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The Wisconsin Light

Violence Against Gays Continues In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- His name is Derek. It was August 21, just at bar closing time when outside La Cage a man rushed out of the night shouting, according to Derek, "I've killed a faggot before and I'll kill a faggot now!"

The result was that Derek, simply out for an evening of fun, wound up with a tooth gone, his mouth broken and bruises over his face. He was lucky. Others have suffered worse, even death.

According to an August statement by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the anti-Gay/Lesbian violence is all of a piece with what is going on in the rest of the country.

"In city after city, statistics show that the vast majority of all Lesbians and Gay men have been victims of violence. Gay people put their lives in danger every time they dare to leave their homes and walk down the street, alone or with a friend," NGLTF reported.

You don't even have to leave your home. David and his partner Ricky Formankiewicz came home to find their apartment vandalized by the homophobic ex-manager of their building.

Among many other cases, NGLTF reports that in North Carolina, members of the "White Patriot Party" invaded a Gay-oriented bookstore and shot five men, killing three, "to avenge Jehovah on homosexuals," according to one witness.

On Memorial Day weekend in Milwaukee, Russ Anderson parked his car in the lot across the street from M&M. With visitors in town, he had to leave the car next to the fence by the river.

He visited M&M, then, with friends, walked to II-XIX and La Cage. It was 12:30-1:00 a.m. when he went back to his car.

The two young men who confronted him, were in their early to mid-30's Anderson estimates. Anderson is an artist by training and is trained to observe details. The light was enough so that he could see clearly. They had long hair and wore denims with motorcycle boots.

One shouted, "Hey faggot!" and shoved him up against his car. One grabbed him by the neck and began backhanding him across the face again and again while the other man stood by shouting, "Faggots cause AIDS!" and "If faggots would die, there'd be no more AIDS!"

"Let's see if faggots can float," one man said, and began picking Anderson up to hurl him over the fence and into the Milwaukee River.

Just then, a car drove into the lot, its headlights illuminating the scene. The attackers fled. Anderson jumped into his car and "spun out" not knowing or caring where he was going, only wanting

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Brady East STD Clinic Announces Capital Investment Program

[Milwaukee]- The Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic is set to unveil a unique capital investment program as part of the clinic's on-going efforts to acquire funds for continued expansion of services to the Metro Milwaukee area.

Complete details of the investment program as well as a report of current activities and services of BESTD Clinic will be presented at a Press Reception/Kick-Off Party, Wednesday, September 20, 1989, 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the new banquet room at the M&M Club, 124 North Water St. The public is invited to attend the reception and enjoy complimentary champagne, beer, wine, soda and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

To develop and execute the investment program, the BESTD Clinic has retained the services of Robison, Havlicek & Associates, a Milwaukee based

Christian Fanatic Seeks Milwaukee County Board Documents and Letters

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is once again the target of what some believe to be an anti-Gay/Lesbian attack.

Tom Phillips has been sending letters to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors demanding to have all documents connected with the Board's Gay/Lesbian Pride Proclamation turned over to him.

Phillips is reported head of Catholics Serving the Lord, that has been described as "a radical right-wing conservative group. A spokesman for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee said that the group "is an unrecognized organization" by the Archdiocese and "is in no way representative of the Archdiocese."

Phillips airs what have been characterized as "extremist" and "homophobic" views over Milwaukee radio station, WVCY, owned by Vic Eliason, a conservative, fundamentalist, right-wing Christian. Eliason's attacks on Gays and Lesbians are notorious.

An Archdiocesan spokesman called Phillips' views "anti-Catholic" and said that Archbishop Rembert Weakland has spoken out in the past against Phillips.

Light has learned that Phillips' requests of the County Board have been "partially denied."

Supervisor Dorothy Dean, (13 Dist.) said that all letters that she has received from Phillips, including names, addresses and phone numbers no matter where they appear in a letter are "never revealed."

Dean went on to emphasize that "no one" should fear writing to public officials to express their views on any issue.

Sources close to the County Board speculate that Phillips' reasons for wanting the documents may be part of an over-all campaign to harass and intimidate Lesbians, Gays and their supporters by attempting to bring public embarrassment and humiliation upon them and so instill fear and drive them back into the closet. "All those perceived to be Lesbian or Gay activists may be targets," one source said.

Steve McKay, Mayor John Norquist's press secretary, said that to his knowledge no request from Phillips such as had been sent to the County Board, had been received at the Mayor's office.

One Gay activist stated that, while the clamor over the Gay/Lesbian Pride proclamations has "somewhat receded," Lesbians and Gays in Milwaukee should be "under no

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GALVANize To Hold Public Meeting October 1

By Lizzie B.

[Madison]- The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) of Madison is currently organizing a large public meeting for Sunday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the U.W. Memorial Union, 800 Langden St. (See "Today in the Union" for room).

The purpose of the meeting is to set organizational goals and prioritize efforts for the future. The meeting is open to everyone interested in working on a broad range of Lesbian and Gay issues.

People are needed from all parts of our diverse community to help plan this meeting and work to support attendance. Anyone interested in helping make the October 1st meeting a success can attend a planning meeting, Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the U.W. Memorial Union or call the GALVANize phoneline at (608) 255-8061 for more information.



Milwaukee experienced its first AIDS memorial die-in at MAPfest. As the names of Wisconsinites who have died of AIDS were read over a loud speaker, dozens of people laid out on the ground and had their outlines traced with chalk. A name of a loved one or friend was then written within the outline.

GLINN, The International News Network Launched In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee, WI]- After months of intensive work, a full service international news service for Gay/Lesbian publications throughout the world has been launched from Milwaukee. The Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN) has been established as a non-profit service with the intent to provide community publications with accurate and up-to-the-minute news and features, research data bases, electronic mail, and other services. GLINN operates with sophisticated and powerful computer and facsimile equipment from facilities near downtown Milwaukee.

Dan F. Schramm, the Executive Editor of GLINN said, "We're glad to be able to meet the needs of our Gay/Lesbian publications' community, by providing this long-requested and important service. We also feel that by providing up-to-date and accurate news to a hundred or more publications, the entire Gay/Lesbian community will be better informed, and thus more politically and socially effective in our battles for civil rights."

GLINN is not just an idea, it is now on-line and functioning. GLINN services are tailored to a publication's exact needs. The ideal setup is for a publication to use their computer to communicate with the GLINN computer system. However, for publications without

computers, GLINN provides a facsimile and a mail service. For publications overseas equipped with computers, GLINN will send information by fax and will provide full article texts on floppy disks shipped via courier.

GLINN member publications pay a very low yearly membership fee and all publications share hard news. There is no hourly access charge or per story fee beyond the membership fee which for a majority of publications will be under \$150.00 per year. Feature stories, columns, interviews and other materials not considered hard news can be posted on the system for sale. Artwork and photographs will also be made available for sale through the system.

The GLINN system will provide community publications with immediate access to the full story. Publications will not have to clip articles from each other, weeks or a month after the event. Important and questionable news items will be verified and confirmed by GLINN staff. The on-line news and features will save publications hundreds or even thousands of dollars in key-boarding expenses, and the on-line data-bases with Gay/Lesbian historical, cultural and biographical information will save writers and reporters a great deal of time and effort. GLINN also offers many other benefits and services.

INDIVIDUALS CAN JOIN

Membership for individuals is also available. If you are computer equipped and write columns or news, you can become a member of GLINN and upload your materials directly to the system for international distribution. GLINN takes care of all distribution, accounting, and payments, saving individuals a great deal of time and effort. Artwork and photos are also distributed through the system and GLINN takes care of all production of duplicates, distribution and billing. GLINN is equipped to process film and manufacture graphics quality stats and screened prints for reproduction. All members of the community are also invited to join for the purposes of reading news, accessing data bases, downloading files and receiving the many other valuable benefits.

NEWS-MAKERS INVITED

Non-profit organizations and even businesses can join GLINN. The very modest non-profit yearly membership

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