

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays**

Meets 2nd Thursday of  
each month. Next meeting:  
~~Sept. 13th~~ Sept. 13th.

**PLACE :**

Wesley Methodist Church  
823 Union Av., Sheboygan.

TIME: 6:30 Pm.

I Sure hope to see you there!  
(and bring a friend!)

**P-FLAG Lakeshore Chapter**

- Listening, Learning and Loving -

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**Steps in "coming out" for Parents**

Bear in mind that some Parents take more days or hours to Progress from step to step, and others may take months, years or never. Here is a brief review of the six steps in the "up" or "forward" direction for those unfamiliar with the Process.

**1 ANGER/SHOCK/HOSTILITY** needs little explanation as most authors agree that some variation of this mood will be a Parent's first reaction to the revelation of having a gay/lesbian child.

**2 DENIAL** - This step can take many forms; examples: loving denial, as in "Oh you can't be gay. It's just a stage - go out and date the right person and those feelings will change."; Hostile denial, as in: "The hell you are! We're going to get a damn shrink to straighten you out!"

**3 GUILT** - My personal observation is that the majority of Parents making inquiries to P-FLAG Phone contacts or coming to that first meeting have reached at least this stage. "It must have been something I did wrong in raising him/her up."

**4 TOLERATION** - Unfortunately, this may be the very last stage reached by most Parents, particularly those who are not associated with P-FLAG. At this stage, the Parent realizes that the child cannot be changed, puts the subject aside, and carries on a more or less normal relationship with the child, but rarely, if ever, brings up "the subject."

**5 ACCEPTANCE** - it should be our minimum goal to help other Parents reach at least as far as this step, because here, even if the Parent continues to wish it were not so, acceptance, albeit with a touch of resignation, makes it possible for a Parent and child to be comfortable and open with each other.

**6 NURTURANCE** - A common example of this final step would be to include a gay child and his/her partner in on every family party and holiday function on equal footing with straight children and their spouses. An extreme example would be becoming a matchmaker: trying to find just the "right" guy for your son to meet, or the "right" girl for your daughter to date.

(From the South Atlantic P-FLAG Newsletter - via Chico Ca. and P-FLAG Minn.)

**TYPOS!**

They always seem to sneak in when/where least wanted, and I did a doozy! In last month's newsletter, right on Page 1, I misspelled our U.S. President's name as "Busch", then sent a copy to Mrs. Bush! Wanna talk about red faces? I musta been subconsciously thinking about going out for a beer... or something... or not thinking!

My sincere apologies to President and Mrs. Bush! The Editor.

**Madison OKs Domestic Partners Law**

[Condensed from Wisc. Light] Madison has become the first city in Wisc, and one of few in the U.S. to allow registration of domestic Partners.

Two ordinances were passed on June 5, 1990. The first says that domestic Partners who meet certain qualifications, pay a \$25 fee and register will receive a certificate attesting to their status from the City Clerk.

The other ordinance makes it illegal for businesses to discriminate against domestic Partnerships, whether registered or not, when they provide family memberships. If any business offers a family membership but denies one to a domestic Partnership, the domestic Partners may file a complaint of discrimination with the Madison Equal Opportunities Commission. If discrimination is proven, the business could be required to pay damages to the Partnership in addition to granting the family membership.

For more information on these ordinances, contact Alderman McFarland at (608) 257-4858

**Boycott of Marlboro Cigarettes Growing****JESSE HELMS  
IS THE REAL**

WARNING: Philip Morris, Inc., funds Sen. Jesse Helms. Buying Marlboro promotes ignorance about AIDS. Call 800-343-0975 or 800-446-7030 and give them hell for it.

**BOYCOTT MARLBORO!**

ACT UP/DC P.O. BOX 9318, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005 (202) 728-7530

[Wash. D.C. via Wis. Light] Gay bars in Wash. D.C. and Atlanta have pulled Marlboros from their vending machines. This added momentum boosts the boycott of Marlboro called by ACT-UP/D.C. in April. The boycott was called because Phillip Morris Cos. Inc. support re-election of Jesse Helms. Not only has Philip Morris given Helms the maximum campaign contribution allowed by Federal law in all past elections, but they are providing significant funding for the "Jesse Helms Citizenship Center", a museum to memorialize the AIDSphobic Senator.

The boycotting bars are leaving the former Marlboro slots empty, and placing "Boycott Marlboro" stickers in the windows of the machines. Boycott organizer Lee Bush stated, "With businesses pulling Marlboro from their establishments, there is increased pressure for Philip Morris to cease funding of the Helms campaign and museum.

A growing number of activists, community leaders, Lesbian/Gay organizations, artist groups and individuals have added their support to the boycott.

Non-smokers can support the boycott by calling Philip Morris's toll-free numbers: (800) 446-7030 (Retailers order line), (800) 343-0975, (Smoker-advocate line) and (800) 552-2222 (Bill of Right order line) to complain.

Helms will be challenged by Harvey Gantt, two-term mayor of Charlotte, N.C. in November. We can hope that Mr. Gantt will block Helms from his fourth six-year term in the U.S. Senate.

## Battle ends for noted AIDS activist.

[Condensed from Sheb. Press, 7/23/90] The San Francisco Board stopped its meeting out of respect, with a "Profound sense of civic and Personal loss" when he died on June 4th. The San Francisco Examiner carried a 16-inch obituary with his Picture. The Los Angeles Times ran a 15-inch story with a 3-column headline. Other obituaries were in New York, Detroit and many other Papers. He was memorialized in the Congressional Record, mourning the passing of "A man of courage & compassion who dedicated himself to alleviating suffering of others."

Dan Turner was the second American diagnosed with AIDS, eight years ago, before the doctors even had a name for the disease. They used his blood for research. According to doctors, he was the longest-surviving victim of AIDS in the United States, and probably in the World. From the day he was diagnosed, he was an AIDS activist.

His last public appearance was at the May 20th AIDS candlelight vigil at San Francisco City Hall, where he was one of three people who received the National "AIDS Heroes of the Year" award.

Born in Bloomington Ill., he grew up in Sheboygan. He attended St. Clement, and graduated from North High in 1965, where he was voted the most talented in his class. He was active in both North High and Sheboygan Arts Foundation theater productions.

Mr. Turner earned a Bachelor's degree at Fairfield University in Connecticut. He also studied at Exeter College in England, the University of Iowa and the Dallas Theater Center before moving to San Francisco in 1973.

He was a Playwright, teacher, actor, author, writer, Peace Corps and VISTA volunteer, and personal secretary to Playwright Tennessee Williams in New Orleans briefly, where he was diagnosed with hepatitis. He was inspired by Williams to overcome the illness and continue working. He started an AIDS switchboard when he couldn't keep up with the calls he was getting from AIDS victims and their relatives.

A friend of his wrote to his mother, Rosaire, who still lives in Sheboygan, that he always acted "as though he were the friend of each and every person present -- sincere, uncalculating, entrusted with a mission and a specific destiny... His message was to empower people with a sense of control over their own lives," the friend wrote.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two brothers and a sister.

A memorial service was held at St. Juliana Catholic Church in Fullerton, Calif. on June 8th.

We of P-FLAG Lakeshore mourn the loss of this intelligent, talented and popular young man. Though we did not know him, yet we feel his loss. Whether he was gay or not is immaterial. We offer our condolences to his mother, brothers and sister, and invite them all to our next meeting, ~~Sept. 13th~~ Sept. 13th.

The Editor.

## RESOLUTIONS

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered. Love them anyway.  
If you do good, people may accuse you of selfish motives. Do good anyway.  
If you are successful, you may win false friends and true enemies.  
Succeed anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.  
Honesty and transparency make you vulnerable.

Be honest and transparent anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

People who really want help may attack you if you help them.

Help them anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you may get hurt.

Give the world your best anyway.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF CONFLICT. Choose Peace of mind anyway.

--Anonymous

**Send a message to the White House!**  
**Your card is important!!!**

As a follow-up to the letter written by Paulette Goodman, President of the Federation of Parents FLAG, to First Lady Barbara Bush, and Mrs. Bush's subsequent reply, you will find a card enclosed with this newsletter. PLEASE fill it out and mail it to the National P-FLAG office: P.O. Box 28009, Washington, DC 20038. You can help us send a vital message to Mrs. Bush and the White House. ==> DO IT NOW! <==

**SILENCE IS THE VOICE OF COMPLICITY.**

**MAPfest**

MAPfest, a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project will be held on Sunday, September 2, 1990 at Schlitz Park, N. 3rd & Cherry St. in Milwaukee from 2-10 PM. Admission is \$2.

There will be Brats, Corn on the Cob, Hamburgers and more to satisfy your hunger, and if you thirst, there will be Soda, Beer and Wine Coolers.

Games will include: "Pitch 'till you win," "Nickel Toss," "Tri-Color Golf," "Ball Bingo," "Over-Under" and "Stein Game". Lots of Great Prizes! Tickets: 3/\$1 or 18/\$5.

There will be a raffle, (1st Prize: a Tandy TL1000 computer system!), booths with information and merchandise, a dog show, a Bachelor/Bachelorette auction, (for a date!) and female impersonators.

MAP, The Milwaukee Aids Project, supplies information and support for AIDS victims. If you can, PLEASE mark your calendar, and attend this fundraiser for a really worthwhile cause. Thank you.

**OUR PHANTOM LIBRARY**

IF you have any books or other info that would be of interest to other P-FLAG members, that you would be willing to EITHER loan to others on a time-by-time basis OR donate to our library, PLEASE bring a LIST to the next meeting, or mail it to the P.O. Box. I Plan to Publish a list of these materials in a future edition. Names of owners will NOT be Published, but we need to know what is available, and where it can be found. Thank you.

**Privy Info!** (Condensed from Sheboygan Press)

Privy. Biffy. Outhouse. Loo. Donicker. Dooley. Backhouse. Chick sale. Some People consider the subject 'unfit for Polite company', but in the Book of Deuteronomy, God spoke of how to deal with the subject.

The first week in August has been designated as a National observance for "Preserving Privies"! Whatever you call the outhouse, we've come a long way since Henry Moule and Thomas Crapper gave us indoor Plumbing.

There are still over four million of them in use in the United States, down from 50 million reported in the 1950 census. Now, landscapers are planting new imitation outhouses in lawns for \$2,500 and up, for use as School bus shelters, Playhouses, deluxe dog houses, tool sheds and anything else you can imagine! (If you have an old one, don't destroy it! Collectors are spending \$25 just for a single-hole seat board!)

(See the kind of 'crap' I'm likely to use when I don't get enough material to fill the newsletter? Sorry! I hope I didn't offend you, but I HOPE I got your attention!)

==> **NOW LETS GET THOSE NEWS ITEMS IN!!!!** <==

## Progress towards AIDS vaccine!!!

(Condensed from The Wis. Light) According to Doug Nelson, director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (MAP), who attended the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, held in San Francisco the end of June, "The scientific progress on vaccine development is unexpected and significant. Scientists now 'clearly understand' the life cycle of HIV. It's a frail virus that will respond to biological weaponry. We must choose the weapons."

Within six months, treatment will involve four drugs: AZT, DDI, DDC and Interferon, rotating on a weekly basis. This will lower toxic reaction and make them more effective for longer times.

For the last 2 1/2 years, Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the Polio vaccine, has been working with 85 men in California who are HIV Positive by injecting them with de-activated HIV. Most were asymptomatic. Among these subjects there has been an increase in antibodies and T-cell count, and "a positive immunological response," and only three have gone on to develop full-blown AIDS.

Dr. Salk feels it'll take 2, 3 or 4, vaccines, taken for life with boosters.

Nelson pointed out that there's no reason for anyone in Wisconsin to be unable to afford AIDS drugs.

For more information, call the Milwaukee AIDS Project at (800) 334-AIDS.

## MOLECULE CAN BLOCK AIDS VIRUS!

Wash. D.C. (AP)

A synthetic protein molecule attaches itself tightly to an AIDS virus in test tube experiments, and prevents the virus from infecting healthy cells, according to a report published July 20. Researchers at Harvard University said in a study published in the Journal of Science that the man-made molecule, called CPF, prevents a molecule on the surface of the HIV (AIDS) virus from adhering to the immune cells it usually attacks.

"CPF is also very inexpensive and very simple to synthesize" said Steven J. Burakoff, a researcher at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, an affiliate of Harvard.

The Harvard researchers found CPF while studying how HIV attaches itself to T-cells, the primary target of HIV virus.

HIV attacks T-cells by using its surface molecule, gp120, to attach to a molecule called CD4 on the surface of the T-cell. In effect, the gp120 acts like a key to open the lock on the surface of the T-cell. The virus can then move in.

A molecule that sticks to the gp120 would, in effect, prevent the key from fitting the lock on the T-cell surface, thus preventing the HIV from getting in.

In the Harvard experiments, the manmade molecule stuck so tightly to the gp120 that they couldn't be washed off. Healthy T-cells were then exposed to the HIV bound to the CPF. The HIV, which would normally easily attack the T-cells, were unable to do so.

Next, they put HIV-infected T-cells in a test tube with both healthy T-cells and CPF. The synthetic molecule prevented the virus from spreading from the infected T-cells to the uninfected cells.

"We found it to be very effective," said Burakoff.

==> **COMMENT:** The two above items, (and others that I've printed here), indicate that a LOT of progress has been made in recent months in finding a treatment, cure, or even a prevention for this dreaded killer of our loved ones! One wonders why the U.S. Government cannot make some of these treatments available on a greatly accelerated basis, as soon as toxicology tests are favorable. I do NOT mean everything in the lab should be thrown on the open market, but there are so many people with AIDS that would, with informed consent, be OVERJOYED to have even a slim chance at life, rather than a certain death from this terrible killer. Even in limited human trials, if 5% were saved by an experimental drug or treatment, that would be 5 human lives per hundred that would otherwise have been lost! Not 'good' odds, but I'd take 'em! Maybe the Gay/Lesbian community and P-FLAG should start bombarding the F.D.A. and U.S. Government with mail on this?

MAILING LIST

**PLEASE** let us know when you move! Each time we do a mailing of this newsletter, it costs between \$20-30 for Printing, envelopes and Postage, and Postage will be going up next year!

Even if you put in a change of address at the Post Office, they will only forward so long, then they send them back to us instead of delivering it. Since our mailing list is not big enough to take advantage of bulk mail rates, this hits us even harder.

We will be voting on charging a nominal subscription fee to cover this cost at the Aug. meeting, so **BE THERE TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THE IDEA**, or you **COULD** find yourself with a bill for perhaps \$5-10 a year if you want to continue to receive this Publication.

Another thought: Would you want to see advertising in this newsletter? Some of the other chapters are doing it, and just 4-6 business cards for \$5 a month each **SHOULD** pay the cost of distribution, allowing continued free distribution, with the excess going into the club's account. LET US KNOW!!!

Reaching out into the 90's

As reported in an earlier edition, the 9th annual convention of P-FLAG will be held Oct. 12-14, 1990, in the Hyatt Regency Alicante hotel, in Anaheim, Calif. There is a special room rate of \$70 (+ 8% tax) per room per night, from Oct. 9 to Oct. 17th. Please make reservations as soon as possible at (800) 972-2929. If they're filled, the alternate hotel is the Doubletree at (714) 634-4500. In either case, tell them you'll be attending the P-FLAG convention.

Robert Eisenthal of Sunrise Travel in Mission Viejo, Ca. is handling travel arrangements. Robert is our friend and booster. Sunrise Travel is open 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time, and can be reached at (800) 962-3097. Ask for Robert. He will give you special rates through either American or Northwest Airlines to the convention. Save 40% off the full coach fare round trip, or 5% off any Supersaver fare. Also, P-FLAG will receive free flights to be used for some of the speakers at the convention for flights booked through Sunrise Travel.

NATIONAL GAY/LESBIAN SURVEY

**PARTNERS**, a newsletter for gay/lesbian couples, has made a detailed, nationwide survey of 1,266 Lesbian & Gay couples. From the ad they sent, the results look very interesting. Copies of the survey results are available for \$3.95 a piece, or \$2.95 each for 5 or more. Subscriptions are \$21 a year. If anyone is interested, drop a line to the P.O. Box, or come to the next meeting for more information.

Well, that's it for now... Have a good one and I'll see you next time.

**==> GET THOSE NEWS ITEMS IN!!! <==**

Deadline for the newsletter: In the P.O. box by the last Sat. before the 25th.

If you can, bring them to the next meeting, 6:30 Pm, <sup>Sept. 13th</sup> ~~Sept. 14th~~ at Wesley United Methodist Church, 823 Union Av. in Sheboygan, Wi., or mail them to:

P-FLAG Lakeshore, P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan, Wi. 53082-1396

If you need a ride, call the Church at 458-4889

Sure hope to see you there, and bring a friend!

Your Editor.     0 0

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