

indicated an overall mean increase of 28%.

Researchers believe that the consistency of improvements suggest that the findings are significant and not a statistical aberration. They cautioned, however, that such averages do not predict the outcome in any individual instance and the patients should not conclude they would have a similar increase from use of Compound Q.

While pleased with the findings of efficacy, researcher also noted significant toxicities of the drug, which was expected because of the chemotherapeutic nature of the therapy. "Anyone who expects chemotherapy to be completely non-toxic is fooling himself. This is an extremely toxic disease, and killing off infected cells is likely to be a somewhat toxic process, just as it is in cancer," said Dr. Larry Waites, one of the San Francisco doctors who ran the program.

Toxicity to the central nervous system was noted in 7 patients, ranging from temporary mild confusion to a coma in one case. Two patients who had had such toxicities later died, one a week after using the drug when he inhaled vomit and choked and another some five and a half weeks after first experiencing an apparent recovery. Five other patients experienced varying degrees of temporary mental confusion or disorientation, which appeared to respond positively to the use of the steroid decadron.

Regarding the furor in New York over the death of a patient who had previously participated in the program, Project Inform cautioned the community and reporters to await a full disclosure of the facts. Stories in the *New York Times* were based solely on rumors and not on the patient's medical records and were fueled by an inter-personal struggle within New York's Community Research Initiative.

**Support
Our Advertisers**

If you haven't taken the antibody test for the AIDS virus

Think about it

Because if you test positive, now there are choices

- Tests to see how healthy your immune system is
- Drugs such as AZT that can slow development of AIDS
- Treatments such as aerosolized pentamidine to prevent some AIDS-related illnesses

For more information about free, anonymous testing, counseling and safer sex call the

BESTD

C.L.I.N.I.C

414-272-2144

1240 East Brady Street • Milwaukee, WI • 53202
GMHC-1989

The Brady East STD Clinic

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

What Other Politicians Are Trying To Do To Frank Is the Real Crime

By Bill Meunier

The Barney Frank affair is one of the most nauseating and disgusting scandals to come out of Washington in some time. What Mr. Frank did is bad enough, but what others have done in their reaction to Mr. Frank's conduct is even more deplorable.

For those of you who may not be aware of what has happened let me fill you in. Barney Frank is an openly Gay Congressman from Massachusetts. He admits to paying one Steve Gobie for sex back in 1985. He also admits that Gobie was not the first male prostitute he used.

According to Frank he wanted to help Gobie go straight. (Figuratively speaking of course) so he hired him as a "personal attendant," for the sum of \$20,000 a year. Gobie you see in addition to being a prostitute also had been arrested for various offenses including drugs and possession of obscene material involving a minor. Steve's sole duties apparently were keeping Frank happy and acting as a chauffeur.

If you're thinking that paying a prostitute \$20,000 a year to keep you happy in order to help him/her to go straight is like helping a drug addict kick the habit by supplying her/him with needles, syringes and narcotics, you'll find yourself in agreement with many.

Frank explains his conduct by stating that he was lonely. He complains about the lack of a social life for a closeted Gay Congressman (he didn't come out until 1987.) He says that he didn't have any alternative outlets because he was afraid to come out of the closet. His fear of exposure was so great that he stayed in the closet despite the fact that in the district neighboring his, Congressman Gary Studds came out in 1983 and has been re-elected ever since despite his admission of having sex with a Congressional page.

Frank admits what many of you are probably thinking, what he did was wrong. Like millions of Gays and Lesbians he was experiencing the frustration of being in the closet. Unlike the vast majority of us, he turned to sleazy hustlers.

Barney Frank is not the first Gay or Lesbian to fall into this trap. Unfortunately he won't be the last. His mistake was human. He wanted companionship, a social life, someone to hold and whether you share in Barney's disastrous experience with the sleazy world of male hustling or not, you must admit there are few of us who haven't at least shared the emotions that caused it.

Frank now has a lover. Since coming out of the closet, he says his life has become much easier and he has been able to straighten out (so to speak) his personal affairs. This is also an experience that many of us have had.

Mr. Gobie as may be expected turned out to be totally unreliable. He called the Washington Times told them about his relationship with Frank. He also stated that while in Congressman's Frank's ahem "employ" he was running a bisexual prostitution service out of old Barney's apartment and that he did so with Frank's knowledge and consent. That's when the brown stuff really hit the fan. Gobie must subscribe to the old adage "While the cats away, the rat will play" and for pay at that.

Frank denies any knowledge of Gobie's attempts to supplement his salary. He says that he fired Gobie when his landlady informed him that Gobie was working for other employers on company time.

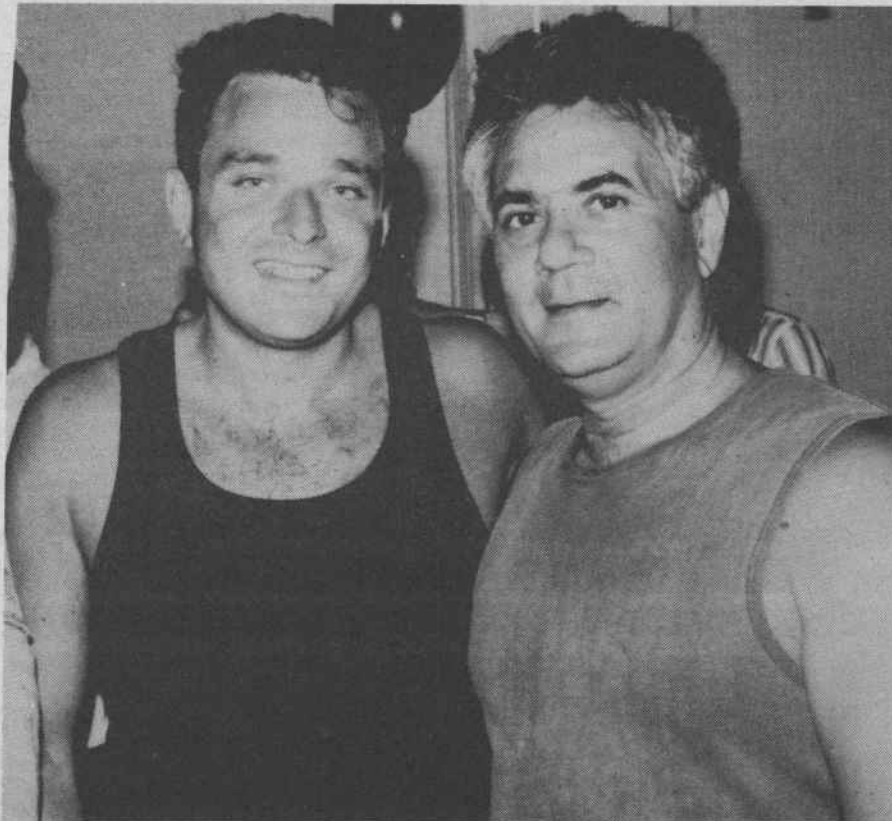
All things considered it is likely that Frank did not know about Gobie's "moonlighting." What Barney Frank does admit to is not being able to deal with the fear of coming out, with the loneliness of having no real social life and the resulting inability to deal with his sexual drives properly. Untold millions of us have experienced the same feelings and can sympathize. Barney Frank admits to being wrong and he was.

But Barney Frank is not stupid. In order to believe Gobie one would have to take the word of a man who in polite company would be referred to as a scum bucket. One would also have to believe that a Congressman who was so fearful of coming out that he turned to prostitutes

would not be bothered by the possibility of being called "Madam" Barney Frank. The last thing anyone so deeply embedded in their closet would want to do is call attention to themselves by allowing a Call Boy/Call Girl ring out of their apartment.

What Frank did was wrong and he has apologized for it, but the reactions of some in and outside of our Lesbian/Gay leadership has been just as deplorable if not more so.

First we have Mr. Patrick Buchanan, a conservative columnist claiming that



U.S. Congressman Barney Frank (right) is pictured with his spouse, Herb Moses who is a former Milwaukeean. The photo was taken at a party at the 1988 National Democratic Convention in Atlanta.

Frank has forfeited his right to call into question the activities or lack of activities of former HUD Secretary Sam Pierce while hundreds of millions of tax dollars were being misused, misappropriated and out and out stolen during Pierce's tenure in office.

According to Buchanan, who has always despised stands on Lesbian/Gay and women's issues, Frank has lost the moral right to question Pierce's conduct. That's like telling someone who calls for a murder investigation to shut up because he's gotten a parking ticket.

Next we have the Gay/Lesbian community in Washington. Initial press reports quoted some as saying that Frank was being "picked on" because he's Gay. That's nonsense. Wilbur Mills, Wayne Hayes and other non-Lesbian/Gays who've been caught in sexual escapades with ladies of the evening have been punished for their conduct.

Our most compelling argument for Gay/Lesbian rights has been that we don't want special treatment, we want equal treatment. We can not expect Congress which has dealt harshly with straight Congressman who've paid for sex to excuse Frank's conduct because his "pavement princess" was a man and not a woman. Furthermore it was a Gay man who blew the whistle on Frank, not a straight.

What people should have been doing was pointing out that this sordid affair resulted from Frank feeling the same pressures and fears experienced by millions of us every day. They should have rushed to his defense, offered support and denounced Gobie. They should have explained how it is. No they should not have excused Frank's conduct, but they could have called attention to the plight he was in, the same plight that millions of us in this country are in.

The latest in the media is that some Gays and Lesbians consider Frank an embarrassment and want him to resign. These are the some of the same people who prior to the Gobie's bombshell, were sucking up to Barney and praising him for his outstanding work in defense of human rights. Maybe it's because I'm from the Mid-West, but I believe in loyalty. Barney Frank has done much for us. We owe him a lot more than he owes us.

At least the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights

"Straight" Thinking Largely At Fault for Frank's Current Dilemma

by Jim Roche

About hiring a male prostitute for sex and then hiring him as a "housekeeper," Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) said, "Thinking I was going to be Henry Higgins and trying to turn him into Pygmalion was the biggest mistake I ever made."

Listening to radio talk shows in Boston the day Frank's indiscretions were announced, it seemed that that explanation wasn't good enough for everybody. Some cried for Frank's resignation. Some cried for a recall

eventually fired for it.

We Gay and Lesbian people have had to meet other Gay and Lesbian people in bars if we were to meet them at all — (not that heterosexuals do anything like that!!) We have had to meet people through newspaper ads, just like Barney Frank. In the search for human contact and sensual connections, we have to resort to impersonal and anonymous sex (again, unknown in the heterosexual community!!) That's not a reflection on the character of Barney Frank, but rather upon a world created by people like Mr. Helms and Mr. Dannemeyer.

Stop blaming oppressed people for their oppression. Stop battering people into the closet and then blaming them for being there. To those who cry for Barney Frank to quit and go home, I say, "get a life."

National Organizations Support Frank

[Washington, D.C.]—The nation's two largest Gay and Lesbian advocacy and political organizations joined today in supporting Congressman Barney Frank's (D-Mass.) decision to remain in office and to allow the House Ethics Committee to conduct its investigation.

The organizations are the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

"Barney Frank is a crucial advocate for Lesbian and Gay causes, as well as many other important issues," said NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid. "We need him to stay in office for a long, long time."

Tim McFeeley, Vaid's counterpart at HRCF, echoed the sentiment.

"Some have suggested that Barney will be less effective for us than others because of the uproar surrounding his involvement with a prostitute," said McFeeley. "I think they are wrong; after the Ethics Committee has completed its work, we will be able to count on Barney as much as ever."

Vaid and McFeeley take the view that because Frank's infraction was related to his private life, it does not compel him to leave office. "While Barney may have done the wrong thing," said McFeeley, "there is no evidence, and not even any suggestion, that his mistake hampered his ability to carry out his public duties."

Vaid expressed concern about the "lynch-mob atmosphere" that has pervaded the press coverage of the Frank affair. "Barney is entitled to his day before the Ethics Committee," she said.

McFeeley pointed out that many of Frank's colleagues have been outspoken in their support of him.

Vaid and McFeeley urged the Lesbian and Gay community to stand strongly behind Frank. "He has always been there for us, since he came out and before," said Vaid. "The community owes it to Barney to be with him."

Jet's Place

1753 S. Kinnickinnic
Milwaukee 53207-672-5580

So Many Shows
So Little Time!
Milwaukee's
Newest Show
Lounge
Come In
And Enjoy —

referendum. Sunday news shows called for Congress itself to oust Frank from office. Again and again the question was asked, "What if Senator Helms were to have hired a prostitute and then taken her home to be his maid?"

The most severe attack on one radio station put forth evidence of Frank's lack of forthrightness by pointing out that Frank's original coming out to Congress in May, 1987, was actually a result of his souring love affair with this former employee. And, I suppose, as I look over the facts, it was. So what?

The point that many who call for Frank's resignation don't seem to realize is that Barney Frank grew up in a culture that completely rejected his homosexuality. Like all of us, Gays and Lesbians, Frank was taught that same sex love was unacceptable and could never be openly expressed, especially if your career depended upon the approval of the general public, like Frank's.

Barney Frank hasn't called Jesse Helms' heterosexual lifestyle sick and he hasn't tried to outlaw it. Frank hasn't threatened anyone's job because they were heterosexual. Heterosexuals don't lose their jobs for wearing wedding rings. They don't keep their weddings and relationships secret. They weren't rounded up by the Nazis and murdered for loving the wrong person. There are no organized religious and political groups trying to take away their basic rights and freedoms. There are no Republican gubernatorial candidates saying that if they are elected, they will search out and fire heterosexual teachers and state employees.

For God's sake, it's illegal for Barney Frank — or any Gay or Lesbian — to have a lifetime lover living with him in Washington. There and in many other places in this country, you can still be put in prison for your love!

How can "responsible Gay writers" like Dave Walter in *The Advocate* write: "The official Gay line on the Frank incident should simply be that it is one in which sexual orientation has no significant relevance..."? Try telling that to all of us who are harassed, arrested and eventually imprisoned due to sodomy laws. One wonders who *The Advocate* is the advocate for? I wish Dave Walter would look around and see reality. It must be nice to be employed as a professional Gay man, rather than being harassed and

The Light LIVELY ARTS

French-Canadian Lucie Blue Tremblay To Sing In Milwaukee

by Sue Burke

Lucie Blue Tremblay is a singer, songwriter and musician who says her upcoming concert in Milwaukee will be "tender, emotional, mushy and kind of a moment."

She is on tour promoting her second album, "Tendress."

The words to the songs in that album are in French and English, sung in a clear, sweet voice. The background is simple and acoustic and the meaning is gentle and deep.

Tremblay will perform at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, at Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Tickets are available to Outpost Natural Foods, 3500 N. Holton St., People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell Ave., the Station II, 1534 W. Grant St., or by mail by sending a check to Full Moon Productions, P.O. Box 11091, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

Tremblay was interviewed by telephone the morning after a concert in Baltimore. Her tour is going "very, very well," the concerts have been "very nice events" and people are smiling as they leave, she said in a French-Canadian accent.

In Milwaukee, she said, she will sing "a variety of new songs, no?, and I do some older ones — older ones, listen to me — ones from the first album."

Her first album included Chris Williamson and Teresa Trull on vocals. The album included a song, "Mademoiselle," about falling in love at a women's music festival.

She said her "typical Lucie Blue" concerts are like a "big connection" that feels "more of a one-to-one. I think it's really just an inspiration and emotional and a big time."

"Tendress" includes a song about homesickness for her native Quebec, a song about teen-age suicide, love songs and a song for her late father.

"Years and people pass away, but a good heart stays," says "Daddy's Song." "We were one and the same and I treasure our name, half-moon green eyes and of course, thanks for the nose."

She said her album cover will capture the same emotion as in the music, but would not give away the surprise of its content.

Her favorite songs are love songs, she says in an Olivia Records profile, "because I live my life very much through that emotion."

In an interview, she said she writes the song "with my senses very vulnerable. There's never enough love songs," and because it is a difficult thing to love



LUCIE BLUE TREMBLAY

someone, the songs can give listeners "practice." She said all her planets are in the emotional seventh house.

She apologized for being a little tired during the morning interview. She promised to be much more rested for her concert.

Touring is hard, she said, "but also very good because when you're actually doing the concert you know why you have to schlep everything when you see all those smiling faces."

She began her music career at age 12 playing drums with her mother's wedding and party band. She majored in music in high school, studied opera briefly at Vanier College, and began performing in clubs and concerts throughout Quebec while working at a variety of day jobs.

In 1984 she got her big break by being invited to audition at the Granby Song Festival in Quebec City. She swept the honors with songs including "Voix D'Enfant," about incest from a child's point of view and "Laissez Moi Sortir," about women in prison.

Both topics and the language of her songs make a statement for French-Canadian culture, which has been treated as inferior in Canada for many years. French-speaking customers were not always served in stores, she said.

Tremblay is also known for a delicate, open-mouth whistle. In performances she encourages the audience to sing along.

Irene Young

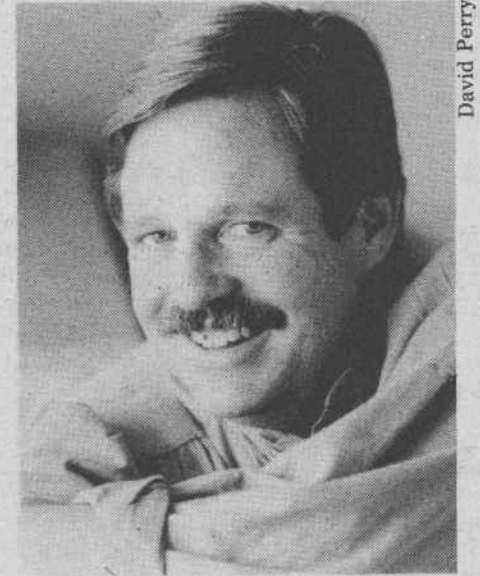
"Tales of City" Author Maupin to Read From Latest Book Oct. 18

[Milwaukee]- Armistead Maupin's sassy, comic and humane novels of modern urban life have won him a devoted worldwide following. Now with **Sure of You**, the sixth self-contained novel in his "Tales of the City" series, Maupin brings his exuberant saga to a clever and wistful end.

From the carefree hedonism of the Bicentennial year (when the first book of the series appeared) to the sobering realities of the late eighties, Maupin has chronicled the evolution of contemporary culture with style, wit and humanity. Indeed, "Vanity Fair" calls him a breezily hip social commentator, a cross between Geoffrey Chaucer and Garrison Keillor.

Though Maupin regards his novels as entertainments, he assiduously addresses issues of social and political importance, including the nontraditional family, househusband vs. career life, single parenthood, the special relationship between Gay men and straight women, cultism, homophobia and the new baby boom.

Maupin was the first author anywhere to publish fiction with AIDS (Babycakes) and his feminist themes make him especially noteworthy among male authors. **Sure of You** is no different, examining the effects that ambition has on marriage and friendship, the hypocrisy of celebrities who marry to advance their



David Perry

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

careers and the way people live matter-of-factly with AIDS.

Join the Schwartz Bookshop family in welcoming Armistead Maupin to Milwaukee on Wednesday, October 18th at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 209 E. Wisconsin Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Maupin will read from **Sure of You** and after will be available for conversation and book-signing. Refreshments will be served and parking is nearby. Call (414) 274-6400 for more information.

"Faerie Tales" Tickets On Sale For Oct. Shows

Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers now offer their audiences the convenience of ordering tickets for upcoming performances of "Faerie Tales" through the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office in the Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells St. Telephone 1-(414) 224-9490.

"Faerie Tales," a Not For Children Cabaret Revue, will play, appropriately enough, in the Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, for three nights, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 20, 21 and 22. (See their ad elsewhere this issue.)

Well loved storybook characters such as Snow White, Henny Penny, the Seven Dwarfs, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Thumbelina will present a new look as they tell their stories with a clever twist. And though the songs they sing will sound familiar, often the lyrics appear in a fresh, sometimes bawdy, Gay/Lesbian context.

Tickets may also be obtained from members of the Fest City Singers or by calling their number at (414) 263-SING.

MAP To Auction Off Two Donated Uyvarri Oil Paintings In Spring

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) wishes to thank Jim Balistreri and James Dorn for the generous donation of two Uyvari oil paintings.

Robert Uyvari who died of AIDS in 1986, was an artist who worked in San Francisco, Chicago and Milwaukee. He developed a very good reputation and his work covered many media. The paintings donated to MAP were on the walls and ceiling of the Your Place bar on South First Street. The new owners of the bar, now re-opened as "Partners" donated the two paintings to help in the support of MAP.

MAP plans on auctioning the paintings at a fund-raising event that will be held in the early Spring of 1990. We will keep everyone informed and again, would like to thank Jim Balistreri and James Dorn. The funds raised from these paintings

will help fund the services for people living with AIDS offered by MAP.

Waters Seeks Divine Star

[Baltimore, MD]- Filmmaker John Waters is conducting a one-of-a-kind star search, one in which he hopes to find a new leading lady big enough to follow in some "divine" footsteps.

According to Pittsburgh's **Out Waters**, who directed such movie gems as "Female Trouble," "Pink Flamingos," "Polyester," and "Hairspray," said he is looking for a woman "who is ugly and proud of it... with a great body and an unusual face."

Stars of tomorrow can apply to Cry Baby Productions, 222 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21201.

11:48 PM



Portrait Photography
Business — Personal

Passports

Old Photographs
Copied and Restored

Theatrical — Pets

Breitlow Studio

7405 West Harwood Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI.
476-3777

C'est
La Vie

231 South 2nd Street
Open Noon Daily

SATURDAYS
Amateur Dancer Nite
PRIZES Oct. 7 & 21
1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25
OCT. 28 FINALS
1st \$200 2nd \$100
3rd \$50

WEDNESDAYS
25¢ Tappers
\$1.50 Doubles

THURSDAYS
PIZZA & SUPER LOTTO
\$50/hour from 9 pm - 1 am

FRIDAYS
PARTY FEVER NITE
Special Drink Prices
Best & Cheapest In Town
Support Our Community

Kunene and Swan To Read For Madison's Writer's Place Series

[Madison]- The Writers' Place is preparing for its second season with a fall calendar full of activities to intrigue and expand the audience for contemporary writing.

The Writers' Place is a not-for-profit literary center committed to providing ongoing educational opportunities to writers and readers throughout Wisconsin. Each year, the organization sponsors a variety of writing workshops and hosts a series of public readings featuring significant guest writers. The Writers' Place aims to provide support for the local and regional literary communities by offering a place for writers to share ideas and encouragement through peer critiquing groups and readings.

Each year, The Writers' Place brings authors of national repute to Madison for its Guest Writers Series. Guest authors participate in informal afternoon sessions, meeting with the public and speaking about their experiences, elements of craft and other issues of interest. In addition to these informal talks, guest writers present evening readings of their work. This fall, the Guest Writers Series features the following literary artists:

Daniel Kunene, a native of South Africa and currently a professor of African Languages and Literature at UW-Madison. Professor Kunene will speak on "The Writer and the Dynamics of Struggle in South Africa" on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Pres House, 731 State St. He will read from his work at 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Gladys Swan, author of the novel "Carnival of the Gods" as well as the newly published collection "Of Memory and Desire" will speak on "Moving from Memory to Story." The time will be 1:30 p.m. at Pres House, 731 State St. She will give a reading at 8:00 p.m.

All events in the Guest Writers Series are open to the public. Readings are free. Admission for informal talks is \$2 for

Writers Place members and \$2.50 for non-members. Advance reservations are recommended. For more information, contact James Tucker at (608) 274-3138.

Memberships to The Writers' Place are \$10 per year and include a subscription to the newsletter, published three times annually, plus reduced fees for events and classes. To become a member, call Dale Kushner at (608) 238-7733.

"Voyages Out" Begins Lesbian Writers Series

With the first volume of *Voyages Out* Seal Press of Seattle, Washington launches an exciting new series designed to showcase the work of Lesbian fiction writers whose stories have not yet been previously collected — writers who deserve a wider audience. Each year Seal will publish some of the most compelling and perceptive new writers to come out of the feminist literary movement. In this premier volume, Seal is proud to present the work of Paula Martinac and Carla Tomaso.

Martinac's stories rock the expectations with their startlingly different narrative voices: the Brooklyn landlady of two "roommates" who break up; a street woman who charges into a feminist newspaper collective with some surprising truths; a successful young M.B.A. whose Lesbian-feminist mother doesn't have enough time for her.

The stories of Carla Tomaso display her wry wit and unerring sense of the small losses of everyday life. In "Stranger," a woman in a dentist's chair overhears the voice of the woman with whom she is unrequitedly in love; in "My Father, The Novelist," a disbelieving daughter listens to her father imaginatively reconstruct his life.

Ironic, touching and often hilarious, these stories to be savored and shared.

"Living With AIDS" Film Receives Emmy Television Award

[New York, NY]- *Living With AIDS*, a film documenting a community's compassionate support for a 22 year-old Gay man before his AIDS-related death, was awarded a National Emmy for Outstanding News and Documentary Program Achievement in September by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS).

Produced and directed by Tina DeFeliciano, the film made its broadcast premiere last summer on "P.O.V.", the acclaimed series of non-fiction independent films on public television.

Living With AIDS tells the story of Todd Coleman, a young San Francisco

resident afflicted with Kaposi's Sarcoma. As his illness progresses, a team of committed individuals comes to his aid. Interviews with his lover and others close to Todd reveal emotional and practical implications of a man's final weeks of life.

As the film concludes with a moving candlelight memorial for the thousands of people who have died of AIDS, we hear Todd's words, "Just don't turn away from us."

Living With AIDS is available for rental or purchase from Carle Medical Communications, 110 West Main St., Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 384-4838.

Klein Plans Task Force Benefit Show

[Milwaukee]- Chris Klein will present a benefit show for the Task Force on Battered Women and Children.

The benefit will take place Friday, October 27, 1989 at the Alternative, 1100 S. 1st St. in Milwaukee. The show begins at 10:00 p.m. and a \$3.00 donation is requested at the door.

This is the second annual benefit for the Task Force. Look for more information in the next issue of *Light*.

Men's Center Hosts Kenosha Conference

[Kenosha]- The Midwest Men's Center of Chicago invites you to attend a men's weekend retreat November 8-12, 1989 at the Haimowoods Human Growth Center located near Kenosha. This will be the third retreat sponsored this year.

The retreat will be a community of men from various backgrounds, ages and interests and living throughout the Midwest. The common point is our work in the men's movement, our male roles and our concern for men's issues. The retreat will be a safe place where men can explore new ways of relating to one another. There will be time to play, to be creative, to nurture one another and discuss political ideas.

Registration fees have been set to cover the cost of the facility and the expense of the retreat. The fee is based upon the number of nights attended. All meals are included in the fee. Fees are: \$29.00 per night for community space; single private rooms are \$40.00 per night.

For further information call Earl at (312) 281-1180 or Patrick at (312) 561-4502.

C.S.P., Incorporated

Text and General Typesetting, Stats, Screened Prints, Reverses, Overlays, Film Processing and Much More.

Discover the largest Gay operated typesetting and graphics service facility in North America, with the lowest prices found anywhere for top quality professional phototypesetting, telecommunications, and process camera services. Open 7 days/wk., 16 hrs. a day. For more information:

Call 277-9015

Toll Free 1-800-359-3240

(Outside Milw. - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Voice))

24 Hr. Computer BBS

414-289-0145

(Computer Users— Use our TOLL FREE line 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. to reach our BBS from outside Wisconsin. Toll Free- 1200/2400 baud only, 8N1. Business only.)



HARRY W. SCHWARTZ BOOKSHOPS



WELCOME

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18TH

7:30 P.M.

209 E. WISCONSIN AVE.

CORNER OF WISCONSIN & WATER

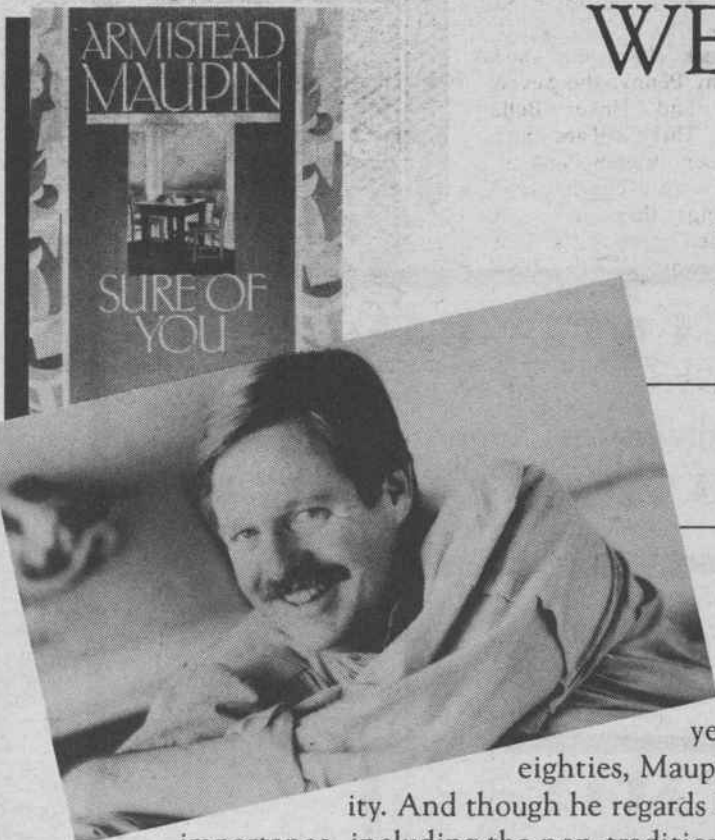
READING & SIGNING

Armistead Maupin's sassy, comic and humane novels of modern urban life have won him a devoted worldwide following. Now with *Sure of You*, the sixth self-contained novel in his *Tales of the City* Series, Maupin brings his exuberant saga to a clever and wistful end. From the carefree hedonism of the Bicentennial

year (when the first book of this series appeared) to the sobering realities of the late eighties, Maupin has chronicled the evolution of contemporary culture with style, wit and human-

ity. And though he regards his novels as entertainment, he assiduously addresses issues of social and political importance, including the non-traditional family, house-husband vs. career wife, single parenthood, homophobia, the special relationship between gay men and straight women, and the new baby boom. Maupin was the first author anywhere to publish fiction about AIDS, and the way people live matter-of-factly with it is one of the main themes of the moving, hilarious and unforgettable *Sure of You*. Join us as Armistead Maupin reads from his latest — this is an event you don't want to miss!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED • PARKING AVAILABLE • CALL 274-6400



Johnson to Speak About Women's Liberation Oct. 4 in Milwaukee

By Sue Burke

Women can create a new world, Sonia Johnson believes. It will be a world based on the law of abundance, on what is good for people and will make them happy.

She believes women can pioneer a community where the only rule would be that "nobody can do what they don't want to do," and a feminist economy will create plenty.

And, Johnson says, there are examples that this idea really works. She is currently working with other women to create a community in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Johnson will be in Milwaukee on Oct. 14 and 15 to describe how to create this new woman-centered social and economic order and how to create relationships among women outside of patriarchal models.

Johnson, 53, began her feminist work in 1978 by presiding over Mormons for the ERA, which resulted in her excommunication from the Mormon Church. The mother of four, she was divorced at the same time that she was excommunicated.

She has since participated in a variety of feminist activities, run for U.S. president, and has written three books, "From Housewife to Heretic," "Getting Out of Our Minds: The Metaphysics of Liberation," and "Wildfire: Igniting the She/Volution."

The last book builds on the second book to propose a radical new model for bringing about women's liberation. She argues that women cannot obtain freedom through men or anyone outside of themselves.

These theories will form the basis of her talk at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Kenwood Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$10 and will be available until Oct. 13 from Peoples Bookstore, Clear Horizons Food Cooperative and Outpost Natural Foods.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, she will conduct a workshop for women only on "Breaking Up With the Patriarchy Instead of Each Other" from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. Tickets are \$30 each and registration is limited and due by Oct. 6.

A few scholarships are available. For more information call Kathy at (414) 271-2565. Both appearances are sponsored by Hurricane Productions.

The workshop will explore ways to create connections among women and apply feminist values of personal freedom, cooperation and nonviolence to ways of loving.

In the 10 years since Johnson was excommunicated, she has changed from homemaker to radical feminist theorist. In 1982 she and seven other women fasted for 37 days — until they were unable to walk — to try to persuade Illinois lawmakers to pass the Equal Rights Amendment.

They did not. In the preface to the "Wildfire" book, she writes that she no longer believes society can be changed through the law or constitution.

Instead, she writes, a "she/volution" in the form of a new woman-created social and economic order has the power to effect rapid and radical shifts in the structure of global society, providing a world of abundance for all living things.

Johnson is touring 25 cities to promote the new book, released in September.

The book also challenges assumptions about institutions and power, and critiques cultural phenomena such as 12-step programs, Gay rights and the New Age Movement.

In an interview, she said that women may doubt they can make a world, but they can. For almost all of the last 250,000 years, she said, everyone in every single part of the world worshipped the mother goddess.

Then, 5,000 years ago, men "in the midst of this" decided they could "dethrone the mother and enthrone the father" to institute patriarchy. They made their own world.

And since then, men have run the patriarchy with no sign of changing or even understanding that there is another way. The law of patriarchy is the law of scarcity, she said, a law that demands even exchange of value for value that even Karl Marx maintained although it took "incredible acrobatics" to do.

Women, Johnson said, simply give things. When mothers care for babies

they don't think with every diaper change that that child will someday have to return the effort.

The law of abundance can work sort of like a "gigantic feminist potluck," she said. "If we do it together and give what we have even if it's only a little, we'll have enough and plenty left over." This can be a "real, actual and concrete society."

She said a turn-of-the-century group of six or seven women in Texas called the "Texas Commonwealth" operated on that principle and its members died wealthy, although each worked only four hours a day.

Well-being, joy and life are what most women the world over want, Johnson said, and this is the time to create a feminist community.

When feminism was revived 20 years ago some women tried to do it, she said, and mostly it ended in disaster. Women didn't understand then that they had so deeply internalized patriarchal values they knew no other way to act.

"So we went out there and did each other in. Look at the feminist movement. The streets are still running with blood."

But women have since begun fighting internalized oppression with "internalized revolution," she said, getting "clean, sober and serious about changing ourselves."

Women blush to admit they want to change the world now, she said, because they believe they are immodest in their ambitions, but she believes the "critical mass" is there to change the world before the patriarchy destroys it.

AIDS Activists Protest AZT Costs By Storming N.Y. Stock Exchange

[New York, NY]- On September 14th, members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP) held coordinated demonstrations in New York, London and San Francisco to protest the refusal of pharmaceutical company Burroughs Wellcome to lower the price of AZT (new between \$8,000 and \$10,000 annually per person), the only approved drug to treat HIV infection.

At 9:30 a.m. five activists entered the New York Stock Exchange, chained themselves to a banister, and unfurled a banner emblazoned "Sell Wellcome." They set off miniature fog horns and threw fake dollar bills which contained messages concerning profiteering on the trading floor. Trading was disrupted for 4.5 minutes. The five activists were held in the Stock Exchange for over an hour before they were arrested on charges of criminal trespass, criminal impersonation

and carrying a fraudulent instrument. Two photographers, present to document the event, were also arrested on similar charges.

At noon, in an official ACT-UP demonstration in front of the Stock Exchange, over 1,000 people protested against the criminally inflated price of AZT, which is the most expensive prescription drug in history. For nearly two hours, demonstrators blocked traffic, blew whistles, set off fog horns and performed a Die-In to call attention to the fact that, while Burroughs Wellcome stock soared 40 percent in the last four weeks, over 35 percent of American PWA's can not afford AZT. Activists demanded a boycott of all Wellcome products — including Actifed, Empirin and Neosporin — until AZT is provided free of charge to all who need it.

Res./Comm. Loft
Condo Space

Opportunity Knocks!

Pre-Construction Discounts — The Theatre Building located in the Historic Third Ward.

Call: Ron Simon or Cathy Zeiler

1 FIRST Better
REALTY, INC. **IN** Homes
and Gardens

782-8181

FEST CITY SINGERS
present
"FAERIE TALES"

Friday **OCTOBER 20** 8pm
Saturday **OCTOBER 21** 8pm
Sunday **OCTOBER 22** 7pm

STACKNER CABARET
of
The Milwaukee Repertory Theater
108 EAST WELLS STREET

TICKETS AVAILABLE-
The Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office
224-9490 or 263-SING

County Executive Schulz to Speak At Community Speakout Oct. 24

[Milwaukee]- The first Community Speakout sponsored by Milwaukee's Lambda Rights Network (LRN) opened the proverbial Pandora's box over the comments of panel member David Begel. However, nearly unnoticed were remarks made by Dr. Howard Fuller, Director of the Milwaukee County Health and Human Services Division. Members of the audience addressed a number of questions to Dr. Fuller. When he did not know the answers, he promised to find out. This, he has done in a written reply sent to LRN.

Foster Parenting Issues

"The Department of Social Services (DSS) does not currently have a specific written policy on the licensing of known homosexuals for foster care or the study of those individuals as potential adoptive parents.

"As a matter of practice, DSS staff do not normally talk to prospective foster parents about their sexual practices and preferences unless it is apparent that there is an existing or potential problem (which may be identified by a police record or information coming from a collateral resource).

"There is also no clarifying information coming from State guidelines other than licensing rules which specify the importance of finding people of reputable character to be foster parents.

"The Department indicated that if all State requirements were met in the licensing process, a foster home license would probably be provided. The decisions on placement of children into that home remains with individual department staff.

"According to DSS, they have had only one homosexual couple who applied to be foster parents. Their interest was in becoming foster parents for a teen-age boy who was a known carrier of the AIDS virus. Prior to the licensing study being completed, the court approved a social service plan for the youth which resulted in a referral to Children's Service Society under a purchase contract, and the youth and his family received the services of the

CBA Program (Community Based Alternative) and placement was avoided. Once this information was shared with the prospective foster parent applicants, their request for licensing consideration was withdrawn.

"With regard to adoptive applicants, attempts are made to ascertain that there is a satisfactory family relationship. If DSS had reason to believe they were dealing with a homosexual couple, they would need to explore this issue and the potential effect it may or may not have on a child who might be placed with them."

Child And Adolescent Treatment Center Issue

"At the Child and Adolescent Treatment Center (CATC), the physicians stated that they have never admitted a child only because he or she has stated to a parent the he or she is a homosexual. Homosexuality is not even considered under the criteria of the Diagnostic Statistic Manual III-R to be a mental health problem.

"If a child was admitted who was homosexual, it would only be because the child was also depressed, suicidal, physically/sexually abused, chemically dependent, had behavioral problems or some combination of the above.

"The staff at CATC indicated that if the person asking the question at the Community Speakout had some evidence of such an admission, the medical staff would like to review the case."

County Alcohol/Drug Treatment Issue [Lesbian and Gay]

"Based upon discussions with several AODA professionals, it appears that structured substance abuse treatment services specifically designed for homosexuals are nonexistent within the Milwaukee area.

"The McBride Center, which is part of the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital, while not exclusively serving homosexuals, does provide a program approach that incorporates Gay issues as they relate to substance abuse.

"In addition, there are several Gay-only recovery groups, general AA, or



Jerry Johnson

Milwaukee's C'est La Vie bar held their first amateur dance contest finals on Saturday, September 30. The winners were (l to r); First place- Garret Keefev, Second- Scott Sieg and Third- Bobby Feicht. The second contest will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 and 21 with finals on October 28.

CA, in the Milwaukee area. The location and times of these meetings can be found in the GALANO newsletter or by contacting the GALANO Club at 276-6936. The GALANO Club is a social club for recovering persons, notably Gay, and is modeled after the traditional Alano Club. There are also, apparently several Gay support groups that run privately.

"While CCSB contract agencies do not have treatment programs designed specifically for homosexuals, they have and will continue to provide AODA services to Gay individuals.

"To CCSB's knowledge, no organization has submitted an application to CCSB for funding specific to Gay AODA programming nor have there been inquiries that CCSB is aware of.

"All interested parties, however, are invited to submit applications/proposals during CCSB's regular RFB process. Guidelines for 1990 services are now available at CCSB and all are welcome to pick up the guidelines and apply for funding in specified targeted areas of

services."

Community Speakout II

LRN will hold its second Community Speakout on Tuesday, October 24, 1989 at the Foundation Community Center, 225 S. 2nd St. in Milwaukee. The Speakout will go from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For the first 30 minutes David Schulz, Milwaukee County Executive, will address the gathering. He will give an update on what has happened in Milwaukee County since he took office as well as future goals. He will suggest ways for the average citizen to help accomplish these goals. The last 60 minutes will be given over to questions from the audience.

Tickets are available for \$2.00 in advance by calling LRN at (414) 445-5552. Tickets at the door will be \$5.00 per person.

LRN is a group which works to build bridges among the various communities of southeastern Wisconsin. For more information, call (414) 445-5552.



BRADY EAST STD CLINIC

1240 E. Brady St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 272-2144

WILL BE CONDUCTING

HIV TESTING

AT

The M&M Club
124 N. Water Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Thursday

October 5, 1989
7:00 PM to 12:00 PM

Thursday

November 2, 1989
7:00 PM to 12:00 PM

Partners

831 S. First St.
Milwaukee, WI

Sunday

October 15, 1989
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Sunday

November 12, 1989
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Cream City Foundation

225 S. Second Street
Milwaukee, WI

Saturday

November 4, 1989
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM

Saturday

November 25, 1989
10:00 PM to 2:00 AM



Weekend Wisconsin

by Mary Shafer

A Travelogue

Reedsburg Log Museum Filled With Antiques, Farm Implements, War Relics of Generations Past

PART THREE
By Mary Shafer

Carl took me on to the first of three large, almost football field-sized warehouses that held all forms of testament to the days of yore. Just outside the first one were several pieces of large, iron and steel farm equipment. These were not the sleek, brightly painted machines that John Deere so proudly displays today, but clunky, unwieldy-looking things, now rusted and immobile. It was hard to imagine them doing any sort of useful work around the farm, but then Carl began weaving his magic.

He swung himself up onto the seat of the nearest implement, and was no longer a man in his late seventies, but a young man of twenty, with his whole life ahead of him, and working to provide for that future.

"This here was the seat. T'ain't all that comfortable, but ya din't git up here ta be comfortable. Ya worked here in this seat. Ya hitched this up by that set of rings up there (pointing to a pair of thick, steel half-rounds welded onto the front of the machine) to the ox, and it pulled ya along the rows."

"Didn't you use horses?"

"Horses was too expensive, and besides, they couldn't do as much work, or as heavy. And oxen ain't picky about what they eat, so it was easier to feed 'em in the hard times when rain was scarce."

"Well, what is that, anyway?"

"sa patata planter. Ya put the patatas in here (points to a vertical conveyer belt assembly directly in front of the seat), and as the animal drags ya along, it turns with the wheels (steel wheels) and drops the patata down into the furrow, see? Well, you know patatas, they grow their own roots, so it was just like plantin' seeds, only they're bigger." Carl squinted past me, and I knew he was sizing up the length of the furrow to be sown, figuring out if he could get it planted before the rain started again.

He proceeded to show me two or three variations on this idea, machines that were supposed to have improved upon the original. But he seemed unconvinced of the improvement, and caressed a pitted side panel of the first one we had seen.

Several other farm implements later, we entered the first warehouse. For a history connoisseur such as I, this was hog heaven. Before me, for almost an acre, sat row upon row of old buckboards, surreys, sleighs, carriages and other modes of horse-drawn transportation. Carl was quick to point out that horses were the preferred power for these social conveyances and that a man's pride was his matched team, if indeed, he had the wherewithal to afford them. Actually, Carl was just quick — he didn't miss a trick, or forget any of the questions I asked him.

Along the top beams of the warehouse hung many different pieces of tack, from single harnesses to reins to full sets of matched yokes and assorted leather and brass paraphernalia. I could imagine them polished and shining, hugging the brushed and equally gleaming flanks of a pair of chestnut stallions, outfitted royally for a Sunday drive in the country. I could almost hear the "clop, clop, clop" of shod hooves on the well-packed dirt of rural Wisconsin sideroads.

After viewing the rest of the farm equipment, many of it accompanied by its own little story from Carl's mental files, we moved on to the second warehouse. In this building were many dioramas, lined up on either side of the wide center aisle. Each of these dioramas had its own theme, most of them representing a typical room of a home from different eras. Some were of the parlors of rather well-to-do families of varied economic levels. Some were of small shops, others of businesses. All were fascinating.

Although I'm not sure they were all researched with the objective eye of a true historian, they were all put together with

the loving care of someone who knew the importance of common history and the patience to preserve it. After all, everyone knows that real families have things from all different eras in their own homes. Hand-me-downs are not a recent invention!

The third building contained the most varied exhibits. There were hand and ancient power tools, several different models of communication devices, from morse code transcriber to an old "Jenny" type wall phone (straight out of the old "Lassie" shows), to a candlestick phone, to a telegraph transmitter.



This historic two story dwelling is a part of the building collection at the Reedsburg Pioneer Log Museum. Note the dovetail construction of log joints and exposed eave beams. The roof is covered with wooden shingles and the top, front window is shuttered. This house once served as the Oetzman residence.

There were tables full of household goods — china, tableware (antique hounds, still your beating hearts!!!), kitchen utensils, hygiene accessories. There were photographs of every imaginable scene, from those stiff, posed family gathering records to group shots of large units of militia before they headed off to represent a proud Reedsburg in the battles of the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II and the conflicts of Korea. Several glass showcases were devoted to the uniforms and insignia worn by some of these brave lads, including a Union Army uniform tunic of the regiment that was assigned to protecting the train that brought Abraham Lincoln's body home to rest in Springfield.

One of the lighter moments of this walk through time was a framed photograph, accompanied by two newspaper clippings (one an article, one an ad), of a burlesque farce put on in the holiday season of 1927. The ad headline screams "Womanless Wedding," as the copy goes on to chide, "If you can't laugh, don't come..."

A traveling company of performers from Bardstown, Kentucky, brought their bawdy rendition of a mass ceremony to Reedsburg on December 13 and 14 of that year, sponsored by the Methodist Men's Club Brotherhood. 80 actors in drag kicked and screamed their way into the collective heart of this rural town, to roars of laughter by full house audiences both nights. For 50 cents apiece, the townfolk could witness a troupe of men for whom, according to the article, "...vanity occupied no small place, no dresses were short enough, no necks low enough, no jewelry gaudy enough to suit these women for a day!" Sounds like something right up your alley, doesn't it, guys?

After the tour was through, I felt a little let down and dropped a fiver into the little woven bucket that sat on the counter, mutely begging for a contribution that would help keep the museum open for another season. It was more than worth it, I thought, for an afternoon of educational

entertainment, with my very own tour guide an integral part of the exhibits. I took a few pieces of literature, bid Carl farewell, and walked to the car.

Before I left, I stopped to read the historical marker that stands next to the gravel turnaround. It is a chronology of one of Reedsburg's most famous contributions to society, Mr. Clare Briggs, a cartoonist for the *New York Herald-Tribune* at the turn of the century. Several of Briggs' works are carefully catalogued and displayed in the last warehouse of the museum, and I highly recommend its viewing to any serious student of the art of cartooning, or to

MAPS First 10K Walk Raises \$4,000

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) extends a warm "Thank-You" to the people who participated in the October 1st 10K "Walk for Time" benefit for MAP. Over 60 people came to walk the 10 kilometers to raise pledges and money for people living with AIDS.

The walk began at 10:00 a.m. on a metallic blue morning at McKinley Park. The walkers proceeded through the park, along Lincoln Memorial Drive and back through Lake Park. Everyone received a commemorative hat for the Walk plus coffee, juice and other refreshments served at the end of the Walk. Donations pledged for this event are expected to reach \$3,500. All moneys received from the walk will come to MAP for its programming.

Special thanks to Beans & Barley restaurant for donating a case of juice for the walkers; to Bob and Fred for donating the sound system and music for the rally and to Randy Frank for soliciting over \$1,000 in pledges for the Walk. A special thank you also goes to the firm of Robison and Havlicek for producing the Walk.

"Thanks to everyone who walked and pledged for this event. Considering the short time frame in organizing the event, we consider it a great success and hopefully it will grow into an annual event," said Chris Doerfler of MAP.

MAP Announces New HIV Testing Policy

[Milwaukee]- Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) has announced that MAP "has changed its position on HIV testing." The new policy was adopted at the September Meeting of MAP's Board of Directors.

In a letter to *Light*, Nelson said, "We strongly encourage individuals who are at risk for HIV infection to consider taking the HIV antibody test. We make this recommendation because new drug therapies and health promotion measures can slow HIV disease progression and extend life for those infected with the AIDS virus."

As drug therapies improve," Nelson said, "it is everyone's hope that ultimately AIDS fatalities will stop. Until that time, early knowledge of HIV infection and early medical intervention can be successful in extending life."

Anyone interested in HIV antibody testing can call MAP at 273-2437 or 1-800-334-2437 for referral to appropriate testing sites.

A more complete follow-up article in this subject will appear in the next issue of *Light*.

anyone with an interest in the field.

I pulled away from the Log Village and Museum with a new appreciation of "life in the olden days," as my grandmother likes to refer to it. The images and emotions of an era long past had come alive again for me through the generous spirit of a gentle soul who had lived the best of his years then, and who was concerned that I appreciate them the way he had. As the rain began again, splashing in small drops on the windshield of my car, I was glad that the buggies were tucked safely inside the warehouse, and felt that appreciation, in my own way.

Thanks, Carl.

Milwaukee AIDS Project Fighting AIDS through effective service:

Education and Prevention

- AIDSline—the latest information on AIDS
- Library/Resource Center—Wisconsin's comprehensive source for articles, pamphlets, books and videos on AIDS
- AIDS prevention education for people engaging in risk behavior

Life Care Services

- Home care support
- Support groups
- Counseling
- Case management
- Medical, psychological and spiritual referrals
- Financial assistance
- Housing assistance

If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, call
Statewide: 1-800-334-AIDS
Milwaukee: 273-AIDS

The Milwaukee AIDS Project
We support learning.
We promote living.



WORLD VIEWS AND OPINIONS

Visitor Sees Both Good and Bad Sides of Gay Life in Exotic Thailand

By Hiroaki

Tokyo, Japan]- Recently, there has been a lot of information about the Gay scene in Thailand. In this article, I hope to cover points usually not covered in those other articles.

The situation of Gays in Thailand was described to me by one of my friends as "so good that it is heaven, and because of this, it is hell." After going to Thailand and speaking at length to many of my Thai friends, as well as going out with them, I can very well understand this statement.

As with any other place, a tourist gets a completely different view of Thailand than (s)he would if he were living there. I was no exception.

My first 2-3 days were spent in a hotel in Bangkok with my Thai friend who came to pick me up at the airport after arriving from Tokyo. My first impression of Bangkok was that it was glittery, modern, exciting and dirty. It is all of these things. However, I did not know about the poverty that exists in Thailand until AFTER I was taken by some friends to visit people they knew. So many people have to literally watch every coin they spend. On top of that, there is no national health insurance or pension systems as we have in Japan. So, if you're young and healthy, great, but as you grow older, then you start to worry.

According to one Thai friend, the salaries are so low that "We eat, we

drink and we fuck. That's it."

What does this mean for Gay people? If you are Gay and single or if you are Gay and have a lover, then you won't have any children, so who will look after you after you retire?

Gay life in Thailand is not as difficult as in most countries. There are so many ways to meet Gays which is why the personals section of Thai Gay magazines is not very large. I, myself, always believed that Japan had the most extensive Gay "establishment" of any Asian country, but upon seeing Thailand, I was stunned.

However, because there is such an elaborate "establishment", most Gays do not feel that there is a need for Gay organizations and a need to safeguard Gay rights. Legally, being Gay is not illegal, but it is not legal either. And now and again, the government does put some pressure on the Gay community.

The seriousness of AIDS in Thailand is difficult to judge. In one city alone, Chiang mai, there are over 500 AIDS cases/carriers. This is the official figure. Only heaven knows the real count. I presume that Bangkok's figure is much, much larger.

I love Bangkok, Thailand, Thai people, Thai food and just the exoticness of life there (Japan is great, but NOT exotic). Most short-term visitors will feel the way I do, but few will ever know the other side.

Gays in Hong Kong Live in Despair, Little Hope as Free State Nears Ends

By Teishiro Minami

[Tokyo, Japan]- "On borrowed time in a borrowed place." This phrase is so popular and it accurately illustrates the situation of Hong Kong. We all know that the lease will expire in less than 10 years. The whole of Hong Kong is preoccupied with the end of "free" Hong Kong. Gays and Lesbians are no exception.

Hong Kong, as people say, is a free port. Government intervention in business, political activities and the press is minimal compared with other Asian nations such as Korea, Taiwan or Singapore. For us, Gays and Lesbians, however, laws against us are harsh and remain as a relic of the old British rule. Hong Kong has an infamous anti-Gay law that is based on Britain's Victorian tradition: four years of imprisonment if found guilty of sex with a same-sex partner.

Unlike most European cultures, Chinese tradition did not prohibit Gays outright, but they rather celebrated it in their great novels such as "Chin P'ing Mei." Even some Taoist texts explain how to have Gay and Lesbian sex. When then, did people in Hong Kong become so phobic about homosexual acts? One of the reasons is the law enforced by the British colonial government.

Hong Kong itself is almost incredibly compact. You can go almost anywhere within 30 minutes. The population is over 6 million people packed together almost cheek by jowl.

For Gays and Lesbians, their neighborhood is always right next to where a guy goes to have a date with his boyfriend, a girl to dance with her girlfriend. People are constantly watched by others including their family members, colleagues and the police.

Are Hong Kong Gays stuck in the "uncivilized" situation forever? After 1997 when the sovereignty of Hong Kong reverts to China, the situation for Gays and Lesbians is unlikely to improve.

China outlaws Gays and Lesbians because Karl Marx was against homosexuality.

Hong Kong's Gays and Lesbians are not just standing idly by during this time of drastic change. They have begun to strive for their rights. The South China Morning Post reported that Rev. Fung Chi-wood, who is an Anglican minister and also a member of the city government is organizing a group called "The Association for the Welfare of Gays and Lesbians." The aim is the decriminalization of homosexuality.

Still, Hong Kong, in terms of law, is a deep and dark pit for Gays and Lesbians. There is not much hope there despite the fact that if you actually visit Hong Kong, you will find several Gay bars, discos and even a Gay beach.

What can you as a Gay or Lesbian reading this in Japan or another country do for Hong Kong's Gays and Lesbians? Help them, if you possibly can, to immigrate. The need to provide help to get them out of Hong Kong is great and must be done before the advent of communist rule.

Hong Kong Gays and Lesbians are living on borrowed time in a borrowed place. They deserve freedom. We can help them to have it.

Madison's United Sponsoring Coming-Out Support Groups This Fall

[Madison]- The Madison Community United (The United) is sponsoring a coming-out support/discussion group for Gay men. The group will meet once per week from October to December. This group will provide a setting where Gay men can discuss coming-out issues with others who are in a situation similar to their own.

The co-facilitators will lead the group through topics such as coming-out to

parents, relatives and friends (when, why and how), Gay friendships/relationships (what to expect) and positive Gay lifestyles. In the past, these groups have provided coming-out Gays an opportunity to meet others, to learn more about themselves and to develop a more positive self-esteem.

For more details, contact The United at (608) 255-8582. Discretion is assured.

North Woods Vacation Special!

2 people, 5 nights (Sun.-Thur. excl. holidays) for only \$125.00 plus tax. Where? At your bed & breakfast "second home" in beautiful Northern Wisconsin...

NORTHLAND HOUSE
609 Hwy. 77, Pence, WI 54550
(715) 561-3120

LaCage

HOLLY & CO.

SAT.'S 9:30 PM
SUN.'S 10:00 PM

"CLAIM TO FAME"
W/ Holly & Kelly

WED.'S 11 PM

MILWAUKEE'S GAY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Jazz

801 - 805 South 2nd Street
Milwaukee, WI
383-8330



THE SHOW THE MIDWEST IS TALKING ABOUT!

dance dance dance