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# The Wisconsin Light

## Gay GI's Told: Serve Now, Face Discharge Later

[Washington, D.C.]— Openly Gay and Lesbian reservists called up for duty in the Persian Gulf, have been told that discharge proceedings will be begun against them after — and if — they return from the war.

This, according to a January 25 report in the *Wall Street Journal* as well as Gay veterans groups, activist organizations such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Gay rights attorneys.

Reports indicate that at least 14 Lesbians and Gays are involved, half of whom have already been sent to the theater of war.

Informed by someone of their homosexual orientation, commanders have said "Well, it doesn't matter, you can go anyway," said Sandra Lowe, an attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. Lowe said, "Now that there's a war on, they're (the military) willing to let people go over."

Gay-rights attorneys say the recent laxity of some commanders in allowing homosexuals to be sent to the Gulf resulted from the military's "stop loss" policy, which allows commanders to delay discharge of people whose services are needed. Spokesmen for the military, however, have denied this.

Miriam Ben-Shalom of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, said she has been contacted by 10 reservists, mainly in the medical corps, who have also been told that they will be sent to the Gulf after disclosing their sexual orientation.

## UW System Serves Gays Inadequately

[Madison]— "The University of Wisconsin System as a whole has provided inadequate services in the area of educating students about Gay/Lesbian issues," said Beverly Jenkins, United Council Minority Affairs Director. Jenkins is preparing to release a report on the subject.

The United Council of UW Student Governments is a statewide lobby

## Lisowski States Stand On Issues In School Board Race

[Milwaukee]— Michael S. Lisowski is running against 5 other candidates in the February 19th primary for the at-large seat on the Milwaukee School Board. The following is Lisowski's position on various important issues.

**BUSING** Lisowski stands opposed to forced busing "because it is an adverse burden to the Black community." He notes that the money spent on busing "could be used on education."

**CHOICE** Lisowski says he is "pro-choice" because it can provide a better alternative education for children who may fall through the cracks of the system."

**RESIDENCY** Lisowski supports residency requirements because "I believe that if the Milwaukee Public Schools are good enough to teach in, then the city should be good enough to live in. To say that a non-resident should be allowed to teach in the city because they may be better qualified, implies that Milwaukee lacks quality people to teach her own children."

**LEARNFARE** Lisowski believes that Learnfare "imposes unfair negative consequences on families and individuals who are struggling to get by."

**DISTRICT REFORM** Lisowski "supports the current reform programs dealing with the redistricting of MPS." His only concern is that "6 service

## Queer Nation Political Group Forming In Milwaukee



Ice Sculptor, Arlyn Jeffrey Kampen is displaying one of his works of art at Milwaukee's "Big Cool" Winterfest in Cathedral Square. (See related story on Page 12.)

organization representing over 170,000 students in Wisconsin on the administrative level and at the State Capitol.

"Gays and Lesbians, in some cases, still have not been incorporated into a school's policy on nondiscrimination," Jenkins said. She added, "In light of the upcoming National Conference on Gay/Lesbian Graduate Studies (to be held at UW-Milwaukee), it will become clear to administrators and students just how inadequate UW services are on a nation-wide scale."

Jenkins welcomes any input from the community, especially information on existing courses which address Gay/Lesbian issues. For more information, contact the United Council, c/o Minority Affairs, 122 State St., Suite 500, Madison, WI 53703.

delivery areas do not become another bureaucratic layer." He "totally" supports school-based managements which allow for "each school to express and develop" its own personality.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN IMMERSION SCHOOLS** Lisowski "wholeheartedly" supports the implementation of the African American Immersion schools. "I believe that a person's achievement potential can only be truly won when accompanied by an appreciation of who they are, where they come from and where they belong in their culture."

**MOST CRITICAL PROBLEMS** Lisowski sees "racial tension, the lack of any policy that deals with supportive services for sexual orientation issues that many students must deal with, and the lack of many supportive services still needed for many disadvantaged students, stressed and frustrated teachers and overburdened and angry parents."

Lisowski says his campaign is going well and is optimistic about the outcome. He still needs help, however. Volunteers are welcome. If you can lend a hand, please call 372-2773.

As always in political campaigns, there is a need for funds. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to "Friends of Lisowski" and send them to P.O. Box 93044, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

[Milwaukee]— "Tie Down the kids! Shutter the windows! We're conquering Milwaukee!"

With these words a group of Milwaukeeans announced the formation of a local chapter of "Queer Nation." The activist group, popularly known as "QN", has chapters nation-wide.

According to the press release and as described in other papers, Queer Nation is an informal political action group committed to increasing "Queer" visibility and fighting homophobia through direct and "imaginative" action.

Queer Nation chapters in other cities have held kiss-ins and "Queer Nights Out." The latter involves "a horde of Queers" invading a straight bar. QN also holds "Queer Shopping Networks" which are "adventures" in straight shopping malls and department stores.

The first Milwaukee meeting of Queer Nation will be an organizational meeting held on Sunday, February 10, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. in the banquet room at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. This meeting will also be devoted to setting up QN's first action to be held on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1991.

For more information call Tim: (414) 384-3911 or Christopher: (414) 483-0376.

## NGLTF Position On War In Gulf Expected To Be Controversial

By Jamakaya

[Washington, D.C.]— In a lengthy position paper expected to cause controversy, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has officially opposed the Persian Gulf war, saying it "directly and detrimentally affects the lives of Gays and Lesbians and the aspirations for equality of the Gay and Lesbian community."

The position paper does not oppose "the brave individuals fighting on the front lines for our country." Instead, says NGLTF, "We are deeply concerned that this war will allow our political leaders to ignore the pressing problems faced by the Gay and Lesbian community."

The impact of the war on domestic programs — especially the diversion of funds and attention from AIDS and health care — is cited as a major source of opposition.

"Reports indicate we could spend \$1 billion a day on the war," said NGLTF. "In a matter of days, the military operations in the Gulf cost the equivalent of the entire 1991 federal appropriations for AIDS."

Besides diverting funds from health needs, said NGLTF, the war will also "drain the attention of lawmakers in Washington and elsewhere" from a broad Gay and Lesbian agenda, including civil rights, recognition of Gay families, hate crimes data collection, and programs to address Gay and Lesbian youth suicide.

"These are the priorities NGLTF is committed to enacting. The wartime climate in Washington and throughout the country threatens to derail these efforts."

Gay and Lesbian soldiers are also directly impacted by the war. Of the military, NGLTF stated: "The war highlights again the military's discriminatory policy against Lesbians and Gay men, and the role the military plays in perpetuating our second class status...The Pentagon has told Gay and Lesbian soldiers they will be discharged if they are lucky enough to survive. It is hypocritical and insulting to expect us to support the military when it so blatantly

exploits us."

The NGLTF's statement also notes that: "Every war the US has fought in the 20th Century has proven hostile to movements for social change and social justice. War unleashes irrational passions and fosters intolerance. It finds and manufactures scapegoats. Japanese-Americans, Blacks, immigrants, political dissenters, and Gay men and Lesbians have been victims. We cannot afford to encourage policies that will lead the nation in this direction again."

The NGLTF's anti-war position has met with criticism from some Gay leaders.

Long-time D.C. activist, Frank Kameny, who has advised Gays and Lesbian military personnel, called NGLTF's action a "horrible mistake" that could divide its membership. Kameny told the *Washington Blade*: "This is a highly contentious issue that should not be in the purview of a national Gay civil rights group."

Republican Gay activist, Frank Ricchiuzzi, said the anti-war policy could discredit NGLTF and jeopardize its future fundraising efforts. Another national Gay rights lobbying group, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, has decided to remain neutral on the Persian Gulf war.

Supporting the NGLTF's stand are many chapters of ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power. ACT UP members have been prominent in anti-war protests throughout the country. In January, several ACT UP activists disrupted the *CBS Evening News* and shouted on the air: "Fight AIDS, not Arabs!"

At the same time, numerous Lesbian and feminist groups, including the National Organization for Women, have also opposed the war. Their opposition is generally based on feminist and pacifist principles of anti-militarism.

Recognizing that its position will spark debate, the NGLTF said: "NGLTF is taking a stand on the war for the same reason that we have taken a position on a range of issues that are not specifically 'Gay rights' issues — in order to respond to the needs of the entire Lesbian and Gay community — so that we can build a movement that includes us all."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Pink Panthers Sued By MGM

[New York, NY]- Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios has filed suit against the Pink Panther Patrol which helps to protect Lesbians and Gays from attack in the Greenwich Village area of New York City, according to the **Washington Blade**. MGM charged the Gay group with copyright infringement of its well-known **Pink Panther** cartoon character.

A spokesman for the film company, which seeks \$200,000 in damages, said the **Pink Panther** films are "lighthearted and non-controversial family fun" and "not in keeping with the issues the Pink Panther Patrol faces." The patrol's use of a panther paw as its logo, said MGM, was "tarnishing and blurring" public perceptions of **Pink Panther** movie products.

Gerri Wells, a founder of the Pink Panther Patrol, denied that her group's name was associated with the movie character: "We modeled it after the Black Panthers and the Gray Panthers. The pink was from the pink triangle... Our reaction is that this is another case of Gay bashing but on the corporate level."

### Witch-Hunt Ends In Italy

[Washington, D.C.]- The **Washington Blade** reports that a three month long Air Force investigation at the US air base in San Vito, Italy has ended with the discharge of eight service members on grounds of homosexuality.

An aide to Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) and D.C. activist Frank Kameny described the Air Force probe as a "witch-hunt" in which investigators used threats and profanities to force subjects into revealing the names of service people thought to be Gay.

As a result of the investigation, eight Air Force personnel have received honorable discharges. One individual received a dishonorable discharge for an infraction unrelated to his sexual orientation.

### Rabbi "Outed" In Twin Cities

[Minneapolis, MN]- Rabbi Stephen Pinsky, a leader of Reform Judaism and a supportive voice for Gay rights, has taken a leave of absence from Temple Israel after acknowledging an extramarital affair with a man and two arrests (in 1982 and 1983) for touching undercover policemen in Minneapolis porn shops. Rabbi Pinsky's admissions came in response to an anonymous letter sent to Temple Israel's Board of Directors. The letter accused Pinsky of being a "practicing homosexual."

**Equal Time**, a Twin Cities Gay newspaper, reports that local Gay and Lesbian Jews are filled with "anger, anguish and grief" over Rabbi Pinsky's situation. Said Brian Finstad, a Gay member of Temple Israel: "I think that Lesbian and Gay Jews have lost a very strong and supportive voice, not only in the Twin Cities, but nationally. By virtue of what Temple Israel is doing here, the Reform movement would never have gone as far as it's gone had it not been for Stephen Pinsky. Unfortunately, I feel that voice has been silenced."

Rabbi Pinsky is married. He and his wife Lisa, have two children. It is not known when, or if, he will return to the pulpit.

### D.C. Mayor Dixon Appoints Gays

[Washington, D.C.]- Newly elected Washington, D.C. Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon has named three openly Gay people to significant cabinet and staff positions within her administration.

Attorney Karen A. Tramontano, 33, was named director of the City's Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining. Another attorney, Ernest P. Evans, 46, will serve as special assistant to the mayor for Policy Planning and Implementation. Both will report directly to the mayor.

In addition, Christopher Echols, 33, a well-known D.C. Gay activist who served as Dixon's campaign chief of staff, was appointed operations manager for the Executive Office of the Mayor.

The **Washington Blade** reports that local Gay activists see the appointments as a clear signal that Mayor Dixon, a Democrat, plans to fulfill her campaign promise of naming qualified Gays and Lesbians to high positions in her administration.

### Boston Gay Center May Close

[Boston, MA]-Gay **Community News** reports that the Boston Lesbian and Gay Center has begun 1991 with a five figure deficit and needs to raise \$30,000 by March 1 in order to keep its doors open and to begin to break even financially.

Carol Wessling, chair of the Center's Board of Directors, told **GCN**: "I think that we've stopped the downward spiral. The question is whether we stopped the hemorrhaging in time to save the patient."

The Center, which occupies a second floor rented space in downtown Boston, provides a home and meeting space to more than 50 community groups. Rent paid to the Center by these groups covers only two-thirds of the Center's operating budget. The inability to cover the remaining expenses, along with the burden of debt carried over from last year, could force the Center to close.

Last November, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center in Washington, D.C. was forced to close after an eleven year existence because of a similar shortfall in income.

### "Postcards To Stars" Available

[Portland, OR]- ACT UP/Portland is expanding its "Postcards to the Stars" campaign, targeting 70 allegedly closeted figures and urging them to come out of the closet, according to **Outlines**. Some of the group's targets include Tracy Chapman, Tom Cruise, k.d. lang, Greg Louganis, Jodie Foster and Arsenio Hall.

The message on the postcards reads: "As a visible public figure, you have a tremendous ability to promote civil rights for Lesbians and Gay men. Every time you hide the truth you perpetuate the misperception that there is something wrong with being a Gay man/Lesbian. Some people would like us to stay in the closet and keep our mouths shut. I feel it's time for all Lesbians and Gay men to openly and proudly speak out about our lives. By publicly identifying yourself as a Lesbian/Gay man, you can change the course of history and create a positive image of who we are. I support your step out, I do not support your silence."

The postcards and addresses of the alleged closet cases are available from ACT UP/Portland, P.O. Box 6352, Portland, OR 97228. Please enclose \$1.00 for the address list and 25 cents per pre-printed postcard.

### P-FLAG To Fight Teen Suicide

[Washington, D.C.]- To combat the high rate of suicide among Gay and Lesbian teens, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) has launched a project called "Respect All Youth."

The central goal of the program is to develop and furnish training materials to youth counselors, teachers, school administrators and others who work with young people. The materials will sensitize them to the problems of Gay and Lesbian teens, particularly the homophobic social attitudes that cause guilt and depression among them.

The P-FLAG materials will be based on actual stories provided by Gays and Lesbians, 16 to 24 years-old, who have attempted suicide. P-FLAG is seeking such personal accounts. Contributors can choose to remain anonymous. Personal stories can be sent to "Respect All Youth," P-FLAG, P.O. Box 27605, Washington, DC, 20038-7605.

News Briefs are compiled by Jamakaya from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.

## March 3 Chili Dinner Proceeds To Benefit Joan Nestle Appearance

[Milwaukee]- The community is invited to an all-you-can-eat chili dinner on Sunday, March 3, 1991 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Shorewood Woman's Club.

Proceeds from this benefit will go towards bringing Joan Nestle to Milwaukee. Nestle is one of the co-founders of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York. She will be a keynote speaker at "FLAUNTING IT: the First National Graduate Student Conference on Lesbian and Gay Studies." She is also the author of the provocative book, "A Restricted Country."

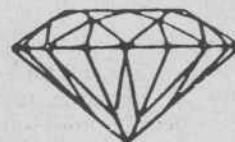
Admission to the dinner will be \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The menu includes salad, vegetarian or meat chili, bread, dessert and a beverage. The

Shorewood Woman's Club is located in Hubbard Park at 3565 N. Morris Blvd. Access to the club is through a tunnel next to the parking lot.

The conference also needs volunteers to house out-of-town participants for 3 days in April. Extra floor space or beds are welcome. More information will be available at the March 3rd chili benefit, or call 374-1073.

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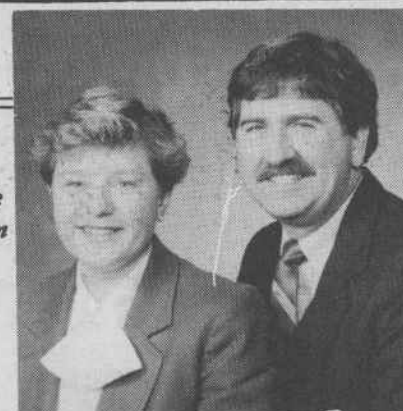
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# Hate Crimes Profiteering Denounced By Lambda Rights President

By Scott Gunkel

[Milwaukee]- As the current President of the Lambda Rights Network (LRN), it is very disturbing to find out that some people are attempting to profit off of Hate Crimes.

Hate Crimes in Milwaukee are still continuing every day, crimes that are very dangerous to our community. Not only are they verbally and physically damaging to the individuals involved, but they are forcing many people back into the closet and that hurts our community in countless ways. To hear that people are attempting to gain profit from this situation, endangers the trust of the entire community.

LRN is still trying to establish and develop programs to help stop these Hate Crimes. These programs have yet to be fully developed. It seems that the problem lies in which way LRN should go. LRN is working on this and will also come up with programs to fight the Hate Crime problem.

In the past, LRN has provided a hotline that victims of Hate Crimes could call. This hotline was serviced by an organization called "Gay Information Service" (GIS). LRN and GIS provided this service for well over a year with very poor results. LRN received less than two dozen calls in that entire period. That is why LRN decided not to continue this hotline.

Now we hear that someone is going around collecting money for a hotline and

telling people that his hotline is getting over 600 calls per month. If this is true, which I strongly doubt, then I say "prove it."

Have this person bring written reports of these incidents. Then, ask this person what they are doing with all this information. Are they correlating this information to find out where, when and why this is happening? Are they letting the proper authorities in on all this information? And, are they getting this information to the national organizations that are dealing with this problem, organizations such as the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the Justice Department?

To date, I have called both NGLTF and HRCF and neither group has received any information about Hate Crimes from this area except from **Wisconsin Light** and **Wisconsin In Step**. This, according to Kevin Barrel, Director of NGLTF's Hate Crimes project.

With this in mind, the next time someone comes around asking for your support for any program to fight Hate Crimes, ask them to prove any and all of their claims. Ask what their group is and who else is in their group. Then, make your own decision as to whether you wish to support them or not.

It saddens me to have to write this article, but unfortunately it is necessary to maintain the trust within our community.

# Black & White Men Together Plan Meeting

[Milwaukee]- Black and White Men Together, (BWMT)-Milwaukee, will hold its February meeting at its new location, the All Saints Cathedral Library, located at 808 E. Juneau. The entrance is in the courtyard area to the left of the church. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. Free refreshments will be available.

The topic of the discussion will be "Black Gay or Gay Black-White Gay or Gay White?" Everyone is welcome.

BWMT-Milwaukee encourages everyone who is interested to attend this meeting. This is the first time since last Summer that we have had a regularly scheduled meeting. For more information on BWMT-Milwaukee, its activities, regional conference in April and National Convention in Detroit this June, please call Michael at 265-8500.

# Make A Promise Dinner To Be Held April 7 at Pfister Hotel

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, April 7, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will hold its 5th Annual **Make A Promise Dinner and Show** at the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave.

Proceeds from this annual benefit will support the many programs for people affected with AIDS offered by MAP.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$75 for preferred seating and \$45 for general seating. Reserved seating is available for tables of eight or ten. Tickets for the show only are \$25 per person.

"The Make A Promise Dinner will prove to be a memorable kick-off to an exceptional calendar of special events in 1991," said Chris Doerfler, MAP Director of Development. The dinner will

be followed by the Art For AIDS Auction on June 2, MAPfest on Sept. 1 and the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sept. 22.

Hosted by James Pickering of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, the Make A Promise Dinner will begin with a cocktail/reception hour at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a spectacular show at 8:00 p.m.

A silent auction will feature more than 70 quality items donated by merchants and individuals from throughout metro Milwaukee. The auction will be open throughout the evening.

For more information, call Louise Searing, special events manager, at MAP, (414) 273-1991. Reservation materials will be available by March 1.

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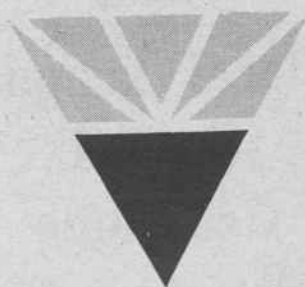
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Lisowski Vote Urged Feb. 19 For Milwaukee School Board

The primary election on February 19th for members of the Milwaukee School Board to run in the general election on April 2 is hardly geared to turn out a large vote. However, for us in the Lesbian/Gay community, the February 19th election is of crucial importance.

First: for the first time in our history, we have the opportunity to vote for one of our own, an openly Gay man AND we have the chance to elect him.

For those who think that can't be done, look again. In cities and states across America, open Lesbians and Gays running for office, who had the support of their community, won in the vast majority of cases.

Second: the percentage of the vote the Mike Lisowski gets will be a basis for others to judge our community's political strength. This may be right or may be wrong, but it is a fact.

If we want politicians and potential office holders to notice us; to pay attention to our rights and needs, then we must be able to show that we have clout at the polls AND the degree of that clout.

For this reason, Lisowski's race is important beyond his own contest and will effect how seriously we are taken in other elections.

Third: Michael Lisowski is, we believe, a highly qualified candidate, experienced in the problems of youth and extremely knowledgeable concerning the issues that confront public education today. We believe that he is among the best and finest that our community has put forth and deserves the wholehearted support of us all.

While other candidates are well-heelled — one with at least \$65,000 at their disposal — as well as the support of prominent people — Michael has conducted his campaign with hard work and on a virtual shoestring. He needs our support at the polls.

We cannot urge it too strongly. On February 19th get out and VOTE for Lisowski.

Please remember that he is running for an at-large seat so no matter where you live in the City of Milwaukee, you can vote for him.

Again, the date is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19. VOTE! You will be doing a great service to our whole community, both Lesbian/Gay and straight.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Maybe, I think, with all that's going on, this year, more than others, is a time to remember Valentine's Day. So that's what I'm going to do.

To Jamakaya, a great big red heart, for seeing this paper through a lot of times and more times, putting up with a lot of — well — just plain crap.

To Bill Meunier, Maytee, Geno, Anabelle, Ron Geiman and Jenean Sharp, showers of hearts and all with lots of lace. (Dare I actually say, Bill and Ron, you'd look good in it? No, better not.)

To Dan Schramm, a great big heart. He does more for this community than most will ever know. And to his uncle Walter, the warmest of hearts. I wrote about Walter not too long back and I can tell you, he richly deserved the honor bestowed upon him by all the good folks

down at the Triangle. Walter's just damn good people.

And while I'm throwing out encomia, let me tell Bonnie Bitch and all the show crowd at La Cage that I think you guys have one terrific act going. Jer and I went there the other Sunday and I can tell you, the show is fast paced, funny and very professionally done. If you haven't seen the show, my advice is to go. Bonnie and her gang are really great!

And now, finally, the biggest, warmest, juiciest heart of all to Jer. He is more than Heaven knows or earth can tell. I have lots of pictures on the board behind my computer, all stuck up there with pins. But Jer's is the only image that I keep well-fastened to my heart with little strings of lights all about. It is he who keeps them glowing.

LETTERS

Gay Quakers

TO THE EDITOR:

In reading the January 23, 1991 "National News Brief" [in Wisconsin Light] I was dismayed to read the caption "Quakers Fire Lesbian Pastor." I am concerned about the impression the caption and the story may leave about all Quakers. I appreciate the opportunity to share with the readers of The Light what I know about Quakers first hand. I have been an out Lesbian Quaker for 20 years now.

Just like many other religions, Quakers (more precisely called Friends) have different branches. Some of these branches are more conservative than others. Friends General Conference (FGC), the group Milwaukee Friends Meeting belongs to, is the most liberal branch of Quakers. The Quakers who fired the Lesbian pastor belong to the Conservative Friends branch. Milwaukee Friends Meetings, like most FGC Meetings, does not have a pastor.

As I said earlier, I have been an out Lesbian Quaker for 20 years. I have found love, support, acceptance and spirituality with Quakers. Many FGC Quaker Meetings have adopted minutes on marriage which allow for same-gender marriage. The two largest Meetings in Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Madison, have policies affirming same-gender marriage.

This Summer, Milwaukee Friends Meeting approved a marriage between two Lesbians. Quakers refer to this as taking the relationship "under care of the Meeting." The procedures followed were identical to those for an opposite-gender couple. In a Friend's Meeting the entire Meeting community is asked to give its approval at a business meeting using consensus as the method of decision making. The wedding was a typical Quaker affair topped off by a marvelous pot-luck dinner and folk dancing.

Milwaukee Friends Meeting has opened its meeting house to be used by Lesbian groups for meetings and parties since it began making its space available to the community. Grapevine, the Lesbian drop-in social group has been meeting there regularly for many months. The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and Grapevine recently held a joint Solstice party there.

A group of Lesbian and Gay members and attenders of Milwaukee Friends Meeting hope to get a chapter of Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns (FLGC) going in the near future. FLGC is an international organization of

Lesbian and Gay Quakers. A number of us from Milwaukee have participated in national and regional FLGC activities.

I hope I have cleared up any false impressions about Quakers. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Quakers, I would be happy to speak with you. My business number is 769-7265. Milwaukee Friends Meeting is located at 3224 N. Gordon Place here in Milwaukee. Worship is every Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to about 11:30 a.m. Feel free to join us.

Thank you.

—Deb Procknow  
Milwaukee

Sanctuary Vote

TO THE EDITOR:

Editor's Note: The following letter, dated January 26, 1991, has been sent to President Bush.

This past Tuesday, January 22, I helped lead the effort to defeat two proposals before the Madison Common Council which could only be described as anti-war resolutions. One would have declared the City of Madison as a sanctuary for draft resisters and deserters from the all-volunteer armed forces. The other would have ordered the Madison Police Department to refrain from enforcing Federal laws vis-a-vis military deserters and draft resisters.

After hearing Kuwaiti escapees detail the atrocities they had suffered at the hands of the Iraqi armed forces, I could not have been prouder as an American when I heard that you had ordered our armed forces into action to end the human rights violations in Kuwait and oust Iraq's forces. I sincerely wanted to go to a military recruiting station to volunteer to serve this country in its time of need. But I knew that it would be a waste of time because the military continues to exclude open Gays and Lesbians from its ranks despite its own studies indicating that its policy is unnecessary. I am a young American college student who happens to be Gay, but I know that I am highly qualified to serve this nation in war.

I am glad that I was able to contribute to the war effort by helping to defeat the resolutions mentioned above, but I am saddened that I cannot do the utmost to contribute by joining our armed forces in the Persian Gulf.

There are thousands of Gays and Lesbians across this nation who wish to patriotically serve this nation in war. I hope you will now see the wisdom and the necessity of eliminating the

military's policy of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

In the meantime, I will continue to do what I can to support our troops in the Middle East. As a Republican and an American who happens to be Gay, I want you to know that I strongly support this war to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

—Jim McFarland  
Ald., Dist. 8, Madison

Editor's Note: Copies of the above letter were sent also to Sen. Robert Kasten, Sen. Herb Kohl and Rep. Scott Klug.

Troop Morale

TO THE EDITOR:

I think Bill Meunier of "Politically Speaking" should not worry so much about anti-war protests killing troop morale or hurting their feelings. If their news is as censored as our news is by the Pentagon, the troops probably have as fuzzy an idea about what is going on over here as we do about what is actually going on over there. Besides, one knows they really do not have the time to worry about it until it is over.

I do not think that the US has to look to Kuwait either to find oppression and misery to fight. There is plenty of misery elsewhere in the world. The US could spend a billion a day to drop food on Africa, medicine on India or clothes on Latin America. It could even drop any of those three on its own decaying cities. (The Pentagon could be replaced by the Department of Presents.)

If the US is really concerned about Kuwait, maybe it should create a new homeland for Kuwaitis out of its own territory, like the west did for Jews out of Palestinian territory. Maybe Kuwait could relocate to Wisconsin?

—Lance Wilde  
Madison

Gulf War

TO THE EDITOR:

If only you had not addressed your article in the "Politically Speaking" column (Wisconsin Light, January 24-February 6th issue) to your Lesbian Sisters and Gay bothers, I could have dismissed your views as simply those of another confused "patriot." Unfortunately, in targeting a group whose interests, as a group, are wholly antithetical to an American war of "liberation" in the Persian Gulf, I must inform you of your misguided condition.

I fear that you have made the same error as have many who confuse support of our nation's democracy with support of how this process performs in particular situations. This war to restore Kuwait to its former rulers (who, don't forget, have no particular interest whatsoever in the well-being of homosexuals anywhere, least of all here) is being waged for very clear reasons, all of which were advanced by the executive and legislative branches of the government. Those who persist in believing that these interests do not by and large represent those who fit the description of white, capitalistic, heterosexual, wealthy men, are deluding themselves. This war benefits America only insofar as it benefits them and their interests. While occasionally a few of these interests benefit the stray Latina or struggling Lesbian, you can explain to them the ideology and economy of trickle-down, not me.

It is solely confusion that leads one, as Mr. Meunier has done, to speak of our responsibility to democracy in terms of supporting a war machine which itself is violently anti-us, when all Americans have (at least by oath) thrown their lot in with the rights of free speech and assembly, the very rights that are supposed to ensure that the government listens to We the People. If We decide that the mechanisms of national defense et cetera have produced actions We disagree with, then the way to support Our democracy is to make ourselves heard and not, not ever, to comply silently, regardless of the cost. Of course Saddam's strategy is to kill and maim as many U.S. troops as possible in hopes that we will withdraw. Such has been the aim of every war since Columbus. Please, sir, tell the street protesters who are actively trying to convince those responsible to come home how they are undermining the troops. The choices of the policy-makers, perhaps, but then, that's the point. Our troops have next to nothing to do with making the decisions that keep them there or bring them home. That is the job of Congress, and our President, the very people the protesters are speaking to.

Asking us to set aside our disagreements until the conflict is over is tantamount to the prosecutor asking the defense attorney to kindly hold all questions until after the judgment, so that we may show support for the judicial system. The issues of whether, how long, and why our brothers and sisters, as well as billions of our tax dollars, are deployed to kill other brothers and sisters is entirely our concern, before, during and after, because the theory states that it is We who are ultimately responsible. If we forget that such active, vigorous dissent conducted anytime, anywhere, is in fact our kicking, screaming democracy, we will have forgotten the process by which most accommodation is reached: through real people dying on the frontlines of real battles about real life-or-death issues.

Don't believe the hype: Bush's interpretation of the "common good" is no more valid than yours. It's just that he takes a limo to get to Congress, while we must take to the streets.

—James H. Jasper III  
Milwaukee

## Due To An Intensive Campaign Of Disinformation, The War Is On!

By Bill Meunier

"This is Bernard Shaw, we are about to go to the Capitol for the daily briefing. As usual the briefing will be started by spokesperson Jerry Falwell."

FALWELL: "Thank you for coming. I have one major announcement. We will no longer list the names of those who have fallen away from our cause. This will spare their families much public anguish and prevent the enemy from making use of them for their propaganda. Today's briefers will be Senator Helms and Congressman Dannemeyer. First Mr. Helms."

HELMS: "I have the following information to report today. Due to an intensive campaign of disinformation the enemy has suffered a number of casualties over the last twenty four hours. Approximately three hundred have been fired from their jobs, two hundred others were evicted from their homes and about five hundred were denied insurance because of their sex lives. In addition as a result of the fine defensive action put up by our forces in Congress AIDS is now the number one killer of young men between the ages of 25 and 44."

DANNEMEYER: "I know they would rather be home, but our troops have great morale. As a result of their willingness to do their duty there were 82 sorties last night resulting in 120 contacts with the enemy. While we haven't completed our damage assessment yet, preliminary reports indicate that there are quite a few broken ribs, busted jaws, punctured lungs, black eyes and other assorted injuries."

FALWELL: "Are there any questions?"

NBC: "Senator Helms, you trumpeted your National Endowment For the Arts Offensive as a major victory for your side. However, we have been receiving reports that homo erotic art has been seen in several American cities. How is possible that your opponents can still take what you consider to be offensive action?"

HELMS: "The enemy has a big stockpile of paintbrushes, cameras, film etc. These can be difficult targets to hit and they are easily hidden. I can assure you though that whenever they do come out in the open, we do our best to make sure that these guys are cut off from any kind of government support."

NBC: "What about this report that a column of homo-erotic artists are moving south from New York to exhibit their works in North Carolina?"

HELMS: "As was shown in the last election I control justice in North Carolina. Should this column appear, we will know how to deal with it."

ABC: "Senator Helms, once again you have given us statistics on the number of those on the other side who have lost their jobs, been evicted, disowned etc. However, we have learned that some of the wounded are not really Gay or Lesbian. Just people who someone thought was Gay or Lesbian. What is being done to minimize the damage to innocent civilians?"

HELMS: "In any war there will always be collateral damage — that is, damage to civilian targets. I can assure the American people that we are doing our level best on this. Our forces are not deliberately targeting innocent people, however, the enemy has come up with some ingenious ways to camouflage themselves. Many of them appear as normal as the rest of us. In one instance, for example, an employee of a major company was thought to be a "friendly" but he was observed buying Perrier and yogurt at a local supermarket last Saturday."

As a result of the enemy's ability to place their forces in the midst of innocent civilians, our raids sometimes harm them too, especially those who were close to the enemy agents."

ABC: "Senator why can't you give us exact numbers and if your numbers regarding the size of the Gay and Lesbian community and the number who have been attacked are true how can any of the enemy still be employed or have homes? Do you have any idea how many of the other side are still working and still have homes?"

HELMS: "We have no intention of letting the enemy know what we know or how we know what we know. That

information is on a need to know basis. In fact some of us don't even know where we get this information from. If we give exact numbers and instances that may alert the enemy to future operations and actions."

"As far as the second part of your question goes; you have to keep in mind that some of the enemy own their own homes so it is difficult to get them evicted. In North Carolina we are working on a Constitutional Amendment to do just that. Others live in what we call 'hardened shelters,' homes in places where local laws protect them from eviction."

CBS: "Congressman Dannemeyer, were there any casualties in last night's sorties?"

DANNEMEYER: "We don't want to give the enemy any information that may be helpful to them, but we can tell you that while there were some groin injuries due to enemy foot action, and a few scratches here and there, all of our fighters returned safely to their bases."

"I might add here that these injuries occurred during our sorties in San Francisco where we know the enemy has concentrated strength."

CBS: "But Congressman we have a report that a number of your troops were hurt in Dallas last night."

DANNEMEYER: "That is incorrect. What happened was that a man caught walking through a Gay neighborhood called for reinforcements from the local police and ten of our valiant, courageous fighters were temporarily detained. No injuries were reported from this, and they were released and given commendations as soon as they accused the enemy agent of threatening their manhood by making a pass at one of them."

"The enemy is despicable, but he didn't succeed this time and the crotch check conducted by my own son showed that despite this affront they all still had their manly properties."

WALL STREET JOURNAL: "Senator Helms, you mention the casualties due to AIDS, but isn't it true that AIDS also affects those who are not part of the enemy such as children?"

HELMS: "Only minimally. Look this is war against immorality. If someone contracts AIDS through the use of illegal drugs, or having intercourse with a prostitute, that's too damn bad. They are obviously sympathizers with the enemy anyway."

FALWELL: "Besides we all know that AIDS is a punishment from God. Who knows why God is punishing a particular individual. You may think that a child is innocent, but is he really? Did he say his nightly prayers, pay attention in Sunday School, or watch my T.V. show instead of cartoons?"

CNN: "Despite your claims of having built a solid coalition the other side managed to get their Hate Crimes Act and their Immigration Act passed by the last Congress. If your coalition is so strong how was that possible?"

FALWELL: "It is obvious that despite our best efforts, the enemy retains some strength. There are those who openly sympathize with them. We are doing our best to isolate these miscreants. We are pounding away at them and when they come out in the open, we target them for removal in the next election."

WASHINGTON POST: "The other side has been attacking President Bush over his lack of action on the AIDS issue, even though he is officially neutral in this war. Some say this is being done to portray the war as a Democrats versus Republican conflict. Any comments on this?"

DANNEMEYER: "President Bush has shown remarkable restraint in the face of these unprovoked attacks. He is not going to play into the hands of the enemy. Of course he has also asked for a \$13 billion campaign contribution allowing him to overcome the damage the war has done to his fund raising efforts."

CBS: "What about the other side's threats to widen the war?"

DANNEMEYER: "Well they have been unable to do so, and we don't anticipate that changing anytime soon. Even though the enemy has given substantial support to other civil rights movements as well as the pro-choice movement, we haven't observed much if

## Gay Men's Discussion Group To Explore Stereotypes

[Milwaukee]—For many of us, the process of accepting ourselves as Gay men has been difficult and complicated by straight society's stereotypes and misconceptions of who we are. Many of us accept the belief that "straight looking" and "straight acting" are the ideal and we damage ourselves even further.

The Gay Men's Discussion Group invites you to explore the stereotypes and how they affect us by attending the next Discussion Group on Sunday, February

24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The place is The Counseling Center at 2038 N. Bartlett Ave.

Tim Baack, M.S., a psychotherapist and Coordinator of the Men's Program, will facilitate the discussion of "No Fats, Fems, Druggies or Queens." Preregistration is not required and the cost is a \$2.00 donation.

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any collaboration and support coming from these other movements except for a some instances of support from minority politicians and from groups like NOW, which as we all know has been thoroughly infiltrated by the enemy. I'm sure you will recall how Martin Luther King Jr.'s son called the enemy sick."

FALWELL: "One last question."

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: "There are those who say that your forces will be in trouble if this campaign is not completed by Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. If thousands of Gays and Lesbians again take to the streets in defiance it will show that you were not successful in repressing them and that attacks on the Pride marchers will only serve to generate public sympathy for them. Will you have this thing wrapped up by the last week of June?"

HELMS: "We don't want to put a time line on this thing. We are in it of the long haul, its up to all God fearing, Bible believing Christians to hunker down and support this campaign. We never said it would be easy. We have to root them out, shut down their communications and when they come out into the open hit them hard. Sure, some may be able to withstand us, but we are confident in our ability to wipe them out in the end."

FALWELL: "Thank you again for coming and remember our daily prayer service for those going into battle tonight will commence in five minutes."

"This is Bernard Shaw, you have been listening to the daily briefing on the war live from the Capitol. Should events warrant we will, of course, interrupt our regular programming with updates."

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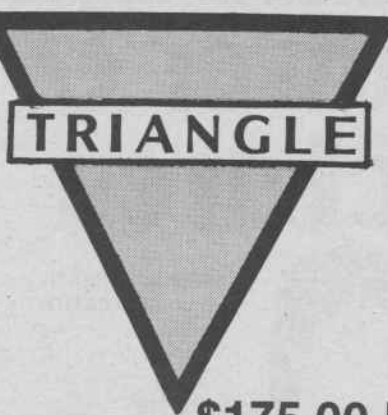


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## MRT's "Tomfoolery" To Benefit MAP February 20

[Milwaukee]- On Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. the Milwaukee Repertory Theater (MRT) continues its fight against AIDS with a benefit performance of "A Little Tomfoolery" in the Stackner Cabaret. Since beginning the benefit performances two years ago, the Rep has raised over \$12,000 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

Written by Tom Lehrer and adapted by Cameron Mackintosh and Robin Ray, "A Little Tomfoolery" was the smash hit last season. This time, there will be all of Lehrer's naughtiness and a few new surprises!

Tickets for the February 20 performance at \$12 and all seats are reserved. Tickets can be purchased at the MAP office at 315 W. Court St., the MRT

## Sandy Lewis To Display Photographs

[Milwaukee]- "Cityscapes," an exhibit of paintings by Marc Jacobson and "Personal Views," a series of photographs by Sandy Lewis, will be on view at the Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd., from February 17 to March 17.

An opening reception to meet the artists will be held in the Fishman Gallery and Ross Art Wing of the Soref Building on Sunday, February 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Gallery hours on Mondays and Thursdays are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment; Phone 1 (414) 964-4444.

Box Office at 108 E. Wells St. or by calling (414) 224-9490.

The final AIDS benefit of the Rep's 1990/91 season will be held in the Stackner Cabaret on April 10 with a performance of "Hula Hoop Sha-Boop."

## Public Television To Air Gay Themed Film

[New York]- An important documentary film is being edited for broadcast on Public Television in 1991. "Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker" chronicles the life and work of the first mental health professional to study Gay men and prove that they were as "normal" as their heterosexual counterparts.

Friend to Stephen Spender, W.H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood, Dr. Hooker coined the phrase "Gay community." It was Hooker's groundbreaking study which ultimately led to the declassification of homosexuality as an illness by the American Psychiatric Association in 1973.

Dr. James Harrison, the film's producer, is looking for people with stories of abuse or injury by mental health professionals in the 40's, 50's and 60's — especially people who were urged to change their sexual orientation or forced to submit to aversive or electric shock therapies. Contact Dr. Harrison at the Foundation for Integrative Studies, 123 W. 44th St., Garden Level, New York, NY 10036 or at (212) 580-4826.

## "Cyrano De Bergerac" Film Premiere To Benefit MRT

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee Repertory Theater will host a benefit screening of "Cyrano De Bergerac," starring Gerard Depardieu, at the Oriental Theatre on Thursday, February 14 at 7:15 p.m. An exclusive run of "Cyrano De Bergerac" will begin at the Oriental Theatre on February 15.

Based on the play by Edmond Rostand and directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau, "Cyrano De Bergerac" is one of the all-time great love stories.

Rappeneau has used 2,000 actors and extras to recreate the gallantry of

Rostand's hero for film and thus allow the Cyrano legend to soar once again.

**Rolling Stone** has hailed the film as "a sumptuously beautiful, hugely entertaining spectacle."

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the MRT Box Office, 108 E. Wells St., 224-9490, or at the Downer, Fox Bay or Oriental Theatres. Tickets will also be available at the door of the night of the show. All proceeds from this special sneak preview will benefit the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre.

## Gay Sibling Anthology Stories Sought

[Olympia, WA]- If you have a Lesbian sister or a Gay brother, Don and Molly Martin want to hear from you.

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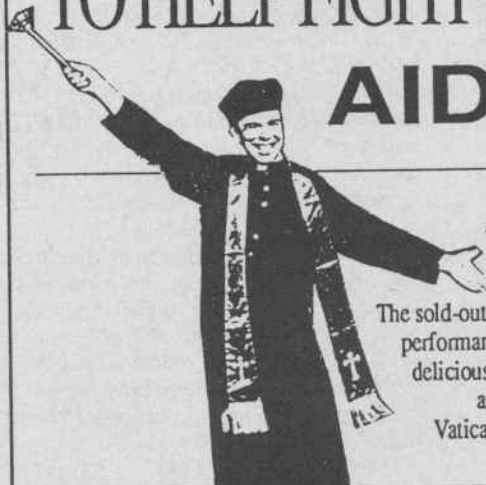
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# Unique Lesbian States of Be-ing; Passionate Friendships/Lovers

By Maytee Aspuro

As I was enjoying the company of my "lover" whom I also consider a "passionate friend" another woman queried myself and my companion. "What is going on between you two anyway," she asked. What I considered an appropriate (and not very gentle) response to the unsolicited intrusion of my privacy was mitigated by my companion's wiser wit. She smiled and returned the query with a relatively obtruse response which left the intruder with little room to maneuver.

Our separate and unique identities were left intact. We are two individuals. At times, we are linked. The relationship is ours to create and to define for ourselves and for no one else. And yet, if I had wanted to describe my "passionate friendship", I find that I do not possess a vocabulary which would do it justice.

Through years of sharing a "passionate friendship", an understanding between myself and my companion has been established. Through trial and error we have transcended the patriarchal society's current linguistic limitations. Limitations that have unfortunately been embraced by the Lesbian community.

I understand that appearances can often be confusing to women outside of my intimate circle of friends, and that a question may be posed solely for the purpose of clarifying if I or my companion is open to dating another. Yet I believe that if we, as a community, would break free of this preoccupation to fit ourselves into traditionally (patriarchal) defined roles and relationships, a better understanding of ourselves and each other would arise.

What is a "passionate friendship"? I begin with "passion." Not too long ago I received a card. The cover had the bold art of Chinese brush calligraphy. Its message, the character "passion", expressed in two words, "hot" (fire) and "feeling." More conventionally speaking, Webster defines "passionate" as "capable of, affected by or expressing intense feeling or

swayed by or affected with sexual desire." Mary Daly's Wickedary defines "Passion" as "Pyrogenetic, Fierce, Contagious .... Movement of the Sensitive Appetite of any Lusty being: Elemental E-motion."

Friendship is not as easily defined. The specific term is not found in Daly's Wickedary. Webster defines friendship as "the quality or state of being friends" and defines a friend as "one attached to another by affections or esteem." Synonyms of friendship include: alliance, amity, comity, mutual esteem, affinity, league, sympathy, understanding, knowledge and intimacy. I would add the element of trust to any definition of a friend.

My definition of a "passionate friendship" then is "an intensely intimate alliance between two women which embraces mutual esteem, affection and trust, often reaching a state of fervor, as the awareness of their sexuality is recognized without necessarily being consummated within their relationship."

A "passionate friend" does not equate with a sexual partner nor does a sexual partner meet the definitional criteria of a "passionate friend." Ideally a sexual lover would be a "passionate friend" but a woman is not beyond the point of bedding another woman without establishing an intimate connection. In fact, there is no requirement for such a connection given mutual consent and an awareness of each others intentions and motivations.

Sonja Johnson makes a distinction between "lovers" and "sexors". A "lover" is a woman you love. A "sexor" is a woman you have sex with. Given Sonja Johnson's definitions of "lover" and "sexor" the use of the term "ex-lover" can become problematic. In my life I have been blessed with the knowledge of two women. Both have been "lovers" in every sense of the word. I have loved them intimately and I have expressed my love sexually. Though, in the traditional sense, my "lover" relationships with one has ended, I have never stopped

loving her for the woman she was when we were together as well as the woman she has become now that we are apart. I have not "ex-tracted her from my heart nor from my life. She is a "passionate friend" and at times the fine tugging of our sexuality requires a re-evaluation of our sometimes fragile connection.

If the term "ex-lover" is disavowed, how do we define those women in our lives who were once but are no longer "lover" and "sexor" in one? Whatever term currently available will do a disservice to our emotional capacities. That is why we must create our own language.

But why focus on language? Language is important because it defines us. What comes first, the definition or the reality? Which is more critical? How often has a woman been frozen in inaction because she could not make a feeling real, unable to express it, translate it, to herself or another.

We live in a culture that sweeps strokes of invisibility upon us. When we limit

ourselves to the available patriarchal construct of what is a valid relationship we are bound to limit our imagination of what relationships we can realize.

Lesbians must recognize, that in a very personal way, we are creating a new way of Be-ing. What I consider our "passionate friendships" are just one way we have done so.

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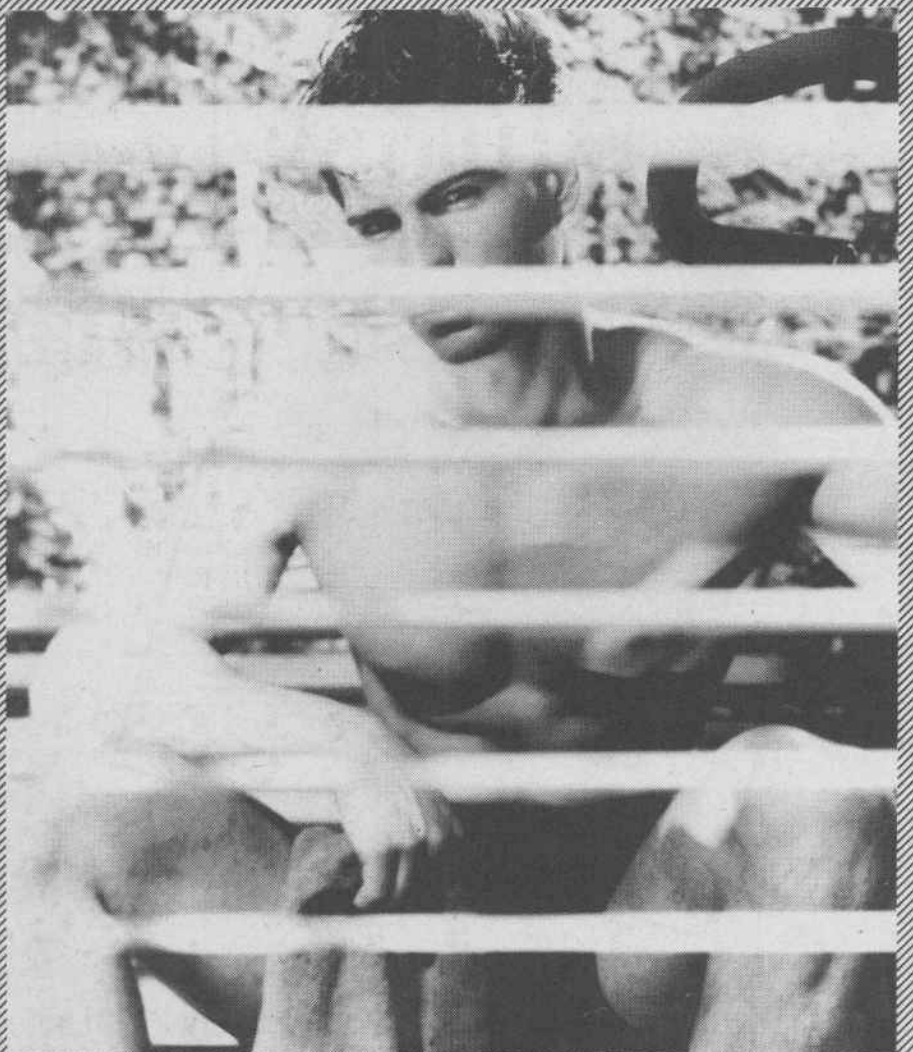
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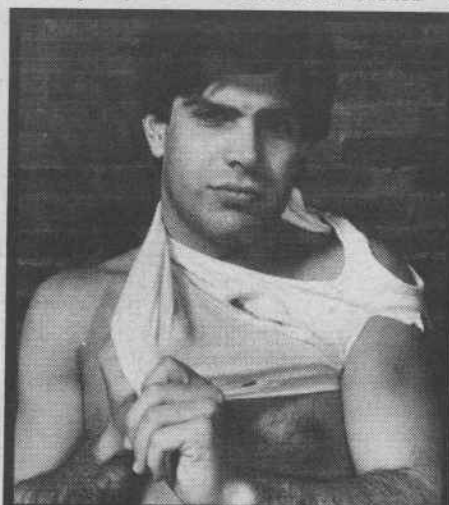
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## South Africa May Outlaw Anti-Gay Bias

[Johannesberg, South Africa]- The African National Congress (ANC), fighting for an end to apartheid and for equal rights for the Black majority in South Africa, has included Gay rights protections in its draft bill of rights for the new South African constitution.

The specific passage in the proposed document reads: "Discrimination on the grounds of gender, single parenthood, legitimacy of birth or sexual orientation shall be unlawful"

Cape Town's Organization of Lesbian and Gay Activists (OLGA) lobbied hard for the wording. "We are very excited and consider this a major victory for the Lesbian and Gay movement," OLGA spokesman Derrick Fine told **Outlines** reporter Rex Wockner.

The draft is being circulated among ANC members and other reform groups. Should the "sexual orientation" protections survive the negotiations leading to the new South African constitution, the country, at least on paper, would become one of the most progressive in the world regarding Gay and Lesbian rights.

## Tour of Dungeons And Castles Announced

[Sacramento, CA]- "Dungeons and Castles of Europe: The Leatherman's Tour," the first of its kind, will be offered twice this year by Travel Keys Tours of California.

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## Faggot Witch Camp II Is Being Planned

[Kansas City, MO]- Faggot Witch Camp II is being planned for Gay men who find a spiritual/political dimension to their sexuality and who also follow a Wiccan tradition that combines feminism, earth-centered values and goddess spirituality. The event is planned for late Summer/early Fall, 1991.

For more information and registration, write: F.W.C., Box 45107, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

## Wisconsin To Be More Heavily Lobbied


[Chicago, IL]- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is expanding the National Lobby Days Program to increase participation by Lesbian and Gay constituents.

Midwestern states — Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Wisconsin — are the first targeted for increased Lesbian and Gay lobbying. These six are the member states of the Association of Great Lakes Gay and Lesbian Organizations.

Art Schenck, Gay activist and former National Legislative Director of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has been named volunteer coordinator of the new Midwest Lobby Days Campaign.

As Midwest Coordinator, Schenck will track activities of existing organizations, bring individual activists into the lobbying program and help develop National Lobby Days material specific to the Midwest.

Midwest activists can contact Schenck at: NGLTF National Lobby Day — Midwest Office, 4753 N. Broadway, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60640.



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Tampa's Gay and Lesbian Community sponsored a float in the Super Bowl parade entitled "Celebrate America's Rainbow."

## Super Bowl Parade Has Gay Float

[Tampa, FL]- A float urging spectators to "Celebrate America's Rainbow," sponsored by Tampa Bay's Gay and Lesbian community, was among the colorful entries in the parade organized by the host city to honor Super Bowl XXV.

The rainbow theme was chosen in part because of its visual appeal, but also to focus attention on cultural and social diversity in American life, according to Keith Roberts, one of the float project's organizers. "The rainbow is an obvious metaphor," Roberts observed. "Our use of it in this way pays tribute to the differences that color and enrich the fabric of American life."

Local Gays and Lesbians of various ethnic backgrounds and different ages, some with their children, rode atop the float. Ministers, health care workers, a military serviceman and others waved at passers-by from the top of the float. Musical background for the float was provided by America's premier composers, Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copeland, who were bisexual and Gay, respectively.

The Super Bowl parade entry was the latest in a series of high visibility activities on the part of Tampa's Gay and

## LAMM Plans February 21 Meeting

[Milwaukee]- Racism in the Lesbian community is the topic of this month's meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). The speaker is Lula Robinson, who has been active in Tri-Cable and Hurricane and has served as a group facilitator for the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

The presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. It will be preceded by a potluck at 6:00 p.m. and followed by a business meeting at 8:00 p.m. All Lesbians are welcome.

For information, call 264-2600.

## Needs of Madison Gays To Be Discussed

[Madison]- Dane County members of the Gay and Lesbian community are invited to a community forum sponsored by The New Harvest Foundation. The purpose of the forum will be to identify needs within the community and to discuss how to help meet those needs. Foundation Board members are hoping to have a broad base of the community share their concerns and ideas.

The forum will be held Saturday, February 23, 1991 at the Wisconsin Center from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. An RSVP is requested by February 20. Call 277-8836 for further information.

Lesbian community. Last year's Gay Pride activities included a march and rally attended by thousands, the reading of the first-ever mayoral proclamation on Gay/Lesbian Pride Week, and the area's first Gay/Lesbian film festival.

## Green Bay Argonauts Plan AIDS Benefit

[Green Bay]- At 3:00 p.m. on March 3 and April 7, Za's and the Napalese bars respectively, will be the sites for the Argonauts of Wisconsin's fundraising parties for the benefit of the Center Project's emergency fund. The fund is used to assist financially stressed people with AIDS. All proceeds from the fundraisers will go to the fund and are tax deductible. Checks are to be made payable to: Center Project, Inc., Emergency Fund.

Checks may also be sent to the Argonauts' at P.O. Box 1285, Green Bay, WI 54305.

The Argonauts wish to thank all those who have contributed in the past and hope for your support in the coming year.

## Gay Group Forms At Marquette

[Milwaukee]- The Marquette University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (MGALA) has published the first issue of its newsletter.

According to Mark, MGALA coordinator, MGALA's purpose is to "reclaim something from our common bond of being Lesbian and Gay." In

addition, MGALA and its newsletter exist to encourage "current Lesbian/Gay students by showing successful alumni they could someday be.

MGALA, which is only two months old, is actively seeking Marquette Lesbian and Gay alums, both undergrads and grads as well as former and current faculty.

To contact MGALA, write: MGALA, P.O. Box 92722, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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## Gay/Lesbian/Bi-Sexual Veterans Plan Meeting Feb. 17

[Milwaukee]- In response to the unprecedented call-up of reserve military personnel from the Milwaukee area, including members of the Milwaukee Gay community for Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) wish to announce the first organizational meeting for a Greater Metro-Milwaukee Area Chapter.

This meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 p.m. in the Banquet room above the M&M Club at 124 N. Water in Milwaukee.

GLBVA also wishes to invite all veterans and active duty personnel, as well as significant others of active personnel in Saudi. GLBVA asks people to come to share not only concerns, but ideas, thoughts, skills and abilities.

Of the 127 phone calls that GLBVA received during the month of January, many of them were from members of the Gay community in the Metro Milwaukee area, expressing concern, and asking for information. Many were from significant others of loved ones in Saudi Arabia.

Miriam Ben-Shalom, National Chairperson of the GLBVA stated, "Our community is the one community not served by support groups and veterans organizations. The time has come for Milwaukee to develop a vibrant, active group to represent veterans and to represent those with partners and friends in the war theater."

GLBVA is not an organization which espouses either a pro-war or anti-war stand. "We simply seek to aid vets and active duty personnel within the limits of discretion. We look to share concerns and information in a sensitive, caring environment," Ben-Shalom said.

The GLBVA wishes to extend profound appreciation to Bob Schmidt, owner of the M&M Club, for providing the Banquet Room at no charge. Ben-Shalom said, "We applaud his support for this cause."

For further information, contact GLBVA at 1350 N. 37th Place, Milwaukee, WI 53208 or call the GLBVA hot line at (414) 342-6543.

## OBITUARIES

### Pat Bond

Pat Bond, Army veteran, actress and Lesbian activist, died of lung cancer in California in January. She was 65 years old.

Bond became widely known after her appearance in *Word is Out*, a 1978 documentary about Gays and Lesbians. In the film, the humorous and outspoken Bond recalled San Francisco's early Gay nightclubs, butch-femme roles, and life in the Women's Army Corps in the 1940's.

In the 1970's and '80's, Bond performed in four one-woman shows that contributed mightily to the development of Lesbian theatre. *Conversations with Pat Bond* focused on growing up "queer" in the Midwest. (Bond was born in Chicago and raised in Davenport, Iowa.) *Murder in the WAC* concerned the anti-Lesbian witch-hunts that took place

in the military during the American occupation of Japan.

Bond won critical acclaim and toured for many years in *Gerty Stein is Back, Back, Back*, based on Gertrude Stein's life in Paris. Bond's performance as Stein was filmed as a PBS special. She also played the role of journalist Lorena Hickok in *Lorena Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt: A Love Story*.

Bond served as MC and Grand Marshal for many Gay Pride celebrations across the US. Her friends have established an annual Pat Bond Memorial Old Dyke Award for Lesbians over 60 years-old who have not been sufficiently recognized for their service to our community. For donations to or information about the fund, write to: Pat Bond Fund, 545 Douglas St., San Francisco, CA 94114. (415) 626-3893.

## Milwaukee Team Wins U.S. Snow Sculpting Competition

[Milwaukee]- Arlyn Jeffry Kampen and his snow sculpting team of Bill Hackbarth and Paul Hess have been judged the winners of the U.S. National Snow Sculpting Competition held at the Mitchell Park Domes, January 23-26, 1991. Their first prize award is an all-expenses paid trip to Quebec, Canada to take part in the International Snow Sculpting Competition.

The winning sculpture entitled "Formidable Opponent" is the concept of Bill Hackbarth and represents an eagle with outstretched wings and talons confronting a coiled king cobra. Many viewers have seen a symbolic reference in the design to the confrontation between the United States and Saddam Hussein.

The sculpture represents at least 120 man hours of work on the part of Arlyn

and his crew and it is notable for the intricate detail to be seen in the feathers of the eagle's wings and the distended hood of the snake.

Arlyn has also donated his time and talents to Winterfest with demonstrations and exhibitions of his ice sculptures which was put on by area chief sculptors.

All best wishes and success to Arlyn, Bill Hackbarth and Paul Hess in their icy art work in Canada.

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