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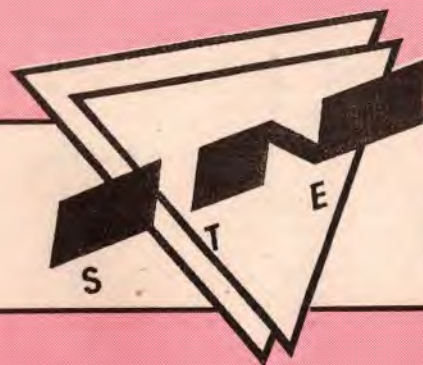
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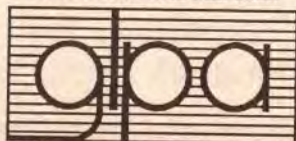
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With the recent Dahmer case still sending shock waves through the community, we felt it inappropriate to run our usual style cover. We opted, instead, to borrow the logo of the August 5 Candlelight Memorial Vigil — hoping to heighten awareness of the event, thus insuring a large turn-out. See the ad on the opposite page and the article in the 'Outrage In Milwaukee' section which begins on page four for more information on the vigil. Then attend.

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by Tom Rezza

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News

Community cringes as massacre details unfold

by Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The mass murder uncovered July 22 in Milwaukee has sent shock waves through the Gay communities in Milwaukee and Chicago. It has raised fears about the already alarming level of anti-Gay violence and renewed charges of racism and homophobia against the Milwaukee Police Department.

THE CRIMES

Several of the eleven victims, whose dismembered body parts were discovered in the apartment of Jeffrey L. Dahmer, 31, at 924 N. 25th Street, had met the alleged killer at Gay bars.

Tony Hughes, 31, a deaf man who had recently moved to Madison to escape the violence of Milwaukee, was last seen May 24 leaving Club 219 on Milwaukee's south side. Jeremiah Weinberger, 23, of Chicago, was last seen July 6, leaving Carol's Speakeasy in Chicago in the company of a man fitting Dahmer's description. Dahmer has confessed to Weinberger's murder.

In addition, Dahmer has admitted in an affidavit, that after attending Chicago's Gay Pride Parade on June 30, he met Matt Turner (aka: Donald Montrell), 20, at a bus station in Chicago and enticed him to come to Milwaukee by promising him money to watch videos and to pose nude for photos. Dahmer said he lured other victims with the same techniques.

Dahmer confessed that, once at his apartment, he drugged his victims, strangled them with a strap or his bare hands and then dismembered their bodies. He admitted that after killing Oliver J. Lacy, 23, of Milwaukee, he performed a sex act on the dead body.

Along with the severed heads and limbs

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recovered from the foul smelling apartment, police confiscated dozens of Polaroid snapshots of the victims — photos taken while they were still alive as well as of the dismembered body parts.

On Thursday, July 25, Dahmer was formally charged with four counts of first degree intentional homicide for the deaths of Weinberger, Turner, Lacy and Joseph Bradehoff, 25, of Milwaukee. He was also charged with habitual criminality. Cash bail was set at \$1 million. More charges are expected to be issued by the District Attorney's office on August 6.

Dahmer was previously convicted of disorderly conduct and fined in 1982 for an incident of indecent exposure at Wisconsin's State Fair Park. He received one year of probation for another incident in which he exposed himself to children while urinating in public in 1986. Most recently, Dahmer served 10 months at the Milwaukee House of Correction (with work-release privileges) between May of 1989 and March of 1990 for second degree sexual assault and enticing a child for immoral purposes. That incident occurred in 1988 and involved a 13 year old boy.

Konerak Sinthasomphone, the 14 year old brother of the youth assaulted in the 1988 case, has been identified as another of the victims whose remains were found in Dahmer's apartment. Sinthasomphone was a Laotian immigrant who came to the U.S. with his family when he was four years old.

Other victims, all from Milwaukee, include: Ricky Beeks aka: Raymond Lamont Smith, 33; Errol Lindsey, 19; Curtis Straughter, 18; Ernest Miller, 24; and Anthony Sears, 26. Of the eleven victims, nine were African-

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Milwaukee Police strike out at Gay couple

American, one was Asian, one was white. Dahmer is white.

Patrons at several Milwaukee and Chicago Gay bars recall seeing Dahmer. They described him as a loner, distant and moody, who didn't seem quite comfortable or able to fit into the Gay bar scene. Several men related stories of Dahmer trying to pick them up for the evening, often on nearby streets after Dahmer had left the bars.

Prior to being sentenced for the sexual assault charge in 1989, Dahmer told Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge William D. Gardner that he was an alcoholic and a homosexual with serious sexual problems. On the other hand, several people who met Dahmer or knew him over the years, including a woman who said she dated him, said that Dahmer had often expressed hatred toward Gays and African-Americans.

Jean-Paul Ranieri, a lay brother in the Episcopal Church who ministers and counsels Gay men, said that after a long talk with Dahmer he concluded that Dahmer was "extremely homophobic," with an almost Christian fundamentalist view of homosexuality. He recalled Dahmer implying that AIDS was God's judgment on Gays. Ranieri once ran into Dahmer at the Wreck Room. At that time Dahmer told him: "I'm not as Gay as everyone else in here."

Bradley Babush, a former employee at Milwaukee's Club Baths (which were forced to close by health authorities in December, 1988), said that in the summer of 1987, "We had to kick Dahmer out because he was drugging people in his private room."

Babush also related this chilling story. "One person from Madison was unconscious and we couldn't revive him. We called the paramedics and they took him to the hospital. He was in the hospital for a week to ten days. The police also came and talked to Dahmer and to our staff. But after questioning, the police didn't pursue it. None of the victims wanted to press charges."

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At 10:15pm, Tuesday, July 23, 5 Milwaukee Police Officers and two Milwaukee Police Detectives entered the home of two Milwaukee Gay men (lovers for 15 years) without a search warrant and proceeded to confiscate their video tapes, photo's, phone numbers, address books and other personal items. When the two men tried to talk with the officers about what was going on. They were harassed.

An attempt to make a phone call was met by the Officers slamming the phone back down in the receiver. The men were taken downtown and sent into Central Lock Up for 'questioning' and told that if "you don't cooperate we can do it another way." In addition, they were threatened to be revealed to their employers and others that they were Gay.

Their crime? One of the two men worked on first shift at the same place Jeff Dahmer (the alleged Milwaukee mass murderer), worked on third shift. The man who worked at with Dahmer interacted with Dahmer the same way other employees who had worked there for years had — marginally and only rarely. There was no connection at all between his lover and Dahmer, yet both men were held and harshly interrogated by Milwaukee Police.

According to the man who worked with Dahmer, he didn't even know that Dahmer was into anything homosexual or Gay.

So, what was the motivation for the police to take on their illegal actions? The only thing that has been surmised to date is from comments of some of the Police who harassed this quiet Gay couple, "because Dahmer did things with Gay men, the police were quite sure that all Gays must be involved in this case... they were trying to prove a conspiracy... and I didn't even know the guy did anything with homosexuals or Gay men."

Legal recourse has been begun by the two men, who wish to remain anonymous at this point.

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HOMOPHOBIC REACTION

When the murder story broke late Monday and Tuesday, July 23, police officers at the scene were quick to label the mass murders "homosexual overkill," a phrase widely reported throughout the media. Gay community leaders were appalled at such misleading and dangerous rhetoric.

Scott Gunkel of the Lambda Rights Network deplored the use of "homosexual overkill." "It tarnishes the entire Gay community for the acts of one deranged man. It ignores the violence Gays are subjected to all the time and contributes to greater homophobia and public fears about us."

The mainstream media backtracked a few days later, seeking the input of the Gay community. But Gunkel noted: "It's too late to retract this. You can't put a knife in somebody and then say, 'Oh, sorry,' and pull it out. It's too late. The damage is done."

Dan Fons of ACT-UP agreed with Gunkel: "It's going to damage peoples' already limited perception of the Gay community. Being a heterosexual or a homosexual has nothing to do with being a serial killer. Words like 'deranged,' 'mentally ill,' and 'psychotic' are more accurate terms to describe it. Heterosexual or homosexual should be way down on the list."

Others questioned whether there was such a thing as "heterosexual" overkill and why that phrase was not applied to criminal behavior.

Theodore I. Friedman, a psychologist who practices in Milwaukee and Chicago, expressed concern that "There's a lot of pent-up homophobia out there. It has unraveled a lot of nerves everywhere."

Friedman said the term "homosexual overkill" had no basis in psychological theory. He described serial killers as

"isolated, alienated individuals. It is not a homosexual issue. It is a human issue with many human dimensions."

In a press conference on July 24, Medical Examiner Jeffrey M. Jentzen stated unequivocally that "homosexual overkill" was not applicable in the Dahmer murder case. Just days before, Jentzen himself had used that phrase repeatedly in the Racine County trial of Joachim Dressler, who is accused of killing and dismembering James Madden, 24.

Jentzen's denial did little to repair the damage already created. WISN Talk Radio host Mark Belling once again used his program to attack Gays and Lesbians. He suggested that Dahmer's murder spree was the logical result of homosexual behavior.

Attorney Thomas E. Martin commented: "The entire city seems to be experiencing a collective nervous breakdown." Martin was to seek a restraining order in Milwaukee County Circuit Court on July 29 against an East side couple who, since the Dahmer murders were revealed, have verbally harassed a neighbor with anti-Gay epithets and threatened his safety. The man has had to flee his home. (See related story.)

Attorney Kathleen Hume said that her "greatest concern" was that no one has focused on hate crimes. Despite the fact that Dahmer was said by many to be strongly anti-Black and anti-Gay, and despite the fact that his victims were overwhelmingly Black and some of them were Gay, the District Attorney did not charge Dahmer under Wisconsin's Hate Crimes statute.

POLICE NEGLIGENCE

Serious allegations of police negligence have renewed charges of racism and homophobia on the part of the Milwaukee Police Department. Police officers apparently had the opportunity to rescue 14 year old Konerak Sinthasomphone and to arrest Dahmer on May 27 but bungled the case.

At 12:30am on May 27, two young Black women, Sandra Smith and Nicole

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Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

Murders shock/anger community

First is was the Dressler case in Racine and the coining of the phrase "homosexual overkill." I couldn't find a psychiatrist who could define it. It is not a psychological term. Looking into the Dressler case I realized the first person to use the term was Milwaukee County Medical Examiner Jeffrey Jentzen who testified in the case. Prosecutors and the press picked up on such a convenient "buzz phrase" and ran with it. It was spread across headlines in bold type. Our enemies loved it. The Gay/Lesbian community cringed.

Then, in the worst case scenario — one that would fan the flames of hatred — the macabre discovery of 11 corpses in the West side Milwaukee apartment of 31 year old Jeffrey L. Dahmer.

Not just bodies... it was human skulls, some still containing flesh; miscellaneous body parts — decapitated heads, fingers, genitalia stored in the refrigerator, freezer, file cabinet and dresser drawers, or in large cooking pots and a barrel found in the apartment.

Again, "homosexual overkill" was used by police and the medical examiner in the first days of the investigation of a case that caught the attention of the world's media, who in turn, used the phrase. Retiring Police Lt. William Vogel, on his last day on the job July 23, said it was the most gruesome scene he'd come across in his years on the force. He said it was a "homosexual thing," calling it "overkill on a homosexual basis." (Is "homosexual overkill" a criminal justice system term taught in schools?)

Again, our community reeled. We realized the "homosexual overkill" term would deflect the community's anger onto the Gay/Lesbian community, which is already besieged with homophobia and hate crimes. They could write it off with "Oh, it wasn't one of us, it was one of

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them..." Then Jentzen, finally in a news conference on the third day of the investigation, said that "homosexual overkill is not present in this case."

As if that was going to make everything all right. As if that was going to stop people from thinking that all this "is just a homosexual thing." As if that was going to stop the potential massive outpouring of homophobia.

It certainly wouldn't have stopped WISN-AM radio talk show host Mark Belling from spewing out his hateful Gay bashing verbiage that he was unleashing over the airwaves less than 18 hours after the discovery of the victims. (A transcript of that days show should be made public!)

The 11 bodies turned out to be all male. Mostly African American, one Asian, mostly economically disadvantaged. He picked up some of the men off the streets, or in shopping malls. Dahmer searched Gay bars in Milwaukee and Chicago for his prey. HE USED OUR COMMUNITY AS A POOL OF VICTIMS!

He'd offer some pretty decent cash to those who needed it the most, to lure them back to his apartment for a 'photo session.' He'd photograph them, drug them, then kill them and remove their heads and other body parts. Police found photos of various victims in different stages of life and death. There's been mention of cannibalism, of necrophilia. THESE ARE TABOOS! The acts this man is accused of have NOTHING TO DO WITH HOMOSEXUALITY.

Psychiatrists have tried to explain that serial killers often suffer from paranoid delusion — they feel it is their duty to rid the world of certain types of people. They don't accept reality. When sex is



involved, the perpetrator often becomes sexually aroused by killing his victims, and after their death, he has to 'kill' them over again for his own satisfaction. Dahmer reportedly fits these characteristics of being isolated, alienated, a loner, and having no psychological skills that allow him to relate to adults.

Dahmer was never seen in the Gay bars with any friends. He'd come alone, drank alone, and would usually leave alone. He didn't talk to many people, and when he did, he told several of them he wasn't gay or, as Brother Jean Paul was quoted, "he told me he wasn't as Gay as the rest of them in here."

He asked a former minister I know he met in a Gay bar four or five years ago what God thought of homosexuals. He wanted to know if it was right to be Gay. The former minister asked Dahmer to come to his church office for counseling sessions and he did. The former minister told me that he saw Dahmer was having trouble coping with his sexuality, but never said anything about being Gay himself. Then Dahmer, after two or three sessions, stopped showing up, and the minister didn't think nothing of it until he saw Dahmer's picture in the paper.

Sexual therapist Dr. Theodore I. Friedman told me "serial killers are confused over their relations — whether those relations are with men, women or children." Friedman also said its "not a homosexual issue at all — it's over guilt."

Milwaukee police have had extensive contacts with Dahmer in the past. There were his publicized arrests, and the time he spent in jail for sexual contact with a young Laotian male. His incidents with drugging men at the Club Milwaukee Baths in '87 should have been in police files. Then there is the West Allis incident, where the police reportedly laughed at the victim who tried to report it. I would think a computerized department should have put this together or at least spotted a trend.

But perhaps, the worst of all was the reported incident where two Black women held a young, naked, bleeding Laotian

teen they found running down the street until police came — from being taken back to Dahmer's apartment. Dahmer told police when they arrived the boy was his 19 year old lover and the incident was just a lovers quarrel and that the boy had too much to drink. The police let them go. The Laotian boy had been reported missing earlier that day. The 14 year old teen was one of the 11 identified bodies found weeks later in Dahmer's apartment. In a bizarre twist of circumstances his older brother had been a victim of molestation by Dahmer just three years prior.

If those two women had been white and the teen white; and Dahmer had been Black — would that have ended the same way or would have police pursued it further? Besides, the kid was bleeding, incoherent and crying. It would have, at least, been investigated further as a domestic violence incident. If the teen had been a female, perhaps it would have turned out differently. But same sex couples don't seem to count.

Police in Milwaukee and Chicago had files on missing persons. Many of them were younger, Black Gay males. Why didn't anyone put all the facts together before it was too late? What efforts, if any, were coordinated by the police or others? Most of Dahmer's victims had a common sexual preference, were Black, or of a lower economic status. Those should have been clues that something was amiss.

Why wasn't the community made aware of all these similarities? Why weren't we warned we had a 'boogeyman' stalking our community? Is it because the police don't pay as much attention to problems affecting the Gay, or Black, or poor? Is society so bigoted and homophobic that our people aren't deserving of help on the same level that would have been exerted if these had been straight white women that were disappearing left and right?

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Gay Men's Discussion Group G/L Parents Coalition of Milw. P.O. Box 93503, 53203	Tim, 271-2565 962-0861
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America Milwaukee Chapter	342-6543
Girth & Mirth/Milw. P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862	258-2802
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MLGPC (Pride Weak Committee) P.O. Box 93852, 53203	423-0379
MGALA (MU Graduates), P.O. Box 92722, 53202	265-0880
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Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network P.O. Box 204, 53201	273-1991
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.)	
People Living With AIDS Coalition 315 W. Court, 53212	
Oberons (L/L social grp.) Box 07423, 53207	
Queer Nation (Queer Action) P.O. Box 93951, 53203	384-3911
Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL] P.O. Box 92605, 53202	
Gay/Lesbian Community at UWM Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555
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Is our society so internalized and self serving that people like Dahmer are not able to get the treatment he so obviously needed? It seems to me, and many others, that Dahmer fell through the cracks of our criminal justice/ social service system. There weren't enough funds for alcohol treatment. There wasn't enough funds for his probation officer to make home visits as required by state law. If he had received institutional treatment, might these deaths have not occurred? If his probation officer had made twice monthly home visits, surely something would have been found amiss before it was too late.

WHO DO WE BLAME FOR THESE WRONGFUL DEATHS? We must SEIZE THE MOMENT to reach out to one another. To reach out to other community groups such as neighborhood groups, Black groups, anti-violence groups. We must all work together. We must establish common ground. We must fight the police attitude that "life is cheap," because life is precious, and we all deserve equal treatment under the law.

That's why — at a Monday, July 29 press conference — an ad hoc Gay/Lesbian group slammed the media for its bias in reporting, and accused the police of inaction. That's why you'll see that same group reach out to other non-Gay community groups with similar concerns in the near future.

That press conference was the first visible sign of what came out of a July 25 emergency meeting called by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee on coordinating a response to the Dahmer case. Concerned Black and White, Gay and Lesbian people attended that meeting and discussed how to respond to the entire situation. What do they hope to achieve?

- Establish contact with the Milwaukee Police Department, with the appointment of a Gay/Lesbian liaison who is more than just a figurehead.

- Re-establish contacts with the news media. Hold refresher courses for editorial boards, news editors, and copy editors on Gay/Lesbian sensitivity. (This was done several years ago, but media personnel are constantly in a state of flux.)



Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola.

- A closer working relationship with the Mayor's office.
- Reach out and work with other community organizations, outside of the Gay/Lesbian community on concerns and issues which affect us all.

We also need a time of healing. In that vein, a Candlelight Vigil "To Remember & Rebuild In Peace" has been called for Monday, August 5. The remembrance of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer will begin at 7pm in Juneau Park, with an 8pm march west on Kilbourn Avenue to Mac Arthur Square. There, organizers urge victims families to voice their feelings and concerns. Speakers from diverse community groups will also appear to bring us together after this most recent heinous act of violence. Bring a flashlight or a candle. Bring your friends. We must all put this behind us, together. ▽

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Childress, saw Sinthasomphone running down an alley near 25th Street, fleeing from Dahmer. The child was naked, incoherent and bleeding from the buttocks. One woman called 911 while the other attempted to shield the boy from Dahmer.

Childress and Smith said that when police arrived they listened only to Dahmer, who claimed that the boy was 19 years old and that they were just having a lover's quarrel. Officers refused to listen to the women and apparently could not or did not question Sinthasomphone.

Childress told the Milwaukee Sentinel: "He [the officer] was listening to Jeff; he was not listening to me... He told us to get lost or he would take us Downtown."

Deeply upset by the incident, Glenda Cleveland, Smith's mother, called police an hour later to see what had happened. She said police assured her that Sinthasomphone was not a minor, the situation was under control, and that the incident was merely a "domestic squabble between two homosexuals."

Despite the fact that Sinthasomphone's disappearance was reported by most of the local print and broadcast media (newspapers even published his photo) and despite the fact that the boy's family filed a missing person's report, the police officers failed to make a connection. They took no further action.

The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office has determined that at least four of the other victims were murdered after May 27, when police had the chance to apprehend Dahmer.

Representatives of the Black and Gay communities expressed outrage at the racism and homophobia they believe kept the police from investigating all the disappearances more aggressively.

Speaking at a protest outside Dahmer's apartment building on Friday, July 26,

LeHavre Buck declared: "People of color are always viewed as the criminal. If that had been a Black man chasing a white boy down the alley, he wouldn't have killed anybody else. They would have investigated and done everything to find out what's going on. This is crazy."

Dan Fons of ACT-UP agreed: "It's pretty clear that if the people disappearing had been white daughters of middle-class people, the police would have been doing a statewide thorough search until they found out who was responsible. Because it was a lot of Black men, some of them known to be Gay, it was ignored completely. It should have been stopped much earlier."

Fons himself has been arrested several times by Milwaukee police during ACT-UP protests, once while distributing condoms and safe sex literature at the Marquette High School homecoming. His perception of their attitude was this: "The police make it very clear that if you live the Gay lifestyle, you deserve whatever you get...I really think that's the attitude of the police, that as long as they think it's a bunch of Gay people hurting each other, it really doesn't deserve their attention."

Scott Gunkel, who works as a bartender at Milwaukee's Club 219, commented on the slow response time when police are called to an altercation or a Gay-bashing incident at the bars. Lack of police response is a complaint that has been voiced for years by the city's African-American citizens.

Gunkel said that after the disappearance of Tony Hughes in May, Hughes' family members came around to the Gay bars and to the Gay Pride Parade in June to mingle with the Gay community, ask for tips about his whereabouts and generally spread the word. Gunkel admires the love and concern Hughes' family exhibited, but asked, "Where were the police detectives? Why weren't they doing their job?"

Gunkel also demanded to know why, if the police officers perceived their contact with Dahmer and Sinthasomphone as a "domestic squabble," they didn't invoke Wisconsin's mandatory arrest law for

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Case incites anti-Gay violence

Attorney Thomas E. Martin will be seeking a Restraining Order against two east side neighbors for Harassment of his client. The case was to be heard Monday, July 29 (In Step's deadline was July 27) in Milwaukee County Circuit Court against a young, east side couple who have called Martin's client "fagman," pasted the name "Dahmer" over his mailbox, and threatened to have two "skinheads" "take care of a fag like you."

Martin said July 27 that his client ('John') has moved from his apartment pending court action. The matter was reported to the Milwaukee Police Department, who told 'John' that, "it's your word against theirs," and took no action.

Attorney Martin commented, "What is even more disturbing to me than the facts of the Dahmer case is how all of this reflects on our city. The entire city seems to be experiencing a collective nervous breakdown."

Martin continued, "I am concerned about the very real potential for increased violence against the Gay/Lesbian community. 'John' was threatened with physical violence by these two on many occasions. They also smeared vaseline on his mailbox, plugged his mailbox with crazy glue and damaged his car.

"We are obtaining Affidavits from other tenants in the building to corroborate that these two are fag bashers. We will be in court Monday. And we are going to win. Then I will talk to police again. I want to see these two fag bashers prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

"I am also concerned that, in our city today, we sorely need political, moral and spiritual leadership to stop the hatred and

stop the violence. And, that leadership seems to be sorely lacking today."

Club 219, which received the brunt of the media's attention, even though Dahmer frequented many other bars, has become a curiosity seeker's destination. Nearly 50% of cars driving by slow down in front of the bar and gawk at the exterior of the building. Employees also report an increase of verbal abuse shouted out by passing motorists.

Need someone to talk to?

Milwaukee — The recent tragedy on Milwaukee's west side has caused an immense amount of grief and anxiety for many people who live in the Milwaukee area. People who may or may not have anything to do with this chain of events are touched and saddened by what has happened. The coverage in the media can serve to heighten people's uneasiness. Many people have a need to talk to someone, and sometimes people have no one to turn to.

HELPLINE is available to the community to talk with people and/or refer them to appropriate resources. We are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **The phone numbers are 271-3123 and TDD, 271-6039.** Please utilize the HELPLINE as a resource whenever it is appropriate.

Memorial Vigil for Dahmer victims set for August 5th

Milwaukee — In remembrance of the victims of mass murder suspect Jeffrey Dahmer, concerned community groups will be holding a Candlelight Vigil on Monday, August 5, beginning at 7pm in Juneau Park (Juneau and Prospect Avenue in Downtown Milwaukee). The march, beginning at 8pm, will travel down Kilbourn Avenue to Mac Arthur Square. A program of inspirational speakers will follow.

The entire Milwaukee Community is encouraged to attend the Candlelight

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ORGANIZATIONS

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Synergy (AIDS Support Network) P.O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935	235-5100
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2 Java's (MW) 720 Bodart (rear)	435-5476
2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 718 Bodart (rear)	435-5476

ORGANIZATIONS

Angel of Hope (MCC Church) P.O. Box 672, 54305	496-8688
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club) P.O. Box 1285, 54305	
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly) Bay City Chorus 1106 Main St., 54301	494-9904
Center Project, Inc. (CPI) (HIV Test/Counsel) P.O. Box 1062, 54305	435-5476
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UW-GB G/L Support Group (Weekly Meetings)	465-2343

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MEDICAL

Madison AIDS Support Network (support & counseling) P.O. Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.)	238-MASN
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3 Shamrock Bar (GS, MW, F, D) 117 W. Main St.	255-5029
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ORGANIZATIONS

ACT-UP/Madison P.O. Box 2023, 53701	256-2763
Gay/Lesbian Phone Line	255-4297
Gay/Lesbian Information Recording (Ask for tape #3333)	263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center P.O. Box 1722, 53701	
Nothing to Hide (gay cable)	241-2500
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous	257-7575
Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous	257-1747
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Men's Umbrella Organ.) P.O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
G/L Educational Employees c/o MTI, 821 Williamson St., 53707	255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United	255-8582
Galvanize (G/L pride organizers) P.O. Box 1403, 53701	255-8061
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Womansong	246-2681

RELIGIOUS

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ORGANIZATIONS

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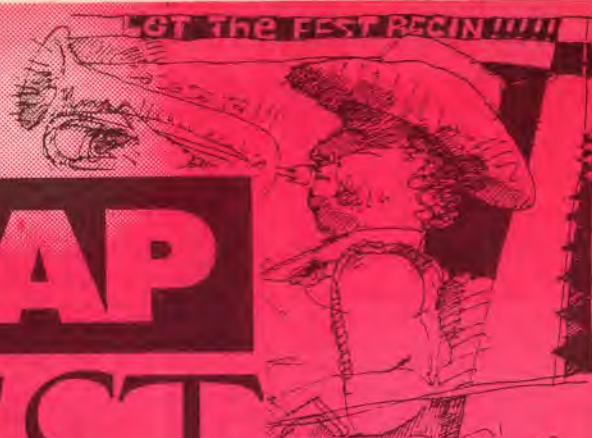
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ACT UP vs. Dept. of Corrections

Madison — According to a news release by ACT UP Madison and Milwaukee, Patrick Fiedler, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, abruptly canceled a meeting with ACT UP July 22 due to the presence of a video camera. Fiedler had requested the meeting to discuss ACT UP's continuing protests regarding the refusal of the DOC to implement the Governor's HIV/AIDS Technical Advisory Committee recommendations that dealt with AIDS/HIV issues in state prisons.

According to ACT UP, five of their members arrived at the DOC building and were shown to a conference room. A video documenter, who was present at previous meetings between ACT UP and the DOC accompanied them. ACT UP claimed they had not released previous tapes to the media, and had no intention of releasing the tape of the July 22 meeting.

According to ACT UP "the purpose of taping the meeting is to provide both sides with an indisputable reference document. ACT UP views the tape as a tool to facilitate open, good faith negotiations."

Once seeing the video equipment, Fiedler refused to proceed with the meeting. ACT UP quoted Fiedler as saying the presence of the video camera would "inhibit his ability to negotiate."

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Vigil. Those wishing to march are encouraged to bring flashlights and or candles.

Organizers cordially invite the family members of the victims to attend the Vigil, and are encouraged to voice their feelings and concerns surrounding this recent act of violence against the Milwaukee community.

Confirmed speakers include Queen Hyler from Stop the Violence, Jeannetta Robinson of Career Youth Development and Scott Gunkel of the Lambda Rights Network. Various community leaders and local government officials are also being invited to speak.

Fiedler also accused ACT UP of trying to turn the meeting into a media event, even though ACT UP had invited no media representatives to the meeting, and in fact had not issued a press release regarding DOC's request for a top-level meeting.

ACT UP said it is "willing and anxious to meet with Mr. Fiedler, but ACT UP's commitment to openness and verifiability cannot be suspended to accommodate Fiedler."

In a letter to Fiedler after the incident (a copy of which was provided to In Step) ACT UP said "Clear communication is a primary ingredient in any good faith dialogue. We advocate good faith dialogues and work to ensure them by providing an indisputable audio/ video reference. Similar documentation has taken place in our previous meetings with the DOC. What possible motivation could you have for talking to us with no tangible evidence of what you say?"

The letter continued, "If you would like to rescue dialogue, we recommend meeting in a neutral space where your penchant to patronize will not hamper good faith dialogue... We remind you of your employment as a public servant accountable to the will of the people."

An ACT UP Prison Issue Position Paper presented to Fiedler at the meeting said "Wisconsin inmates have been mistreated and have died as a result of the lack of implementation of the recommendations by the Governor's Committee. ACT UP has been demonstrating for full enactment of all the recommendations of the Advisory Committee report of May, 1990."

Some of those committee recommendations include:

- abolishment of placing HIV/AIDS inmates on work restrictions;
- ending the practice of single celling PWA's;
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- institute psycho-social support services for inmates living with HIV/AIDS;

- access to experimental treatments and drugs;

- and compassionate release of prisoners with terminal illnesses.

Green Bay suspect to get psyche exam

Green Bay — Twenty-one year old Carl J. Roberts accused in the March stabbing of Napalese Lounge manager Paul D. (Crocket) Jacob pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of mental disease or defect to charges in Brown County Court July 18. Charges did not include a hate crimes enhancement, even though members of the Gay/Lesbian community urged the additional charge feeling the attack was motivated by homophobia.

Roberts was charged with first degree reckless injury in the March 13 attack on Jacob. Judge Richard Greenwood assigned Dr. Ralph Baker of Winnebago Mental Health Institute to perform the psychological exam of Roberts. A trial date won't be set until Baker's report is received.

Jacob received a 6 inch deep wound to the lower back when attacked with a boning knife in the bar's parking lot. Earlier, Jacob had approached Roberts in the bar and introduced himself as bar custom requires. After chatting for a few moments, Jacob excused himself and went on about his business. He later commented Roberts seemed cordial.

Later at closing time, Jacob and a friend were heading towards their car when Roberts came up behind Jacob and stabbed him. Jacob wasn't immediately aware of the pain but soon found his clothing becoming covered with blood. He went back inside the bar and called for help. Roberts was arrested later that day based on witness descriptions.

AIDS Walk proceeds to benefit whole state

Milwaukee — Proceeds from the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, to be held on September 22, will be disbursed to eleven organizations throughout Wisconsin that provide AIDS-related services. Walk organizers plan to raise more than \$285,000 through the pledge walk.

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), which produces the Walk, will receive 75 percent of the funds raised. "These funds will be used to support vital AIDS care and education services provided to the community," said Doug Nelson, executive director of MAP. MAP's affiliate, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, is co-sponsoring the Walk.

The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), a co-sponsor of the Walk, will receive 10 percent of the funds for support services and education programs in south central Wisconsin. "Revenues from the Walk are essential as the need for AIDS-related services throughout Wisconsin grows beyond the ability of traditional resources to address those needs," said Tom Popp, executive director of MASN.

"We recognize the need for an effective community-based response to AIDS throughout the state," said Nelson. "The Wisconsin AIDS Walk provides the means for everyone in Wisconsin to support the efforts of organizations that are striving to meet the challenges of the AIDS epidemic."

The remainder of the funds raised through the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, will be distributed equally to the following organizations:

• Center Project, Inc., Green Bay — Provides HIV antibody testing, counseling and education regarding AIDS/HIV infection, coordinates care for HIV-infected persons, and engages in issue-related advocacy.

• Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Wauwatosa — Offers medical care, psychological support, education and research for HIV-infected individuals.

• Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center, Madison — Provides HIV infection education and training for health care professionals.

• Milwaukee Center for Independence — Provides HIV prevention services and wellness programs to people with developmental disabilities, chronic mental illness and learning disabilities.

• Opportunity Industrialization Center of Racine County — Provides group community education sessions, primarily to minority communities in Southeastern Wisconsin, on AIDS-related topics.

• STD Specialties Clinic, Inc., Milwaukee — Provides diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases as well as anonymous counseling and testing for HIV infection.

• Visiting Nurse Association, Milwaukee — Provides in-home skilled nursing services for people with HIV infection.

• Waukesha County Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse — Provides prevention outreach, HIV risk reduction information, referral to substance abuse treatment, HIV antibody testing and other support services to injection drug users and their sexual partners in the Waukesha County area.

• Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium — Coordinates a statewide, multi-center network for the performance of clinical drug trials in response to the HIV epidemic.

Thousands of walkers are needed to ensure the success of the Walk in its ability to support AIDS care and education services throughout Wisconsin. Registration materials and pledge forms are available by calling the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414) 273-1991, or any of the participating organizations.

Sodomy ruling marks 5th anniversary

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), on the 5th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Bowers v. Hardwick ruling, condemned the high court's decision to uphold state sodomy laws and charged the laws must be rescinded "as a method of government control over the lives of Gay and Lesbian American citizens."

The action occurred at a 'public witness' event as part of the United Church of Christ (UCC) General Synod, held in Norfolk, Va., on June 28.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in June 1986, upheld the right of states to enact sodomy laws in its landmark Hardwick case. Gay and Lesbian activists consider the ruling, which specified homosexual sodomy, a major setback to constitutionally protected rights to privacy. Currently, 25 states and the District of Columbia have sodomy laws. Seven of those states' laws criminalize homosexual sodomy only.

NGLTF activists and senior UCC officials spoke impassionately to a crowd of 300 under a searing noon sun at the public witness in Norfolk. That city became a hotbed of activism recently when Gay men and Lesbians, including veterans and active-duty soldiers, marched in June for the first time on the Norfolk Naval Base to protest the military's anti-Gay policy.

UCC has a formal policy supporting the right to privacy and holds 'public witness' events on the sodomy issue whenever meeting in states with sodomy laws. Virginia's 'crimes against nature' law dates back to the colonial era and applies to both homosexual and heterosexual acts.

No state legislatures have repealed a sodomy law since Hardwick. However, lower state courts in Kentucky, Michigan and Texas have struck down sodomy laws and ruled them unconstitutional.

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GWM, 33, Brn/Grn, mustache, hairy chest, 5'8", 165 lbs, short hair, cute. Likes music, beach, hot sex, occasional going out. I like outdoors type, attractive, sense of humor and honesty. P.O. Box 19718, Milw., 53219. Alan. Photo.

GWM, 34, 6', 195. Fr A/P, Gr P, born on a hill, raised in a cave, f-king and s-king is all I crave. Wanted 18-25 yrs old, discrete, Sicere, Greek active, not into bars, but into boating, camping, water-skiing, fishing. MUST be small to medium build - straight acting. Write P.O. Box 250, Holcombe, WI 54745.

GWM, 31, 6'6", 240 seeks GWM 21-45 for friendship & maybe more... Enjoys outdoors, fishing, camping, photography & much more. Like to spend time in Northern WI (Have cabin to spend time in). Write to: BC, P.O. Box 194, Green Bay, WI 54305.

Hey Wrestling Fans! I'm a 38 yr. old. GWM 5' 10", 155 lbs. Brn- Blue. Who gets real hot watching pro-wrestling. If you have a similar interest in watching matches, or getting into our own sweaty matches, write: Jim, 3900 W. Brown Deer Rd., Suite A114, Milwaukee, WI 53209.

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Army Times censors Gay ad

[ACLU] — Claiming that Lesbians or Gay men are not active members of the armed services, Army Times magazine earlier this month refused to print an ad recognizing the service of Gay soldiers in the Persian Gulf War unless the ad's sponsors removed the headline "Gay Lesbian Bisexual Personnel" and changed several lines of the ad copy.

The Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, a coalition of several civil liberties and Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups, had intended to run the ad in the July 4th edition of Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Times, four privately owned publications whose primary readership is men and women in the Armed Services. The ad told readers that the Project is "fighting to make sure the country knows about the commendable service of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual personnel." In addition, the ad sought to inform Times readers about the Project's work to end the military's anti-Gay discrimination "so that Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals can serve openly."

Current Defense Department policy forbids Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals from serving in the military. Yet in a June 27, 1991, interview with USA Today, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney acknowledged the presence of Gay people in the armed services. Cheney told USA Today editors that there was "no question in my mind, we've got a large number of Gays in military service."

William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which coordinated the ad campaign, called the Army Times action "censorship, pure and simple."

"This is just another pitiful attempt to make Lesbian and Gay soldiers invisible," Rubenstein said. "Even the Secretary of Defense recognizes that there are Gay people in the military, but Army Times is still afraid to admit it." Rubenstein said the coalition would not make the changes Army Times had mandated, but is instead exploring the possibility of placing the ad in other publications.

In addition to expunging the headline, Army Times also told the coalition to remove several lines of text, including one that says "under current military regulations, if you disclose your sexual orientation, you will be investigated, discharged or even court-martialed."

Isle of Man battle for rights

By Rex Wockner and Andrew Saxton

The battle for Gay law reform on Britain's Isle of Man turned ugly July 5 when 10 members of the London direct-action group OutRage attended the annual open-air meeting of the Tynwald, the parliament.

The activists were met with a barrage of abuse and threats from angry locals. Islanders were particularly incensed by an OutRage kiss-in.

The Tynwald voted last month to keep sex between adult men illegal, despite the fact that the law threatens the United Kingdom's standing in the European Community, and despite promises from British Prime Minister John Major to impose Gay law reform on the island eventually.

During the open-air meeting, the Isle of Man's only Gay activist, Alan Shea, walked 300 feet, through a crowd of 1,000 people, to hand in a petition calling on the Tynwald to allow the island's Gay citizens to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

The audience hissed and booed as Shea moved toward the parliamentarians.

In response, five OutRage members stood up with banners reading "Legalize Gay Sex," "We're Queer, We're Proud, Get Used To It," and "Queer Today, Queer Tomorrow, Queer Forever."

A furious elderly man tried to knock down the banners with his walking stick and was soon joined by half a dozen other locals who smashed down the signs as the audience cheered and applauded.

Angry residents shouted, "Gas them" and "You'll all get AIDS."

Letters

Racism

About a year ago I decided to come out of the closet. And, to my unfortunate surprise I discovered that the Lesbian community in Milwaukee is at best a joke, but I'm not laughing. Despite its many problems one of the most bizarre is the extreme racism that exists. I hate to rain on the parade of some of my white, prejudiced, Lesbian sisters but they are in a minority group just like me, despite the fact that their face is white.

The majority of Lesbians refuse to date outside of their own race. And if they do spend time with a black woman or other minority you better believe it is for a temporary setup or a one night stand. (And they have the nerve to criticize how men abuse and use women... give me a break.)

How ridiculous is the remark: "Its not that we're Gay that would bother my parents but that you're black." Some white girls are so prejudiced that they will not even dance with a black person on a fast song. They feel that they have to hug all over each other if you ask one for a dance, or pretend they are lovers the

moment you talk to them. Why are they so damn vain that they think a dance or a conversation means that a black person is trying to come on to them? Why do the few white women who are enlightened enough to date other races get harassed by other whites for doing so?

Sadly enough some of the greatest racist practices take place in the bars themselves. Too many times blacks are carded and given hassles to enter these places while white ones coolly walk by. One bar went so far last summer, as to tell certain people they had to have a membership card to get in. When a black would-be patron, asked to see this so called card, the bouncer at the door couldn't come up with one. I was told that this practice was done to keep under aged people out. However from my observance it was blacks. And against racist belief, club owners do not have the right to refuse entry to blacks. These Gay club owners should remember that if it was up to the majority of the population their Gay establishment wouldn't be there in the first place.

Gay people constantly complain about their rights and about Gay bashing, without realizing that they are some of the

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Looking For Fun? 25 years old, white, 5'10", blond/blue, 168 lbs, enjoys sports, music and travel. Looking for young white guys under 21 for friendship and fun. Steve, P.O. Box 763, Island Lake, IL 60042. Your photo & phone get mine.

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GWM — Good-looking, 38, 5'8", 148 lbs, professional, straight acting/ appear., tired of bars. Good shape, discreet, clean-shaven, great sense of humor, non-smoker, enjoys Sci. Fic., golf, bowling, racquetball, good conversation, visiting new places, romantic/ quiet times. Seeks someone in their 30's for enjoyable times, friendship & hopefully more. Photo would be nice. P.O. Box 471 Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

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biggest bashers in the world with their extreme racial prejudice toward minorities. It makes no sense to me. They should learn to give the tolerance and understanding they want to receive. Often the greatest problem with being a Lesbian is not the heterosexual population but other homosexuals. When I go out to Gay bars it is not the straight people who hurt me but the acts of cruelty and ignorance that take place in the Gay community itself.

—Sincerely,
Tammy Taylor

Tongues Untied

Editors Note: The following letter was sent by LRN to Channels 10/36 acting general manager in reference to the cancellation of **Tongues Untied**.

Dear Mr. Combs:

We write on behalf of the Lambda Rights Network (LRN) urging Channels 10/36 to reconsider its refusal to broadcast the award winning documentary **Tongues Untied**. LRN is a political education and advocacy membership organization serving the Lesbian and Gay community of Southeastern Wisconsin.

We hope that Channels 10/36 also serves the Lesbian and Gay community of Southeastern Wisconsin, for Lesbians and Gays are certainly part of your viewing audience. LRN commends your stations' efforts to present programming on Lesbian and Gay topics. We have not failed to recognize your successes; for instance, LRN presented its media award to **Smith & Company** in 1990.

But your efforts make your refusal to broadcast **Tongues Untied** even more of a mystery to us. Just what was it about this film that makes it unsuitable for broadcast? Can Lesbians and Gays appear on **Smith & Company** only if they are uncontroversial? Can Lesbians and Gays appear only if they are white and look middle class? Do you have any guidelines?

Since there are many individual Lesbian and Gay lifestyles, it is prejudicial to ignore the existence of some when an outstanding record of that culture is presented to you. Black Gay experiences, as portrayed in **Tongues Untied**, may make some of your viewers uncomfortable, but contentment has never been a good reason to shun serious work.

Cows should be contented; sentient viewers should be challenged on occasion.

Perhaps your viewers have only grown to accept Gay ballet dancers on **Great Performances** or the characters of effeminate British aristocrats on **Masterpiece Theater**. We are not engaging in "political correctness," but giving you some sound demographic information, when we write that African American Lesbians and Gays exist in Milwaukee in roughly the same proportion as in any other American city. We doubt that you'll find a genuine British aristocrat anywhere in Milwaukee.

Vivid language and explicit sexuality are part of many Lesbians' and Gay's lifestyles. **Tongues Untied** is not sensational; it is speaking the truth as many see it. And as John Keats wrote, 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty.' **Tongues Untied**, like the images of Robert Mapplethorpe may shock some, but we cannot allow the squeamish or prudish among us to determine what your adult audience will view.

Why not reverse your position and take a stand for freedom of expression and diversity. Your station may find that it attracts new viewers and supporters, and that its current viewers and supporters are not as puritanical as someone at 10/36 apparently seems to think.

Please let us know, what you are willing to do.

—Sincerely yours,
Chris Ahmuty, Scott D. Gunkel
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Group Notes

Fighting back against the bashers

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) announced it is joining with other concerned groups and individuals within the Gay/Lesbian community to work towards putting an end to the ongoing and increasing problem of Gay bashing in our city.

On July 22 Alderpersons Paul Henningsen and Mary Anne McNulty met with the group which has become known as the Community Block Watch, sponsored by the Lambda Rights Network (LRN), Queer Nation (QN) and now MLGPC. The aldermen have said they'll survey our neighborhoods for possible lighting improvements and other crime prevention efforts.

As a result of initial efforts, many of the bars have increased patrols and awareness of activities in their immediate vicinity, heightening security awareness.

Community involvement and input is needed on a constant basis to FIGHT TO TAKE BACK OUR STREETS! The Community Block Watch meets every 2nd and 4th Monday night at 7pm at the Milwaukee downtown Public Library first floor meeting room. Things are improving. You can help make them even safer. As MLGPC said in a release, "This affects us all, whether you have been a victim of Gay bashing or not!"

CCF offers college scholarship

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation has announced the opening for applications for the second annual John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded for the

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No crime victim is to blame for the crime committed against them. Even though you can't be sure you won't become a victim of crime, these tips may be helpful:

- Identify local "Danger Zones" in areas you frequent. Avoid them if alone, and stay aware of your surroundings;
- Plot out "safe" routes from the bus stop or parking lot to your home or other places you frequent. Use well lit streets, and be aware of late night stores where you could run for safety;
- If you feel unsafe, trust your instincts, and remove yourself from the area. Make noise, blow a whistle, scream "FIRE!" Call 911 for police assistance;
- If you go home with strangers, make sure you introduce that person to a friend or to the bartender. Make people aware you are leaving together, so if a problem arises later, they can help identify the perpetrator;
- Lesbians should be cautious of men they meet in Lesbian bars who claim to be Gay and invite women to their homes to party;
- Leave bars with a group of people you know. Assailants often lurk outside Gay identified establishments waiting for their next victim;
- Always carry a whistle, consider taking a self defense class. (Self Awareness is often more important than Self Defense);
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings. Don't take short cuts through unlit areas;
- Get license plate numbers of cars with suspicious occupants, or whose occupants should out anti-Gay slurs . . . then report it to police.

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Roommate Wanted — Male or female roommate wanted to share house. Includes utilities, washer/ dryer, appliances etc. \$300/month, call 342-4003.

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upcoming (1991-1992) academic year, which may be used by the recipients for tuition and other academic expenses.

The scholarships were initiated by the CCF as a memorial to the late John M. Cowles, a community leader who died in January 1990. John had been a very active member of GAMMA, Milwaukee's Gay sports and social organization, serving as its president for several terms, and being the driving force behind both the organization and its popular volleyball league. John had also served on the Board of Directors of the Cream City Foundation (Milwaukee's charitable foundation for Gay and Lesbian causes), providing his unique energy and drive to the Foundation's community center and other causes.

The Foundation will award the scholarships in two \$250 awards for each of the two primary semesters of the academic year (Fall 1991 and Spring 1992). Applicants must be entering full-time education in their Junior or Senior year, or post-graduate education, at an accredited college or university in the Metro Milwaukee area, and must be pursuing a degree in the sciences. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA, have a demonstrated interest in the Gay/Lesbian community, and be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident.

Scholarship applications may be received by calling the Cream City Foundation at (414) 265-0880, or mailing a request to P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Deadline for applications is August 31, 1991.

Pride 'stuff' on sale

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has announced that 1991 Pride merchandise is still on sale and will be available at The Historic Third Ward Block Party August 2&3 where MLGPC will have a booth. They will also be offering a cash raffle during the 2-day party. An assortment of 'stuff' will be available emblazoned with the full color '91 logo.

King Productions will also allow

merchandise sales during the Miss Gay Wisconsin- USA Pageant on Saturday, August 3, from 5:30 on at the March Plaza Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

Oberons Christmas club for kids with AIDS

Milwaukee — On Friday August 9th at 9pm the Oberons will host a beer bust at the Wreck Room, 266 E. Eire St. For the purpose of raising funds so that Christmas can be a little bit brighter for kids with AIDS.

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SSBL action

With one week to go in the regular season, the Triangle Trojans have wrapped up the competitive division by edging the Ball Game for the third time this year. The Trojans, who are undefeated in regular season play, will represent Milwaukee in Boston for the Gay Softball World Series.

The Triangle Bad Boys were selected by a draw of recreational teams to play in the invitational world series tournament. The World Series begins on August 20, with opening ceremonies at 3:00. Following the ceremonies, the Boston competitive representative will host Milwaukee's Triangle Trojans. The Bad Boys first game opponent will be determined at a later date.

The women's division will hold a 5-team double elimination tournament on Saturday, August 3 starting at 10am. Two teams in addition to the 3 SSBL teams will participate. The M&M Bad Girls, because of a point system used throughout the season, will be Milwaukee's representative to the World Series. The tournament was necessary because Milwaukee did not have a womens team in the league this year.

Several Milwaukee teams will be participating in fall tournaments in Cleveland, Nashville, and San Diego. Ball Game Flash, Partners, Triangle and Wreck Room Spurs have shown interest in the later tournaments.

Saturday Softball Beer League Standings July 20, 1991

Competitive	
Triangle Trojans	13-0
Ball Game	9-3
Recreational	
Wreck Room	9-6
Triangle Bad Boys	7-6
M&M Peanuts	5-8
Partners	4-10
Cest La Vie	2-11
Women's	
M&M Bad Girls	9-4
Nitengales	4-8
Fannies	3-10

Bette Davis Bowling League

Madison — The Bette Davis Bowling League will hold its organization meeting at 2pm on Sunday, August 18, at the Bowl-a-ward Bowling Alley. All team captains and team members are urged to attend this meeting in order to prepare team rosters and discuss the league rules and vote on any changes in the rules.

The Bette Davis Bowling League bowls every Sunday at 3pm at the Bowl-a-ward Lanes on East Washington Avenue. The starting date will be set at the organizational meeting. If you are interested in bowling, please feel free to attend this meeting or call Joe at 273-3825 for more information.



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the turn-of-the-century sexologists sought to 'name' and 'define' them. The narrative continues through the cross-cultural and cross-racial experimentation in the 1920's to the beginning of the modern phase of the Lesbian movement in the 1950's and the early formation of the emerging Lesbian Nation. The story moves further into more recent history; to the start of the feminist movement in the 1960's and the ideals of the Lesbian Utopianism of the 1970's, and how this Utopia was torn asunder by the irrepressible pressures of race and class. Finally, Faderman closes in on our own decades, celebrating the gains made in the 1980's and the promises of the 1990's.

Much of *Odd Girls And Twilight Lovers* is a fascinating compilation: quotes from Emma Goldman's homoerotic correspondence, glimpses into the private lives of the great women blues singers and into the butch-femme role-playing of 1950's working-class bar culture.

For so long Lesbians and Gay men have

been deprived of a sense of history because no one has taken up the role of historian. Academic journals that attempt to portray Gay and Lesbian lifestyles accurately often fall into the trap of depicting them in the psychologically long-defunct category of 'sexual invert.'

Faderman has succeeded in creating a wonderfully complete, warm and moving account of Lesbian culture that is both academically sound and easily read. *Odd Girls And Twilight Lovers* is by all accounts a necessary addition to the bookshelves of anyone who wants to understand and gain knowledge about the evolution of today's Lesbian and Gay lifestyles.

In addition to *Surpassing The Love Of Men*, Faderman is the author *Scotch Verdict*, a historical retelling of the trial on which 'The Childrens Hour' was based. With Brigitte Eriksson, Ms. Faderman is also co-author of *Lesbians In Germany: 1890's- 1920's*, and has edited several ethnic minority and Lesbian literary anthologies and has published numerous articles on Lesbian life and literature. ▽

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The Milwaukee AIDS Project is currently case managing approximately 20 children with AIDS. The challenges for these kids and their families is enormous, and often there is nothing left over for happy times. The Oberons are going to try to do something about that.

Public schools on 'New Tri Cable'

Miriam ben Shalom interviews Michael Lisowski about the just created Milwaukee School Superintendent Howard Fuller's committee on Gay & Lesbian concerns in the **New Tri-Cable Tonight**. Are Milwaukee Public Schools actually interested and concerned about Gay & Lesbian youth and teachers?! Is this actually happening here in Milwaukee? Find out in the August episode of the **New Tri-Cable Tonight**, scheduled for cablecast July 28 and August 1, 4, 8, and 11.

Watch for the innovative next episode of the fabulous Gay comedy **Yellow On Thursday [YOT]** late in August! The **New Tri-Cable** is a Gay/Lesbian issues-oriented program, and features panels of stimulating, sometimes opposing viewpoints, led by a knowledgeable moderator. Both programs are productions of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network of the Cream City Foundation.

All programs are scheduled at 10:30pm on Thursday and Sunday evenings on City of Milwaukee cable MATA Channel 14. Suburban viewers must request the program for their own cable system in order for the program to be recablecast there.

Pageant on cable

Due to a scheduling snafu by the public access facility, the highlights of the 1991 Mr. & Miss Black Gay Wisconsin 'On The Move' Pageant were not cablecast July 2nd and 9th as previously scheduled on City of Milwaukee Warner Channel 14, MATA (public access television). To help remedy the error, the Pageant program

will be recablecast on the last two Tuesdays in August, on the 20th and 27th, from 9-10pm.

The program features seven contestants who competed in gown walk, sportswear, talent, and other categories. In addition to the contestants, there were special performances by entertainers & female impersonators popular in the Milwaukee Gay community: Mimi Marks, Echo Chambers, Vanessa Alexandre, Alicia Kelly, Alexis Bonet, Momma Rae, Sidney Johnson, and Core. The program was originally screened on in June, and was supposed to be shown in July also.

Produced by Mass Productions and Sidney Johnson, the Pageant was videotaped by Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network producers Mark Behar and Bryce Clark at the downtown Ramada Inn in March.

LAMM meeting August 15

The August 15 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) features the topic "Getting to Know Us: Part Two," or "Who Are All These Women Anyway?"

Last month's introduction to the Lesbian Alliance focused on aspects of the group such as its history, purpose, structure and activities. This month's meeting provides an opportunity to get to know, on a more personal level, the individual women who participate in LAMM presentations and programs. There will be a series of activities designed to help people to get to know each other in a fun and interesting way. Newcomers are welcome.

There will be a potluck at 6pm, and activities will begin at 7pm, at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., one block south of Locust St. Secure, lit parking is available.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month, and are open to all Lesbians. For more info call 264-2600.



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Galano- Afternoon card tournament at the Clubroom, 2408 N. Farwell.

Dignity- Mass & Friendship, 6pm, St. Pius X Church, 76th & Wright, Tower Entrance

New Hope MCC- Worship Service, 6:30 pm, Kenwood Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood.

MAP Support Group- For PWA's & PWARC's, 7 pm, 273-2437

Bisexual Women's Group [Madison]- 7:30 to 9:00pm at Ada James, 710 University Ave., Rm. 202

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays [Madison]- Meets the second Sunday of each month, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Ct. f.m.i. Jane at 271-0270 or the United at 255-8582.

Affirming Light Agape Church- Services every Sunday at 1 p.m. Call 454-3979 for location.

HIV Positive Support [Green Bay]- Meets bi-weekly at Center Project, f.m.i. 437-7400.

Bi-Sexual Support- Meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

Lutherans Concerned- 3rd Sunday every month, Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, 5pm.

Gay Men's Discussion Group- Every 4th Sunday from 6-8, \$2 donation. Call Tom at The Counseling Center 271-2565 for info.

Touch Football- Every Sunday during season, 2pm, Lincoln Memorial Drive Soccer Field, call Bob 963-9833.

MONDAYS

BESTD- HIV testing and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by apptmt. only. BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. 272-2144

HIV + Support Group- for Racine, Walworth & Kenosha Co.'s location alternates, call SEWAP 657-6644 or 1-800-924-6601 for more info.

Gay AA Meeting [Racine]- 8 pm, 625 College Ave., Racine

Lawrence Univ. Gay/Lesbian Awareness [Appleton]- Mondays, 6:30pm, Colman Hall, Room 107 (414) 832-7103.

Queer Nation/Milwaukee- Meets first & third Mondays, 7 p.m., Milw. Public Library (8th & Wisc.) 1st floor meeting room.

TUESDAYS

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For people with AIDS or ARC, f.m.i. 255-1711.

Family, Friends of PWA's Support [Oshkosh]- 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm Holy Family Rm., East Frontage Rd., Oshkosh, Place 2B

Fox Valley Gay/Lesbian Parents- Meet first Tues. of month at 7:30, Universalist Church, 800 N. Superior, Appleton 727-1975.

PFLAG/Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Meets 2nd Tues. of even months. For info write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53082

BESTD- STD testing 6-9 pm, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (272-2144)

ACT UP Milwaukee- Meetings 7:30 every Tuesday, All Sts. Cathedral Guild Hall, 818 E. Juneau Ave., call 769-8708 for info.

MAP- Support Group for family, friends of Persons with AIDS (PWA's), Alternate Tues., f.m.i. call 273-2437

HIV-Positive Support Group [Madison]- 7-9 pm, call 255-1711 for time and location.

Gay Men's Chorale [Madison]- Rehearsal in Memorial Union, see TITU for room, 6-9 pm.

Evangelicals Concerned [Madison]- Bible study at 7:30 pm, f.m.i. Duane at 244-5010.

WEDNESDAYS

BESTD- HIV and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by appointment only, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. 272-2144

Cream City Chorus- weekly rehearsal, men and women singers and accompanists welcome; 7-10 pm, New Hope United Church of Christ, 1424 W. Greenfield

Fest City Singers- weekly rehearsal, 7-10 pm, War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.; men and women singers and instrumentalists welcome.

Galano- DePaul Lifestyle Support Group; Last Wed. only, 4:30 pm, De Paul Rehab Hospital, Room 2123.

MAP Support Group- Info & education regarding HIV infection & treatments, 7 pm, 273-2437.

The Ten Percent Society [Madison]- Meets during the semester at 8 pm in Memorial Union, check TITU for room.

G/L Support Group [UW-Green Bay]- Meets every Wed. at 4 p.m. 463-2343

Men's Coming Out Support Group [Madison]- Meets, f.m.i. 255-8582.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For HIV-positive individuals and friends, lovers and family of persons with AIDS, f.m.i. 255-1711.

THURSDAYS

G/L Parents Coalition of Milw.- Meeting 1st Thursday; pot luck 3rd Thurs. only, call 962-0861 for location

P-FLAG Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Meets 2nd Thursday of odd months. For info write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53052.

Lesbian Drop-In Group [Madison]- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm, The United.

Support Group for Family, Friends [Madison]- Of people with AIDS, 7:30-9:30 pm, call 255-1711 for time and place

Men's "Phase II" [Madison]- (Post Coming Out) support group, meets 4pm-11:27 University Ave., B103, f.m.i. David at 241-2500.

Gay/Lesbian Support Group [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

Social Volleyball- 8:30pm, UWM's Engelmann Gym (2033 E. Hartford), cost is \$2, includes lockers & showers, all skill levels welcome. Call Bob 963-9833.

G/L Comm. at U.W.M.- Every Thursday, 1:30, seeing posting by UW Union (2200 E. Kenwood) elevators for room number, 229-6555.

Lesbian Alliance Metro Milw. [LAMI]- Monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday, open to all Lesbians. Call 264-2600 for more info.

FRIDAYS

Bi-Sexual Support [Milw.]- meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

SATURDAYS

BESTD Women's Alternative Health Clinic- GYN exams, STD testing and more 10am-12 noon, walk-in, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., 272-2144.

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee- Meets 2nd Sat. of every month, 10 p.m. social, 3B's Bar

Galano- Movie night; 9pm, 2408 N. Farwell

BWMT- 3rd Sat., 8 pm, 265-8500 for more info.

Gay Youth Milw.- Discussion group- 1st & 3rd Sat. only 1-3 pm, Main Public Library (9th & Wisc.), 1st floor meeting room (18 yrs. & under)- 265-8500 for info.

Gay AA [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

Metro, Milw. Friendship Grp.- 2nd Sat. For details/info call Dave 423-0379.

Stonewall Network [Madison]- Discussion & support for Lesbian/Gay/ Bi youth under 22, every Sat. from 1-3, UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison f.m.i. (608) 246-4297.

Cowles Volleyball League- Play begins at 3 p.m. at UWM's Engelmann Gym.

Books

Webster's Books to host Lesbian author August 13th

Webster's Books is pleased to welcome Lillian Faderman, author of *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America*, for a discussion and book signing on Tuesday, August 13th, at 7:30pm.

Lillian Faderman's first book, *Surpassing The Love Of Men: Romantic Friendship and Love Between Women From the Renaissance To The Present* became an immediate sensation when published in the 1980's. In her new book, Faderman, visiting professor at UCLA and a faculty member at California State University at Fresno, maintains that a Lesbian identity could only emerge in the context of the sexual freedom of the 1920's and the 1960's along with the social freedom made possible by the Second World War and the education of women.

Nevertheless, a chilling pattern emerges in *Odd Girls And Twilight Lovers*. Prior to the sexual freedom of the 1960's, each previous decade of relative liberation was followed by the backlash of a decade of punishing repression. For instance, the glittering, chic 1920's and the thriving subculture of the clubs of Harlem and Greenwich Village would be followed with the dreary homophobia that accompanied the Depression of the 1930's. In a similar fashion, the increased tolerance for Lesbians, and for women in general brought on by World War II, vanished with the emergence of Sen. McCarthy and the 'witch-hunts' of the 1950's, a period when the ACLU even refused to defend them.

Faderman's account begins with a more innocent era, an era before Lesbians knew they were 'Lesbians.' She suggests that the 'romantic friendships' of the past were, in certain respects, better off before

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songs by k.d. lang. Mostly, they like to gather around camp fires and sing old protest songs by women like Joni Mitchell and Joan Baez. Bar hips, on the other hand, will usually dance with anyone to anything fast. And, as a matter of honor, they never spill one drop of the drink they are holding.

Then there's the matter of making a personal statement. PC hips wear protest buttons. Bar hips wear those hats with straws and two cans of beer like ear muffs.

Finally, PC hips always use the term 'we.' As in "we are going to DO something." Bar hips always go with the singular 'I.' As in 'I would love to DO that blonde over there.'

My friend doesn't worry about being hip anymore. Now she worries about me. I go around mumbling questions all the time. Like just what IS socially hip? Is the mere term socially hip a non sequitur? Can one be social and hip? Can one be drunk and hip? And while I'm at it, does the word 'beat' mean cool like it did in the fifties? Or does it mean definitely not groovy like it did in the sixties? And if I'm so innately hip, how come I can't figure out these questions? Actually, I can't even decide whether to root for Martina or Gabriella.

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Wisconsin AIDS Update

The Wisconsin Division of Health's Wisconsin AIDS/ HIV Update reports a total of 950 cases of AIDS in Wisconsin through June 25, 1991, an increase of 229 cases over 1 year. Gay males dropped to 76% of total cases, with 8% intravenous drug users; and Gay male IV drug users and Heterosexual contacts both making up an additional 4% of total cases. 3% of the cases are traced to transfusion associated, and 2% traced to hemophiliacs. 1% consisted of mothers with the remaining 5% of undetermined origin.

Men made up 94 percent of PWA's (Persons With AIDS) with women at the ever-increasing percentage of 6. 78% were white with disproportionate (when compared to Wisconsin ethnic statistics) percentage amounts of 17 and 5% for Blacks and Hispanics respectively.

The Update also reports the DOH's AIDS/ HIV program estimates that by 1993, 519- 779 new yearly Wisconsin cases will be diagnosed, with 262- 393 deaths per year.

Nearly one quarter (23%) of Wisconsin's AIDS cases are categorized as 'Non- Resident cases' meaning PWA's that moved here after diagnosis elsewhere. This is seen as the 'Homecoming phenomena' or family members who once moved away, coming home to be with their family or friends to live out their lives. Often, these patients (many Gay white men) had moved from small towns or rural Wisconsin areas, to larger cities elsewhere in the country to live their lives more fully. Once diagnosed, they return home to Wisconsin, hopefully to the accepting arms of their families.

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• **Rifabutin Prophylaxis Study** this study will assess the safety and benefit of rifabutin in preventing or delaying the occurrence of *Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare* bacteremia in AIDS patients with CD4 counts of less than 200. Eligibility requirements include taking AZT and anti-pneumocystis prevention therapy for at least four weeks prior to entry into the study. Patients are randomly assigned to one of two treatment groups and receive two capsules daily (some will receive placebos). Pre-treatment includes a commitment of several weekly visits and monthly visits for 2 years.

• **AZT versus ddi** Will study the efficacy and safety of orally administered ddi with AZT in patients who exhibit increasing symptoms despite treatment with AZT. Patients with HIV must have been receiving AZT for at least 6 months and have CD4 counts of less than 300. Patients will take a capsule every four hours, and a buffered powder packet every 12 hours. They will visit every two weeks for the first 12 weeks, with monthly visits thereafter for a one year period. Crossover treatment to the alternative therapy will be offered after 12 weeks of initial therapy.

• **Provera Weight Loss Study** This will study whether Provera increases the weight of patients with AIDS that have lost more than 10% of their weight over the last six months. Patients will be randomly assigned to two treatment groups, each receiving tablets twice daily. Visits will be weekly for the first two

weeks and biweekly for another six weeks, and thereafter monthly for a total of 6 months. Placebo patients will be dropped from the study and allowed to change to Provera if no response is observed after 8 weeks of treatment.

For more information about these studies, contact your physician, or have them contact Lisa Al-Hashimi, RN, MSM at (414) 257-8109.

Comment on CDC HIV guidelines for health care workers

The following statement was released by David Hansell, Deputy Executive Director for Policy from Gay Men's Health Crisis:

The CDC recommendations for preventing HIV transmission from health care workers to patients represent a combination of sound public health policy and pandering to irrational public fears.

Calling for the removal of HIV-infected health care workers from certain areas of medical practice when not a single case of physician-to-patient transmission has been documented is unjust, discriminatory and poor public health. Strict adherence to and enforcement of universal precautions will protect everyone — health care workers and patients — in the medical setting. The Florida case only demonstrates that it is the breach of these procedures — not the HIV status of the health care worker — that made the transmission possible. Enforcement of proper universal infection control procedures is the best protection against the extremely low risk of HIV transmission from health care worker to patient.

GMHC does not support patient notification because it only contributes to unfounded fears and diverts attention from the real issue of continued education and enforcement of universal infection control procedures as the most effective and efficient methods of preventing healthcare worker to patient HIV transmission. ▽

different ballgame. To be P.C. hip you have to picket the places that have female strippers. You can never, never be seen with a bottle of beer. You can only go into a bar to pass out flyers. And sometimes you get ladies room monitor duty. Any politically hip women worth her salt knows about the "Gay men in the ladies room" problem. And most of them are dedicated to eradicating this infringement upon one of the last bastions of our separatism. Besides, PC hips definitely do NOT buy the idea that these guys use the womens' bathroom because they have bigger mirrors and stalls with doors. PC hips know that these boys are in there for one reason and one reason only... to purposely piss all over our toilet seats.

This very issue can give you an indication as to which hip is for you. If you refer to the men in the ladies rooms as 'male pigs,' than you're probably better suited for PC hip. But if you refer to them as 'sisters,' you should definitely look into bar hip. If you're so busy checking out the twenty year old blonde with big knockers combing her hair that you don't even know which bathroom you're in, go the bar hip route. If you fall into the toilet because some guy left the seat up, PC is your game.

Of course there are lots of other things you have to do to fit into one or the other hip categories. And don't get them confused. That is not only unhip but it can put you in the wrong cheering section at tennis games...

PC hips always root for Martina because she is out of the closet, is getting sued by her ex lover and takes things very seriously. Bar hips always cheer for Gabriela Sabatini. They could care less what her politics are. They could care less what her sexual orientation is. But, as they frequently mention, she has a hell of a B-O-D, making her the ultimate B-A-B-E! If on the other hand, you've got this thing for Billie Jean King, then you're too old to be worried about being hip in the first place.

And let's not forget dancing. Ninety percent of all bar hips are dancers. Of course, PC hips dance sometimes, too. But only with their lovers and only to



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Socially hip

I was talking to one of my friends the other day. She said she was worried that she might not be socially hip. She asked me if there were ways you could tell. Yeah. Like I'd almost know. But then it occurred to me that I am probably incredibly 'hip' without even realizing it. So I decided to share my social advantage with my friend.

Since I have all this innate hipness, I am, obviously, in a position to explain what is, and what is not, socially hip. Of course by the time this gets into print it will probably be outdated. Being hip, I realized, requires constant vigilance, not to mention a good deal of attention to detail. Let's face it. Being hip is damn hard work. And would I be willing to work at it if it didn't come so easily to me? Nah.

But my friend was. So I told her that there must be a course or something she could take. First, however, she had to

make some really important decisions. Like, what kind of socially hip did she want to be? Did she want to be bar socially hip? Or politically socially hip? Or so hip that she never ever had to deal with the whole stupid question again?

Did she want to be the kind of hip that makes it 'de riquer' to know how to remove the G string from female strippers with your teeth? Did she merely want to master the correct way to call other women 'BABES'?

Well, if you're into being bar hip here's a few suggestions. You better learn to play pool Really, Really well. And you better learn how to hold a bottle of beer in your teeth while your your next shot. You also better learn how to play softball. And, most importantly, you have to develop something socially hip bar women call 'bimbo radar.'

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Clarenbach fundraiser Aug. 15

Milwaukee — Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light and Ron Geiman of In Step Magazine will host a fundraising garden party for State Rep. David Clarenbach on Thursday, August 15 at the home of Boughner and Johnson. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet Rep. Clarenbach who will attend the event.

The party will be held in the garden at 1843 N Palmer from 5 to 7pm. Snacks, beverages and a cordial time will be enjoyed by all. No set donation will be requested from those who attend.

All monies raised will go to Clarenbach for his future run against Rep. Klug for Klug's recently won seat in the US House of Representatives, representing south central Wisconsin. Clarenbach has given much to our community over the years while a representative for Madison in the

State Assembly. He's well known as the "Father" of Wisconsin's historic Gay Rights law and of laws relating to AIDS funding and rights of PWAs. He also shepherded the state Hate Crimes law through passage.

Even though people outside of his Congressional district can't vote for him, you can show your support by attending this garden party fundraiser. When elected to Congress, rest assured Clarenbach will continue the struggle for liberation and freedom that will benefit us all no matter where we live in the USA.

Checks should be made out to The Clarenbach Committee. Those who can't attend but still wish to donate, can send their check, made out to The Clarenbach Committee, to 1843 N Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Cruise Lake Geneva for SEWAP

Kenosha — On August 18, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) will host a nostalgic cruise on Lake Geneva to support AIDS care and educational services throughout Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties.

Tickets for this first-time fundraising event are \$30 per person and include a cruise, brunch and entertainment.

All proceeds from the cruise will benefit the programs of the SEWAP, a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

Passengers will board the Lady of the Lake, an authentic reproduction of a twin-stacked paddle wheel steamer, at 9:30am at the Riviera Dock in downtown Lake Geneva. The three-hour cruise, which will feature narration on the beautiful Lake Geneva countryside, is set to begin at 10am.

"The Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project currently serves more than 75 people with HIV disease and provides a wide range of prevention programs designed to reduce the spread of the

disease," said William Houtz, director of the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project.

Seating capacity on the steamer is limited to 225 passengers. Individuals are encouraged to contact the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, (414) 657-6644, or toll-free (800) 924-6601, soon to reserve tickets.

Following the cruise, Lake Geneva's Venetian Weekend celebration will be in full-swing. Many fine boutiques and shops, a carnival, and other fine events have been planned.

Individuals who are unable to attend the cruise, but would like to help out, are encouraged to sponsor a ticket for a person with AIDS.

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AIDS Treatment Activists Conference [ATACC2] - The second such conference for AIDS will be held on Sept. 28-29 for AIDS activists concerned specifically with treatment issues, co-sponsored by ACT UP/New York and ACT UP/DC. The first ATACC, held in November 1990 in conjunction with the 11th AIDS Clinical Trails Group meeting of the National Institutes of Health, drew some 350 treatment activists from throughout the U.S. The emphasis of ATACC-2 will be on developing strategies for national actions and communications.

Target Bush Protest at White House - To mark the conclusion of 30 days of nationwide actions that target George Bush's lack of leadership in the AIDS crisis, activists will converge on the White House September 30 to demand that the President appoint a national AIDS Czar. The proposed cabinet level officer would be given broad authority to lend direction to the government's AIDS policies and programs; to weed out duplicative and wasteful research projects; to broaden the definition of AIDS; and to make AIDS

education, care, and research a national priority. To illustrate the urgency of the AIDS crisis, ACT UP members will deliver to the White House 130,000 obituaries of people whose deaths are AIDS related (130,000 is the number of AIDS deaths projected for the U.S. by the end of September, 1991).

Protest to Call for National Health Care - October 1st, AIDS activists will target Congress in a call for the establishment of a national health care program that would provide quality medical care to everyone in the U.S. Initial discussions call for a "State Funeral" procession to the Capitol steps to call attention to "the death of American people due to lack of universal health care," followed by an outdoor tour to House and Senate Office buildings. The protest follows a May action that targeted the Health Insurers' Association of America and President Bush; it precedes a massive national march planned for Washington, D.C. in Spring 1992.

For more information, contact your local ACT UP chapter.

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would like to attend the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute Creating Change Conference. The 4th annual conference is the pre-eminent skills- building gathering for Gay and Lesbian activists.

The limited scholarship assistance, made possible by grants to NGLTF from foundations and individuals, will help defray the cost of conference fees. Creating Change will be held in Alexandria, VA., just outside of Washington, D.C., November 7- 11.

Creating Change 1991 will feature 63 workshops plus provocative plenary speakers, networking sessions, an 'agit-prop' swap shop, and social events. Pre-conference institutes include a Campus Organizing Institute on Thursday, Nov. 7, and People of Color and Diversity Training Institutes on Friday, Nov. 8. Scholarships may be used to attend the institutes.

Plenary speakers for Creating Change Conference are Jewelle Gomez, writer, poet, activist, and founding board member of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; Mario Solis-Marich, director of the Public Policy Division of AIDS Project Los Angeles and national board co-chair of the Latino(a) Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO); and Minnie Bruce Pratt, Lesbian poet, essayist, teacher and recipient of an NEA Creative Writing Fellowship in Poetry.

In addition, a special AIDS Activist Panel will present Larry Kramer, founder, ACT UP/NY and Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC); Jean McGuire, former executive director of the AIDS Action

Council; Reggie Williams, executive director of the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention/ National Association of Black and White Men Together; Sandra Johnson, Chicago Women's AIDS Project and ACT UP/ Chicago; and moderator David Barr, assistant director of policy for GMHC.

Workshops at the conference include 'Sexual Liberation/ Sexual Diversity;' 'Movement In- Fighting — Isms & Schisms;' 'Countdown '92 — The Presidential Election;' 'Censorship: The Politics of Expression;' 'Drag Activism: A Frontline Force;' 'Media Advocacy;' 'Staging a Scene — Attention- Getting Demonstrations' and numerous other topics.

Individuals must obtain a scholarship application form from NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C., (202) 332-6483, Attention: Scholarships/ Brian Albert. Applicants for scholarships must also submit one letter of support from an activist or organization with whom they work. Applications and letters must be completed and returned to NGLTF by Monday, Sept. 2, 1991.

ACT UP announces national actions

Washington, D.C. [GLINN]- Hundreds of AIDS activists from throughout the country are making plans to converge on Washington, D.C. for four days of national actions and protests from September 28 through October 1. Participants from among the 80 U.S. chapters of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power have planned three major events:

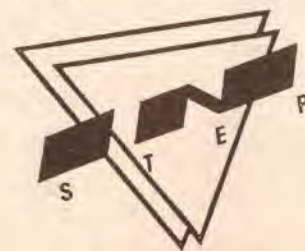
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6th annual MAPfest

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project's sixth annual MAPfest, sponsored by Miller Brewing Company, is scheduled for Sunday, September 1, at Schlitz Park, corner of N. 3rd and Cherry Streets, in Milwaukee. Festival organizers expect to raise \$30,000 for AIDS care and education. At least 2,000 people are anticipated to attend.

"MAPfest has grown considerably during the past six years to become one of Milwaukee's outstanding festivals and essential to our efforts to raise funds for AIDS care and increase community awareness of the challenges of AIDS in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Some of Milwaukee's top local entertainers will perform reggae, rock, blues, and jazz. Those already scheduled to appear include Rufus and the Singing Machine, John Kruth and the Atomic Croutons, and Impulse. The exciting Bachelor and Bachelorette Auction, emceed by John Luedtke, and the annual dog show will be back for more fun and entertainment.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under 13. Bring three non-perishable food or personal care items and get \$1 off the price of admission. T-shirts will be sold at the event. This year's poster and t-shirt were designed by well-known local artist and donor to the Art For AIDS auction, Steve Slaske.

Proceeds from MAPfest are used to support case management and support services for people affected by HIV disease, and prevention programs designed to slow the spread of the virus.

"This historic support from Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community has made MAPfest an outstanding, successful fundraiser and an annual social gathering that no one should miss," Nelson added.

A Trek Model 800 Antelope bicycle, a floral arrangement each month for a year from T.T. Tulip and other prizes have been donated to this year's raffle. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Continental on Parade Aug. 28

Ginger Spice has announced the annual "Continental on Parade" showcase of talent will be held at **Club 219** on Wednesday, August 28. Continental on Parade features past Miss Gay Continental titleholders, who will all be in the Chicago area that week for the September 2 & 3 Miss Gay Continental USA at Chicago's Park West.

Former titleholders scheduled to come to the Milwaukee showcase include: Chili Pepper, Heather Fontaine, Maya Douglas, Tandi Andrews, Kelly Lauren, Nakesha Lucky, and current titleholder Channel Dupree.

Showtime is scheduled for 10:30pm. Tickets are \$7 at the door, or a limited number of tables of four are available for \$35 (includes complimentary bottle of champagne) in advance. See Ginger for tickets or for more information.

For those interested in the Miss Gay Continental USA pageant at Chicago's Park West on September 2 & 3 (for the first time, Park West will be host for both nights) contact The Baton Show Lounge at (312) 644-5269. Miss Continental Wisconsin '91, Dominique Mahon, will represent Wisconsin in the Continental finals.

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Mulling all of this over, I have come to realize that when you look at a Lesbian here or a Lesbian there, you tend to notice how much like 'everyone else' each of us is. But when you consider us en masse, what stands out are the ways in which we are different from the hetero population — the distinctiveness of Lesbian fashion (formerly an oxymoron), our political sensibilities, and so on. This group phenomenon caused me to think that there should be a word that denoted a group of Lesbians, something that emphasizes our uniqueness. Saying "a group of Lesbians," or a crowd or a bunch just doesn't seem vibrant enough for a collection of folks as dynamic as Lesbians. So being the word perfectionist I am, I spent a little quality time with my thesaurus — one of the three books that **this gal** would want with her on a desert island, along with a dictionary and a book on boat building. But as usual, I digress.

Checking under the word 'assemblage' in my well-loved thesaurus, I found that the synonyms for 'group' — crew, band, throng, horde — were for the most part pretty boring. I did like 'army' a bit because the phrase 'an army of Lesbians' reminded me of the old slogan "an army of lovers cannot lose." But then, in the end, especially on the heels of Operation Desert Storm, I decided my peacenik self would never really feel comfortable with the concept of army. And anyway, how would we ever all agree on what uniforms to wear?

From there I moved rather quickly to the sections on animals. But then I hesitated. How would Lesbians feel about being associated with what we humans condescendingly refer to as the 'lower life forms' Would this embroil us in a long debate about evolution? Which would the PC position be? In the end, I decided I was proud of my ape roots and forged ahead in my search, impervious to the slings and arrows of outrageous Lesbians.

In so doing, I discovered that biologists, or whoever thinks up these group names, have a whimsical bent: a clowder of cats, a pod of seals, a gam of whales, a skein of geese (in flight), a watch of nightingales. But these terms seemed like they were too obscure to catch on. I eliminated a few

others for not projecting the right image of Lesbians: "a sloth (of bears)" — too lazy; "a skulk (of foxes)" — too sneaky; "a plague (of locusts)" — well, no sense in perpetuating our already bad press. "A charm (of finches)" sounded nice, but reminded me of a chintzy trinket on a chain, causing my feminist hackles to rise. (Just what **are** hackles, anyway?) My favorite — "a murmururation (of startlings)" — seemed more like an appellation for a one on one kind of thing than for a group thing, if you get my drift, but maybe I'm just being provincial.

Finding the thesaurus ultimately lacking this time, I decided I would just have to come up with a word of my own. Hey, Mary Daly does this kind of stuff all the time — and just because I rarely understand her doesn't mean I can't do it too. Anyway, here are my candidates:

• **A dapple of dykes.** This, for me, evokes our diversity.

• **A jostle of Lesbians.** Jostle: "to drive or force by... to unsettle, disturb" — apropos to our fight for visibility and a place in society, I thought.

• **A bristle of Lesbians.** I like this one a lot. Bristle: "to be visibly roused or stirred" — seems appropriate on a number of levels! Then too, there's the prickly nature of Lesbian politics.

• **A burst of Lesbians.** This has a wonderful resonance with Audre Lorde's A Burst of Light. But does it represent us? See for yourself: "to issue forth suddenly and forcibly, as from confinement or through an obstacle; to give sudden expression to; to become visible, audible, evident." Now use it in a sentence:

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Sage La Rue represented Wisconsin's bevy of beautiful bountiful girls in the Miss Gay USA At Large national finals in Atlanta, under King Productions banner. There were 39 contestants from across the USA, and Sage worked the crowd, but didn't make it to the top 12 finalists. Some of those girls from other parts of the country come to the finals with multi-thousand dollar gowns and big money productions, thanks to support from their local communities. Unfortunately, Sage and other Wisconsin girls going to various pageant finals don't have that type of support.

The Triangle celebrated their 3rd anniversary with a weekend of festivities July 12-14. Al and his gang cooked up a storm, with shishkabobs one night, an after softball patio BBQ Saturday afternoon, and another big patio cookout on Sunday with free beer for six hours. Naturally, the place was ass-hole to belly button, but no one was complaining! Congrats Al, and here's to many more!

Za's introduced Green Bay's Gay and Lesbian community to video laser karaoke, video sing alongs to popular songs, that let you be the star. The Saturday evening sing alongs with the effervescent Kitty and sultry Jeff as hosts are fast becoming a popular Saturday evening diversion in the Emerald City.

July 17 was a busy evening for me, with a stop at Walker's Point Cafe AND Cabaret for their encore presentation of "Cindy Feller" (Disney would roll over in his grave!). Now I know why the play was brought back for an encore... it was hilarious! The fun twists on the age old story, complete with sequin and glitter encrusted high top sneakers instead of glass slippers, were a scream! Cindy's evil sisters, Clitley, Titley, and Lickley, their brazen hussy of a mother, and of course the Fairy Godmother, Hope (in genderfuck leather drag) all deserve special mention, too. Kudos to the actors, and the playwrights for bringing a different kind of drag back to Milwaukee's Gay stage.

After Cindy Feller, I was all hyped up to see the much ballyhooed Mark Payne as Liza with an 'M' impersonating Liza with a 'Z.' Payne may be considered 'hot' in Texas where he hails from, but if he's any indication of Texas' female impersonator talent, remind me not to see a show in Dallas! Club 219 booked him (for big money) because he had such strong public relations material... lots of rants and raves and great reviews. In reality, Payne lip synced Liza real well, and kind of looked like her (especially when seen from a GREAT distance), but his uncontrollable gangly legs made him look awkward. And that putty nose has got to go! Needless to say, Bobby and staff were tres embarrassed. I don't think they'll be booking an area unknown again unless they see a videotaped performance, first!

The Triangle played host to a benefit for ACT-UP/ Milwaukee on July 18 complete with 2 hours of open bar, a great buffet spread, male dancers, and unfortunately a visit by Milwaukee vice squad officers who arrested 2 of the dancers for indecent costumes. Supposedly their g-string t-straps (t-straps go between the buttocks) were not as wide as Milwaukee code requires. The dancers were members of Chicago's TROUBLE - The Boys Next Door dance troupe, Triangle owner Al Thomas disagreed that too much was revealed by the dancers, and was upset that a "concerned citizen" complained to police in the first place. The Triangle, which does not have a cabaret license, had spoken with their alderperson in advance of the benefit to make sure the event was allowable. Because it was a benefit for ACT UP and a benefactor paid ACT UP's expenses, the bar was given the OK. Thomas was quick to say the police didn't harass anyone, and acted in a professional manner during the arrests.

I wonder how Milwaukee police would react to some of the things I've recently read about that go on in some of New York's nightclubs? According to R. Couri Hay in his Out and About column in the

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

A bevy of lezzies?

Lesbians by ones and twos are not the same phenomenon as Lesbians in larger numbers. For instance, it's not until you've seen a whole lot of us that you get a sense of what dyke's wear, what we drive, what we eat, and what we watch on TV. I don't mean to imply that all Lesbians are alike (what fun would that be?), but you have to admit that we do have certain *Je ne sais quoi* that allows us to pick one another out of an otherwise ordinary crowd of grocery shoppers or mall-goers. In fact, if you pay attention to Lesbians at all — and if you're a Lesbian you're missing the boat in a big way if you don't — you will notice that we even age differently than our heterosexual counterparts as a rule, maturing relatively early because, hey, we have to, then hitting the downward side of the maturity bell curve somewhere in our twenties — and hopefully leveling out in our thirties or

forties before becoming absolutely infantile? Most Lesbians, for instance, have bigger and better toy collections than most nine-year-olds. (Speaking of which — Honey, have you seen my Pee-Wee ColorForms?).

But perhaps most fascinating about Lesbians as a community is how we interact with one another — what sociologists and other tragically hip people call 'group dynamics.' First there are the political aspects. Historically, no issue is too small for political scrutiny. Falling under the purview of political correctness over the years have been topics ranging from the sort of pets we keep to how we deal with body hair, from top to bottom, to issues of morality and ethics. Also interesting is the way in which we have turned certain events into institutions within the community — softball, music festivals, and women-only dances are among the most notable examples.

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News

Gay Peace Corps group forming

Washington, DC — A nation-wide group of Lesbian and Gay former Peace Corps Volunteers is being organized for the first time in the Peace Corps' 30-year history. The group's first activities will coincide with Peace Corps' 30th Anniversary Celebration, August 1-4, which is expected to bring more than 10,000 Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs), to the nation's capital.

Organizers regard the anniversary celebration as the catalyst for formation of the Gay and Lesbian group. "With so many former Volunteers concentrated in the Washington area, it was natural for a group to form here first," said Doug Tickner, one of the group's organizers. "We knew that with so many RPCVs coming into town for the conference, there would be a really significant number of Gays and Lesbians among them." Tickner and others feel there are proportionally more of them among the ranks of the Peace Corps than among the general population.

Anyone interested in getting information about the group's activities should write: D. Tickner, P.O. Box 65874, Washington, DC 20035 or phone Cynthia at (202) 331-0066. For information about the 30th Anniversary Celebrations, contact the National Council of RPCVs at (202) 462-5938.

ACLU defends man caught in porn sting

[ACLU] — The ACLU has joined the defense of a man entrapped into buying child pornography by a government sting operation. The case, *Jacobson v. USA*, will be argued before the United States Supreme Court next fall.

Keith Jacobson of Newman Grove, Nebraska, was targeted for the sting operation when government officials discovered that he had purchased two nudist magazines and a brochure of stores

that sell sexually explicit material. Although both activities were and are legal — and although the government had no information that Jacobson had ever produced, distributed, purchased, read or even requested child pornography — it began an undercover investigation against him.

"This case is a flagrant violation of constitutional rights and a ridiculous waste of government's time and money," said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. Rubenstein helped prepare the amicus brief filed by the ACLU, the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Over a period of two and a half years, the government set up five different entities and on 12 separate occasions solicited Mr. Jacobson, to purchase child pornography. The 12th time, he purchased a copy of *Boys Loving Boys*, a magazine depicting child pornography, for which he was prosecuted and convicted.

A panel of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed his conviction in October of 1990. It ruled that in order to launch an undercover sting against a specific person, the government must have a reasonable suspicion that he had committed a similar crime in the past or was likely to commit such a crime in the future. "Otherwise," the court said, "government agents (could) target entire groups of people without specific justification, hoping to uncover some individual who is predisposed to commit crime if given enough opportunities to do so."

Upon rehearing of the case several months later, however, the entire appeals court reaffirmed Jacobson's conviction.

Scholarships for Creating Change conference

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — Scholarship assistance is available for people of color, activists with disabilities and activists with limited income who

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

The green eyed monster

Have you, in the past month, attempted to place a deadly voodoo curse on a man you thought was cruising your lover? Would you be annoyed if you were at a party with a date who spent the entire evening talking with another man and eventually left the party with him, forcing you to take the bus home? No matter how hard you try to avoid it, jealousy is a part of any relationship. It's all a matter of degree. You may say, "I'm not the jealous type." No need to worry. If you follow these simple examples with your spousal equivalent you'll be acting like an insanely jealous moron in no time.

EXAMPLE ONE: MALE STRIPPERS

You: What do you think of this dancer?
Your Partner: Well, he's got a nice body.
You: Really?
Your Partner: Don't you think so? I mean, isn't he in some new porno movie? I like him better than the first dancer.
You: Do YOU WANT to tip HIM?
Your Partner: Nooo....
You: No, GO AHEAD, here's a dollar.
Your Partner: I don't want to, really, I'd be too embarrassed.
You: Oh, come on. Go ahead, here's FIVE dollars. You only live once!
Your Partner: Well, OK, if you insist.
You: I can't believe you'd actually pay five dollars for a cheap thrill, YOU ARE SUCH A TRAMP!

EXAMPLE TWO: SUSPICION

You: Who were you talking to on the phone, Love 'O My Life?
Your Partner: Just somebody I volunteer with down at the AIDS clinic.
You: A man, "somebody?"
Your Partner: Yeah, just some guy from the clinic.
You: Do I know this 'MAN'?
Your Partner: No, I don't think so.
You: What does he look like?
Your Partner: I don't know, I don't think he's cute, exactly.
You: He WANTS you, doesn't he?
Your Partner: How ludicrous!

You: You want to SLEEP with him, don't you? You're tired of ME?
Your Partner: Give me a break, this guy is sixty-five, he's had his prostate out for God's sake! He already has a lover.
You: OH MY GOD! You've been sleeping with this guy, haven't you? How else would you know about his prostate.
Your Partner: Are you nuts?
You: Am I nuts?! AM I NUTS?!?! You're fooling around with a sixty-five year old man with a prostate problem and you ask me if I'm nuts?

EXAMPLE THREE: THE PAST

You: That ex-lover of yours, what's his name, Brian? He was pretty hot, wasn't he? He was a model, International Male, right?
Your Partner: Sears Catalog... underwear.
You: Hmmm... he really looks hot in those pictures... WHAT PECS!
Your Partner: He was all right, I guess.
You: I'll bet he was great in bed, lots of U-TURNS in the sheets?
Your Partner: Yeah, sure, he was OK.
You: Sure? OK? He was hung too, huh?
Your Partner: You know, about average.
You: He sure shows a BIG BASKET in those photos.
Your Partner: The underpants were tight, he was average.
You: Well, how would YOU rate ME?
Your Partner: You're fine, I have no complaints.
You: What do you mean, FINE? You tell me that Brian had this MONSTER weenie and I'm just 'fine'?
Your Partner: That's not what I said.
You: Every time our relationship is going well, you have to throw Brian's giant shlong up in MY FACE, don't you!

As a rule of thumb, If you think your significant other may be guilty of some wretched indiscretion, Stop. Calmly consider alleged offense and ask yourself, Would I do that? If the answer is YES, then you have every right to become deranged with jealousy, purchase an enchanted doll and have yourself a merry little voodoo spell-fest.

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July 30, '91 issue of the Advocate, the following acts star at some of New York's hottest clubs:

• Eighteen year old Sebastian, for a \$50 fee, will down a few beers, climb onto the stage, and in the spotlight, urinate into three glasses, then drink it.

• Tymee will, for \$75, stick a 16 ounce soda bottle in her vagina, and sit on an extra large bottle of Jean Nate, while the deejay plays "Work That Pussy" by Sweet Pussy Pauline.

• Florin strips out of his studded g-string, gets tied to a chair on stage, and likes to be whipped, slapped and spit on by both men and women.

• The non-pregnant Lady Hennessey, sprays milk from her ample breasts into and onto the audience, then pulls 30 feet of silk handkerchiefs from her vagina. She also pops ping pong balls from her genitals, and for a finale, smokes a cigarette from those same tender labia.

Hay says "one must never look surprised, let alone shocked," at such antics. And those 'acts' appear in such places as the Limelight and the Copa who are offering these 'exotic' performances to draw in the customers. I guess I'm not jaded enough!

Ces't la Vie celebrated owner John's umpteenth birthday with a big party the night of July 19. A big crowd showed up for three hours of open bar, and a buffet "fit for a queen." The older Clayton gets, the more he looks like his mother! Happy birthday, John! (And please don't raise my office rent!)

Canada's "Random Order," a 3-piece women's band, rocked the house at Napalese Lounge on July 19. Those women ROCKED! The group is trying to break into the USA, and this one is one of their first gigs south of the border. Those expecting k.d. lang style music had to have been disappointed.

July 19-21 saw two bars offer three-day events. In Green Bay, Za's celebrated their 2nd anniversary weekend with lip sync grand finals on Friday, a concert by Bay City Chorus on Saturday, and a big patio party with open bar and food on Sunday. C.C. Rae hosted the lip sync

finals, which had seven contestants. An act called Brian and Brittany's sister won the \$200 top prize. Za's will be moving to their all-new space at 1106 Main Street, hopefully by the end of August. I got a guided tour of the new Za's and it should be really nice. Best of Luck to Ken, Za and their friendly staff.

In Milwaukee 3B's Bar held their 3-day Grand Opening celebration. Formerly Jet's Place, the bar's owners — Bob, Bobby, Bruce and Pat have put their all into 3 B's and customers are responding. Nice crowds for all three days which included free country dance lessons from the North Star Gay Rodeo Association dancers from Minneapolis and Chicago Friday night; the big Saturday party with buffet, dance, and a show by NSGRA members; and a Sunday afternoon wrap up tea dance. Best of luck guys, here's to many anniversary celebrations!

Madison hosted their annual MAGIC Picnic on July 20, which drew thousands from across the Midwest to the shore of Lake Monona. The hot steamy weather provided the perfect back drop for lots of bare skin viewing, games, eating and drinking. The high temperatures also enticed many to go for a swim, including several women who doffed their clothing to frolic in the water au naturel. The picnic raises funds for various Madison Gay/Lesbian organizations. No word yet on the total raised, or final attendance figures.

Naturally, with all those out of towners, Madison's Gay/Lesbian bars were packed that night after the picnic. Rod's turned their parking lot into a giant beer garden with dancing and The New Bar hosted a promotional appearance by workout video host Allen Naparella.

I missed the picnic because I had tickets for the REAL Liza's show at the Marcus Amphitheater. WOW, what a talent that women packs into her small frame. Saw lots of 'sisters' in the audience, including a row of M&M regulars lead by Rona.

Milwaukee's incomparable jazz performance band, Mrs. Fun performed at Fannie's on a balmy evening, July 21. The group is on the verge of signing with a big name label, and are well on their way to

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Reflections from the Joan Zone

by Joan Lawrence

On death and dying...

Many people will not read this column because of the title. Just the very words death and dying will make them turn away.

These people's attitudes are highly indicative of our society's view of death. America in this last decade of the twentieth century has overcome many difficulties and hardships; but our inability to deal with what is our shared ultimate fate is not one of them.

Let's face it — it's not pleasant to think about, but no one is getting out of here alive. We do not know the hour or the cause, yet we all know we're going to die eventually. It's the one definite piece that we all have in common — it makes us all so very human and so very vulnerable.

I have a friend whose mother has ovarian cancer. This poor woman has endured countless surgeries, radiation treatments, chemotherapy — you name it, they've tried it! She is now about 80 lbs. Her medical insurance has been exhausted. She is in constant, unbearable pain. Yet will she let go? Never! Will the family let her go? Not likely! Will the medical profession? No way! What purpose is served by keeping her alive? None whatsoever! But no one involved has come to terms with the concept of death, so she suffers on.

It could be very different. She could live in a culture where death is accepted, even welcomed, so that she could feel safe just letting go. Her physicians could have been educated under a system that taught them how to help a patient die, not just how to keep them alive needlessly.

But America isn't there yet. With the help of people like Elisabeth Kubler Ross we are beginning to slowly change; unfortunately, we still have a long way to go.

We are going to have to get better at this and we are going to have to do so very soon. Medical technology is at the point

where it can keep us alive almost endlessly. It can also keep us alive despite brain damage, when we're so premature we barely weigh a pound and through illnesses and accidents of all sorts which once would have brought a peaceful and rapid end.

We still live in a world where many diseases such as various forms of cancer, cardiovascular disease and AIDS do not have any cure and none is in sight. Most of us aren't going in our sleep. Decisions will have to be made — by us, our loved ones, our physicians. Ultimately our society will have to face ethical choices concerning senior citizens, the terminally ill, abortion. We will have to define what constitutes life and possibly continue to redefine it as technology improves. Issues such as quality of life verses quantity will need to be confronted.

We are going to have to face the fear. The fear of the unknown, the fear that so many religions have shoved down our collective throats. The primal fear of what happens to us when we die.

We are going to have to come to a point where we realize that we must accept death to be truly alive! It's what makes us human; it's what gives our lives meaning. Mortality, the ultimate vulnerability, is the key to our success as a human being.

Some of us will utilize religion to come to terms with all of this. Some may embrace the new theories which claim we see God or our deceased loved ones when we die. Still others may try various forms of therapy or counseling — grief workshops or seminars.

No matter what means we use, we must find a way to let those we love and ourselves die with dignity. Ultimately, all we will really need to do this is to face the rather simple fact that everything in the universe dies. It is supposed to! What happens after will be natural and normal and probably not frightening or painful because death is supposed to happen! Once we truly embrace that fact, then there is no reason to fight it — there is nothing whatsoever to fear!



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bigger recognition. It's great Fannie's got them on their way up...

Cora Mae's 10th annual 21st provided lots of free beer and shots, a buffet and of course, a show. Cora Mae throws on a wig at least once a year for this show, and I keep saying he should consider doing it more often. You look pretty darn good Cora Mae! The buffet was lavish with stuffed mushrooms, jumbo shrimp and your usual hors d'oeuvres. Happy birthday girl!

Visions, which opens soon in the old Doubledays/ Hot Legs location will evoke

the same reactions that people had walking into Partners for the first time after they were used to the old Your Place. Big change!

Here's a tasty tidbit to chew on... two attractive young Hollywood Hunks, River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves appear in the Fall release of "My Own Private Idaho" as Gay street hustlers. Let's hope the writing and direction are handled well and not to the detriment of the community. According to USA Today, "there's sex in Idaho, but it's tasteful." ▽

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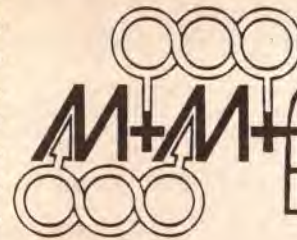
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, two speakers from BWMT's '90 Natl. Confab - PFLAG's president Paulette Goodman & Asian Gay Bang Nguyen.

Club 219 Plus: Your favorite male dancers, Hunter & the Headliners, return.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: King Prod. presents 'USA on Tour,' featuring past & present WI- USA & Miss USA titleholders.

La Cage: Premier of weekly optional 'Super Bust Plus,' \$4 (\$3 for card holders) gets you all the tap beer, wine or soda you want plus 50 cent rail & \$1 call drinks.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Wisconsin State Fair: State Fair Park in West Allis, (194, 84th St. exit). through August 11.

The New Bar [Madison]: Stars of USA, on tour, featuring Miss Gay USA titleholders.

La Cage: Premiere of weekly optional \$4 beer bust (\$3 for card holders), free tacos, \$1.25 Cuervo & Corona, \$2 Margaritas.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Third Ward Block Party: Historic Third Ward in Milwaukee, thru Aug. 3.

African World Festival: Maier Festival Park, Milwaukee Lakefront, through Aug. 4.

Club 219 Plus: Extended happy hour, \$1 rail & 75 cent tap beer. 4pm- midnight.

Mr. Great Lakes Drummer [Chicago]: Welcome party at AA Meat Market.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Stars of USA on tour, featuring Miss Gay USA titleholders. (Lip Sync canceled tonight only).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Station 2: Trip to Dairyland Dog Track, \$15 for bus, drinks, snacks 4pm, bus leaves 6pm.

Rod's [Madison]: New Year's In August, hats, horns, champagne at midnight.

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The Triangle's anniversary was celebrated with three days of merriment and men.

Mr. Great Lakes Drummer Weekend [Chicago]: Meet the contestants reception at The Manhole (afternoon), Drummer Boy contest at Touche (evening).

Club 219 Plus: King Productions Miss Gay WI- USA preliminaries. All contestants compete in all categories prior to Sunday night contest at Marc Plaza, 7pm showtime.

Ballgame: Welcomes Chicago's Company bar during afternoon crawl.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Station 2: Kristie K & Jeff Stoll, 7pm-11pm. Live contemporary music.

Mr. Great Lakes Drummer Weekend [Chicago]: Brunch at Buddies (morning). Mr. Great Lakes Drummer Contest at Vortex (evening).

Miss Gay WI- USA Pageant: Presented by King Productions at Marc Plaza Hotel. Cocktails 5:30, dinner 6:30, Pageant at 8pm. Tickets for Dinner & Pageant are \$25, Pageant only \$15. Call 344-7470 for reservations. An official preliminary to Miss Gay USA Pageant. Miss Gay USA titleholders from '88, '90, & '91 perform.

Rod's [Madison]: Mr. Rod Show '91, Rodney's Horror Picture Show, 10pm, contestants apply at bar.

Travlur Lounge [Rockford]: 2nd Anniv. Picnic 12pm-? Rain or shine, picnic meal at 6pm. Win free color TV, fun, games, prizes.

ZA's: Premiere of weekly performance of Jeff Jennings, singing live at the piano from 7-9pm, no cover.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

La Cage: Premiere of weekly favorite brand night. All call brands same price as rail, \$1.50 bottle beer, \$1 tap beer.

Community Unification Vigil: To honor the victims of mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer. Gather in Juneau Park at 7pm, march to Mac Arthur Square at 8pm. To unify all the diverse communities affected by these murders.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

La Cage: Premiere of weekly \$1 mini bust (optional), 25 cent taps, \$1 rail drinks & cold shots.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, BWMT looks at the media during their '90 national confab.

Pivot Club: Talent shop with Kelly Green.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

Rod's [Madison]: Uniform Party Night, 50 cent drink discounts for wearing your service uniform. Meet the new Mr. Rod's. Also, birthday party for Leo's, free birthday buffet 5 to 7.

Club 219: Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire male dance troupe.

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling, 10pm-1am.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Club 219 Plus: Extended happy hour, \$1 rail & 75 cent tap beer, 4pm- midnight.

Wreck Room: The Oberons host a beer bust to raise funds for a Christmas Club for kids with AIDS. Beer bust donation of \$5, the Oberons will pay for beer, so all funds will go towards the Christmas Club.

Visions: Video nightclub grand opening, 814 S. 2nd street, no cover, door prizes.

New Bar/Rods [Madison]: Free, anonymous HIV testing, & counseling from 9pm- 1am.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Sage La Rue's Birthday Party & show, 10:30.

3B's Bar: Hot August Night Party, prizes every 1/2 hour.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

M&M/ Wreck Room: Block Party from Hell, food, refreshments, entertainment by Barb & The Carousels.

3B's Bar: Girth & Mirth Club meeting, 10pm.

Shamrock [Madison]: Free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 9pm-1am.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Open volleyball tournament, continues tomorrow.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: The return engagement of 'Exposed To Love,' the Midwests #1 Female Revue.

BESTD Clinic: Free, anonymous HIV testing from 4-8 during M&M/ Wreck Room block party.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

All Saints Cathedral: Monthly Diocesan Evensong & Healing Services, All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, service begins 4pm. Call Cathedral office, 271-7719, to make prayers on behalf of someone.

Partners: Edelweiss Cruise, boat departs at 5:30, returns at 7. Tickets \$10, back to Partners after for complimentary brats & burgers.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Open Volleyball tournament continues.



Walker's Point Cafe and Cabaret presented an encore performance of the dragocious "Cindy Feller."



An ACT UP Milwaukee benefit at The Triangle included Chicago dancers "Trouble."

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Contestants in Za's Lip Sync Grand Finals during their 2nd anniversary weekend.



[L to R] Za's husband Eric, and co-owners Ken and Za cavort at the construction site of the all new Za's slated to open late August. Meanwhile the old Za's is still going strong.

Great America Trip: Queer Nation invites all for a trip to Great America. Milwaukee group will meet at Juneau Park in the parking area near Prospect & Juneau at 7:30am. For car-pooling info call 643-5833 or 384-3911.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Performances by Goldie Adams, Echo Chambers & Jim.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

LAMM Meeting: "Getting To Know Us - Part 2", potluck at 6, activities at 7, Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th. For more info call 264-2600.

Clarenbach Reception/ Fundraiser: See Group Notes for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Beer Town Badgers: Club Night at Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm until 1:30am.

Club 219 Plus: Extended happy hour, \$1 rail & 75 cent tap beer, 4pm- midnight.

Augtoberfest [Milw.]: Old World Third Street, thru the 18th.

Irish Fest [Milwaukee]: Maier Festival Park, Lakefront, thru the 18th.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 4- 8pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Rod's [Madison]: Orgasm contest.

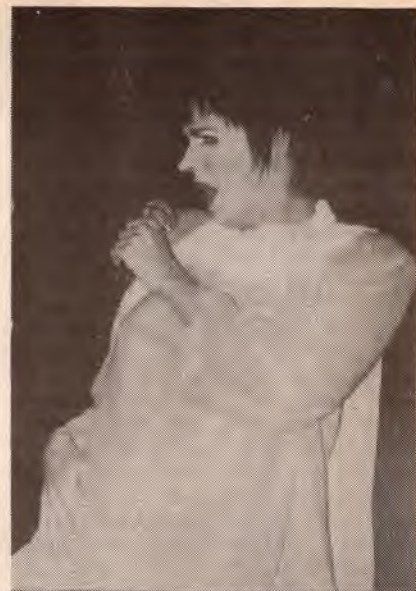
Triangle: Trojans & Bad Boys softball teams Auction, 7pm. Money raised will help send both teams to Gay World Series in Boston Aug. 19-26. Free buffet. All donated items welcomed!

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament, 4pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

SEWAP Lake Geneva Cruise: Fundraising paddle wheel steamer 3 hour cruise, boarding time 9:30am. Call SEWAP at (414) 657-6644 (Kenosha), or 1-800- 924-6601 to reserve \$30 tickets. Includes brunch & entertainment.

Bette Davis Bowling League [Madison]: Organization meeting. Team captains, members & those interested in bowling should attend, 2pm, or call Joe at (608) 273-3825 for info.



Mark Payne didn't cut it as Liza with an 'M.'



The MAGIC Picnic was as hot as usual, with lots of out-of-towners partying by the lake in Madison.



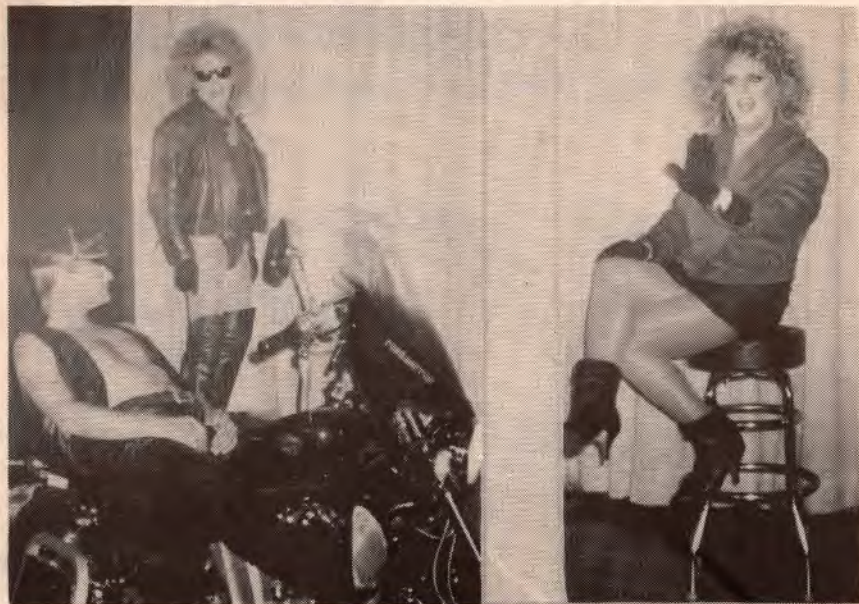
Random Order, a Canadian women's rock band performed at The Napalese Lounge.



Rick Schmitz, far left, and some of his crew pose in front of 814 S. 2nd Street, the location of Visions, which will be opening soon as Milwaukee's new video bar.



John Clayton opens some gag gifts from customers during his birthday party at Ces't La Vie. [Could those be lipstick prints on your cheek, John?]



Cora Mae performed during her umpteenth annual 21st birthday bash and show at La Cage.



Top photo- 3 of the four owners of 3B's bar [why not 3B's and a P?] Bobby, Bruce and Pat look on during their three day grand opening weekend. Other photos show members of Minneapolis and Chicago dancers from the North Star Gay Rodeo Association.

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